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Skater's paradise

Buhl skate park gains following

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

BUIH. — The newly opened skate park in Buhl is so popular that even frigid temperatures can't keep skaters away.

In addition to their boards, many local youngsters have been showing up with brooms to wipe away the snow.

Anticipation leading up to the Buhl Centennial Skate Park's opening was intense.

"We kept telling kids the park wouldn't open until the rules sign went up," said Jim Lunte of the West End Men's Association. "Five or six would come by every night to check on progress."

Lunte, who spearheaded fund-raising for the \$120,500 project in the northwest corner of McClusky Park, said the rules sign went up at 3:45 p.m. on Nov. 17. Within half an hour, 14 youngsters were skating.

The next day there were 25. The following day, 40.

The park's popularity has been drawing adults as old as 40, too. Groups of men have been making day trips from as far away as Boise, American Falls, Pocatello and parts of Nevada.

"These guys were world class," Lunte said. "These guys were upside down — went above horizontal — in that cradle."

Mayor Barbara Gietzen said most people aren't aware of the caliber of some adult skaters and number of them that are out there.

"We believe it will bring in business and tourism," Gietzen said. "People are coming from out of town and they are going to buy an ice cream, a hamburger, maybe some gas. Maybe if Mom doesn't skate, she'll go downtown and shop."

The skate park consists of a flat skate surface around the perimeter complete with a mogal run. A unique feature is the 10-foot-diameter cradle.

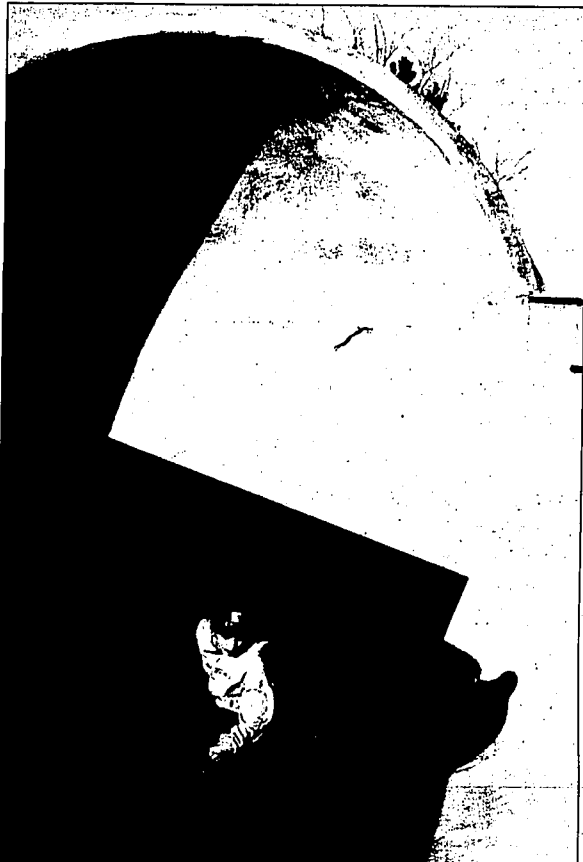
"I think this is the biggest cradle anywhere," said skater Andy Piller of Boise. "It's challenging, that's for sure."

Piller, 31, has skated for more than 15 years — more recently at parks around Boise and Kuna. He came to Buhl for a day recently just to skate. And he said he'll be back.

"Growing up we always wanted a park like this, but it just wasn't the time," he said. "Now I'm having a hard time giving up skateboarding. It's keeping getting better and better."

Dreanland, a Lincoln, Ore.-based company contracted to do the labor for about \$90,650. Materials, most of which were provided by local businesses at or below cost, added another \$30,000 to the project.

Equipment donated by the Twin Falls Canal Co., Clyde McClain, Bodiford Construction, Mike Shon, Renal, Leonard Crismon, Western Sanitation



Andy Piller, of Boise, one of the many adult skaters who's been traveling to Buhl to try out the new Centennial Skate Park, rolls out of the cradle on a recent afternoon. Piller said he finds the unique design of the skate park challenging.

and the Buhl Highway District saved the city \$15,000. The highway district also threw in fill dirt and gravel.

Project began with petition

A fund for the park was established three years ago after then-Buhl High School students Greg Spearling and Zack Sater petitioned the city.

"This is a good thing," said Spearling, who has since graduated and now works at Don's Market. "It's good to open up a place where kids can go to skate without getting into trouble or being chased off."

Seed money for the project came from a \$1 investment by the city on a repossessed house. The city invested another \$9,000 to fix it up and sold it for

\$50,000. The \$41,000 profit went into the skate park fund.

Lots of people — especially youngsters — raised additional money by putting pennies and dollars into coin jars around town.

Big donors included the Buhl School Foundation, the Tom King Foundation administered through the Idaho Community Foundation, Buhl Kiwanis, Con Paulos Chevrolet, Clear Springs Foods, the Tony Hawk Foundation and the West End Men's Association. Proceeds from the annual Buhl service club golf tournament went to the park.

Contributions ranged from \$20 to \$10,000 and one anonymous donor added \$20,000 to the fund.

The city has collected

\$106,000 so far. The remaining \$14,600 is covered by a construction loan assigned by a group of Buhl citizens — until additional dollars can be raised.

A grand opening at the park is tentatively set for April. Gietzen plans to invite Tony Hawk to attend the event. Hawk is considered the world's greatest skater.

In the meantime, funds are still being raised and grants are being sought for a sign, drinking fountain, light, landscaping and additional parking.

"This really is one of the best skate parks in the world," Lunte said. "It's not the biggest, but I've been told by the people who skate it could easily be one of the top 10 or 20 in the world."

"This is in Buhl, Idaho, and we are really proud of that."

Prosecutors seek more fornication convictions

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS. — Prosecutors in Twin Falls County recently won a conviction in the sex case of a 14-year-old girl from Buhl, leaving her with a criminal record for a crime that some critics say is archaic.

The girl's misdeed? Fornication.

Idaho still has a law on the books that prohibits unmarried people from having sex, but Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis says enforcement of the law has eased over the years. Police and prosecutors are unlikely to peek in windows and check for wedding bands.

The charge is often used today as a plea alternative in sex-related cases, Loebis said. It's also pursued as punishment in cases where underage teens seek sex with older individuals.

Such is the case of the 14-year-old girl, Loebis said. In July, she had sex with an 18-year-old Buhl man. He ended up being charged with lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor and the case is pending.

She was sentenced to 90 days in the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center, plus nine months of probation, 20 hours of community service, the "Choices" program and counseling. It's also left her with a

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Lawmakers urge vote on intelligence overhaul

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON. — If House GOP leaders would allow a vote on post-Sept. 11 legislation overhauling the nation's intelligence community, it would easily pass, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle predicted Sunday.

A top Republican scolded opponents who worry the Pentagon would lose some of its authority, saying national security is more important than turf battles. "There was a global intelligence failure. We can't have a status quo. We've got to change that," said Sen. Pat Roberts, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The Republican-controlled House will return Monday to decide whether lawmakers should vote on a House-Senate compromise to create a national intelligence director position to coordinate the nation's spy agencies and enact other anti-terror measures. If the House passes the bill, the Senate will return to do the same.

Sen. Dennis Hasten decided not to allow a vote on the legislation last month after two powerful committee chairmen, GOP Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, objected.

One of the main issues is how much authority the Pentagon will retain over intelligence agencies — that is, how control the bill attempts to give a central authority more control, but Hunter and others want to preserve more of the Pentagon's power.

Still, with the help of Democrats, there are enough Republican votes to push the measure through the House, several lawmakers said. Some argue that President Bush needs to be working harder to push the legislation through.

"Every day we delay our country is less safe," House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said on "Fox News Sunday." Speaker Hasten knows that. "The president knows that. They just haven't convinced all of the Republicans."

Even Republicans said the bill could pass despite opposition from GOP holdouts. "I hope we can change their minds," said Roberts. R-Kan. "If it comes to a vote, it would pass the House."

Prisoner/spy swap caps Mideast relations thaw

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt. — In a series of dramatic steps capped Sunday by a high-profile prisoner swap, Israel and Egypt are moving rapidly to improve relations, seizing the opportunity for a Middle East peace deal presented by Yasser Arafat's death.

A year ago, Egypt's president dismissed Israel's prime minister as incapable of making peace. Today, he calls Ariel Sharon the region's best chance for an end to hostilities. The change in attitude is also apparent in Syria and across the Gulf, as Arab nations signal they are ready to work with Sharon, a man they long have described as a butcher.

But it was Sunday's Israeli-Egyptian prisoner swap that provided the most striking example. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said: MIDEAST, Page A2



Azzam Azzam, an Israeli-Arab jailed in Egypt since 1996 after being convicted for spying for Israel, waves in front of an Israeli flag as he arrives at his village in northern Israel, Sunday.

Insurgents ambush bus of unarmed Iraqis

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq. — Gunmen ambushed a bus carrying unarmed Iraqis to work at a U.S. ammo dump near Tikrit on Sunday, killing 17 and raising the toll from three days of intensified and bloody insurgent attacks to at least 70 Iraqi dead and dozens wounded.

The attacks, focused in Baghdad and several cities to the north, appeared to be aimed at sending off those who cooperate with the American military — whether police, national guardsmen, Kurdish militias, or ordinary people just looking for a paycheck.

The violence came just weeks after the United States launched major offensives aimed at suppressing guerrillas ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30. Later Sunday, several small Sunni-Muslim groupings and more influential Sunni clerics in demanding that the vote be postponed by six months.

Sunday's bloodshed began when gunmen opened fire at the bus as it dropped off Iraqis employed by coalition forces at a weapons dump in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, said Capt. Bill Coppernoll, spokesman for the Tikrit-based U.S. 1st Infantry Division. Coppernoll said 17 people died and 13 wounded in the attack.

Survivors said about seven guerrillas were involved, emptying their clips into the bus before fleeing. The bodies of the victims were brought to a morgue too small to hold them all; some were left in the street.

About an hour later, a suicide car bomber drove into an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint in Beiji, about 75 miles to the north, detonating his explosives-packed vehicle, Coppernoll said. Gunmen then opened fire on the position. Three employees, including a company commander, were killed and 18 wounded, Coppernoll said.

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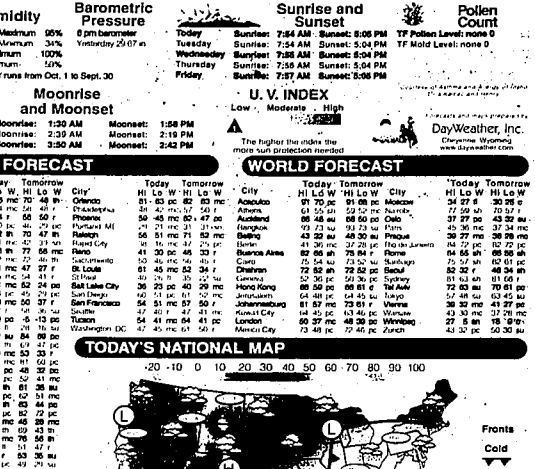
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



N.Y. politicians may derail U.N. expansion

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Awash in scandal and mulling a sweeping reorganization, the United Nations is trying to take over a small — some diplomats have dared say insignificant — city park to expand its world headquarters.

New York, that's like Goliath taunting David, and with a title of anti-U.N. sentiment rising across the country, the scheme has provided what New York state Assemblyman Dov Hikind called "a wonderful opportunity to stick it in the eye of these bastards."

Proponents of the \$25 million plan are trying to convince state legislators to approve a process that could end with the U.N. building a 36-story office tower where Robert Moses Park now stands.

Few have said much about the park's importance to the community. Instead they have railed against the United Nations' tepid response to the year on terror, shaky relations with Israel and corrupt food-for-aid program. Not to mention its stifling the city for millions in tickets and taxes.

Last week, citing a host of concerns, New York state Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno indefinitely delayed action on the bill. "How can we trust the U.N. nations... when they don't even pay their parking fines?" he said.

More pointedly, state Sen. Serphin Maltese said the United Nations "has evolved into an anti-Semitic, anti-Semitic group of petty, sniping bigots who are pursuing an anti-freedom, anti-

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democratic, anti-American agenda."

The United Nations wants Robert Moses Park for an annex to house diplomats and their staffs while the 52-year-old Secretariat building is renovated.

The park is not much more than an asphalt strip with a few sports courts built around Midtown Tunnel ventilation shafts. But politicians whose districts don't even touch the neighborhood are championing its cause.

"This is hardly the time to restate the United Nations," state Sen. Martin Golden scoffed. "The wounds of Sept. 11 are still open and hurt."

"But the U.N. does not believe in the war on terror, and I find it ironic that they are seeking New York's help after repeatedly rejecting our calls for their help," he said.

Hikind called the world body "a bastion of vicious hatred toward Israel, a cesspool, an absolute force," and vowed to do "whatever I can to convince my colleagues to oppose whatever the U.N. might want."

The fulminations in Albany come as the United Nations has proposed radical restructuring amid allegations of high-level corruption and weakness in the face of terrorism and nuclear proliferation.

The Bush administration has lambasted Secretary General Kofi Annan for his opposition to the war in Iraq and refusal to cooperate with House and Senate probes of the oil-for-food program, which allegedly funneled \$2.1 billion into Saddam Hussein's pockets.

Late last week Annan said he did not know that Cotenna Inspection Services, the Swiss company accused of fraud in the scandal, had paid his son Kojo \$2.5 million a month for four years after it supposedly severed its ties with the United Nations.

He conceded that the payments created a "perception problem." They also prompted a chorus of calls for Annan's resignation, and demands that Congress withhold payments to the world body until it cooperates fully with the oil-for-food probe.

"The U.N. cannot be allowed within a scandal within a scandal and the only language they understand is money, and it's time for U.S. taxpayers to stop footing the bill for a corrupt mentality," said Rep. Vito Fossella.

Earlier this year, angered that U.N. missions and consulates, over the city millions in unpaid tickets and taxes, New York State, Chuck Schumer and Hillary Clinton moved to amend the 2005 congressional foreign operations bill to freeze aid to debtor countries that don't make good.

Even U.N. employees have joined the discord chorus. Late last month their union in New York threatened to issue an unprecedented vote of no-confidence in Annan. It cited Annan's pardoning of the U.N.'s oversight chief, a cronny who was accused of sexual harassment.

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Fornication

Continued from A1 criminal record.

And that's one of the reasons why the fornication law is archaic, said Elizabeth Brandt, a professor of law at the University of Idaho. She said having a criminal record is a large burden for a young person to carry.

"It's very, very troubling," Brandt said. "What's more, Brandt said she believes the fornication statute is unconstitutional in the first place, partly because it has no limits on age."

"It criminalizes consensual, heterosexual sex," she said. Brandt said when the charge is applied to minors, there is no guarantee that they will receive any help to change their behavior. Some fornication cases would be handled better if they were treated as child protection cases, Brandt said.

Loeb said in many sex cases involving minors with adults, the older person potentially faces a felony charge but often a younger person is at least partially at fault and deserves to be prosecuted.

"The fornication charge allows us to do that," he said. A search of court records in The Times-News archives indicates that fornication has been prosecuted at least eight times in the Magic Valley since 1989.

Fornication occasionally is pursued under its literal meaning, other times it ends up on an individual's criminal record after he agrees to plead guilty to fornication in exchange for having more serious charges thrown out, such as rape or child lascivious conduct, Loeb said.

Idaho also has laws on its books that still say it's illegal to commit adultery or perform homosexual acts. A level cohabitation law that prohibited unmarried men and women from living together was repealed in 1971, Loeb noted.

There have been recent attempts to update Idaho's laws concerning sex crimes.

During the last legislative session, Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, proposed a measure to reform the state's rape laws.

Today, an 18-year-old man can technically be charged with lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor if he has sex with his 17-year-old girlfriend, in the

Fornication according to Idaho law

Any unmarried person who shall have sexual intercourse with an unmarried person of the opposite sex shall be deemed guilty of fornication, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 or by imprisonment for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided, that the sentence imposed on any part thereof may be suspended with or without probation in the discretion of the court.

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eyes of the law, he's an adult having sex with a child. Jaquet's bill, which was put on hold, would have made it so that consensual sex with 16- and 17-year-old girls wouldn't necessarily be punishable as long as young men weren't more than three years older than their female sexual partners. Jaquet is working with other legislators and prosecutors to reformulate the bill.

"We really can't do anything without the cooperation of the prosecutors because they're not in support of the way the legislation is outlined right now," Jaquet said. "The prosecutors think they don't need to make a change."

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Tax option would hit some 'blue' states hard

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — As President Bush lays the groundwork for a possible overhaul of U.S. tax code, one option under consideration would deal its biggest financial blow to citizens of "blue" states such as California and New York.

Some conservative activists are urging the administration to scrap the federal deduction for state and local taxes as part of a broader plan to revamp the nation's tax system.

Although the proposal would hurt some taxpayers in nearly every state, it would hit hardest



President Bush

in states with higher-than-average income levels and bigger-than-average state and local tax burdens.

High on the list are a number of "blue" states — those that supported Democrat in last month's presidential election.

Taxpayers in California and New York, for example, which have top state income tax rates of 9.3 percent and 6.5 percent respectively, would have high impacts, residents of Florida and Texas, which have no state income taxes, much less so.

"There's no question this effort would punish blue states," said Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., a member of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. Over time, he said, it could force state and local governments to cut back expenditures.

That could occur if taxpayers, stung by the higher tax burden that would come from losing the deduction for state and local tax payments, demand a cut in local and state tax rates and become unwilling to approve any increases.

Supporters of the change insist the disproportionate burden on blue-state citizens is not a disadvantage, but they acknowledge that the proposal could hurt most in states that voted against Bush.

"Let me put it like this: It certainly isn't something that I discourage," said one prominent conservative. "Yes, we talked about this. The fact that it hits blue states is not something that's been missed among Republicans."

But in a political complication, many "blue" states that would be hit hardest by the tax change are led by Republicans. If it adopted the proposal, the White House could be creating a rift with some of the GOP's biggest stars in those states, such as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and New York Gov. George Pataki, among others.

Schwarzenegger's office declined to comment on the proposal. But California State Controller Steve Westly, a Democrat, said it would amount to a hidden tax increase for millions of California taxpayers, who already pay \$58 billion a year more to the federal government than they get back in services.

"Simply put, it would be yet another poke in the eye from the federal government to California," said Westly. It remains unclear whether the Bush administration will adopt the proposal. Some administration and congressional advisers said they believed the idea has been floated as a trial balloon to see how much support or opposition it attracts.

If the administration did move to eliminate the deduction, it might partially offset the costs to blue-state residents by adding other elements to the tax package, such as a reduction of top tax rates or a repeal of the increasingly broad Alternative Minimum Tax, which also hits hard in so-called blue states. Bush has said one of his top second-term priorities is to re-vamp the tax code so that it is simpler, fairer and more pro-growth. He also has said he would be guided by the recommendations of a bipartisan commission he plans to appoint by the end of the year.

White House and Treasury officials say all reform options are on the table. "The president has yet-to-even-name-the-advisory panel, so we're not going to rule things in or out at this point," said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan.

Stepfather of suspect in baby's death blasts pastor

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Long before Dena Schlosser took a blade to her baby's arms, her parents had begun to worry.

In the years after she moved to Texas with her husband and children, their gentle, dependent daughter had become increasingly isolated. And, according to her stepfather, she was dangerously consumed by self-described prophet and his church.

Dena's stepfather, Mick Macaulay, said that although he blames mental illness for Schlosser severing the arms of 10-month-old daughter Margaret and leaving her to die, he believes the teachings of Doyle Davidson also played a role.

"I don't think there's any question that what we saw happen here is postpartum psychosis," Macaulay said in a telephone interview. "But that doesn't mean there aren't dynamics in force to push the person toward the psychotic break."

Schlosser was charged with capital murder after police found the 26-year-old mother on Nov. 22 covered in blood in her living room, still holding a knife.

Macaulay said Schlosser had been emotionally dependent on her 36-year-old sister, childhood friend, when she had several operations to remove an abnormal amount of fluid from her brain. After the surgeries, Schlosser's brain functions seemed normal. She went

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on to college in Illinois, married her husband John and became a mother.

The Schlossers moved to Texas about five years ago. John soon lost his job and began working for himself as a consultant. The family had to trade their spacious home for a small apartment, and a midwife delivered Margaret because they had no health insurance.

The stress of money, a new baby and a mother who, has Parkinson's disease affected Schlosser. Child Protective Services investigated her for neglect in January after she left the newborn alone and her 5-year-old daughter was seen chasing her mother down the street on a bicycle.

Schlosser received psychiatric treatment for postpartum depression and the agency determined she was stable in August.

By then, though, Schlosser's association with Davidson's church had intensified, Macaulay said.

He said Davidson used violent imagery and told women they possessed a rebellious "jezebel" spirit, and that they should submit to their husbands, he said.

"I'm not saying that anybody suggested 'Go cut your baby's arms off,'" said Macaulay, a mental health counselor who lives with Schlosser's mother, Connie, in Canada. "This diminishing of women's powers, women's importance, referring to women as jezebels, I think, further undermines an already fragile ego state that Dena's experiencing."

That's absurd, the 72-year-old minister said.

"I'm an apostle and I'm a prophet," Davidson said. "I only teach what's in the Bible and that's what makes them mad."

Federal health agency halts sickle cell study

Two subjects suffered strokes

ATLANTA (AP) — A study aimed at determining if some children with sickle cell anemia could be weaned off blood transfusion therapy has been halted because two young patients who stopped getting the procedure suffered strokes and others developed a high chance of strokes.

The National Institutes of Health decided to issue a clinical alert recommending that doctors continue using blood transfusions to reduce the risk of stroke among young sickle cell patients, even though the treatment has its own risk.

The study, called STOP II, was funded by the NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and involved 23 U.S. medical centers, and two in Canada.

The \$15 million study, which started in July 2000, was ended prematurely ended last month

after 16 children with sickle cell anemia developed narrowed arteries and other risk factors for strokes after they stopped receiving blood transfusions. Two other children suffered strokes but are recovering, said Dr. Robert Adams, the study's principal investigator and professor of neurology at the Medical College of Georgia.

The study "showed that when transfusions were discontinued after a minimum of 30 months, a significant number of children reverted to high risk" of stroke, the federal agency's clinical alert said.

Although the blood transfusions are effective, long-term use can cause dangerous accumulations of iron that can lead to heart problems and liver damage.

"We're literally between a rock and a hard place — we need to prevent strokes. At the same time we have a therapy that's not without risk," said Dr. Duane Bonds, the National Institutes of Health's sickle-cell disease coordinator.

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Seniors: Time to prepare for ACT

Although it may not look like winter in Gooding, the Seniors got into the winter spirit this weekend at the Winter Ball.

"There was a great turnout, and everyone had a terrific time. As seniors know, the ACT is a crucial test that is needed for college acceptance. GIS is giving its students an opportunity to prepare for the test on Tuesday. The test will be given from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room for a \$8.70 fee. This is a small cost for a beneficial test that can prepare you for the future. If parents have any



SENATOR
SCENE
Kalynn
Pereira

questions about the FSAT or the ACT, call Mrs. Shull, the counselor.

The girls' basketball team is having a great year so far. The boys' basketball team started playing last week. The Gooding

wrestling team has a young team this year with only three seniors. Don't forget to bring in all of your canned foods, toys, warm clothes and coats this week. (Items must be in good condition.) The drives will end on Friday, so bring all of your items in as soon as possible and help out others in the community.

Have a great week everyone and try to get out and support the Gooding Seniors.

Kalynn Pereira is Gooding High School student body secretary.

Filer students gear up for holidays

As shoppers gear up for the holiday season, students at Filer High School have plenty on their list of things to do this week.

The "Wildcat Word" for the day is "Food." The Key Club is gearing up for its annual food drive and with the assistance of our student body, we hope to provide many meals for this holiday season.

Pack a can of food or a non-perishable item to school to help support those in need.

Recognition is also needed to honor Edward Richards, our science teacher, who was chosen to participate in the Partners in Science Program last summer. He will travel to San Diego, Calif., in January to participate in the na-



WILDCAT WORLD
Diana Haffner
and Amy Huddleston

tional conference and present his summer research.

Last week was somewhat demanding for our freshmen, who took the Direct Writing Assessment. In this exam, students wrote an essay, which will be grad-

ed by the state on a 1-5 level. This is important because a score of 3 or higher is required to graduate.

Also, all students were informed of their progress as official mid-terms will be passed out this week. We hope that current grades will not put anyone on Santa's Naughty List.

We hope to have a lot of support this week at our athletic games and with our activities. Have a good week and don't forget to show a little for extra canned food items to help out with our food drive.

Diana Haffner and Amy Huddleston are students at Filer High School.

After-school program offers learning fun

I would like to remind parents of all students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade that the 4-11 after-school program continues to meet from 4:30 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday in the cafeteria.

Mary Davidson, project coordinator, says the focus was on nutrition in November. During December, the lessons will deal with how other cultures around the world celebrate Christmas.

The program again plans to have children make polar fleece scarves, and each student can keep one and additional scarves will be donated.

Carolyn Kohntopp, music instructor, announced a two-



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activities for this week. On Tuesday, the fifth-grade class will travel to Buhl to perform for the Grandmothers Club at the Lincoln Courts.

On Friday, the winter all-school musical program will be presented at 1:45 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The music

department will sell root beer floats as a fund-raiser immediately following the program.

Sherry Wells, the school secretary, reminds all eligible college students to contact the school so she can disburse the Castleford Men's Club scholarships.

Mrs. Wells also reminds the students that she needs copies of the completed application, your college transcript and your course registration for next semester.

Jean Dudley, school librarian, announces that the second Reading is Fundamental book distribution is set for Dec. 20. Louise Nofziger from the Buhl Public Library will be our guest reader.

SCHOOL NEWS

Local student seeks help to attend conference

TWIN FALLS — Sharon Wagstaff, a senior at Twin Falls High School, has been invited to the six-day National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., because of her outstanding academic record and leadership skills. During the conference, she will visit Congress, among other sites.

The conference is next spring, but Sharon reported that she must raise the tuition and travel fees on her own.

She received notification of the honor last week, and must meet the financial commitment by Dec. 29, so she is seeking sponsors and community support.

To donate, call Sharon Wagstaff or Dan Harkins at 734-0385, or e-mail her at swagstaff@hotmail.com.

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For more information, call 438-5018.

Wendell Elementary choir performs this week

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The mallet group and Drum Club will also be featured. Admission is \$1 for children, \$2 for adults and \$5 for a family. Call Lana Lamm at 536-6611, ext. 128.

Oakley schools choir concert hits the stage

OAKLEY — An Oakley Elementary and High schools combined choir Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Howell Opera House.

For more information, call 862-3203.

First-graders perform Christmas program

RUPERT — Memorial Elementary School, at 10th and D streets, will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The first-graders will perform. For more information, call 436-4240.

Minico Madrigal annual dinner is Friday, Saturday

RUPERT — The Minico High School choir will present the fourth annual Madrigal Dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, at the school, 292 E. 100 S.

The cost is \$15 per person and will include dinner and entertainment. Tickets must be bought in advance and can be purchased from any choir student or by calling Jeff Collier at 436-5355, ext. 153.

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Morningside collects food; honor choir performs

TWIN FALLS — Morningside Elementary School is collecting canned goods to help feed needy families. Students can bring canned goods and place them under the Christmas tree in the front hall.

The Morningside Honor Choir will also perform at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Shoptka, 1649 Pole Line Road; 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Magic Valley Mall, 1485 Pole Line Road, 11 a.m. Dec. 18 at Costco, 731 Pole Line Road, and 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the mall.

The choir, made up of 65 students in fourth through sixth grade, practices at lunch time. For more information, call the school at 735-6507.

BMS music departments present holiday concert

BUHL — The Buhl Middle School music department will present its holiday concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Poppelwell Elementary Gym, 200 N. Sixth.

The performance will include the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade bands and sixth-grade Treble Choir, seventh-grade mixed choir and eighth grade mixed choir.

Suggested donation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for a family. Those with Buhl Middle School activity cards and children age 5 and under are free. Funds raised will be used for instrument repair and to purchase uniforms.

For more information, call Jennifer Schoth at 543-8292.

Acequia Elementary presents holiday program

ACEQUIA — Acequia Elementary School, 20504 Fourth St., will present its Christmas program at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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French cops lose training practice after losing explosives

PARIS (AP) — French police on Sunday ended their practice of hiding plastic explosives in air passengers' luggage to train bomb-sniffing dogs after one such bag got lost, possibly ending up on a flight out of Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport.

The luggage that police used Friday for the exercise has yet to turn up. Three flights that arrived in Los Angeles and New York were searched, but it was

not found.

And no passenger was contacted. French authorities to report the surprise discovery of a bag of nearly five ounces of explosives tucked into his or her suitcase.

Police say there was no chance the explosives could go off, since they were not connected to detonators. Still, Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin was critical of the mistake.

"The fight against terrorism and insecurity is a priority for the government," a statement by his office said. "But (Raffarin) made clear his concern in the face of the way the training for explosives searches was conducted at Roissy Charles de Gaulle."

Raffarin said the procedure was "susceptible to making the relevant passenger run a risk in the eyes of foreign authorities

when arriving in the destination country."

Police soon after announced they'd ordered a stop.

"The procedures that were used Friday night will no longer be allowed," said Pierre Bouquin, a spokesman for France's police force that conducted the training. "We're going to stop practicing this on the bags of travelers" in all of France, he said.

Airport police deliberately placed a bag containing up to five ounces of plastic explosives in luggage early Friday evening, Bouquin said. The luggage was lost on a conveyor belt carrying bags through a restricted area from check-in to planes.

The explosives could have made it onto one of up to 90 flights leaving Charles de Gaulle airport. Police didn't know the bag's destination and

quickly alerted the relevant airlines.

Two police officers faced disciplinary action because of the incident, Bouquin said.

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German official sees hope for renewed peace talks in Mideast

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Visiting German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said Sunday that Palestinian presidential elections and an end to violence could lead to renewed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, but leaders of the Islamic group Hamas dismissed the possibility of a truce.

Fischer's visit was part of an intense flurry of diplomacy aimed at reinvigorating long-stalled peace efforts after Yasser Arafat's death last month. U.S. and European mediators have expressed rare optimism at ending more than four years of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

"I think the present situation with the coming election is a great opportunity — if there is responsible behavior by all parties on the ground and by the international community — to move toward a resumption of the peace talks which will lead to two states living peacefully side by side," said Fischer, who met with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

But in Gaza on Sunday, Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar said a truce was not on any agenda.

Ukraine opposition leader seeks electoral changes

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko kicked off campaigning for the Dec. 26 presidential election Sunday with a call for quick passage of anti-fraud legislation. Supporters signed up by the thousands to monitor balloting and ensure a fair vote.

"We are witnessing a struggle between forces of good and forces of evil," Yushchenko told throngs of chanting supporters gathered at Kiev's main square and waving his campaign's orange flags.

While thousands of pro-Yushchenko demonstrators marked two weeks of a round-the-clock vigil in downtown Kiev, supporters of his rival, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, were largely out of sight in eastern regions near Russia — Yanukovich's stronghold.

The Moscow-backed Yanukovich has not been seen in public since Friday's Supreme Court ruling canceling his Nov. 21 runoff victory over Yushchenko because of fraud. On Sunday, campaign representatives did not answer repeated phone calls.

Musharraf defends decision on scientist

WASHINGTON — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Sunday defended his decision not to allow international investigators to interrogate A.Q. Khan, the rogue Pakistani scientist accused of peddling nuclear secrets around the world.

Appearing offended, Musharraf said the requests from U.N. nuclear inspectors indicated a lack of trust in Pakistan. In a CNN interview, he portrayed the issue as a matter of national pride.

President Bush met with Musharraf on Saturday and urged the Pakistani general to make sure that all possible information about nuclear proliferation by the Khan network be turned over to the Americans, Musharraf promised to do so.

But the White House did not ask for direct access to Khan — apparently in deference to Pakistani sensitivities about a man who, as the father of the Pakistani atomic bomb, had been considered a hero. However, the International Atomic Energy Agency still wants to interview Khan, who has been pardoned by Musharraf, as well as his assistant, who is being held in Malaysia.

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What the U.S. won in Fallujah

"Nothing except a battle lost can be held as melancholy as a battle won."
—The Duke of Wellington

The news media are taking Wellington's dictum to heart. They seem positively despondent over the battle of Fallujah.

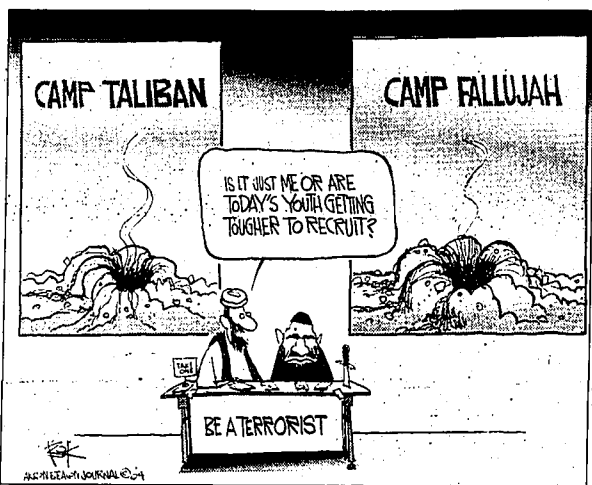
MAX BOOT

It is right and proper to mourn the death of 71 Americans and the wounding of hundreds more. As Wellington realized, martial glory rings hollow when weighed against the cost in blood. But it is wrong to rush to the opposite extreme by assuming, as so much of the current commentary implicitly does, that war solves nothing and that all casualties are meaningless. In fact, many of the turning points of history have been battles, such as Wellington's victory at Waterloo, which ended for all time the threat of French expansionism in Europe.

Obviously, the battle of Fallujah was not as decisive as Waterloo; few battles are. But that shouldn't blind us to the accomplishments of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, which led the offensive along with U.S. Army and Iraqi soldiers.

Coalition troops killed 1,200 to 1,600 guerrillas and captured more than 1,000. They uncovered 26 bomb factories, 350 arms caches (containing thousands of weapons), several chemical weapons laboratories and eight hospitals where hostages were held and probably tortured and killed. And they accomplished all this with less than half the number of casualties suffered in Hue, Vietnam, in 1968, the last major urban assault mounted by the Marine Corps.

As significant as what happened is what didn't happen. The second battle of Fallujah did not turn into a public relations debacle, as did the attack in April. The Marines cleverly began this campaign by occupying the main hospital in Fallujah, where the hospital had been the source of inflated claims about civilian casualties. There was no uprising in the streets of Najaf or Karbala — or



Cairo or Amman — to protest the second assault on Fallujah. The Iraqi interim government held together behind the fierce determination of Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to fight the terrorists.

The only major PR snafu came when a journalist taped a Marine shooting a wounded insurgent. Though endlessly replayed on Al-Jazeera (which refused to show the video of terrorists apparently slaughtering aid worker Margaret Hassan), there is no sign that this action has cost the United States any public support in Iraq. On the contrary, many troops fed up with terrorist attacks, no doubt applauded the Marine's ruthlessness.

This is not meant to suggest that everything went perfectly. Many terrorists were able to escape Fallujah before the assault and create a base in Mosul, where the local police folded with dismay speed. But U.S. and Iraqi forces quickly shifted their focus to the north and snuffed out the uprising in Mosul. Now they are pressing their offensive in the "triangle of death" south of Baghdad.

The best news of recent days is the growing competence of Iraqi security forces. Two thousand Iraqis fought alongside 10,000 Americans in Fallujah and, by all reports, they performed reasonably well. It's also true that effective military action is usually a prerequisite for a political settlement. Only if the insurgents are convinced they cannot shoot their way to power will they give up their guns.

The clashes with Muqtada al-Sadr's Al Mahdi militia this summer prove the point: After being whipped by U.S. forces, the Shiite rabble-rouser decided to join the electoral process. And city, once among the most dangerous areas of Iraq, for U.S. troops, has become relatively quiet. The hope now is that the fall of Fallujah will convince more Sunnis of the futility of armed resistance, while elections on Jan. 30 will convince them that their griev-

ances can be addressed through peaceful means.

Even in a best-case scenario, however, the bombings and beatings won't end the day after the vote. It can take a decade or more to defeat an insurgency. Colombia has been fighting Marxist guerrillas since 1965, and even a small number of determined fighters can wreak mayhem. In the 1970s, fewer than 100 members of the Baader-Meinhof gang terrorized West Germany, a country that is considerably more populous and more stable than Iraq, which is estimated to have at least 10,000 insurgents.

Thus, for all their success in Fallujah, we should not expect U.S. troops to completely pacify Iraq anytime soon. What they can do — what they are doing — is to keep the insurgents from derailing a political process that, one hopes, will soon result in the creation of a legitimate government that can field indigenous security forces and defend itself.

Max Boot is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Western views ESA reform takes a step forward

The Gazette
Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Western Governors Association will be holding an endangered Species Summit this weekend in San Diego. It presents an ideal opportunity to send a strong signal to Washington that support for reforming the nations most powerful and controversial environmental laws is not just rhetorical but real. Chairman of the House Resources Committee, California Rep. Richard Pombo, will be there, urging the groups' 18 members to get behind Congress' efforts to bring some sensible changes to the nations most misused law. Pombo recognizes that grassroots support will be essential for any reforms to pass, even with Republican gains in last month's elections. "It's critical to have the government on board with any legislative effort that we make,"

Pombo said this week. "The public, too, seems inclined to support a more balanced and reasonable approach — on environmental policy, judging from pre-election polls suggesting that Americans may finally be growing weary of the relentless extremism of the environmental advocacy industry, and believe it is taking a toll on the economy. And no one knows more about the ESA's disproportionate impact on Westerners than the 12 Republican and six Democrat governors meeting in San Diego.

The WGA rhetorically has supported changing the law for years. But that's easy. The real test of a reformer's resolve is when the bills are before Congress and he or she has to weather the flak storm of criticism, sectionalism and fearmongering that confront any who dare take on the ESA.

Cut out omnibus pork

The Arizona Daily Sun
Flagstaff, Ariz.

There's an old saying that the two things no one should see being made are sausages and laws. We don't know much about the former, but when it comes to laws, this year's omnibus budget bill meltdown in Congress seems to prove the point. It was filled with not only unjustified "pork" but policy riders that few members had even read.

As a result, Congress must now go back and undo some of the bill's provisions, such as allowing members of Congress for the first time to read individual taxpayers IRS files.

Then there's the stealth amendment by U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula, R-Ohio, that appears to make the Red Rock Pass permanent. Forest Service officials were so out of the legislative loop that they still haven't deter-

mined the bill's full impacts.

U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl, who joined a majority of Arizona's congressional delegation in voting no on the omnibus budget package, blames "obstructionist Democrats for delaying proper consideration of separate spending bills until House and Senate leaders were forced to roll nine of them into a last-minute monster.

Democrats counter that they wouldn't need to delay consideration of spending bills by introducing floor amendments if they were given a significant role in the writing of the bills in committee.

Both critiques miss the mark. The problem with the federal budget process is a lack of accountability and discipline so pervasive that even an annual deficit of \$400 billion failed to stop members from larding up the omnibus bill with \$15 billion worth of special-interest pork.

An issue of states' rights

The Union-Bulletin
Walla Walla, Wash.

Whether or not marijuana — smoked or otherwise — is the right prescription for pain control and other medical conditions isn't the issue.

The issue in this legal matter is whether state governments (or citizens) set the rules for what doctors can and can't do in their states. This is — clear and simple — a states' rights issue.

Anecdotal evidence strongly suggests that marijuana does have medical benefits, which is why voters in nine states have made it legal as medicine. It's time the federal authorities look at the bigger picture.

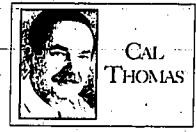
mentary School for violating his First Amendment rights. The school isn't saying much, except that Williams crossed a constitutional line by infusing his class with religion.

If Williams was evangelizing instead of teaching, his principal was right to intervene. But if the idea was to scrub history to suit extremists who can't distinguish between scholarship and proselytism — that's destructive. Really. America's founding documents are replete with religious references.

For all that, public schools have one essential job: to help make good citizens. If historical truth is lost to the filters of modern sensibilities and certain groups' tastes, the schools will have failed that basic task.

An overdue tribute to American heroines

One might expect a book written by a sitting United States senator to be self-serving and pretentious. That is not the case with Sandra Kay Bailey Hutchison's new book, "American Heroines: The Spirited Women Who Shaped Our Country." (William Morrow).



Some of these women are familiar, such as Amelia Earhart, Condoletta Rice, Geraldine Ferraro, Barbara Walters and Sally Ride. Others are not, mostly because few have written much about them. There is Mary Austin Holly, the wife of Stephen F. Austin, a hero of Texas independence. When

Holly was widowed with young children, she might have chosen security in a home with friends. Instead, she moved to the Austin colony in Texas, where she earned a place in that state's history by working toward an ideal — freedom and independence — and eschewing minimal comforts.

Among modern women there is Oveta Culp Hobby. Hobby worked with some of the most famous men in government during World War II and contributed significantly on the home front to the Allied victory. When Dwight Eisenhower was elected president in 1952, he named Hobby the first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Hobby family owned KPRC-TV, the NBC affiliate in Houston, where Hutchison (then Kay Bailey) applied for a job after graduating from the University of Texas Law School. It was there that I first met her in 1969, where I was a reporter for that station and she was soon to become one. She charmed Governor Preston Smith who gave her many exclusives to the consternation of

some of us men, but to the delight of the news director, Ray Miller.

In the book's interview with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Hutchison says O'Connor never had a difficult time as a woman in the recent past to make careers in the law. After O'Connor, who graduated from law school in 1952, relates the frustrations she faced in trying to land a job at male-dominated law firms, Hutchison says, "I graduated in 1967, 15 years later, and I went through the same thing. Not one major law firm in Houston hired women as regular attorneys. I had interviews, but none of them."

O'Connor interrupts, "But at least you had interviews." Kay Bailey Hutchison has kept her charm and kindness, even while breaking down barriers. If you watch her debate or deliver a speech on the Senate floor (like her TV broadcast scripts, her speeches have improved over time), she can display conviction on the things she cares about, but she does not alienate people to the point where a relationship is broken.

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Mikulski, Maryland Democrat, to remove that discriminatory barrier to women who choose to stay home and make a career as a mother and homemaker.

My only regret is that this book did not include some of those homemaking women among the modern heroines she selected. Such women never receive awards or recognition from culture, though their rewards are usually more valuable to them and longer lasting than anything the world can offer.

Even with this omission, "American Heroines" is a welcome book, whose author — the first woman to represent Texas in the United States Senate — knows about such things because she is one herself.

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

Suppress history?

The Press-Enterprise
Riverside, Calif.

Some truths aren't self-evident when it comes to teaching America's founding principles. Under the guise of "separation of church and state," it may be easy to ban religious references from the classroom. But if students don't learn the whole story of America's origins, they will suffer as fully educated citizens.

A fifth-grade teacher in Cupertino, says his principal barred him from using historical documents that refer to God — including the Declaration of Independence.

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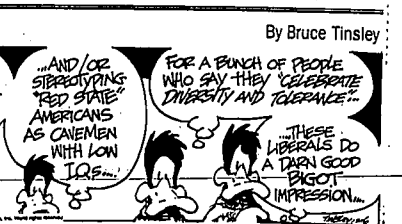
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Mallard Fillmore



LETTERS

Democrats must figure out the value puzzle

I got a thank you from Donna Pence. I thank her. She will do a bang-up job, I'm sure.

The rest of the election went just like I figured it would here on the homefront. But I feel for my state and the wonderful folks who live in it. They, the majority, got their man — George Bush. He won. "W's" win was the narrowest margin in a hundred years. His popular was the lowest since 1916: 56 million Americans did not vote for W. Bush.

The Democrats lost the election because of Kerry, no one. He wasn't a man decisive enough to be president. I voted for him very light on the ballot hoping it couldn't be read. Sad. I'm a Democrat from the go-go. You folks know why.

I had trouble with Clinton also, and I was right about him. I'm sick of being right, but how do we get people to be our president that can be the proper character to be one? We don't pick "em; we, the people, are just forced to vote for the person. The system picks for us.

The big money picks 'em. Halliburton, Brown, Root, Kellogg, Outfit like Enron and a couple hundred more pick the presidents.

We, the people, have no say in the (one). Pick the Democrats vs. Republican. I don't understand why my party, Democrats, insist to be a "liberal." They gotta be immoral? This has me baffled. FDR wasn't all the time!

Bill Clinton was "for sure." God sent a message loud and clear. He rained and rained on Clinton's library; "loud" and clear and remember folks coming up. Birds of a feather fly together. Which out for Hillary. Moral values are not all about religion. They are about right and wrong. Add in God is but a plus. And the God you believe in personally is the right God for you.

I see my country in a free-fall. Where it crashes is anyone's guess.

We can't save it. He had a free ride the first heat. Now he has

to run the feature role and he's got two "cylinders" missing. Bad, and the final laps. No pit stops.

We gotta put his feet in the fire. Congress, Old Man Craig needs to be counted for (one) time. He needs to be heard. Instead of hiding his good legislation in bills 10-feet tall so he doesn't have to defend them, like the Nez Perce. Pay attention. **BARNET "BJ" ROWLAND Hagerman**

Liquor store can boost revenue for Albion

We were disturbed to read the article in *The Times-News* about the liquor store in Albion. The part that disturbed us was the part where some people said that if the store were to be in another location, they would accept having the store in Albion.

I wonder how many who signed that petition knew that Roger has done all of the footwork to get this store and that Albion City is guaranteed a \$48,000 in revenue each year for having the store in our city? This money would go a long way in defraying the cost of city employees. The revenue that the store would generate for the city is the main reason Roger and Leanna want the store. The money they would receive from sales would be approximately 11 percent per bottle sold, not a big money-maker, would you say.

Roger and Leanna are the second highest taxpayers in Albion in property tax and sales tax. They also have purchased homes in the city to rent out, which is badly needed in the community. The houses they purchased would not qualify for a conventional loan, so they also helped the person out that was selling the property.

If the city has to raise utilities to generate more funds, we suggest that they get the names on the petitions and raise their rates and leave the rest of us alone. I wonder how many baked food sales it would take to bring that much money into the community each year?

Another thing that disturbed many in the city is the fact that a city employee was taking the petition around getting people to sign. This seems like a conflict of interest as we see it. Why people in Albion can use their dislike of a local business person as a reason for signing a petition in lieu of thinking about the money it would generate, we cannot understand. Some of these people do not really know that person well. And those who think it will stop people from buying liquor do not understand that it will not stop the sale, it will just mean that Burley and Rupert stores will get the sales and the revenue.

We think it is time to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

LEE AND KENT WOODLAND DONNA ANDERSON Albion

Columnist missed real crimes in hunting murders

Your pick of the commentary on Nov. 30 by Randolph Brandt from the *Journal Times* in Racine, Wis., misses the mark entirely. In order to paint Vang as an innocent hunter beset by racist knuckle-dragging hunters, Randolph intentionally fails to mention the mayhem that actually occurred.

His column failed on many points. First is that there were eight people shot and only one gun among all of them. Other than the two hunters who initially confronted Vang, one of which was armed, the other hunters were back at their cabin when Vang was ordered out of a private tree stand and off the property.

The author also fails to mention that six of the eight hunters died at the hands of Vang. Most of the hunters were shot in the back and, by Vang's own admission, he came back to one hunter who was wounded and deliberately shot him again — finishing off the kill. Vang admitted to the police of doing exactly this.

Let's assume that the one hunter did as Vang claimed and shot at Vang first. That person and only that person merits the

self-defensive return fire. Not the other seven hunters, all of which were unarmed, all of which were either ambushed or stalked by Vang. Again, fully admitted to the police by Vang.

Many of the hunters were shot in the back. This alone indicates that they were fleeing or at least traveling away from Vang.

Shame on Mr. Randolph for trying to vindicate the wanton murder of six people by using the race card! And shame on *The Times-News* for letting itself be a venue for this leftist tripe!

More name-calling does not merit death. What Vang did was to attempt murder all eight hunters — hunters that may have only been trying to get him off their property.

Whose story is to be believed? **ALLEN NORRIS Rupert**

Election victors don't need to compromise

On Sunday, Nov. 14, I wrote a letter to the editor mocking the Dems and their post election "tramas." A friend of mine told me that nobody would rebut it because that would prove my point that the left wing of the Democrat Party are a bunch of whiners. Well, not only are they still whining and calling the "red" voters stupid, but they are doing it with venom. And, yes, that only adds to my amusement.

Sharon Metcalf of Gooding not only poured out her grief about the election results to all that cared and many who didn't, but she also gave me a vocabulary lesson. And you are definitely right, Ms. Metcalf. I did use the wrong adjective. I should have said that I don't argue with the "stupid" as opposed to the "ignorant." I stand corrected.

I still won't argue politics with you for the reasons I've already stated, nor will I argue the Republican point of view on why they felt just as strongly on how important it was for them to win the election, but there is something in which I take issue.

I do think that it would have behooved you, Ms. Metcalf, to

footnote your claim that studies had been done on the ignorance of the "red" voters when it comes to weapons of mass destruction. When one claims to be a fact, one should be made to back it up. Also, Ms. Metcalf, internet partisan propaganda should not be anyone's choice for accurate information whether one is Democrat or Republican.

There is one truism in this whole debate and that is the "reds" won and the "blues" lost. Not only was the presidential race a clear majority, but the congressional seat margin has been substantially increased. Now some "blues" are suggesting that we all come together and compromise. They are also bemoaning the fact that we are a nation divided. Well, get a grip. Of course we are a nation divided. We have a two-party system. If you want to change that, take a giant step to the right. We "reds" don't need to compromise, and if you "blues" don't quit whining, you are going to keep on losing.

I'm sorry, Ms. Metcalf, but I still find that highly amusing. **KATHY ROONEY Gooding**

Cold-hearted thief should leave Frosty alone

I'm frosted over Frosty. I recently purchased a inflatable Frosty the Snowman at Home Depot. In order to brighten up my yard for the upcoming holidays. Unfortunately, in today's world with all the commercial push for the holidays, it was stolen from my yard on the night of Dec. 2 — I would assume so someone would not have to try to buy their Christmas celebration but feel better about their Christmas because they have the stolen snowman to help celebrate and make them feel all festive.

Whoever the person or persons responsible may be, I hope they feel good about themselves and their holidays are well celebrated.

Just remember, while you are living in your false world of Christmas cheer, the rest of us will be looking over your shoulder wondering all along why you thought it was funny. Sincerely snowed, **KEVIN KOONCE Twin Falls**

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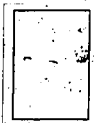
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MORNING BREAK/WORLD

Poker game rakes in big bucks for the hosts

DEAR ABBY: My friend, Wilma, recently purchased a house with her husband, Ken. They frequently host "poker nights" and invite quite a few other friends and friends of friends.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Since Wilma is presently unemployed, she has instituted a new policy for the games: Everyone must donate a percentage of their winnings to the house. This has offended quite a few of the players. Many of us have offered to bring snacks, drinks, etc., but the donation rule stands and is very much in effect.

May I add that Ken was shocked when Wilma asked for the money. How can we confront her without coming across as rude?

— CONCERNED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONCERNED: Why are you worried about offending someone who is extorting money from you? I don't know how many people participate in these "poker nights," but with a percentage of every hand going to the house, Wilma must be making a tidy sum. It shouldn't be necessary to "confront her." If I were you, I'd alternate hosting these games among the participants.

DEAR ABBY: My father, who is still living, sexually abused me for six or seven years during my childhood. That was 21 years ago. I believe he has gotten help for his "problem" and won't harm anyone else, but I can't be sure. I have talked to Dad about it, and he says he would never hurt anyone like that again, that what he did was very wrong, and he's sorry he ever hurt me.

About six years ago, another family member asked me if I had been sexually abused, and I told her no at the urging of my parents and my husband. She and I both have children. I allow my son to stay with Dad, but not my daughter. The other family member has sons who stay with Dad occasionally.

I feel guilty for not telling her the truth. I would never brag myself if something happened to her kids because I lied. Should I speak up and let the chips fall where they may, even though it could hurt a lot of people? Or should I just be quiet and observe? It has taken a lot of courage to write this letter, and your advice would be appreciated.

— UNSURE IN THE PRAIRIES

DEAR UNSURE: Has it occurred to you that your relative asked you that question because your father had also abused her? Asking someone if a parent has abused her (or him) is not something that ordinarily comes up in conversation for no reason. Yes, you should definitely level with her — and then listen to what she has to say. You owe it to her and the children to be honest.

PS: Child molesters have been known to abuse children of both genders, so don't procrastinate.

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have been in love with "Rob" ever since I was in fifth grade. I never let good enough for him. Now that we're in college, I finally expressed my feelings, and we are starting a relationship. My only problem is people tell me that being with Rob is wrong because my sister is married to his first cousin. Is there some kind of rule that being together is taboo?

— CONFUSED IN AMERICAN SAMOA

DEAR CONFUSED: Not that I ever heard of you and Rob are not blood relatives, and I know of no taboo against marrying him should you both decide to tie the knot.

Young Ukrainian activists find love amid protests

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Vasylyk and Sofiya Kirichenko came to Kiev from different regions to join round-the-clock protests in support of opposition presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko.

Result: two golden rings and a bride's veil in the opposition's signature color, orange.

Freezing temperatures, close quarters and the lack of basic amenities such as hot water and clean bathrooms have helped create a unique romantic atmosphere for thousands of young people who settled in the sprawling opposition tent camp on Kiev's main square.

"You can have your own little paradise — even in a tent," said Vasylyk, a tall 23-year-old with his hair dyed blond.

Four days after meeting, Vasylyk and Sofiya, a 19-year-old brunette, staged unofficial vows in the heart of the tent city, to a wedding march and the cheers of dozens of fellow camp residents. "She wore an orange veil,

made from an orange curtain, and I had an orange shirt on, entirely covered by friends' signatures and various slogans," Vasylyk said.

"On that day they even allowed us to have champagne," he said with a smile. Alcohol is prohibited in the camp to maintain discipline.

The wedding bore no legal weight, but Vasylyk insisted that Kiev Mayor Alexander Omelchenko promised to issue the couple a special wedding certificate. Meanwhile, local reporters presented them with the rings.

Several other couples have staged such unofficial ceremonies, typically exchanging rings and teasing with champagne, followed by a long kiss.

Considering how much

Ukraine's political crisis has fired up the political passion of many of the nation's youth, romance is perhaps a not entirely surprising side effect.

Young people have made up the bulk of the 10,000 activists who have lived for 24-hours-a-day in more than 500 tents on the capital's main avenue, Khreshchatik Street. The street leads from Independence Square — the epicenter of massive protests that have attracted hundreds of thousands more Yushchenko supporters every day.

Often the protests have looked a lot more like parties, with some of Ukraine's favorite pop stars and rock bands jamming on stage, and laser light shows shooting around the square.



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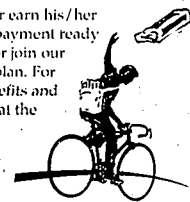
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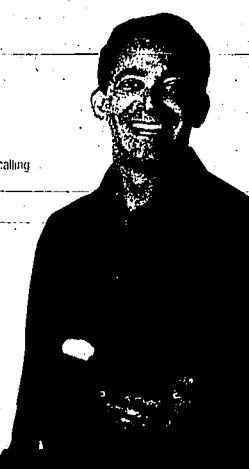
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Deer causes car accident in Bliss

BLISS — Two drivers suffered minor injuries in a car accident on Interstate 84 near the Bliss exit.
Both drivers were eastbound when they collided with the deer at about 5 p.m., said Doug Jensen, an Idaho State Police dispatcher.
The drivers names were Angel Hurtado and Jeffrey Barnes, both of Twin Falls. Neither driver suffered injuries bad enough to need treatment, Jensen said.

CSI creates scholarship fund

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho social science department, in conjunction with the CSI Foundation, is creating an endowed scholarship in political science in memory of Capt. Alan Blake Rowe, who was killed in combat Sept. 3 during his second deployment to Iraq.
Rowe was raised in the Magic Valley, where he attended school in Hansen and Gooding and was active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America. After graduating from Gooding High School in 1985, Rowe enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served in several capacities, including two Western Pacific deployments. He was a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and was again deployed to Iraq in August 2004.
Rowe contributed to the scholarship, call Lee Ann Hagan at CSI at 732-6887 or Debra Wilson at the CSI Foundation at 732-6245.

Humane society will hold grand opening

TWIN FALLS — People for Pets — Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. and the Twin Falls Animal Shelter staff will officially cut the ribbon to the new animal shelter.
A grand opening and open house will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at 420 Marina Ave. in Twin Falls. The shelter will be closed for the day to hold the event.
The community is invited to come tour the new facility and enjoy refreshments.

Safe Harbor group will choose new leaders

TWIN FALLS — Safe Harbor will elect a new board of directors when it meets at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls First Christian Church at 601 Shoshone St. N.
The board consists of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and three members at large. All positions need to be filled with new directors.
Safe Harbor's goals are to open an emergency shelter, and continue providing Saturday meals for needy people in the Twin Falls area. Those who would like to help are welcome to run in the election.
For more information, call Phyllis Berg at 735-8787 or 735-5270.

Shoshone hosts legislative reception

SHOSHONE — A legislative reception will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Shoshone State Center located at the Shoshone State Fairgrounds.
State Sen. Clint Bennett, D-Ketchum, and Idaho Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, will be in attendance. School administrators, school board members and the general public are encouraged to attend.
A discussion will be held about items that have been agreed to by the Idaho Education Association and school administrators. A general discussion also will be held.
The meeting should last about an hour and a buffet and refreshments will be served. The meeting is sponsored by the Idaho Education Association and Shoshone School District.
— compiled from staff reports

T.F. reconsiders open space needs

Messersmith Inc. submits a new subdivision proposal as an 'olive branch'

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — How much open space does a city need? More than Twin Falls has right now, say council members and city staff.
"Lack of neighborhood parks within the city is a big issue," said Renee Caraway, an employee with the city's planning and zoning department. Caraway and others are working

on a plan that will give developers better guidelines on how much open space to plan in subdivisions and how to maintain it once the subdivision is completed.
City Council members will take up these two issues at its 5 p.m. meeting today when they visit a park proposal that was presented to them at last week's regular meeting. Council members had postponed action on an appeal by Messersmith Inc. in regard to a plat that the Planning and Zoning Commission denied. The commission had said the proposal had too little access to parks and recreation.
Gary Slette, an attorney for Messersmith Inc., is asking the City Council to accept an "olive branch" in regard to the appeal.

Meeting today

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today in the City Council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. The meeting is open to the public.

At this week's meeting, the council will consider a new proposal that includes an open space of three lots and additional space for storm water retention.
The city staff had not completed a recommendation to the council by late Friday, but Caraway did say a question still remains about who would be responsible for maintenance of the new park proposal.
And at least one councilman says it shouldn't fall on the resi-

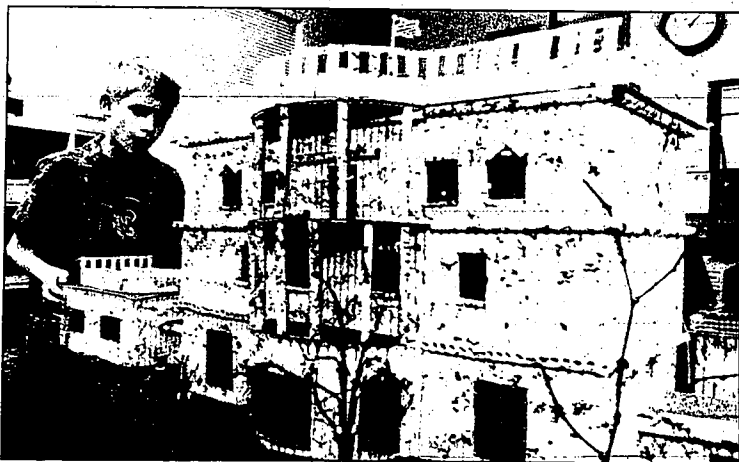
dents of the subdivision.

In some cities, homeowner associations in new subdivisions are expected to maintain the new parks that came with their homes. But asking homeowners to maintain the parks often doesn't work out, Councilman Chris Talkington said.
"If the city is going to require the parks and provide the infrastructure, then we are going to have to maintain them," Talkington said. "It's often not very successful when associations are required to maintain parks to city standards — things like mowing, fertilization."
But also, Talkington said he thinks the new park plan should include incentives for developers to develop park space rather than penalties.

"We really need to work with some of the more progressive developers to see what would work for both parties," he said. "If you offer so many open spaces for so many units, what is a fair trade? What can the city do to lessen the burden for you?"
The preliminary plan suggests 6 acres of park per 1,000 people. Currently the city has 4.8 acres per 1,000 people.
With the city of 37,000 poised to hit at least 50,000 people within 10 years, based upon current plans, Talkington said it's time to get a plan in place so that developers like Messersmith know what's expected.

Times-News writer Julie Pence can be reached at 735-3241 or jrp@timesnews.com.

GETTING AMBITIOUS



Gooding Elementary School fifth-grader Dexter Loder built this replica of the White House out of rolled-up newspaper for a class art project. It took 792 rolled newspaper logs and two weeks for him to finish the project.

Gooding fifth-grader takes class assignment to new heights

Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — When Gooding Elementary School art students were asked to design and build small, individual structures using rolled-up newspapers, fifth-grader Dexter Loder took the annual assignment to heart.
The he took it home.
"Two weeks and 791 rolled-up newspapers later, his finished product was 'pretty impressive,'" said Dexter's teacher, Gus Spiropoulos.
Made of paper logs and complete with patio decks, a fountain, stark-green landscaping, protective fencing, interior lighting and more, Dexter created a replica of an historic structure located at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Although it didn't take a village, the White House project enlisted the help of all five family members.
"When he said he wanted to build the White House, well, I didn't see how," said Julie Loder, Dexter's mother.
Still, at the Loder home "the assign-

ment escalated — and that's great," Spiropoulos, a 30-year veteran of the educational system who still contends that "family-involvement" in a child's education is paramount.
With high-stakes testing these days, Spiropoulos said a primary focus in education now centers around literacy. Nonetheless, Spiropoulos sees the arts as a necessary extension for learning.
"There are some tremendous, creative genes in our students," he said.
Therefore, Spiropoulos' hope for all students is that they learn to use their own imaginations.
For the miniature building project, the Gooding students made their own building material by rolling paper onto doweling rods. The paper "logs" were then pasted and removed.
Then, using a model of an old log cabin as an example, Spiropoulos encouraged his students to first come up with their own design ideas before taking their projects home.
"I told them, 'You could (even) build an outthouse if you want,'" Spiropoulos said.

And while one student took that suggestion, Dexter's idea to use the historic building was sparked by the current-events curriculum he was involved in — including mock-elections.
"I thought it would be good because of the elections," his mother said.
His idea worked.
With the use of pictures Dexter found on the Web, "We spent the next six hours rolling logs," his mother said.
And though somewhat shy of the actual 322 rooms, the 35 bathrooms and six levels of living space available at the famous residence, the model White House measures in at about 20 inches high, a little more than 2 feet wide and 5 feet long.
Dexter's White House might not be his last project. When asked what he'd like to tackle in the future, the youngster was quick with his response. "Maybe the Taj Mahal," he said.
Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

Event celebrates Herrett's birthday

TWIN FALLS — A birthday celebration and open house in honor of Norman Herrett, whose vision and creativity built the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho, will be held Wednesday in the facility named in his honor.
Herrett would have been 100 years old on Dec. 8.

Honoring the late Norman Herrett

A birthday celebration will be held Wednesday in honor of the late Norman Herrett, who would be turning 100. The event, which is being held at the Herrett Center on the CSI campus, features beverages and refreshments.
Activities include:
• 6 p.m. — Self-operating program highlighting Herrett's is available.
• 6:30 p.m. — "Mingle in the Jungle" rain forest exhibit.
• 7 p.m. — Live wildlife of a conservation tour in the Faulkner Planetarium.
• 7:30 p.m. — Presentation about the so-called "Buhl Woman."
• 8 p.m. — Presentation of items from the Herrett collection.

When the center opens at 6 p.m., visitors can watch a self-operating program that highlights Herrett's life, his original operations, and how the current center has evolved into what it is today. Weather permitting, the Centennial Observatory will be open for free telescope viewing throughout the evening. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Nick Peterson will conduct a "Mingle in the Jungle" with the iguanas in the rain forest exhibit.
At 7 p.m., observatory manager Please see BIRTHDAY, Page B3

Trial against Heyburn School District begins today

By Chip Thompson
The Times-News

RUPERT — Mary Kuna, former principal of Heyburn Elementary School, resigned in August 2002 after what she said was a punitive transfer to another administrative position.
At the same time, she filed a \$500,000 tort claim against the district and several of its employees, claiming that she was treated unfairly and given no opportunity to protest the transfer.
The district failed to respond to the claim, so Kuna and her husband filed a lawsuit seeking attorney costs and compensatory damages to be determined at trial. The trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. today at the Minidoka County Courthouse.
Superintendent Nick Hallett, previously told The Times-News that the transfer was done in the

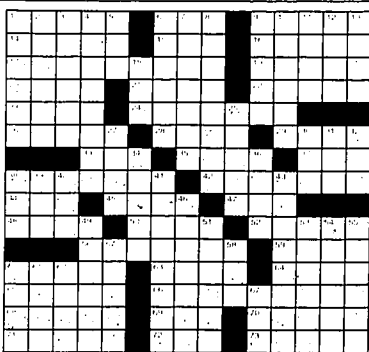
best interests of the district and its students.
In court documents, Kuna's attorneys say Hallett said the move was made to minimize conflicts and improve relationships at the Heyburn school. But Kuna said the conflicts amounted to unsubstantiated complaints filed by five school district parents.
Kuna claims she was forced to quit her new job as vice principal at Minico High School because she did not feel she could perform her duties due to conflicts with Principal Dan Rogers, the parent of one of the people responsible for the transfer, according to court documents.
The notice of tort claim accuses Hallett of orchestrating or encouraging the complaints and said Kuna feared he would continue to harass her in her new position.
Jason Walker, attorney for the

district, has said the district's policy is to not comment on pending litigation.
In addition to the school district, the people originally named in the suit are Hallett, board members Rande Martin, Greer Copeland, George MacDonald, Doyle Price and Curtis Janssen, former school board member and finance supervisor Curt Cattull, school district custodian Kim Christensen, special education private contract worker Jerrod Cattull and community residents Gall Palomares, Amy Despain and Zena Thompson.
Kuna worked as a school nurse in Minidoka County from 1987 until 2000, when she became principal at Heyburn Elementary School.
The complaints filed against her allege she beat students at the school and some accused her of being mentally or physically ill, according to court

documents.
Documents submitted by Kuna's attorneys suggest that the complaints were retaliation for Kuna having filed an earlier report with the district against Maintenance Supervisor Curt Cattull accusing him of inappropriate treatment of an employee, violation of school board policy and state law concerning competitive bids and irregularities regarding contractors, quotes and conflicts of interest.
Cassia County's 5th District Judge Monte Carlson will preside over the trial, which is expected to last two weeks until a settlement is reached in the meantime.
Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Min-Cassia bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at cthompson@magicvalley.com.

■ **Last we knew:** Former Heyburn Elementary School Principal Nancy Kuna filed a lawsuit against the Minidoka County School District Nov. 6, 2002, claiming she was unfairly transferred due to unsubstantiated allegations made by a few parents.
■ **The latest:** Kuna's trial is scheduled to begin today in Minidoka County with 5th District Court Judge Monte Carlson presiding.
■ **What's next:** Attorneys representing both sides estimated that the trial will last up to two weeks.

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Libra: Stand up for your rights

IF DECEMBER 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... You are usually willing to fly by the seat of your pants, but for the next month little details must be taken into consideration and others close could have a deciding vote that will sway the ultimate outcome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be less competitive than usual in the career sector as you greatly enjoy socializing and rubbing shoulders with others. You're a "people person" today, so be sure to find ways to make contact. Welcome impulsive ideas about money as they might have a great deal of merit.

TURUS (April 20-May 20): Start important projects or leap into action with well-thought-out business initiatives. If you are in the mood for love, remember that under these stars compatibility need not apply.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Good poker players don't show their hands. Make a superb impression on others by demonstrating your ability to handle confidential information in an ethical manner. It is a perfect time to initiate communications with new clients or important contacts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you give in to the urge to blunt your little quirks and oddities it will only endear you to those who are already fond of the real you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Perfect celestial weather is at hand for starting new projects — especially those devoted to sales or the arts. Being young at heart makes the world look rosier, so be open to the ideas that come from the younger generation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have the winks at your fingertips to persuade others and they are willing to listen. Push for agreements and contracts now while

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

You have the magic touch to explain things in plain English.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stand up to your rights and you will command more respect. Whether you are dealing with the boss, clients or the kids, take at least one symbolic step in an important direction to preserve permanently the atmosphere of peace and tranquility that is in place today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Your cronies are not content to sit still and need some physical exertion to keep social fires burning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your eye on the target and shoot your arrows straight to the heart of any matter that needs your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may know your limitations, but that gives you the edge when an escape route comes into view. Operate outside the bounds of temporary downturns in the economy by implementing inspired ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Liberal views receive agreement

today, so go ahead with innovative projects that have been dormant. You have your eye on the future and can overcome brief setbacks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your intuition gives you the advantage in the business world and at home. It is a good time to make important purchases of things like a car or a boat that should have a long life.

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Orpheum 154 Main Twin Falls
Bridget Jones at 7:00 - 9:05
Odyssey 6 950 Magic Valley Mall
After the Sunset at 7:00 - 9:15
The Grudge at 7:30 - 9:15
Spongebob Movie at 7:30 - 9:15
Alexander at 7:30 - 9:15
Motorcycle Diaries at 9:15

Jerome 4 950 West Main Jerome
Polar Express at 7:00 - 9:15
Xmas with Kranks at 7:15 - 9:20
Spongebob Movie at 7:30 - 9:15
Disney's Incredibles at 7:45 - 9:15

Twin 12 164 England Twin Falls
Snow in 7:00 - 9:15
Shall We Dance at 7:15 - 9:15
Ladder 49 at 7:30 - 9:15
Incredibles at 7:45 - 9:15
Polar Express at 7:50 - 9:15
Friday Night Lights at 8:00 - 9:15
National Treasure at 8:00 - 9:15
Seed of Chucky at 8:10 - 9:15
Shark Tale at 8:15 - 9:15
Christmas with the Kranks at 7:30 - 9:15 - 9:15

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Today in 1957, U.S. first satellite attempt failed

This day in history: On Dec. 6, 1957, America's first satellite attempt failed. The Vanguard rocket, hastily assembled as an answer to the Soviet's success with Sputnik, rose about 4 feet into the air. It then hesitated, sunk to the ground and exploded.

Almost 2 million Americans are 90 or older, if current trends continue, make that 10 million in 2050.

That Serenity Prayer wasn't written by "Anonymous," as many believe. Detroit theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote it. Slightly garbled over time, his original read, "God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."

It was only after he was completely blind that John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost."

If a word begins with al- there's a chance it comes from Arabic. For example, algebra (the reunion of broken parts), alchemy (the pouring together), alcove (the room), alcohol (the antimony powder), alfalfa (the best fodder), and almanac (the center). Perhaps you've figured out that "al" means "the."



Check your socks. You've got about a 50-50 chance that they're from Burlington, N.C. About half of the nation's socks are manufactured there.

Your eyes reach full size before puberty sets in. Your retinas were full grown by the time you were about 2.

The Taj Mahal took 20,000 jewelers, calligraphers and masons more than 22 years — day and night — to complete.

In an average year, the United States has about 40,000 liability lawsuits filed. Britain has about 200.

"Click-click, click-click." That was the sound of the first heart valve, installed in the 1950s. When patients opened their mouths, people nearby could hear the sound.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at weirballroomcompanion.com

For Abby see page A8.

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SPORTS

Manning stays hot

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Peyton Manning threw three touchdown passes, Edgerlin James ran for two more scores and Indianapolis returned a blocked field goal for another TD as the Colts routed Tennessee 51-24 Sunday and moved closer to clinching the AFC South.

Indianapolis (9-4) won by fifth straight its fifth record for most consecutive 40-point games with four. Only two other teams have done it: the 2000 St. Louis Rams and the 1960 San Diego Chargers.

The Titans (4-8) have lost three of four, allowing their most points since a 52-25 loss to the Oakland Raiders on Sept. 29, 2002.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher's strategy turned the game into a wild contest as he called three onside kicks in the first quarter, then attempted a fake punt in the third quarter.

Manning still threw for 317 yards in the first half when receivers Brandon Stokley and Marvin Harrison each topped 100 yards. Manning finished 25-for-33 for 425 yards with two interceptions as he moved within 100 TD passes of Dan Marino's single-season record (48).

Stokley finished with eight catches for a career-high 153 yards and one TD, while Harrison had four receptions for 106 yards and a score. James ran 18 times for 105 yards.

Manning also tied John Unitas' 45-year-old record by throwing for multiple touchdowns in 12 straight games to start a season.

Chiefs 34, Raiders 27
OAKLAND, Calif. — Trent Green completed 14 of 15 passes after halftime for 229 of his 340 yards and hit Eddie Kennison for a tehracking 70-yard touchdown with 2:04 left.

Kennison's winning catch came at the 35-yard line, then he ran out of the grasp of rookie safety Stuart Schweigert. The Chiefs (9-3) scored on all four second-half possessions to end a four-game losing streak.

The Raiders dropped to 4-8.

Rams 16, 49ers 6
ST. LOUIS — Steven Jackson ran for 119 yards on 26 carries. His first career 100-yard game for St. Louis (6-6).

Backup Rams quarterback Chris Chandler threw for a touchdown and Jeff Wilkins added three field goals.

The St. Louis defense sealed it against one of the worst teams in the NFL by holding the 49ers (1-11) to 63 yards rushing on 27 carries.

Patriots 42, Browns 15
CLEVELAND — Bethel Johnson returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown and Corey Dillon rushed for 98 yards and two TDs before half-

NFL statistics — C3

time. Randall Gay ran in a fumble 41 yards for a TD early in the second half as the Patriots (11-1) continued their best start in franchise history and won for the 26th time in 27 regular-season games.

The Browns are now 3-9.

Jets 29, Texans 7
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — While Chad Pennington's return from a strained right rotator cuff was far from perfect, Curtis Martin was stellar yet again.

Pennington, back after missing three games, directed three second-half touchdowns and Martin added his seventh 100-yard game of the season to help the Jets (9-3) stay in the thick of the AFC.

The Jets had another solid defensive effort, shutting out the Texans (5-7) in the second half.

Buccaneers 27, Falcons 0
TAMPA, Fla. — Making Michael Vick look ordinary for much of the day, the Bucs (5-7) kept the first-place Falcons (9-3) from clinching the NFC South.

Since Rice became the 22nd player in league history to reach 100 sacks, getting Vick on the ground twice and forcing a fumble to set up a touchdown, Rice hosted his career total to 101 in nine seasons.

Bengals 27, Ravens 26
BALTIMORE — Carson Palmer capped his finest day in the NFL with an appropriate ending to an improbable comeback.

Drew Brees (17 points) entering the fourth quarter, the Bengals placed the proud Baltimore defense for 24 points over the final 15 minutes. Shayne Graham kicked a 24-yard field goal as time expired, giving the Bengals (6-6) their first win in Baltimore (7-5) in eight tries since 1995.

Matt Stover's fourth field goal put Baltimore up 26-24 with 1:42 left, but Palmer calmly drove Cincinnati (6-6) into position for the winning kick, covering 60 yards in seven plays.

Bears 24, Vikings 14
CHICAGO — Chad Hutchinson made his first Chicago start a memorable one, throwing three TDs as the Bears (5-7) signed Hutchinson in September following a season-ending knee injury to Rex Grossman, he has spent most of time as a third-stringer.

In three previous games, the offense had produced just one touchdown.

Minnesota (7-5) saw its playoff chances hurt for the second straight year by a late-season loss to the Bears. Daunte

Calpepper was intercepted three times — he had only seven before Sunday — and the Vikings were held scoreless in the second half.

Bills 42, Dolphins 32
MIAMI — In a shootout worthy of Dan Marino and Jim Kelly, Drew Bledsoe threw four touchdowns passes, and the Bills forced seven turnovers.

The Bills (6-6) have scored 117 points in the past three games, all wins, and they're in playoff contention despite an 0-1 start. They completed a season sweep of the Dolphins (2-10), who fell to 0-8 against AFC opponents.

A.J. Feeley threw three touchdowns passes, all in the first 12.5 minutes, for Miami.

Panthers 32, Saints 21
NEW ORLEANS — John Kasay kept the Carolina Panthers' late-run for a playoff berth on track with six field goals, a team record. It was the Panthers' fourth victory in a row and, in the weak NFC, their 5-7 record has them in the middle of the wild-card race.

The Saints (4-8) have lost three straight and seven of the last nine games.

Lions 26, Cardinals 12
DETROIT — Kevin Jones played like the running back the Lions have been searching for since Jerry Sanders abruptly retired five years ago. Jones ran for 196 yards and a touchdown, ending the Lions' five-game losing streak and keeping their playoff hopes alive in the mud-died and mediocre NFC.

Jason Hanson was 4-for-4 on field goals and Dre' Bly had two interceptions for the Lions (5-7).

Arizona (4-8) lost its third straight.

Redskins 31, Giants 7
LANDOVER, Md. — The Redskins finally scored 20 points. The historic moment occurred with 41 seconds left in the first half, when tight end Robert Royal cradled Patrick Ramsey's 9-yard pass for Royal's first career touchdown.

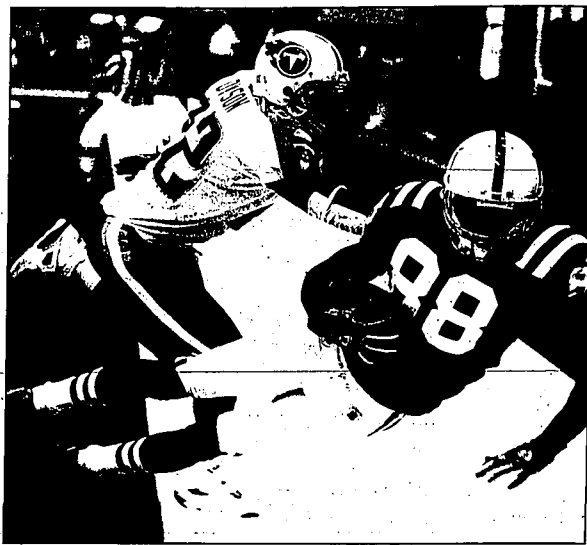
The Redskins (4-8) broke a three-game losing streak and broke the 20-point barrier for the first time since Joe Gibbs returned as coach.

Derrick Ward's 92-yard kickoff return in the third quarter was the only score for the Giants (5-7), who have lost five straight.

Steelers 17, Jaguars 16
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Ben Roethlisberger extended both his and the Pittsburgh's winning streak to 10 games by engineering a last-minute drive to set up a 37-yard field goal by Jeff Leach with 18 seconds left.

Jacksonville (6-6) had one last shot after a 19-yard completion from Byron Leftwich to Jimmy Smith, which gave Scobee a shot at a 60-yarder. It fell just short and wide right.

The Steelers improved to 10-1 on the season.



Indianapolis Colts receiver Marvin Harrison, right, scores on a 24-yard pass from quarterback Peyton Manning in front of Tennessee Titans defender Andre Dyson in the first quarter in Indianapolis, Sunday. Harrison's touchdown was one of three thrown by Manning.

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Area ski report

BASKETBALL

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and recent game results.

Basketball

Virginia at Iowa St. ESPN2, 5 p.m. Pistons at Mavericks, NBA.TV, 6:30 p.m.

Golf

PGA Tour, Qualifying School, final round, TGC, 1:30 p.m.

Rodeo

Wrangler National Finals, fourth round (ESPN, ESPN2, 10 p.m.)

Football

Cowboys at Seahawks, ABC, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct, PA, and recent game results.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NFL National Conference table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct, PA, and recent game results.

NBA Boxes

NBA Boxes table with columns for Game, Score, and other details.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Individual statistics table for various players.

NFL News

News items for NFL, including player movements and game reports.

NBA News

News items for NBA, including game highlights and player news.

WIRELESS

Wireless service information and offers.

WIRELESS

Additional wireless service information.

Area ski report

Ski area conditions and reports for various resorts.

Area ski report

Additional ski area reports and forecasts.

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Further ski area news and updates.

Area ski report

More ski area conditions and reports.

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Continued ski area news and forecasts.

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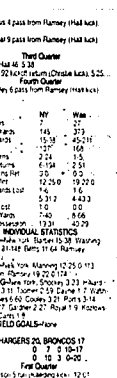
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Michigan State's Alan Anderson (15) goes to the basket against George Mason's Polarin Campbell, left, during the first half of the consolation game of the BB&T Classic, Sunday, in Washington.

Michigan State rebounds for win

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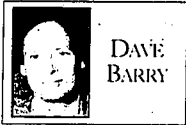
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Why is Christmas sooo hard on guys?

Christmastime is a festive time — a time of parties and presents and songs that we all love, except for "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," which I for one got tired of in approximately 1958, and which now causes me to dislocate my forefinger stabbing the car-radio button. I prefer traditional Christmas carols, such as "Ding Dong Merrily on High." I am not making this carol up.

The lyrics are:
"Ding dong merrily on high!
(Something something something)"



DAVE BARRY

I don't know the rest, because I never got past the first line without cracking up. This song used to absolutely slay me and my boyfriend friends when we sang it in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Armonk, N.Y. And no wonder: It is a well-known adum of music, discovered in 1783 by Mozart (this was Herb Mozart), that "there is no such thing as a bad song that has 'ding dong' in the title." Other examples are "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and "Silama Lama Ding Dong," which is not to be confused with "Lama Lama Ding Dong," also an excellent song.

But getting back to Christmas: My point is that, although this is a festive time of year, it can also be a difficult and stressful time for a certain group — a group whose needs, all too often, are overlooked in our society. That group is men.

Why is the Christmas season so hard on men? There are many complex and subtle reasons, by which I mean: women.

This problem dates back to the very first Christmas. We know from the Bible that the Wise Men showed up in Bethlehem and gave the baby Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Now, gold is always a nice gift, but frankincense and myrrh — at least according to my dictionary — are gum resins. Who gives gum resins to a baby? The answer is: men. The Wise Men, being men, didn't even start shopping for gifts until the last minute, when most of the stores in the greater Bethlehem area were closed for Christmas Eve. The only place still open was Big Stu's House of Myrrh.

So the Wise Men showed up at the manger, handed their baby gifts to Mary, and headed for the evening. Mary looked at the gifts — which were not wrapped, nor were they accompanied by cards — rolled her eyes, tossed the gum resins to the goats (which ate them), and said: "Next Christmas, we are going to have some gift-giving rules." But the Wise Men didn't hear her, because by then they were over by the city trying to teach the Baby Jesus to pull their finger.

This is basically how things stand today. At this point in the Christmas season, your standard woman has already purchased and wrapped thoughtful gifts for approximately 600 people, including her children, her relatives, her friends, her husband's relatives, her co-workers, the children of her friends, relatives of children of her friends, coworkers of friends of her relatives, husbands of her coworkers' relatives, friends of her friends' relatives, etc. She has also purchased several thoughtful gifts for nobody in particular, so she will not be in the horrifying position of receiving a gift from somebody for whom she does not have a retaliation gift.

In contrast, your standard man, at this point in the Christmas season, has purchased zero gifts. He has not yet gotten around to purchasing an acceptable gift for his wife for Christmas. He did give her something last year, but he could tell by her reaction to it that she had not been dreaming of getting an auto emergency kit, even though it was the deluxe model with booster cables and an air compressor. Clearly this gift violated an im-

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Head of the class

What to wear to your high school reunion

The Washington Post

You are home for the holidays and all the memories in your old bedroom are a gigantic reminder that your high school reunion is just around the corner.

Mandi Norwood, editor-in-chief of Shop Etc. magazine, says there are five rules for reunion-worthy clothes:

• Rule 1: "You want to look successful," she says. Even if life has not gone according to plan, "don't reveal those pitfalls in the middle of the reunion." Try a rich brocade fabric or classic wrap dress and accessorize with a delicate pair of diamonds, "not over-the-top bling-bling."

• Rule 2: Wear strategic frocks. Sure, you're not as rake-thin as you were in high school — cloak the flab with flattering A-line skirts and bracelet-length sleeves. And use rich hues. "A jolt of color really breaks up the bulk," says Norwood.

• Rule 3: Look youthful — not juvenile. Find that happy medium between low-rise jeans and double-breasted suits.

• Rule 4: "For goodness' sake, be comfortable," Norwood's no-no list includes: silketos, spug-fitting clothing and bulky items. Try light layers that you can peel off discreetly like cardigans, shawls or shrugs.

• Rule 5: "Follow the Kiss rule — keep it simple and sexy." Don't overdo jewelry: Don't experiment. "Go with what you know works," she says. "When all is said and done, a great bag and great shoes — that's what all the other women will be checking out."

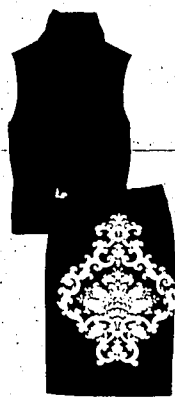


A rich brocade fabric or deep color says 'success.' Here, an In the Now Bordeaux coat and, auergline dress (\$375).

Washington Post photo



Impress your old classmates with this Notations blazer (\$60), Daisy Fuentes camisole (\$29) and rhinestone pant (\$49).



Make a classy reunion impression: Max Studio cashmere sweater (\$78) and Palmer Jon handsown jacquard pattern skirt (\$600).

Top labels a runaway hit at school

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Brandon Singleton was 8 when he first saw the movie "Clueless," and it changed his life.

He was entranced by the paradise of teen-age consumption the 1995 film portrayed, a Hollywood world of valet parking and designer duels. When he entered Suitland High School in Prince

George's County, Md., four years ago, he was determined to make it his reality.

Now 17, he wears Armani sunglasses inside his mother's modest townhome as he rattles off his favorite designer brands: Dolce & Gabbana, Coach and "a little Burberry here and there." His first luxury purchase was shiny black Gucci pants he bought for \$450—all the money he received for his 14th birthday.

"I'm trying to do it big," he explained.

Unlike the flannel-clad generation before them, today's teen-agers are indulging more than ever in luxury goods once



Brandon Singleton, who says he 'lives for' designer labels, shows off one of his Armani sunglasses in his mother's Suitland, Md., home.

marketed to adults—and paying grownup prices. Walk the hallways of high schools across the country, and you'll find glossy Louis Vuitton purses and car keys dangling from Burberry chains.

"People are always telling me that I 'walk-through' the hallways like it's a fashion show," Brandon said. "I tell them: 'Boo, it's my fashion show. It's my runway.'"

Designer labels account for about 7 percent of U.S. clothing purchases. But among teens, the figure doubles to 14 percent, said Marshall Cohen, chief analyst with the marketing research company NPD Fashionworld. Marketing experts said those numbers reflect increasingly sophisticated tastes of American teen-agers, who spent \$191 billion last year on clothing.

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Don't count on cleaning that fifth layer of skin

DEAR PAULA: I recently received a facial in France accompanied by a sales pitch to buy a French manufactured line of skin care products. I was told that "American products only clean down to the third layer of skin and that European products go to the fifth layer. Is this true? I bought some of the products, even though they are very expensive. Am I wasting my money? I'm including the ingredients for you so you can tell me if you see what makes this product so special.

—RAMONA
DEAR RAMONA: I truly have no idea what part of the skin "the fifth layer" is referring to; no matter how you look at it the comment is just lame and not possible.

But what is most significant is that the ingredients are just exceptionally standard, every day cleansing agents that would be suitable for someone with normal to dry skin (it is too emollient for someone with normal to oily skin). Rest assured that neither American nor European cleansers clean past the



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

surface of skin, which is a very good thing for skin. Moreover, there is no special cosmetic formulation knowledge in Europe or the United States that isn't known the world over.

Are you wasting your money? If the cleanser costs over \$12 for a good-size container, then you are absolutely wasting your money. The product is virtually identical to Neutrogena's Extra Gentle Cleanser (\$6.49 for 6.7 ounces).

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (6th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

IMAGE

Hospital offers free class on diabetes and exercise

Diabetes and exercise, a free community education class, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. today in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

Caregiver support

A Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging, Senior Annex, 998 Washington St. N., located on the west side of the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

The ongoing support group is for caregivers who are primarily responsible for caring for a sick, disabled or elderly family member or friend.

Cancer support

The Breast Cancer Support Group and the Living Through

To do for you

Cancer Support Group will hold a Christmas social at 7 p.m. today in the reception area of St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Those attending should bring a wrapped ornament to exchange and a holiday food item to share.

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 732-3242, Mary Howard at 734-1766 or Andy Hall at 737-2000.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Baby and Me Exercise and Beauty Tips."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. For more in-

formation, call 324-7262.

Learn infant care

Infant care class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class will be taught by a registered nurse. Topics will include infant care and beginning parenting. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Alzheimer's support

Holley Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E., Jerome.

The support group is for Jerome County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. For more information, call

Carey Crist at 324-8524.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course.

New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to

attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activi-

ties, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

Kids suffer increase in arm fractures

Los Angeles Times

Kids today appear to be suffering far more forearm fractures than their parents did.

A study published in last week's Journal of the American Medical Association found that forearm fractures among kids increased 42 percent between 1969-71 and 1999-2001.

Girls ages 8 to 11 and boys ages 11 to 14 had higher frac-

ture rates compared with other age groups.

The data from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., included fractures caused by disease, accidents and recreational activities.

The incidence of forearm fractures related to recreational activities almost doubled in the 32-year period.

More studies are needed, but the authors expressed concern

about whether diet or other factors may be limiting bone-mass development in today's kids.

"Increasing rates for forearm fractures in children could mean we will see a dramatic increase in the risk for hip fractures and other more serious fractures when these children become older adults," said Dr. L. Joseph Melton III, a coauthor of the study.

Clothes

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lion last year: They don't drink just coffee. They drink grande skim vanilla lattes with extra foam.

Some of the latest ads for designer Marc Jacobs feature youthful, freckle-faced, Versace-enlisted pop singer Christina Aguilera-to-showcase its couture. Dooney & Burke, which makes handbags, has signed singer-acress Lindsay Lohan as the face of the brand—and gives away her CDs at its flagship stores.

Financing such a lifestyle takes it toll. The average college sophomore has more than \$2,000 of credit-card debt, according to Cardweb.com.

College seems far away for Lily Kunin, 16, and several of her friends at Walt Whitman High School in Montgomery County, Md., who discussed their obsessions: Uggs and jeans by Seven for All Mankind, as well as Longchamp's Le Pliage shoulder bags.

Lily, an admitted clotheshorse, said she has six pairs of Sevens jeans, which are about \$150 each. She also has a pair of this year's coveted "classic short" lilac Ugg boots. They sold for \$110 and next to impossible to find in stores.

To school, she often wears a juicy Couture track jacket or pants—she has them in four colors. The pants start at about \$75, and the jackets at about \$90.

Of course, not everyone dresses as if they were auditioning to be an extra on "The O.C." According to Cardweb.com, a Frederick,

Md., firm that tracks the credit industry, the average high-schooler spends about \$66 a week—barely enough for the tiny ID card/coin purse from Dooney & Burke.

But that doesn't mean designer labels are the sole domain of teen-agers with money-to-burn. Brandon, an only child raised by a single mother, said he spends his entire paycheck from his part-time job on clothing.

Elizabeth Barnett, a 16-year-old junior at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Maryland, said her parents usually don't object to paying for high-priced clothes, such as designer jeans or polo shirts.

She talked her mother into buying her a blue suede Coach totebag by promising to let her mother borrow it now and then. But trendy extras—such as her pink Von Dutch trucker hat—come out of her pocket.

Lily and several friends said they use money from part-time or summer jobs for purchases or turn to the Bank of their Parents.

And there are plenty of students sporting fake Louis Vuitton purses and wallets.

Also, Cohen, the marketing analyst, said the teen market has begun to fragment, with such products as iPods and camera phones competing for teen-agers' dollars.

And though Elizabeth said she is passionate about fashion, she has to draw the line somewhere.

"Prada is really expensive," she said. "I'm happy sticking with my Coach, and Kate Spade."

Barry

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portant rule, but the man had no idea what this rule was, and his wife was too upset to tell him.

And now another Christmas is looming, and this man, terrified that he will screw up again, has been wracking his brain for gift ideas for his wife. Nothing automotive this time: He won't make that mistake again! He's thinking Wood Whiskey.

But he's not sure. He's a nervous wreck. A lot of us men are. That's why we buy gifts at the very last minute, or, optionally, never. It's not that we're thoughtless jerks!

Well, OK, thoughtless. But not jerks! We're doing our best to get through a stressful season. So on behalf of all men, I ask all you women to cut us some slack and accept us for the imperfect beings that we are compared to you; and above all, in the spirit of another great Christmas carol, bring us some figgy pudding.

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When your wife has breast cancer . . .

The Baltimore Sun

When a woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer, does her husband mask or admit his fears?

If his wife must have a mastectomy, should he advocate for breast reconstruction?

Must he listen patiently as his partner repeats the same concern for the umpteenth time? When his wife, Marsha Dale, a high school teacher, received a diagnosis of breast cancer in 2001, Marc Silver, an editor at U.S. News & World Report, had no primer for tackling such thorny questions.

His initial response to her diagnosis was callous, Silver says. But as the couple struggled through Dale's treatment and recovery, Silver found his footing as a supportive "breast cancer husband."

His book, "Breast Cancer Husband: How to Help your Wife (and Yourself) During Diagnosis, Treatment, and Beyond" (Doubleday, \$14.95), is a guide for other men in the same situation.

"I wanted to write as a guy for guys," says Silver, who lives in Chevy Chase, Md., and has two teenage daughters. "There really aren't very many books that talk about the male reaction, and I am convinced men have certain reactions in common."

Men "tend to want to fix things and protect their loved ones," Silver says. "And they aren't always the best instinct to bring into a situation like this."

A National Cancer Institute report estimates that one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer during her lifetime. This year, an estimated 216,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States, along with 59,000 cases of non-invasive breast cancer, according to Breastcancer.org, a Web-based information clearinghouse.

Silver and others, such as Dr. Marisa Weiss, founder and president of Breastcancer.org, figure that many of these women have men in their lives who want to help but don't know how.

"I think relationships are really tricky and hard and challenging in general. When breast cancer hits, these relationships—become—more strained, and it's those very relationships women really, really need," Weiss says.

To be supportive, "men do need a crash course in the disease," says Lillie Shockney, administrative director of the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center and a breast cancer survivor. "They need to understand the basics so that they can reinforce when to be anxious and when to not be, how they can constructively, physically help, and when they



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Marc Silver, sitting with his wife Marsha Dale, wrote a book called "Breast Cancer Husband: How to help your Wife (and Yourself) During Diagnosis, Treatment, and Beyond." Silver wanted to help other men in the same situation as he was in.

need-medical professionals to handle it." Little attempt has been made to "actively engage men and try to define for them what their role should be in all this," says Zaborna, dean of the National Catholic School of Social Service at Catholic University in Washington.

Zaborna and former colleague Matthew J. Loscalzo, in collaboration with Men Against Breast Cancer, a Maryland nonprofit group that educates the partners and caregivers of breast cancer patients, designed a study that measures the value of teaching problem solving and communication skills to men who have loved ones with breast cancer.

Funded by a \$1.1 million grant from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the five-year study concentrates on "underserved

men" in black, American Indian and Hispanic communities.

"We believe we can show that by dramatically increasing problem-solving skills, you not only decrease the distress in a husband, you simultaneously decrease stress in the breast cancer patient and simultaneously improve the quality of life for both of them," says Zaborna, former associate director for community research for the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center.

Coping with any devastating disease is difficult, but because the breast is "overvalued" as a symbol of sexuality in American society, working with breast cancer patients and their partners can present unique challenges, says Loscalzo, director of patient and family support at the University of California at San Diego. Rather than admitting that

he wants his wife to have reconstructive surgery, a husband may say, "Darling, it doesn't matter," Loscalzo says. Instead of discussing their feelings, "men rush too quickly to try to make it better," he says. But trying to fix it, he adds, "often makes it more broken."

"Breast Cancer Husband" meets an important need, says Dale, who met her husband when both lived in Baltimore in the 1970s. To support someone through a difficult disease, "you either have the caregiver gene or are socialized to do it, and men just aren't expected to do it," she says. "It's not part of their repertoire."

The book is aimed at men who "clearly care," she adds, but aren't sure how to take the initiative.

On a personal level, Dale says, "If there was one downside to Marc's writing this book, it was that when I just wanted to move on (after treatment), I felt like I never left breast cancer." It was particularly difficult for Dale when her husband interviewed the spouses of women who had died of the disease, she says.

As he interviewed breast cancer husbands and partners for his book, Silver underestimated the complexity of his task. "I went in thinking there would be very simple solutions and straightforward advice to give. (Then) I realized that what worked with one couple might not be a good solution for another couple," he says.

Silver also assumed initially that honesty was the best policy — that after his partner's diagnosis, a man should be able to admit to "feeling afraid," for example.

But when he asked breast cancer patients and survivors whether they would have wanted to know if their spouses were afraid, they often said, "Hell, no," Silver says.

"When you don't acknowledge your fear, you're not lying," Silver explains. "It's just that certain emotions that are normal to have in those awful days when you first get the news are very intense. Sometimes those emotions fade away a bit as you speak to chemo doctors and go through treatment."

Rude doctors might endanger patient care

Los Angeles Times

Almost any hospital or large clinic has a physician who forgets bedside manner when it comes to dealing with staff.

But few of these rude physicians are disciplined or punished. About 95 percent of physicians who manage hospitals and clinics said they have to deal with such disruptive physi-

cian behavior on a regular basis, according to a survey by the American College of Physician Executives. Most of the incidents, they noted, involve the same few doctors.

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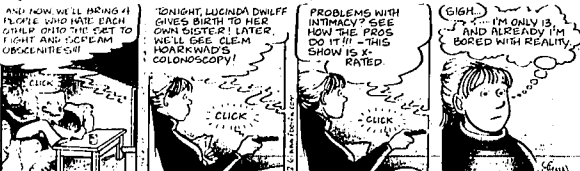
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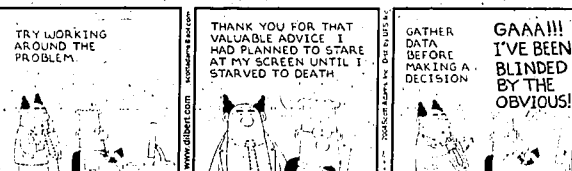
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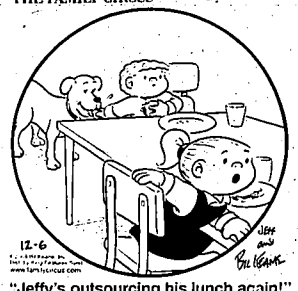
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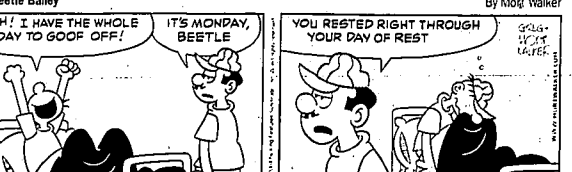
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