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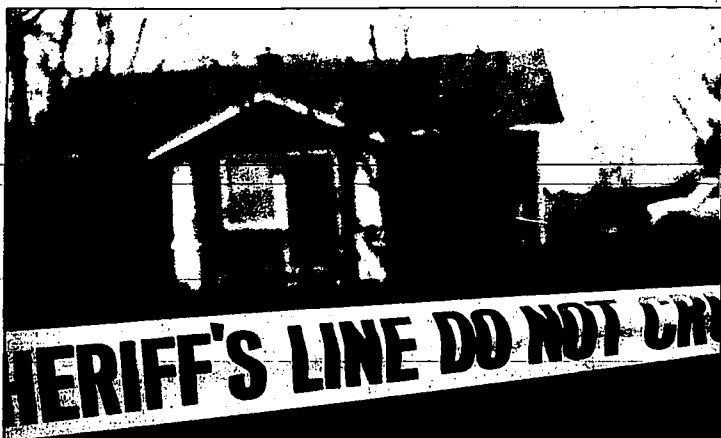
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Francisco Gonzalez Ferrer murder victim

Not enough

Despite reported confession of alleged accomplice, lack of evidence sets murder suspect free



COBY MEYER/The Times-News

Police tape still surrounds the house of Francisco Ferrer, a 52-year-old Jerome dairy worker who was found dead in his home in July. The top suspect in the murder was released from jail Sept. 20 and authorities have been mum on why.

Gag order keeps Jerome County officials silent

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

JEROME — The northwest bedroom of the little blue house held a horrifying discovery.

Blood pooled on the floor around 52-year-old dairy worker Jesus Ortega, who failed to show up for work.

Ferrer came to rest on the floor of his own house; a knife wound to the neck was the most visible clue of his premature end.

Hours earlier, police believe, a burglary turned deadly.

Within days of the July 6 discovery, officials arrested Lovany Vazquez, charging "him" with first-degree murder and burglary. Jesus Ortega was charged with aiding and abetting first-degree murder and aiding and abetting burglary, after allegedly telling police he served as lookout during the intrusion.

Ortega's alleged confession alone wasn't enough to hold Vazquez in jail, though. Prosecutors needed corroboration.

Jerome County officials enlisted the services of the state crime lab at the Meridian headquarters of Idaho State Police.

Court documents, however, indicate the processed evidence didn't get back into prosecutors' hands in time.

Magistrate Judge Thomas Borrean dismissed the case against Vazquez, who was released from Jerome County Jail Sept. 20.

Although the reason for that dismissal is not mentioned in



Lovany Vazquez

Jesus Ortega

Trial in murder case postponed.

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court documents, an earlier dismissal of the case, which was immediately refilled, says lack of evidence was the reason.

Court minutes from Sept. 8 note that the Idaho State Police crime lab is short-handed, creating a three-month backlog of lab work.

Blood scrapings, a pair of shorts and irrigation boots were to be sent to the forensic lab for comparison to blood samples of the victim, according to a police report.

"We couldn't give him his preferred turnaround time," Maj. Ralph Powell, forensic services commander at the crime lab in

State crime lab struggles with large workload

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

MERIDIAN — Packages flowing into the state crime lab in Meridian this month bring no tidings of great joy.

Instead, the packages, envelopes and boxes of evidence coming into Idaho State Police's forensic services section serve as a reminder of crimes occurring every day throughout the state.

With an average daily intake of 36 samples — between seven and 22 for each case — lab employees have a lot of work and a lot of people to answer to.

"We are a statewide customer-service operation," said Maj. Ralph Powell, forensic services commander. Customers include Idaho's 44 sheriff's departments, local law enforcement agencies, federal agencies such as the FBI and others.

With an increase in Idaho's population, and the accompanying increase in crime, combined with reduced budgets, the state crime lab is experiencing work overload.

"The backlog is 42 cases in DNA to our customers in

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Police make arrest in beating death case

The Times-News

JEROME — A Jerome man has been arrested in connection with the death of Kevin H. Gaver, who died in a Boise hospital Nov. 26 from severe injuries he sustained in a fight.

Richard D. Openshaw, 43, of Jerome, was arrested on a warrant issued for involuntary manslaughter, the Jerome Police Department said in a statement released Saturday evening. It did not specify when he was arrested, but it did note that Openshaw was being held in the Jerome County Jail Saturday on \$10,000 bond.

The Jerome Police Department responded to a fight in progress near 200 W. Main St. in Jerome on Nov. 24. There, they found Gaver badly beaten. He was transported by ambulance to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center and then flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Gaver was taken off life support two days later. Doctors said his injuries were so severe that he would never regain consciousness. Gaver's father, Jani Gaver, has told The Times-News.

Kevin Gaver was a commercial truck driver. An officer who answered the phone at the police department Saturday evening said more information might be available Monday.

Car bombs kill 16 in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suicide car bombs struck Iraqi police and Kurdish militiamen in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 16 people, wounding dozens, and again demonstrating the lethal reach of Iraq's insurgency just weeks ahead of crucial elections.

The U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. John Abizaid, acknowledged that the country's homegrown forces aren't yet up to the task of ensuring secure elections, requiring the planned increase in U.S. troops. More than 42 Iraqis have been killed in the last two days alone.

But U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi criticized the military's handling approach to the insurgency, and said credible elections cannot be held Jan. 30 under the current conditions.

Meanwhile, the insurgents pursued their deadly campaign against American troops. Two U.S. soldiers were killed by roadside bombs in Baghdad and north of the capital Saturday, and the military said two other Americans died the day before in suicide car bombings of their post near the Jordanian border.

With the country still so unstable and elections eight weeks away, the U.S. military plans to increase its troop strength from 139,000 to about 150,000 by mid-January — slightly more

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Woman auctions father's ghost on eBay to ease son's fears

The Associated Press

HOBART, Ind. — A woman's effort to assuage her 6-year-old son's fears of his grandfather's ghost by selling it on eBay has drawn more than 34 bids with a top offer of \$78.

Mary Anderson said she placed her father's "ghost" on

the online auction site after her son, Collin, said he was afraid the ghost would return someday.

Anderson said Collin has avoided going anywhere in the house alone since his grandfather died last year.

In a description titled "This isn't a joke," Anderson told

Collin's story on eBay: "I always thought it was just normal kid fears until a few months ago he told me why he was so scared. He told me 'Grandpa died here, and he was mean.' His ghost is still around here!"

Last the boy's fears scare off potential bidders, Anderson

added, "My dad was the sweetest most caring man you'd ever meet."

Some of the prospective buyers have posted their own messages.

"Your story brought tears to my eyes," one bidder said. "I just wonder how this will turn out for your son. I'm sure his

Grandfather loved him, very much."

Anderson also put her father's metal walking cane up for auction so she would have something to actually send the winning bidder. The proceeds from the auction will go to buy Collin a special present, she said.

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What to wear to your high school reunion

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Portable music player for runners offers tunes and measures

Trading cookies
Swapping crisps is a venerable holiday tradition.

Awash in white
Colder weather means new outdoor activities in snow and ice.

Clara returns
Production of 'The Nutcracker' comes to Twin Falls.

Christ at Christmas
Jesus is sometimes forgotten on his birthday.

Whiz kids
Your first-grader is learning a lot more than you did at his age.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Cloudy and breezy with on and off snow showers. Highs lower 30s. Tonight: Great chance for light snow with small accumulations possible. Lows lower 20s. Tomorrow: Snow showers, likely with small snow accumulations possible. Highs lower 40s.

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IDAHO'S FORECAST SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Show will come up for today through Thursday. There will be daily accumulations in the mountains and snow could be heavy at times. The valleys will also see snow showers with small accumulations possible.

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Trial postponed in murder case

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

JEROME — The trial for a man charged in connection with the death of Francisco Gonzalez Ferrer has been moved to March.

Jesus Ortega, 20, of Jerome, is facing one count each of aiding and abetting murder in the first degree and aiding and abetting burglary.

On July 6, officers with the Jerome County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to 27 S. 100 W. for a death report, according to the arrest report written by Lt. James Dunsberger.

Deputies discovered a man lying on the floor with blood around his head and lacerations around his neck, the report says.

When questioned by investigators, Ortega said that a man, later identified as Jovany Vazquez, asked him if he wanted to assist in a robbery acting as a "look out," according to the report.

Charges against Vazquez, who was charged with first-degree murder and burglary, have been dropped.

Ortega waived his right to a speedy trial while parties attempt mediation.

"Ordinarily, you get a judge who is a mediator," said Jon Nicholson, Jerome County Prosecutor. "It can be any judge, depending on the case, but generally a District Judge."

If the mediator is a judge, he must not be the one hearing the case, however.

Details of mediation are not



In this July 10 photo, Sheriff Jim Weaver, pictured second from left, and other members of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department hold a press conference announcing arrests in connection with the death of Francisco Ferrer. Authorities kept the public informed of the investigation's progress early on, but since a gag order was imposed they haven't been allowed to explain why their top suspect was released from jail.

usually made public, much like plea negotiations, Nicholson said. The results, however, will be presented in court before the judge presiding over the case.

If the resolution is reached through mediation, Nicholson said, "you're back to square one."

Ortega's pretrial conference is scheduled for March 7, with jury trial set for March 16.

It takes two to three months for the screening, he said, and the same for DNA tests.

"On a regular case, you're talking roughly six months," Powell said. "By our own standard that's really not acceptable."

"I'm a cop," he said. "I want the same thing. We want to get the bad guy."

Getting his bad guy is one thing, helping him is another. "The testimony of a co-defendant may not be the sole evidence used to convict or 'find' somebody," Loebs said.

"You have to corroborate co-defendant testimony. It's not evidence used at all without corroboration. It doesn't need to be much, but it has to be some."

Corroboration can come from a confession, physical evidence, circumstantial evidence or testimony from a person not involved in the criminal activity, Loebs said.

In July, Judge Bortsen granted a gag order request made by Jerome County Prosecutor Jon Nicholson and defense attorneys.

Sheriff Weaver said Tuesday he couldn't comment on the case because the gag order was still in effect.

Nicholson said he declined to comment on the case, citing the gag order. Although the Vazquez case was dismissed, Nicholson said Wednesday the Ortega case is proceeding. The cases are not consolidated, but the facts are identical, he said, and he wouldn't be able to comment on one case without compromising the other.

Judge Bortsen did not return phone calls from The Times-News.

The Vazquez case was dismissed without prejudice, which means prosecutors can refile the charges.

The statute of limitations for the burglary charge is five years. There is no statute of limitations for first-degree murder.

Lab

Continued from A1 Idaho, Powell said. "That's a crisis."

Grants are forthcoming, but in the meantime, the lab, and the agencies and citizens it serves, are feeling the pinch.

Investigators from a Jerome County murder case hearing note the backlog which resulted in the initial dismissal of the case.

Calling on science When a parcel is delivered to the crime lab, its contents are given bar codes that can be tracked throughout their processing. Evidence is sorted, color coded and assigned to an analyst.

Biological screenings are conducted to determine if the evidence contains human evidence, as well as to identify probative value, or whether the sample can provide sufficient evidence.

"We look for what's best going for prove who did it and the elements of a crime," said Donna Meade, a forensic scientist with ISP.

If body fluid is present, including blood, semen or saliva, it's passed on for DNA analysis. "We're criminals know how absolute DNA evidence is," Powell said. "It's one in 6.3 billion (the world's population) unless there's identical twins."

The lab is accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board, which brings with it increased stature, as well as additional work.

Processes are held to a standard, and all DNA tests must be reviewed by a second qualified person.

Powell lost one of his DNA analysts in February 2003, leaving the lab with only one fully trained person to conduct the short tandem repeat (nuclear) analysis.

"If New York who they would do it? Guess you'd have to do it to the East Coast."

Although Powell considers himself fortunate to have the New York analyst's services for free, the shipping costs have to be factored in to his budget, and the packaging and delivery add to the turnaround time for evidence processing.

Outsourcing to a private company is an option, but an expensive one. It would cost \$500 to \$2,000 to have each DNA sample analyzed, he said.

Outsourcing as an option Officials in Blaine County encountered delays in evidence processing last year with the Sarah Johnson case.

Johnson, 18, of Bellevue faces two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the shooting deaths of her parents in 2003 and is set to go to trial in February.

Funding for crime scene processing has not kept pace with population growth and increases in crime, said Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fentling.

"The problem is lack of funding (at the state crime lab), not personnel," he said. "I think there's really good people who work there."

Fentling said a lack of "bench players" causes a domino effect of backlogged cases.

"When you have a DNA person, they have to testify, do training. It takes the DNA person out of the office all the time," he said. "There are no bench-players to step up and keep the workload, so they just keep falling further and further behind."

To ensure timely and thorough scientific processing in Johnson case, Blaine County officials sent samples out of the state.

Fentling estimates the county has so far spent tens of thousands of dollars to collect and process evidence in the case, including sending samples out and bringing experts in.

"When we saw the backlog (ISP) has we were forced to go outside," Fentling said.

The sheriff's department works in conjunction with the county prosecutor's office to make sure a case is solid, despite the cost, he said.

"We work closely with our prosecutor and put together a strategy and find a way to fund it," he said.

The ISP lab's backlog and a lack of physical evidence was cited in court minutes for a Jerome County case in which murder suspect Jovany Vazquez was released from jail.

Sheriff Jim Weaver said Jerome County has sent evidence to outside labs for processing in previous cases. Citing a gag order, he said he couldn't comment on evidence processing from the case of victim Francisco Ferrer.

Blood scrapings—a pair of shorts—and irrigation boots were sent to the forensic lab for comparison to blood samples of the victim, according to a police report.

State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said funding the crime lab is imperative.

"We're always short of resources in the crime lab," he said. "We need more resources there to make sure we can efficiently and effectively respond to crime scenes because it's so important, and so much of what they do is what solves our crimes and gives us hard evidence when our prosecutors go into court. It's one of the more important functions that law enforcement does."

A better year ahead As a response to tightening budgets, Powell has already eliminated an entire discipline from the state crime lab.

Question: documents, or handwriting analysis, had a low volume, especially in felony cases, so Powell let his staff go for a few years back.

"We've been forced to make these cutbacks," Powell said. "It's a good discipline, but that's one the state of Idaho had to serve up."

Small budgets create problems in recruiting personnel.

"Like many state-funded agencies in Idaho, relatively low salaries simply don't attract or retain enough qualified people."

When the state is able to find a prospective analyst, training him or her in DNA takes between 18 months and two years, Powell said.

The U.S. Congress passed a DNA backlog bill, but until recently Idaho had never qualified for federal state.

"You go to another state besides Wyoming or Montana. Some have hundreds or thousands sitting on the shelf," Powell said.

"The federal funds go to those states."

Idaho has been approved for grant money, but it has not materialized yet.

The National Institute of Justice has approved the DNA Backlog Reduction Grant, for outsourcing samples to private labs, and the DNA Capacity Enhancement Grant, which will allow the lab to purchase new equipment and supplies for the DNA section.

The CODIS—or Combined DNA Index System, grant will also be applied for outsourcing work.

More relief will come to ISP in January, when the one fully-trained DNA examiner will be joined by a second, who is currently in training.

The issue of space will continue to present problems for scientists, however.

"With expected grants for new equipment, there may not be space to accommodate it."

All state building has been put on hold until the budget crunch is solved, Meade said.

ISP headquarters, which houses the lab, was designed in 1994, before DNA testing hit the mainstream—and before scientists could know how much space they would need to conduct tests. Now, need has outpaced capacity, but analysts have little options to expand.

The lab is hemmed in by surrounding rooms, as well as the state's moratorium on construction.

"We'll come up with a solution, but it's going to take a lot of money," Meade said.

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Murder

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A suspect can be jailed for up to 14 days before he must be formally charged, either by a preliminary hearing or by a grand jury, said Grant Loebs, Twin Falls County prosecutor.

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Bush, Musharraf meet at White House

President offers no criticism of Pakistan's effort in hunt for bin Laden



President Bush, right, and Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf are shown during their meeting in the Oval Office Saturday.

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush on Saturday defended Pakistan's cooperation in the hunt for Osama bin Laden despite the inability of U.S. and Pakistani troops to find the al-Qaida leader who Bush once declared was wanted dead or alive.

The trail has gone cold in the more than three years since U.S. forces toppled the Taliban, bin Laden's patrons in Afghanistan, after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Bin Laden, who masterminded the strikes, is believed to be hiding in the wild mountainous region along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Oval Office meeting between Bush and President Pervez Musharraf came just days after Pakistan's army said it was pulling out of one important area along the border. Still, Bush had nothing but praise for Pakistan and Musharraf as critical to the search and the overall

fight against terrorism.

"His army has been incredibly active and very brave in southern Waziristan flushing out an enemy that had thought they had found safe haven," Bush said.

U.S. officials have praised Islamabad for its operations around Wana, the main town of the lawless and fiercely autonomous Waziristan region. Heavy resistance this year led to speculation that a high-profile fugitive - possible bin Laden's

deputy Ayman al-Zawahri - was cornered.

"His army has suffered casualties and for that we want to thank their loved ones for the sacrifice that their family has made," Bush said.

Musharraf came to the White House with a committed belief that resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to combating terrorism. At Bush's side, Musharraf said the dispute was "the most important issue in the interest of peace in the

whole world."

Musharraf succeeded in securing a strong commitment from Bush that the United States would take a more active role in the Mideast.

"I told him this would be a priority of my administration," Bush said.

Afterward, Musharraf told reporters that Bush had agreed that settling the Middle East conflict "is the core issue, the core of fighting terrorism." A senior Bush administration official, however, said Bush did not go that far.

Grateful for Pakistan's hard line against Islamic extremists and for the capture of al-Qaida suspects, the United States nonetheless has a delicate relationship with Pakistan and is aware of the need to avoid rolling Pakistan's internal politics. Musharraf's support of the United States threatens to endanger him at home.

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Bush plays down food safety warning

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush expressed no alarm Saturday about a warning from his outgoing top health official that the U.S. food supply is vulnerable to terror attacks but would not deny the assessment and assert that the nation's food is safe.

Bush was questioned, after an Oval Office meeting with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, about comments by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson about the vulnerability of the U.S. food supply. Thompson spoke Friday as he announced his coming departure from the Bush administration.

"We're a large country with all kinds of avenues where somebody can inflict harm," Bush said. "We're doing everything we can to protect the American people. There's a lot of work to be done."

Thompson had said he worries "every single night" about a possible terror attack on the food supply, and despite dramatic increases in inspections of food imports, only "a very minute amount" of food is tested at ports and airports.

"For the life of me, I cannot understand why the terrorists have not attacked our food supply because it is so easy to do," Thompson said.

"We are importing a lot of food from the Middle East, and it would be easy to tamper with that,"

Thompson was the latest of eight members to quit Bush's 15-member Cabinet as the president moves into a second term. Bush himself decided that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld would not go, ignoring criticism about Rumsfeld's handling of Iraq and giving the secretary a vote of confidence to remain at the Pentagon.

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Doomsday predictions flourish

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WASHINGTON — "Our Final Hour," "The End of the World," "Catastrophe," "Imagining the Unthinkable."

These aren't the ravings of wild-eyed prophets proclaiming the imminent arrival of doomsday. Rather, they're titles in a recent spate of scientific books and reports calling attention to various perils facing our planet.

In the book "Catastrophe," Richard Posner, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago, wrote: "The number of extreme catastrophes that have a more than negligible probability of occurring in this century is alarmingly great and their variety startling."

In his 2003 book "Our Final Hour," British astronomer Royal Martin Rees declared, in a statement some scientists think excessive: "I think the odds are no better than fifty-fifty that our present civilization on Earth will survive to the end of the present century."

"Imagining the Unthinkable," a worst-case study that the Pentagon requested last year, warns that a sudden shift in the world's climate "could potentially destabilize the geo-political environment, leading to skirmishes, battles and even war."

Some of these scary scenarios are plausible, perhaps inevitable, within the lifetimes of our children or grandchildren. Others are too improbable or remote in time to lose sleep about. Some potential calamities discussed in the scientific literature threaten one city or region — others, the whole world or universe.

Among the more likely hazards are biological or nuclear terrorism, rising sea levels that flood coastlines, the loss of many of the world's forests and living species, and a smallpox or flu pandemic.

As many as 100 million people could die in a "worst case" outbreak of Asian bird flu, an official of the World Health Organization warned Monday. Far down the probability scale — but not ruled out in the distant future — are a sharp plunge in temperature that could turn the oceans into ice, a killer asteroid smashing into Earth, and a takeover by super-intelligent robots.

Two years ago, the prestigious National Academy of Sciences formed the Committee on Abrupt Climate Change. The committee reported that rapid rises or falls in temperature by as much as 28 degrees Fahrenheit — have occurred repeatedly in the past, sometimes within a single decade. A recurrence is "not only possible but likely in the future," the report said.

"The biggest potential catastrophe that we, our children and our grandchildren face is that of climate change," Sir Crispin Tickell, chancellor of the University of Kent in Canterbury, England, and a former British ambassador to the United Nations, wrote in an e-mail.

David King, the chief scientific adviser to the British government, has called global warming "more serious even than the threat of terrorism."

Of course, people have been predicting disasters since the dawn of civilization. Most have been false alarms.

In his book, published this fall, Posner scoffed at "scientific doomsters" who make horrifying forecasts that turn out to be false alarms. In 1970, for example, Paul Erlich, a prominent biologist at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., predicted that food and water would have to be rationed by 1980 and that 65 million Americans might starve to death in the 1980s. Neither happened.



Army Sgt. Javal Davis, left, stands with attorney Paul Bergin before a pretrial hearing at Fort Hood, Texas. The three are among seven members of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company charged with assaulting prisoners at the Baghdad prison.

Judge: Commander of prisons must testify about Abu Ghraib

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A military judge on Saturday ordered the former commander of U.S. prisons in Iraq to testify at the trial of a soldier who says he was ordered to abuse detainees at Abu Ghraib.

The judge, Col. James Pohl, said Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski's testimony at the trial of Sgt. Javal Davis would be limited to conditions at Abu Ghraib and the interaction there between guards and military interrogators.

Davis has acknowledged stepping on the fingers and toes of detainees, but told investigators that military intelligence personnel appeared to approve. "We were told they had different rules," he said, according to an Army report.

The decision came as the Navy said it was investigating new photographs obtained by The Associated Press that appeared to show Navy SEALs in Iraq sitting on hooded and handcuffed detainees. Other photos show what appear to be bloodied prisoners, one with a gun to his head.

Karpinski has denied knowing about any mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib until photographs were made public at the end of April showing hooded and naked prisoners being tormented by their U.S. captors. She was relieved of her command after abuses at the prison came to light.

In an interview with the AP, Karpinski said a "conspiracy"



Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski Denies knowing about abuse

among top U.S. commanders left her to blame for the abuses. A report issued by an independent panel of nongovernment experts blamed Karpinski for leadership failures that "helped set the conditions at the prison which led to the abuses."

Her attorney, Neal A. Puckett, said Saturday afternoon that he had not been notified of Pohl's order, but he said Karpinski, who is now in the Army Reserves, gave a deposition in an earlier case.

"She's always been willing to cooperate in any investigation. There's no reason for her not to testify," he said.

The pretrial hearings at Fort Hood Saturday for Davis and Sgt. Sabrina Harman were originally scheduled to begin next year in Baghdad. No reason was

given for the decision to move the trials to the United States.

Sgt. Charles Graner Jr., described as the ringleader and father of the child of Ft. Lynndie England, is scheduled to appear in a Fort Hood courtroom on Monday. He is expected to seek dismissal of charges on grounds of undue command influence.

The soldiers are among seven members of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company charged with humiliating and assaulting prisoners at the Baghdad prison.

Like England, Harman was photographed standing behind naked, hooded Iraqis stacked in a human pyramid. Harman also was shown next to a dead body packed in ice giving thumbs-up signs with Graner.

Harman, of Lorton, Va., is accused of photographing some of the abuse, participating in sexual humiliation of naked prisoners, writing "rapist" on the leg of a detainee who then was forced to pose naked with other prisoners, and placing wires in the hands of a detainee — and telling him he would be electrocuted if he fell off a box.



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Vintner's fight over interstate wine sales reaches U.S. Supreme Court

MIDDLEBURG, Va. (AP) — It bothers Juanita Swedenburg that many of her customers are criminals in the eyes of the law. Swedenburg sells premium handcrafted wines made from grapes she grows on her 130-acre farm in northern Virginia, and after nearly 20 years in business she has developed a loyal following. But if a customer from Maryland crosses the Potomac River into Virginia, buys a case of Swedenburg Estate Vineyards wine and takes it home, he is breaking Maryland law regulating the sale and shipment of alcoholic beverages. "It seems to be restraint of trade, seems to be against a basic tenet of the economy," Swedenburg said. "If we could only buy things made in Virginia, we'd all be eating just peanuts and tomatoes and drinking wine." This week, the U.S. Supreme Court is to hear arguments in three cases, including one by Swedenburg, on whether such laws are an unconstitutional barrier to interstate commerce or are allowed under the 21st

Amendment, which repealed Prohibition but left states with broad powers to regulate alcohol. Jeremy Benson, executive director of Free the Grapes, a coalition of vintners and consumers that advocates for legal direct shipments of wine, said the various states' widely disparate laws make it difficult for consumers and wineries to know what is legal. "It's almost like you're exporting to 49 different countries," Benson said. The states that employ restrictive measures argue that such laws help keep alcohol out of the hands of minors. Opponents say that concern can be addressed by requiring an adult to sign for a shipment. But John Fitzpatrick, a spokesman for the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America, said it is not reasonable to expect delivery companies and truck drivers to be law enforcers. And while minors might not necessarily be interested in purchasing Swedenburg's cabernet sauvignon, Fitzpatrick cited a

recent case in which an underage student at Virginia Tech was able to buy absinthe — a liqueur that is illegal in the United States — on the Internet. "As a society we need to be thinking about ways to make it harder for children to get alcohol, not easier," Fitzpatrick said. Swedenburg got help from Clint Bolick, a wine aficionado and co-founder of the Institute for Justice, a libertarian law firm that seeks to advance property rights and economic liberty. "When I found out what kind of work he does, I said 'Boy, do I have a case for you,'" Swedenburg said. They fought a law that allows New York state residents to get wine shipped from vintners in that state, but not from out-of-state sources like Swedenburg, and won a lower court decision. Last February, however, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Swedenburg, leading to her appeal to the Supreme Court. She said then that the 2nd Circuit "has the Constitution twisted all around."

Cargo plane ditches in lake in Miami

AVENTURA, Fla. (AP) — The crew of a decades-old cargo plane put the aircraft down in a lake in a Miami suburb Saturday after it developed engine trouble, avoiding high-rise buildings in the densely populated area, then were rescued from the floating fuselage. The Miami Air Lease plane — with the misspelled message "Elect George W. Bush" running the length of the fuselage — had trouble with one of its two engines shortly after takeoff, said company office manager Alma Nodarse. The pilot tried to return the Convair CV-340 to the Opa-locka airport about seven miles away but couldn't make it and splashed down in Maule Lake, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Chris White. The lake is surrounded by condominium towers.

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Protesters call for recount in Ohio

Crowd say voters were victims of fraud

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — About 400 protesters gathered outside the Statehouse on Saturday to support a recount of the presidential election in Ohio and call for an investigation into "Election Day irregularities."

Speakers addressing the crowd alleged that many voters were the victims of a fraud in which votes intended for John Kerry were given to President Bush.

"I would like to welcome you to the Ukraine," said Susan Truit, referring to the country where a new presidential runoff election was ordered after observers said the first



Sen. John Kerry President Bush

one was rigged.

On Friday, a federal judge in Columbus ruled that a recount may proceed if two minority party candidates who sued for it can pay for it. Green and Libertarian party officials say they can.

A recount would likely not begin before Dec. 13, when Ohio's 20 electoral votes are officially counted.

Kerry would have won the presidency had he carried the state's 20 electoral votes. He conceded the day after the election, saying there were not enough provisional and other ballots to swing the results his way.

Bush won the state by about 119,000 votes, or 2 percentage points, according to an analysis of county board of elections results by the Associated Press.

Critics say Ohio's numbers are suspect because of several irregularities on election night. These included disparities in the vote totals for different Democrats on the same ballot and the disqualification of more than 90,000 presidential votes on punch-card ballots because the choices could not be determined. A computer glitch on election night also recorded an

extra 3,893 votes for Bush in one precinct in suburban Gahanna.

"There was no doubt in my mind that Kerry had enough votes. My fear was the votes would not be counted and that's been borne-out," said Melissa Hedden, one of the protesters.

State and county election officials have said there were irregularities on Nov. 2, but no more than in any other election. They adamantly have denied there is any evidence of widespread wrongdoing.

The Kerry campaign has joined the lawsuit seeking a recount. Officials said they are not disputing the outcome of the race but want to make sure any recount is "done accurately and completely."

Marital odds not good for \$149M lotto winner

NEW YORK (AP) — Money — not even \$149 million — can't buy you love.

Juan Rodriguez, who collected the huge windfall in the Mega Millions lottery last month, is now on the outs with his wife, the New York Post reported Saturday. Iris Rodriguez wants a divorce from her husband of 17 years, and she filed the paperwork just 10 days after Juan bought the winning ticket on Nov. 13.

Iris Rodriguez is seeking a portion of her husband's huge lottery check, the Post said. Rodriguez, 49, opted to take his winnings in a single lump-sum payment of \$18.5 million before taxes.

Although the couple appeared together at a news conference, after Rodriguez matched the winning numbers, his wife had previously given him the boot over his financial difficulties. Rodriguez had filed for bankruptcy a month before his lottery win, and court papers showed he had just 78 cents in a savings account and owed \$41,000 to creditors.

The Colombian immigrant bought the winning ticket at a store near the midtown Manhattan parking lot where he worked double shifts as an attendant, earning about \$28,000 a year.

Iraq

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than during the 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's regime — in an attempt to keep order during the vote. The primary concern is Iraq's Sunnis, who generally oppose the vote and are believed to be fueling the insurgency.

In candid remarks, Abizaid admitted the troop increase wasn't what Washington had envisioned.

"It had been our hope that we would be able to have a combination of increases that mainly were Iraqi troops' increases," Abizaid, the head of U.S. Central Command, said.

"And while the Iraqi troops are larger in number than they used to be, those forces have to be seasoned more, trained more. So, it's necessary to bring more American forces."

Speaking to reporters at a regional security conference in Bahrain, Abizaid declined to speculate on when the Iraqi forces would be ready to say how many they now number. But he said they were "constantly improving."

Brahimi, however, said the United States and the Iraqi government should reconsider their reliance on anti-force-to-eliminate insurgents.

In an interview published Sat-

urday in a Dutch newspaper, the U.N. envoy insisted the country cannot go ahead with the elections "if conditions remain the same."

"It's a mess in Iraq. The international community, hopefully with the Americans, must help the Iraqis to clean up the mess," he said.

Brahimi, in Algiers, was sent to Iraq to help form the interim government that took power on June 28.

Officials had hoped the recent U.S.-led assault on the insurgent hub of Fallujah would put the rebels on the defensive. But the latest attacks showed they are still highly capable of hitting back where they choose.

Saturday car bombs in Baghdad — went off — nearly simultaneously at about 9:30 a.m. by a police station across the street from a checkpoint leading to the heavily fortified Green Zone, which houses Iraqi government offices and several foreign missions.

Bursts of automatic fire followed the thunderous detonation, which shook windows of yards away in buildings on the opposite side of the Tigris River.

Health officials said the bodies of seven people killed by the blast and 59 wounded were

brought to two Baghdad hospitals. Officials said most of the victims were police officers, but the identities of all the dead were not yet known.

Adel Hassan, a policeman who survived the attack with head injuries, said at a hospital crammed with victims that a suicide car bomber sped into our place (the police station) ... and then there was an explosion."

Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's militant group claimed responsibility for the attack, as it had done for a highly coordinated assault on a police station west of Baghdad the day before in which insurgents killed 16 police, looted the station's armory and freed dozens of prisoners. The claim, like the previous one, appeared on an Islamic Web site known for such statements and could not immediately be verified.

In the northern city of Mosul, a suicide bomber exploded his vehicle alongside a bus carrying Kurdish militiamen, killing at least nine people, including seven militiamen and two passers-by, and wounding nine more, officials said. Along with Iraq's majority Shiites, Kurds back the upcoming elections, and the bombing may have been an attempt to drag them

into a civil war.

The militiamen were being brought in from the mainly Kurdish province of Irbil to guard Kurdish offices in Mosul, where U.S. and Iraqi forces have been battling insurgents following last month's uprising.

In fierce fighting on Friday, gunmen tried to seize four police stations but were repelled, the U.S. military said. About 70 guerrillas also ambushed a U.S. patrol with roadside bombs, rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire. After regrouping, U.S. and Iraqi forces struck back, killing more than two dozen fighters, the military said.

In eastern Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed an American soldier and wounded five others Saturday, the military said. Another bomb near the town of Ghazaliyah, six miles west of the insurgent hotbed of Baquba, north of Baghdad, hit a truck in a U.S. military convoy, killing a soldier and wounding another, Master Sgt. Robert Powell said.

A suicide car bomb hit an American forward operating base near Iraq's border with Jordan on Friday, killing two U.S. service members, the U.S. command said Saturday. A Marine spokesman said the attack was directed at members of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

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**Recruiter:
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BOSTON (AP) — Maj. Rachel VanLandingham's job sounds like one of the toughest in the military — persuading law school graduates to pass on high-paying private sector jobs and become Air Force Judge advocates for about \$40,000 a year.

But VanLandingham, chief of recruiting for the Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps, says she often succeeds in luring the bright young lawyers that the military urgently needs. Often, she sells the career by talking face-to-face with students about the opportunities being a JAG afforded her to travel and make courtroom arguments just two months after passing the bar exam.

"I wish I drove a BMW and I don't, but that's something money can't replace," she said of the experience. "And I can't convey that to a law student without sitting down with them in an interview."

That's why VanLandingham, who works out of the Pentagon, says she is deeply disappointed with a federal appeals court ruling this week that could make it harder for military recruiters to make their case in the nation's top law schools.

The ruling, by the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, invalidates a decade-old — but only recently enforced — federal law requiring universities to give the military the same access to students as other recruiters, or forfeit their university's eligibility for federal research funds. At some schools, that would mean losing hundreds of millions of dollars.

After the Pentagon began strictly enforcing the measure in 2002, the law schools complied, but only under protest. Many contend that, since gays can't serve openly in the armed forces, granting formal access to Pentagon recruiters violates the schools' policies forbidding on-campus recruiting by employers who discriminate on the basis of race, gender or sexual orientation.

On Monday they won a major legal victory when the appeals court ruled 2-1 that the law is an unconstitutional violation of the schools' free speech.

"We're simply applying the same rules to military recruiters that we would apply to any other recruiter," said Kent Greenfield, a Boston College law professor who was active in creating the consortium of law schools the brought the suit. "We'd say the same thing if they only wanted white students or they only wanted men."

A dissenting judge argued the law merely deprives the schools of money, not free speech, since nothing prevents the schools from continuing to protest the Pentagon's policy.

The Justice Department has not indicated whether it will appeal, and several law schools said this week they are still considering how to proceed. But Harvard Law School has announced it will revert to its previous policy of banning the military from formal recruiting access, and other law schools are likely to follow.

That would be a mistake, VanLandingham said.

In the war on terrorism, she said, "it's incredibly vital ... to have the best and brightest and most dedicated soldiers and airmen, and JAGs who are advising them, on everything from implementing the Geneva Conventions to prosecuting our military members who run afoul of the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

The legal battle has focused on JAG recruiting at law schools, largely because that's where the military has pressed the issue and because law schools are required by their accreditation body to have nondiscrimination policies on sexual orientation.

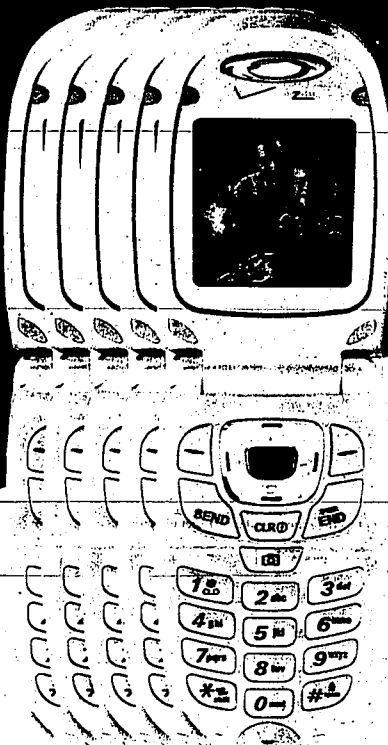
But the ruling applies to colleges in general, and undergraduate career offices and those at other graduate schools would now be free to stop actively assisting the military.

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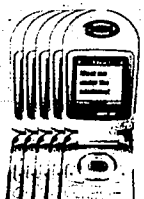
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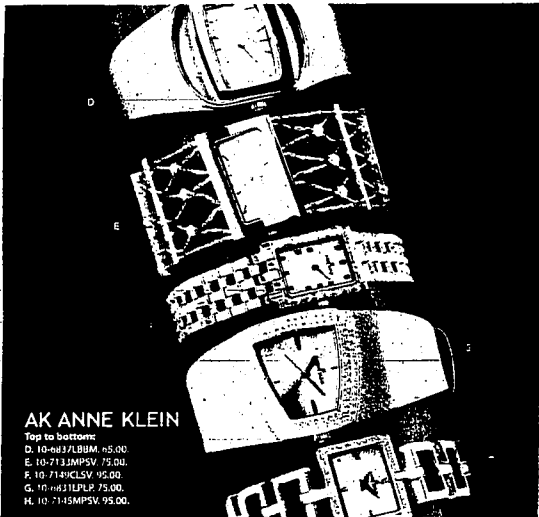
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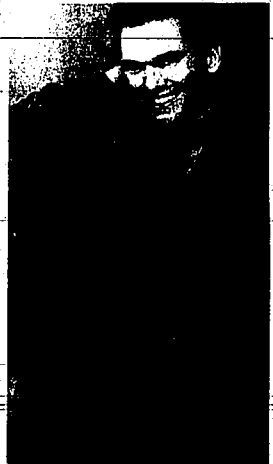
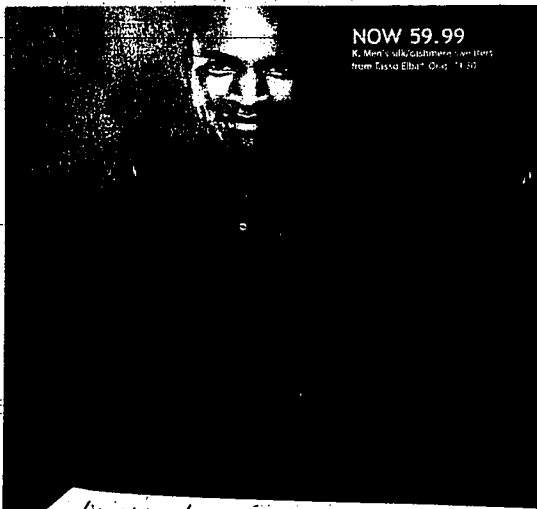
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Children bear toxic burden

Residents mark 20th anniversary of world's worst industrial disaster

BHOPAL, India (AP) — Crawling painfully on her hands and knees, Shakira Ehsan moved awkwardly to the doorway of her dim two-room shanty, located just across the street from an abandoned pesticide plant.

In 1984 the plant was the site of the world's worst industrial disaster. Twenty years later, Shakira is one of the thousands of child victims who have carried its toxic burden.

Years after her mother was exposed to the cloud of lethal gas that leaked from the Union Carbide plant, Shakira's spindly legs are too weak to carry her body. Her mind has the abilities of a child.

"From the time she was born, she's been in and out of the hospital," sighed her mother, Nadira Begum. Shakira stared vacantly away.

On the night of Dec. 3, 1984, as the residents of this central Indian city slept, nearly 40 tons of methyl isocyanate leaked from the pesticide plant. Around 10,000 people died. Indian officials said more than half a million people were affected by the poisonous fumes. The exact number of victims has never been clear.

Most vulnerable were the children. Within a few days of the accident, thousands of children were dead.

Many women who were pregnant at the time of the leak suffered miscarriages, and many others gave birth to babies with severe mental and physical handicaps, said Santh Sarangi, who runs a health clinic that has treated thousands of survivors.

Others, like Begum, gave birth years after the accident to severely handicapped children. Shakira, 18, was born two years after the leak.



Shakira Ehsan, 18, a mentally challenged girl whose parents were exposed to the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster, looks on during the 20th anniversary of the world's worst industrial accident.

"Even today, mothers in the affected areas of Bhopal have been found to have carcinogenic elements in their breast milk," said Champa Devi Shukla, 52, a survivor who heads a women's self-help group.

Scientific studies, including one published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1990, chronicled cases of women giving birth several years after the gas leak to children with low birth weights and a range of handicaps, including small heads and stunted lungs. Around here, Shakira is just

one among many. "Two streets away live Jagdish and Renu Aherwar. From a distance, the brother and sister look as if they might be in grammar school.

But Renu was nearly a year old when the leak savaged Bhopal. Her mother, Leelaben Aherwar, says she grabbed her sleeping baby — who had showed no signs of problems until then — and fled their tin-roofed hut near the pesticide factory.

After the leak, Renu's growth, both physical and mental, slowed dramatically. Jagdish, born two years later,

has similar troubles. Both children have diabetes, and Jagdish needs daily insulin injections.

The two have stopped attending school, unable to keep up with the lessons and with illiterate parents who can't help. They have no access to special classes that could ease their problems.

"Twenty years of scrounging for medical help has exhausted their mother.

"Sometimes I think those who died that night were the lucky ones. We are the ones who are the living dead," she said.

In compensation, the Indian government has paid Aherwar about \$330, an amount spent long ago on medical bills.

While money was set aside for victims — Union Carbide paid \$470 million in compensation under a settlement with India's government — large amounts have been tied up in bureaucratic and legal knots.

Years later, rusted pipes and pesticide storage tanks have collapsed or ruptured in the abandoned plant. The state government took over legal responsibility for the site in 1998, but it has done little to clean it up.

Activists say the area remains a danger, leaching toxic chemicals into the soil and groundwater. But the company says the groundwater around the plant is free of toxins and any water contamination was due to improper drainage and other pollution, not Union Carbide chemicals.

Today, survivors' troubles range from respiratory illness to poor eyesight and sensitivity to bright light. Many are visited by the terrors of that night and complain of panic attacks, fatigue, sleep disorders and bouts of depression.

Then there's the social stigma. "Earlier, my young man who had a job at Union Carbide was viewed as a catch. Today, people don't want their daughters to marry boys from our neighborhood. Nor can we find rooms for our daughters," said Shukla.

Miss Peru crowned Miss World

SANYA, China (AP) — Miss Peru-Maria Julia Mantilla Garcia, an aspiring high school teacher, was crowned Miss World 2004 on Saturday night in this southern Chinese beach resort.

Miss Dominican Republic, Claudia Julissa Cruz Rodriguez, was the first runner-up and Miss USA Nancy Randall was second runner-up.

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Russia, Turkey work for closer economic ties

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Historic rivals Turkey and Russia have spent centuries vying for influence in central Asia, the Balkans and the Caucasus. Most recently, they bickered over routes to carry energy resources to world markets and traded accusations that each supports the other's militant groups.

But underneath that antagonism, the two have quietly woven a web of economic ties and are eyeing even closer cooperation.

The process will receive an official consecration on Sunday, when Russian President Vladimir Putin travels to Ankara in a visit rich in symbolism. Putin will be the first Russian leader ever to pay an official visit to Turkey.

The Russian leader is to meet Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer and Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and oversee the signing of six cooperation agreements, including defense, finance and energy accords.

The two-day visit "will be a new boost for Turkish-Russian relations," Sezer's spokesman Sermet Atacani said Friday.

Turkey and Russia have been rivals for centuries. At the height of their powers, the Ottoman empire and czarist Russia were locked in a struggle for regional supremacy. Friction between the two precipitated the Crimean War and they were on opposite sides of World War I. More recently, Turkey was NATO's easternmost front during the Cold War. After the fall of the Soviet Union, Turkey and Russia competed for control in Central Asia and the Caucasus, where Turkey states gained independence.

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Ukraine fails to pass electoral changes

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko lost a round to their foes in parliament Saturday, when pro-government lawmakers helped block legal changes intended to prevent fraud in the Dec. 26 repeat of the country's presidential vote.

Booyed by a momentous Supreme Court ruling a day earlier that ordered the new vote, Yushchenko's supporters vowed to force parliament to adopt the legislation by continuing their marathon protest in Kiev's central square.

Outgoing President Leonid Kuchma tried to bring European pressure on the opposition, which he accused of reneging on its promises. Kuchma called for a new round of European-mediated talks with the opposition on Monday.

The jockeying for position came as the opposition celebrated its court victory, confident Yushchenko can beat Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich if a fair run-off is held. Yanukovich, Kuchma's ally, confirmed he would compete in the new vote, and the Central Election Commission formally set a Dec. 26 date for the balloting, as ordered by the court.

Yushchenko had been hoping for quick approval of a raft of bills that would amend election laws and reshuffle the election commission, which the opposition accused of covering up fraud in the initial run-off, held Nov. 21. The opposition says the changes are needed to ensure the new vote is fair.

But the package was blocked when a compromise agreement fell apart, and the parliament adjourned for 10 days without passing the legislation.

Communists, socialists and pro-government factions in parliament had promised to back the legislation in exchange for the opposition's support of a constitutional reform bill that would transfer some of the president's powers to parliament.

However, Yushchenko's supporters objected to the proposed changes, insisting instead that the parliament vote on electoral amendments now and consider the constitutional



Supporters of Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko are shown in and around their tented camp site in the middle of the street in Kiev, on Saturday.

reforms after the presidential run.

"Combining electoral changes and constitutional reform is legally illogical," said lawmaker Yulia Tymoshenko, a fiery Yushchenko ally. "We must first create legal conditions for holding elections. No one in the world passes constitutional changes in a rush."

Socialist leader Oleksandr Moroz accused Yushchenko of reneging on his promise. "No one is going to win from reneging on the agreement," Moroz said.

Kuchma, who has strongly pushed for the constitutional reform, also accused the opposition of breaking its promise.

"The opposition isn't fulfilling practically any of the agreements reached at a round table that involved European politicians," Kuchma said in a phone conversation with Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende, whose country holds the rotating presidency of the European Union. "That exacerbates the situation in the country."

Wednesday's compromise agreement, which was sponsored by European Union

foreign policy chief Javier Solana, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and other mediators, called for parliament to vote for the electoral and constitutional changes all at once.

Kuchma spoke to Kwasniewski later Saturday, and they tentatively agreed to have another round of European-sponsored talks Monday.

Kuchma also spoke Saturday with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who promised to send Russia's parliament speaker to attend the talks. Putin has staunchly backed Yanukovich and scoffed at the repeat of the run-off.

Opposition lawmakers, meanwhile, accused their foes of trying to take "revenge" for Yushchenko's victory in court and warned that hundreds of thousands of protesters in Kiev could force the parliament to change course.

"We are going to press our demands in the legal field, but the people will do it in a physical way, and we can't order them not to do that," pro-Yushchenko lawmaker Andriy

Belgrade officials demand that U.N. annul election

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Serbia on Saturday demanded the U.N. administrator of Kosovo annul the election of the province's new prime minister, a former rebel leader accused by Serbs of war crimes.

Belgrade officials said the Kosovo parliament had jeopardized talks on the province's future as well as regional stability by choosing ethnic Albanian Ramush Haradinaj.

A man who carries a heavy burden of crimes committed in both war and peace was elected the head of Kosovo's government," Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica said. "That could have a decisive influence on the situation in Kosovo and

the whole region." Kostunica said Belgrade will present its demand for Haradinaj's removal in letters to Kosovo U.N. administrator Sergio Jesso-Petersen, the U.N. Security Council and the European Union.

"The Serbian government is demanding that he (Jesso-Petersen) use his authority to overturn that provocative act," Kostunica said.

Haradinaj was voted to the post of the prime minister on Friday by Kosovo's newly elected assembly. The United Nations and other Western officials hailed his election as democratic despite the war crimes investigation against him.

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'PEOPLE OF REVENGE'

Fallujah residents protest devastation of their city



This photograph released by the U.S. Army shows a devastated street in Fallujah, Iraq. U.S. military engineers are drafting plans to begin making repairs to the city's infrastructure as soon as the city is secure.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — According to Iraq's government, people like Ismail Ibrahim should be glad Fallujah is all but rid of the insurgents accused of turning the city into a terrorist base and using its civilians as human shields.

But in a Baghdad school where Ibrahim and about 200 displaced Fallujians have been living since the latest fighting drove them out, the talk is of vendetta — not against the insurgents but against the Americans and the Iraqi government.

"I feel hatred. I hurt. This is my city and it has been destroyed," Ibrahim said, sitting on a thin mattress on the floor of a room he shares with his wife, seven children and another family.

"The people of Fallujah are people of revenge. If they don't get their revenge now, they will next year or even after 50 years. But they will get it. It probably is too early to tell whether this is simply revenge or whether people returning to Fallujah will retaliate against American and Iraqi forces. Without expressing sympathy for the Americans or the government, there are Fallujians who take a different view in private, saying they blame the insurgents for turning their city into a battleground.

If the government can capitalize on that latter sentiment, rebuild Fallujah quickly and compensate the civilian victims, the anger may be assuaged, some Fallujians say.

And if the election scheduled for Jan. 30 is perceived as fair, it might boost the Iraqi government's credibility, some experts say, adding that politicians need to reach out to the largely Sunni Arab people of Fallujah and assure them they will not be marginalized in a Shiite and Kurdish-dominated Iraq.

"We will work to include them in the political process and in the elections," Prime

Minister Ayad Allawi said of the Fallujians. "God willing, gradually, tempers will cool."

But conversations with men such as Ibrahim show that U.S. and Iraqi authorities probably will have a tough time winning over the city's 300,000 people.

"The Americans just don't get it," Ibrahim said. "They think that they can use their muscles to subdue the resistance. On the contrary, it will increase."

U.S. and Iraqi authorities have set aside \$178 million for immediate repairs and refurbishing Fallujah's electrical grid and water-treatment facility. Another \$1.2 billion in long-stalled funds is earmarked for Anbar province, which includes Fallujah.

But will it help?

"I think the Americans have incurred a long-term feud with all the major clans of Fallujah," said Juan Cole, an Iraq expert from the University of Michigan. "I do not believe the Americans will ever have the hearts and minds of the people in Anbar. At most, they could crush them militarily."

Support for Saddam Hussein used to run high in Fallujah,

west of Baghdad. Many in the Baghdad camp speak of long-entrenched mistrust of the government and the Americans who, they say, fail to understand the tribal-minded, deeply religious and conservative nature of this city's mosques.

"The Americans want to break the back of Fallujah and are after Islam because Fallujah is a symbol of Islam," said Matloob Abbas, another Fallujian living in the school.

Many Fallujians trace their animosity to a night in April 2003, soon after Saddam was toppled, when U.S. troops fired into a demonstration, killing more than a dozen people. The Americans say they fired in self-defense. Some residents insist it was a peaceful demonstration against the Americans' night-vision goggles, believing they enabled the troops to peek into homes and look at women.

Allawi told the Iraqi Interim National Council this week that some of the more than 250,000 people believed displaced by the fighting are living in "unhealthy" conditions, and the government is sending aid

every day. He said Fallujah had to be cleared of explosives, services had to be restored and security forces had to be deployed.

No date has been set for the displaced people's return, though an Iraqi Defense Ministry official, Broksa Noory Shamsie, said Friday that Fallujians might be home by Dec. 31. U.S. Lt. Col. Dan Wilson of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force said he expected insurgents to try to regain influence in the city and "establish psychological dominance" over returning civilians.

As much as they want to return to Fallujah, some Fallujians dread it.

"If you leave your home and come back to find out that it has been destroyed and your bed burnt, will you be able to like the government?" said Maher Karim, a displaced Fallujian.

Karim speaks fondly of the insurgents, many of whom are Fallujians themselves, saying they were defending the city against non-Muslim troops.

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Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, center, and his ministers recite 'Fatiha' verses, the opening chapter of the Quran, the holy book of Islam, to express their condolences for the death of Fathi Arafat, brother of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, prior to the cabinet meeting in the West Bank town of Ramallah, on Saturday.

Palestinians say Israeli raids hamper renewal of peace talks

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia condemned continuing Israeli military raids, saying Saturday that they were hampering efforts to restart the peace process.

Hopes have been high that the peace process, stalled by four years of violence, would take off following Palestinian presidential elections on Jan. 9 to replace Yasser Arafat.

On Saturday morning Israeli troops raided the West Bank city of Tulkarem, arresting a senior Hamas militant, the army and witnesses said.

The raid comes a day after Israeli troops shot and killed an Islamic Jihad militant during a similar raid.

"Unfortunately, Israel continues with its assassinations," Qureia said at the weekly Palestinian Cabinet meeting. "It is therefore sending a clear message that it does not want to give a chance for things to quiet down and bring the (peace) process back on track," he said.

"At a time when we are moving towards democracy,

unfortunately ... Israel continues with its assassinations," Qureia said, calling on the international community to pressure Israel to end the raids.

Since Arafat's death both Israel and the Palestinians have scaled down the violence and Israel has promised to redeploy its troops from Palestinian towns to allow the elections to take place.

However, Israeli officials rejected Qureia's comments, saying that while Israel has promised not to initiate any new military offensives, it would continue to go after Palestinians it believes are planning attacks.

"These raids were carried out based on specific intelligence that these men were planning on carrying out suicide bombings," a senior official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Saturday's raid, troops surrounded a building in Tulkarem, forcing all the residents to leave and firing in the air before the Hamas militant, Rami Tayah, 26, and another

man surrendered to the soldiers, witnesses said.

The army said Tayah was the head of the militant group Hamas in the town.

Peace efforts revealed a boost in recent days with Hamas indicating it was prepared to accept a cease-fire.

Also, the international community has stepped up efforts to mediate between the two sides.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer was the latest diplomat to visit the region. Fischer arrived Saturday for a two-day visit in which he is expected to meet with Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, as well as Qureia and new PLO leader Mahmoud Abbas.

Nuclear sales inquiry in jeopardy

Los Angeles Times

VIENNA, Austria — The global investigation into Abdul Qadeer Khan's black market trade in nuclear technology has stalled in a clash of national interests that threatens a full accounting of his secret partners and clients, according to interviews with diplomats and officials from several countries.

International authorities fear the full scope of the Pakistani scientist's ring might never be known.

Senior investigators said they were especially worried that dangerous elements of the illicit network of manufacturers and suppliers would remain undetected and capable of resuming operations once international pressures eased.

Investigators also said that records obtained in Libya and elsewhere showed that some nuclear equipment purchased or manufactured by the network had yet to be found, raising the possibility that it was diverted to still unidentified customers.

"We are far from knowing everything," a senior European diplomat involved in the inquiry said. "I'm frustrated by the lack of cooperation. We are losing a lot of time."

Some countries have refused to help, and others have coop-

erated only partially, according to numerous officials involved in the probe spearheaded by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pakistan has not permitted investigators to interview Khan, and his closest confidante is being held in Malaysia under that country's restrictive security act. Investigators also are concerned about the level of cooperation of former Soviet republics and China.

Investigators have suffered setbacks and delays even as they gathered new evidence of the network's sophistication and documented its move into Dubai, an ancient smuggling port on the Persian Gulf. Dubai was the hub of Khan's covert distribution operation, a transportation and storage base for parts and machinery destined for the secret nuclear programs in Iran and Libya, shipping records and investigation files show.


The Khan ring used nondescript warehouses scattered throughout Dubai to store and repack some of the equipment, as well as to complete

small scale manufacturing assignments, according to documents and photos shown to the Los Angeles Times.

Inspectors from the IAEA visited the warehouses in recent weeks and took environmental samples to check for the presence of enriched uranium, which could indicate the shipment of weapons material. Test results are pending, officials said.

Information implicating members of Khan's ring began to surface last December after Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi announced that he was giving up his efforts to build an atomic bomb. In a deal negotiated with the United States and Britain, Libya turned over evidence showing that Khan and his associates had sold at least \$100 million worth of technology to Libya, including a nearly completed uranium enrichment plant to produce material for a bomb.

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Ivory Coast's fault lines run deep

Los Angeles Times

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — In the ghetto called Sans Fil, the raw sewage in the streets is ankle deep and flies swirl about, but the people glow with joie de vivre. Abdrhman Guindo sits in front of his tiny home in the muggy heat, watching the throbbing river of life. He is wearing extravagant diamond baggy pants of silver and white eyeliner fabric, with matching shoes specially made for the Eid festival at the end of Ramadan. Guindo watches small girls in gauzy party dresses and glowing women in long, fancy gowns picking their way delicately through the smelly black mud.

The squalor may be suffocating, but as people are fond of saying in Ivory Coast, "We stand tall."

"Ivory Coast is paradise. Write it down," said Guindo's brother, Cool B, a young man from the Koumassi slum district of Abidjan, who stays up all night writing scripts and dreams of making it a filmmaker. "People have to be proud.

But here, perhaps more than many places, pride and identity are intertwined, and the country's identity as the miraculously prosperous and stable leader of West Africa is no more.

There are some distinctly nasty elements to what President Laurent Gbagbo calls Ivory Coast's final transition to democracy, including xenophobia and harassment of migrants and Muslims from the country's north, who live in areas such as Sans Fil and Koumassi in the south.

A decade ago, ruling politicians even coined a term to justify their chauvinistic policies: "ivoirete," or "Ivorianness." Already, one civil war has been fought over "ivoirete," when northerners, frustrated by rampant discrimination, rebelled in 2002. Now the country, a former French colony, is poised to erupt in conflict again. And despite a recent blaze of fury against French peacekeepers and civilians, the real battle lines are along the same divide.

Here in the predominantly Christian south, the identity of northerners or immigrants is al-

ways in question, even if they have a sheaf of certificates going back as far as grandparents' birth registrations. Police cruise around checking IDs, harassing those with northern or foreign names, asking questions like, "What kind of name is that?"

Guindo, a car trader whose family migrated from the north, has to carry a wad of papers with him, ready to answer questions on the birth village of a grandfather — he "never knew." But sometimes, traveling in other West African countries, he leaves the fat envelope of documents in his hotel room and walks around without them, a private act of liberation.

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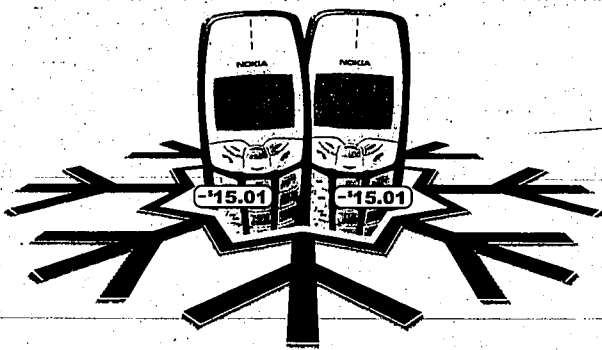
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EDITORIAL

Flood of change in Boise could strand Magic Valley

A key state Senate leader may have closed the Magic Valley's hopes for favorably resolving Idaho's looming water crisis.

One month before the Idaho Legislature convenes, Senate President Pro Tem Robert Goddess, R-Soda Springs, decided to change positions with committees and chairmanships. Unfortunately, southern Idaho voters and water users could be the ones getting soaked.

Our view: New Senate leadership assignments don't look good for southern Idaho's looming water crisis.

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

For any committee, but Goddess should know better. If you're a manager going into Game 7 of the World Series, you don't put the captain of the hockey team on the mound.

Idaho faces enormous water stakes this winter. Surface water users are on the cusp of going back to court to enforce their senior water rights on groundwater pumpers with junior rights. There have been months of talks about water calls, buyouts of water rights, and using state bonds to purchase those rights. If the state can't approve a buyout deal by March 15, the aquaculture industry may push its lawsuit forward and force curtailment on hundreds of Magic Valley wells.

Schroeder has served as an ad-hoc member of the Natural Resources Interim Legislative Committee. But with little connection to southern Idaho, he's going to have trouble pitching the save on the groundwater-surface irrigator standoff.

The other bad news for local water users was the omission of Sen.-elect Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, from the Resources Committee. Coiner's experience on water was his key strength in this year's political campaign. But his chances of getting that committee assignment were a long shot.

If you add it all up, one of the Legislature's most influential committees may have lost some of its bite on the issue of water resources.

That's not good news, especially since the Magic Valley and its water interests will need nothing less than a pit bull.

Tom Ridge exits amid insecurity

Tom Ridge had a tough job. It's not all his fault that, as he resigns as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, he leaves such dissatisfaction behind. He had to get Americans to take terrorism seriously — and yet make them feel safer somehow.

JANE EISNER

Public service announcements unveiled last month show how tough the job is. In one, a little girl in pajamas asks her mother about something the youngster is clearly not old enough to understand.

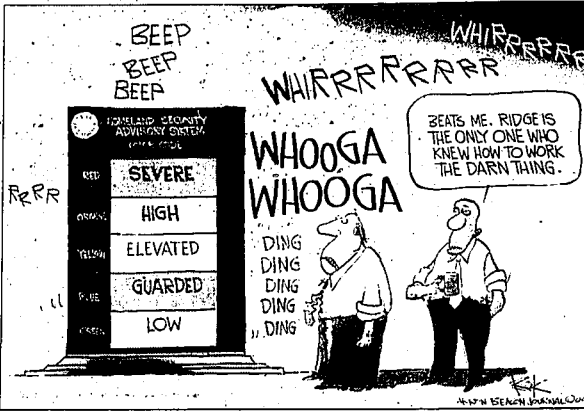
"What if something happens?" she asks. In the next bites of cereal, "Should I stay where I am and wait for you?"

The answers are supposed to come from the parents of America, urged by Ridge's department to talk to children.

But for emergency alerts, ready but while some praised this new campaign for its forthrightness, others worried about its effect on the very children it is designed to help. Are we unnecessarily frightening children by suggesting that the terrorist monster is under the bed?

Truly, when Ridge took the job, he was taking on two huge, contradictory tasks: no wonder he announced on Tuesday that he is resigning. Surely he is worn out from molding 22 separate federal agencies into one mammoth bureaucracy — and discovering that sometimes his most formidable adversaries were not in Afghanistan and Iraq but in Congress and the White House.

He seems to have done that managerial job as well as anyone could under the circumstances, providing a calming, moderating leadership and improving overall security. Although not nearly enough



was done to shore up America's ports and chemical and nuclear facilities, airport security was greatly enhanced. Except for the anthrax scare in late 2001, America has been terror-free since Ridge took the helm. He would get the blame if there had been an attack on his watch, so he should get some credit for the absence of one.

On the second of his tasks, the public face of his job, Ridge fared more poorly. It's not only that his color-coded alert system (yesterday was yellow, by the way) and the suggestions that Americans blanket their basements with duct tape became the subject of jokes on Letterman and Leno and Stewart.

Nor is it that each of his six national "orange alerts" occurred at politically opportune times for his boss and friend, candidate Bush, and then were prompted by what turned out to be incorrect information.

The main reason Ridge's work seems so unsatisfactory is that the primary goal of educating the public has not been served. The Department of Homeland Security's messages are confusing and largely ignored. Too-frequent warnings that the sky is falling have opened a fringe credibility gap — only made worse by the secretaries employed during the presidential campaign. If the threat alert was raised to orange tomorrow, would it have much effect on Christmas shopping?

And if we took it seriously, would we know what to do? "A cluster of potentially serious misunderstandings (surround) public responses to crises," researchers from Carnegie Mellon University discovered last year. They found, for example, that the public is largely misinformed about how to respond to a dirty bomb, an-

other anthrax scare, and exposure to smallpox.

Ridge's efforts to educate with the help of the billions of everyone were bound to walk a delicate line. The department's Web site, www.ready.gov, is criticized for being passive and flawed, while the new "Go" campaign is criticized for being unnecessarily frightening.

Ultimately, though, Tom Ridge was charged with leading homeland defense for a war on terror that, to many Americans, seems more theory than fact. Perhaps his successor will help the public better know what to do and whom to believe.

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Election still casts shadow over Congress

The more the academics and analysts explore the entrails of last month's election, the clearer and simpler the lesson becomes. As the Clinton folks might put it, "it's the parties, stupid."

Democrats did a first-class job of mobilizing their supporters and bringing them to the polls. But Republicans did an even better job, and that is especially true when it comes to the Nov. 2 voting is intriguing in itself, but its implications for the future of politics and government are even more important. It signals a protracted period of two-party competition and means that Republicans and Democrats alike will face intense pressure to keep their coalitions intact.

Democrats, who came out on the short end of the 51-49 percent presidential vote and also lost seats in the second election in a row in both the House and Senate, cannot afford any more defections. Losses among women, minorities and what remains of their Southern base would make the task of a comeback all the more difficult.

It surely was not a coincidence that President Bush began taking steps to split that Democratic coalition with his very first appointments to his second-term administration: Condoleezza Rice, a black woman with Southern roots and



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a California connection, to run the State Department; Margaret Spellings, another woman and a Texan, to run the Department of Education; and two high-profile Hispanics, Alberto Gonzales and Carlos Gutierrez, to lead the Justice and Commerce departments respectively.

But it is not only Democrats who have to worry about coalition-maintenance. Republicans and Bush in particular are equally dependent on keeping the flock intact. Bush did not beat John Kerry among independents, Kerry won almost nine out of 10 Democratic votes and prevailed narrowly among independents. Bush won only by turning out massive numbers of Republicans and capturing more than nine out of 10 of their votes.

What was true of Kerry to a Mexican, the darling of the races for the Senate, the House and governorships. If you want to understand why House Speaker Dennis Hastert was so reluctant to split the Republican conference on the issue of intelligence system reform that he pulled the bill off the floor, the answer lies in this pattern of intense partisanship

by broken, and the ticket-splitting that facilitated it has become much less frequent.

Part of the story is the change in the South, where conservative Democrats are also re-elected. Now, their House and Senate seats are occupied by Republicans and the region voted overwhelmingly for Bush in both his campaigns.

But partisans on both sides in other regions are recognizing the genuine differences between Republicans and Democrats and are choosing sides accordingly. Some of those differences are ideological. Some are cultural, including the issues of faith and religion.

What does this mean for the immediate aftermath of the election.

But the overwhelming factor, the one that ties it all together, is the simple pull of partisan allegiance — the hold that each of the parties exerts on its own followers.

Where there is strong partisanship in the electorate, White reminds us, we are likely to see partisanship in government as well. "The significance of party to the 2004 vote means that compromise between the two parties — in government is unlikely," White writes.

Keep that in mind when the next Congress begins.

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President Bush must save political capital for his brother Jeb

There's this theory going around that President Bush will govern in his second term as a lame duck, with nothing more to gain or lose politically. But that isn't how Bush is thinking about it. He has a job to consider.

Even before this year's election, Jeb Bush was being asked about his aspirations. On Oct. 17, he declared on ABC, "I'm not going to run in 2008. That's not my interest."

But last week, in a meeting with The Washington Times editorial board, Ken Mehlman, the new chairman of the Republican National Committee, put Jeb back in the race.

Responding to a question, Mehlman mentioned eight potential candidates for 2008: Senate Majority Leader Bill



ZEV CHAFETZ

Frist, Virginia Sen. George Allen, Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, Arizona Sen. John McCain, Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, and Sen. Rudy Giuliani — and Jeb Bush.

RNC spokesman Brian Jones insists Mehlman was just speculating about politicians who are being discussed in the media. But Mehlman is not a neutral commentator. He works for George Bush. If the president's brother were really

above this field. He's the popular governor of a crucial state. Fluent in Spanish, married to a Mexican, the darling of the Cuban community, he has vast appeal to the constituency the GOP most covets: Hispanics.

His conservative on social issues but comes across as less regional and ideological than his brother George. Jeb is a southern Republican who sounds like a Democrat. In 2002, he won re-election in Florida, an evenly split state, by 19 points.

If Jeb's last name weren't Bush, he would be the obvious early favorite for 2008. But it is, and some experts believe it disqualifies him. So possibly, the public will not elect two brothers in a row. After all, it has never happened.

But modern American politics is strewn with the debris of such precedents. Before the Clintons, nobody dreamed that a former first lady could become a senator and viable presidential contender. Until Ronald Reagan, the idea of a Hollywood actor in the White House seemed absurd. In 1960, John Kennedy appointed his 35-year-old brother, Bobby, attorney general, and two years later, he leaned on Massachusetts Democrats to make a House seat. In 1980, he appointed unqualified 30-year-old Teddy a senator.

What Reagan, Kennedy and the Clintons shared was boldness and an understanding of how fragile the "rules" really are. By the time Jeb wins the nomination in the primaries — and it's hard to see him losing

with the backing of the Bush machine — the public will have gotten used to the idea. Can Jeb be elected president? That largely depends on his big brother. If, in 2008, the president is seen as successful and popular, a lot of Republicans will vote a Bush third term (just as many Democrats dreamed of another four years for Bill Clinton). The Constitution makes DUBYA ineligible for a repeat but it does not rule out a third consecutive Bush Administration. That's why it would be a mistake to view the next four years as a terminal presidency.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Hospital teams with CSI for efficient treatment

Recently, I spent several days in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after major surgery. I feel grateful and blessed for the wonderful treatment and care I received, but only for the wonderful doctor we have right here in Twin Falls but for the fine facility and nursing care available to all of us.

I was impressed, especially with the young nurses — not only their eagerness to learn but with their ready, friendly smile and the feeling you have that they really care about you. Their compassion is so obvious.

While visiting with them, I learned that almost all of them were enrolled (or had been) in the College of Southern Idaho's nursing program. I want to say, CSI, you are doing something very right to produce this caliber of loving, efficient nurses. I see this arrangement as a win-win situation.

Not only does the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center get the help it so desperately needs but the young nurses get invaluable hands-on training which greatly accelerates their progress in becoming talented nurses. But perhaps the biggest winners are me and you. When we need quality medical attention, it is available!

From my perspective, I would say to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and CSI: Don't change a thing, just build upon the fine program you have going. I am sure I am not alone in my gratitude.

HAROLD HAKE
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(Editor's note: Harold Hake is a retired minister.)

Seasons' tidings go beyond the dollar

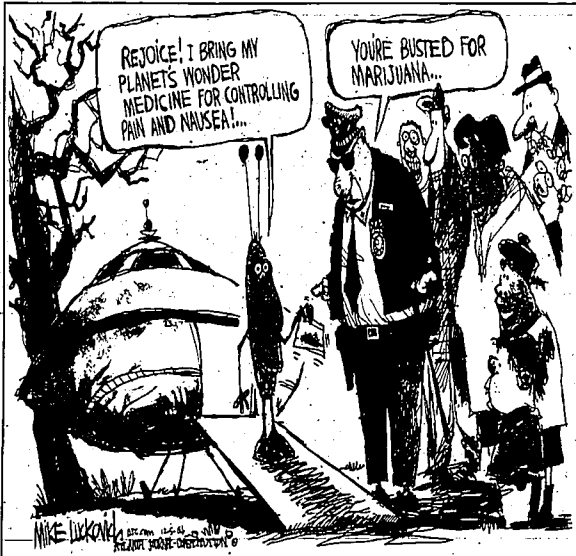
I want to take the time to write everyone out there who sealer to have forgotten that Christmas is all about. It's not about who can spend more at the stores for outrageous gifts for one day of the year. Not about expecting certain things under the tree or that, "I better get this or I'll be mad." It's about opening your heart and feeling the peace within. Peace on earth and good will toward mankind.

It's about loving and understanding. Living and caring — "The Golden Rule" that our grandmothers taught us that was past on down through the generations. Have we all forgotten?

I am not going to bring God into this, because we all believe in our own way. I do think though most of us have forgotten about the good in people and never forget the bad. What ever happened to "The Golden Rule" in life? Treat others as you would want to be treated. Did it go out the door with the real meaning of Christmas? Being replaced by name brand items that takes until next year to pay off. All the people out there with children around you — it is a great sight to see their eyes light up when they get the present they had hoped to get from Santa. But it's not all about that. It's how you feel inside when you see those little eyes light up that makes you feel the warmth inside you.

That warmth inside you should always be there no matter what day of the year it is. People run out to fight the crowds, the overcrowded parking conditions, push and shove to get a gift for a loved one for one day of the year. If people would exert themselves that hard to remember "The Golden Rule," can you imagine the bond America would have?

The point I am trying to make is next time you do anything that might impact a person the wrong way, stop and think. Have a deeply felt understanding of human nature which goes beyond words or intellect. Put yourself in that person's place and see if that is how you would want to be treated before you act. Show a little compassion all year for



those around you and not just one month or when you just want to. That's what it is all about or have we forgotten how to live, love, die or treat mankind?

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Minority vote came through in losing column

You have had two letters recently concerning the Electoral College, and I would like to join the debate.

The first letter claimed that minority voices from Idaho were not heard in the recent presidential election because all electoral votes from Idaho went to the candidate who won the popular vote. It was claimed that this procedure does not reflect the true distribution of votes in the state and that, therefore, Idaho's "minority" voice was not heard.

First point: To say the minority was not heard is to say that in every election the loser's voice is not heard because, by

definition, the loser is in the minority. The truth is that the loser's voice was heard loud and clear, and she lost. That is the point of a vote — to find out who gets more votes. I could be wrong, but this rationale sounds strangely like sour grapes from one who supported a loser who lost because his platform was not acceptable to the majority of voters. The response is then to blame the voting system instead of admitting that her candidate was not the choice of the people.

Second point: Being from Idaho, the writer should be happy with the Electoral College because her vote carries more weight than those from more populous states. This can be easily shown mathematically. In the 1988 presidential election, for example, a vote from Florida (a populous state) carried about one-third the weight of a vote from the seven least populous states. I found this calculation on the Internet in a very scholarly, unemotional and unbiased article on the

subject titled "Electoral College" by William C. Kimberling, deputy director, Federal Election Commission, Office of Election Administration. I recommend the article to anyone serious about understanding the history and rationale of the Electoral College.

I think a serious study of the whys and wherefores of the Electoral College would convince most of us that it is the best system devised by man so far, and that it has served this country well for more than 228 years. By the way, Mr. Kimberling points out that the logic that the Electoral College over-represents rural states could be applied to the U.S. Senate as well, and there have been few serious proposals to do away with the Senate.

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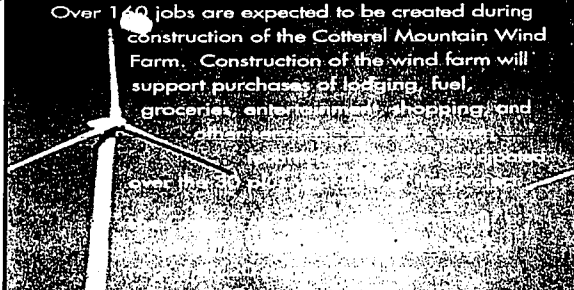
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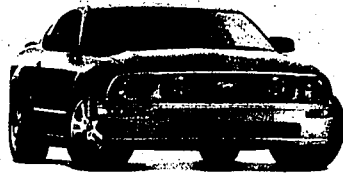
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I'm awake, but I'm not promising anything

I snore like a hive of bees on steroids. Big deal. So, probably, do you.

What you likely don't do is snore in public.

It happens to me all the time — in the waiting room at the doctor's office, in a densely packed airplane, with my arm around my beloved sitting in a movie theater. All it takes is a comfortable chair and a little background noise — in the case of the movies, that's usually Brad Pitt — and I'm asleep.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

My snoring is obnoxious enough that I've nodded off sitting next to some stranger in a public place and awoke to find that he or she has moved across the room. On a transcontinental flight one time, an attendant woke me up to complain that I was disturbing the other passengers.

Worst still: I fell asleep at my cousin's piano recital once — sitting in the front row. Try waking up from that and pretending nothing has happened.

I have a condition called sleep apnea which, for reasons related to age and excessive weight, confines the back of the victim's throat like the floors of a pipe organ in a Gothic cathedral.

That means not only that you're going to snore, but that you're going to broadcast it.

So I spend most of my sedentary hours these days trying to make myself stay awake. It's a skill that takes practice, believe me.

But I'm making progress. I watched Al Gore speak to the Commonwealth Club about trade policy for an hour on C-SPAN the other evening and only nodded off four times.

Yet I'm not letting myself go cocky, because I know the acid test will come at church.

There are exceptions, of course, but by and large when I get up and ordains the victims he makes them galactically dull.

Across the religious spectrum — Mormon, Catholic, Protestant, evangelical, Jewish, Pentecostal — the Almighty endows their sermons with a sring-song cadence that could put a hurricane to sleep. Maybe Moses didn't part the waters of the Red Sea after all; maybe they just dozed off on their own.

Pastor Dean at the Baptist Church at Pocatello was the worst. He was from Arkansas, and much enamored of the vocal techniques of far more skilled religious orators, like Billy Graham.

Graham long ago mastered the art of sermonizing without being didactic — meaning that you get the point of what he has to say without quite realizing that you've been preached to.

He's honed the thundering prophet thing that Jeremiah had going, and yet never seems holier than thou. This melodic style has its roots in the African-American preaching that Graham and other white evangelists like Billy Sunday heard when they were growing up in the South.

Pastor Dean grew up in the South, too, but he was obviously listening to the Grand Ole Opry. His sermons were so predictable that you always knew precisely when it was time for the deacons would drift off.

His favorite phrase was, "The

Please see CRUMP, Page B4

Group brings fountain back to life

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

ALBION — Built with stones salvaged from the town's original jailhouse, the fountain in Albion's city park has undergone more than four years of restoration and should be finished in time for Christmas.

The fountain was constructed in 1919 to mark the site of the former jailhouse that once held Jack Davis, better known as Diamondfield Jack. Davis was jailed for killing two sheepherders but was later pardoned.

Given Montgomery's driving force behind restoring the fountain, said the project began in June 2000. At the time the fountain was being used as a playground and slated to be demolished.

Volunteers worked to restore the fountain under a tight deadline as residents wanted to have it running for the town's Fourth of July celebration less than a month away. Montgomery, members of the Four Leaf Clover Club and some 65 volunteers young and old were able to get it done.

Historical coincidence?

Albion's city park fountain was built with stone salvaged from the town's former jailhouse. The jail once held Jack Davis, better known as Diamondfield Jack, who was convicted of murdering two sheepherders in the Shoshone basin.

During the initial restoration the focus was getting the fountain running again and the center portion containing the plumbing was replaced with modern paving bricks.

The final phase of the project has returned the center portion to the original type of stone used for the outer structure.

In addition to the cosmetic improvement, the original stone has been repaired and all new plumbing was installed.

Lights will be added and should provide enough heat to allow the fountain to operate year-round.

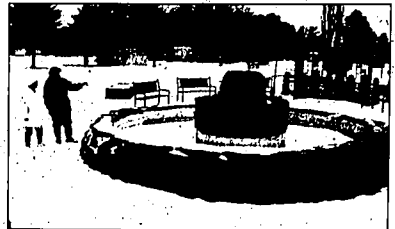
Aside from being the center-

piece of the city park, the fountain is at the center of much of the town's history and is surrounded by some interesting folklore.

"They had such a problem keeping kids from playing in the fountain they put broken glass in it to keep them out," said Lorna Calouette, president of Albion's Four Leaf Clover Club.

"Calouette also said she remembers hearing that there were ghosts in the fountain and that children were afraid to go near it."

"The fountain will eventually be joined by a memorial wall, veterans memorial and plaques offering the history of the four



Lorna Calouette, president of Albion's Four Leaf Clover Club, and Owen Montgomery discuss the final phase of returning the town park's fountain to its original condition.

Leaf Clover Club and the pioneer heritage of the Albion Valley. Handicapped-accessible sidewalks also have been installed leading to the fountain.

Montgomery said the restoration would not have been possible without a \$15,000 U.S. Forest Service grant and a more recent \$25,000 grant from the ALSAM Foundation, established by Leonard Skaggs. In addition to the grants, nearly \$16,000 was donated by local businesses and individuals.

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AUCTION ACTION



Luke Schroeder, right, principal of St. Edward's Catholic School, and his father-in-law Carl Skabronski share a laugh during the 'Make Me A Millionaire' auction at the College of Southern Idaho Saturday. The white box to the right of Schroeder contained \$460 million 'millionaire bucks' that members of the school and church collected.

'Millionaire' promotion turns into a fund-raiser for charity

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Karen McCarthy could not believe her luck on Saturday when simply out of the goodness of their hearts people began giving her money.

"It was just overwhelming," McCarthy said. "They just gave us all of their extra bucks."

But to clarify — those "bucks" were actually fake bucks that were part of a *Times-News* promotion. The bucks were used to bid on items donated by merchants and other entities from around Magic Valley.

The promotion, which began in September at the Twin Falls County Fair, included weekly auctions. The last was held on Saturday. The program was based on players cutting out coupons, or "millionaire bucks," which were used to bid on the donations. In its third year, it has become a popular fund-raiser for many local churches.

McCarthy, who was involved in one of those fund-raisers, said she walked into the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium where the final auction was held with about \$800 million dollars worth of coupons. After people learned she was there to bid on a scholarship for young women participating in a beauty pageant sponsored by a local Hispanic ministry, she had \$1.5 billion to use for bidding.

"The word spread, and pretty soon people were just walking up and giving us their coupons," McCarthy said.

She spent \$750 million bucks for a \$1,800 College of Southern Idaho scholarship



Tim Dodd and Karen McCarthy work on a thank you list of contributors from local churches who helped them raise \$775 million dollars for a College of Southern Idaho scholarship.

sponsored by CSI. It was far my commitment to bid on the highest bid for any of the donations available for bidding on Saturday. The most expensive item up for bid was a \$5,000 boat that Jerome residents Charlene Hoyce and Randy Johnson paid for with \$320 million in coupons.

When McCarthy saw how little the boat was going for, she considered for moment spending her bucks on it. She thought it could be auctioned off later at one of the churches in order to gamble collecting more than \$1,800 — which was the amount of the scholarship, she said.

"I almost panicked," McCarthy said. "But I didn't do it, because I had so many churches and so many people involved that I had to stay with

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CSI clarifies its tuition policies

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Citing confusion among students and the scramble associated with the first weeks of classes, the College of Southern Idaho has adopted a new tuition payment and refund policy.

Until now, CSI has expected tuition payments by the second day of classes, after which late fees began to apply. After that, students could apply for various percentages of tuition refunds depending on whether they withdrew from classes the first or second week of the semester.

The new policy simplifies the old procedure.

"This new policy gives students and our staff two weeks to take care of registration needs and all the modifications that go with getting schedules lined up," said Mike Mason, vice president of finance. "The third week is when we will assess late fees and work on tuition loan agreements for students who need them. It should be a lot less hectic this way."

Spring 2005 semester classes will begin Tuesday, Jan. 18, following observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tuition and fees can be paid any time

through Feb. 4.

Students who need to make arrangements to spread out their tuition payments can set up tuition loan agreements between Jan. 31 and Feb. 4. A \$50 late fee must be paid at the time the loan agreement is signed. After that, a third of the original balance must be paid by March 4. Another third must be paid by April 1. The remainder of the loan must be paid by May 6. If a student fails to make a scheduled payment on time or doesn't have a loan agreement filed by Feb. 4, he or she will be dropped without notice.

Students who withdraw from their classes by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, can have full refunds. After that time, no refunds will be given for courses that have already started.

Mason said CSI's is the most liberal policy of its kind in the state — much more lenient than at any of the four-year schools. It is hoped that the policy will also foster better communication with students who decide at the last minute to go elsewhere or not to take the classes for which they have registered.

Many factors play into why students have difficulty with tuition. Please see TUITION, Page B4

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Salmon	59%	13%
Big Wood	50%	11%
Little Wood	52%	11%
Blue Lost	81%	20%
Little Lost	81%	20%
Henry's Fork/Teton	77%	18%
Upper Snake Basin	71%	17%
Osley	62%	12%
Salmon Falls	60%	17%

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. The indicated snowpack percentage is the ratio of this year's snowpack to the 30-year average.

Serving their country

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. The information is supplied by their families.



Robert O. Woody
Age: 35
Hometown: Twin Falls
Local Family: Wife, Meli Woody; daughters, Baylee and Bayleigh Woody; stepdaughter, Jenna Stombaugh; stepson, Tyler Green; parents, Raymond and Barbara Woody.

Service: date of enlistment National Guard, July 31, 1999.

Rank, Assignment: E-4, specialist medic.

Task: Medical support.

Additional information: Deployed the day after Thanksgiving for one-year tour with the 116th Cavalry Brigade of Twin Falls.



Alan McCracken
Age: 39
Hometown: Twin Falls
Local Family: Thomsen, Lee and Pauline McCracken.

Service: date of enlistment Air Force.

Rank, Assignment: Captain, commander of security forces.

Task: Leads 42 men in security base.

Additional information: Recently received a master's degree in public administration with emphasis in national security; currently pursuing doctorate.

To send a message to those serving in the military, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Military Messages." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Iraq and Afghanistan, please call Times-News clerk Jani Whited at 735-3278 or e-mail jwhited@magicvalley.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

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Venice D'On Young Bird - Twin Falls

Venice D'On-Young Bird, beloved mother, sister, grandmother and dear friend, passed away Saturday, Dec. 1, 2004, in Boise, Idaho, in the loving arms of 12 children. She was loving with her daughter and son-in-law at the time of her death.

D'On was born April 2, 1919, in Vernal, Utah, to Ellie Lyon Young and Edward Jones Young Jr. As a little girl, D'On was a gifted dancer and even amazed audiences with her talent well into her golden years.

Many people in Twin Falls became acquainted with D'On at Key Building and Lighting Center, where she helped them build, decorate and light their homes.

Her passion for gardening was the talk of neighbors who enjoyed her colorful manicured yard.

D'On's fascination with nature led her to the outdoors of southeastern Idaho, where



she and her friends tracked and photographed eagles, hawks and owls. As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, D'On served in the Primary and Sunday School and was a passionate genealogist. Her greatest legacy was her unconditional love for every member of her family.

D'On is survived by two

daughters, Sharon (John) Schwartz of Sumner, Wash., and Marsha (Dale) Wocicki of Meridian, Idaho; three sons, James Howe of Graham, Wash., Brian (Marilyn) Howe of Issaquah, Wash., and Ron (Janne) Bird of Sandy, Utah; one sister, Kalma (Elton) Kendrick of Twin Falls; one brother, Gordon (Fishie) Young of Buhi; 17 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and three brothers.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Marguerite Richcreek Wallace - Twin Falls

Marguerite Richcreek Wallace, 97, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and formerly of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Tucson, Ariz., passed away Nov. 24, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates.

Marguerite was born Feb. 25, 1907, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Daisy (Gettling) and Seth Richcreek. She attended school in Kentland, Ind. She married Harold Raymond Wallace, April 15, 1933, in Chicago, Ill. Marguerite worked as a bookkeeper and in the retail business for many years before retiring to Twin Falls in 1975.

Marguerite moved to Twin Falls in 1991 to be near family. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan (Dick) Bur-



well of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mary Lynn (Ron) Worrell of Corvallis, Ore.; four grandchildren, Bob (Janmie) Burwell of San Diego, Calif., Tom (Sammie), Burwell of Twin Falls, Idaho, Amy (Bryon)

Kneller of Seattle, Wash., and Becky Worrell of Bothell, Wash., and great-granddaughters, Chloe, Emma and Lili Burwell of Twin Falls, Idaho. She is also survived by a sister, Eloise Smith of Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers and one sister.

Marguerite's request was to be cremated and to have a memorial service at a later date. Cremation and services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Ron Miciak, Darlene Begdan and the staff of Bridgeview Estates for their care of Marguerite.

Thomas Steven Patterson - Burley

Thomas Steven Patterson, a 56-year-old resident of Raymond, Mo., and formerly of Burley, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at his home in Raymond.

He was born in St. Louis, Mo., to Louis and Mildred Patterson on Jan. 9, 1948. His early childhood was spent in Easton, Mo. The family eventually moved to Blackfoot, Idaho, where Tom graduated from Blackfoot High School. After graduation, he attended Idaho State University in 1966. Tom began a career as a golf professional at Hillsboro Municipal Golf Course in Hillsboro, Ore., then as assistant pro at the Burley Municipal Golf Course, and eventually becoming the head



professional at Weiser Country Club Golf Course in Weiser, Idaho. In recent years, he worked in the roofing industry, traveling around the world

working in such places as the Marshall Islands, Australia and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Tom enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and of course his love of golf.

Tom is survived by his wife, Carol of Raymond, Mo.; two sons, Steven of Nashville, Tenn., and James of Mountain Home, Idaho; his parents, Louis and Mildred Patterson of Burley; two brothers, Patric of Logan, Utah, and Wes of Burley; and one sister, Carole of Salt Lake City, Utah.

We will miss him!

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

F. Kenneth Drury - Twin Falls

F. Kenneth "Kenney" Drury, 92, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Dec. 3, 2004, in his loving family by his side.

In memory of "Kenney" Drury, his family offers this brief snapshot of a long and fulfilling life.

Kenney was born Aug. 31, 1912, in Twin Falls, the son of Frank and Anna E. Drury. Kenney's life started out like many others in the early 1900s and included attendance at Idaho State University that was shortened by the depression, which led to service in the CCCs, where he was assigned as a cook fighting fires in Central Idaho. Then onto truck driving (anyone remember Ida-Cali) and after that as a tire man where he learned the special skills of recapping tires (Recap Tire Co. on Second). During this time, he met and married the "love of his life," Bernice Merrill, and this union lasted for 64 years. They proudly added Kathryn, Roselle and Kenneth to the world.

In the 50s, he started a sideline of uranium mining - a quarter sack (or more) of uranium sunk in the ground and a lot of hope. This "panned" out by leading him into a love of rock hounding that lasted for the rest of his life. Because of changing technology in the



tire business, he left it and went to work for the school district. This time was a very rewarding part of his life as it involved him participating in a pilot program to help kids that just didn't feel they belonged in school and were labeled "problem" kids. Many of those kids are doing quite well in life now. Something that really "busted his buttons" was when he retired after serving the school district from 1960 to 1975 and the "students!" presented him with a plaque thanking him for his great service to them. Throughout his years, Kenney took great joy in helping the children in his life experience the wonders of nature. This led to many enjoyable

times camping, hunting and fishing for everyone (all the kids loved his ultra-modified Cushman mountain scooter). Dad will always be loved and remembered for those things.

Thank you for what you gave us in life, a Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandfather and Friend. You'll always be with us in nature.

Surviving Kenney is his loving wife, Bernice; his son, Kenneth L. (Pam) Drury of Kimberly, Idaho; daughter, Kathryn R. Garrison of Brazzi, Ind.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. His parents; two brothers, Irving and Charles Drury; one sister, Betty Calhoun; and one daughter, Roselle, preceded him in death.

The funeral for Kenney will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road with Pastor Jim Sommer officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at the funeral home. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

OBITUARIES



Damon W. Lawson - Rupert

Damon W. Lawson, 66-year-old resident of Rupert, passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at his home.

He was born July 23, 1918, in Frankley, Mo., the son of Luther and Dora Fairchild Lawson. Damon was the oldest of 13 children and spent his childhood in the Frankley / Leadwood, Mo., area. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941, and served during World War II. He married Pauline "Bobbie" Burns on June 23, 1944, in Elko, Nev. Damon worked in the mines in Missouri and Nevada; the shipyards in Portland, Ore., and owned and operated a service station in the Boise area prior to moving to Rupert in 1953, where he enjoyed farming for 40 years before retiring.

Damon loved music and being outdoors. He especially enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, and riding his horse. He also liked woodworking and going to jacks-pot. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were always entertained by his many stories. Damon never met a stranger and always had time to visit with people from all walks of life. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone needing help. He had a special fondness for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed their company. Damon will be greatly missed by all.

Damon was a member of the, Rupert First Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Polly, of 60 years; four daughters, Susan (Cecil) Dickson, Linda Ball and Mary (Roy) Sneddon, all of Rupert, and Debra (Steve) Beem of Eden; 12 grandchildren, Deanna (Todd) Merrell, Michelle (James) Prost, Kimberly (Troy) Ward, Mary (Roy) Sneddon, all of Ball, Shauna (Rod) Gaddfield, Kristi (Jeff) Halford, Randy (Jacoby) Sneddon, Justin (Billie Jo) Sneddon, Mike Beem, Derek (Whitney) Beem and Kyla Beem. Damon is also survived by 23 great-grandchildren, who fondly called him "Poppa D." and by two brothers and six sisters; a son-in-law, Jim Ball, one brother-in-law, two sisters, and a brother-in-law.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. Officiating will be the Rev. Kevin Anderson. Love is the only thing that we can carry with us when we go, and it makes the end so easy. Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to Make a Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, or to a charity of choice, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Sarah Almeda Lee Watkins - Twin Falls

Sarah Almeda Lee Watkins, age 91, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died on Dec. 3, 2004, at the Birchwood Assisted Living Center.

Sarah was born on Nov. 9, 1913, in Walnut Grove, Ark., and was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Ark., and was survived by her daughter, Helen (John) Dejesus; two granddaughters, Colleen (Ron) Boveri and Sandra (Brent) Jussek; four great-grandchildren, Justin and Sarah, Robert of Oakley, Calif., and Adam and Kevin Kussel of Twin Falls, Idaho; and her sister, Evalita Tobie of Siloam Springs, Ark.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Farmington, Ark. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

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

Ester Christensen of Filer, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Filer LDS Stake Center, 841 W. Midway (Lindquist Mortuary).

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Edward Livingston - Twin Falls

Thomas Edward Livingston, 48, of Twin Falls, died Dec. 2, 2004, at a local hospital.



Tom was born Dec. 8, 1955, in Long Beach, Calif. He was well loved by his family and all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, April; two sons, Justin and Edward; one daughter, Fallon; one granddaughter, Debra; one grandson, Jeff; his parents, John and Maggie Livingston; two brothers, Bart and Greg; two sisters, Debra and Linda; four stepchildren; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Selina 'Sally' Marie Klass - Hailey

Selina "Sally" Marie Klass, in loving memory died early Wednesday morning before the dawn Nov. 24, 2004, in Hailey, Idaho, where she felt great comfort at her daughter's home.



She was born Jan. 29, 1915, in Gorham, N.H., of parents Elizabeth Bredeau and William Mallet of Quebec, Canada.

She was the last survivor of her nine siblings. Her two daughters, Kay Webster and Janet Ross-Lochner survive her.

A kind, gentle and loving mother and friend will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Parke's Magic Valley

Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. A reception will follow.

Christmas tree ritual can help nature

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — During their annual trek into the Cibola National Forest to find a Christmas tree a few years back, DoupeBoykin's two young sons asked him a question.

"They asked me if I felt bad that I was cutting down a wild tree," Boykin said.



Despina, left, and Anthony Richardson, along with Peggy and Randy Richards, right, head back to the truck with their freshly cut trees for Christmas taken from the Cibola National Forest on Mount Taylor, Dec. 10, 2002.

For the state district forester, it was a chance to teach a lesson in wildland resource management.

"I said, 'Not at all. I'm cutting a tree where it's not supposed to be,'" Boykin recalled.

The Boykins are among families who set out each year across the West to find their own Christmas tree under the U.S. Forest Service Christmas tree permit program.

The lesson for the Boykin boys, their father said, is that the family tradition can also have a side benefit for forest health if permit holders make the right decisions about which trees they cut.

"Take pinions, for instance. They're preferred among some New Mexicans because they hold their needles longer than other trees and the branches stay firm longer," he said.

"Christmas tree cutting up there is one more benefit that adds to thinning," he said.

In Montana's Lewis and Clark National Forest, Douglas firs are growing on hillsides at lower to middle elevations where ponderosa pines were once dominant, spokesman Brian Rafferty said.

Those Douglas firs can create pathways for fires. So people in the hunt for a holiday tree can help by choosing those firs, which are a popular holiday pick, he said. The forest has a Christmas tree height limit of 12 feet.

Pinons, along with junipers, have moved down from higher elevations in some areas and are invading meadow grasslands. So people can lend Mother Nature a helping hand by hauling these trees home for Christmas, eliminating both habitat competition and pathways for forest fires, Boykin said.

"The secret is when people are looking for pinions, look for them where they're not native," he said.

In fact, Cibola's timber program manager, Tom Marks, says meadows in New Mexico and Arizona are slowly being squeezed by encroaching trees so Christmas tree cutting in those areas can help restore grassland ecosystems.

"When it comes to thinning forests in one district of the Cibola project, Christmas tree cutters toward a certain canyon to help reduce the number of smaller trees there, he said.

Concentrated areas of the smaller trees create so-called ladder fuels, which act as pathways for fire to climb into the tops of larger trees and create catastrophic wildfires, he said.

Wildland fires over the past several summers have helped burn up dangerous fuel in the Gila. But even within the fire's boundaries, there is a need for more thinning, Partido said.

"Fire burns in such a mosaic pattern that not all the trees were wiped out, and there's still areas that could stand to be thinned to reduce the competition," he said.

However, foresters emphasize

enough to make the program a boon for wildland resource management.

"It's kind of a hunt-and-peck method — a little here, a little there," Boykin said.

Gila officials are offering free permits for pinions, which are abundant in the forest. Otherwise, with a \$5 permit, people can cut any type of tree up to 10 feet high in designated areas.

Permits are on sale in most New Mexico forests through Dec. 24. Prices range from \$5 to \$15 depending on the forest.

Universal guidelines include prohibitions against cutting in wilderness areas, recreation campgrounds and picnic areas, or close to rivers, streams or paved roads.

Foresters also encourage people to pick up their litter and remove trimmings from roadways.

DEATH NOTICES

Charlotte Kaye Thomas Hines

Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Clifford Henry Mason

TWIN FALLS — Clifford Henry Mason, 69, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Marjorie Lee

TWIN FALLS — Marjorie Lee Moreland, 83, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Carrol Lee Dowd

BOISE — Carrol Lee Dowd, 65, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Neil C. Weir

TWIN FALLS — Neil C. Weir, 84, of Hagenman, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Magic

Judge places ads for a new church leadership

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge has ordered public notices placed in newspapers near polygamist strongholds in two counties, trying to compel a recusant church leader accused of sexually abusing his nephew to respond to the lawsuit.

The ads target Warren Jeffs, leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Third District Judge Stephen Henrod ordered the notices published in The Spectrum of St. George, Utah; the Eldorado Success in Eldorado, Texas; the Cortez Journal in Cortez, Colo.; and the Creston Valley Advance in Bountiful, British Columbia.

In a July 29 lawsuit, 21-year-old Brent Jeffs accuses his three uncles — Warren, Blaine and Leslie Jeffs — of sexually assaulting him years ago when he was a child. Brent Jeffs claims the three told him the actions were a way to make him a man.

The suit also names the FLDS church as a defendant. The church's attorney, Rodney Parker, said Saturday he still has about 20 days to respond to the lawsuit on behalf of the church.

However, the Salt Lake City attorney said he does not represent Jeffs in this lawsuit, and does not know if the church leader has another attorney.

Jeffs is considered a prophet by his 12,000 followers.

Most of the FLDS church members, most of whom practice one of the church's central

tenets of polygamy, live in the twin cities of Colorado City, Ariz., and Hildale, Utah.

Warren Jeffs' whereabouts are unknown to most outside his closed community, whose members are told not to speak to reporters.

His compound in Hildale is surrounded by a 10-foot wall.

Other FLDS communities are in Creston, British Columbia; Eldorado, Texas; and most recently in Hance, Colo.

In the notices, Henrod wrote that Jeffs' whereabouts could not be determined and that there is "good cause to believe that (Jeffs) is avoiding service of process."

Once the plaintiffs have supplied proof the summons has been published, Jeffs has 20 days to respond to the lawsuit, according to the order.

Brent Jeffs' lawsuit claims the sexual abuse occurred in the 1980s at Alta Academy, the church's now-closed private school in Salt Lake City, when the boy was 5 and 6 years old.

He is seeking unspecified damages from his uncles and the church, claiming its leaders knew of the "nervosity and sexually predatory acts," but did nothing to stop them.

Brent Jeffs also is asking for reimbursement of all money he and his parents paid into church trusts and an order stopping the church leaders from disposing of any assets.

Parker has denied the allegations on behalf of the church.

Lost explosives lead to a plane search in L.A.

PARIS (AP) — Police at Paris' top airport lost track of a passenger's bag in which plastic explosives were placed to train bomb-sniffing dogs, police said Saturday. Warned that the bag may have gotten on any of nearly 90 flights from Charles de Gaulle, authorities searched planes upon arrival in Los Angeles and New York.

French police said the explosives were in a mess and there was no chance of their going off, since no detonators were connected to them.

More than 300 passengers were evacuated and their luggage searched when their Air France flight from Charles de Gaulle arrived in Los Angeles late Friday the U.S. Transportation Security Administration said.

Two Air France and one American Airlines flights to Paris were also searched in New York City, TSA spokesman Norm Brewer said. No explosives were found on any of the flights.

French police at Charles de Gaulle deliberately placed up to five ounces of plastic explosives

into a passenger's luggage Friday evening, police spokesman Pierre Bouquin said.

But a "momentary lack of surveillance" led to the bag being lost on a conveyor belt carrying luggage from check-in to planes, he said.

Authorities immediately alerted the relevant airlines that one of between 80 and 90 planes that left the French capital from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday could be carrying the explosives, Bouquin said.

Four of the flights were en route to the United States, where others were headed to places like Japan and Brazil, Bouquin said.

Some were domestic French flights. The flight searched in Los Angeles was delayed two to three hours before continuing on its next leg to Tahiti in the South Pacific.

"These dogs must be trained in the most realistic situation possible ... to be the most effective," Bouquin said.

"Indeed, it's possible that someone will have a surprise when he opens his bag,"

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State takes part in national contest

BOISE — Idaho is taking part in a contest to reward faith-based organizations that work effectively with social workers to help the needy. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced.

The contest is sponsored by FASTEN — the Faith and Service Technical Education Network — and the Points of Light Foundation. It's designed to recognize the work of churches and other faith-based groups, which provide \$20 billion of privately donated funds every year, officials said.

Faith-based, nonprofit groups or churches that address social problems and have an annual budget of less than \$5 million can enter the contest. The winners will get \$5,000 to support their programs.

"There is no one to recognize the incredible value that is brought to the table by faith-based organizations and congregations," Kempthorne said. "We want to promote their effective services. Government alone cannot solve the problems we deal with in our correctional facilities, treatment centers, homeless shelters and crisis centers — we need our faith-based and community partners."

Idaho in brief

Business incubator will be filled soon

ST. ANTHONY — A new business incubator is nearly completed, and city officials expect the building to be filled soon.

"We're very excited about our new building," said Bill Beck, St. Anthony's mayor. "The look of it has improved our downtown to such a level."

More than five years in the making, the building sparks with tinted glass and red brick. It won't be empty long, according to Beck and Ted Hendricks, an economic planner with the East Central Idaho Planning and Development Association in Idaho Falls.

People are already asking about space in the building, even though it's not yet finished, Hendricks said.

"And we haven't even started it yet," he said.

The National Business Incubator Association estimates about 600,000 jobs have been created thanks to business incubators built since 1980.

such incubators in the United States today, said Linda Knopp, the association's communications manager. Of those centers, 31 percent are in rural areas such as Fremont County.

"One of an incubator's goals is to produce successful firms that leave the program financially viable and freestanding," Knopp said.

Incubators work by providing entrepreneurs with low-cost rent and pooled services — from copiers to fax machines to Internet access — to assist in building their business, she said.

City will try to pass a wastewater bond

AMMON — City Council members are planning a \$15 million bond for wastewater services.

A vote is tentatively set for Feb. 1. If it passes, it will provide money for a line running to a wastewater treatment facility in Shelley.

Ammon has partnered with Shelley and Bonneville and Bingham counties in plans for a regional wastewater treatment facility.

But even if voters approve the project, it won't automatically become a reality.

City officials are also asking Idaho's congressional delegation for \$6 million in federal funds to help pay for the project.

Mayor Bruce Ard said aides for Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, have told him they can't guarantee the money.

But officials said, having the bond approved would likely boost the odds of getting money from Washington, D.C.

In the Nov. 2 election, Shelley voters passed a \$6 million bond that will provide the city with a wastewater treatment plant. The bond allows the city to forge ahead with plans for its facility regardless of what the Ammon and the counties decide.

With the regional concept, Ammon, along with Bingham and Bonneville counties, can run lines to the plant and upgrade it to handle extra capacity, Shelley Mayor Eric "Swede" Christensen said.

He said the plant will take two to three years to design and build.

—Compiled from wire reports.

Atheists ask state to end opening prayers

Education board must decide whether to keep using prayer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The group Utah Atheists is threatening legal action if the state Board of Education doesn't stop opening its meetings with prayers, or at the very least, offer everyone a chance to speak during that time.

"It suggests discrimination against atheists in the public schools," Chris Allen told the board Friday.

The state school board meetings start with "welcome and boardmanship development."

That typically includes a board member sharing a thought, then praying.

Allen objected to the prayers at last week's meeting and again Friday.

Board Chairman Kim Burningham said the board has sought a legal opinion and would discuss the matter after the newly elected board is sworn in next month.

He called the opening "reversion" a time to reflect, seek strength or express ideas on the tasks at hand as an individual sees fit.

He then stood and prayed, seeking strength and a blessing to "make the right decision" on other policy matters before the board.

Allen counters that such prayers always are "made to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ," the tradition of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The church is the most dominant religion in Utah, where 70 percent of the residents are at least nominally Mormon.

The opening prayers give the appearance, the public school system is tied to the church, he said.

"Just having a reverence suggests discrimination against atheists, and public schools shouldn't do that," Allen said.

However, the state board's opening remarks are reserved for board members only and

are not open to the public, making it a limited public forum, said the board's attorney, Carol Lear.

Prayer "is the spontaneous decision of the person who chooses to do it," Lear said. "There is no control of the content from the top (school bosses)."

But she said the state board likely will clarify its practice in the rules.

Lear also will talk to Utah school superintendents about opening board meetings, from neutrally stating the opening in the agenda — "opening remarks" or "welcome" — to designating who will get the opportunity.

Allen said he will monitor the situation. Utah Atheists wrote the school board in April asking for the change.

That followed similar letters the group started sending in December 2003 to more than 150 towns across the state reminding city governments to comply with two state Supreme Court decisions and asking for the opportunity to present opening remarks.

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DOE gets another chance on site waste

IDAHIO FALLS (AP) — The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is giving the Department of Energy another chance to argue against removing all transuranic nuclear waste from Idaho.

The three-judge panel ruled Friday that U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge should have heard evidence from both the state and the energy department before deciding in favor of the state.

The ruling stands, it requires Lodge to redecide the

case after hearing the evidence. The energy department claims that its 1995 settlement agreement with the state requires it to remove only transuranic waste stored above ground in barrels. Transuranic waste is highly radioactive and can take thousands of years to decay to safe levels.

But state leaders — backed up by Lodge's previous ruling — claim that the energy department must remove all of the transuranic waste from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory site by 2018. All means all, said Bob Cooper, spokesman for Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

The Idaho Attorney General's Office is disappointed in the ruling, Cooper said, and staff members are evaluating the state's options. The state could request that a full-judge panel of the federal appellate court reconsider the three judges' decision, or decide to simply go ahead with a hearing of evidence, and new decision

from Lodge.

"We're confident that a review of the evidence ultimately will confirm that the agreement covers all the transuranic waste, including the waste buried in the INEEL landfill," Cooper said.

The Department of Energy would not discuss the decision or how it interprets it.

"We're pleased with the ruling, and we look forward to the reconsideration," Department of Energy-Idaho spokesman Brad Bugger said.

fish and game, said he's asked conservation officers to check out the reports.

"Lions normally take off on their own, but this is apparently at least the second time it was seen," he said.

"If we get an opportunity to make it skedaddle, we'll do that," Corsi said.

Corsi said the expected snowfall this week may make the cougar easier to track.

"Lions don't sit in the same spot every day," he said. "A fresh report is good."

Kelly hopes that it can be moved or chased out of the area.

"We don't necessarily want it killed," she said. "We just want it to move on."

Cougar could be living near golf course

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) — A mountain-lion may be living somewhere around the 15th hole of the Avondale Golf and Tennis Club.

"I saw him on the edge of the golf course," said Lisa Kelly, who lives nearby. "I called Fish and Game, and they said it was probably just passing through."

But the sightings have contin-

ued, Kelly said.

"The theory is, it's probably a young one that decided to stay because it has great access to meadows, deer, and kitty cats," Kelly said.

At least three neighborhood cats have gone missing recently, she said.

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Alabama, California share marijuana stance

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama, which has one of the nation's toughest drug laws, has become an unlikely ally of California on medical marijuana use.

In a legal brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court, which heard arguments Monday on California's medical marijuana law, Alabama Attorney General Troy King said states that the federal government should have the right to decide drug-control policies.

"I could not disagree more with the public policy that underlies the California law. I think it's flawed. I think it's had public policy. King said in an interview. "But if somebody can go in and tell California you can't regulate the way you want to regulate them in California, the next step is they could come to Alabama and tell us we can't do it."

Alabama is tough on marijuana use. Between 1995 and 2002, the state averaged nearly 9,500 arrests per year for marijuana possession, according to the Alabama Department of Justice. In 1973, when medical marijuana in the state can end up serving as much as life in prison.

But the state's attorney general's office has become a defender of states' rights when pertinent cases go before the Supreme Court. Alabama raised similar states' rights issues in October when the Supreme Court heard arguments on whether states should be able to execute killers who are 16 and 17

years old.

King's brief in support of California was also signed by the attorneys general of Louisiana and Mississippi — two states also known for tough drug laws.

The issue before the Supreme Court is whether a California law that allows citizens to grow and possess marijuana for medical reasons should be struck down. The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the law last year, but the Bush administration appealed.

The administration has argued that allowing medical marijuana in California would undermine federal drug control programs, and that marijuana grown for medical use could end up on the illegal market and cross state lines.

King disagrees. His brief said the medical marijuana is grown and consumed within California, and "is not economic or commercial in any meaningful sense."

If things had gone differently 25 years ago, Alabama might have had the medical marijuana case before the Supreme Court rather than California.

In 1979, when medical marijuana was first being discussed nationally, the Alabama Legislature passed a law allowing a marijuana research program for chemotherapy and glaucoma patients to be supervised by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

Even though the experimental program did not prove, the state legislature has never repealed the law allowing it.

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Tight university budget makes for tough times

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho is blocking off some outdoor stairs because it doesn't have enough money to shovel snow from them.

Jill Anderson, who works at the University of Idaho's Women's Center, said she was surprised to find chains blocking several staircases this week.

"Some areas just shouldn't be cut back," Anderson said.

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Bryan Johnson, who oversees exterior building maintenance on campus, said his staff has been reduced by 20 people over the past few years.

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Auction

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Howard Ronk, led the coupon-counting effort this year.

A retired veterinarian, Howard Ronk spent the past few months collecting, cutting and counting coupons. Nelda Ronk said.

"A pretty well took over our family room," she said. "We had boxes and boxes and boxes of them everywhere."

The Catholics got involved in Saturday's event, too.

Luke Schroeder, who is the principal of St. Edward's Catholic School in Twin Falls, was joined by his father-in-law, Carl Skabronski, in buying tools for the school with \$430 million worth of coupons.

It's the second year Schroeder bought tools for the school at The Times-News auction.

"We bought (this) last year, too," and then auctioned it off later at a fund-raiser for the school, Schroeder said.

"It's like a \$600 value. Last year, we sold it for more than it was worth."

He said the school might not sell the tools when the auction rolls around again on Jan. 29. The parent of a student is a construction worker whose

trailer was broken into recently, Schroeder said.

"Everything was cleared out," he said, adding that school officials might decide to give the tools to the parent.

Times-News writer Julie Pence can be reached at 735-3241 or e-mail at jpence@magicvalley.com.

Crump

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BIBLES says ... repeated so often that it was your cue to close your eyes.

One Sunday, some other kids from the junior high fellowship and I had an idea. We had a Moompie book each other one of which we could outlast Pastor Dean. Almost made it, too.

But in those days, his sermon was broadcast on a local radio station, so there was always a pause of a couple of minutes between the sermon and the offering.

He said the college hopes the new policy will help mitigate some of those difficulties while still making the situation fair for students and CSI.

Students who have questions are encouraged to call the business office at 732-6214.

And I'm really tired this morning.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor. Write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

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Private landowners close off popular Utah hiking trail

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Doughnut Falls in Big Cottonwood Canyon, one of the area's most popular hiking trails because it has a unique natural formation created by a stream cutting a hole through rock, is now off limits.

The land is private property and officials from Sierra Partners in Honolulu, Hawaii, recently barred the public.

"They posted 'no trespassing' signs just before it snowed," said Carol Mjeske, recreation staff officer for the Salt Lake District of the U.S. Forest Service. "It is a common misconception that it is public land, but it isn't. They are well within their rights to do this whether people agree or not. We need to educate people to that point."

Mjeske said her agency keeps no record of the number of hikers who visited the popular falls, but it is among the most visited places in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest because it is a relatively flat hike compared with the steep trails in the rest of the forest.

"It is such a rewarding hike. The young and old can make it, it doesn't take long and there is something really neat at the end," said Lisa Smith, executive director of Save Our Canyons.

Smith said she was not surprised to hear the owners had posted the property. A hiker, 22-year-old Seth Buhr, died at the falls in spring 2003 when he was crushed by a boulder.

"Any time private property owners have a death on their property, they will eventually seek methods to protect their liability," Smith said.

Salt Lake District Ranger Loren Kroenke said Sierra Partners informed the Forest Service of its decision to close the Doughnut Falls Trail this fall, and the agency could do nothing about it.

"We have done some research and we could find no easements or right-of-ways for access through the property," said Kroenke.

Attempts to contact the company were not successful. They are not listed, and did not im-

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mediately respond to an e-mail request for comment sent by The Associated Press.

The company sent e-mails this week to Web sites that contain references to the trail, noting that it is now off limits.

"I thought it might be a joke so I e-mailed a copy to the Forest Service and found out it was fact," said Troy Webb of inahoutdooractivities.com. "It is

hard to believe. That is such a beautiful area. It is kind of sad."

Kroenke said the property at Doughnut Falls likely became private in the late 1800s or early 1900s as part of mining patent laws. Sierra Partners has owned the property for about five years.

Roughly 20 percent of Big Cottonwood Canyon and 19 percent of Little Cottonwood Canyon is private.

The Forest Service has made it clear to Sierra Partners that it is interested in purchasing or exchanging the land, but the landowners have not said what they intend to do with the property.

However, in the e-mail sent to Web sites, it indicated that the company is exploring development opportunities.

Smith said Save Our Canyons understands that the property owned by Sierra Partners does not include water rights and is therefore not zoned for development.

"It is probably going to end up being a land purchase and that would probably be better for everybody over the long run anyway," Smith said.

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 Friday: Doughnuts
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Grilled cheese
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Double cheeseburgers
 Thursday: Pork chops
 Friday: Beef and vegetable stew

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL
 Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: No breakfast
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Breakfast combo bar
 Thursday: Doughnuts
 Friday: Muffins
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served daily.
 Monday: Baked ham and cheese
 Tuesday: Enchiladas
 Wednesday: Baked potato
 Thursday: Chicken burgers
 Friday: Chili dog

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Sloppy Joe
 Tuesday: Pork chops
 Wednesday: Spaghetti
 Thursday: Turkey hot pie
 Friday: Barbecue pork on a bun

FILER SCHOOL
 Monday: Hot dogs
 Tuesday: Italian menu
 Wednesday: Sandwich wraps
 Thursday: Sausage breakfast
 Friday: Enchiladas

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Lunch Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Choice of milk every day.
 Monday: Mini corn dogs
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese wraps
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Spaghetti
 Friday: Build your own sandwich

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Burrito
 Tuesday: Lettucine
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Creamed chicken
 Friday: Chili

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Burrito
 Tuesday: Lettucine
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Creamed chicken
 Friday: Chili

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Monday: Fish sticks
 Tuesday: Stroganoff
 Wednesday: Chicken tenders
 Thursday: Macuitos
 Friday: Sub sandwich

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
 Choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich
 Tuesday: Popperoni hot pocket
 Wednesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
 Thursday: Finger steaks
 Friday: Papa John's pizza

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Beef stew
 Wednesday: Nachos
 Thursday: Chicken and pasta
 Friday: Tacos

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 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: French toast sticks
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Ham and cheese hot pocket
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich
 Tuesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
 Wednesday: Deli sandwich
 Thursday: Pork egg roll
 Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
 Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich
 Thursday: Bean and cheese burrito
 Friday: Chili salad

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: French toast sticks
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Ham and cheese hot pocket
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Hamburger deluxe
 Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
 Wednesday: Beef and bean burrito
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 Friday: Chicken nuggets

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 Monday: Malibu chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger
 Thursday: Chicken fried steak
 Friday: Papa John's pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Breakfast is served daily.
 Monday: Crisp burrito
 Tuesday: Beef stew
 Wednesday: Chicken burger
 Thursday: Spaghetti
 Friday: Chili

BLISS SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Burrito
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese pizza
 Wednesday: Stroganoff
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Taco

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
 Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
 Monday: Fajitas
 Tuesday: Sub sandwich

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
 Friday: Nuggets

GLENN'S FERRY
 Monday: Chef salad
 Tuesday: Hamburger
 Wednesday: Chili and crackers
 Thursday: Hot dog
 Friday: Baked ham

GOODING SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk served daily.
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 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Fingersteaks
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Enchiladas

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Breakfast cookie
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Sloppy Joe
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese
 Wednesday: Chicken sandwich
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Chili

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
 Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: English muffin
 Tuesday: Muffins
 Wednesday: French toast
 Thursday: Cinnamon toast
 Friday: Muffins
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Burritos
 Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese
 Wednesday: Tuna and noodles
 Thursday: Banana bread squares
 Friday: Turkey sandwich

JEROME SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken burger
 Tuesday: Pork patty
 Wednesday: Sub sandwich
 Thursday: Finger steaks
 Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
 Breakfast
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Cereal

Lunch
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Sloppy Joe
 Wednesday: Soft shell taco
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Bean burrito

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Country fried steak
 Tuesday: Tomato soup
 Wednesday: Chicken patty
 Thursday: Beef and noodles
 Friday: Hamburgers

WENDELL SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Hamburgers
 Tuesday: Soft taco
 Wednesday: Corn dog
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Sub sandwich

BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
 Monday: Churros
 Tuesday: Bagel with cream cheese
 Wednesday: Breakfast burrito
 Thursday: Breakfast pastry
 Friday: Breakfast omelette
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Pigs in a blanket
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Pizza or cheese square
 Thursday: Hamburger, cheseburger or burrito
 Friday: Chili or barbecue

CASSIA SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
 Wednesday: Crispy cereal bar
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Italian dunkers
 Tuesday: Macaroni

MINDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Choice of milk served daily.

Breakfast menu
 Monday: Muffin
 Tuesday: Yogurt
 Wednesday: Waffle sticks
 Thursday: Toaster tarts
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: French bread pepperoni pizza
 Tuesday: Sloppy legs
 Wednesday: Turkey noodle soup with half ham sandwich
 Thursday: Hamburger gravy with whipped potatoes
 Friday: Italian dunkers

MINDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Muffin or yogurt
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Churros or yogurt
 Thursday: Waffle sticks
 Friday: Breakfast biscuit
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Beef fajitas or chef salad
 Tuesday: Chili and crackers or burrito
 Wednesday: French bread pepperoni pizza
 Thursday: Hard shell taco or taco salad
 Friday: Nachos

and cheese
 Wednesday: Corn dogs
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Crispy burrito cookie
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WEST

Firefighter pleads guilty to photographing girl

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A California firefighter admitted to taking nude photos of an underage girl in a Layton motel.

Nolan D. Osborn, 56, of Lake Forest, Calif., pleaded guilty Thursday to felony sexual exploitation of a minor. He had originally been charged with attempted forcible sexual abuse and two counts of lewdness, said Davis County Deputy Attorney Rick Westmoreland.

A sentencing hearing is set for

Jan. 20, when Osborn could be sentenced to serve up to five years in the Utah State Prison. Osborn will be registered on the state's sex offender list, Westmoreland said.

According to police documents, he listed the Orange County Fire Department as his employer and his rank as engineer.

"The case is under investigation under our level, and we will cooperate with the Davis County

authorities," Orange County Fire Battalion Chief Ed Fleming said.

Fleming could not say how long Osborn has been employed with the department.

Layton City Assistant Police Chief Craig R. Gibson said police were contacted by the Division of Child and Family Services concerning two girls who said Osborn took photos of them last summer at a motel. Osborn was arrested June 24.

Also charged in the case is Natalie W. Taylor, 43, of Pleasant View, who is charged with two misdemeanor counts of lewdness.

Her next hearing is set for Feb. 3 and a jury trial is set for Feb. 16, said Kris Neal, Layton city prosecutor.

She has been employed with the Davis school district as a bus assistant, said school spokesman Christopher Williams.



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Jerome County Sheriff, Jim Weaver

Tabernacle Choir cancels overseas trips for security

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon Tabernacle Choir's planned tour abroad next summer has been canceled because of security concerns, and instead the choir will tour northern California and the Pacific Northwest.

The 360-voice choir initially was to have traveled on a ship throughout Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland.

However, Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, decided that would make the musicians too easy a target for anyone with a grudge against the United States.

The tour was then changed to England, Scotland and Wales, with a two-day stopover in Paris.

That, too, was deemed too dangerous, choir members were told, so now they will be on tour in northern California and the Pacific Northwest with stops in Boise, Spokane and Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento, Calif.; and Reno, Nev.

The church has an extensive security network that constantly monitors the global situation, especially as it may affect the 60,000 Mormon missionaries serving in more than 150 countries.

If choir members were disappointed with the change, they didn't mention it.

"No matter where you go," said tenor Douglas Smith of Salt Lake City, "traveling with the choir is still a treat and a blessing."

Church spokesman Dale Bills declined comment.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' all-volunteer Tabernacle Choir has been touring outside of Utah since going to Chicago in 1893 for the Columbian Exposition.

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WEST

Utah principal mulls policy about gay couples

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) — A principal who wants gay couples to get permission slips from their parents before they can attend school dances promised to re-evaluate the policy after protesters held four days of protests across the street from Copper Hills High School.

Jason Atwood, 17, and his supporters won a small victory Friday when Principal Tom Wurton agreed to revisit the policy issued last month.

Wurton said he saw the policy as a way to alert the parents to the dangers their children might face.

"The kids themselves were expressing concern about harassment at the school dances, which is what generated my response," Wurton said. "That was not an attempt to get out of liability and not a response to deprive them from coming to the dance."

But Jason's father, Quorvaudis Atwood, feared it would ab-

rogate the school of responsibility if anything were to happen to his son.

"I'm not at the dance with Jason. How could I be responsible for my son?" he said. "As long as I'm paying taxes to support that school, my son deserves every bit of protection, education, whatever that school has to offer."

With posters bearing slogans such as "Stop Discrimination" and "Give Gays a Chance," Atwood and a small circle of

friends — including his boyfriend, Tom Tolman, 15, of Granger High in West Valley City — began their fourth day of protests Friday.

"I'm so proud of you," Tom's mother, Patricia Gilley, said after dropping him off.

"You can't help who you love."

The protesters said they were subjected to insults, obscene gestures, egg throwing and snowballs from passing cars during the four days.

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SPORTS

LETTER

CSI fans should tone down taunting

To the CSI Athletic Department: I have been attending CSI basketball games for more than 40 years and I have been proud of the team's accomplishments over the years...

However from time-to-time, I am ashamed of some of the fan behavior, particularly in view of the incident this past week at the "Detroit-Indiana" NBA game where fans and players...

Branquinho nearly breaks record in steer wrestling win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Luke Branquinho won the second round steer wrestling in the National Finals here on Saturday night in 31.1 seconds, just a tenth of a second off the Thomas & Mack Center record.

"If you break the barrier one night, you can't back off," said Branquinho, who entered the rodeo in first place in the world standings. "You've got to run every steer like it's a one-hander. One steer, could determine a world championship."

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Larsen

It looks so natural, no one can tell — as long as you keep your mind on the game.

"Brick by brick," probably won't cut it for the Lions' basketball team.

Getting back to the office at 10:20 p.m. (deadline 10:45) in order to send a photo and pound out a game story was not the best thing I could do.

heckled the Western Montana team, as it left the floor after playing a strong first half against a superior CSI team. I believe the hecklers were baseball players often wear shirts proclaiming them to be the "sixth man," which I think reflects well on the positive fan support but not the negativity I witnessed the other night.

Another more positive comment about our basketball team and coaches: I am very pleased to see them all standing at attention saluting our flag when the National Anthem is being sung or played.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

JOHN THIEBERT
Twin Falls

Utah, was third with an 89.5. Cimarron Gerke of Brighton, Colo., won the bareback with an 88.5 point ride.

In saddle bronc, Billy Ebaner of Edmond, Okla., and Rusty Allen of Lodi, Utah, tied for first with 86 points.

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40 percent from the free-throw line, however, and made just six of 16 free-throw attempts in the second half. Boise State committed 14 of their 16 turnovers in the first half but saved them for as many as 12 points with eight minutes gone and by seven points at halftime. The Vandals start a season 0-1 for the first time since 1959-60. The team lost 11 straight games to begin the year.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Dixie State coach ready to fill Utah's vacancies

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Dixie State coach Greg Crowsaw formally tossed his hat in the ring for one of the four vacant Division I head coaching jobs in Utah after his Rebels won the junior college Dixie Bowl on Saturday.

He says if anyone needs a coach who can win 205 games, I'm available. He even then sweetened the pot. I don't need a jet or anything. Utah lost two Division I coaches this week and two last month. Utah coach Urban Meyer called Saturday that he's leaving the Utes after their bowl game for a seven-year, \$1.1 million contract at Florida. Brighton Young coach Gary Cronson stepped down earlier this week after his third losing season.

Last month, Utah State football coach Mike Diebel, first Weber State coach Larry Graybeal resigned after the worst season in school history. Crowsaw has a 205-54-1 record in 23 years at Dixie State.

I love it here, but I've stayed here to raise my family, and now they're all graduated from high school," he said. "I'm silly enough to think I'd be successful."

Crowsaw played at Weber State and worked as a graduate assistant under Lavell Edwards at BYU. He also had stints as an assistant coach at Northern Arizona and Snow College.

His team beat Grand Rapids Community College 27-20 on Saturday in the 27th annual bowl.

Bryan twins give U.S. life in Davis Cup

SEVILLE, Spain — The Bryan twins stopped Spain's momentum in the Davis Cup final. Now it's up to Andy Roddick and Marley Fish.

Andy and Mike Bryan defeated Tommy Robredo and Juan Carlos Ferrero in 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 Saturday, leaving the Americans down 2-1 entering Sunday's singles in the best-of-five format. The Californians are 5-0 in Davis Cup doubles and haven't dropped a set.

"We obviously have a lot of work tomorrow, but we know what we have to accomplish," said Fish, who courted Rafael Nadal in the deciding fifth match Sunday, provided Roddick gets by Carlos Moya in the first singles match.

Only one team in Davis Cup history has come back to win after falling down 2-0 in a best-of-five legs final. That was Australia in 1939 against the United States. The Americans have won the Davis Cup 31 times, but not since 1995. Spain is seeking its sixth title.

"It's a big task. We know what we have in front of us," added Fish, who gave his team a rallying cry Friday after the Americans lost both singles.

"The Americans will need all the inspiration they can get on the slow clay, where the Spaniards are so strong and will be backed by 27,200 screaming fans at Olympic Stadium, a covered but open-air venue.

Dixie St. wins own bowl against Grand Rapids

ST. GEORGE, Utah — IT Diederichs rushed for 187 yards and two touchdowns Saturday to lead Dixie State to a 27-20 win over Grand Rapids Community College in the 19th annual Dixie Rotary Bowl.

Grand Rapids (R-Ich), ranked No. 4 in the NCAA poll, led 13-6 at halftime on a layback run by David Keck and two Josh Eichler field goals.

After Bryan Larsen scored on a 22-yard run and Skyler Campbell added the point after, the Rebels trailed 13-7 at the 11:30 mark. Diederichs' 11-yard run with 7:27 left in the third quarter gave the seventh-ranked Rebels (10-2) the lead for good.

touchdown with a fumble recovery at the Dixie State 38 with 2:15 remaining. However, the Raiders lost 15 yards on their first play from scrimmage and an onside kick three straight in a complete loss.

The Rebels' McAllister kicked down three times to run out the clock.

Gerg wins women's World Cup downhill

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — Hilde Gerg of Germany won the second women's World Cup downhill of the season Saturday, edging to victory in heavy snow and fog to win in 1 minute, 36.01 seconds.

Bernate Goetsch of Austria was second in 1:36.16. Carole Monillet-Carles of France was third in 1:36.20.

A winner G is scheduled for Sunday at Lake Louise.

Search begins for Meyer's successor

SALT LAKE CITY — Now that the Urban Meyer era at Utah is officially coming to an end, the Utes are looking for a new coach.

Meyer told his team Saturday that he's leaving for Florida, sparking Utah athletic director Chris Hill's second coaching search in two years.

"As you know, I won't be sharing much about the search, but I can tell you that we're looking for a coach internally," Hill said Saturday.

Defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham and offensive coordinator Mike Sanford are the most experienced candidates on staff to take over for Meyer.

The Utes said they would be pleased if either one was promoted.

Utah is not the only school that has interest in the two. Bill Stewart of Georgia, who has coached Whittingham, a former Cougar player and graduate assistant, about replacing Gary Cronson, who stepped down this week.

Whittingham met with team leaders, who asked that Meyer be allowed to coach the Utes in whatever bowl they're selected to Sunday and Hill approved.

The farewell is going to center on the Utes selecting one more game with us," said Morgan Scully said.

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SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

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SPORTS

Mavericks rout Jazz, 109-86

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki followed up his 53-point outburst with 30 points and seven rebounds as the Dallas Mavericks routed the Utah Jazz 109-86 Saturday night.

Nowitzki wasn't quite as sharp as he was two nights earlier in setting a franchise scoring record against Houston, but his 10-for-19 field goal shooting and 8-for-8 performance from the free throw line were good enough to send the Mavericks to their fourth victory in five games.

Jason Terry scored a season-high 19 points and added nine assists, and Jerry Stackhouse added 14 points for Dallas. Josh Howard contributed 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Matt Harpring's 22 points paced Jazz, who've lost four straight and Reserve guard Carlos Arroyo added 16 points. Carlos Boozer, who started night as Utah's top scorer (20.8 ppg), finished with only eight points and two rebounds.

Nowitzki knocked down a 20-footer to open the fourth quarter, and Terry connected on a 3-pointer with 9:23 remaining to end an 18-6 run for an 86-72 edge. Dallas went on to lead by as many as 25.



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki of Germany, left, takes a shot over Utah Jazz's Jarron Collins (31) during the first half Saturday in Dallas. The Mavericks won 109-86.

Nets 109, Hawks 88

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eric Williams scored 21 points and the New Jersey Nets shot a season-high 54.1 percent, sending the Hawks to their ninth straight loss.

Richard Jefferson rebounded from his worst game of the season — seven points and no field goals against Washington — with 14 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Rodney Buford, who has struggled with his shooting all season, added a season-high 18 points as New Jersey won for the fourth time in 16 games.

Bobcats 107, Knicks 101

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Steve Smith scored 20 points and hit two clutch shots in the final three minutes as the Charlotte Bobcats overcame a 41-point performance from Jamal Crawford.

Emeka Okafor added 20 points and 18 rebounds — his

sixth straight double-double — while Brevin Knight had 19 assists and hit two clinching free throws with 38.8 seconds left.

Magic 98, Grizzlies 91

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill had 23 points and seven assists, and the Orlando Magic took advantage of Memphis' sloppiness.

Hedo Turkoglu and Steve Francis each scored 16 points, with Francis adding eight assists, five rebounds and five steals. He also had seven of the Magic's 17 turnovers. Dwight Howard blocked four shots to go with his nine points and six rebounds.

Pistons 92, Hornets 69

NEW ORLEANS — Ben Wallace's post-suspension rustiness didn't last long.

Wallace made nine of his first 10 shots, even hitting an unusual off-balance fade off the glass, and finished with 22 points to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 92-69 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Saturday night.



Wake Forest's Justin Gray (1) steals the ball from Richmond's Tim Mayes (5) during the first half in Winston-Salem, N.C., Saturday.

Demon Deacons bounce back

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Eric Williams had a season-high 21 points Saturday and the 1 Wake Forest rebounded from its first loss by beating Richmond 90-73.

Justin Gray scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half for the Demon Deacons (6-1), coming off a lopsided loss at Illinois that almost certainly will cost them the No. 1 ranking next week. They never trailed against the Spiders, shooting 53 percent and playing improved defense before heading into a nine-day break for final exams.

Jermaine Buckner scored 14 points to lead the Spiders (3-2).

No. 2 Kansas 81, Pacific 70

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Keith Langford had 21 points and a career-high seven assists and Wayne Simlen had his fourth straight double-double, leading No. 2 Kansas past scrappy Pacific.

Aaron Miles had eight assists and 19 points, one short of the senior guard's career high, for the Jayhawks (4-0).

Christian Mankar had 22 points for the Tigers (2-1), who kept it close by scoring on six straight possessions down the stretch before Miles made a steal with 1:10 to go.

No. 3 Syracuse 68, Colgate 55

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Hakim Warrick scored 23 points and Clarence Roberts scored six of his 13 points during a decisive second-half spurt to help No. 3 Syracuse beat Colgate for the 39th straight time.

No. 5 Illinois 72, Arkansas 60

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Roger Powell scored 19 points and Dee Brown and Deron Williams added 13 each, helping No. 5 Illinois overcome a sluggish offense and poor free throw shooting to defeat Arkansas.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 81, Washington St. 29

STILLWATER, Okla. — John Lucas III and Joey Graham combined to outscore Washington State and No. 6 Oklahoma State beat the Cougars to move Eddie Surton into fifth place on the career coaching wins list.

No. 10 Duke 93, Valparaiso 61

CHICAGO — J.J. Redick scored 26 points and No. 10 Duke used a smothering defense to rout Valparaiso and give coach Mike Krzyzewski his 69th career win.

George Washington 96, No. 11 Michigan St. 83

WASHINGTON — Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 23 points, and George Washington forced No. 11 Michigan State into committing 22 turnovers in a surprisingly easy victory.

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College basketball

No. 7 Connecticut 74, Indiana 69

HARTFORD, Conn. — Rashad Anderson scored 17 points and Rudy Gay had 10 rebounds to rally No. 7 Connecticut past Indiana.

No. 17 Louisville 98, Lafayette 57

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Francisco Garcia scored 25 points and Ellis Myles grabbed 16 rebounds to lead No. 17 Louisville to a rout of Lafayette.

No. 18 Texas 70, Seton Hall 62

EAST-RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Freshman Daniel Gibson scored 15 points and No. 18 Texas overcame its worst shooting game of the season to beat Seton Hall.

No. 19 Florida 65

MIAMI, Fla. — Anthony Harris scored 18 of his career-high 23 points in the second half to help Miami upset No. 19 Florida and give first-year coach Frank Haith his biggest victory.

No. 20 Notre Dame 60

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Daniel Horion's three-point play with 20.7 seconds to go lifted Michigan to a win over No. 20 Notre Dame.

No. 25 Wisconsin 70, Rutgers 62

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Senior forward Mike Wilkinson scored a career-high 26 points and No. 25 Wisconsin handed Rutgers its second home loss to a Big Ten team in a week.

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McCain demands immediate action by baseball to tighten drug testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain demanded that the nation's baseball players and owners tighten the sport's drug-testing policy to "restore the integrity" of the game.

Expressing dismay over recurring reports of steroid abuse by some of baseball's biggest stars, the Arizona Republican repeated a threat he made before the last session to legislate a stricter rules if the sport fails to police itself.

Steroid accusations hit the headlines this week with reports of grand jury testimony in San Francisco that linked steroid abuse to such sluggers as Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi.

In an interview televised Friday night on ABC's "20/20," the head of a nutritional supplement lab implicated in the steroid scandal accused of rigging track and football stars to those he said had used illegal substances.

Dahlberg

At least the folks who run the Olympics are trying. Baseball has done nothing other than implement a lame testing plan that its coddled millionaires like no trouble getting around.

Conan O'Brien's like Jason Giambi, who told the same grand jury that he used steroids for at least three seasons and injected himself with human growth hormone in 2003 so that he could hit more balls into the upper deck at Yankee Stadium.

Giambi may pay a steeper price than even Jones or Bonds for his bodybuilding exploits. He missed half of last season because of fatigue and a benign tumor, which the Daily News of New York reported was in his pituitary gland.

Giambi reportedly testified that "one of the drugs" he used was Clomid, a female fertility drug that some medical experts say can exacerbate a pituitary tumor. To add insult to his injury, O'Brien may test positive — a contract that still

avoids him some \$82 million because of his steroid use.

Not all athletes are juiced, of course. It just seems that way. And the ones who aren't have problems of their own.

Take Anthony the Denver Nuggets star whose idea of adjusting to life in the NBA means carrying around a baggie of pot to the airport, getting into a bar fight in New York, and appearing in a movie in Baltimore where the gang banger standing next to him brags about shooting anyone who tips off police about drug deals.

About the only thing Anthony hasn't done is go into the stands and beat up some fans like his fellow players did in Detroit.

Anthony came out of college early, but staying in school may not have taught him much. Coaches like Urban Meyer of Ohio State's great example by leaving for another school just as his players and their university should be savoring their greatest moment.

And on Saturday, Michigan coach Lloyd Carr accused other

by the minor league program," McCain said.

McCain told The Washington Post in an interview that "I'll give them until January, and then I'll introduce legislation."

The senator attended the Army-Navy football game Saturday with President Bush but would not talk to reporters there.

It is unclear how much support such a proposal would have in Congress — the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., complained last year that McCain's idea would rewrite baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

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coaches of trying to steal recruits by telling them he was sick or was going to retire.

Even at straight-laced BYU, four football players were indicted Friday on charges they raped a 17-year-old last year after first giving her alcohol and showing her pornographic movies. The players found the girl at a Provo mall, which might have been easier than finding porn and alcohol in the Mormon city.

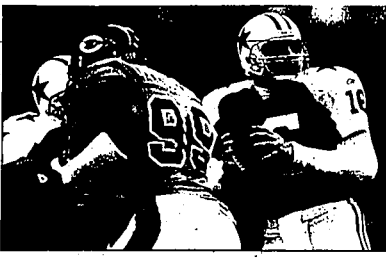
Steroids, drugs, fights, lies, alleged rapes. In just a few days we've been treated to the seamy underbelly of almost every major sport.

It's almost enough to make rigged sports like gymnastics and figure skating long since O. bether yet, even boxing.

After all it's been years since Mike Tyson bit anyone's ear off or threatened to entrench his children.

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SPORTS



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Vinny Testaverde, right, drops back into the pocket as Tyson Walter, background left, defends against the pressure from Chicago Bears' Tank Johnson (99) in their game, Nov. 25, in Dallas. The 42-year-old Testaverde is the starting quarterback again for the Cowboys (4-7), sitting Drew Henson, who started last week against the Bears.

Champion coaches struggle

SEATTLE (AP) — When their teams play Monday night, Bill Parcells and Andy Reid will take the field with 29th NFL victories and three Super Bowl titles between them. It's not helping either coach this season, though each re-ally—Parcells—the most respected men in the profession.

The Dallas Cowboys (4-7) and Seattle Seahawks (6-5) aren't exactly streaking this season, yet in today's NFL that could be more than enough for both teams to reach the playoffs. "The probability of it for us is not very good," Parcells acknowledged.

Vinny Testaverde, the 41-year-old Dallas quarterback, returns as the starter after rookie Drew Henson's woeful first-half performance in a Thanksgiving Day win over Chicago.

Testaverde took over in the second half and Dallas was rescued by a different rookie, Julius Jones, who had 150 yards rushing and two TDs.

Greene

Continued from C1

Last week I picked the flopping Falcons to win, and they did. Now I have this terrible urge to pick them again. What is wrong with me? Was it something I ate? In a Stop-Me-Before-I-Pick-Them-Again-Upset Special, smelly flies.

• Atlanta (9-2) at Tampa Bay (4-7) — Bucs favored by 1.5. Tell me whether you think this remark by Bucs OG Corey Coleman may have been noticed by the Falcons: "I'm sick as wide open, man. Any time you have Atlanta as the No. 2 seed, no disrespect to them, but Atlanta is Atlanta. They've been Atlanta for a while now." In a No-Disrespect-to-The-Bucs-But-They're-Been-Lousy-For-A-While-Now-Upset Special, Falcons by 5.

• Cincinnati (5-6) at Baltimore (7-4) — Ravens favored by 6.5. Muzzy Bannock scored 58 points last week and will do it again — if they add the scores of their next five games. That 58-48 victory against Cleveland was simply a glitch in the Matrix, favored by 9.

• New England (10-1) at Cleveland (3-8) — Patriots favored by 11.5. Speaking of the losing "defense," Browns LB Warren Holman was asked to explain giving up 58 points: "We had a lockdown today, especially with tackling and technique." If you ask me, Warrick may be on to something. Patriots by 15.

• Minnesota (7-4) at Chicago (4-7) — Vikings favored by 7.5. Bears WR David Terrell is tickled pink now that Chicago has QB Chad Hutchinson and left Coach "We've got Billy the Kid and Warren Earl," well, David, that won't happen unless you can put both of them on the field — and give them guns. Vikes but just by 3.

• Arizona (4-7) at Detroit (4-7) — Lions favored, by 6.5. Nobody cares. Nobody. Lions, by oh, I don't care, just 3.

• Tennessee (4-7) at Indianapolis (8-3) — Colts favored by 12. Listen, this is important. Are you watching Peyton Manning? You should because what we're experiencing is Tiger Woods in 2000, a unique accomplishment that may not happen again for a long time. Enjoy. Colts by 14.

• San Francisco (1-10) at St. Louis (5-6) — Rams favored by 10.5. This you don't want to watch. How bad are the DeNiners? At halftime last week, they put up a message to congratulate all the young folks who won in their "Punk, Pass and Kick" contest. Let's have a big hand for "the little punks." Rams by 3.

• Carolina (4-7) at New Orleans (4-7) — Aints favored by 1. What does "Aints" interin?

Monday Night Football

Dallas at Seattle
TV: ABC, 7 p.m.

Parcells-heliens—Testaverde, despite 14 interceptions, gives the Cowboys their best chance to win. Given the team's slim shot at the playoffs, that's more important right now than developing Holson.

Drew has only played about eight games in seven years and none of them have been in the pros," Parcells said. Testaverde won't be the oldest player on the field. This could be the final Monday night game for NFL receiving king Jerry Rice, playing the twilight of his career with the Seahawks.

The 42-year-old superstar is doing his best to lead and contribute on an offense that converts only 34 percent of its third-down attempts, despite having the NFL's top rusher in Shaun Alexander.

Coach Jim Haslet have to say? "I'm sick of it. I'm sick of seeing it. I'm sick of watching it. Just like our fans." I was in full agreement until I realized Jim was talking about too many penalties and not his team. Sounding banners by 14.

• Houston (5-6) at East Rutherford Jets (8-3) — Jets favored by 7. Jets QB Chad Pennington is back from a shoulder injury and says: "I need to get my feet coherent with my arm and my mind." Aint it the truth, Chad. I always have had problems with my incoherent feet. Still, jets by 12.

• Kansas City (3-8) at Oakland (4-7) — Chiefs favored by 1. This admission from Chiefs Coach Dick Vermeil: "Sometimes I walk off the field feeling sorry for myself." I can relate. Dick, it's how I usually feel at the end of this column. Makes you want to cry. My buddy Dick's Chiefs by 8.

• Green Bay (7-4) at Philadelphia (10-1) — Eagles favored by 6. This is the Game of the Week with or without cheese. If Packers can't win in Philly, the Eagles should go directly to Jacksonville and wait for the AFC champion. Truthfully, I want the Chiefsheads to win so there's some competition in that lousy conference. But this just in: They will let us down! Count on it. Eagles by easy 12.

• Denver (7-4) at San Diego (8-3) — Chargers favored by 3. Over in the real conference, this is a big game out West. Are the Chargers for real or just a product of their lame schedule? My vote is for "lame." In a Meer-Mir-Beats-Us-Upset Special, Broncos by 6.

• East Rutherford Giants (5-6) at Washington (3-8) — Washington favored by 2.5. You can't blame Giants QB Eli Manning for this. Two brothers combining for 6 touchdowns passes in one week is pretty darn good. Washington by 5.

• Pittsburgh (10-1) at Jacksonville (6-5) on Sunday night — Steelers favored by 3. Jags Coach Jack Del Rio was asked whether he would stress out over the importance of this game: "Some things grow men cut figures on for themselves." Jack's right. Never go gelling on her birthday, never tell her that the new dress makes her look fat and never host the Steelers when they're on a nine-game winning streak. Steelers by 7.

• Dallas (4-7) at Seattle (6-5) on Monday night — Seahawks favored by 7. Jolly old Cowboys Coach Bill Parcells now says his club could make a run if "real" players well from here out. Or not. Where are those Desperate Housewives when we need them? Seaturkeys by 10.

Chargers play biggest game in years

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The team that parity forgot is about to play its biggest game in a long, long time.

If the surprising San Diego Chargers (8-3), powered by a motivated lame-duck quarterback and an unstoppable tight end, beat the Denver Broncos (7-4) Sunday, they'll clinch their first winning season since way back in 1995 — remember Stan Humphries, Natrone Means and Bobby Ross?

Just as important, they would take firm control of the AFC West, with a two-game lead with four to play.

How long has it been since the Chargers played such a meaningful game?

"It's got to be back in '94," said long snapper David Binn, who was a rookie that year. "We were playing Pittsburgh the last game of the year, for home field."

The Chargers won, got a first-round bye and then shocked the Steelers three weeks later in the AFC championship game in Pittsburgh.

After getting embarrassed by San Francisco in the Super Bowl, the Chargers made it back to the playoffs in 1995, only to lose at home to Indianapolis in a wild-card game.

Then they disappeared to the depths normally occupied only by the Cincinnati Bengals.

Binn is the only Chargers player who has suffered through every bit of a brutal eight-year playoff drought, which has been littered with records such as the 1-15 debacle in 2000 and last year's NFL-worst 4-12.

Now the Chargers are driving the fast lane back to respectability. Since losing 23-13 at Denver on Sept. 26, they've won seven of eight games, including their last five.

"This game's big because it's going to put us two games up on Denver," Binn said. "If you look at the big picture, every game we win, each game after that becomes that much bigger, just because you start putting yourself in better and better position."

Then again, the burden of proof is still on the Chargers. If they lose Sunday, they'd be double-doged again by the Broncos, who would hold the tiebreaker advantage.



San Diego Chargers' LaDainian Tomlinson, left, celebrates with quarterback Drew Brees during the Chargers' 42-14 victory over the Oakland Raiders in San Diego, in this Oct. 31 photo. Already the biggest surprise in the NFL this year, the San Diego Chargers can clinch their first winning season since way back in 1995.

Denver at San Diego

TV: CBS, 2 p.m.

That's why LaDainian Tomlinson isn't too excited. "When we make it to the playoffs, then I'll be real excited," the star running back said. "We've still got a few games to go to assure ourselves of a playoff spot. With that said, we feel like we haven't done anything yet."

Tomlinson does expect the atmosphere at sold-out Qualcomm Stadium to be "electric." "The Chargers certainly aren't perfect. They're 1-3 against teams with winning records. Al-

though rookie Nate Keeding kicked a 43-yard field goal to beat Kansas City 34-31 last Sunday, he's missed three of his last six attempts and was yanked off kickoff duty in favor of punter Mike Scifres after sending one out of bounds.

And, during a 1996... San Diego is 7-26 in December.

But the Chargers are playing with confidence and have won four of five at home.

Drew Brees, who's thrown 21 touchdown passes and just three interceptions, said the turning point came after the loss in Denver dropped them to 12-2.

Brees will be a free agent at season's end and most likely will be supplanted by Philip Rivers.

He's at least making this an interesting season.

Brees has thrown 11 of his TD passes to second-year tight end Antonio Gates, who played hoops, not football, at Kent State. And the Chargers are averaging 29 points, second best in the NFL.

Brees said this Chargers team is different from the ones in recent years that started fast and then collapsed.

"Oh, heck yeah. Two years ago and even three years ago when we were there with a winning record thinking playoffs, it was more like we were just happy to be there. Now, we expected to be here. The attitude is a lot different. The confidence is a lot different."

Manning's record pace awes his NFL peers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Brett Favre's reputation for Peyton Manning's efficiency has reached another level: astonishment.

Manning's record-breaking achievements are becoming as routine as his audibles, and his almost incomprehensible numbers this season have forced other NFL quarterbacks to view Manning, and the Indianapolis Colts in a different way.

"I think it's amazing what they're doing what he's doing," said Favre, the league's only three-time MVP. "I think they're built that offense to where they're at a point right now, where they dare you to try to stop someone, and that's a hell of a place to be."

With five games left, Manning, last year's co-MVP, has put himself in the biggest fishbowl of all.

He's already thrown 41 touchdowns and is closing in on the league's single-season record-for-touchdown-passes, the NFL's equivalent of baseball's home run record.

New York Giants quarterback Kurt Warner can compare with what Manning is about to endure during the season's final month: In 1999, the first of his two MVP seasons with the St. Louis Rams, Warner threw 41 touchdown passes.

Only Marino, who had 48 in 1994 and 44 in 1996, has thrown more. Manning is on pace to throw 60, a number that seemed preposterous just weeks ago.

"I just stand back and say 'Wow!' to myself, even having had a couple great seasons," Warner said. "To see what he is doing and how easy they are making it, I am longing to have another run like that because I know how special it is."

Instead of slowing down, Manning increased his pace with a near-perfect November. His 19 touchdowns were a one-month record. He finished with a quarterback rating of 129.3, led the Colts to four straight wins and helped them regain the AFC South lead.

He enters December trying to extend his NFL record to six consecutive games with at least four touchdown passes, and not only chasing Marino's mark but also going after Steve Young's record quarterback rating. Young finished at 112.8 in 1994; Manning is at 126.6 after 11 games.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning drops back to pass during a game against the Houston Texans in Indianapolis, Sunday, Nov. 24. Manning makes it look so easy. Four or five touchdown passes, his teammates say, are now expected each week. To his peers around the league, what Manning has accomplished this season is more than entertainment. It's left them in awe.

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Ladies dominate December scoresheet with high series

While working on this week's column I suddenly dawned on me that it was the first of December. What happened to the months August through November? The bowling season is getting close to half over. There is a saying that goes along with that, "times flies when you are having fun." Or maybe you recall hearing some years ago that "the older you get the faster times flies."

As bowlers we are wondering what the highest scores around the valley are so far. What do we have to roll to be high on the in-house honor boards. Well, they are great. To tell you about all the highs for women as well as the men would not leave enough room on the page for this week's bowling scores so... ladies first.

High series at the Magic Bowl: Bobbie Thompson 696, Julie Shaffer 669, Margie Adema 667 and Jonna Kingston 654. Their high games: Joyce Parks 268, Jonna Kingston 266, Cindy Mor-



LET'S GO BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

at Snake River Bowl: Annette Hirsch 713, Stacy Hieb 661, Tiffany Hager 658 and Derry Smith with a 607. Games: Annette Hirsch 290, Stacy Hieb 263, Nita Haner 248, Laurel Tracy and Derry Smith 244.

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Rodriguez 637 and Diana Brady 628. Games: Diana Brady 260, Kathi Jeroue 255, Bobbie Thompson 247 with Barbara Reynolds and Kathleen Thompson at 246.

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BOWLING

Here are the scores reported from the valley's bowling centers for the current week.

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LIGHTHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



TWIN FALLS — The Lighthouse Christian Elementary School cross country team for grades 3-5 competed in three meets with area schools. Individuals won five first-place finishes, five second-place finishes, two thirds, three fourths, and five fifths.

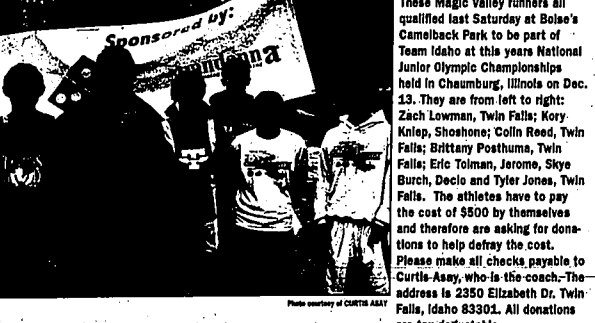
Pictured from left to right are: Front row - Brittney Benner, Coleman Claiborn, Luc Padness, Joyce Manning, Michael Lipschok, Braden Horsley, Sierra Mullin; Second row - Robert Ryder, Alex Lane, Becca Storm, Brooklyn Vander Steit, Caleb Schwanz, Caitlyn Aaslet, Tiffany Spann; Back row - Marcus Donaldson, Justin Bartholome, Garrett Goettle, Jennie VanVilst, coach Tomi Storm, Kenny Lipschok, Drew Swagden, Eli Bernat, Damian Steiner and Kevin Bos.

BIKING OVER 200 MILES



Several area bikers participated in the 2004 LOTJA 200-mile bike ride from Logan, Utah to Jackson, Wyo. on September 11th. The bikers could compete in the total 200-mile race or do a relay with two or more on the team. Pictured above from left to right are: Val Gam, Guy Redder, Rock Temple, Justin Mitchell, Chay Courtright, Tim Harris, Cliff Hanks, Brent Lee, Rick Dayley, and Temp Patterson. Not pictured are Aaron Johnson, Larry Hansen, Todd Whitehead and Brent Gorad.

TEAM IDAHO



These Magic Valley runners all qualified last Saturday at Boise's Camelback Park to be part of Team Idaho at this year's National Junior Olympic Championships held in Champaign, Illinois on Dec. 13. They are from left to right: Zach Lowman, Twin Falls; Kory Knipe, Shoshone; Colin Reed, Twin Falls; Brittany Posthuma, Twin Falls; Eric Tolman, Jerome; Skye Burch, Declo and Tyler Jones, Twin Falls. The athletes have to pay the cost of \$500 by themselves and therefore are asking for donations to help defray the cost. Please make all checks payable to Curtie-Asay, who is the coach. The address is 2350 Elizabeth Dr. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. All donations are tax deductible.

Winter Recreation Guide

Are you wondering how to have fun this cold Idaho winter? Look no further than our **WINTER RECREATION GUIDE**, published **THURSDAY, DEC. 9TH** in the Times-News.

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Section D

Notes on the economy



Passenger boardings

Passenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines — a Delta Connection carrier — at the Twin Falls airport:

November 2004: 3,224
That's a 23 percent increase from the 2,620 SkyWest boardings in December 2003. For comparison, November boardings totaled just 2,305 in 2002.

Year-to-date 2004: 32,040
That's a 16 percent increase from the 27,550 boardings in the first 11 months of 2003. At that point last year, boardings were running just 3 percent above 2002 levels.

(Those totals don't include charter flights.)

Source: Twin Falls airport

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI cabinet-makers, welders show work

TWIN FALLS — Advance students in the College of Southern Idaho's cabinet-making and welding classes will feature their best work in the two clubs' 15th annual show and auction next weekend at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

Items will be available for inspection from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center. The auction begins at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Wooden items include mission-style end tables, a library table, canoe hookshelf, game table, hope chest, Shaker clock, cutting boards, table lamp, wall mirror, computer work center, trellises, a chest of drawers and more. Metal crafted items include a horseshoe fisherman, buck clock, candelabra, coat rack, hitch plates, miniature wood stove and other decorative items.

All proceeds will go to the CSI Woodstock Chapter and to the CSI Welding Vocational Industrial Club.

CSI plans monthly business boot camps

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will host "Business Start up Boot Camps" from 6 to 8 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month, beginning in December.

The first session will be Dec. 8 in CSI's Evergreen 277.

Sherry Rust, training facilitator for the ISBDC, said the sessions are designed for those who would like to start a business but don't know where to begin. Sessions will include how to create a business plan, the basics of business regulations, the importance of preparedness, and creating a personal business survival kit.

Preregistration is required. Cost is \$20.

For information or to register, contact Rust at 732-6466 or arust@csi.edu.

CSI offers free career planning workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free "Career Planning Workshop" for people who are considering training, trying to decide on a program or thinking about a career change.

The workshop will help participants learn about the labor market, training programs and wage potential, identify their interests, investigate careers and make a plan for success.

The center will offer the free workshop in two parts — 3-5 p.m. Dec. 13 and 3-5 p.m. Dec. 16.

Career tests are also free. To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680. Registration deadline is Dec. 12.

— compiled from staff reports

REACHING for a record

Home building, overall T.F. construction may set new marks

By Virginia S. Hutchins and Megan Hinds
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — With the help of unseasonably robust home building in November, Twin Falls' construction industry pulled into record-setting territory.

For the first time since January, the city's year-to-date construction values are ahead of last year's corresponding tally.

Why care? Building activity is a key indicator for Twin Falls' greater economy—and healthy construction—both residential and commercial—has been a driver of job growth. Also, many potential employers take note of construction numbers as they evaluate business sites.

November saw an 83.6 percent rise from a year earlier in overall construction values inside the city of Twin Falls, according to City Hall reports.

Boosted by 44 new single-family home permits—more than twice the 10-year average for November—the city last month issued permits for projects totaling an estimated \$5.06 million for combined construction types. That's \$2.31 million more than in November 2003.

The past five months—July through November—each set new single-family home permit records for their respective months. By the end of November, Twin Falls' 2004 home-building tally was only six permits shy of 2003's full-year record of 400.

The city's building department reported brick business in the first days of December. And in the past decade, Twin Falls has issued an average of 15 single-family home permits each December. So a new annual home-building record is almost a certainty.

November's gains have other significance, too, for trackers of the local economy.

Year-to-date construction values for all building types combined have now pulled ahead of the record-setting 2003 level. But not by far.

January-November values for combined building types were up by 2.9 percent, or \$1.76 million, from the first 11 months of 2003, increasing from \$60.03 million to \$61.79 million. Depending on December's activity, this construction year might end up as Twin Falls' best.

The commercial sector contributed less than usual in November, however, with only one six-digit project, an airplane hangar.

Last year's wildfire season was a slow one, but a Twin Falls-based aviation business that provides support for Bureau of Land Management firefighters is growing nonetheless. That's why Spur Aviation built another hangar last month, said owner Mike Walker.

Spur Aviation received a permit to build an 8,000-square-foot storage hangar at 161 Joslin Way, near Twin Falls' airport. The city building department estimates the project's value at \$155,520, but Walker said the company's total investment is more than that.

The hangar is identical to an existing building and will be used for airplane storage. Spur Aviation now has eight planes and plans to add three or four more, Walker said.

The company's growth depends on obtaining government contracts, Walker said, and Spur Aviation is in line for several.

"We're anticipating 30 percent growth, based on BLM contracts," he said.



Bobby Hughes, of Lance LeBaron Drywall Inc., spots nails on the ceiling of a home in the Morning Sun subdivision in Twin Falls Thursday. Twin Falls is within splitting distance of setting a new home-building record this year.

ASHLEY SMITH
The Times-News

Construction values

Estimated values for construction that received permits in November from Twin Falls city:

Type	Nov. '04	Nov. '03	Nov. '02
New single-family homes:	\$3,956,058	\$1,607,297	\$2,586,932
New multifamily units:	\$519,299	\$125,765	0
New commercial projects:	\$155,520	\$496,432	\$1,586,396
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$102,000	\$276,900	\$1,186,316
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$5,064,071	\$2,758,060	\$5,484,967



Recent numbers at a glance:

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

- Nov. '04 up 84 percent
- Oct. '04 up 48 percent
- Sept. '04 up 73 percent
- Aug. '04 down 34 percent
- July '04 up 37 percent
- June '04 down 32 percent

Chicago Mercantile Exchange may offer housing futures contracts

CHICAGO — Want to bet on the future price of housing in Los Angeles or New York or Miami? Think of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

The exchange is studying whether to offer futures contracts based on the cost of housing in different major cities.

"The most volatile regions would be looked at first, like Los Angeles or San Francisco," said exchange spokesman Allan Shoenberg, Chicago is a likely

candidate as well.

A successful real estate futures market could allow homeowners to insure that their residence does not lose value if a housing bubble bursts. Insurance companies could offer policies based on futures trades that become profitable when housing costs go down.

"There is nothing available today for people to hedge their risk" of a housing decline, Shoenberg said.

The first and most likely traders would probably be large

mortgage holders, such as major banks or Fannie Mae. They are particularly vulnerable to any downturn in real-estate value because that is the collateral for their loans.

Eventually, though, the futures might be offered in the form of insurance to individual homeowners.

Homes do not typically drop in value—they go up, sometimes rapidly. And there has never been a nationwide decline in home prices.

That would be an incentive for people to buy futures that

be completed by late last week.

November also saw construction in the health care sector. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center continues to expand its services and offer new technology to patients, and the hospital is remodeling its building at 650 Addison Ave. W. to accommodate those changes.

The east end of the hospital's fifth floor—about 2,300 square feet—will undergo a \$65,000 renovation in order for the facility to expand its information technology and help desk area, said R'Nee Mullen, Magic Valley Regional's vice president and

chief information officer.

Some of those operations are currently on the first floor and connected to a laboratory. The fifth-floor renovation will allow for future expansion of the first-floor lab, Mullen said.

Construction is expected to be completed by spring.

"By any measure, housing is the largest asset class in the country, \$22 trillion," said Sam Masucci, chief operating officer of Macro.

He said his company has already gotten inquiries from insurance companies who are interested in both sides of the trade.

Some would like to buy into the future price of housing because they expect it to go up. Others, like insurers, want to offer it to their clients who are seeking protection in case the value of their house goes down.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Liberty Pipe unveils new name, logo

HEROIC — Liberty and Rocky Mountain Pipe — a Great Falls, Mont., company with Jerome operations — changed its name to Liberty Cos. effective immediately.

Liberty Cos. will include separate divisions to handle specialized products and services. Street Pipe Division, which includes wholesale and retail pipe and other steel-related products; Steel Fencing Division, which designs, custom builds and installs estate, agricultural, equestrian and industrial fencing; Manufacturing & Fabricating Division, which features Liberty's exclusive products it has designed, marketed and manufactured; and Asset Recovery & Consulting Division, where Liberty will assist in turning stagnant assets into cash and usable assets, as well as assist with plans of power generation plants.

"With our ever-growing list of products and services, we felt it was time to find a name that could better describe all that we do. And with recent events in the world, we felt the name Liberty embodied what we stand for," chief executive Cliff Hobbs said in a statement.

The company's ownership and management remains the same. Liberty Cos. was founded as Liberty Pipe in 1987. In 1999, it purchased Rocky Mountain Pipe, based in Great Falls, Idaho. Liberty also has offices in Jerome, Idaho Falls and Parma. In 2004, Liberty Cos. became a registered contractor.

ColorTyme franchisee opens 31st store

TWIN FALLS — After 14 years as a ColorTyme franchisee, Gary Hughes is continuing to expand his group of stores with the opening of his 31st store and sixth ColorTyme in Idaho.

COLD STONE CREAMERY OPENS



Cold Stone Creamery opens in Twin Falls with a ribbon cutting and welcome by members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Owner Kent Lee and his son, Conrad, wield the scissors. A grand opening is scheduled later in December.

A rent-to-own novice in the beginning, Hughes has opened a new store every 90 days for the last six years in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Hawaii. The newest store is at 836 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, near the intersection of Blue Lakes and Falls Avenue.

Besides renting furniture, electronics and appliances, all of Hughes' ColorTyme stores offer free banking services including wire transfers, money orders, pay day loans, bill payment and check cashing.

The Twin Falls store allows customers to rent and own furniture, computers, digital electronics and home appliances without requiring a credit check or incurring debt. Most pieces are delivered on the same day and fixed or replaced immediately, as well.

Based in Plano, Texas, ColorTyme Inc. is a franchised rent-to-own company with more than 300 stores.

Lee Enterprises will webcast presentation

TWIN FALLS — Iowa-based Lee Enterprises Inc., parent of The Times-News and other

Magie Valley newspapers, will provide a live audio webcast of its presentation Tuesday at the Credit Suisse First Boston Media Week conference in New York City.

The webcast of the 30-minute presentation, followed by questions, is scheduled to begin at 12:50 p.m. Access through www.lee.net. Replays will be available.

Lee's speakers will be Mary Junk, chairwoman and chief executive; Kevin Mowbray, vice president — publishing; and Carl Schmidt, vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer. The presentation will include a review of Lee's fiscal 2004 results and forward-looking information about fiscal 2005. Text and key illustrations will be posted at www.lee.net after the presentation.

Company introduces Web browser for cell phones

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Cellular, in conjunction with wireless software developer Novarra, recently launched iweb, an Internet browser that provides access to the Web over cell phones.

Available from U.S. Cellular,

iweb may be purchased on a daily or monthly basis through easyside, the company's wireless data service. The web application enables customers to surf anywhere on the Web and easily link to a number of sites designed for cell phone screens.

The new service includes password protection for cell phones, at no additional charge, enabling parental control of Web sites, intended for mature audiences. Unlike other mobile browsers designed for cell phones, iweb gives customers complete control over the content they choose to view and not be limited to Web sites selected by their wireless providers, said John Creger, U.S. Cellular's senior director of product management and development.

The company said iweb makes millions of Web sites fast and usable on many popular mobile phones. Its network platform optimizes Web sites automatically to best fit each phone's display capabilities.

"The iweb application" costs subscribers to U.S. Cellular's easyside service \$4.99 a month or \$1.19 a day.

Cooper Norman marks 50-year anniversary

TWIN FALLS — Cooper Norman, Certified Public Accountants celebrated its 50th anniversary Nov. 12.

The celebration was initiated with a chamber of commerce ribbon cutting in each of the company's markets — Boise, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls. In Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce incoming president is Todd Wadsworth, a partner at Cooper Norman.

Income tax planning is a significant part of Cooper Norman's business.

"Once history is written it is

impossible to rewrite it. Some people underestimated the importance of planning their tax liability for the end of the year. There are many options that can be utilized to minimize income taxes."

The key is to plan for it," said Ronald Holliston, the firm's managing partner.

The firm dates back to 1954, originating with the Twin Falls public accounting practice of I. LeFrankle-Nelson, who established the firm's reputation as astute tax strategists and customer advocates. Cooper Norman said in a statement. Since then, Cooper Norman has opened offices in Idaho Falls and Boise.

Medical Discoveries pursues drug-testing

TWIN FALLS — Medical Discoveries Inc. said it filed an investigational New Drug application with the Food and Drug Administration for a Phase I clinical trial of the company's proprietary drug MDI-P in late-term cystic fibrosis adults.

MDI-P will be tested as an adjunct therapy to inhaled

Tobramycin, an antibiotic used to treat infections caused by many bacteria. Most late-term adult CF patients are dependent upon this inhaled form of Tobramycin, manufactured by Chiron Corp. MDI's statement said.

Dr. Henry R. Thompson, director of the CF Program Therapeutics Center at the Idaho Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, located at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, will serve as project manager and principal investigator for MDI's Phase I trials.

Judy Robinett of Twin Falls, president and chief executive of MDI, said: "This IND represents the accomplishment of a key objective for 2004 which we listed in January of this year and refined last August. We hope to have prompt FDA approval so that this clinical study can commence in Q1 of 2005. Its duration should be approximately six months." MDI has been pursuing commercialization of its drug through a strategy of developing clinical studies in cystic fibrosis, followed by HIV and, later in 2005, asthma.

Does YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

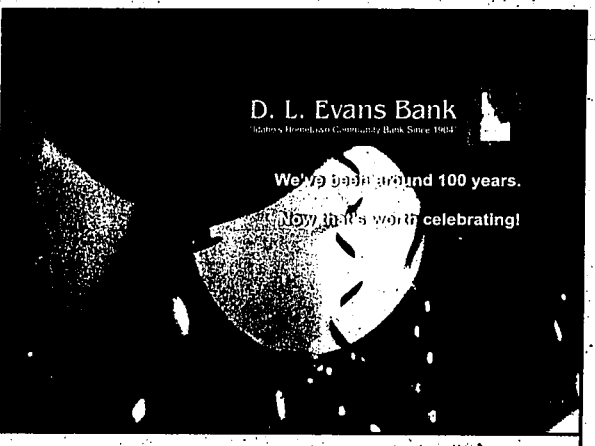
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Mary Kelly
BUHL. — The Buhl Chamber of Commerce presented its Extra Mile Award for October to Mary Kelly of Farmers National Bank.

Kelly was nominated by Bob MacDonald, who said she "always handles my problems as if they were her problems. It's a genuinely refreshing experience to deal with someone of Mary's caliber. She always brightens my cloudy days."

Kelly received a plaque and gifts from Buhl merchants.
TWIN FALLS — High Desert Tile — Floor to Ceiling said employees Debbie Clough, Ginger Neria, and Danielle Sanson participated and were certified in Mohawk University, a college-accredited school that offers education for its retailers in the field of floor coverings.

High Desert Tile — Floor to Ceiling, at 455 Fourth Ave. W. can be reached at 732-5216 or by visiting the Web at tilelulu.com.
TWIN FALLS — Laurene Trostel joined the staff at the region IV Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho. She works in an ombudsman's office receiving initial complaints and doing data entry.

Trostel was raised in Arco and has spent 15 years working for the state of Idaho as an advanced emergency medical technician and teaching EMT classes throughout southeastern Idaho. She now operates from a wheelchair as the result of a four-wheeler accident.

Dental workers
TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Board of Dentistry issued dental licenses to Adam Grant Hodges of Twin Falls and Ted R. Norman of Hazelton.
Amber K. Palmer of Burley received a dental hygiene license.
Justin Sterrett
TWIN IDAHO — Edge Wireless LLC named Justin Sterrett as its new area general manager in Twin Falls. Sterrett joined Edge Wireless in February 2001 as a store supervisor in Oregon. He

was promoted to retail development specialist, and then to field development manager, also in Oregon cities.
Sterrett now manages the Magic Valley area for Edge Wireless. He works in the company's Twin Falls office, where he directs local sales and customer service efforts throughout Twin Falls, Jerome, Hallett and Burley. Sterrett attended computer and business courses at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore. At the same time, he worked as an account executive for a national wireless provider.

Sterrett recently relocated to Magic Valley with his wife, Heather Erz, and two step-children.

3 Mark Financial, a full-service security broker, specializes in estate and business financial planning.
McKinstry and Karren have been in the life insurance and financial business for 25 years. They can be reached at 732-0888 or at their office at 461 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 201, in Twin Falls.

Three recent graduates who earned Class A commercial driver's licenses with all endorsements.
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Jerome — Western Real Estate Group added real estate professional Janell Thompson to its Jerome office. Thompson is a Jerome native, the daughter of Bruce and Pam

Thompson of Jerome.
Janell Thompson is a graduate of Jerome High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She recently completed two modules of the Idaho Real Estate Salesperson Course and has completed the Real Estate Appraisal Course.

John D. Twiss
TWIN FALLS — Certified public accountant John D. Twiss joined Neel & Associates Chtd., a CPA firm in Twin Falls.

Twiss started his accounting career working for the international CPA firm of Price

waterhouseCoopers auditing publicly traded companies, banks and large privately held businesses. He then went to work for an accounting firm in Boise gaining experience in accounting for mid-size and small businesses.
Twiss was the swim director at the Twin Falls YMCA and was instrumental in turning the city pool into a financially sound operation from 2002 to 2004. Neel & Associates said.
Twiss and his wife, Laura, and three children live in Twin Falls.

Commercial drivers
TWIN FALLS — The Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced three recent graduates who earned Class A commercial driver's licenses with all endorsements.

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Nursing assistants
TWIN FALLS — Idaho Home Health & Hospice hosted an aide appreciation celebration and recognized these certified nursing assistants for 10 or more years of service: Marie Smith, Paula Benavidez, Joyce Stone, Karry Head, Janet Draper, Ramona Moss and Janie Burgoyne.

Security brokers
TWIN FALLS — Bob McKinstry and Dan Karren, security brokers with 3 Mark Financial Inc., a Pro-Quid's broker dealer, attended the Asset Mark Mastery Program for three days in Chicago.
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Medical assistants will gather to hear speaker

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Medical Assistants will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Imamoto's Italian.
Dr. Bruce C. McComas will speak on advancements in comprehensive medical care. The presentation and a buffet are sponsored by the Southern Idaho Comprehensive Vein Care Center.
Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted for the Toys for Tots program. Sign-up is required; call Joyce at 734-3041 or send a fax to 734-3045 by 5 p.m. Monday.

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community.
The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday in the conference room at the Idaho Wheat Commission office, R21 W. State St., in Boise.
The public is welcome. Assistance for hearing-impaired or handicapped individuals will be provided upon advance request. For information, call 443-2353.

Charitable giving will be focus of SIAIFA luncheon
TWIN FALLS — The SIAIFA (formerly Southern Idaho Life Underwriters) luncheon and meeting will be held from 1:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Loong Ling Restaurant on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.
Curtis Eaton of the College of Southern Idaho's foundation and Russell Kvanvig of the Kvanvig, Stone and Truax law firm will give a presentation on charitable giving.
The meeting is free to the public, and lunch can be purchased.

Insurance professionals slate holiday potluck
TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Insurance Professionals will meet at noon Wednesday at the Obenchain Insurance building, 264 Main Ave. S.
The meeting will be the group's Christmas potluck, with entertainment by the Marla Garrett Trio. To attend, sign up by 5 p.m. Tuesday; call Pat at 733-1076.

Idaho Wheat Commission gathers this week in Boise
BOISE — The Idaho Wheat Commission will meet this week to review its financial statements, research projects and information and education updates, and to consider various market development requests from the agricultural

Realtor council holds final 2004 meeting.
TWIN FALLS — The Women's Council of Realtors will hold its final 2004 chapter meeting and Christmas party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the home of club president Betty Veich.
Appetizers will be furnished by 2004 and 2005 board members. For information and directions to Veich's home, call 734-4500.
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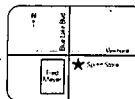
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Support for annuities grow, but concerns remain

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Mention the word "annuities" and many people's eyes will glaze over with boredom. Others might think of complicated financial products sold by fast-talking salesmen. But for savings-challenged baby boomers, those investment vehicles sold by insurance companies are being touted as the savior that just might mean the difference between enjoying a reasonable retirement and subsisting on cat food.

Take full advantage of other tax-deferred retirement savings vehicles, such as your 401(k), Roth IRA and traditional IRA, before looking for an annuity.

Ask for a breakdown of the fees. Common variable annuity fees include an investment management fee, which averages almost half a percentage point lower than the average retail mutual fund's insurance charges, which are around 1.25 percent of the average value of the investment; and a surrender charge, which generally ranges from 5 percent to 7 percent of the annuity value.

Understand the surrender charge. It's typically applied if you cancel the annuity within a set number of years. Surrender charges usually decline to zero within five to seven years. Examine the life insurance benefits offered. Not all products offer the same benefits.

Understand the performance of the investment portfolios, when looking at a variable annuity. Who are the money managers, and what is their long-term track record? Make sure that the insurance company selling the annuity is on sound financial footing.

An annuity is a financial contract sold by an insurance company that offers tax-deferred savings and a choice of payout options: income for life, income for a certain period or a lump sum.

Annuities are part life insurance, part investment. The buyer, or contract holder, invests money among various mutual fund-like portfolios in tax-deferred accounts, similar to individual retirement accounts, or IRAs. The insurance portion is a stream of steady income checks in retirement and/or a death benefit paid to the contract holder's heirs.

At a time when pension plans are going under and Social Security is threatened, "we must encourage people to choose retirement vehicles that pay a guaranteed paycheck for life," says Frank Keating, the former Oklahoma governor who's now chief-executive of the American Council of Life Insurers.

Legislation in Congress follows that logic, proposing tax incentives for retirees to invest in annuities.

But slowing the efforts are annuities' complexity and their bad image, especially variable annuities, which have been the subject of regulators' scrutiny over the way they're sold.

The annuities industry recognizes that it has work to do, both to clean up variable annuities' image and to educate the public.

"Consumers don't understand how annuities can help them meet their retirement needs, and that's the challenge for annuity providers today," says Mark D. Phelan, senior vice president of individual investments at Nationwide Financial.

"Annuities are the only product that can offer them a guaranteed income for as long as they live, and as an industry, we need to help them understand that."

Tips for annuity shopping:

Electrical board will meet

The Times-News

1090 E. Watertower St. in Meridian.

MERIDIAN — The Idaho State Electrical Board will hold a special board meeting from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday in the board room at the Division of Building Safety.

The purpose is to discuss electrical inspections and compliance procedures.

For information, call Loraine Mallett at 332-7140 or send e-mail to lmallett@dbstate.id.us.

Serenity Funeral Chapel opens doors on Monday

TWIN FALLS — Owner and operator Heidi Heil will open the doors of Serenity Funeral Chapel at 2156 Fourth Ave. E. near both Twin Falls cemeteries, on Monday.

Heil was raised on her parents' ranch south of Castletown. She graduated from Castleford High School with honors in 1992, studied for two years at Idaho State University, and then enrolled in Mount Hood Community College's Funeral Service Education program in Gresham, Ore., where she graduated as valedictorian of her class in 1997.

Heil served her two-year apprenticeship at a Nampa funeral chapel and was licensed as a mortician in Idaho in 1999 at age 25. She is also licensed as an insurance agent, which allows her to fund pre-paid funeral plans in Idaho.

Heil worked for a year at a Boise Chevrolet Funeral Home and Memorial Park in Boise and for the past two years in Twin Falls. At these firms she helped families with their at-need and pre-need funeral and crematory arrangements. During the same period she also worked with a Jerome funeral chapel.

Heil said she offers all services associated with a funeral home including burial, cremation and pre-planning. She specializes in personalizing funeral and memorial services to honor the life of a loved one.

"This is accomplished with video memorial tributes and tailoring the services to the specific wishes of the family," Heil said. "Funeral service has changed to focus more on the life that was lived and not on the life that was lost. In order to make improvements, I believe you must be willing to change — constantly strive to improve the services you offer."

The new Twin Falls funeral home can be reached at 733-0991, or Heil's cell phone at 404-9977. Heil has a Spanish-speaking interpreter available at 404-9918.



Heidi Heil

DINNER DONATION



Outback Steakhouse recently donated dinner for 200 people, and its employees volunteered their time to support the Southern Idaho Learning Center's Danny Marona Dinner and Auction. In appreciation, Heidi Marie Walker, right, event chairwoman, presents a statue of a child being lifted up to John Lockhart, manager of Outback Steakhouse. Business support ensures availability of scholarships for low-income families seeking services at the Southern Idaho Learning Center.

STUDENT SPONSORS



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Magic Valley Student Leadership sponsors for 2004-05 are, from left, Linda Watkins of Watkins Distributing Sales & Service, Leslie Snelson of Magic Valley Compost, Megan Schutte of First Federal Savings Bank, Walt Stowman of ConAgra Foods, Brian Bolton of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., and Deb Wilson of the College of Southern Idaho. Not pictured is the representative from Costco Wholesale, which is supplying all of the program's breakfasts.

Amerifed Inns has a holiday tradition of making available complimentary guest accommodations to community hospitals where Amerifed Inn properties are located, which include Twin Falls and Elk, Nev.

In Twin Falls, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will distribute free certificates for Amerifed accommodations to families of patients in need, allowing them to be near one another during the holiday season. At Magic Valley Regional, contact Kerin Dullais at 737-2065.

Jensen Ringmakers, at 109 Main Ave. E. in downtown Twin Falls, is offering a way to honor the wearers of "blue dots," tattoos that mark the location for cancer patients' radiation treatments. The business is selling intricately hand-blown glass ornaments decorated with blue dots, for a \$55 donation each.

Proceeds from the ornaments sale will be donated to "The Blue Dot Fund" at Stanford University, a nonprofit organization that honors blue dot wearers and funds cancer research at Stanford's medical school. Cancer survivor Sue McCollum, who went through radiation treatments at Stanford in 1989, established the fund.

The Blue Dot Fund is supported by profits from McCollum's book of poetry, "Moving On (before and after cancer)," by sales of gift items using the blue dots image and by private donations. The book is for sale at Jensen Ringmakers for \$10 per copy.

Jensen Ringmakers embraced this cause through Christmas in honor of its founder, Donald A. Jensen, who died in November. Don Jensen received radiation treatments in 1941 for lymphatic cancer. The treatment was successful and he lived for another 63 years, raising a family and founding Jensen Jewelers.

TOYS FOR KIDS

The Magic Valley Leads Group donated toys to help KMVT with its Christmas For Kids program. The leads group meets at 7 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce to network and pass referrals. People do not have to be chamber members to join. Potential Magic Valley Leads Group members may contact founder Jill Sherman at 732-5677 or jllasherman@yahoo.com.



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Closed border takes toll on cattle processing plants

TWIN FALLS — Since mad cow disease closed the United States border to live Canadian cattle over a year ago, the cattle and beef industries have felt both the boom and bust of a changing dynamic.

As the beef industry has consolidated over the decades, so have processing plants, making them big and far between. A reassuring feature is the enormous number of cattle large facilities can process in a given day, churning out tons of red meat to American consumers.

But supply and demand never fail to be a hard task master. To turn a profit, big packing plants need big numbers of cattle. Since the flow of Canadian cattle came to a standstill, profit margins for beef packing companies have gotten tighter.

"It's very real," said Jim Herlihy, spokesman for Swift & Company, one of the nation's largest beef processors. "There is a critical lack of access to cattle right now."

Facilities in the Northwest have felt the pinch more se-



President George W. Bush, left, walks with Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin at the Parliament Building before their meeting in Ottawa, Canada, on Tuesday. Two weeks ago, Bush told Martin he would ask the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to end a ban on live cattle imports from Canada resulting from a bovine spongiform encephalopathy incident last year.

verely than other parts of the country due to their close proximity to Canada and the ready availability of Canadian cattle.

Industry moves to comply with labeling law

HULL, Ill. — Processors will bear the burden of complying with country-of-origin labeling requirements for aquaculture products, although producers may have to change their record-keeping systems.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service is trying to make this rule as user friendly as possible, said Randy MacMillan, president of the National Aquaculture Association.

NAA worked with the Agricultural Marketing Service to write the interim final rule, which was released Oct. 5, five days after the industry was to comply with the labeling requirement.

Under the interim final rule, fish and shellfish must be labeled at retail to indicate their country of origin and method of production (wild and/or farm raised). However, covered commodities are excluded from mandatory COOL if they

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

are an ingredient in a processed food item.

Water forecasters say state is in better shape

BOISE — An above normal snowpack at the end of October has evaporated, but water forecasters say much of the state is still in better shape than last year.

More of the precipitation that has fallen during the first two months of this year has come in the form of rain so the soil is wetter this year. Wet soil in the fall increases the amount of water that will run off next spring instead of soaking into the ground.

"Now that we've primed the soil moisture, we just need a good snowpack on top of it," said Ron Abramovich, a hydro-

logist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise.

Spud growers' decry unfair trade practices

PAUL — A member of the Canadian Horticulture Council has accused the U.S. potato industry of watching too much "South Park," a popular offbeat cartoon that features a ditty called "Blame Canada."

In an open letter to U.S. Potato Growers Wayne Dorsey, chairman of the Council's potato committee, said that the ills of the U.S. industry are "clearly not a case of blame Canada."

Mike Telford, a Paul seed potato grower, disagrees.

"They've got all the advantages," he said. "We've got all the complaints."

Dorsey's letter listed issues Canada's potato industry has been accused of — which include unfair regulatory system, unfair subsidies, unfair marketing duties and influencing Canada's monetary policy to facilitate trade.

Holidays present perfect time to network

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Whether you have a job you love or have been out of work for months, December is the perfect time to get cracking on your schmoozing skills.

Companies, trade groups and community organizations are holding their holiday parties, and the rise in altruistic feelings this time of year means volunteering offers an opportunity to meet executives and others with similar charitable tendencies.

While networking is one of the surest fire means of finding a job, it can also make you more valuable in the eyes of your present employer.

"You know a lot more people so you become the go-to person within an organization. You have a lot more added value because you're better connected," said Hank Blank, a networking expert and president of Blank & Associates, an advertising agency in Orange County, Calif.

Networking also serves as your insurance: Those contacts are useful when that fateful day hits. "You don't start looking for a job when you lose a job," Blank said. Instead, "crisis-minded workers make it a habit to meet new people, filing contact information away for future use."

Plus, the holiday season is a good networking time because

"people are more social, more receptive," he said. "People are just a little bit more open and gregarious."

Don't think companies are too busy to hire now. Many businesses "have just finished the budget process," said Sharon A. Winston, a senior vice president at Lee Hecht Harrison, a career-management and consulting firm.

"When you finish the budget process you know exactly what you have to do next year. You think about hiring," she said. "If someone is going to hire in the first week of January, you want to be in discussions in December."

Many people avoid networking because they're leery of pitching themselves wholesale at perfect strangers. But networking is more about initiating conversations, glean common interests and staying in touch — and not about a hard sell.

"Nobody likes being sold," Blank said. "Listen to other people first. Try to develop some knowledge about their interests and what's important to them."

If, say, you ascertain the person is heading to Aspen to ski, follow up with an e-mail about great restaurants in the area. "See if you can help them in their own area. Once you've developed that relationship, you can go about your business," Blank said.

The wrong method: Initiating conversations with job-related questions. "People come up and say, 'Is your company hiring?'" Blank said. His response: "In what capacity? Anywhere? Shall we narrow it down? Do you even know what kind of industry I'm in?"

Winston agreed. "If you're in a homeless shelter serving a dinner and you're standing next to the HR person at Cisco and you pull your resume out of your pocket — it doesn't mix well," she said. Same goes for mailing out Christmas cards with your resume.

Instead, get to know the person first, then follow up later. When networking, "you have to do it in a way that has some real integrity and class," she said.

Consider the following tips as you chat up people at the holiday parties, volunteer occasions and other networking events this holiday season.

Don't forget your business cards and a pen. "If you don't have your cards, don't go," Blank said, adding that networkers should keep their cards in their hands, not stashed in a wallet or purse. As you meet people, exchange cards and jot down notes about people on the cards they give you, such as commonalities you share or ways in which you might be able to help them, for reference when you later contact them.

Remember, it's the holidays.

Rather than venting about previous jobs or the difficult job market, keep the conversation focused on social topics or the general business climate. That includes being sensitive to conversational clues.

"Be very smart about watching the situation and really not focusing on yourself," Winston said. "If they don't ask you a follow-up question, then you need to move on and make this 100 percent social ... It's still a party. People are trying to exchange holiday cheer." Still, let people know you're looking for a new position if the topic comes up.

Don't just socialize with friends. Eager networkers often head to an event, only to sit at the bar talking with friends. "That's the biggest mistake they make," Blank said. "Networking is going to an event and interacting with people you don't know."

Grab their attention, but be quick about it. A sample conversation starter: "I work at Lee Hecht Harrison. I help companies and individuals have fewer regrets," Winston said. An opener like that "starts the conversation. An engineer's opener might be: 'I'm exploring my options as an engineer. I love to design such-and-such,'" Winston said.

"It's a personal statement," but needs to be short, about 20 seconds or less.

Shop around for the best airfare options

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — When it comes to buying airline tickets, it often pays to shop around.

Where you'll get the best value depends on what you're looking for, according to Richard Copland, president and chief executive of the American Society of Travel Agents.

Most Internet travel sites are commodity-based, so finding a cheap flight usually is quick and easy. But if you're looking for a hassle-free itinerary, a travel agent can provide support and alternatives if weather or any other unplanned events alter your trip.

If your trip is as simple as hopping one flight from point A to point B, you can probably make those arrangements yourself.

"You don't need a rocket scientist for that," Copland said.

But when you can't get a non-stop flight, he added, a travel agent can help coordinate connecting flights — finding the shortest layover, the shortest total flight time or the cheapest fare.

Check the prices you find on the well-known travel sites against the prices at the airline's own Web site. The airline may have the lowest price, but it may offer additional benefits, such as free miles or an upgraded seat if you book directly through the carrier.

The Wall Street Journal reports that you should also compare prices for different fare classes. Some carriers offer last-minute deals on first-class seats.

One caveat to booking online: Travel scans abound. If a fare sounds too good to be true, or the Web site seems less than professional, double-check the price with the airline.

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Credit-card rewards can be a real gas

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Consumers who have felt the pinch of high gas prices are turning to gas-reward credit cards to save at the pump.

The Wall Street Journal reports that credit-card companies are seeing increased interest in their reward programs, particularly those for fuel reimbursement. In turn, companies have been heavily promoting reward programs.

Reward cards are a type of credit card where you earn something, either rebate, cash back, investments or even contributions to a college-savings plan. Each program has different promotions and conditions regarding how you can earn and spend your rewards.

While getting something back for your purchases may sound like a good idea, be sure to read the fine print. Reward cards typically have an APR about 4 percentage points higher than other credit cards — around 14 to 16 percent. Because interest charges could easily eclipse what you'd save with rewards, a rewards card makes the most sense if you pay off the balance every month.

Choose a rewards program that makes sense for you. If you don't drive a lot, why get a card that reimburses you for fuel? And if you want to reap your rewards quickly, don't opt for a card that offers points for airline miles. It may take years to earn that free ticket.

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Sales bilow for air purifiers

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Pat Boone is crooning a different tune these days. He is singing the praises of Living Air, a high-tech air purifier that promises to scrub indoor air clean of everything from fish-odors to cigarette smoke.

"You can survive weeks without food, days without water, but only minutes without air," Boone says in ads on Chicago radio. "It just makes sense for your family to breathe fresh air."

Helping consumers breathe easier has become a big business. In the last five years, U.S. sales of air-cleaning systems shot up 31 percent, to \$385 million in 2003, according to a study by the Fractura Group Inc., an independent Cleveland-based market research firm. That figure is expected to grow 5.4 percent annually and exceed half a billion dollars by 2008 as more companies target consumers with messages touting the benefits of pristine air, retail consultants say.

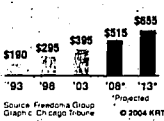
"Fifteen years ago, people thought it was crazy to buy bottled water," notes Cynthia Cohen, president of Strategic MindsShare, a retail consulting firm headquartered in Florida. "There is now consciousness-raising about poor air quality. We've built too many buildings where we cannot open windows."

Much of the current competition is focused on high-tech air purifiers, the kind represented by EcoQuest International's Living Air and Sharper Image's Ionic Breeze. They sell for about \$300 and up, although other manufacturers' models that rely on older HEPA filter technology can be had at discount stores such as Wal-Mart for as little as \$70.

Few experts expect air purifiers to become the next microwave oven, an appliance that once struck consumers as bizarre but is now found in 80 percent of U.S. households. Yet for the growing number

Air purifiers

U.S. sales, in millions of dollars:



of families where someone suffers from asthma or allergies, air purifiers may soon be considered a necessity, predicts Cynthia Cohen, president of Strategic MindsShare, a retail consulting firm headquartered in Florida.

Other consumers are excited about healthful living, including many aging baby boomers, who already have added an air purifier to their anti-aging arsenal of vitamins, organic vegetables and filtered water.

Some are even wearing miniaturized air purifiers around their necks on airplane flights. Sharper Image sells air cleaners for use in cars and office cubicles.

The case for air purification was bolstered by a study conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency in the mid-1980s. The government agency best known for cleaning up toxic-waste sites came to a surprising conclusion: "The air within homes and other buildings is often more seriously polluted than the outdoor air in even the largest and most industrialized cities."

Even so, the competition to sell clean air is becoming downright dirty. The Federal Trade Commission slapped several air purifier companies with fines for mak-

ing claims about their products that are not supported by science.

After Consumer Reports gave Sharper Image's air purifier poor grades in 2002 and 2003, Sharper Image sued the magazine, alleging its findings were false and misleading. It also sued some competitors, alleging they have infringed Sharper Image's patents by copying the Ionic Breeze's design or technology too closely.

The people at Oreck suggest Living Air purifiers come with some risk for those with respiratory problems because their machines use ozone to clean the air. Ozone, an extremely energetic form of oxygen found in the upper atmosphere, can be hazardous when it makes its way into the air we breathe; hence ozone action days.

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Cynthia Cohen, Strategic MindsShare

EcoQuest International, a company that makes Living Air, says its first-generation purifiers did use ozone but — the level — was carefully monitored by the purifiers to make sure it stayed within safe parameters. Its second-generation machines use much less ozone.

Mike Jackson, president and founder of EcoQuest, scoffs at Oreck's concerns.

"By the way, that's a vacuum cleaner company. I don't really try to explain how vacuum cleaners work." Results speak for themselves, Jackson says. Privately held EcoQuest, which sells its purifiers through a nationwide network of home-based businesses, has sold more than 5 billion in air purifiers, the bulk of them in the last five or six years.

The battle is likely to get uglier. Sales of Sharper Image's Ionic Breeze purifiers appear to be softening as more competi-

Telephone scam artists thrive despite 'no call' list

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — The government's "do not call" list may reduce the number of telemarketing solicitations you receive, but it won't stop telephone scam artists from plying their trade.

The Federal Trade Commission reports that victims of fraud lost more than \$400 million last year. Telephone scams in particular appeal to consumers' desire to receiving something (money, gifts or travel) for next to nothing. The scammers rely on their victims' lack of savvy about protections and ignorance of telemarketing laws.

Scam artists may entice you with offers of prizes, travel packages, lottery winnings or investment opportunities. They may ask you to donate to charities or promise to help you recover money or repair your credit.

Perpetrators may get your name from a telephone directory, a mailing list or a "sucker list" — a roster that marketers sell containing contact information for people who have previously responded to telemarketing solicitations. People aged 80 or older, especially at risk for telephone scams, because seniors may be seen as more trusting and polite toward strangers.

Protect yourself from telephone scams with some

basic advice: Don't be pressured to make an immediate decision. Ask for the organization's contact information so that you can follow up after you consider the offer. Talk to a friend, family member or financial adviser before sending money. Call your local Better Business Bureau or your state attorney general's office. Check out the investment offers with your state securities regulator.

Don't give out sensitive information like your credit-card, bank account or Social Security numbers. Be wary of offers for "free" prizes or gifts. Ask for the offer conditions and the total cost to you — including taxes, shipping and handling, etc.

Don't agree to pay for a service in advance. Ask for everything in writing. Legitimate charities and organizations will send you the facts you'll need to properly assess their offer. Scam artists will tell you that you don't need to see the paperwork or won't receive it in time.

Don't be afraid to hang up if a particular telemarketer is persistent, calls multiple times or makes you uncomfortable. To report telephone fraud, call the FTC Consumer Response Center at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

Job hunting now takes longer

The Associated Press

Prolonged job hunting and hiring isn't just the purview of the little worker bees. Even senior-level executives are taking longer these days to land new gigs, according to labor research firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

The average job search period was 4.4 months in the second quarter, marking an unprecedented seven consecutive quarters in which it took senior managers and executives more than four months to find a job, the Chicago-based company said.

"There's no question in my mind a day will come when everyone has an air purification system in their home," Jackson said. "I wouldn't be in a home without one."

Mainly, it's because of deeper background checks into potential candidates, as security concerns and new corporate governance requirements mandate greater scrutiny. Plus, it can cost \$400,000 or more to replace an executive, making a failed hire a financially disastrous occurrence.

"We have not seen job search times fall as they did in past recessions, and the most likely reason is that employers are being especially selective when it comes to adding new people, particularly those at the upper levels of the corporate ladder," said John A. Challenger, the company's CEO.

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Low-paying jobs keep poor mired in poverty

By Christina Hoag
Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — John and Kelly Delgado moved their family to Homestead, Fla., from Indiana last August, thinking that John's native South Florida was their land of opportunity.

They now regret the move. "We never have any money," said Kelly, 32. "Every month we're robbing Peter to pay Paul and then figuring out how to do it again. It's so expensive to live here. I can't afford to buy uniforms for school. My son had a field trip; it cost \$6. He used the birthday money, \$12, my mom sent him. It's been a very rough year."

The problem: John, 34, earns \$6 an hour as a nursery laborer while Kelly, a medical administrative assistant with two associate's degrees, earns \$8.50 an hour at a doctor's office. It's just not enough without food stamps, help from social service agencies and emergency cash from their parents.

The Delgados are part of a vast second-class economy of working poor people who cannot live on their salary alone.

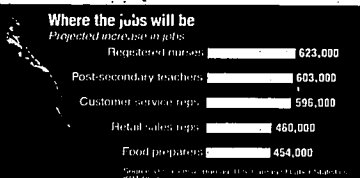
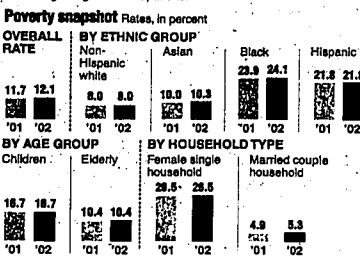
"These are people who are playing by all the rules of the game," said Oren Wunderman, executive director of the non-profit Family Resource Center of South Florida, which helped the Delgados find an apartment. "They've got jobs; they're working. But they can't make ends meet."

They've been dubbed the invisible work force. Because these people are working, they don't qualify for many government benefits. But they do make ends meet — typically less than \$10 an hour — to lift a family out of poverty.

And there will be more of them. Of the 20 occupations that the U.S. Labor Department

America's poor

U.S. poverty rates, and job-growth projections for the highest growth occupations.



expects will see the biggest growth between 2002 and 2012, 17 are considered low-wage jobs. Only three require college degrees.

In Florida, expanding industries such as retail and food services pay 15 percent less than contracting industries, such as manufacturing and information technology, reflecting a nationwide trend.

"It's not a lack of work ethic," said Bruce Katz, vice president of the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "It's the structure of the economy that is

creating jobs that don't pay enough to make ends meet."

Treasury Secretary John Snow said the administration has implemented several policies that help low-income workers, including tax cuts and more training programs.

"The tax proposals the president pushed through Congress had a number of benefits for low-income people," Snow said. "It took 4 to 5 million people off the tax rolls. The other major area where the administration is taking steps is improving the availability of job-based train-

ing skills, often through community colleges."

But liberal economists said the federal government is underestimating the problem because it doesn't classify many low-wage workers as poor, due to unrealistically low poverty standards.

The poverty rate rose from 11.7 percent in 2001 to 12.1 percent in 2002 — the latest statistic available.

For example, a family of four with an annual income of about \$18,500 — an hourly wage of \$8.89 — is poor, according to the federal government. In reality, that family is extremely poor, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington think tank.

"A good measure of poverty is twice the poverty line," said Jared Bernstein, the institute's senior economist. "A family of four with income below \$30,000 in any city in this country is going to have trouble making ends meet." A \$30,000-a-year income requires an hourly salary of \$14.42.

The working poor encompass everyone from hotel maids and clerical workers to teacher's aides and construction workers. They are not just unskilled labor, said Harriet Spivack, executive director of South Florida Workforce. "Many of these jobs require an associate's degree or some training. They're not low-skilled."

But they typically don't pay a wage sufficient to live on. About 24 percent of workers earn less than \$9 an hour, the federal poverty line for a family of four, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

Stella Williams, a 55-year-old single mother of four in Miami, works 64 hours a week at two nursing-home jobs paying \$8 and \$9 an hour. If she works less, she cannot come up with

the \$850 rent, put food on the table and pay the bills.

"I work that second job so I can go to Winn-Dixie and buy what I want," she said. "I try to save \$50 a month with the credit union, but many times I have to go into it and get \$20. I'm living paycheck to paycheck. You think if people work, they wouldn't have to live like this."

The growth in low-wage jobs essentially results from sweeping shifts in the U.S. economy, from manufacturing to services, from domestic to overseas production, from unionized to nonunion workers, from humans to automation. Add to that a highly competitive marketplace where low-overhead giants such as Wal-Mart drive costs down across the board.

The dilemma of low-wage earners is automation. Add to that of other factors in the economy, say economists and labor-market analysts.

Although inflation has slowed in recent years to nearly negligible blips, the nation has undergone a housing boom that has brought skyrocketing rents and home prices.

Housing costs in South Florida are up 45 percent since 1999. The median price for a home in Miami-Dade and Broward counties hovers around \$235,000.

Health care costs are soaring. South Florida's medical expenses climbed this year by 15.4 percent and pharmacy costs by 18 percent, outpacing national averages of 13.4 percent and 14.4 percent, respectively, according to Aon Consulting. And many low-wage jobs do not provide medical insurance.

To make ends meet, more working people are seeking help from social service groups and the government.

Nonprofit organizations report a huge increase in demand

for everything from housing to food to child care.

A year ago, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Broward, Fla., typically received requests for food donations from 25 to 30 families a week. Now, 35 to 40 are coming in — each day, in Miami-Dade County, the number of people approved for food stamps has more than doubled from 2001 to 2004.

To be sure, some of those seeking help are on welfare or have disabilities that prevent them from working, but many are employed, agencies said.

"There are helpless folks who actually have a job," said Doug Weber, president and chief executive of the United Way of Broward County.

Solutions are far from easy. Social-policy analysts said the government must devote more resources to the needs of the working poor — universal health care, more grants and loans for higher education, more slots for subsidized child care.

Some economists call for a bump in the \$5.15-an-hour federal minimum wage, which hasn't budged in seven years. That would boost incomes for 10-million low-wage workers, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

Some employers are taking measures to help their low-wage work forces. Bank of America reimburses a portion of child-care expenses to workers earning less than \$34,000; Home Depot awards bonuses to hourly employees based on store sales goals; Wachovia and Kraft Foods offer flexibility in schedules.

More will be needed if the United States wants to maintain its upward mobility and high living standards into the future, said Katz of the Brookings Institution.

Experts say women could fill many engineering positions

The Dallas Morning News

Regardless of the job market's current state, there's no question that the demand for engineers is about to accelerate. Becky Willis said.

"If you talk to any major corporation, most of them are going to say that a large proportion of their engineers are going to be at retirement age within the next five years," said Willis, director of student programs and outreach in the school of engineering at Southern Methodist University.

So the industry is going to be facing a mass exodus of engineers," she said.

And one of the biggest untapped sources of potential engineers is women, Willis and other female engineers contended at a recent panel discussion in Dallas hosted by the Alliance of Technology and Women.

Among the panelists were Susan Skemp, manager of advanced technology training at Pritz & Whitney and past president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and Diane Dorland, dean of the college of engineering at Rowan University in New Jersey and past president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

In an interview before the panel discussion, Skemp said that the scarcity of women engineers traces to the end of World War II.

"Back in the '40s in World War II, women took over roles not necessarily in engineering, but

they were in the factory doing the manufacturing aspect," she said. "When the war ended, they moved back into being housewives. Some women did go on to get engineering degrees and work at the forefront."

Now 20 percent to 25 percent of all students graduating from college engineering programs are women, Dorland said.

"I would say in chemical engineering, about 35 percent of the student body are women," she said.

By comparison, Skemp said, only about 17 percent of mechanical engineers are women.

The disparity can be partly explained by looking at the scientific disciplines that girls are more likely to be exposed to in high school, Dorland said.

"Quite frankly, chemistry is a common high school subject that men and women tend to take," she said. "One of the things you find in any field is that familiarity breeds a desire to go on in that area."

Willis of SMU noted that many female students have a misconception of the overall field of engineering.

"Engineering has this bad image that we can't seem to shake that engineers are nerds and wear pocket protectors and live in little cubicles," she said. "For 95 percent of engineers, I would say that's not true at all."

Willis also said that many students don't realize the breadth of the engineering field. She likes to tell students that her background is in food process engineering.

"I think food is one area people don't think of when they think of engineering or they think of genetic engineering," she said.

Willis said that SMU has a goal of reaching gender parity in the engineering student body in five years.

Today, about 30 percent of its undergraduate student body is female, she said, which is higher than the national average.

And the trends are moving in the right direction, Skemp said.

"We haven't seen the percentage increase as much as we would like," she said. "But we are seeing more women in roles of leadership and responsibility."

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The Associated Press

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At work, 85 percent said they eat at their workspace, more than a third said they clip their nails at work and 22 percent said they see a co-worker sneeze, cough or yawn nearly daily without covering their mouth. And nearly half of us have seen a co-worker leave the loo without washing hands.

All of this icky behavior can have a severe consequence: More than three-quarters of employees said they get sick each year from co-workers.

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Civil rights icon struggles to control image

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press writer

Growing up in Detroit, Susan McCauley and her 12 siblings would at times have been about their famous aunt, proudly telling their friends that they were America's "civil rights family."
Their aunt herself rarely talked about what happened on that bleak December day in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955.
But their father recounted the details, how his sister refused to surrender her seat on a bus to a white man, even though the segregation laws required it, even though the driver yelled at her, even though she knew she would be arrested, jailed, and possibly even lynched.

Rosa Parks' simple act of courage spawned a movement, inspired a generation, and changed a nation.
But it wasn't until she was old that McCauley began to put her aunt's action into perspective. At family gatherings she would ponder Auntie Rosa, with her gentle smile, her glasses, and her braided hair, always so self-deprecating, always so demure. And she would marvel.

This was the woman whose arrest had inspired the yearlong bus boycott in Montgomery, when thousands of blacks walked to work rather than sit in the "colored" section of the buses. This was the woman who helped introduce the world to a dynamic young preacher named Martin Luther King Jr. This was the quiet crusader, whose life was so viciously threatened that she had to flee with her family to Detroit.

For these days, when McCauley talks to her own children about Parks, her three teenagers ask:

Why is she suing OutKast? On the phone from her home in Atlanta, McCauley sighed. Auntie Rosa lived her whole life to taking stands against the indignities and sufferings of her race," she said. "That is how she should be remembered, not some money-grabbing old lady who sued a rock band."
At 91, Parks has dementia and cannot explain for herself why she became embroiled in two suits involving the hip-hop duo OutKast and their record company, BMG.

At issue is a song about the entertainment industry that has no connection to Parks, though it is titled "Rosa Parks" and its chorus goes, "Ah, ha, ha, ha that f---, everybody move to the back of the bus."
Lawyers for Parks argue her name was wrongly used; they seek a total of \$5 million.
Parks has no children. Her 13 nieces and nephews, her closest relatives, argue that Parks, who lived a humble, frugal life, would never had sued for money. If she was upset, they say, she would have made a point of saying so.

They accuse her lawyer, Gregory Reed and her caretaker, Elaine Steele of exploiting their ally and for private gain. Reed denies this; Steele declined to comment.
A judge has named Dennis Archer, a former Detroit mayor and later Michigan Supreme Court justice, to act as Parks' guardian, asking him to "stand in her shoes."
But it is hard to imagine, anyone standing in the shoes of a woman whose near mythological status has long eclipsed the reality of who she is and what she accomplished.

Living history

The historic action she took five decades ago on an Alabama bus does not fully define her, nor does the lawsuit in her name against a hip-hop group. A review of 91-year-old Rosa Parks' life reveals a complex woman living through tumultuous times and quietly leaving her mark.

Parks herself has chafed at the way she has often been portrayed: A 42-year-old seamstress so exhausted after a day stitching hems at the Montgomery Fair Department Store that she simply refused to budge.

"The only tired I was," she wrote in her autobiography, "was tired of giving in."
In fact, Parks had been actively involved in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, despite the fact that, in the seething racial tensions of the time, anyone who supported segregation risked reprisals from the Ku Klux Klan.

Parks was aware of the risks. Raised partly by her grandparents in Pine Level, Ala., she had vivid memories of her grandfather sleeping in his rocking chair with a shotgun by his side.
But Parks knew other realities, too. She was a child, she was enrolled in a private school in Montgomery where, in addition to English and science, white teachers taught black students a philosophy of self-worth and equality. Later she worked at a military base where segregation was the one banner on an integrated trolley on the base," she wrote. "But when I left the base I had to ride home on a segregated bus."

Quietly, she began to engage in small acts of resistance. She walked up stairs rather than use elevators marked "Colored."

She led youth members of the NAACP to Montgomery's main library, even though they knew they would be directed to the poorly stocked branches for blacks across town. Twelve years before her arrest, she was thrown off a bus for refusing to enter through the back, as blacks were required to do.
Parks never caused a fuss. She simply carried herself with such quiet, almost spiritual dignity that even today friends and family talk about her "glow."

She married Raymond Parks, a barber, drawn to him; she wrote, by the fact he didn't seem to have that meek attitude, what we called an Uncle Tom attitude toward white people." He was also deeply involved in the NAACP. There were secret nightly meetings and endless reports of lynch-



Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks sits in a 1950s-era bus in Montgomery, Ala., in this Dec. 2, 1995, file photo, 40 years after she was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a city bus to a white person.

ings and other acts of racial violence. As secretary of the NAACP Parks would read them all.
She found solace in the Bible and the African Methodist Episcopal church.

But she found a new way of thinking at the Highlander Folk school in the Appalachian mountains of Tennessee, where blacks and whites lived side by side, attending workshops on civil rights and civil disobedience. Parks spent 10 days there in the summer of 1955, returning to Montgomery with a new sense of resolve.

Months earlier, 15-year-old Claudette Colvin had caused a sensation by getting arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger. Colvin's fiery language and the fact she was pregnant made the NAACP reluctantly decide not to press a lawsuit.
Still, as Fred Grey, a young NAACP lawyer who ate lunch with Parks nearly every day, recalled, "It was on all our minds, why shouldn't we all be taking such a stand."
At dusk on Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded the Cleveland Avenue bus and took that stand.

King described Parks' act as "an individual expression of a timeless longing for human dignity and freedom." In a single moment, King wrote, she had become "a victim of both the forces of history and the forces of destiny."

In a sense Parks has been a victim of both forces ever since. "The NAACP finally had the perfect plaintiff. The civil rights movement soon found its perfect leader in King, who led the bus boycott that would paralyze the city for 381 days.
Bus segregation was ruled unconstitutional in 1956. Other triumphs followed, eventually leading to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

But while King and others were catapulted to fame, Parks remained in the shadows. She continued to go to marches and rallies, and was present for King's "I have a dream" speech in Washington in 1963, though she was upset by the secondary role assigned to women.
But Parks never stopped working, always juggling low-paying jobs to support her mother and husband.

It was at one such job, working as a seamstress in a tiny sewing factory in Detroit, that she met 16-year-old Elaine Steele, who became Parks' constant companion and confidante.
Historian Douglas Brinkley's biographer, suggested the two women bonded partly because Parks identified with Steele's more militant view of black nationalism.
As such as Parks admired King, she never believed that nonviolence was the only solution. She was horrified when King didn't defend himself at a convention in 1962 after a white man repeatedly punched him in the face.
"Dr. King used to say that black people should receive brutality with love, and I believed that this was a goal to work for," Parks wrote. "But I couldn't reach that point in my mind; at all." In fact, she professed admiration for Malcolm X after he had renounced the Nation of Islam and its virulent anti-white philosophy.
By the mid-1960s, Brinkley wrote, "the gentle Christian woman had become a tough-minded, free-thinking, feminist, who had grown impatient with gradualist approaches."

Her family says Parks never lost that inner steeliness, despite her gentle manner. Even as children her nieces remember their aunt's no-nonsense house, where duty and manners were expected, along with regular attendance at church.
The same decorum was remembered in the Detroit office of Democratic Rep. John Canoy, where Parks worked for 22 years. Dutifully she would pose for pictures when visitors trooped in to see her, though she was never comfortable with the spotlight.
"I understand I am a symbol," she wrote. "But I have never gotten used to being a public person."

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In Montgomery, 93-year-old Johnnie Mae Carr ponders the legacy of her childhood friend.
It still seems like yesterday, Carr said, that they sat in the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and listened to the new ministers King speak and she whispered to her friend, "He is something else."
It still seems like yesterday, all the meetings and marches and speeches, and the powerful sense that a force had been unleashed that nothing could turn back.
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A generation comes of age on the Net

CHICAGO (AP) — Even when he's asleep, Scott Kearnan is hooked into the Internet. He just turns down the volume on his computer, so he's not woken by the "brrring" of a late-night instant message.

"It's become something for me that's almost like a telephone. I may not use it, but it could ring anytime," says the 22-year-old from Mendon, Mass., who works for a search-engine marketing company. "If I don't have it, I feel cut off."

For 21-year-old William Herbert, the Internet has replaced newspapers and TV weather reports (he visits Weather.com every morning). He pays his bills online, registers for classes, books airline and train tickets, checks TV listings, buys movie tickets and gets travel directions.

"My parents, when we would go on road trips, would get a booklet with travel directions that were printed and mailed. Can you imagine? Mailing away for travel directions?" asks Herbert, a senior at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts who's studying business and highway design.

It's one small indication of just how far the Internet has come—and how its existence is taken for granted by a generation of young Americans who "don't know life without it," says Malcolm Bird, head of America Online's services for kids and teens.

Young people are now the savviest of the tech-savvy, as likely to demand speedy broadband connection as to download music, onto an iPod, or upload digital photos to their Web logs.

The Internet has shaped the way they work, rest and even date. It's created a different notion of community for them and new avenues for expression that are, at best, liberating and fun—but that also can become a forum for pettiness and, occasionally, criminal exploitation.

"Students are continuously connected to other students and friends and family in ways that older generations never would have imagined," says Steven Jones, chairman of the communications department at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a senior research fellow with the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

More than any previous generation, today's young people are plugged in all the time—with a world of communication and information at their fingertips.

Like Suhans Sridharan, whose introduction to the Web came as a sixth-grader in South Carolina. In those days, she regularly visited the Disney Web site to play games; by high school, she was researching assignments online and checking her e-mail daily.

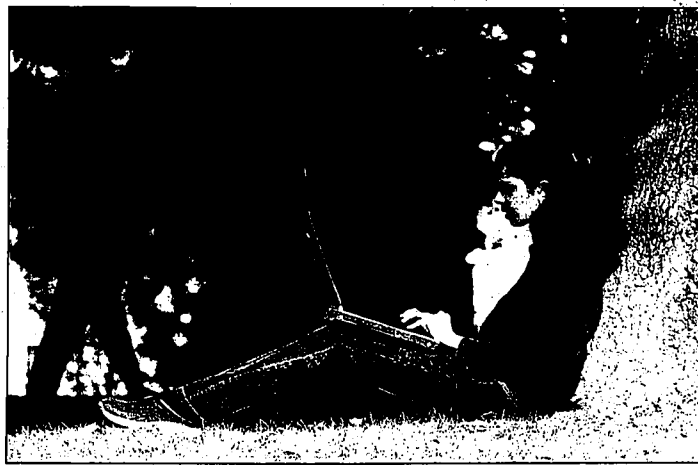
"Now I think even my 'senior self' in high school would be surprised how much I use the Internet," says Sridharan, a 17-year-old freshman at Emory University in Atlanta, where the Web is woven into the framework of students' lives via a system called LearnLink.

Assignments are dispersed online. Students are much more likely to do research online than use the library. And even the proverbial class "handout" has gone the way of the Web, as electronic bulletin boards for downloading after class.

So when Emory's computer server went down for a few hours one evening this fall, you would've thought the world had come to an end. "A lot of people were at loose ends," Sridharan says. "They couldn't do their homework."

As time and innovations move ahead, many young people only see the Internet becoming that much more vital. Crystal Cienfuegos, for instance, found a public relations job via the Web—something out an "electronic" resume, arranging an in-person interview by e-mail and securing the job with a writing test, taken online.

"Nowadays, a person employed at one company can be interviewing interviews via Hotmail during lunch and literally finding a new job without even leaving their desk," says 25-year-old Cienfuegos, from Long Beach, Calif. "It's quite amusing, but not so funny if you



Emory University freshman Suhans Sridharan checks e-mail on her laptop computer via a wireless Internet connection on the Emory campus, Nov. 18, in Atlanta.

are a business owner." Gabriel Schaffzin, a senior at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., has used the Internet to rejuvenate his father's personalized calendar business, now called gabosh.media inc.

Through the Internet, he's found seed funding, business plan competitions and industry data. And perhaps, most importantly, the Web has given customers another way to find the business—and order products.

It's the sort of reach that would've been "unfathomable, not even 20 years ago," says Susannah Stern, a professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego who has studied young people's Internet habits.

For them, accessing information is easy," she says, noting that the Internet also opens up chance for teens and 20somethings to communicate with people who are different from them, "people in another state or country or kids at school they don't talk to."

“There is a real power there, a kind of technological power. But also I think there's a kind of intellectual power that can be harnessed.”

— Steve Jones, senior research fellow

Of course, there is a dark side to having such broad access: It gives identity thieves and sexual predators a new place to look for victims.

Perhaps more common than those well-publicized dangers are the everyday dramas caused by online rumor-spreading. And it can get ugly, particularly when people post comments on their online profiles and Web logs, commonly known as blogs.

Jennifer Anello recalls the time a friend got drunk one Saturday night, called her ex-boyfriend and ended up arguing with him.

"The following Monday his profile had something to the effect of 'Can someone tell (my ex-girlfriend) how to 'hold her liquor and get her a shrink?'" says Anello, who's 24 and lives in Stamford, Conn.

Online rumors and innuendo cause angst among teens, too. "Parents say, 'We never knew it would take on this velocity and ferocity,'" says Amanda Lenhart, another Pew researcher.

Andrea Johnson, a student at Central Michigan University and a regular Web user, says those bad experiences make some people, including the grandmother who raised her, wary of the Internet.

"Are you kidding? She would never get an e-mail account," Johnson says, laughing. "I think some older people still think of it as the devil—like it's kind of evil."

But the Internet also has produced many unexpected benefits. Stern, for instance, notes that the Web provides an anonymous outlet to troubled

young people who want to talk about everything from suicide and self-mutilation to eating disorders.

"There's nowhere for a lot of kids to go, there's no hanging out on the corner. So the Internet is a place for kids to figure out who they are," she says.

In her research, Stern says it was common to hear young people who've posted online diaries say, "I'd never tell someone this in person."

Indeed, Jones has seen firsthand how students have used the Internet to enhance life—even during classes he leads on his Chicago campus. Using messages sent wirelessly from laptop to laptop, one student recently helped another who didn't speak English very well by translating a point Jones was making during a lecture.

On other occasions, students have surfed the Net during class and found Web sites that supplement the discussion—though Jones also jokes that he's never had his students' undivided attention, thanks to the laptops, cell phones and other gizmos they carry.

"There is a real power there, a kind of technological power. But also I think there's a kind of intellectual power that can be harnessed. They are so curious about using these technologies. And I'd really like to be able to regularly marshal that curiosity," Jones says, noting that students—not necessarily universities—are the ones who often drive the use of technology on campus.

He also thinks that young workers will continue to push technological advances in the corporate world, partly because they're able to handle "multiple conversations and juggle better than the previous generations." He says the Internet—and other forms of communication—play very much into this generation's wish for flexibility at home, work and during down time.

AOL's Bird predicts that teens will be among the first to embrace new Web-based video technology.

"You will very soon be able to shoot video messages and play those video messages on your blog that your friends can go to," Bird says. "So your community, your scheduling, your friends, your holidays—all of this stuff will live in an online environment."

It's all very exciting to Sridharan, the Emory freshman. She finds it difficult to predict how the Internet will change her life, even a few years from now. But she knows the potential is there: "It's just up to us to imagine it," she says, "and put it into motion."



Scott Kearnan of Mendon, Mass., browses the Internet on his laptop computer in the study of his Mendon, Mass. home on Nov. 17. Even when he's asleep, Scott Kearnan is hooked into the Internet.

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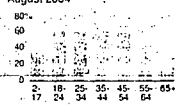
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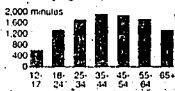
Tech-savvy youths

More than any previous generation, today's young people are plugged in—all the time—with a world of communication and information at their fingertips.

Percentage of population with Internet access by age, August 2004



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Panel says more study needed on women's sex patch

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Federal health advisers Thursday said Procter & Gamble's experimental testosterone patch for menopausal women with low libidos needs much more study before hitting the nation's bedrooms.

The panel's unanimous vote was for a cold shower for P&G, not to mention the dozen other drug companies lusting to tap the estimated \$1 billion market for a female counterpart to Viagra.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration usually follows its advisers' recommendations, but does not have to.

Members of the panel's 17 voting members said P&G failed to prove its Intrinsic patch is effective, since a placebo also perked up women's desire. None of the 1,100 patients in two studies became as frisky as a group of women who reported being

Patch aims to restore women's libido

While women who used Intrinsic, a testosterone patch, in clinical trials have had improvements in sexual responses, the Food and Drug Administration declined recommending the drug on Thursday.

An adhesive patch is placed on the abdomen twice a week. It constantly releases small amounts of testosterone.

- Intended use for women:**
- ▶ With a complete hysterectomy
 - ▶ With low sexual desire causing distress
 - ▶ With prescribed estrogen therapy

Side effects in studies of 1,094 women

- Placebo Intrinsic
- Increase in facial hair 7.3%
- Increase in acne 6.7%
- Thinning hair 4.2%

SOURCE: FDA

happy with their sex lives. But while effectiveness was judged underwhelming, it was safety questions that led the panel to unanimously reject approval of the first-ever prescription product for

women with "hypoactive sexual desire disorder." Chronic testosterone use, even in the low dose delivered by the patch, may increase the risks of breast cancer, high blood pressure, clotting and heart disease.

"The potential of this agent to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease and death is substantial," said panel member Steven Nissen, a cardiologist at the Cleveland Clinic.

"It is not worth the devastating consequences of heart attacks and strokes to have one more 'satisfying sexual episode' per month. It's not an acceptable tradeoff."

Before deliberating in the late afternoon, the panel heard pleas both for and against the patch.

Kathleen Kelly, founder of HysterSisters, an online support group for women who have had hysterectomies, said women need treatment options like the patch "to better restore what we have lost."

In contrast, physician Mark Klein, a P&G stockholder, called the patch "too dangerous" and blasted company officials: "I am absolutely shocked that you

have gone into this new business. We are in the business of selling soap; I hope you keep in mind, 'Hell hath no fury'."

In P&G's studies, which lasted six months, the women went from a monthly average of three "sexually satisfying episodes" — not necessarily including intercourse — to four or five episodes, with patch users reporting the higher frequency.

The women also reported more desire and less distress about their sex lives.

But the patch and placebo effects were similar, and many women in both groups said the benefit was not meaningful.

The panel's deliberations were clearly influenced and complicated by another hormone — estrogen.

be approved only for such women.

The problem is, menopausal estrogen or estrogen-progestin therapy is already known to be risky, thanks to a federally funded study that ended over the last few years.

That watershed research refuted decades of less rigorous studies suggesting estrogen had cardiovascular benefits.

It also showed, as FDA scientists told the panel, "that short-term or uncontrolled studies may not provide adequate estimates of the risks of hormonal therapy."

Women in the P&G studies did not suffer any serious side effects, but many dropped out rather than put up with the mild but common effects of testosterone treatment — namely, facial hair, balding and acne.

Only a few hundred of the patch-wearers have been followed for two or three years, so long-term risks are not clear.

Experts say meth and sex go together

CHIATANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — At a recent task force meeting on the epidemic of methamphetamine use in Appalachia, Gov. Phil Bredesen winced when a federal prosecutor described the illegal drug as an aphrodisiac.

Doctors and government officials don't like to talk much about it, but there is an obvious reason people get hooked on methamphetamine sex.

Meth eventually destroys the sex drive, but for a short while it can boost sexual appetite and performance more powerfully than drugs such as cocaine, doctors say.

"Who wouldn't want to use it? You lose weight and you have great sex," Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Laymon said sarcastically at the meeting of the Tennessee task force.

For obvious reasons, government officials want to focus on the misery meth causes.

Use of the addictive drug can cause brain damage, violent behavior and hallucinations, and exposure to the potentially explosive vapors during the manufacture of meth can cause respiratory problems, headaches and nausea. In many gay clubs in New York City and elsewhere, meth is often injected, putting users and their partners at risk for HIV, hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted diseases.

As for why the drug has such a hold on people, Dr. Mary Holley, an obstetrician who runs a Mothers Against Methamphetamine ministry in Albertville, Ala., and has interviewed men and women addicted to meth, said sex is the No. 1 reason people use it.

"The effect of an IV hit of methamphetamine is the equivalent of 10 orgasms all on top of each other lasting for 30

minutes to an hour, with a feeling of arousal that lasts for another day and a half," she said.

The effect doesn't last long. "After you have been using it about six months or so you can't have sex unless you are high," Holley said.

"After you have been using it a little bit longer you can't have sex even when you're high. Nothing happens. It doesn't work."

Dr. John Standridge, an addiction specialist with the Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services in Chattanooga, said meth and other stimulants initially increase the dopamine in the brain. They rev it up and burn it out.

A National Institute on Drug Abuse survey on drug use and health in 2002 found that 12.4 million Americans at least 12 years old — or about 5 percent of the population — had tried meth at least once in their lifetimes.

In a measure of how serious the problem is in Appalachia, a total of 1,003 clandestine methamphetamine labs were cleaned up in Tennessee in 2003 — more than in any other state.

A meth task force appointed by Bredesen is recommending tougher penalties and expanded treatment for addicts.

Meth's reputation as a sex drug is not unique.

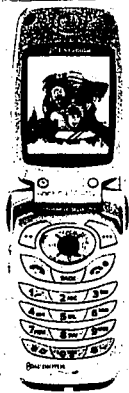
"All substance abuse is frequently marketed as enhancing sex life or making you more attractive or a better social companion," said John Walters, the drug czar for President Bush. But he added that buying meth as an aphrodisiac is "buying under false pretenses."

"Hair falls out. Teeth fall out," Walters said. "That's not sexy."

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HERO OR MURDERER?

Historic court may clear name of Chief Leschi

YELM, Wash. (AP) - Chief Leschi fought to preserve his tribe's way of life and died a hero to his people.

But in the official records of Washington state, Leschi is a convicted murderer, hanged for the death of a militia soldier in the 1855 Indian War.

Everyone from Leschi's executioner to respected historians have questioned his guilt. Next week, the chief justice of Washington state's Supreme Court will convene a historical trial to seek justice, at long last, for Chief Leschi.

"It's a search for the truth," Chief Justice Gerry Alexander said.

The search began generations ago, among Nisqually Indians who kept Leschi's legacy alive through stories they told their children and grandchildren.

Cynthia Iyall, a descendant of Leschi's sister, remembers visiting her grandfather's home on a bluff where Leschi (pronounced LESH-eye) and his brother Quiemuth (KWAY-muh) used to camp.

"It was just fantastic. He would tell us how they used to burn the prairies for grazing, and about their horses," Iyall said. "They had a view for miles. I could imagine way back when, Leschi and Quiemuth sitting up there watching the militia men."

Iyall grew up knowing Leschi's life by heart. She didn't dwell much on his death until she had a child and started thinking about the stories she would pass down to him.

"It really makes a big difference to know who your ancestors are and where they came from, and pass that on to your kids," Iyall said. "To know our historical icon, the person who is why we are here today, is considered a murderer - the people of Washington state need to know the true history."

Legend says a bright star rose over the Nisqually plains the night Leschi was born in 1808. Wealthy in horses, Leschi was also known for his wisdom and eloquence.

The Nisqually Indians did not have formal chiefs, though. That distinction was conferred upon Leschi by Isaac Stevens, Washington's first territorial governor, who needed someone to sign treaties for the tribe.

The Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854 defined reservations for the Nisqually and several other Puget Sound tribes. An X appears next to Leschi's name, though some historians say he refused to sign. The treaty assigned the Nisqually - whose original name, Squally-absch, meant "people of the river and people of the grass country" - to a high forest, cut off from their homes on the prairie and the river.

War between the Indians and the territorial militia broke out in 1855, and in 1856 Leschi was captured on Stevens' orders.

The government charged Leschi with the murder of Col. A. Benton Moses, a militia soldier killed in battle. The trial ended with a hung jury. At the second trial, the court refused to instruct the jury that killing an enemy soldier in war is not considered murder. Leschi was convicted and sentenced to death.

On appeal, the territorial Supreme Court declined to consider new evidence showing Leschi was miles away when Moses was killed.

The U.S. Army refused to execute Leschi, as military leaders believed the acts of war should have prevented him from being charged with murder. Then as now, debate raged about the distinction between "prisoners of war," "enemy combatants" and terrorists.

Pierce County authorities oversaw Leschi's execution on Feb. 19, 1858.

Indian drums sounded in the distance as Leschi stood on the gallows. His hangman, Charles Grainger, later said, "I felt then I was hanging an innocent man, and I believe it yet."

Leschi did win one battle in the end: after his death, the government moved the Nisqually reservation to a more suitable spot on the river, about 50 miles south of Seattle, where his descendants still live.

When Iyall was hired as the Nisqually tribe's economic development planner, she also became chairwoman of the Committee to Exonerate Chief Leschi. Building on decades of research by tribal historians, she lobbied to set the record straight.

Iyall teamed up with Melissa Parr, a curator for the Wash-



Chief Leschi is depicted in an undated drawing provided by the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

ton State Historical Society. The Leschi story had captured Parr's imagination several years ago, but she wasn't sure how to change history.

"He was standing up against something that was wrong. That's in the hearts of all of us," Parr said. "That's what heroes are made of, and it doesn't matter your color."

Parr and Iyall found a powerful friend in Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg.

The more Ladenburg read about Leschi's execution in his home county, the more he felt compelled to do something.

"It became clear to me this was a miscarriage of justice. He got lynched, with court approval," Ladenburg said. He rejected the idea of a pardon, saying pardons are for guilty people.

"We want to establish the historical record and make sure people understand what really happened," Ladenburg explained.

The Legislature passed a resolution last spring urging the Supreme Court to vacate Leschi's conviction. Chief Justice Alexander said he didn't think the current Supreme Court has the power to overturn a decision made by the territorial Supreme Court - which was technically a federal court. Plus, he doubted anyone would have legal standing to petition the court on behalf of a man who's been dead nearly 150 years.

Instead, Alexander proposed a "Historical Court of Justice," judged by himself and a racially diverse panel of six other Washington jurists.

Next Friday they will meet at

the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma to consider evidence from trial records and hear testimony from historians. Ladenburg and Nisqually attorneys will represent Leschi, while two Pierce County prosecutors will argue the government's case.

"It's going to be hard to do - there's not a lot of direct evidence," Alexander said. The ruling will be symbolic, but Alexander and Leschi's supporters believe it will speak strongly enough to set the record straight for good. Alexander promised the court has no predetermined verdict.

"This has got to be a straight up-deal," Alexander said. "I'm going in with a totally open mind."

Many Washington residents already know Leschi's name - several schools, some monuments and even a posh Seattle neighborhood are named after him. Soon, Iyall hopes, everyone will know the truth about the hero of her grandfather's stories.

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Woman records a town's history

BAYVIEW (AP) — The Bayview that swooped Linda Hackbarth was sepia, from the forested hills around Lake Island, Oreille to the wooden hotel and stores along the waterfront to the logs clustered behind tugs on the water.

Even the bearded loggers gathered on the docks were sepia, and so were the women with their determined faces and work dresses.

The Bayview that snagged Linda's heart was older than her grandparents and captured in snapshots Roy and Ethel Ellis collected from neighbors for years.

Those photographs didn't show Bayview's glorious summer color or its striking winter white.

But they showed a Bayview that Linda ached to know and share. So she went to work.

First Linda produced a compact disk of priceless photos, then a coffee table picture book, then a history book. Her latest accomplishment is a DVD of Bayview's history.

She did all the hard work: the research, the writing, says Peter Balbi, the technical half of Linda's projects. She did a super thing, talking to all those people, getting little pieces of history. When these people die, they take their memories with them. She's saving them, and that's a major thing.

"Bayview The Early Years" hit television in October. It's a 38-minute-DVD that chronicles Bayview history through photos from its earliest days as Squaw Bay to the U.S. Navy's arrival during World War II.

Linda was a sixth-grade teacher in Pullman, Wash., when she discovered Bayview in 1976. She wanted a place to call her sailboat. She had a house built overlooking Cape Horn and escaped to it weekends and summers until she retired in 1998.

With time on her hands, she decided to get to know the townspeople, maybe start a historical society. People were plenty willing to tell her stories, but weren't interested in research or writing.

Even the Museum of North Idaho had little history collected on Bayview. But, the museum steered Linda to a place to call her sailboat.

Roy Ellis had piloted the mailboat out of Bayview since the 1930s. He and Ethel loved history and had collected photos from families in the area. They'd even typed a directory of many of the photos. Linda wanted to copy the photos onto her computer and return the photos to the Ellises, but she didn't know how.

Barbara Balbi, a friend, offered Linda her husband Peter's computer expertise.

"It's been a godsend," Linda says.

Peter suggested Linda put the photos on a CD and sell them at Bayview's big Fourth of July bash. People without computers encouraged her also to put them in a book. Peter was one step ahead. He'd already been laying out the pages. The picture books were a big hit. They had 200 photos, each filling a half page.

Linda kept descriptions to a minimum, particularly after she found mistakes in the information the Ellises had given her. Researching for information to correct those mistakes hooked Linda on Bayview's history. She wanted to know why people settled in the area, which led her to steamboat companies and gold rushes.

She found Indian settlements and busy limestone quarries, homesteaders and a railroad line. By 1910, Bayview was showing enough life that a developer in Spokane saw its potential as a getaway from the big city. A railroad line fueled the construction of hotels and stores. Bayview evolved into a happening spot.

The Museum of North Idaho helped Linda with the costs of producing a book on the history of Bayview and Lakeview across the lakes. The book was popular, but Linda wanted more.

"I wanted to go to groups, have a program," she says.

Peter suggested a DVD which could relate Bayview's history through photos while Linda told the story.

"Bayview The Early Years" came out this fall at a sales price of \$15.50. She and Peter have shown the program at libraries in Rathdrum and Sandpoint and at the Timberlake Fire District.

Boy with autism nears Scouting's highest award

Teenager works to complete a goal despite suffering from condition

SANDY, Utah (AP) — He's intensely embarrassed and has a difficult time talking about it, but Sam Dolin is about to complete a charitable project to deliver books and school supplies to a remote school in Mexico.

The 17-year-old isn't just being humble about the completion of the ambitious project that will make him an Eagle Scout.

Sam was diagnosed in elementary school with a high-functioning form of autism.

"I view it not as a barrier," Sam said of his autism. "I don't know how to describe it." For years, his mother, Rochelle Dolin, has taught her son that the mental disorder isn't something that has to define his life or that of his twin 14-year-old sisters, who have been diagnosed with the same form of autism.

On Saturday, Barnes & Nobles bookstore at Salt Lake City's Gateway is holding a book fair for the project. Shop-

pers can buy children's books in Spanish for Sam. A portion of other sales also will go toward the project.

Sam makes little eye contact and mumbles through sentences.

"It will be OK," he said about delivering the books.

Sam and his mother are flying to Mexico with the books Dec. 18. When they arrive, the pair will buy school supplies with \$400 Sam has raised by

selling fishing flies.

Two days later, they will deliver the supplies and books to a two-room school in the village of Lopez Mateo, a town in southern Veracruz.

Sam and his mother visited the village four years ago and it was the school that popped into his head when he began searching for an Eagle project six months ago.

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Section E

I'm organized; it's life that's messy

Denise Turner is off this week. Here's her column from May 15, 1996.

An article in the May 1996 issue of Reader's Digest tells readers how to organize their lives.

Centralize your messages on a family message center, the article suggests, and have a place to put everything you use near to where you use it. Other tips revolve around sharing chores and tossing out stuff you don't need.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

I already know all of this because, by nature, I am extremely well organized.

It's life that isn't organized. Every time I think I've gotten everything perfect, life throws me a curve.

"Never handle a piece of paper more than once," the time-management experts say.

But as soon as I've handled a piece of paper once, someone puts another piece of paper in my hand.

I've read that the average person handles at least 300 items of paper every day.

Then there are my attempts at being organized on the road.

I think I've spent most of my life driving 10 minutes in a car with kids whose attention spans are nine minutes long.

I know other well-organized people who have similar problems. Like my friend Marion, who is always taking care of everyone.

Marion bustles around the kitchen instructing her guests. "Go back for seconds, I don't want to be buried with this casserole." And Marion takes care of a Keweenaw and wipes off the table after she finishes eating at a restaurant.

But I remember a fair number of times when life has been hectic. Marion more activities than even she could organize. One week, she ended up wrapping two wedding shower gifts and three baby shower gifts in a 10-minute span of time.

The bride-to-be was speechless when she opened her booties and rattles.

I once read about a doctor who was determined to prove the often-touted theory that people with migraines are controlling, inflexible perfectionists. One someone would come into his office with a headache, he would always leave one chair slightly askew. He said the people with migraines would strain their necks up to the ceiling.

Members of my own family have tried such tactics on me, to remind me that they are aware of my perfectionist tendencies. One of my permanent staff members, when the food arrives, my children often move my fork and knife a bit out of line when I'm not looking. I line up the utensils with my thinking, and they wait until I'm not looking another time and move them again.

Life refuses to let any of us be organized to perfection.

I have a minister friend who gave up trying to get everything done on time because, whenever he got close, his phone would ring. Most of the time, the calls were "frustrating interruptions."

Once I was attending a meeting at his home when he told about the call had gotten earlier in the evening. A woman had found his name in the phonebook under "clergy" and had called to ask him if it's sinful to go dancing.

"What did you say?" I asked. "I sputtered around for a few minutes, and then I finally said, 'I don't know if it's sinful or not, because I don't know how good a dancer you are.'"

I remember hearing a story about how orderly Scrooge was until he got about the Christmas spirit. "Then he did all sorts of disorderly things, like dropping in on his nephew for dinner unannounced and waiting until Christmas morning to buy his goose."

Closer to home, I was taking a walk last week when I saw a little girl about 4 years old skipping down the street chanting. "This is a best day, this is the best day." It really is, you know. For those who pause long enough to notice.

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

Decorations from the

Deck your halls with handmade treasures

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Nothing says "Merry Christmas" more than home-crafted tree decorations. Here's a trio that should delight friends and family without busting the budget.

They're simple and easy to make; get the kids to help you. From a cocoa break midway through. Sing Christmas carols as you work. You'll have willing helpers and start a family tradition.

The first project is a paper garland in two different designs. Garlands have been traditional since the first Christmas tree. One word of caution: Don't let the paper to touch tree lights. These garlands are flammable.

The second is a yarn snowball. Use yarn in your choice of colors and frost the tips with iridescent glitter.

Lastly, the timeless bread-dough ornament has returned. If you've had less than spectacular results in the past, this set of instructions should help change all that.

Paper garlands

You'll need a sheet of wrapping paper and some good, sharp paper-cutting scissors. Note that the tissue is folded lengthwise. Cut a long strip along the fold line.

Stretchy style: Fold the strip in half lengthwise and crease it gently. Start cutting slashes, beginning with one end on the fold. Don't cut all the way through; leave about a half-inch uncut. Now cut a slash from the opposite side - where the edges are showing - but don't cut all the way through. Now back to the folded edge; keep switching sides. When you have reached the end, open the fold and gently stretch the garland. It will open up to about a yard long or up to seven feet, depending on how you have spaced the slashes. Drape it on the tree or tack it to the wall over a window or doorway to use as a swag.

Heart garland: Fold the tissue strip in half crosswise (the short way). Fold it in half again and again, until you have folded the strip to about 2-inch width. Place the pattern on it and trace around it. Be sure the tabs that stick out from the heart are on folded parts. Cut out carefully. Open out all the folds and drape your hearts on your tree.

Snowballs

Make two templates out of cardboard (shirt cardboard, cracker or cereal box cardboard all work nicely) or use plastic lids from nut cans or coffee cans.



COREEN HART/The Times-News

Surprise your friends with these fast, simple gifts. Somehow, handmade says Christmas better than any other choice.



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Make the holidays merry with handmade tree decorations. Bread dough angels, paper garlands, and yarn snowballs are fast and easy.

for more durable templates. With a compass, mark a circle about 3 inches in diameter. Using the same center mark, then make a circle within a circle, about one inch in diameter. Don't get hung up on precision. It isn't an issue here. Cut out along both circles. You will have a doughnut shape. Make a second doughnut.

Put the "doughnuts" together and start winding yarn around them. For a reasonably full snowball, use about 16 yards. It helps to work in four-yard lengths that have been doubled. The more yarn you wind on the

doughnut, the more full your snowball will be.

Separate a few strands so you can see the outer edge. Slip the point of your scissors in the space between the two doughnuts. Clip all around until the whole thing is a pom-pom. Now slip an 18-inch length of matching yarn between the two doughnuts and tie a tight double knot.

At this point you should be able to slip the doughnuts off fairly easily. Fluff up the ends of yarn and trim any long ends. Be sure to save the two longest ends to tie in a bow for a hanger.

Dip the ends of the yarn into white glue and then in iridescent confetti or glitter. Let dry for an hour before using.

Bread dough ornaments

Mix together 4 cups flour, one cup salt, 2 teaspoons dry mustard powder and 1 1/2 cups water. Stir until the mixture forms a ball. Turn it out onto a smooth counter top and knead for about 10 minutes or until it is smooth.

Form ornaments by rolling out with a rolling pin or straight-sided bottle to about 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with a cookie cut-

ter, or get creative and roll into ropes and balls to form angels, snowmen or whatever you like.

To attach two pieces together, dip your fingertip in water and use that to moisten both surfaces. Then press the pieces together. It's best to work on a jelly roll pan that has been lined with foil so the pieces won't stick to the pan.

Roll a small ball for the face. If you want a goatee, roll a flat piece and cut out a long rectangle. Gather it and attach it to the arms or legs. For hair, put a ball of dough through a garlic press.

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Some quick crafts for gift-giving

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - If you love to give gifts, but live on a slim budget, these crafts are for you.

They're the special surprises that say, "You are important to me." A token of affection that you took the time to make with your own hands is meaningful and memorable.

But it's only 20 days until the joyful holiday. What can you do in very little time? Take a look at the following projects:

- Lavender bath salts take five minutes once you have the ingredients assembled. Change the fragrance to your favorite with no change in the recipe. Don't care for lavender? Try rose, eucalyptus or green tea.
- Cocoa in a jar takes longer, but it makes eight gifts, one each for you and seven friends.
- Dainty facial cloths are in style this year. It's a part of the European look that pleases so many decorators and lifestyleists.
- Fine needlework appeals to a broad audience. These stitches are simple and quick.

Even if you have never crocheted before, an instruction

Other budget-friendly gift ideas

If you're on a slim budget, here are some tips that will make these projects more cost-effective:

- Washcloths can be purchased from dollar stores and super stores in bundles for as little as \$5 a dozen.
- Coffee mugs are available at thrift stores in pristine condition for as little as 25 cents apiece.
- Other appropriate containers might include apothecary jars - found at thrift stores for 50 cents - disposable plastic containers from the grocery store, or jars that you have saved throughout the year.
- If you plan to make a lot of bath salts, it might pay to buy a 50-pound bag of rock salt. Once mixed with oil, herbs and coloring, it looks exactly like the bath salts offered at pricey bath shops.

• Ribbon is cheap this time of year and it makes all the difference in the presentation of your gift. And don't forget: The day after Christmas it will be half price.

book from the library can set you on the road to a Martha Stewart standard of elegance. Add a bar of imported or handmade soap, if you like.

FRAGRANT BATH SALTS

2 cups of Epsom salts or rock salt (don't use pelleted salt)

Few drops of food coloring (a little goes a long way)

Essential oil or fragrance oil of your choice

herb to match oil, optional but decadent

Container and ribbon
In a quart-sized or larger container, mix food coloring, crushed herbs and essential oil with Epsom salts or rock salt. Ladle mixture into a jar which can be tightly sealed, such as a pint canning jar, or use an apothecary jar and tape the lid down. Tie a simple bow around the container neck. Add a tag

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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center
530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$4.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non to seniors under 60 and \$2 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.
Bangladesh Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Menus:
Monday: Hawaiian chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert.
Tuesday: Cheese ravioli, Italian vegetables, fruit salad, bread, cream pulls.
Wednesday: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, vegetables, green salad, dessert.
Thursday: Salad bar
Friday: Chicken with cream sauce and noodles, vegetables, gravy, pie
Activities:
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Wednesday: Elks Card Club
Foot Clinic
Exercising
Quilting
Lackpot Trip
Thursday: Center pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Friday: Quilting
No blood pressure
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday: Super bingo, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

Today: Fried chicken dinner
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Meatloaf or liver and onions, baby red potatoes, peas, lettuce, O. fruit, salad, roll, pudding
Wednesday: Pizza, green salad, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, corn, applesauce, green salad, bread, birthday cake
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, 5 to 6 p.m.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home to delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken ala King, noodles, buttered spinach, Waldorf salad, dried bread, punch
Thursday: Pork chops, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, baked squash, carrot and raisin salad, roll, fruit cobbler

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menus:
Monday: Finger steaks, scalloped potatoes, creamed corn, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, winter mix vegetables, fruit salad, carrot cake
Wednesday: Pork roast, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit, tapioca pudding
Thursday: Turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, peas, fruit medley, pumpkin pie
Friday: Oven fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, corn, fruit Jell-O, fruit cocktail cake
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Snack bar, 9 p.m.
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocchio, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic
Blood pressure
Friday: B.I. and Friends,

11:30 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Board elections

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee and tea served.
Menus:
Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap, corn, coleslaw, dessert cooks choice
Tuesday: Cube steak, diced potato, beets, tossed salad, bread and butter, fruit cocktail
Friday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, peas, tossed salad, rolls, dessert, cooks choice
Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menus:
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli, salad, muffin, cookie
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, peas
Wednesday: Chili dog, steak fries, cauliflower, salad, dessert
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, salad, roll, pudding
Activities:
Today: Lackpot, 8:45 a.m.
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocchio, 12:30 a.m.
Wild One, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Foot clinic, 10:30 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages, 10 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocchio, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non to seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Menus:
Monday: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, rolls, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken noodles, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert
Friday: Potato bar, chili, salad, fruit, bread, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, fruit, cookies
Thursday: Beef and noodles, broccoli, coleslaw, fruit, dessert, biscuits
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, homemade garlic sticks, cinnamon rolls
Friday: Hamburgers, french fries, carrot sticks, banana cream pie
Friday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, five to way mixed vegetables, homemade rolls, coleslaw, pears, sugar cookies
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early to bird (Bingo), 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Monday: Sausage gravy and biscuits, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, ginger bread with lemon sauce, homemade rolls
Thursday: Hamburgers, potato soup, banana cream pie

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hatley
Menus:
Tuesday: Hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, turnip greens with turnip bits, gingerbread with lemon sauce
Wednesday: Italian sausage spaghetti, french garlic cheese bread, tossed green salad with Mandarin oranges, broccoli spears, mugle bars
Friday: Baked chicken or fish, scalloped potatoes, corn bread, green peas, carrot sticks, peach pie
Activities:
Monday: Twin Falls shopping, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Caregiver group meets at 9 a.m.
Exercise, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Board meets at NextStage, 9 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366 to 2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non to seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Menus:
Monday: Crispy fish fillet with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, country mixed vegetables, peaches, cornbread
Tuesday: Pork roast with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, spinach, carrots, bread
Thursday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, ice cream, cake
Activities:
Today: Lackpot trip
Thursday: BS meets for elections, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Saturday: Breakfast with Santa Claus, 8 to 11 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-10-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non to seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.
Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken with rice, broccoli, coleslaw, pears, dessert
Wednesday: Liver and onions, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, three bean salad, fruit cocktail, dessert
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, fruit Jell-O, dessert
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.
Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting
Pool playing
Cards
Gift wrapping
Wednesday: Quilting
Pool playing
Cards
Gift wrapping
Thursday: Art class
Friday: Quilting
Pool playing
Cards
Gift wrapping
Games
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Menus:
Monday: Salad, hamburger, goulash, corn, garlic bread, applesauce
Tuesday: Macaroni salad, tuna sandwiches, chips, ice cream
Wednesday: Tossed salad, cheeseburger, mashed spuds, gravy, carrots, vanilla pudding
Thursday: Coleslaw, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuits, cheese cake
Friday: Smorgasbord
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: SHIHHA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Call George, 436 to 9107.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Elder Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, corn bread, pears, cottage cheese, apricot crisp
Tuesday: Ham and beans, corn bread, strawberry-rhubarb crisp
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail, rainbow cake
Friday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, assorted desserts, power bars
Activities:
Monday: All play -pool, 10 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Wedding class, 8 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Organ lessons
Night pinocchio, 7 p.m.
Friday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Elderly who don't drive increasingly live in isolation

Knight Ridder Newspapers
FORT WORTH, Texas — Ruth Nichols belongs to the Grapevine Garden Club, but doesn't remember the last time she attended a function. She recently gave up driving because pressing the brake pedal hurt her right leg. The 73-year-old widow rarely leaves the house now, except for a van ride to bone cancer treatments every few weeks. Nichols is among 7 million Americans over age 65 who don't drive and whose numbers are expected to nearly double in the next two decades. A study released recently warns that older Americans without access to public transportation are becoming increasingly isolated. These nondrivers make fewer trips to the doctor and lose contact with friends, relatives and churches. "Nichols can't deny the loss of freedom. "I had some great automobiles in my time — a T-bird, a Rally Sport Camaro," she said on the way to her doctor's appointment. She rode in a low-fare van operated by Northeast Transportation Service (NEIS). "Now, I've got a 1988 Buick Regal in the garage," she said. "I guess I will sit. Somebody's going to get a great car." Texas is one of the worst areas in the nation for senior citizens who have surrendered their car keys, according to the study released by the Surface Transportation Policy Project, a Washington-based group that lobbies for increased spending on buses, trains and other forms of transit. Even in areas where there are plans to improve public transportation, the routes typically are designed for working-age adults, said Anne Canby, president of the group. For example, commuter rail trains that are served by park-and-ride lots may be of little help to residents who can't drive to the station. "We need to get serious about planning for the needs of older Americans," Canby said. "We need to be thinking about the link between where this population lives and where it wants to go in suburban areas. It's going to require some real figuring out." More than one in five Americans over age 65 doesn't drive, according to the study, which is titled "Aging Americans: Stranded Without Options." Of those, more than half say that on a given day they simply stay home in part because of a lack of transportation options.

Medical malpractice gets old

The Washington Post
People entering a nursing home know they must leave behind many cherished things: Their house. Their pets. Their neighborhood. Their independence. Some Marylanders may soon add another item to this list: Their doctor. Surgical medical malpractice rates, often said to be prompting obstetricians to stop delivering babies, are also a growing concern for doctors who care for the oldest and sickest patients. "Insurers are becoming increasingly concerned about potential liability risks, as there has been an increase in litigation against nursing homes" and the doctors who care for their residents, said Alva S. Baker, who oversees care at several homes in Maryland. "One of the companies that has been writing insurance in this state is now declining to renew policies on physicians who do a lot of nursing home work," said Baker, president of the Maryland chapter of the American Medical Directors Association. The insurer he cited, The Doctors Company of Napa, Calif., did not respond to a request for comment. Baker said the state's largest medical malpractice insurer, Medical Mutual, only recently "backed off from their stated intention of making a surcharge in premiums ... or dropping policies on physicians who did a very large amount of nursing home care."



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Use a tiny plastic cap from a travel-size hairspray to cut scallops in waxy, shaped like holly leaves.
Bake the ornaments in a 300-degree oven until it is hard but not browned. Most 1 1/4-inch-thick ornaments take about an hour, but check every 15 minutes. If thinner parts begin to brown, cover them with a piece of foil.
When they are completely dry and quite hard, allow the or-

naments to cool. Paint them with paints of your choice. A child's water-color set works very nicely, but will require about three coats of each color as it soaks in quite a bit. Acrylic craft paints are very bright and adaptable.
If you use ornaments with a coat or two of polyurethane varnish, it really brings out the colors and will protect the ornaments from moisture. You could also use clear nail polish.
Hot-glue a length of dark yarn or a wire loop to the back-top, hanging with ribbons or ornament hangers.
If you're making Christmas stars, these in a tightly covered container to protect them from moisture and mice.
That's it. You probably have most of the materials on hand already. But even if you don't, they are inexpensive to buy.
Times-News correspondent **Coven Hari** can be reached at 436-1186.

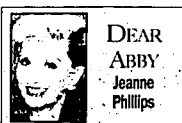
Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

FEATHERED FRIENDS By Vivian O. Collins, Leesburg, Georgia. A crossword puzzle grid with clues for words like 'Civil disorder', 'Pulverize', 'Postal sticker', etc.

Answers for the crossword puzzle, including: 1. Civil disorder, 2. Pulverize, 3. Postal sticker, 4. Pounce on the action, 5. One Chaplin, 6. Reel in the carniver, 7. Englo's abode, 8. Neighbor, 9. Graciously, 10. Long-legged track star, 11. Vireo kind, 12. Reel in the animal, 13. Angry status, 14. Wellcome benefits, 15. Burden, 16. Smouldering coals, 17. Melted chocolate, 18. Flying, 19. British truck, 20. Onedoc, 21. Onedoc, 22. Onedoc, 23. Onedoc, 24. Onedoc, 25. Onedoc, 26. Onedoc, 27. Onedoc, 28. Onedoc, 29. Onedoc, 30. Onedoc, 31. Onedoc, 32. Onedoc, 33. Onedoc, 34. Onedoc, 35. Onedoc, 36. Onedoc, 37. Onedoc, 38. Onedoc, 39. Onedoc, 40. Onedoc, 41. Onedoc, 42. Onedoc, 43. Onedoc, 44. Onedoc, 45. Onedoc, 46. Onedoc, 47. Onedoc, 48. Onedoc, 49. Onedoc, 50. Onedoc, 51. Onedoc, 52. Onedoc, 53. Onedoc, 54. Onedoc, 55. Onedoc, 56. Onedoc, 57. Onedoc, 58. Onedoc, 59. Onedoc, 60. Onedoc.

Never take 'phishing' bait

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Eugene in N.J." about a letter he received saying the "thieves" stole the beneficiary of a \$12 million estate. He said he responded by sending them information on a bank account that he "no longer does business with," but had a \$2.83 balance remaining. That was the wrong move!



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips. Write to Abby. Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at http://www.DearAbby.com

This is called "phishing." Account verification scans look very real, but are all scams. Do not answer them no matter how convinced you are that it is a real company. Now the thieves have your name, address and account number. It doesn't matter if the account was closed or open - they've counterfeited checks using the information he gave them. Scams such as "Eugene" described are a common way identity thieves gather information. Unfortunately, the account he took in his anger and frustration have exposed him to identify theft. It is important to understand that e-mail scams are sent out to millions of people. If you answer - even to say stop writing - you will be put on a "sucker" list.

it is illegal. You may also be telephoned-scanned with similar offers. Be on the alert for suspicious callers, and never give out your Social Security number or a credit card number to anyone who calls you. Thank you, Abby, for helping your readers to understand how thieves steal a person's identity. - LINDA TOLY, CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IDENTITY THEFT RESOURCE CENTER Dear Linda: Thank you for sharing this valuable information with my readers and me. I think my experts tell me the best way to deal with a scam is to either hit the "delete" key, or forward it to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov and then delete it. As tempting as it may seem, do not ever answer any of the scammers in a dialogue. Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Aries' flirting will pay off today

IF DECEMBER 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... 10 helpful stars have blessed you for the past several months and provided vibrant health and an inspirational outlook. Let your imagination be your guide and take advantage of all the good things that come your way during your birthday week. Peacefulness and tranquility are there for your enjoyment in the year ahead as you happily leave competition and the dog-eat-dog world behind. In 2005 you have several more chances to make permanent improvements in your life and reach your most important goals in March, April, and August.

HOROSCOPE: Jeraldine Saunders. Express your deepest passions to lift hindrunn relationships out of the proverbial rut. Play Caliph to someone's Scheherazade (or vice versa). Go after what you want when you want it. Fair play is assured if financial deals are put into motion now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Past transgressions may be thrown up in your face, but this is a perfect reminder to make amends and ask for forgiveness. Make new resolutions or vows and you will be able to keep them. The power of love can heal all rifts or conflicts and put things back on track.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are hot stuff today and flirtatiousness can pay off in a big way. Make the first move and a special someone will find you, charming instead of aggressive. It is easy to spend money, but resist the temptation to make bucks through astute wheepling and dealing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Bond more tightly with your special someone. Anything that causes your relationship to be a source of income, so let the obsessions have their way. Joint ventures begun now will have fortunate outcomes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is always easy to be wise in hindsight. The key to success is making new goals to replace outworn ones. Powerful friends can smooth the way if you let your wants and needs be known.

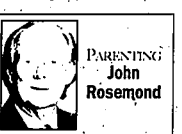
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are not a very good person, but you are a very good person. You are not a very good person, but you are a very good person. You are not a very good person, but you are a very good person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Enter-tainments and simple pleasures run smoothly today. Indulge your children or start a creative project. Teamwork is the key to getting things done so get on the phone and round up helpers. Many hands make light work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Those ideas of yours should be put into play if you want to take further steps along the ladder of success and reach your objective. Networking today can guarantee large benefits in the future.

Behavior alone does not a disorder make

Are today's "experts" sometimes gully of impulsive diagnosis-dispensing, disorder (DIDD)? That question came to mind in the wake of a column I wrote last month about a 19-year-old girl who was pulling her hair out, producing large bald spots on her pretty little head. Her parents had tried "everything" to get her to stop, even sending her to a psychologist, but no one knew when the hair-pulling got worse. I recommended that they calmly but authoritatively inform their daughter that she could pull all the hair she wanted, but in the downstairs bathroom only, to which they would take her if she forgot the rule and began pulling elsewhere. This sort of paradoxical approach was once known as "reverse psychology." Predictably, once the little girl was no longer able to occupy the center of a family cyclone, the hair-pulling stopped.



Because, as I told Ms. Pearson, "disorders" do not disappear in response to calm, authoritative instruction. Since the little girl in question stopped her hair-pulling after being told to pull in the bathroom only, she clearly can't have a disorder. She "had" nothing in fact, but was surely developing a habit that conceivably could have developed into a compulsion, and which might have eventually resulted in a diagnosis of trichotillomania if it was told by another TLC columnist.

Shortly after the column appeared, Christina Pearson, Executive Director of the Trichotillomania Learning Center, sent me a letter accusing me of dispensing harmful, misleading information and said that sending the little girl to the bathroom to pull her hair amounted to "shaming." She also criticized me for not even mentioning the name of the disorder, trichotillomania. On their Web site (www.trich.org), TLC identifies trichotillomania (TM) as compulsive hair-pulling, an impulse-control disorder that seems to strike most frequently in the pre- or early adolescent years. Treatments listed on the Web site include both psychological and pharmaceutical approaches. Why didn't I mention trichotillomania by name?

Parenting John Rosemond. The fact is, there is no biological state that defines trichotillomania any more than there is a biological state that defines the compulsion to change one's clothes numerous times a day (not unheard-of in children, by the way), to say the least. However, as does TLC, that people get "TM" or that TM "strikes" people is to imply that it is an invasive disease, this may serve to relieve guilt, but it also sends mixed messages to professionals when we in this

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Holiday tables are tempting danger for pets

Americans are getting ready for the holidays by planning gatherings with friends and family and enjoying ambrosial, super-sized holiday meals and mounds of sweet treats.



THE BOND: Marty Becker. Fatty, rich foods. These typically include fatty trimmings of the ham or roast, turkey skin, butter-coated potato skins, bread dough, nuts, and, of course, the gravy. Giving these to your dog is not a treat. It is dangerous for them.

lawn, remove rib bones wedged between the upper teeth along the roof of the mouth, and have had turkey bone shards perforate a dog's intestinal tract causing internal trauma.

Board certified veterinarian Fred Metzger of State College, Pa., says: "Pancreatitis or inflammation of the pancreas is a serious disease, and unfortunately common during the holidays. This potentially life-threatening disorder can occur when pets overeat or eat fatty foods resulting in pancreatic irritation. Signs include vomiting, blood in the stool, and extremely painful abdomen." Gastroenteritis or inflammation of the stomach and intestinal tract is even more common than pancreatitis.

Even if you don't end up at the emergency room with a pet, you may end up on your hands and knees cleaning up a smelly mess that spurted from either end of your pet. Unexpected dietary changes can lead to vomiting, diarrhea or worse.

Onions, which are often found in stuffing-and-holiday-vegetables, can potentially destroy red blood cells and inhibit the animal's ability to coagulate blood. Raisin ingestion can be associated with gastrointestinal upset and acute renal failure in some dogs. Affected dogs may initially develop vom-

ing and drink large amounts of water, then subsequently develop diarrhea and potentially fatal kidney failure. Sweets. Although you may want to indulge your pet's sweet tooth, an animal's digestive system is not adapted for such foods. Chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine, which can affect your pet's nervous system and can cause frequent urination, stomach upset, hyperactivity and rapid heart rate. It can even be fatal to pets in high enough doses. Metzger says: "White chocolate is less toxic than dark chocolate but avoiding all chocolate is the best advice to avoid a visit to your veterinarian. One pound of dark chocolate or four ounces of baker's chocolate can be lethal to a 16-pound pooch." Coffee can produce the same effects as chocolate, too depending on the dose. Additionally, candy, gum and other products containing large amounts of the sweetener xylitol can cause a sharp drop in blood sugar (particularly in dogs), resulting in depression, loss of coordination and seizures.

"Alcohol. While we may enjoy some holiday libations, and many pets will drink alcohol if given the opportunity, even a small amount of alcohol can put a pet in grave danger, possibly resulting in gastrointestinal irritation, depression, central nervous system depression, tremors, respiratory failure, acidosis, coma and death. Forget the attempt for an American's Funnies! Home Video winter and keep Rover a teetotaler.

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COMMUNITY

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Volunteer organization seeks new members to help themselves

By Correen Hart
Times-News correspondent

HURLEY — As the holidays approach, low-income people face a dilemma. Shall they eat or live like this month?

The Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN) has an answer for them: Become an ICAN member and buy food once a month.

The self-governing membership votes monthly on what foods to buy. For a modest membership fee and \$12, they buy a food box that would normally retail for \$40 or more, some almost \$100.

"We use \$10 of their fee to buy food and \$2 to cover the costs of gas to go get the food, phone bills, packaging supplies and things," said Susan Fowler of Rupert, Mini-Cassia chairman. "We are completely nonprofit. We're all volunteers."

ICAN administrator is Esteban Martinez, 25, has a heart for

people who fall between the cracks, they can't qualify for welfare, but can't afford ever-rising heating fuel costs, he said.

"We want to get people involved," Martinez said. "There are about a dozen chapters around the state, but there's a need for more."

Volunteer Adan Ramirez started the first chapter six years ago in the Mini-Cassia area. He has watched the organization grow to 12 chapters with number 13 starting in the Nampa-Galdevell area this month. About 7,000 families are signed up, though only about 300 are active.

"There are two meetings a month," Ramirez said. "The first one, the members vote on the foods they want to buy. They vote for their food and everybody gets the same assortment of food for that month. The second meeting is to pick up their unit."

Each member is required to volunteer five hours per month

Want more information?

Call Susan Fowler, chairman, at 436-0110, or Gloria Lara at 878-2358. In the Twin Falls area, call Roy Carr, chairman, at 734-8924.

and receive two hours credit for attending the first meeting. For the other hours they measure food, baby-sit for members, drive a delivery truck, or do other approved efforts.

"The food you get is worth a lot more than what you pay," Fowler said. "Usually in November and December there are hours and tanks. This month we got 15 pounds of meat last ... We get a lot of variety."

ICAN is basically a grassroots political organization working on social issues to help low-income families, she added.

"If people work hard and play by the rules and are still not able to make it, there's something

wrong," Ramirez said. "Idahoans must have full-time jobs with benefits. Many work part-time jobs that don't pay a livable wage. We want to change that. Our first step is to deal with the food insecurity. This is a helping hand, but it is not a handout. We hope it is not always necessary. So we are looking forward to the day when we don't need food programs because we have livable wages."

Times-News correspondent Correen Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or by e-mail at jhume@seafind.net.

Idaho Community Action Network director Esteban Martinez, filled a shopping cart with the type of foods that ICAN distributes monthly to low-income people.

CORREEN HART by Times-News



PLANTING TULIPS

Two first-grade classes at Jefferson Elementary School in Jerome showed their commitment to keeping their hands off drugs by planting red tulips Nov. 5 at the D.L. Evans Bank in Jerome.

Those attending the event included Jerome Police Chief Dan Hall, School Resources Officer Jon Lanier, Animal Control/Ordinance Officer Gordon Lehinger and Firefighter Dave McBride.



CITIZENS OF THE WEEK



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert were, from left, front: Carolina Velazquez, Esteban Castillo, Vibaldo Torres, Tessa Miles and Mark Merrill; second row: Jack Waldemar, Nathan Christensen, Austin Carrillo, Kaitlan Couch and Shaunequa Bethke; and third row: Jonathan Dayley, Lucero Labra, Michael Merrill, Cassidy Norman and Veronica Juarez.



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert were, from left, front: Megan Hall, Teanna Hull, Miranda Nava, Karina Castillo and Exequiel Ambriz; second row: Shay Phillips, Austin Olmsted, Anthony Tamayo, JJ Artega, McKenna Valdez and Erik Gorman; third row: Mayra Bernabe, Paige Shiner, Daryn Terry, Sarah Henschel, Yoana Panagua and Micah Stenzel.

STORK REPORT

Magle Valley Regional Medical Center

Avery Hugh Arthur, son of Samara Lecora and Reed Edward Arthur of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004.

Urban Steele Johnson, son of Kyanne Nadalia Pumpama and David Lars Johnson of Richfield, was born Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.

Jayce Barrett Jamieson, son of Kyanne Ann and Kyle Robert Jamieson of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.

Tyler Thomas Youngblood, son of Elisha Ann and Craig Thomas Youngblood of Carlin, Nev., was born Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.

Logan Robert Thomas Bowman, son of Michelle Lee and Ronald Raymond Bowman of Buhl, was born Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004.

Logan Dean Dimond, son of Eden C. and Dean T. Dimond of Jerome, was born Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004.

Tyler Janae Jensen, son of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

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Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.

More information? Call Jani at 735-3278.

Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004. Mildori Jayde Kelley, daughter of Wen Ching Kelley and Louis William Kelley of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Nov. 29, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Coltin Ashton Wells, son of K.C. and Steffany D. Wells of Burley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004.

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center

Leiyala Zakorah Wells, daughter of Tom and Nefeteri Wells of Idaho Falls, was born Monday, Oct. 25, 2004.

Home Births

Rebecca Villagomez, daughter of Guillermina and Pedro Villagomez of Wendell, was born Monday, Nov. 15, 2004.

Elizabeth Rayelle Bailey, daughter of Elizabeth Jane and Francis Allen Bailey of Burley, was born Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004.

Kara Hynnan and Adrian Reed Jensen of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 26, 2004. Andre Lorenzo Rosalez, son of Marsala and Juan Antonio Rosalez of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 26, 2004. Sonia Gonzalez, daughter of Yadirra and Jose Francisco Gonzalez of Eden, was born Friday, Nov. 26, 2004. Scott Hyram Rich, son of Melissa and Wesley Adam Rich of Twin Falls, was born

DAR holds Christmas Silver Tea Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its Christmas Silver Tea at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Chapter Regent Maureen Williams.

The program will feature a presentation by local historian Mary Inman on "100 Years Ago in Twin Falls." Members and prospective members are invited. For more information, call 655-4100.

AARP schedules musical program at meeting

HURLEY — Karen M. Taylor will lead the music at the Mini-Cassia American Association of Retired Persons meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday at Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Cleveland Ave.

A Burley native, she left 40 years ago to live in Boise where she became part of the music community, playing lead roles

Local cooks featured in family cookbook

JEROME — The recipes of two Wal-Mart employees from Jerome can be found in the new "Wal-Mart Family Cookbook."

Featured are Diane Brinkerhoff's main-dish recipe, Turkey Enchilada Casserole, and Leslie Corless' Chili Cheese Chicken recipe. The cookbook is \$4.95 and available at Wal-Mart, 2680

S. Lincoln St.

Desert Sun Dancers serves up potato bar

SHOSHONE — The Desert Sun Dancers will provide a potato bar at a dance Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street. Rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitors should bring a dessert. For more information, call 866-2808.

Mary Time Club holds Christmas party

TWIN FALLS — The Mary Time Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Irene Marie Webb for a Christmas party dinner.

Members should bring a covered dish, two cans of food and three dozen cookies for an exchange. A secret pal gift exchange will be held and members will draw names for

T.F. Army privates graduate from course

Army Pvt. Felicia P. Drake and Army National Guard Pvt. Stephen A. Ots III have graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

They were trained to perform maintenance, troubleshooting and repair wheeled-vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, spark and

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compression-ignition engines, w/ohio-tilt assemblies, and operate a wheeled-vehicle crane, hoist and winch assemblies.

Drake is the daughter of Delbert Drake of Twin Falls, and June A. Drake of Casper, Wyo.

Ots is the stepson of Dan Clegg of Twin Falls and a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy.

Buhl Marine serves in Najaf, Iraq

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Hello R. Azevedo, son of Maria

F. Azevedo of Buhl and Antonio H. Azevedo of Filer, assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), has been working in Najaf, Iraq, after fighting in the city ceased Aug. 28.

Azevedo joined the Marine Corps in December 2002.

His unit is deployed with the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group to the Western Pacific and Central Command. The unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

secret-pal-for-2005. Roll call will be show and tell or a favorite Christmas ornament. Pre-registration is recommended.

At last month's meeting the home was Alice Haines was attended by 14 members. The white elephant was won by Betty Cook and Floyd Draney. Members thanked secret pal for cards.

New officers were announced: president, Connie Smith; vice president, Betty Sifer; secretary/treasurer, Marie Webb; and reporter, Rose Crawford.

Lincoln County 4-H hosts Christmas Camp

SHOSHONE — A Christmas Fun Camp will be hosted by Lincoln County 4-H from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Lincoln County Adventure Club in Shoshone.

The cost is \$5, plus a sack lunch. The camp is designed for children age 6 to 12. Teen lead-

ers and advisors are hosting the camp as a service to the community with games, craft tables and movies.

Lincoln County 4-H and area businesses will provide snacks and an evening meal. Pre-registration is recommended. Parents can call Kristy at 886-2406 to sign-up children for the camp.

United Methodist Church displays nativity sets

JEROME — The Jerome United Methodist Church third annual display of nativity sets and angels will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the church, 212 S. Buchanan.

Cookies, coffee and cider will be served at the free event. For more information, call 324-2981.

Hansen Community Library adds books

HANSEN — The Hansen Com-

munity Library, 120 Maple Ave. W., has added several new books to its shelves.

Adult non-fiction: "Cap May Court House" by Lawrence Schiller, "Green River, Running Red" by Ann Rule and "Learning to Talk Back" by Roland Clark.

Young adults: "Star Wars: Jedi Trials" by Daniel Sherman, "Bucking the Sarge" by Christopher Paul Curtis, "Amber Brown Sees Red" and "Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon" by Paula Danziger, "Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea" by Cynthia Rylant, "Arthur Meets the President" by Marc Brown, "Little Bear's New Friend" by Muriel Papp, "My Dog, Jessie" by Donna Bryant, "I Walk in Dread: The Diary of Deliverance Trembly" by Lisa Rose Fraustino, "Hear My Sorrow" by Deborah Angelo Denoto, "The Diary of Angelo Denoto" by Deborah Hopkinson, "My Friend, Bear" by Tony Johnston, "To The Rescue" by Richard Brightfield.

New courtship rituals make dating outdated

The Orlando Sentinel

Andi Deste-fano isn't single, but she doesn't have a boyfriend. Instead, she has a "boy" hanging out with her.

The "boy" in question is 22-year-old Tyler Pettit, who doesn't like the pressure that comes with formalities such as "girlfriend" and "boyfriend."

"The pair - let's call them significant whatever's - have been hanging out for about two months. That's fine with Deste-fano."

"It's more liberal this way," says Deste-fano, who lives in Oviedo, Fla.

"It's just cool," says Pettit, who lives in Winter Park, Fla. "It doesn't have to be committed."

Welcome to the institution formerly known as dating.

These days, even the term "dating," is well, dated. For the college-age set to mid-twenty-somethings, there's a new vocabulary for relationships, namely, ambiguous and breezy terms such as "hanging out" and "hooking up."

"Courtship has taken a back seat," says Don Lucey, assistant public-relations manager for Hartlequin-the-romance-novel publisher. "I think there's a lot more directness and bluntness."

"Dinner and a movie? It's called takeout and a video. Actually, driving to pick someone up? Nah, why bother when you can just meet the person there?"

It's official, kids: The frills are gone.

Sherior has it that back in the day, men tried to woo women with flowers and flattery, and in return the women would flutter their eyelashes and purr demurely. Seriously.

The traditional dating and marriage-scene began to shift in the '70s, when women entered the work force en masse, says Deborah Perry Piscione, senior fellow at the Independent Women's Forum, a women's advocacy organization.

As a result, women became less reliant on men for developing a self-identity and building a financial future. Careers became as important to women as relationships.

Piscione says the status of dating reflects women's social and economic progress.

"People - both men and women," Piscione says, "are taking a longer time to figure out who they are."

They're also taking longer to get married. The average marriage age is 25 for women and 27 for men, up from the 1970s figures of 21 and 23, respectively.

Because young people are in less of a hurry to settle down,



Sarah Jessica Parker and Mikhail Baryshnikov, who played her Russian boyfriend on 'Sex and the City.' Her character feels smothered and finally tells: "I'm an American. You gotta take it down a notch."

“Chivalry has died.”

- Melissa Pearce, 21

their attitudes toward dating, especially at the college age, tend to be more casual than past generations.

"There's less of a dating custom than there used to be," says Jeffrey Arnett, a professor of psychology at the University of Maryland and author of the forthcoming 'Emerging Adulthood: The Winding Road From the Late Teens Through the Twenties.'

"Now, people are a lot more likely to know each other first as friends or get together as a group and then split off as a couple. Maybe they've never come out on a quote-unquote date."

Men in their early to mid-20s seem less likely to ask women out on dates, and instead choose to "hang out."

Some people - mostly women - complain that traditional etiquette has been a casualty of our casual times.

For example, Melliss Pearce, 21, was recently disappointed that a man didn't bother to pick her up for a date, or whatever. Pearce drove to the restaurant where they were meeting.

"Chivalry has died," she says.

"Then there's the money issue. Historically, men paid for dates because women didn't have the money to do so. Now that women are financially secure, Arnett says, men have the attitude of "Why should I pay for your dinner?"

In the past, Arnett says, dates came with an undertone of sexual transaction: if the man paid for the date, the woman owed the attitude of favor at the end of the date.

Women don't want to owe anymore; men don't want to pay anymore.

ENGAGEMENTS

TUTTLE-LAWS

MALIA - Heidi Tuttle of Malua and Kenyon Tuttle of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Mia Tuttle, to Brian Nelson Laws, son of Asa and Paula Laws of Santa Fe, N.M.

Tuttle is a 2002 graduate of Hafr River High School and a 2004 graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is employed at the Albion Cafe in Albion.

Laws is a graduate of Southern Utah University in Cedar, Utah. He is currently attending Texas Tech - University in Lubbock, Texas.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Malia LDS Church.

JOHNSON-OTERO

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Pam and Jack Holloway of Twin Falls and Harold and Vanda Johnson of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Michelle Johnson, to Christopher Otero, son of Vaida Otero and Peter Otero, both of Twin Falls.

Johnson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho Surgical Technology Program. She is currently a full-time nursing student at CSI.

Otero is also a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed as a foreman for Davey Tree Company.

The wedding is planned for Sunday, Dec. 19, at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

GERMAN-KITCHEN

JEROME - Don and Theresa German of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Marisa German, to Brian James Kitchen, son of Robert and Harriet Kitchen of Homer, Alaska.

German is a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed at Chill's in Twin Falls.

Kitchen is a graduate of Michigan State University in Lansing, Mich. He is employed with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.



Brian Laws and Mia Tuttle



Dawn Johnson and Christopher Otero



Brian German and Shannon Kitchen

WEDDINGS

HOLMES-CHRISTENSEN

HEYBURN - Teresa Holmes of Portland, Ore., and Kim Christensen of Heyburn were married Nov. 24 at the Paul 3rd Ward LDS Church in Heyburn. An open house to honor the couple was held following the ceremony at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls.

RADTKE-WEBB

TWIN FALLS - Tiffany Radtke and Christopher Webb were married Nov. 7 at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Marie Radtke of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Larry and Becky Webb of Pocatello.

Dusty Lapp officiated the ceremony. Music was by Candi Hanchev.

Whitney Radtke, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Christen and Cayla Webb, step-daughters of the bride, were the flower girls.

Nathan Webb, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Tieg Radtke, brother of the bride, and Jason Fisher, friend of the groom.

Devin Thorp, stepson of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Doris and Wayne Egan of American Falls and Karl and Evelyn Frandsen of Firth, and grandparents of the groom, Ben and Lois Webb of Boise.



Tiffany and Christopher Webb

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Red Lion Hotel.

Tyler Brockman, cousin of the groom, attended the guest book. Gift attendant was Dallas Thomson, cousin of the groom.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Rob Green Auto.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Pocatello High School. He is serving in the United States Army and has been deployed to Iraq. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

RADTKE-WALL

TWIN FALLS - Whitney Marie Radtke and Nicholas Wall were married Nov. 20 at the Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Marie Radtke of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Dan and Cindy Wall of Twin Falls.

Dan Metzger officiated the ceremony. Music was provided by Music Magic.

Tiffany Webb, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor.

Krista Jacobs, friend of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Jasmine Wall and Taylor Huddleston, friends of the bride, were the flower girls.

Paul Davis, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Tieg Radtke, brother of the bride, was the groomsmen.

Ushers were Paul Davis and Tieg Radtke.

Devin Thorpe, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents and great-grandparents of the groom, Alice Field, JoAnn and Kaye Wall, Ruth Lath and Frank Essinger, all of Twin Falls, Doris and Wayne Egan, grandparents of the bride, were not able to attend due to weather conditions.



Whitney and Nicholas Wall

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Red Lion Hotel.

Andrea Hicks, friend of the bride and groom, attended the guest book.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Auto Pride as manager.

The bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Kimberly High School and Western College of Auctioneering in Billings, Mont. He is employed by Manheim Auto Auction in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

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that reads, "Use 2-3 tablespoons in a handbub filled with warm water."

DAINTY FACIAL CLOTHS

Use a purchased washcloth. White is this year's choice. With a Size 7 crochet hook and Size 20 thread, punch holes in the cloth and stitch through, making shells all around the washcloth.

Shell No. 1: With hook, punch a hole just inside the serged edge in that hole, make four double crochets, three single crochets to make a picot, and three more double crochets. Single crochet in washcloth. Makes one shell. Repeat all around.

Shell No. 2: With hook, punch a hole just inside the serged edge in that hole, make five double crochets. Makes one shell. Repeat all around.

Shell No. 3: With hook, punch a hole just inside the serged

edging in that hole, make nine treble crochets. Single crochet in wash cloth. Makes one shell. Repeat all around.

Shell No. 4: With hook, punch a hole just inside the serged edge in that hole, make five double crochets, four treble crochets, chain one four times. Makes one shell. Repeat all around.

Work in the loose ends with a darning needle. Be sure to double back to lock in the end. Trim them close to your work.

COCOA MIX IN A JAR

8 one-pint jars
10 1/2 cups nonfat dry milk
4 cups confectioners sugar
2 8-ounce jars of flavored non-dairy powdered creamer
3 1/2 cups Nestle's Quik
2 3/4 cups non-dairy powdered creamer

1/2 teaspoon salt
Mix everything thoroughly in a very large container and, if you have breathing problems, wear a filter mask as this is a very fine powder that rises into the air while you stir it. Measure, two cups into each of eight pint jars.

Or ask your florist for eight celophane cossage bags measuring about 4 1/2 inches by 3 1/4 inches by 9 1/4 inches. Open each bag and tuck it down into a Christmas coffee mug. Pour in the cocoa mix. Tape the

neck of the bag shut. Tie with a ribbon. Add a tag that says: "Combine three heaping tablespoons of cocoa mix into one cup hot water or milk."

"This is excellent with either French vanilla or Amaretto-flavored creamer."

Times-News correspondent Corven Hart can be reached at 436-1186.

Fa, la, la, la

Dave Barry takes on men's stress around Christmas.

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case, a little creative discipline might have done the trick.

Unfortunately, it is certainly the case that too many parents of head-pulling children do try to shame and/or scare their kids into stopping by telling them how awful they look, spanking them, telling them their hair will never grow back, and so on. It's unfortunate that shaming a person who is engaging in compulsive behavior will only exacerbate the problem. But as this case illustrates, shame is

not the only alternative to professional treatment.

As I told Ms. Pearson, "behavior alone does not a disorder make."

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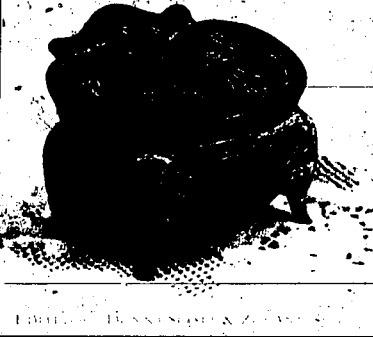
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Magic Valley scrapbooks

Gifts of Heritage

PIONEER PORTRAITS



Released in late August by the Twin Falls Centennial Commission, 'Gifts of Heritage' is filled with short stories by or about people whose families have deep roots in Twin Falls. The commission sold more than 200 copies in the first hour and a half of availability, with many buyers snatching stacks of copies for employees or out-of-state children. Supplies of the book are dwindling.

Museum invites public to presentation by book editors

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - During the difficult years of the Depression, farm wife Marietta Detweiler Corner learned debt was an evil to avoid.

"And with some very tough teaching, she convinced her children that if they couldn't have the money to buy something, they didn't get it," says a story about Corner in "Gifts of Heritage," one of the centennial year's new local history books.

When co-editor Donna Scott talks to groups about "Gifts of Heritage," a collection of stories about families with deep roots in Twin Falls, she's fond of pointing out Corner and other strong women of the city's past. "I try to talk about how our values have changed over the years, and look for traditions of the past that would be worthy of adopting again today," Scott said.

Scott and co-editor ZoeAnn Shaub will speak this week at the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, at Curry Crossing on U.S. Highway 30. Their presentation, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, is free and open to the public - "a punch and cookie sort of thing," said Chris Bolton, museum president.

Shaub and Scott have made similar presentations in other local venues. Wednesday night, they'll speak for about half an hour.

"We usually talk about how we came to write the book and why. Then I give short excerpts from several stories, usually different ones each time," Scott said. "The woman who came and stayed had to be strong. There are many examples of those women in our book."

Those who attend Wednesday evening might also hear anecdotes that connect Twin Falls' early settlers with today's way of life.

"Hard work, good food, friendships - some things have not changed," Scott said. "They loved music, so do we. It's just that the tunes have changed. Camping, hunting, picnicking always have been a favorite thing to do. The Snake River - a popular draw then and now, for water, power and recreation."

"Gifts of Heritage" sells for \$14.95 and is available at Clos Office Supply, Sav-Mor Drug Store, the Herrett Center for Arts and Science and from Scott and Shaub.

The supply is dwindling. "Between ZoeAnn's stash and mine, we have about 150 books," Scott said last week.

Questioning elders

After speaking to groups about "Gifts of Heritage," book co-editor Donna Scott is often asked how to get parents and grandparents to open up and share their pasts.

"Some folks are just interested in finding out more about their close relatives; others would like to write their own histories but just don't know where to start," she said.

Her primary piece of advice: "Don't ask questions that can be answered with 'yes' or 'no.' You want detail."

Scott offers this list of questions for would-be recorders of family history:

- In what city were you born? In a hospital or at home? Where did you go to school? What is the biggest difference between then and now?
- How did you meet your spouse? How did the groom propose? What was your wedding like, and your first home?
- Describe a family heirloom, like a chair, china closet or piece of jewelry. What stories surround the old item?
- How did you get so good at ... (for example, repairing old cars)? What was the first car you drove?
- What was the most important decision you ever made?
- What was the most difficult part of growing up?
- What about you would people be surprised to know?
- Which person had the most effect on your life?
- What stories did your family tell you when you were growing up?
- What were your favorite subjects in school?
- What was it like during World War II?

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission, which funded the book's production, uses proceeds to help pay the bill for its various projects of recent months, such as trail blazing and creation of a canyon-rim plaza.

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Jesse W. Willis, right, poses at age 13 with an unidentified friend in Twin Falls in 1909. Joan Barkley of Eden, a daughter of Jesse, likes this photograph of her dad "when he was young and handsome." She figures this picture was meant to be sent to relatives or to a girlfriend. Jesse lost much of his hair at a young age. "So it was just around his ears and neck," Joan says.



Louise M. Sommer poses with her two sons, Elmer J. Sommer, left, and William G. Sommer, in 1938 in Twin Falls. Louise had close relationships with all of her children - built partly by years of working together on the family farm - says Lisa Sommer, William's daughter.



Addie LaHue holds her baby, Beatrice, to pose with her other daughters - Ilene, left, Baulah and Mildred, right - at their Walnut Street home in Twin Falls in 1924. Ilene and her husband, Vern Tilley, and Beatrice and her husband, Vern Peterson, are still residents of Twin Falls. Many other relatives of Addie LaHue and her husband, Dee, are still living in Twin Falls as well - among them, a granddaughter, a grandson and a great-granddaughter, and each of their spouses; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.



John Crawford McMasters and Martha Ann McMasters are photographed in about 1900 to 1905, about the time the family came to Twin Falls from Iowa. The McMasterses "were drawn to the area by I.B. Perrine's displays of the valley at the Chicago world's fair," says Marilyn Jansen of Jerome, whose husband is a great-grandson of the couple.



Gladys (Jones) Feldhusen of Twin Falls holds her son John S. Feldhusen Jr. in 1925. "She spent her life with her family and her home," says Jean Jesser of Kimberly, daughter of Gladys. "She was a good housekeeper and a loving mother. She was ambitious - worked hard and kept the yard up." Gladys was athletic too, with a penchant for riding horses, hiking and fishing in mountain lakes.



Henry Tillman Willis dresses up in Twin Falls in the early 1900s. Perhaps he was going to church or visiting, granddaughter Joan Barkley of Eden says.

Magic Valley ... 1911

The last covered wagons arrive, and Perrine builds a toll bridge across the Snake River.

Thursday in Centennial



IMPERIAL RESERVE

Sotheby's sells last Czar of Russia Nicholas II's wine collection

LONDON (AP) — Nestled in cellars tunneled deep into Crimean mountainside, they survived revolution, war and decades of communism.

Hundreds of bottles of wine selected for the pleasure of Czar Nicholas II and preserved on the orders of Josef Stalin were auctioned by Sotheby's in London on Friday — the latest in a slew of Russian collectibles being snapped up at ever-rising prices.

Several dozen Russian and European collectors gathered at Sotheby's showrooms to bid on bottles, some more than 150 years old and valued at several thousand dollars. From the Imperial Massandra winery near Yalta on Ukraine's Black Sea coast.

"I think you'll find some very serious people here," said Nick Stevenson, an insurance broker hoping to add to a personal wine collection he valued at about \$15,000. "Compared to some of the people here, I'm an amateur."

London has earned the nickname "Moscow on Thames" for its growing community of wealthy Russians, including billionaire tycoon Roman Abramovich, owner of Chelsea

soccer club, and self-exiled business mogul Boris Beresovskiy.

Art experts say Russian buyers are using their increasing economic muscle to reclaim their cultural heritage, and two recent London auctions of Russian art attracted huge interest and hefty prices. Sales at Christie's on Tuesday and Sotheby's on Wednesday both drew bids totaling more than \$17 million.

said the sales showed that "Russian clients are continuing to dominate this market. Whilst they are becoming more selective about what they buy, they are willing to pay large amounts for top-quality works of art."

They may be becoming more selective about fine wines, too. Despite high levels of interest in the Sotheby's sale, almost two-thirds of the 522 lots did not reach their reserve prices. Of those that sold, the most expensive — a 1913 Kron Brothers Sercial-Verdelho-Albillo from the czar's collection — went for \$3,000.

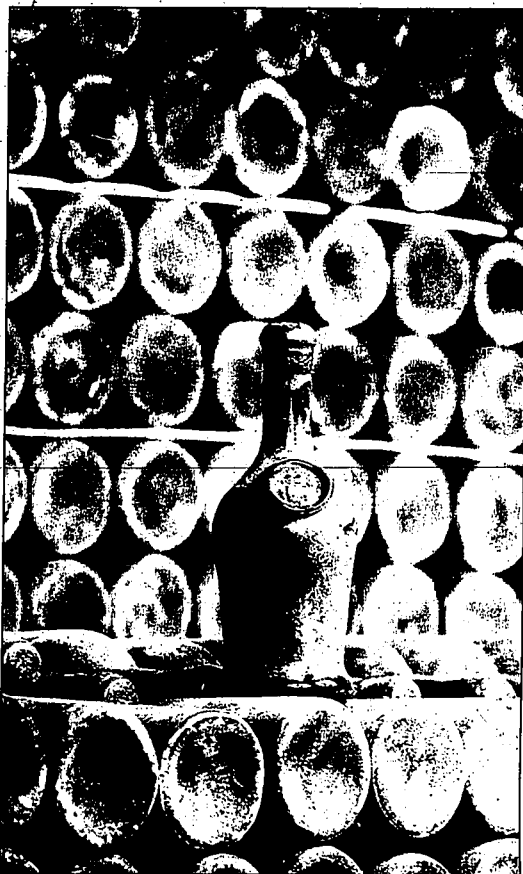
Some of the rarest and most expensive wines did not sell, including four of the five bottles of 1880 "Seventh Heaven," a rich, sweet wine produced by Massandra's first wine master, Prince Lev Goltzin and valued at up to \$2,800 each.

The Massandra winery was built in the 1890s to supply Nicholas II's nearby summer palace. Bottles of wine — some dating from the 18th century — were stored in tunnels, some 500 feet long, dug into a mountainside up nearly 200 feet below ground.

The tunnels provided perfect storage conditions for a collec-

Ivan Alivazovskii's snowy St. Petersburg scene "St. Isaac's on a Frosty Day" sold to an anonymous buyer at Christie's for \$2.1 million, a record for a 19th-century Russian work at auction. Almost a third of the buyers at the Christie's sale were from Russia.

Joanna Vickery, head of Sotheby's Russian department,



Top: A closeup of an Imperial shaped bottle of wine, carrying the Imperial seal, and once owned by the last Czar of Russia, Nicholas II.

Above: In Imperial shaped bottle of wine, once owned by the last Czar of Russia, Nicholas II, stands amidst an almost untouched cellar of his wine, near Yalta on the Black Sea coast of Ukraine, in this photo made available by auctioneers Sotheby's in London, Friday.

Left: A worker pumps wine between barrels in a cellar belonging to the last Czar of Russia, Nicholas II, near Yalta on the Black Sea coast of Ukraine, in this photo made available by auctioneers Sotheby's in London, Friday.

tion, now estimated at almost 1 million bottles, that combines vintages from around the world with locally produced sweet and fortified wines such as Madeiras, muscats and ports.

In the upheaval spawned by the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, the tunnels were bricked up to preserve the collection. It was discovered in 1920 when the Red Army took over the Crimea. Remarkably, the Soviet leaders kept the collection intact. In 1922 Stalin — reportedly impressed by the wines he had sampled — ordered that any wine found in the czar's cellars across Russia be taken to Massandra for storage.

"The fact they are still around is remarkable, because presumably Stalin had access to these wines and he did not go through the whole lot," said Stephen Mould, a director of Sotheby's wine department.

"And the fact that pre-1917, these wines were being made for the czar gives them a special quality."

Having survived the revolution, the collection was menaced during World War II by the threat of a Nazi invasion. In 1941 the bottles were labeled and removed to secret locations. In 1945, they were painstakingly moved back.

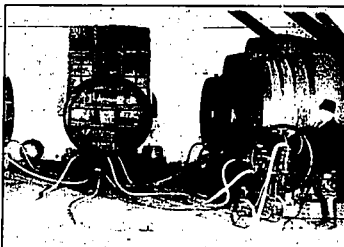
"The only wine they didn't

take was the 1911 vintage, which was still in vats," said Mould. "They tipped it into the Black Sea."

Mould, who tasted the wines being auctioned, said their state of preservation — thanks to their high sugar content — is "astounding," and their rich, complex flavor unique.

Mould raved about an 1888 Massandra Pinot Gris — a bargain at \$3,500-4,000 for two bottles — that he described approvingly as "like cake mixture — this amazing flavor of the sweetness and the vanilla. I was almost taken back to my childhood."

"Despite his enthusiasm, it didn't sell."



Tomb yields violent evidence from past

Los Angeles Times

A newly opened tomb in Mexico's Pyramid of the Moon has revealed a grisly sacrificial burial that highlights two contradictory aspects of the mysterious Teotihuacan culture — the decapitation of 10 slaves and the presence of exquisite artworks — unlike any previously discovered in the region.

The findings from the ancient "City of the Gods" some 25 miles north of present-day Mexico City reinforce the growing idea that the Teotihuacanos were a violent and brutal people — and not the gentle, pastoral folk they once were thought to be, archeologists said this week. Larger and more impressive than any of the tombs previously found in the Pyramid of the Moon, the newly discovered chamber indicates that the pyramid was significant to the Teotihuacanos as a site for celebrating the power of the state through ceremony and sacrifice, according to archeologist Saburo Sugiyama, who led the excavation.

The burial chamber contained the remains of 12 people, all apparently sacrificed, together with a large variety of offerings and the remains of various animals. Ten of the victims had their hands tied behind their backs

and were decapitated before their bodies were thrown in a pile on one side of the chamber. The other two bodies also had their hands tied, but were richly ornamented — with greenstone carspools and beads, a necklace made of imitation human jaws, and other objects indicating high rank.

"We don't know who the victims were, but we know that this ritual was carried out during the enlargement process of a major monument," indicating that it was a very important event, said Sugiyama, who has joint tenure at Aichi Prefectural University in Japan and Arizona State University.

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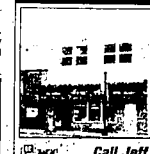
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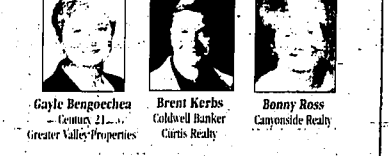
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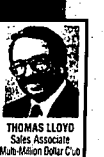
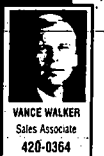
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Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ 8, ♥ A-Q-J-10-2, ♦ K-Q-3, ♣ A-J-9-5 in second seat and opened one heart, passed around to my RHO, who balanced with a double. Was I right to redouble? The final result was that we ended up defending in two spades doubled, making three!

To my mind, the hand is worth a try for slam because of the fillers in both minor suits.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What exactly is a phantom sacrifice? I'm guessing from my partner's tone of voice when he accused me of making one that it is not a good thing - though I was too embarrassed to say that I did not know what he was accusing me of!

Fruit Loop, Vancouver, British Columbia

ANSWER: In this seat, when you have an unbalanced hand with extras, you may be better off bidding out your shape with a two-club call, planning to double two spades at your next turn-for-take-out. Reserve a redouble for balanced hands.

ANSWER: A phantom sacrifice is simply an un-sacrificed-bid-against-a contract that was not going to make. (The worst sorts are those that cost more than the game would have been worth if it had been making. I've done that a few times!)

Dear Mr. Wolff: What are the rules about the cut at rubber bridge? Must it be the player to dealer's right who cuts, and must the cut be from the middle of the deck?

Dear Mr. Wolff: What range for one-no-trump opening bids do most experts use? If it is 15-17, does it include any 14-counts or any 18-counts?

Secretary Hnt, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

ANSWER: Yes, the cut must be made by dealer's RHO, and there must be at least five cards in the shorter portion of the cut deck.

ANSWER: There are very few experts playing 16-18 no-trumps that I have run into nowadays, and 15-18 is an unacceptably wide range. Most experts will open one no-trump with balanced 18-counts with poor controls, or good 14-counts with a five-card suit or exceptional intermediates. High-card points are not the only criterion; intermediates and hon-or-structure do matter too.

Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner opened one no-trump, and I held ♠ A-10, ♥ 9-3, ♦ K-Q-9-7, ♣ A-Q-10-7-5. Was I right to raise to three no-trump? If I had some space-age technology at my disposal, what would have been my options?

Earthbound, Danville, Ill.

ANSWER: One option would be to use Minor-Suit Stayman with a call of two spades, and to settle for three no-trump if no fit was forthcoming. But MSS is relatively rare these days. Another option would be to transfer to clubs and follow with four no-trump, quantitatively.

It was wonderful to contact Bobby Wolff, a mail item at http://www.bobbywolff.com

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- MEN'S or WOMEN'S
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- 12" PORTED BARREL, JAVA X-TYPE MASK, 12-OZ. TANK, HOPPER & SOQUEE

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- INCLUDES DRIVER, FAIRWAY METALS, HYBRID CLUB & IRONS
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- 4 NIGHT ADJUSTMENTS
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12-GA. 28" VENT RIB PUMP SHOTGUN COMBO

- Extra 18.5" Security Barrel
- Handles 2 1/4" or 2" Shells
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- With Heavy Duty Deluxe Contour Sheath!
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BOYS'

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MEN'S or WOMEN'S

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- VIBRAM™ SOLE

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MEN'S

GAMO'S

'PT 80' CO. REPEATER .177 AIR PISTOL

- 8-SHOT PELLETS CLIPS

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- 200 BB
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- Ball not enclosed

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MEN'S ATHLETIC PANTS

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\$29

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SPALDING

'DRIVE' BASKETBALL

- INSPIRED BY THE ON-COURT SHOE WORN BY SHAD

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BOYS'

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- 3-D TORSION™ SYSTEM FOR BEST MIDFOOT INTEGRITY

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MEN'S or WOMEN'S

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- VIBRAM™ SOLE

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'ATTUNE' RUNNING

- 3-D TORSION™ SYSTEM FOR BEST MIDFOOT INTEGRITY

\$39

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'SURVEYOR' HIKING

- VIBRAM™ SOLE

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LEVER-ACTION RIFLE

- 10-SHOT MAGAZINE
- 18-SHOT

\$299

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- 7 X 35 BINOCULARS

\$179

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- Lightweight

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- Semi-soft Boot!

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- REVOLUTIONARY 'TRIAD' DESIGN
- Hyper Carbon Graphite Construction!

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- YOUR CHOICE

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- DURABLE RUBBER CUPSOLE

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MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'APPRENTICE' WORK BOOTS

- ANTI-APPROVED STEEL TOE
- WATER-PROOF

\$25

BOYS'

'ULTRA CXT' CROSS TRAINING

- ULTRALIGHT MIDSOLE/OUTSOLE FOR EXTREME CUSHIONING

\$30

MEN'S

'REPELLOR' LOW HIKING

- BONDED RUBBER TOE GUARD

\$30

MEN'S

'AIR MAX PREVENT' CROSS TRAINING

- VISIBLE AIR UNIT IN HEEL

\$49

MEN'S

'REPELLOR' LOW HIKING

- BONDED RUBBER TOE GUARD

\$30

MEN'S

'AIR MAX PREVENT' CROSS TRAINING

- VISIBLE AIR UNIT IN HEEL

\$49

MEN'S

Merino Wool Blend Socks

- WATERWEIGHT
- PLAID

\$7

'PREMO' MEN'S or WOMEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT HOODED JACKET

- WEATHER-PROOF
- PEBBLE PILE DESIGN

\$14

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- WEATHER-PROOF
- PEBBLE PILE DESIGN

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Barbie ADJUSTABLE GIRLS' SKATES

- ADJUSTS TO 5 SIZES

\$29

ADULT'S or YOUTH'S BATTING GLOVES

- ADJUSTS TO 5 SIZES

\$9

'AVP' OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL

- Durable TPU Cover!

\$10

'SCORCH' RACQUETBALL KIT

- YOUR CHOICE

\$39

'RINCON' SKATE SHOES

- YOUR CHOICE

\$17

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'SHASTA' HIKING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$17

MEN'S

'CHARGER' RUNNING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$18

MEN'S

'PRESSURE' BASKETBALL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

MEN'S

'YES' RUNNING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

MEN'S

'SUPER' SKATE SHOES

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

MEN'S

'NEWPORT' COURT

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

WOMEN'S

'KIRKWOOD' COLD-WEATHER BOOTS

- YOUR CHOICE

\$30

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'MOVEMENT' BOA SYSTEM SNOWBOARD BOOTS

- YOUR CHOICE

\$89

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'MORROW' RAIN-LINED BOOTS

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\$50

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'BUSHOUT' 'PACIFICA' BINOCULARS

- YOUR CHOICE

\$39

'EXECUTIVE' GOLF TRAVEL COVER

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- YOUR CHOICE

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2' x 6' MULTI-PANEL WORKOUT MAT

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'HAVERICK' BASKETBALL

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MEN'S

'927' CASUAL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

WOMEN'S

'NITROUS' RUNNING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'CAMERON' HIKING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

YOUTH'S

'BRICKTOWN' CASUAL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

WOMEN'S

'EXPEDITION' HIKING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$22

MEN'S

'SOLACE' WALKING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$25

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'HICKORY' BASKETBALL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$20

MEN'S

'MAD HOOPS' BASKETBALL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$29

YOUTH'S

'WALKING' WALKING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$30

WOMEN'S

'JETT' CASUAL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$30

MEN'S

'PARK SQUARE' CASUAL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$39

MEN'S

'AIR DISTRIBUTOR' BASKETBALL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$49

MEN'S

'RESPONSE CUSHION' CASUAL RUNNING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$50

MEN'S

'WENZEL' 4-L.E. FILL SLEEPING BAG

- YOUR CHOICE

\$25

MEN'S

'KB12' SNOWBOARD BINDINGS

- YOUR CHOICE

\$59

MEN'S or WOMEN'S

'SUPER' RAIN DAYPACK

- YOUR CHOICE

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MEN'S

'BIG 5' 6-PACK BOTTLES w/ CARRIER

- YOUR CHOICE

\$14

'STRETCH-BACK' WEIGHT GLOVES

- YOUR CHOICE

\$10

'ENTRY' SKATEBOARD

- YOUR CHOICE

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'KAP KLEANER'

- YOUR CHOICE

\$2

'GRAND TETON' HIKING

- YOUR CHOICE

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MEN'S

'MAD HOOPS' BASKETBALL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$29

YOUTH'S

'WALKING' WALKING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$30

WOMEN'S

'JETT' CASUAL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$30

MEN'S

'PARK SQUARE' CASUAL

- YOUR CHOICE

\$39

MEN'S

'AIR DISTRIBUTOR' BASKETBALL

- YOUR CHOICE

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MEN'S

'RESPONSE CUSHION' CASUAL RUNNING

- YOUR CHOICE

\$50

MEN'S

'MINOTAUR' SNOW SPORT HELMET

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MEN'S

'SANTIAGO' PLATINUM BAG

- YOUR CHOICE

\$17

MEN'S

'CLASSIC SERIES' 2-TRAY TACKLE BOX

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MEN'S

'SLICE' or 'SUPER' CELL SUNGLASSES

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'ROYALE' 16-PC. TOTAL GOLF SET
 • 8 Steel-Shafted Irons with Progressive Offset Design!
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 • MEET THE WEIGHTED PUTTER (Men's Right Hand Only)

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'IMPACT' OR 'FLARE'
 • REMOVABLE 'FATS' WHEEL!
 • ANTI-BLACK-HEELINGS
 • SIZES 1-9

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'TRIPLE THREAT' ANALOG WATCH
 • 50 Meter Water Resistant

TRIPLE THREAT

after sale **\$15**
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'BLACKHAWK' SIDE-ZIP SERVICE BOOTS
 • SIDE ZIPPER FOR EASY ON/OFF

TROOPER

after sale **\$24**
 from ~~59.99~~

'ALL STAR' LEATHER CASUAL
 • Classic All Star Design!
 • ORIGINAL LEATHER UPPER

ALL STAR

after sale **\$25**
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 • UNMATCHED POWER AND VIBRATION DAMPENING

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 • Includes Platform, Bag, Sweat, Bag Gloves, Hand Wraps & Jump Rope

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FLASHLIGHT TOOL KIT
 • Contains a 12-Bit Screwdriver Set

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 • Assorted Glass Lenses
 • PHOTOCROMIC TECHNOLOGY

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 • Complete with Carry Bag & Tent Stakes!
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SWINGING BALL TOY
 • Precision Machined!
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 • Assorted Styles & Colors!

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 • CLASSIC LEATHER HI-TOP WITH VULCO SUPPORT STRAP
 • STITCHED RUBBER CUPSOLE

STARBUCKS

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'BLACK BEAUTY' FW GAST COMBO
 • SOLE SIZE 10-15
 • SHOE SIZE #12
 • ASSTD. COLORS
 • 2-PACK WOOL BLEND THERMAL SOCKS
 • RHYNO BIC 300 REEL
 • ALUMINUM OXIDE GUIDES

RHYNO

after sale **\$39**
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17-FUNCTION HEART RATE MONITOR
 • Calculates Calories Burned!
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 • WATERLESS
 • EKG ACCURATE

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after sale **\$45**
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'PROSPECTOR' METAL DETECTOR
 • Optimum Combination of Power, Ease of Use & Affordability!
 • 7" SEARCHER'S SEARCH COIL OPERATES ON 12V BATTERIES (Not Included)

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48" Durable Impact Backpack!
 • 48" 'IMPACT' PORTABLE BASKETBALL UNIT
 • TELESCOPING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT FROM 7.5 TO 10 FEET
 • BLACK OR WHITE
 • SAID OR WHITE

LIFETIME

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 from ~~149.99~~

30 to 90-POWER MINI ZOOM SPOTTING SCOPE
 • Includes Adjustable Tripod, Case & Bird Map

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

after sale **\$89**
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'DELUXE' 6-IN-1 GAME
 • Play Pool, Fast Action Soccer, Basketball, Bowling & Five Shooter!
 • INCLUDES ALL ACCESSORIES

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after sale **\$15**
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TECH III CABINET & DARTBOARD
 • OVERSIZED LCD DISPLAY

WILSON

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LOCK KNIFE
 • 440 STAINLESS STEEL BLADE
 • WITH POCKET CLIP

MURKIN

after sale **\$9**
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'CONTENDER II' GOGGLES
 • DOUBLE ANTI-FOG LENS

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after sale **\$10**
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CRUISE SWEAT-SHIRT OF SWEAT-PANTS
 • HELPS DRYER ARI, LAUN & TONER

Bolinger

after sale **\$5**
 from ~~12.99~~

22 Function with Scissors, Can Opener, Knit Kit
 • 11 DRIVER BITS & DELUXE SHEATH

SMITH & WESSON

after sale **\$15**
 from ~~49.99~~

'MICHAEL VICK' FOOTBALL
 • WATER-PROOF BREATHABLE

WILSON

after sale **\$10**
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'THE JOGGER' SELF-DEFENSE PEPPER SPRAY
 • WIPER-DRYER'S WOMEN'S 'SNOW-BOARD GLOVES'

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after sale **\$8**
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