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Concert today



Twin Falls' Morningside Elementary School Honor Choir will perform at the third Christmas in City Park Concert at 5 p.m. today.

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Today: Chance of showers. High 45. Mostly cloudy tonight. Low 31.

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'She's the first Mexican'



St. Edwards Church Hispanic Youth Group members Anya Rodriguez, left, Rene Garcia, center, and Cynthia Avalos rehearse earlier this week for today's Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival.

COURT MYERS/The Times-News

Patron of the Americas

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe culminates today

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When the Virgin of Guadalupe first appeared in Mexico in 1531, she brought a radical message of acceptance and equality for the Native Americans and the Spanish — a message that still resonates today.

Catholic Churches around Magic Valley are celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this weekend with Masses, performances and other activities.

Raquel Arenz, the president of St. Edward's Church's Hispanic Council, said that although the Lady of Guadalupe is the patron of the Americas, she's especially beloved of Mexicans.

"She's the first Mexican," Arenz said. "She kind of came to redeem — to teach a lesson to both cultures."

Arenz said the apparition has that message because the Virgin Mary took on the features of a European person and the coloring of a Native American person.

Around Magic Valley, many of the celebrations were held late Saturday and included midnight Masses. Arenz said the

tradition is to serenade the Lady of Guadalupe as early as possible. When Dec. 12 falls on a weekday, the celebrations are usually at 4 or 5 a.m.

Twin Falls' celebration started at 10 p.m. with a tribute, then an hour-long rosary walk around the park that ended at the church door. Then there is a midnight Mass followed by hot drinks and sweet bread in the church hall. Arenz said the goal of the celebrations is to spend time with her. Often people give testimonies of how the Lady of Guadalupe helped them when they were ill.

Arenz said the feast is a huge event in Mexico, with all kinds of celebrities going to the original shrine in Tepeyac.

Celebrations at St. Edward's today include the Hispanic youth group's performance of a reenactment of the apparition and two dances — one Mexican and one Aztec.

Juan Juarez, 17, will be playing Juan Diego and said he's a little nervous. Even with all the hoopla, he said the main purpose of the celebration is religious.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego, a Mexican peasant, on Dec. 12, 1531, on Tepeyac Hill in Guadalupe about three miles northeast of Mexico City when he was heading to Mass. She told him to tell the bishop to build a temple on the spot where she stood. When Diego ran into her again, he told her the bishop had questioned him and wanted a sign. The Virgin instructed him to pick roses in the middle of winter, then she rearranged them in his cloak. Diego took the cloak back to the bishop and when he unfolded it, an image of the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared.



Source: The Catholic Encyclopedia

Local events

Local events that are continuing today

- **Buhl**
The Church of Immaculate Conception, 1629 Poplar Ave., will have a Mass at 1 p.m. followed by a potluck fiesta. For more information, call 543-5136.
- **Jerome**
St. Jerome's Church, 216 Second Ave. E., will have a Mass at noon, followed by a reenactment of the apparition, traditional dancing and a free dinner. Call 324-8794.
- **Twin Falls**
St. Edward's Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E., will hold its regular Spanish Mass at 12:30 p.m. today (parishiders can bring flowers), followed by a dinner with pinatas, dance and reenactment of the apparition. For more information, call 733-3907.
- **Rupert**
St. Nicholas Church will hold celebrations at the McGregor Building in the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. At 5 p.m. will be a Mass, followed by dances and a potluck. Call 436-3781 for more information.
- **Mountain Home**
Our Lady of Good Counsel, 125 N. Fourth E., will hold a Mass at noon today, followed by a celebration at 1:30 p.m. in the hall, 480 N. Eighth St. Call 587-3046 for more information.

Water rights holders can sell

Few jump at chance during first week of program

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Water Resources issued a long-promised proposal for owners of water rights on Tuesday, but so far the offers have been few, department spokesman Mike Keeckle said.

The proposal is what the department is calling an "offer to sell." The agency and members of an interim legislative committee aim to reduce the water taken from the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer by 600,000 to 900,000 acre feet annually. An acre foot is enough water to cover one acre of ground with a foot of water.

Strained by five years of drought, decides of pumping and changing irrigation practices, the aquifer has been shrinking. As a result, some owners of the oldest water rights on the plain have been going short.

The offer-to-sell strategy is only one part of the interim committee's strategy to reduce water coming from the aquifer. It involves buying the rights for as much as \$20,000 to \$30,000 acre feet. Right now the proposal does not involve a commitment from the government. Water Resources director Karl Dreher said. It is a way for Water Resources to determine

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Want to sell your water?

- Who can sell: Those with water rights with a priority date no later than Dec. 29, 1976, above the Snake River, its tributaries, or hydraulically connected ground water.
- How to submit an offer to sell: Use the form on the Idaho Department of Water Resources Web site and submit to the agency. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 7, 2005.
- How to learn more: Call Cynthia Bridge Clark at (208) 287-4800, or access the agency Web site at www.idwr.state.id.us.

Doctors diagnose poisoning

Ukrainian candidate may have had dioxin put into his soup

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko was poisoned with dioxin, doctors said Saturday, adding that the highly toxic chemical could have been put in the opposition leader's soup, producing the severe disfigurement and partial paralysis of his face.

Yushchenko was in satisfactory condition and was expected to be released from Vienna's private Rudolfinerhaus clinic Sunday or Monday to return to the cam-

Ukraine presidential candidate poisoned

Dioxin poison caused the mysterious illness of Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko. He first fell ill in September and recent tests showed dioxin levels 1,000 times above normal.

Yushchenko as he appeared in March 2002, left, and Dec. 2004.



Dioxin is a by-product from waste incineration, chemical and pesticide manufacturing and pulp and paper bleaching.

developmental, hormonal and immunological damage.

SOURCE: Environmental Protection Agency

Saddam's illicit trade wasn't a secret to U.S.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein was dead broke, the result of U.N. penalties. Or so it was thought.

So where did the Iraqi president find the money to pursue missile technology from North Korea, air defense systems from Belarus and other prohibited military equipment?

The CIA's top weapons inspector in Iraq said Saddam carried out much-of-that-trade with proceeds from illegal oil sales to Syria, one of three Iraqi neighbors that bought oil from Baghdad in defiance of the United Nations.

Trade with Syria, Jordan and



Saddam Hussein

Turkey was the biggest source of illicit funds for Saddam, more so than the much-maligned U.N. oil-for-food program, according to investigations of Saddam's financiers.

Though considered smuggling, most of the trade took place with the knowledge — and sometimes the tacit consent — of the United States and other nations.

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Breathless

The holidays can be miserable for folks with asthma.

Monday

Sticker shock

Sunglasses-timed digital music player come with a high price tag.

Tuesday

Holiday treat

Wrap up the holidays with tasty tamales.

Wednesday

Outdoor gifts

Santa knows how to reward the well-behaved.

Thursday

Holiday sounds

Burley's Magic Philharmonic strikes up concert.

Friday

Reason for the season

Take an introspective look at Christmas.

Saturday

Real or fake?

Join the heated debate over Christmas trees.

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and with a few scattered rain and snow showers. High in the 40s.
Tonight: Showers ending then cloudy. Low in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Showers, ending with a few scattered rain and snow showers. High in the 40s.
Tonight: Showers ending then cloudy. Low in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy to partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

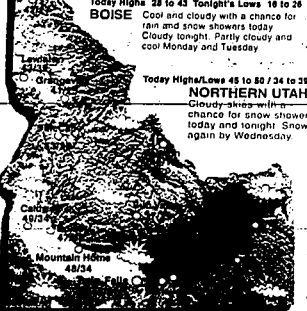
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

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A chance for snow showers today and early tonight.
Fair and cool Monday. Increasing clouds Tuesday. Snow showers on Wednesday.



MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Dec 12, 19, 26, and Jan 3.

MOONRISE and MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing UV index for today and tomorrow, categorized as Low, Moderate, or High.

Pollen Count

Table showing pollen counts for various types of pollen.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, and Dallas.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities like London, Paris, Tokyo, and Sydney.

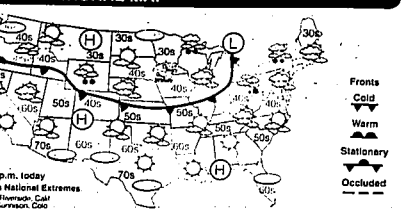
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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Poison

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Yushchenko, who faces Viktor Yanukovich in a rerun of a disputed presidential runoff on Dec. 26, has claimed that he was poisoned by Ukrainian authorities, who deny the charges.

"Everybody knew he was poisoned so we didn't really need official tests," said Anatoly Klotyukh, 19, standing in the sleet outside his tent near Kiev's Independence Square, where supporters have conducted a blockaded of government buildings since the dispute flared, grabbing international attention after the runoff last month.

Campaigners for his opponent, Viktor Yanukovich, meanwhile, again rejected suggestions that the prime minister was involved in the poisoning.

There is "no logic in such an accusation," said Tiras Chornovil, Yanukovich's campaign manager.

Yanukovich was declared the winner of the Nov. 21 presidential runoff, but the results were annulled by the Ukrainian Supreme Court, which cited massive fraud and ordered a new vote.

Yushchenko fell ill in early September and had been treated at the Vienna clinic twice before. But it was the tests run since he checked in Friday night that provided conclusive evidence.

The 50-year-old politician also has suffered from back pain and acute pancreatitis.

"There is no doubt about the fact that Mr. Yushchenko's disease — especially following the results of the blood work — has been caused by a case of poisoning by dioxin," Zimpher said.

"We suspect involvement of an external party, but we cannot answer as to who cooked what or who was with him while he ate," Zimpher said, adding that tests showed the dioxin was taken orally.

Sanchez said the church has had celebrations for at least the last 26 years. They used to be at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel on Falls Avenue, which is specifically dedicated to her.

Sanchez said Twin Falls' celebration is unique because there are people here from different parts of Mexico, so everyone has their own spin on the celebration.

"They bring a little bit of their culture," Sanchez said.

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Church

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The whole family goes to Mass to celebrate the Virgin and to sing to her," Juracek said.

Veronica Rodriguez is one of the youth group's leaders. She said they have a lot of dedication to practice performing in addition to school and jobs. And the folklorico dance with the twirling skirts — she's in awe of that.

"It's such a workout though, to do that," Rodriguez said. "I'm out of shape. I can't do that."

Leo Sanchez, one of the board members of the Church's Hispanic ministry, said the Saturday-night-Mass is popular and draws about 150 people.

week. Out of state rates: daily \$150, \$7.00 per week; daily only \$5.00 per week. Sunday and holiday only \$3.50 per week. Sales tax included in all above rates. A \$15.00 charge will be levied for all returned checks.

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Lawmakers debate new stealth satellite program

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States is building a new generation of spy satellites designed to orbit over a network of highly classified program that has provoked opposition in closed congressional sessions where lawmakers have questioned its necessity and its rapidly escalating price, according to U.S. officials.

The previously undisclosed effort has almost doubled in projected cost — from \$5 billion to nearly \$9.5 billion, officials said.

The National Reconnaissance Office, which manages spy satellite programs, has allocated hundreds of millions of dollars on the program, officials said.

The stealth satellite, which would probably become the largest single-item expenditure in the \$40 billion intelligence budget, is to be launched in the next five years and is meant to replace an existing stealth satellite, according to officials.

Non-stealth satellites can be tracked and their orbits can be predicted, allowing countries to attempt to hide weapons or troop movements on the ground when they are overflown.

Opponents of the new program, however, argue that the satellite is no longer a good match against today's adversaries' tactics, seeking small quantities of illicit weapons or countries such as North Korea and Iran, which are believed to

have placed their nuclear weapons programs underground and inside buildings specifically to avoid detection from spy satellites and aircraft.

The National Reconnaissance Office and the CIA declined to comment. Lockheed Martin Corp., which sources said is the lead contractor on the project, issued a statement saying, "As a matter of policy we do not discuss what we may or may not be doing in regards to classified programs."

permitted under the U.N. oil-for-food program. From 1996 to 2003, the \$60 billion program allowed Iraq to sell oil and use proceeds to buy food, medicine and other necessities.

That program has come under scrutiny because of allegations that Saddam received kickbacks and bribed U.N. and foreign government officials.

Besides the congressional inquiries, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has appointed former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to head an investigation.

The report by CIA weapons inspector Charles Duelfer found that oil-for-food corruption generated \$1.7 billion for Saddam. It said illegal oil contracts generated about \$8 billion, \$4.4 billion with Jordan, \$2.8 billion with Syria and \$710 million with Turkey. A short-lived agreement with Egypt generated \$33 million. Overall, Saddam had \$10.9 billion in illicit revenue from 1990 to 2003, Duelfer said.

The Senate Governmental Affairs investigation subcommittee, using a different methodology, came up with a \$21.3 billion overall estimate, including \$13.7 billion from oil smuggling. The panel did not say that figure down by national and it includes some oil smuggling related to the oil-for-food program.

Lawmakers frequently lump together estimates of Saddam's illicit income from smuggling and from the oil-for-food program, blaming the United Nations for the full \$21.3 billion. Critics of the United Nations say a surge in smuggling was made possible by the general lawlessness caused by oil-for-food corruption.

But Democrats say Annan cannot be held accountable for the smuggling, that they say the United States condoned it.

"When three-quarters-of-the-money — is something that we specifically acquiesced in, it is just sort of highlights how wrong it is to put it at Kofi Annan's doorstep," said Sen.

Carl Levin, D-Mich.

Former State Department officials said the United States had little choice but to allow some of these sales to Iraq's neighbors.

Jordan was desperate after the 1991 Persian Gulf War. The U.N. penalties against Iraq's oil exports cut off a major trading partner. Iraq owed Jordan money, but could not repay without selling oil. Jordan needed oil, but could not import from other producers angry that Jordan supported Iraq in the war.

"We realized that the Jordanian economy and the Jordanian state would collapse if it didn't get access to oil," said David Mack, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near East Affairs at the time.

The United Nations formally acknowledged Jordan's oil dealings with Iraq in May 1991, without approving or disapproving of it. Because of that, some people question whether the trade can be considered illicit.

Lawmakers had hoped to have agreements between the groups of spring users, groundwater pumps and surface water pumps before December in order to be ready for the Legislature in January. But though surface users and pumps are still a part of the agreement, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said last week he's not alarmed.

"I've yet to see any water deal that was signed in the 11th hour," Newcomb said.

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Water

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How many water rights are actually for sale and how much money people want for those rights.

Owners of water rights have until Jan. 7 to submit their offers to Water Resources.

Even though there doesn't seem to have been much interest in the first three days, Kimberly S. Laird, Noh, who recently retired from the Legislature and is the interim committee, said there's no reason to suspect there won't be plenty of interested parties.

"The discussions I've had with individual parties and the attorney general's office and the director leads me to believe there are not only a number of people interested, but that the water rights are quite varied in location and the bid," Noh said. "This is a big decision, one that people aren't going to take lightly. It's a big deal for those offering their rights for sale."

Water

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However, the offers are expected to be concrete, Noh said.

Plans for those water rights include converting spring water below the Snake River Canyon in the Thousand Springs area to surface water to be delivered to the Northside Canal Co. system, Noh said.

"The key here is because of the cooperation of the Bureau of Reclamation that any of the high-flow water below Milner that can be used to meet the Endangered Species Act requirements under the

biological opinion could be exchanged for storage water delivered through canal systems in the years it's available," Noh said.

In addition, the water the state is looking at purchasing might be used for recharge, Noh added.

Noh called the state's ability to acquire the water rights one of the "highlights" in the agreement with all-water-users in the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

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NATION

Study: Jewelry might cause lead poisoning in children

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Some jewelry your kids get from the nation's largest retailers could cause brain damage and even wipe points from their IQ, researchers have found.

A majority of bracelets, rings, necklaces and earrings bought from big chain stores leached enough lead to cause minor neurological damage with just 20 seconds of daily contact, according to a University of North Carolina at Asheville study that will be published next month in the Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology.

Most of the jewelry tested was aimed at children, researchers said.

One ring leached lead at 250 times the federal limit of daily exposure in children younger than 3.

Sellers are not required to disclose the content of jewelry, but at least two chains have taken steps to reduce or eliminate lead items. Some in the industry say the findings are alarmist.

Researchers say consumers have no way of telling which jewelry pieces could have dangerous lead levels. The biggest potential for high lead content is in items with a dull, antique-looking finish. The pieces are sold at all types of stores, not just large chains.

UNC-Asheville researchers recommend not buying lead jewelry - typically, items not touted as being made of gold, silver or platinum - until manufacturers reduce the amount of lead.

"We hate to suggest a ban, but a lot of this jewelry is bad," said Rick Mias, a UNC-Asheville environmental sciences professor who co-authored the study.

Excessive amounts of lead in the bloodstream can cause brain and nerve damage particularly in small children.

This summer, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled 150 million pieces of toy jewelry sold in vending machines between 2002-2004 because of dangerous lead levels. Four major importers halted shipments while talking with regulators on reducing the amount of lead in jewelry. The recall stemmed from the lead poisoning of a 4-year-old from Oregon who swallowed a piece of jewelry bought in a vending machine, the CPSC said.

Marines still must improvise armor

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE - Just before the November attack on Fallujah, Lance Cpl. Garrett Ware spent long hours trying to piece together a patchwork of armor to fortify his Marine Humvee. He tied ceramic plates along the sides of the vehicle and slapped sandbags and plywood atop the cab. Despite his labor, Ware said, the result was far from perfect.

"It was pretty jury-rigged, and sometimes stuff would be falling off," said Ware, a Marine from Kirkland, Wash. "At times, you didn't have protection where it was really important - your arms and neck ... If we could get something better, we would take it in a heartbeat."

In a yearlong push to improve the armor of U.S. troops in Iraq, the Marines who have been sent to some of the most deadly areas of Iraq have not received top-of-the-line vehicles. And their situation appears to contradict statements made Wednesday by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who told U.S. troops in Kuwait that the forces most likely to go into combat "are the ones that have the best equipment."

In recent months of fierce fighting, Marines have taken some of the heaviest casualties. Though the Marine Corps does not specify how individuals die, published news reports reviewed by The Seattle Times indicated at least eight Marines died in November when riding in Humvees attacked by insur-

rent forces. U.S.-based factories have been churning out a new generation of fully armored Humvees - the M1114s - complete with hard tops, undrside protection and fortified chassis to help carry more than 3,000 pounds of additional weight. Admiring Marines have given them a nickname - the "Air Force Ones," Ware said.

But the vast majority of the more than 5,900 M1114s delivered to Iraq to date have gone to the Army. Meanwhile, the Marines continue to improvise with the armor kits, sandbags and plywood on a fleet of more than 2,000 Humvees in Iraq.

Marine officials say they went with the Humvees they had on hand when units were redeployed on short notice earlier this year. But they said they worked hard to add armor to those vehicles and are proud of their efforts to design, deliver and install protective kits on all their vehicles that ended up in Iraq.

"It was an unprecedented success story," said Maj. Robert Crum, a public-affairs officer at Marine Corps Systems Command.

But Marine Corps commanders concede the Humvee armor now in the field still needs improvement. At the end of November, they announced a program to install a new generation of tougher, better-designed kits. These kits include hardened tops, gannet shields and reinforced doors.

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"Changing of the Guard"

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NATION

WHY WAIT TO LEARN YOUR ADMISSIONS FATE?

Colleges now says 'yes' or 'no' face-to-face

The Associated Press

Credit card and mortgage companies promise customers an answer "while you wait" on loan applications. Now, more and more colleges are doing the same — visiting high schools and letting applicants know their admissions fate right on the spot.

At Harrington and Deerfield High Schools in suburban Chicago, 45 colleges came to campus over two days this fall. More than just the typical college fair information session, schools' representatives settled behind tables in the gym and met face-to-face with applicants whose transcripts and test scores they had already reviewed. In many cases, the colleges made conditional admissions offers on the spot, sparing students the nervous trips to the mailbox that will be the fate of many other seniors who are finishing up more traditional applications this month.

"It was just a major relief — one of those pressures of senior year just lifted off your chest right away," said Kari Blanes, a Deerfield student who got word that she had been accepted to the Universities of Iowa, Kansas and her top choice, Miami of Ohio.

Not every high school could pull off an on-site admissions fair like this, but Deerfield sends lots of kids to lots of schools — 98 percent attend college — and has the pull to persuade institutions that on-site admissions are worthy of their time. It also has a large counseling staff and dedicated parent group that handles the logistics.

Still, various forms of on-site admissions have become increasingly popular in recent years for four-year schools (they're already common for community colleges). If not one big fair, a growing number of high schools from Maine to New Mexico have a few such events. Dean schools visit scattered

through the year.

For colleges — especially those with fairly straightforward admissions standards — on-site admissions can save them time handling their big feeder schools. Many also seem to be viewing it as a way to recruit hard-to-reach groups. Among the 70 high schools where Michigan State conducts on-site admissions each year are city schools in places like Detroit and Flint with lots of first-generation college students and less guidance counselors. Even some private colleges are using the method to expand their base.

"I think it's a win-win situation," said Carol Deszak, interim director of admissions at Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia, which has been doing on-site admissions at about 10 area high schools, and this year expanded the practice to schools in nearby Pittsburgh. "Being a small school, we always provide that personal touch." After meeting with students, colleges sometimes give a straight acceptance; sometimes it's a less-formal assurance that acceptance is virtually certain at a later date. College representatives then have time to pitch their institutions to those they've accepted and answer questions, while advising students they've deferred how to improve their chances later in the year.

Sometimes there are tears, too, but generally the colleges aren't allowed to reject students outright at the event — just to say that their application faces some serious challenges.

Most of the colleges participating already offer rolling admissions — meaning there's no single application deadline — so the practice isn't the best way to get a verdict early in the year. And institutions such as the University of Illinois emphasize that applicants don't have a better chance of being accepted if they choose the face-to-face option.

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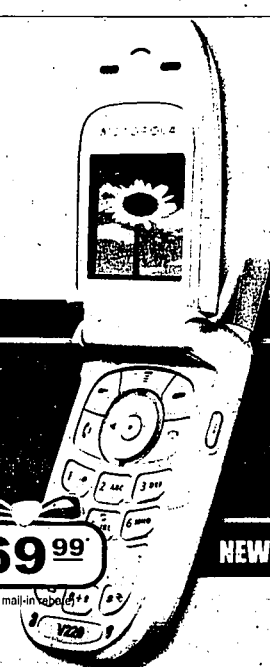
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that are a fraction of the legal rate without severance pay, and terminations of those who agitate for better conditions.

Employees at the Liga Mayor sweat shirts earlier this year, work a 48-hour week but are often forced to stay longer to meet strict production quotas.

At an hourly rate of 10.4 pesos, or 91 cents, they earn about \$13 a week — less than half of what labor groups say is the minimum needed to support a family. Longtime Liga Mayor employees told the Courant that their wages have increased only slightly in five years, even as the country's rate of inflation has climbed 55 percent.

NO CHANGE

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Doctors declare Bush 'fit for duty' after annual physical

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — President Bush was found in good health and pronounced "fit for duty" after an annual physical Saturday that also showed that the 50-year-old chief executive is now, as he conceded, "a little overweight."

"I obviously have gone through a campaign where I probably ate too many doughnuts, if you get my drift," said Bush, who pledged to drop



President Bush

some weight in the new year. "But other than that, I feel great," he said upon leaving the National Naval-Medical Center outside Washington.

The check-up, usually scheduled for summertime, was delayed for

four months because Bush had a hectic travel schedule during the campaign.

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan would not comment on whether the exam, which took about three hours, found any medical problems. The White House planned to release the details of the doctors' assessment later Saturday, she said.

"They determined he is in superior health overall, for a

man his age," she said.

The White House did release a short letter signed by the 10 doctors who participated in exam.

"I have interviewed and examined President George W. Bush and have reviewed his medical record," the doctors' statement said. "Within the scope of my specialty, I find him to be fit for duty and have every reasonable expectation that he will remain fit for duty

for the duration of his presidency."

Presiding over the medical exam at the National Naval Medical Center outside Washington were White House physician Richard Tubb and Dr. Kenneth Cooper, the president of the Cooper Aerobics Center. Also involved were a radiologist, optometrist, sports physician, hearing specialist, skin specialist and cardiologist.

Bush, a devoted exerciser

who prides himself on his discipline, seemed to take the unspecified weight gain hard.

"My New Year's resolution has become apparent after getting on the scales," Bush said, a bit sheepishly. "I am — I'm a little overweight. Therefore, I fully intend to lose some inches off my waistline and some pounds off my frame."

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Kerik apologizes for withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House renewed its search for a homeland security chief Saturday as the candidate President Bush thought "ideal" apologized for an immigration problem involving a family housekeeper that forced him to withdraw.



Bernard Kerik

"I owe the president... a great apology that this may have caused him and his administration a big distraction," Bernard Kerik said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. Speaking from his home in Franklin Lakes, N.J., the 39-year-old Kerik said he had discovered a few days ago that he did not pay all required taxes for a family nanny-housekeeper and that the woman may have been in the country illegally.

The surprise withdrawal by the former New York City police commissioner sent Bush back in search of a nominee to head the sprawling Department of Homeland Security, which was created after Sept. 11, 2001, to improve coordination and protection against future terrorist attacks.

On Saturday, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, who has been mentioned as a possible choice, expressed no interest in the job. "I am not a candidate," he told reporters in New York.

Sen. Susan Collins, who heads the Senate committee that will take up the nomination, said she was confident Bush "will move swiftly to find a replacement."

Collins, R-Maine, said two "terrific choices" would be Asa Hutchinson, the department's assistant secretary, or Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

Among the names that had been circulating for the post before Kerik's selection on Dec. 3 were Joe Albatough, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Mike Leavitt, former Utah governor

and now head of the Environmental Protection Agency; and White House homeland security adviser **F r a n** Townsend.

"I will certainly work to name someone as quickly as possible," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan said Saturday.

Meanwhile, questions continue over how the White House review process could have missed the kind of "nanny problem" that scuttled high-level appointments in both the Clinton administration and the first Bush administration.

"There's a standard vetting process that we go through with all nominees and certainly we did that" with Kerik, Buchanan said. She said it was solely Kerik's decision to withdraw late Friday.

Bush, leaving a Maryland hospital after his annual physical Saturday, ignored a question about Kerik's withdrawal.

Giuliani, a close friend of Kerik's, said Bush administration officials asked Kerik from the beginning whether there were any issues involving domestic employees.

"He didn't think he had a problem," Giuliani said. "He made a mistake."

Because the issue involved immigration — and the Homeland Security Department includes the immigration agency — Kerik had no choice but to withdraw, Giuliani said. "Every time immigration issue came up this would be a problem."

"It would have been a bitter, difficult battle that probably would have ended without him getting confirmed," Giuliani said.

Heart attack results in fuel spill

BARNSTABLE Mass. (AP) — A man suffered a fatal heart attack while refueling a ferry, resulting in a spill that dumped nearly 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel into Hyannis Harbor on Saturday morning, a Coast Guard official said.

Kurt Garland, 48, was gassing up the Grey Lady, a high-speed ferry operated by Hy-Line Cruises between Cape Cod and Nantucket, when he had a heart attack and died.

Chief Petty Officer David Gilbert said the fuel kept flowing, dumping an estimated 1,900 gallons into the harbor. The harbor was closed and a containment boom was placed around the spill.

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Daschle exits quietly after often-tumultuous tenure

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has little taste for political postmortems — particularly his own — as he prepares to depart from the Senate this week after a quarter-century in politics.

He has spent his days presiding over the boxing of his voluminous papers; going to the movies and dinner with his wife; and helping staff members find jobs; and spending a long weekend in New York celebrating friend Tom Brokaw's retirement as NBC's anchor.

Daschle, 57, led the Senate Democrats through a tumultuous decade of a government shutdown, the impeachment of a president, the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and an anthrax assault on his Senate staff. Now he says he is focused on the future and a possible new career with a Washington law firm, investment house or public policy think tank. He has pretty much ruled out lobbying.

Still, there is the matter of the Republicans' three-year campaign to portray Daschle as unpatriotic and an obstructionist; Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's breach of protocol by campaigning against Daschle in South Dakota on May 22; Daschle's devastating loss to Republican John Thune Nov. 2 in one of the most costly and negative campaigns in the state's history; and the Republicans' virtual boycott of Daschle's farewell address on the Senate floor last month.

Privately, some supporters are bitter that Thune and the Republicans were successful in negatively defining Daschle's record and leadership style — denying him a fourth term. But during an interview Friday in his state office at the Capitol overlooking the Mall, Daschle declined to discuss the campaign or his feelings about Frist, dismissing such an exercise as "corrosive" and so totally unproductive.

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'OPERATION HOMECOMING'

Writings reveal war through troops' eyes

The Associated Press

From Mosul, Iraq, soldier Ryan Alexander wrote a poem about a pregnant cat, "a happy distraction" that he fed from prepackaged military meals, ignoring warnings from medics. Alexander put on a plastic glove and petted the wild creature, "who may be the one true heart and mind that America had won."

Back home in Colorado Springs, Colo., Melissa Herman imagined what her reaction would have been had her Army husband been aboard a helicopter that crashed in Iraq.

"I can feel the devastation and hurt of knowing that I am alone," she wrote. "I feel trapped in a tornado: screaming, crying, angry then numb."

Earlier this year, the National Endowment for the Arts asked U.S. soldiers and their families to write down what they saw, heard and felt during the war for a program called "Operation Homecoming." Some 400 pieces of wartime writing have reached the NEA since April, and thousands more are expected.

The reflections compiled to date offer a poignant glimpse into soldiers' lives and how they are affected by war.

There's no voice more authentic or captivating than those who are on the front lines," said Andrew Carroll, who is editing the best submissions into an anthology that will be published in 2006.

The program has brought top-notch writers — including Tom Clancy, James McBride and Bobbie Ann Mason — to military bases across the country. Wednesday's stop at a Navy base in Coronado, Calif., included Mark Bowden, whose book, "Black Hawk Down," chronicled the ironized firefight that convulsed U.S. special forces on the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia.

Bowden told a room of sailors and Marines that writing down their experiences can be good therapy. "It's good for the soul," he said.

The results so far are both raw and compelling. The NEA



AP photo

Navy sailor Patricia Totenmeier listens to author Mark Bowden during a writing workshop for U.S. military personnel called "Operation Homecoming" at Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, Calif., on Wednesday. The workshops sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts encourage military personnel and their families to write about their wartime experiences.

provided several samples to The Associated Press and the program's director, John Parrish Peede, described others.

A musician with a Marine band wrote about how hard it was to keep up bandmembers' morale in the wilding 120-degree heat. A lieutenant colonel described escorting a servicemember's body back home. A member of a Navy construction battalion described how the sand kept clogging the gears of his bulldozer.

Army Sgt. Michael Thomas wrote of clanking back tears when his unit returned from Iraq and received a 3 a.m. greeting from elderly veterans for their long-delayed homecoming at an airport in Maine.

"Their raw-veiled right arms stiffened in salutes, their left hands holding coffee, snacks and cell phones for us,"

Thomas wrote.

Army Capt. Jim Sosnicky of Castle Rock, Colo., wrote about Mariam, a 28-year-old Iraqi woman who sold cigarettes to Americans from a dusty shop in the heavily fortified Green Zone, home to the U.S. Embassy and headquarters of the U.S.-sponsored interim government in downtown Baghdad.

"When an explosion boomed in the distance, Sosnicky asked Mariam what she thought: car bomb or mortar round? Definitely a mortar round, she told him.

"Most girls in the U.S. have a tin ear for such things," Sosnicky wrote.

Operation Homecoming, most of which is supported by a \$500,000 budget from Boeing Co., has found some soldiers bursting with literary thoughts.

Peede said he picked up the phone in his office in Washington, D.C. and listened to a soldier in Iraq read a poem over the crackling static on a satellite phone.

After attending an Operation Homecoming workshop in Nebraska, Lt. Col. Christopher Coboes of Elkhorn, Neb., submitted two letters he wrote in Iraq to his young children. One captured his thoughts when every light in the cockpit went out in mid-flight.

"It is a full moon tonight, but I still needed a flashlight to see in the cockpit," he wrote. "The first thing I thought after making sure the engines still worked was what you would've said, Cavan, had you been there. 'Hey dad, the lights went out.' I started laughing. Then I got most of my lights back and came back to base."

For kids, 'LiveStrong' band sparks multicolored fad

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Clutching his dollar bills, his redgy voice trembling, 10-year-old Sergio Cortez had an urgent question to ask the clerks at a Rockville, Md., girls' clothing boutique one weekday last week.

"Do you 'have' the bracelets?" the clerk at the Gathersburg, Md., boy said, grumpy. "The pink ones and the blue ones?"

Every 10 minutes or so, the phone at On Cloud 9 rang, with people asking the same question in a neighborhood school let out, boys and girls about Sergio's age (accompa-

nied by their wallet-packing mothers) mobbed the store in search of bracelets. During one recent four-week period, it sold more than 10,000 of them.

Sergio grinned with relief when told the store still had the bracelets; he purchased five of them, at \$2.50 apiece. Also relieved was Lillana Torres and her 10-year-old son, Gabriel. Knowing a fresh shipment of bracelets had come in, Gabriel "brought me flying here, to get the blue one," said the Germantown mother. "I almost ran out of gas."

Why all the desperation for these trinkets, basically fancy

rubber bands? The ones at On Cloud 9 are stamped with slogans showing support for people with breast cancer (the pink ones) and autism (the light blue ones). Did Sergio buy them to support these causes? Did the fourth-grader, cut the dark blue one he also wears to show he wants to "Stand Strong for Israel?"

The boy's explanation was pretty much the definition of a schoolyard fad.

"Every kid I know has at least one. Most of them have 10 or 11," Sergio said. "It's fun to try and get all the colors."

"The mothers always ask if (the money) is going to a good

cause," said clerk Rebecca Hartman. "The kids' never ask."

"Awareness bracelets," as they're called, are surfing along in the wake of the monster success of cyclist Lance Armstrong's yellow "LiveStrong" model. Since May, more than 27 million of the yellow bracelets have been sold through the Lance Armstrong Foundation, with most of the money going to cancer research. Emblazoned with the mantra of the cancer survivor and six-time Tour de France winner, they were the fashion-forward accessory of the summer.

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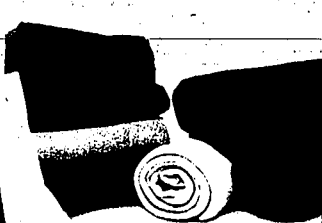
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Troops begin offensive

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Some 10,000 American troops have started a winter offensive against Taliban rebels in Afghanistan, vowing to eliminate insurgents who could threaten parliamentary elections slated for this year.

The U.S. military said Saturday that it hoped the new push, dubbed Lightning Freedom, would persuade insurgents to accept an amnesty offered by President Hamid Karzai that would stabilize the country and allow foreign troops to pull back.

"It's designed basically to search out and destroy the remaining remnants of Taliban forces, why traditionally we believe go to ground during the winter months," spokesman Maj. Mark McCann said. "It's going on throughout the country of Afghanistan."

The operation was initiated after Karzai's inauguration Tuesday as the country's first democratically elected president, McCann said. He didn't give details of any specific missions against militant targets.

But Maj. Gen. Eric Olson, the No. 2 American commander here, told The Associated Press last month that the operation would include a redeployment to tighten security on the border with Pakistan and raids by special forces to snatch rebel leaders.

Protecting Afghanistan's young democracy has become the most urgent priority for American commanders frustrated by their failure to capture al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, who disappeared after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

The landmark Oct. 9 vote, which gave a landslide victory to Karzai, was free of the major violence threatened by Taliban diehards, who continue to fight on three years after being ousted from power. Attention is already turning to the more complex National Assembly election, slated for April.

Pakistan nabs leader of kidnap group

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A man who launched a militant Islamic group to fight U.S. forces in Afghanistan has been arrested in connection with the kidnapping of three U.N. workers there in October, a senior Pakistani Cabinet minister said Saturday.

Syed Akbar Agha, a former Taliban front-line commander in Afghanistan who later founded Jish-ul-Muallimeen, or Army of Muslims, was captured in the southern city of Karachi this week, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press.

"We have arrested the mastermind of the kidnapping of the U.N. workers in Afghanistan," Ahmed said. He gave no other details other than to say the arrest was not announced immediately in hopes that interrogation of Agha would lead to other suspects being taken into custody.

Pakistani security agencies also arrested Abdul Hinaf Hemat, head of the Taliban's Bakhar news agency, this week with another person in the southwestern city of Quetta; a Taliban spokesman told the AP by telephone. The Pakistan government had no immediate comment on the claim, and it was unclear if the two arrests were linked.

Hemat was one of the main media personalities during the Taliban regime, which was ousted as a result of U.S.-led operations in late 2001. In his official capacity, he developed friendly relations with scores of Taliban commanders and leaders.

Afghan Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali said at the time that Agha's group may have hired bandits to abduct the U.N. workers, who helped organize Afghanistan's Oct. 9 presidential election. Armed men seized Annetta Flanigan from Northern Ireland, Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan and Shaqeeq Hibiabi of Kosovo on Oct. 28.

Agha last month told the AP that he would free the trio if Afghan authorities accepted the group's demand for the release of 10 prisoners held in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Insurgents kill Iraqi general; election looks to be on track

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents pressed their attack on U.S. troops and Iraqi security forces Saturday, killing five Iraqi police officers, including a general, and wounding 14 American soldiers in a relentless effort to derail next month's elections. But officials say the pace preparations are on schedule.

The Americans were wounded in separate attacks in northern Iraq. One car bombing and ambush wounded eight soldiers, prompting an American warplane to drop a 500-pound bomb on an insurgent position in Mosul.

"The commanders on the ground felt the attack was heavy enough to call in close air support," military spokeswoman Capt. Angela Bowman said.

Violence continues to grip the Sunni-dominated areas in central Iraq despite last month's U.S.-led assault on the main insurgent stronghold of Fallujah and an area south of Baghdad. That attack was launched to try to curb the insurgency so parliamentary elections could be held nationwide Jan. 30.

The latest attacks appear to be part of a sweeping intimidation campaign aimed at flogging those



An Iraqi woman passes election campaign posters in Baghdad on Saturday. The commission organizing elections extended the deadline for filing candidates' lists for five days.

elections, in part by killing Iraqis who cooperate with the United States, making their collaborators in the eyes of insurgents.

Police Col. Najeh al-Jubouri was gunned down on his way to work on a road outside Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad.

Gunmen ambushed a police patrol in Baghdad's northern suburbs of Azamiyah late Friday, killing a captain and a constable and wounding two others, police Lt. Mohammed al-Obeidi said.

The guerrillas regard the elections as an effort to legitimize a puppet government that will serve U.S. interests.

U.N. summit discusses impact of greenhouse gases

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A new report on ecological damage from greenhouse gases dominated the sidelines of a U.N. conference on global warming Saturday as delegates

from nearly 200 nations assembled to prepare for the launch next year of the Kyoto Protocol.

Kyoto, a landmark treaty designed to slow global warming, is to be implemented in February and commits major industrialized nations to curbing gases of factories, cars and coal-burning power plants blamed for trapping heat in the atmosphere.

In an update Saturday, experts said that Latin America was especially hard hit by the so-called "greenhouse ef-

fect," with emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases blamed for abrupt climate changes in a region that is home to more than 300 million people.

Although Latin America accounts for only about 4.3 percent of all global greenhouse gas output, a preliminary report prepared by environment officials from several countries highlighted signs of recent altered weather patterns, including increased flooding and droughts in Central and South America.

"The region is very vulnerable to extreme weather events," said Fernando Tudela Abad, an official in the Mexican government's environmental ministry.

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Grenade kills two at concert in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A grenade exploded at a concert of Indian movie stars and entertainers in Sri Lanka's capital Saturday, killing at least two people and injuring 15, officials said.

Military spokesman Brig. Daya Ratnayake said the grenade was thrown at the crowd as the three-hour show was nearing its end. A man identified as a journalist for a local newspaper and a woman were killed, he said.

"Two persons were dead," Press Trust of India said adding "there were another 12 injured admitted (to hospital). ... All have shrapnel injuries caused by hand grenade or a hand bomb."

The Indian entertainers were unhurt, officials said. The show, titled "Temptation 2004," featured Indian stars Shahrukh Khan, Preity Zinta, Saif Ali Khan, Priyanka Chopra, Javed Khan and Celina Jaitley.

Earlier, police used tear gas to break up a protest by about 200 Buddhists who tried to prevent the concert, held a day before the anniversary of the death of a leading Buddhist cleric.

Sunday is the first anniversary of the death of Gangadavula Soma — a popular preacher who campaigned

against conversions of Buddhists by Christians. Monks are a powerful political force in Buddhist-majority Sri Lanka.

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Palestinian representative to the United Nations and nephew of Yasser Arafat, Nasser Al-Kidwa, briefs the media after handing over the late Palestinian leader's medical records to the Palestinian Authority at Arafat's former headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, Saturday.

Nephew: Arafat may have died of 'unnatural' causes

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat's nephew said Saturday his uncle may have died of an "unnatural" death, a statement certain to renew speculation among Palestinians and in the rest of the Arab world where many already believe the late leader was poisoned despite Israel's repeated and vehement denials.

Nasser al Kidwa, who is also Palestinian envoy to the United Nations, made the comments after he handed over the 558-page medical dossier to Palestinian officials in Ramallah. No diagnosis or reason has been given for Arafat's death on Nov. 11 at a French hospital.

Al-Kidwa's remarks could cause fresh tension between Israel and the Palestinians at a time when it appeared relations were improving. By providing fuel for rumors that Arafat was poisoned, his comments could also make it more difficult for a new Palestinian leadership to take control after presidential elections on Jan. 9.

Al-Kidwa and other Palestinian officials have said Israel contributed to Arafat's death by confining him to his battered West Bank compound for the last three years of his life.

The nephew was given Arafat's dossier by French medical officials last month, but no details have been released. Palestinian Health Minister Jawad Tibi said a committee, including Palestinian and Arab doctors who treated Arafat before he was taken to France, would examine the file to see if it could settle on a cause of death.

After handing the 558-page medical dossier to interim Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Al-Kidwa said French doctors could not rule out poisoning, but had not found traces in Arafat's body of "any poison known to them."

"Examinations of X-rays and all imaginable tests ... are still with the same results, the inability of reaching clear diagnosis," Al-Kidwa said in English during a news conference.

"That is precisely the reason why suspicions are there, because without a reason you cannot escape the other possibility — that there is an unnatural cause for the death," he said.

French officials have said that medical authorities would have opened an investigation had they suspected foul play.

Arafat, suffering from a mysterious illness, was urgently admitted to the Percy Military Hospital in the southwestern Paris suburb of Clamart, on Oct. 29. His condition rapidly deteriorated and he fell into a coma.

A month after Arafat's death at the age of 75 speculation still swirls about what killed him, with rumors ranging from cirrhosis of the liver to AIDS to poisoning.

Hani Masri, a commentator for the Palestinian newspaper Al-Ayyam, said many Palestinians already believe their leader was poisoned, and Israel had made clear on many occasions that it wanted to rid the region of Arafat.

"If there was proof he was poisoned it would severely complicate matters. The new leadership would not be able to renew peace negotiations with a country that killed its president," Masri said.

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WORLD



U.S. Secretary of Treasury John Snow, right, gestures during a press conference to end the "Forum of the Future" in Rabat, Morocco, Saturday. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell stands at left.

Arab leaders say U.S. policy toward Israel causes conflict

Knight Ridder News Service

RABAT, Morocco — Arab leaders Saturday rebuked the United States for its policy toward Israel, saying U.S. efforts to curb Islamic extremism and promote democracy in the Middle East could not be taken seriously because of its one-sided stand in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Let us face it... the real bone of contention is the longest conflict in modern history. For too long, the Arabs have witnessed the Western bias toward Israel," Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi foreign minister, told a U.S.-sponsored conference here on political and economic reform.

The Bush administration wanted to keep the Israeli-Palestinian dispute from clouding the "Forum for the Future," contending countries could modernize and fight terrorism independently of whether there was progress toward a settlement.

But the issue came up in speech after speech, underscoring the deep differences between Arab governments and the Bush administration over the causes of the region's problems, especially growing Islamic extremism.

At a news conference afterward, Secretary of State Colin Powell said that the United States was using the "opportunity" created by the recent death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to re-energize the moribund peace process. But a final communique, accepted by Powell as co-chair of the session, said that participants "will go hand in hand with their support for a just, comprehensive" and "lasting settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

The communique made clear participants would not rush into overhauling systems that sustain many autocratic Arab regimes, reaffirming that it is "the sovereign right of each

country... to freely develop its own democratic political and socio-cultural system," free from "interference... from outside."

Iran, a key regional power and backer of extremist Palestinian groups, boycotted the conference. Not invited were Israel, one of the region's few democracies, and Sudan, accused by Washington of committing genocide in the Darfur region.

The session was part of a broader Middle East and North Africa initiative launched by President Bush in June at a summit of the world's wealthiest nations to find ways in which wealthier nations and international institutions can promote change as a way of attacking problems that breed Islamic extremism.

The conference was attended by some 20 Arab countries, the world's eight leading industrialized countries, the European Union, Pakistan, Turkey and Afghanistan.

Taiwan opposition defeats coalition

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's pro-independence parties lost a hotly contested legislative election Saturday — a defeat that might reduce the risk of a conflict with China but also continue the political gridlock that has paralyzed one of Asia's youngest democracies.

The loss was a big blow to President Chen Shui-bian, who tirelessly campaigned for candidates and promised to limit his control of parliament to revise the constitution and push for a new Taiwanese identity — pledges that unnerved China.

Chinese leaders dislike Chen because his moves to accept their goal of unification. Taiwan has had loose ties with the mainland — just 100 miles to the west — throughout much of China's history. The Communists, who took over China in 1949, say Taiwan must unify eventually or endure a punishing attack.

Taiwan's opposition coalition, known as the "blue team," won a fragile majority of 114 of parliament's 225 seats in a campaign that Taiwan must unify eventually or endure a punishing attack.

Chen's supporters controlled the legislature. Voter Mary Lee, a 45-year-old Taipei office worker, said she backed the opposition, led by the Nationalist Party, because she feared Chen would start a war.

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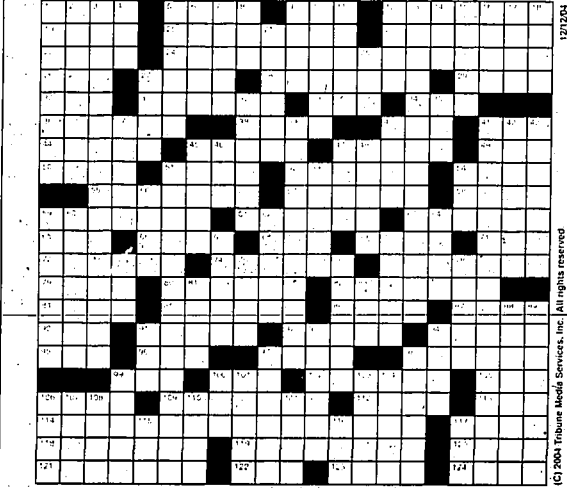
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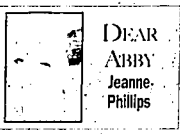
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Parents should know of teen's late night visitor

DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old daughter, "Dena," is in the same grade as her friend "Amanda." Amanda has a sister, "Barb," who turned 15 last month. Amanda told my Dena that Barb's 16-year-old boyfriend has been sneaking in Barb's bedroom window several nights a week for a while now, after their mother and stepfather have gone to bed. Amanda also confided that Barb told her that she and the boyfriend have had sex a couple of times, including before Barb turned 15. I am not close to the mother and stepfather, although I do run into them at school functions. I wouldn't begin to know how to approach the parents and tell them what I know. Should I be concerned with what's happening in other people's homes after they've gone to bed? Or should I keep this to myself and let them find out the hard way down the road?



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DEAR MOTHER: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Call that girl's mother and tell her what you know and how you learned it. If what your daughter's friend confided is true, they need bars on the windows and a chastity belt for Barb (and some serious counseling).

deliver mail to people who have private offices. Sometimes, these people are having a meeting in their office and do not shut the door when this happens, should I just give them their mail, or wait until they are finished talking to that person? I'm asking because sometimes I get dirty looks from those people while I'm giving them their mail — like, "How dare you come into my office" while someone is in here."

to acknowledge you and mention you in.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Kurt" for 13 years. It's a second marriage for both of us. Kurt consistently fails to introduce me at social functions and leaves me to fend for myself. At the last party we attended, he left me to talk to the most attractive blond woman there — someone we had both just met. At the end of the evening he hugged her and told her to call when she's back in town.

DEAR ABBY: I work in the mailroom of a large company. Every day we deliver the mail that is sent to the people who work here. On some occasions, I

Abby, I don't talk to them and I try to stay out of their way, because I know that someone walking in can be distracting. What is the correct mailroom etiquette?

I told Kurt his behavior hurt my feelings, and if he respected me he wouldn't act this way. He says I'm out of line. What do you think?

— **CONFUSED DELIVERER**

DEAR CONFUSED: The universal signal for "Do Not Disturb" is a closed door. If the door is open, then you should be free to enter. However, since you are being given dirty looks for making deliveries while there is a conversation in progress, the next time the person is alone, ask what he or she would prefer under those circumstances. Another suggestion would be to stand quiet in the doorway for a few seconds and wait for the person

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Governor wants nude statue out of office

MONTEPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Gov. James Douglas is doing some tidying up in his office and one thing he thinks can go is a nude statue. The sometimes makes him red-faced.

The lamp, installed on his desk recently as part of a Statehouse restoration project, is a replica of a famous 19th century nude statue that cost \$2,500 and is plugged into an overhead chandelier.

"The governor does not object to the art," said Douglas spokesman Jason Gibbs. "It may frankly be awkward to explain why there is a nude Greek slave on the governor's desk to a third-grader."

Another reason for removing the lamp is its own safety. Gibbs said, that during the legislative session, which begins Jan. 5, the governor's ceremonial office is often crowded and the lamp could be "knocked over" and damaged.

"We thought that it would be risky for it to remain when so many people use that office during the legislative session and so many student groups come and often sit at or around the governor's desk," Gibbs said.

The lamp is a replica of the "Greek Slave" — a chained female slave crafted by a Vermont artist in 1843 that became an icon of the abolitionist movement before the Civil War.

The woman depicted in the statue, her hair tied back in a bun, is looking downward, a chain attached to her wrists. In the original, her clothes are beside her and a locket and cross are visible.

"It's a wonderful statue," said Vivien Fryd, an art historian at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, who has written about the statue. "It was the first time the American public accepted the female nude."

During a recent staff meeting

in the governor's office, a member of Douglas' senior staff covered the lamp with a napkin, mimicking the blue drape put over the statue in the main lobby of the Justice Department's headquarters three years ago.

"It was all in good fun," Gibbs said.

The ornate office is used heavily while the Legislature is in session, but governors work most of the time out of a suite of modern offices in an adjacent building.

Douglas, a Republican, who was first elected to a second two-year term, is no stranger to the Statehouse and its art. He has worked in and around the

building for more than 30 years, as a member of the House, an aide to a governor, and as secretary of state and state treasurer.

"Statehouse Curator" David Schurz said the lamp would be removed from the office during the next legislative session, which runs from January through roughly May. "I am, of course, respecting his wishes. It is, after all, his office," Schurz said.

He said he didn't know if the concern was about safety or the nudity. "There hasn't been much explanation," Schurz said. "I am fine about that. From our standpoint in interpreting it to the public, during the session it's a working office."

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WORLD

Spain exhumes buried memories

Los Angeles Times

VILLAMAYOR DE LOS MONTES, Spain — By noon, a small crowd gathers at the roadside. They peer down into the wide, shallow pit where Angel Fuentes leads a team of young scientists, crouched on their hands and knees, carefully unearthing the bones and secrets of Spain's war-torn past.

Maxima Perez, 71, clutching a black handbag, is waiting for the body of her father, Pablo, to be exhumed. "Que pena, que pena," she says over and over, holding a hand to the side of her face as if to contain her pain. Fernando Garcia Hernandez expects to find the remains of his grandfather, a man he never knew. Diego Pena cradles his infant son and also wonders about his grandfather's death; he asks many questions.

The dead here have been buried for more than half a century. They are among tens of thousands of Spaniards executed by Fascist forces loyal to Gen. Francisco Franco in the country's 1936-39 civil war. They

were tossed into unmarked mass graves and ignored for decades, first out of fear and shame and later after Franco's death in 1975 and the advent of democracy. "It's an expedient desire to move beyond the past."

"We have lived a collective historical and political amnesia," said Fuentes, the archeologist. An imposed amnesia.

Now some families of the leftist victims have decided to and the silence recover their dead, they want proper burials and restore dignity to their memories. They're Western European countries, has taken a long time to reach this point of historic self-analysis.

It wasn't until 2000 that sufficient time had passed for any action. But even as the Spanish parliament condemned Franco's

regime and confront the brutality of the period—in museum exhibits, best-selling books, a flurry of movies and street rallies.

“Possibly, the ghosts are beginning to disappear.”

—Emilio Silva, founder of group recovering soldiers' remains

Part of the lore surrounding Garcia Lorca is that his burial place is a mystery. In fact, the family and most experts agree on the general location, a ravine in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada near the village of Viznar, about five miles from Granada. It was a killing field, historians say, littered with the corpses of hundreds of people.

In a sense, the family argues, the mass grave itself is a fitting monument, a place of natural beauty that bears witness to an awful chapter of repression and political murder.

But others maintain that it takes someone of Garcia Lorca's stature to finally bring attention to Franco's victims, the vast majority of whom were buried anonymously, their families left to decades of uncertainty and shame. By contrast, pro-Franco dead have been honored by memorials and statues paid for by a string of governments.

In addition, says those favoring exhumation, recovering the

poet's remains would complete the historical record and answer questions such as whether he was tortured.

Garcia Lorca ran afoul of the "Franquists" because he was homosexual and an intellectual and he wrote with a social conscience.

Garcia Lorca's work was infused with his love for Andalusia, its landscapes, people and history. He evoked eerily, sensual images of gypsies and of sexual repression.

After his death, his books were publicly burned and his plays banned until the 1970s.

"The past is very violent, and very recent here," Garcia-Lorca de los Rios said.

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Relatives want Spanish poet to rest in peace

Los Angeles Times

Where is my grave? In my tall, answered the Sun. In my throat, answered the Moon.

—Federico Garcia Lorca

GRANADA, Spain — Federico Garcia Lorca, Spain's greatest 20th century poet, was dragged from a home here in the dead of an August night in 1936, and shot dead by Fascist forces loyal to Gen. Francisco Franco.

The bodies of Garcia Lorca and three other men killed with him a home here in the dead of an August night in 1936, and shot dead by Fascist forces loyal to Gen. Francisco Franco.

It was barely a month into the Spanish Civil War, and thousands of people would meet a similar fate.

Given his fame and the global admiration that has been accorded Garcia Lorca, he would seem the consummate symbol

for a new movement to locate the hidden graves of Franco's victims and provide proper burials.

Proponents, including relatives of the men killed with Garcia Lorca, are seeking exhumation of the long-hidden grave.

But the family of the celebrated poet objects.

In a letter to the public, the family said it agreed that "no stone should go unturned" in finding out the truth about atrocities committed during the war and under the dictatorship that lasted four decades, until Franco's death in 1975.

In the case of Garcia-Lorca, however, the family argued that the facts were sufficiently well known, making an exhumation unnecessary.

"We are not going to discover new facts whose importance justifies the violence of disintering the dead," the poet's niece Laura Garcia-Lorca de los Rios said in an interview.

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OPINION

Many factors in play for a split Congress

PRINCETON, N.J. — Appropriately enough, the title of the conference held here Dec. 3 and 4 included a question mark: "The Polarization of American Politics: Myth or Reality?"



DAVID BRODER

The 45 academics, politicians and journalists who gathered at Princeton's Center for the Study of Democratic Politics never reached a vote, but all the evidence pointed toward the second alternative.

James Gimpel of the University of Maryland and Bill Bishop of the Austin (Texas) American Statesman showed that "red" and "blue" voters are increasingly living in separate enclaves, with distinctive lifestyles, attitudes and partisan leanings shared among neighbors.

It quickly became clear that there is nothing new or unusual about the pattern of sharp partisan shows in the last two presidential elections and in the frequent battles on Capitol Hill. David Broder's "The Polarization of American Politics: Myth or Reality?" pointed out the point that the late 19th century and parts of the 20th century were also times of party warfare; the anomaly was the relative truce for roughly 25 years after World War II.

And then, many conferees said, those differences are sharpened by several forces operating independently in and on the political system. Television advertising, as Diana Mutz of the University of Pennsylvania demonstrated, influences viewers' emotions and decreases their ability to remember or accept as legitimate opposing arguments. In today's multifaceted media world, Jonathan Alter of Newsweek said, people easily find reinforcement for their own political preferences by choosing the channels they watch or the publications they read.

David Rohde of Michigan State illustrated the point with a chart vividly showing how mid-20th century Congresses had seen significant overlap in the voting patterns of House Republicans and Democrats, whereas in today's House, Democrats are clustered on the left of the ideological spectrum and Republicans on the right — with virtually no dissenters in between.

Inside Congress, Rohde said, the increasing homogeneity within each party has made members willing to give more power to their leaders. What began on the Democratic side with former Speaker Jim Wright was carried even further by Newt Gingrich, when the Republicans took over, and it continues now with Dennis Hastert and Tom DeLay.

Despite some evidence that Americans en masse are not wildly antagonistic to each other's views on social issues, John Evans of the University of California, San Diego, said that where differences exist, they tend to fall along party lines.

But as John Pinney of Claremont McKenna College pointed out, that has led to a "new game of telephone" on both sides of the Capitol. The victims in the past decade include Tom Foley and Gingrich, Tony Coelho, Bob Livingston, Trent Lott and, most recently, Tom Daschle. Their downfall — whether the result of more intensive (and negative) media scrutiny, tougher ethics rules or the nationalization of local election races — symbolizes and reinforces the increasing polarization in Congress.

Barbara Sinclair of UCLA said that as a result, the opportunities and choices for individual members of Congress have changed significantly. In the House, lawmakers' views are heeded inside party caucuses, as witness Hastert's initial decision three weeks ago to hold off a vote on the intelligence system reform bill after he ran into strenuous opposition at a closed-door Republican conference. But members who go outside the party to make deals can be punished.

Although the Senate is less overtly partisan than the House, Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who sometimes has voted with the Democrats on economic or social issues, was threatened by party leaders with the loss of his chair to the Judiciary Committee chairmanship until he gave them assurances he would be more cooperative.

"The members of Congress

who joined in the conference confirmed most of these observations, but differed sharply — on partisan lines — about the consequences. Democratic Rep. David Price of North Carolina argued that party discipline enforced by Republican leaders has "gone beyond its proper bounds," leaving Democrats too often shut out of the legislative process. Republican Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma countered that the virtual disappearance of conservative Southern Democrats from Congress has left the Republicans with few potential partners for bipartisan legislation.

Cole said the closeness of margins has reinforced the need for party discipline, adding, "The determination of this generation of Republican leaders not to go back to minority status must not be underestimated."

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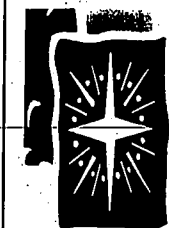
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WORLD

Cleanup teams clear away love letters left at 'Juliet's house' in Verona

ROME (AP) — For decades, amorous visitors to Verona have pinned up their love letters for posterity outside the house where legend has it Romeo wooed Juliet under her balcony. Now, those tender messages are being dumped in the trash.

Many of the notes are attached with chewing gum, a hazard for the medieval stone walls. The cleaning operation, which started last month, is due to finish in February.

"We absolutely need to clean it," said Andrea Splazza, a Verona town hall official. "But no worries, there will be plaster boards where lovers can still post their missives."

Authorities are also considering setting up a giant screen in the house's courtyard that would allow lovers to post large statements of love by zapping them via cell-phone text message.

Local Shakespeare fan, Giulio Iamassia, founder of the area's "Juliet Club," did not welcome the idea of digital love notes.

"Up to now, lovers from all over the world wanted to leave a romantic sign, to express their feelings of love," he said. "The idea to use text messages is simply the opposite of the

atmosphere that should be present in Juliet's house."

The 19th-century Casa di Giulietta, or House of Juliet, is one of Verona's top tourist spots. The building belonged to the Cappello family, traditionally identified with the Capulets, leading to the folklore that Shakespeare's fictional character may have lived there.

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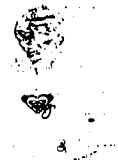
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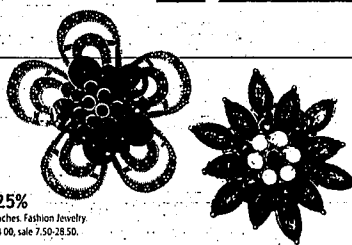
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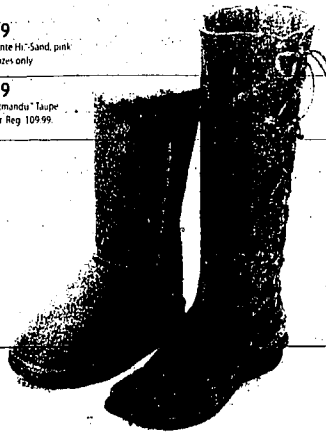
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Can't I just wait for her in the car?

It's two Sundays before Christmas, and you know what that means: I have to go shopping with my beloved today. I can't wait for Christmas; I can't tolerate the lines. What I really dread is carrying her purse around all day.

Victoria fits into that broad class of shoppers who wander aimlessly through big-box retail stores. Before she does that, of course, she picks out a shopping cart and puts her handbag in it.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Since I'm, like, a guy, I don't wander. I just want to go home and watch football. So I stay, as patiently as possible, with the cart.

Until, some minutes later, she summons me to look at something over on Aisle 12.

Now Aisle 12 simply can't be accessed by a guy pushing a shopping cart because it's jammed with a lot of other guys pushing shopping carts. So, to prevent being yelled at should someone steal her purse from the cart while I wasn't looking, I pick up the handbag and carry it across the store, attracting snickers all the way.

At this point, invariably, she finds some clothes that she'd like to try on, so I go to the waiting area outside the dressing room and sit, still clutching her purse.

Now there's something peculiarly amusing about a middle-aged man sitting in the middle of a busy store with a handbag in his lap. Most other guys who pass by have been in a similar position, and thus can't resist making a comment. The best I've heard so far: "Your bag matches your eyes."

Then Victoria will call from around the corner, "Steve, come and look at this."

So, I get up, purse in hand, and I find her. You may not realize this, but men really don't know how to carry a purse.

See, if you loop the strap over your arm, you look like your grandmother. But if you drag it along by the strap, her car keys fall out. And if you tuck it under your arm, well, that's the subject of most of the programming on the Bravo Channel these days.

The least-objectionable tactic, I've found, is simply to carry the handbag like a fullback packs a football. You look so silly that most passers-by just assume you're nuts.

But worse is to come, "Steven, I need my wallet."

The wallet, of course, is inside the handbag, and as many a man with experience with women knows, a guy never opens his woman's purse.

You could be standing in an alley with a dozen robbers pointing six-shooters at you, and she'd say, "Bring me my purse."

Opening the handbag yourself violates just about every law of nature, I've been told. Guys, it seems, have no business watching the Lifetime Channel, and they damn well have no business inside a lady's purse.

So the handbag is passed

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% Season Total
Salmon	94%	25%
Big Wood	106%	26%
Little Wood	103%	27%
Big Lost	105%	27%
Little Lost	96%	28%
Henry's Fork/Teton	101%	28%
Upper Snake Basin	90%	26%
Oakley	128%	33%
Salmon Falls	123%	31%

As of Dec. 11

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this date with a 30-year average. **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire season. (Source: NRRI)

SANTA'S FLIGHT



Santa arrives via helicopter at the Magic Valley Regional Airport Saturday to hand out presents to more than 250 children. The delivery was sponsored by the airport and Reeder Flying Service.

Now arriving from the North Pole ...

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Andy McDonough said he can tell the real Santa Claus because Santa wears black boots.

McDonough and his family waited impatiently at the Magic Valley Regional Airport Saturday afternoon for Santa to arrive aboard a helicopter and hand out packets of goodies.

At 3:25 an announcement came over the intercom that Santa was over Oakley and should arrive within a few minutes. A shriek went through the crowd and more than 150 children pressed against the windows to get a first glimpse.

McDonough's cousin, Angela Bohr, said she knew Santa was arriving by helicopter but secretly hoped to see reindeer and a sleigh.

Six minutes later a small helicopter hovered past the terminal and circled the tarmac twice. A red-sleeve-and-white-glove appeared out of the side of the chopper and waved to the suddenly quiet crowd as



Klara Lee, 2, and her mom, Jalme Brower, wave to Santa as he arrives at the airport.

hundreds of tiny hands waved back. "He's got black boots," McDonough screamed as the door opened and a massive black

boot stretched on to the runway. The throng of children rushed to the door to greet Santa, who parted the crowd with a hearty "Merry Christmas," before taking a seat at the head of a line that stretched the length of the terminal.

As he handed out bags containing candy, stickers, and small toys, Santa got a number of special requests from presumably "nice" children. Some of the more unusual gifts included two hamsters, a lizard and a rat.

Tammy Taylor, executive assistant to the airport manager, said the inaugural event was sponsored by the airport and Reeder Flying Service.

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Burley's centennial sparks an interest in local history

Some history researchers are finding more questions than answers

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

JESSIE — On the eve of Burley's centennial year, many researchers have been inspired to dig into the city's past.

One such researcher came across a map from 1895 showing a city named Jessie located near where Burley would take hold 10 years later.

Burley native Dick Jensen now lives in Boise and the approach of the centennial led

him to visit the Idaho State Historical Society library where he tried to find out more about the town, according to a letter he sent to *The Times-News* recently.

"In 1892 there was a tax assessment to a Clara E. Anderson, her residence is Jessie," Jensen wrote.

The town appears on the map Jensen sent and on one from the Burley Public Library dated 1891. The location on both maps is about three miles west

of Burley near "Rice's Ferry," which is in roughly the same location as the later Starr's Ferry. Jensen also found newspaper entries in which Thomas Starr listed his address as Jessup and another with election results showing five votes cast in the town.

Research in the Burley J-

County school districts.

Besides Jensen, others have been struck by the desire to know more about local history.

Burley Public Library Director Julie Woodford said she's noticed a distinct increase in the number of people looking through the library's local-and-state history section. She said summers are usually a busy time for the collection because researchers come from other parts of the country, but interest normally drops the rest of the year.

"We've had an unusually high number of people for the fall and winter."

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Residents enjoy festival of misfits

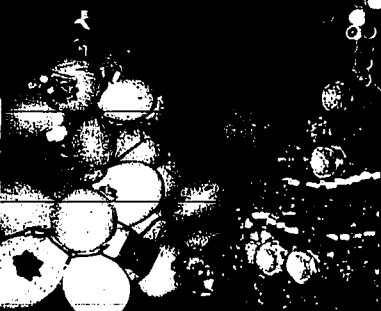
By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — When was the last time you went to a Christmas tree festival with a contest category for best use of szechuan? For folks in Lincoln County that would be Saturday as several hundred turned out for the second annual Festival of Misfit Trees in Shoshone.

Karma Fitzgerald, the driving force behind the festival, said it was spawned as a reaction to the amount of time and money other communities put into tree festivals.

"Everyone has a festival of trees and they're getting kind of cliché," Fitzgerald said. "We really try to keep this relaxed and easy."

Misfit entries can be made of any materials and are judged in categories including best use of recycled materials, cheesiest (sponsored by Glanbia Cheese



Janni Merrick, 12, admires two of the more colorful entries at Shoshone's Festival of Misfit Trees Saturday. There were 17 'trees,' ranging from a coiled fire hose adorned with ornaments made by the Shoshone Fire District to a blossom of balloons and soda cans dubbed 'bubbles.'

Police seek suspected kidnapper and victim

Suspect could be in Boise area

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help in locating two individuals, one of whom is suspected of kidnapping the other.

John J. T. Marcum, 21, is wanted by the sheriff's department for kidnapping. Marcum is described as 6-foot-1, 192 pounds, with brown hair, hazel eyes and a prominent scar on his right cheek.

He may be driving a tan mid-1980s Ford Bronco if and could be in the Boise or Ontario, Ore. area.

Angela Nicole Reid, also known as Angie Mays and Angie Marcum, is 15 years old,



John Marcum and Angela Reid

has green eyes and shoulder-length blond hair.

Reid was reported missing Nov. 23 and is suspected of running away with Marcum.

She has pierced ears, a mole on the right side of her neck and a small scar below her right eyebrow.

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Marcum or Reid is asked to call the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department at 886-2250.

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Jerome Rec District scales back expansion

Director says he had wanted a \$3 million facility

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District has scaled back its plans for a new facility, says district director Tom Kuntz.

Kuntz had hoped for a roughly \$3 million facility but he has since learned it's not feasible.

During a Jerome Urban Renewal Agency meeting this past week, Kuntz said he is looking at ways to scale back on size and materials while keeping the basic concept of the facility. He'd now like to keep the project in the \$2.5 million range.

The Urban Renewal Agency had agreed to help finance the facilities expansion.

The total amount of the agency's financial assistance is yet to be determined, but will range between \$1 million and \$2 million.

City Engineer Scott Bybee said if the agency gives the recreation district \$1 million, then a payment of \$600,000 could be made in March and a payment of \$400,000 could be made in July of 2005.

If the Urban Renewal Agency decides to go with \$1.5 million or \$2 million, the additional payments could be spread out through July 2006 without too much problem, Bybee said.

Urban Renewal Agency member Marjorie Dubois said she wanted to help the recreation district but didn't want all the urban renewal eggs to go into one basket. She said the agency needs to be able to help the city with road repairs and other matters.

In a related matter, the agency voted last week to borrow \$1 million from Farmers Bank, provided all forms were included in the bid package.

If any forms were missing the agency would borrow the money from First Federal Bank and sign the loan agreement in January.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Son ruled competent for trial

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A judge has ruled that a Salt Lake City man charged with shooting his father while duck hunting is competent to stand trial.

Benjamin Jody Gully, 19, was evaluated by three doctors who considered whether he would be competent to be tried on a first-degree murder charge in the shooting death of his father.

Two of the three doctors found Benjamin Gully was competent as long as he continues to take his medication. Judge Rodney S. Page of 2nd District Court ruled after a hearing Friday that Gully could be tried.

SERVICES

Edith Pauline Brooks of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at the Huganard First United Methodist Church; friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Darling of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at De-nary's Gooding Chapel.

Lakewood, Colo., and former-ly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruth Moore — Ruth Moore, 96, of Buhl, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Lonnie M. Horton — LONNIE M. HORTON, 82, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Sun-bridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.

James A. Bass — BURLEY — James Adren Bass, 67, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Charles Perry — TWIN FALLS — Charles Perry, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Janice P. Hoffman — NAMPÁ — Janice Paul Hoffman, 64, of Nampa and formerly of Jerome and Garden Grove, Calif., died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Alisp and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S., Nampa.

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Kay Kawamoto

Kay Kawamoto, age 82, passed away on July 10, 2004, at Spokane, Wash. Kay was born on Feb. 8, 1922, in Troutdale, Ore., to Ichiro and Kay Kawamoto.

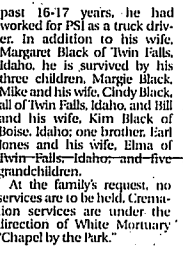


the restaurant business in 1972 to help his brother and son. George K's opened in 1972 and George K's East (Burley) in 1982.

Burley. Kay also had two grandchildren, Cade and Kara, and a great-grandchild, Kinsey. He also had numerous nephews and nieces.

Michael 'ML' Black

Michael "ML" Black, age 62, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

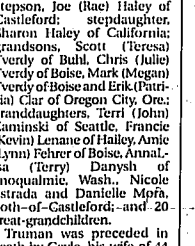


past 16-17 years, he had worked for PSI as a truck driver. In addition to his wife, Margaret Black of Twin Falls, Idaho, he is survived by his three children, Mandy Black, Mike and his wife, Cindy Black, all of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Bill and his wife, Kim Black, of Boise, Idaho, one brother, Earl Jones and his wife, Elma of Twin Falls, Idaho, and five grandchildren.

At the family's request, no services are to be held. Cremation services are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Truman Franklin Clark

Truman Franklin Clark, 93, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.



He was born on Feb. 2, 1911, to J. Frank and Inez Brackett Clark at Cedar Creek, south of Roseworth Reservoir. It was a stage stop on the road to farmland. His mother was a pioneer family, the Clarks, who came to settle in 1878, and the Bracketts, who came in 1884.

stepson, Joe (Irae) Haley of Castletford; stepdaughter, Sharon Haley of California; grandsons, Scott (Teresa) Tverdy of Buhl, Chris (Julie) Tverdy of Boise, Mark (Meggin) Tverdy of Boise and Erik (Patricia) Clar of Oregon City, Ore.; granddaughters, Terri (John) Kaminski of Seattle, Francie (Lynn) Lemme of Halley, Annie (Lynn) Fehrer of Boise, Annalisa (Terry) Danysz of Snoqualmie, Wash., Nicole Estrada and Danielle Mora, both of Castletford; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made in Truman's name to the Idaho Youth Ranch, 1417 W. Main, Boise, ID 83702, or the Buhl Quick Response, 20 Broadway Ave., Buhl, ID 83316.

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Cody crowd closes out grizzly meetings

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — Echoing the general doubts voiced at earlier hearings on Wyoming's grizzly bear management plan, some 150 people turned out for the last of 11 public hearings on the proposal.

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Visitors center for USS Arizona sinking

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — The USS Arizona Memorial's visitors center was designed to accommodate 750,000 people a year when it was built in 1980, but today it's jammed with crowds more than twice that big — and it's literally bursting at the seams.

Portions of the shoreside building and plaza commemorating the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor have settled as much as 30 inches and are still slowly sinking, and the concrete structure is cracking. "Our office space is crammed, our visitor space is crammed, capacity is a significant issue on all fronts," said Douglas Lentz, the National Park Service superintendent-in-charge of the visitors center. "Then you've got the structural integrity of the building."

Crowds at the memorial have grown over the years as interest in Pearl Harbor has increased, fueled in part by Hollywood's sustained interest in World War II, including a blockbuster movie about the attack. The shock of the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001 drew comparisons to Pearl Harbor and "sparked interest" among a new generation.

A total of 2,390 people were killed in the Dec. 7, 1941, surprise attack that drew the United States into World War II. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund is working to raise \$34 million to replace the visitors center, the starting point for ferry rides across the harbor to the white memorial that straddles the sunken Arizona, which still contains the remains of 1,177 sailors.

The group — whose honorary chairmen include actor Tom Hanks and Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and John McCain, R-Ariz. — wants to raise enough money to break ground for a new center in three to five years. Matthew Sgan, the fund senior vice president, said the group is very pleased with its progress and is soliciting corporate donations.

The one-story, open-air visitors center building was constructed on fill material that was dredged from Pearl Harbor decades earlier and was expected to settle 18 inches. Its architects even designed in the ability to "raise" the building

using concrete shims. But it already has been raised four times, causing cracks in the concrete walls that have exposed steel reinforcing rods to moisture.

Last year, engineers gave the building a life expectancy of just five to 10 more years. Lentz said a new center will be built with lighter materials atop pilings that go deep into the ground to prevent sinking. There is also an option of building it on a floating foundation.

The current museum has 2,500 square feet of space with barely enough room for crowds of visitors to squeeze between the displays, which include a Japanese torpedo recovered from the harbor and a detailed model of the Japanese aircraft carrier from which attack planes were launched.

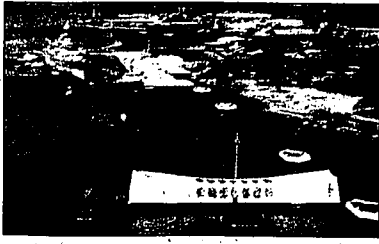
Preliminary plans for the new center call for 24,000 square feet of space, with more restrooms and a 5,000-square-foot museum to display more artifacts.

"As aging Pearl Harbor survivors die, their families often donate historic artifacts and pictures to the museum, but the donations end up in storage because they can't fit in the museum," Sgan said. "We could never display everything, but if we had a better facility we could display more and we could also rotate things in," Sgan said.

During the peak summer months, the center averages 4,500 visitors daily. Some of them have to wait for two hours to watch a 30-minute film — which includes U.S. and Japanese footage of the attack — and to be ferried out to the monument at the submerged battleship, which still leaks droplets of oil from its tanks.

The National Park Service estimated the memorial will attract 1.6 million visitors this year, up from 1.5 million in 2003.

Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, said he will push to make funding the project a "major focus" of the House Committee on Resources. "When this was first put together, nobody had any idea that there was going to be this kind of ongoing response decade after decade," Abercrombie said.



The battleship USS Missouri 'Mighty Mo' approaches its new berth on June 22, 1998, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after a journey across the Pacific Ocean to join the USS Arizona Memorial as symbols of the beginning and the end of World War II.

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Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Pancake and sausage on a stick
Friday: Egg and cheese muffin
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Chili cheese fries
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Turkey dinner
Friday: Soft shell tacos

Wednesday: Chicken and noodles
Thursday: Chicken fillet
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

Thursday: Nachos supreme
Wednesday: Deli turkey sandwich
Thursday: Hot dog
Friday: Christmas dinner

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Wednesday: Chicken wrap
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Friday: Pizza pocket

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Tuesday: Popcorn chicken
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Papa John's pizza
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LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Fried chicken
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Lasagnitas
Friday: Spaghetti

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Muffins
Tuesday: Cannaroni rolls
Wednesday: Biscuits
Thursday: Doughnuts
Friday: Turnovers
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Fish and fries
Wednesday: Chicken burger
Thursday: Corn dogs
Friday: Turkey and gravy

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Thursday: Chicken tenders
Friday: Roast turkey

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Monday: Burritos
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Wednesday: Pizza pockets
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Hamburgers

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Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Sausage gravy and biscuits
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Sausage gravy and biscuits

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Thursday: Taco nachos
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Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Savory beef and noodles

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Friday: Cheese pizza

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Monday: French bread pizza
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Friday: Rainbow treasures

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Commercial	45-50	950-1170	44-52	Prep Tested Heifers	80-1150	54-62	610-740	65-80	610-740	610-740	610-740
Utility	39-50	75-87	39-50	Young Cows	870-1150	54-62	610-740	65-80	610-740	610-740	610-740
Canter and Cutter	39-50	75-87	39-50	Young Cows	870-1150	54-62	610-740	65-80	610-740	610-740	610-740
Light Feeder Bulls	45-50	950-1170	44-52	Prep Tested Heifers	80-1150	54-62	610-740	65-80	610-740	610-740	610-740
300-400 lbs	1.01-1.37	300-400 lbs	78-90	300-400 lbs	1.90-2.40	300-400 lbs	1.85-2.10	300-400 lbs	1.75-2.00	300-400 lbs	1.35-1.60
400-500 lbs	1.05-1.26	400-500 lbs	74-83	500-600 lbs	1.90-2.40	500-600 lbs	1.75-2.00	500-600 lbs	1.25-1.55	500-600 lbs	260-450
500-600 lbs	0.91-0.8	500-600 lbs	72-80	600-700 lbs	1.85-2.10	600-700 lbs	1.25-1.55	600-700 lbs	260-450	600-700 lbs	80-120
600-700 lbs	0.81-0.7	600-700 lbs	71-80	700-800 lbs	1.85-2.10	700-800 lbs	1.25-1.55	700-800 lbs	260-450	700-800 lbs	80-120
700-800 lbs	0.81-0.7	700-800 lbs	71-80	800-1000 lbs	1.85-2.10	800-1000 lbs	1.25-1.55	800-1000 lbs	260-450	800-1000 lbs	80-120
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 Monday: Chili and cinnamon
 Tuesday: Salisbury steak
 Wednesday: Sloppy joes
 Thursday: French dip
 Friday: Turkey dinner

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
 Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Burrito
 Wednesday: Potatoes
 Thursday: Cheesebake
 Friday: Corn dogs

GLENN'S FERRY
 Monday: Chicken burger
 Tuesday: Super nachos
 Wednesday: Corn dog
 Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 Friday: Cook's choice

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 Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
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 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Crispy chicken salad
 Thursday: Deli bar
 Friday: Burritos

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: French toast
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Hot ham and cheese
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Turkey gravy
 Tuesday: Burrito
 Wednesday: Hot ham and cheese
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Chicken sandwich

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
 Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: English muffin
 Tuesday: Cereal
 Wednesday: French toast
 Thursday: Cinnamon toast and yogurt
 Friday: Waffles
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Burritos
 Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese
 Wednesday: Corn dog
 Thursday: Idaho nachos.
 Friday: Fish nuggets

JEROME SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken and bacon roll-up
 Tuesday: Oven fried chicken
 Wednesday: Burrito
 Thursday: Hamburger
 Friday: Ham

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
 Breakfast

Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Cherry pie
 Tuesday: Ham
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: French toast
 Friday: Pop-tart
 Lunch
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Tomato soup
 Wednesday: Nacho supreme
 Thursday: Hamburger
 Friday: Chili

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Burrito
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Soft taco
 Friday: Hot dogs

WENDELL SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Rib-b-cue
 Tuesday: Hot dogs
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich
 Friday: Turkey stir fry

BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Hoagie or hot comho
 Tuesday: Chicken Malibu or tuna
 Wednesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
 Thursday: Spicy chicken sandwich
 Friday: Taco or corn dog

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Choice of milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Muffin
 Tuesday: Cereal
 Wednesday: Breakfast cookie
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs
 Friday: Bacon, egg, cheese hot pocket
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Corn dog
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
 Thursday: Turkey gravy w/ whipped potatoes
 Friday: Cook's choice

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Toaster tarts or granola bars
 Tuesday: Hashbrown and scrambled eggs or graham crackers
 Wednesday: French toast sticks or graham crackers
 Thursday: Ham and cheese pocket or breakfast cookie
 Friday: Breakfast burrito or yogurt
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Turkey sandwich or baked potato
 Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
 Thursday: Turkey gravy w/ whipped potatoes
 Friday: Cook's choice

CASSIA SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served

with each meal.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Oatmeal
 Friday: Cinnamon roll
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Ham
 Tuesday: Taco
 Wednesday: Hamburger
 Thursday: Chili

Friday: Pizza
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Union leaders support troubled Utah miners

Group working for polygamous clan could face immigration problems

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A group of Utah miners could be facing immigration troubles that labor officials claim are an attempt to thwart a union movement in a mine owned by Utah's polygamous Kingston clan.

About 25 Latino workers have been suspended and will be fired if they do not resolve questions on their Social Security numbers and immigration status, according to Co-Op Mine's personnel manager Charles Reynolds. Reynolds said the immigration questions are not related to a pending vote to form a union, which the mining company has been fighting.

"We've been trying to get this information worked out with

these 25 individuals for several months," Reynolds said. "It had nothing to do with their union affiliation or their work status."

But United Mine Workers of America organizer Bob Butero maintains the immigration questions are an attempt to keep the miners from forming a

union. All of the Latinos in question supported affiliating with the UMW, he said. If all are deported, only four or five eligible voters would remain for the Dec. 16 vote, he said.

National UMW president Cecil Roberts demanded the mine's owner, C.W. Mining, produce the federal correspondence ordering the mine to check the workers' status.

"Here we are, less than a week away from a vote for

union representation, and the mine operator has conveniently decided to fire a significant number of the miners who are eligible voters," Roberts said. "C.W. Mining has allowed many of these so-called undocumented workers to labor in the Co-Op Mine for years without questioning the status of their citizenship."

The immigration questions are the latest controversy in a lengthy feud between the min-

ers and their employer. Last month, a federal labor board has barred employees related to the Kingston clan from voting on — and potentially crushing — a move to a new labor union.

Late last year, several dozen coal miners, mostly Latinos, were allegedly fired and locked out of the mine after they protested poor working conditions, low salaries and the lack of benefits.

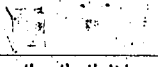
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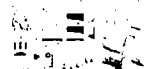
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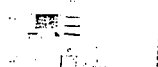
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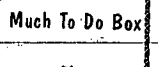
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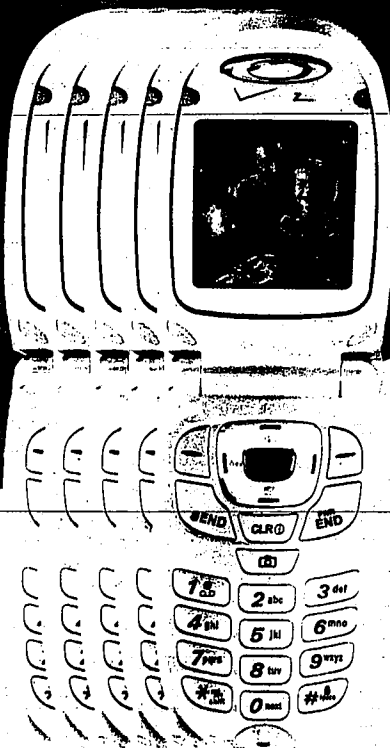


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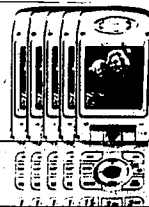
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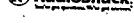
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Coeur d'Alene hospital now offers new back surgery

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The first artificial spinal disc in the Northwest was implanted this week at Kootenai Medical Center in the lower back of a Newman Lake, Wash. woman.

Wilma Turner, a 55-year-old pondie breeder, and horse rancher, had suffered from back pain since a car crash four years ago. Though she tried physical therapy and injections, the pain had slowly become crippling.

Fusing the vertebrae together

seemed to be her only option, she said.

But at the end of October, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first-ever artificial spinal disc. Luckily for Turner, the Kootenai Medical Center happened to have one of the nation's few neurosurgeons trained to install the cobalt steel and high-density plastic device.

The procedure lasted about 90 minutes on Thursday and Turner was up shuffling around

Friday. She said she was looking forward to being able to ride her horses and motorcycles again.

"I have been totally active for my whole life," she said.

Surgeon Jeff Larson said the operation was the first anywhere in the Northwest. But it won't be the last — another is already scheduled for next week, and one of Larson's colleagues in Spokane, Dr. John Shuster, has also been trained in implanting the device.

Eventually, Larson said, the artificial disc could become as common a surgery as implanting artificial knees or hips.

Experts tout a few advantages to the fake disc over traditional fusion surgery. The artificial disc has a faster recovery time and does not limit movement as much as fusing existing discs together, Larson said.

"This is a tremendous advance," Larson said. "It's an exciting time for patients with

back pain."

The Charite Artificial Disc, manufactured by DuPont Spine, is only suitable to replace the lowest two discs of the spine.

About 200,000 Americans need lower lumbar fusion surgery each year, according to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

The artificial device might be work for 20 percent of these cases, Larson said.

Cartilage discs between

spinal vertebrae are often compared with a jelly doughnut — a tough, outer core and squishy center.

The discs lose some of their cushioning ability over time, but traumatic injury or repeated strains speed up the process for millions of Americans, Larson said.

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LITTLE WARRIORS 2

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins hosted a Success Martial Arts Semi-Annual tournament recently at the Twin Falls YMCA. Results follow: Little Warriors 2 Sparring: 1. Matt McFarland; 2. Colton Bankhead; 3. Zachary Holman.



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KIDS CREW 1

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins hosted a Success Martial Arts Semi-Annual tournament recently at the Twin Falls YMCA. Results follow: Kids Crew 1 Sparring: 1. Alex Preinitz; 2. Caril McFarland; 3. Jesse Garcia.



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KIDS CREW 2

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins hosted a Success Martial Arts Semi-Annual tournament recently at the Twin Falls YMCA. Results follow: Kids Crew 2 Sparring: 1. Morgan Clements; 2. Brennen VanDerMeer; 3. Danny Seastrom.



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YOUTH FORCE SPARRING

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins hosted a Success Martial Arts Semi-Annual tournament recently at the Twin Falls YMCA. Results follow: Youth Force Sparring: 1. Wesley Anthony; 2. Matthew Laws; 3. Mike Frank.



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ADULTS SPARRING AND GRAPPLING

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins hosted a Success Martial Arts Semi-Annual tournament recently at the Twin Falls YMCA. Two separate events with the same result: Adults Sparring and Grappling: 1. Nic Houser; 2. James Touchette; 3. Richard Palz.



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KIDS CREW GRAPPLING

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins hosted a Success Martial Arts Semi-Annual tournament recently at the Twin Falls YMCA. Results follow: Kids Crew Grappling: 1. Matt McFarland; 2. Kade Lindback; 3. Spencer Smelser.



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YOUTH FORCE GRAPPLING

Senior Instructor Brian Higgins hosted a Success Martial Arts Semi-Annual tournament recently at the Twin Falls YMCA. Results follow: Youth Force Grappling: 1. Keegan Preece; 2. Wesley Anthony; 3. Masyn Malmstrom.



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OUR SPORTS

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Men continue to roll high scores throughout the valley

TWIN FALLS — As promised here are the high scores bowled, as told to me, for the men from the valley bowling centers.

At the Sunset Bowl in Buhl, Bob Hoch has the high series with a 601 followed by Dick McAtallister 602 and Chadler Hill 581. The high games are at 279 to Charlie Hill and Tom Rhoades. Dale Black has a 274.

The Magic Bowl, Twin Falls, has played key Klassen at the high series of 726. Then it's Jake Smith 715, Ron Dawson 710.



LET'S GO BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

and Leon Klimes at 732. High game is 289 by Richard Ulrich. Leon Klimes at 290, Tai Caputo, Drew Foster and Jake Smith are all tied at 290 and

John Recholozzo has a 285. At the Bow Grove, Twin Falls, a 751 was posted by Dean Dorland followed by Jim Kruse 740, Bob Leazer 746 and Rick Murrow 743. Games are Jim Kruse 300, Rich Farnsworth 289, Cory Moore 289 and Matt Dwy 285. Remember last week I said that the minute you update the honor boards somebody bowls a score that merits being listed. Well, last Tuesday the list was taken to the Bow Grove to update and Tuesday night Rod

Sorenson rolled a 287 game making him 4th on the board for high games. His 704 series placed him 16th for series.

The Jerome Bowl reports Ray Turpin at 769, Troy Harpel 761, Joe Meyer 729 and Dick Sont 722. Dick Sont has the high game of 299 followed by Tony Brass, Ray Turpin, Joe Meyer all at 279 and Troy Harpel at 278.

The Snake River Bowl, Burley, lists Bob Bywater with an 810 series and Tyson Hirsch an 804. Then we have David Warr 762.

Brad Holm 756, Jerry McGregor 740 and Steve Studer 745. They have six 300 games recorded, Tyson Hirsch, Brad Holm, Byron Lager, Shaun Bywater, Jordan Parish and Steve Studer. Brad Holm and David Warr are at 290.

With scores like these posted at mid-season, what do you think year end will be like? Grab that

bowling ball and "Let's Go Bowling!" The next high could be yours!

A recent Adult Youth Turky shoot was held at the Magic Bowl. See the bowling scores for the top places in each division.

Thelma writes a column for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-4357 or by e-mail at tucker@maglink.com

SCORES AND STATS

BOWLING

These are the scores reported from the area bowling centers for the current week.

SUNSET BOWL

MON FIDUCIALS
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 602 - Dick McAtallister
 581 - Chadler Hill

SHOOTOUT
 732 - Leon Klimes
 726 - Jake Smith, Ron Dawson
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 710 - Ron Dawson, Jake Smith

MASSIVE TROPHY
 810 - Tyson Hirsch
 804 - Tyson Hirsch
 762 - David Warr

SENIORS
 756 - Brad Holm
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MIDWINTER BOWL
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SPORTS

Jets, Steelers game has big implications

PITTSBURGH (AP) — This game may not define or validate a season — no, the Jets and Steelers seen long past that. The mere presence of soon-to-be 1300-yard rusher Curtis Martin and Jerome Bettis could make Sunday a special occasion, but then the very teams themselves ensure that.

NFL Game of the Week

The Jets, whose 9-3 record has been matched by only three teams in franchise history, begin a difficult four-game closing stretch that could propel them into the playoffs on a tie-breaker or force them to leave them out depleted to play beyond early next month.

for victory, even one slipup could cost them the potentially decisive home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. To both teams, the choice is simple: win Sunday, or possibly be forced to wait a much more difficult game in January. This is a playoff-style game that will prepare both teams for the playoffs," Pennington said. "We both have a lot at stake. We are trying to solidify our wild-card spot and they are trying to protect home-field advantage. It is important to both teams."

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performance (97-89-6 for season). SPECIAL NOTICE: Only once before have three teams been 11-1 or better — Miami, Denver and San Francisco in 1984. Never have three teams reached 12-1. It could happen Sunday — but it won't. Rest on.

7) at Baltimore (7-5) — Ravens favored by 10. These teams don't start the week works, so we can move on. Quote the Ravens, win by 4.

should tape this game and use it as inspiration whenever they get the temptation to accomplish something. And here's Sunday's essay question, class: "Is it coaching?" It shouldn't take long to turn in your answer. Vikings by 1.

Miami (2-10) at Denver (7-5) — Broncos favored by 11.5. They must hate Peyton. Listen to Earl Interim Coach Jim Bates. "We've got to find out about A.J. As long as he can execute and he's not so crippled he can't play, we're going to play him. Play until you're crippled. That's an inspiring motto. Broncos by 14.

Detroit (5-7) at Green Bay (7-5) — Packers favored by 9.5. And here's the weekly comments by Packer QB Brett Favre on his retirement: "I really don't know. I just don't know. I don't know how I will know. You almost want an answer but then again, you almost don't. Thanks, Brett. But we're out of town. Cheeseheads by 12.

San Francisco (11-1) at Arizona (4-8) — Cards favored by 7. Thousands of good seats still available. Cards by 10.

Chicago (5-7) at Jacksonville (6-6) — Jaguars favored by 7. Things are getting strange with Bear QBs. Chad Hutchinson said: "I'm definitely not the savior," even though I doubt anyone asked. Meanwhile offensive coordinator Terry Shea said of Jeff George: "We're going to allow Jeff to ascend." What? Ascend to where — a higher plane of existence? You guys are creeping me out. Lags by just 3.

New Orleans (4-8) at Dallas (5-7) — Cowboys favored by 7. That "Aints" Coach Jim Haslet is tense or anything but when a reporter asked why his team always looks ill-prepared at the start, Jim snapped: "If you have a suggestion, send it in!" OK, Jim, here's one for the suggestion box: " Hire a better coach." Cowboys by 5.

Philadelphia (11-1) at Washington (4-8) — Eagles favored by 9.5 on Sunday night. Washington QB Clinton Portis wore red socks instead of white last week because: "If you're not looking sweet, you can't play sweet." That cost him five grand and all the socks in the world won't help Sunday. Eagles by 13.

Cincinnati (6-6) at New England (11-1) — Patriots favored by 11. Maybe quarterbacks all over are turning weird. Take Peyton QB Tom Brady, who is worried about fame and being recognized on the streets: "It just takes energy to always feel like you're on stage, like people are always watching you. You poor baby. But cheer up — you could be the Bengals' quarterback. Reclusive Patriots by 15.

Indianapolis (9-3) at Houston (5-7) — Colts favored by 11. Everybody knows what the Colts have been doing. So when QB Peyton Manning was asked, he said: "We're on a little hot streak." OK, throw the flag! That's 15 yards for Disrespectful Conduct. "We're on a little hot streak." Oh, please. The Colts by 14 after Manning stops with 48 TDs so he can break the record at home.

San Francisco (11-1) — Steelers favored by 6. The number that I told you we would not have three teams reach 12-1 for the first time ever? That's because of this game. The jets have the best scoring defense in the league. Meanwhile, Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is due to hit the Rookie Wall right about... now. In a 1nd-10-11 happen-Some-time Upset Special, jets by 2.

Oakland (4-8) at Atlanta (9-3) — Falcons favored by 7.5. Yet another QB guilty of odd behavior — Falcons' Mike Vick, whose name rhymes with Chapstick. And Vick keeps a tube of the lip balm in his helmet while playing, resulting in a forehead injury last week. Is there a full moon? Non-chapped Falcons by just 3.

Seattle (6-6) at Minnesota (7-5) — Vikings favored by 6.5. That's right, this is the "love it or leave it" game of the week because everything smells bad. Members of PUA — Professional Underchievers Association.

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SPORTS

Monty surges into the lead

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Colin Montgomerie passed a big test Saturday, overcoming a few obstinate lulls and a pairing with Tiger Woods to post a 4-under 67 and take a two-shot lead in the Target World Challenge.

Montgomerie was hardly intimidated playing with the tournament host, needing only four holes to put four shots between them on the leaderboard.

And when Jay Haas made a charge into the lead, the 41-year-old Scot responded with a 4-iron into 4 feet for eagle on the par-5 16th and a 9-iron into 8 feet for another birdie on the



Tiger Woods lines up a putt on the seventh hole during the third round of the Target World Challenge, Saturday in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

AP photo

17th to finish at 13-under 200. "There's no satisfaction in beating any player," Montgomerie said. "The satisfaction comes from seeing your name on the top of the leaderboard."

Swetter yet would be seeing it there Sunday afternoon, having Woods hand him the trophy and cashing the \$1.25 million check, the fourth-largest payout.

Woods recovered from a terrible start — 3 over after four holes — with a birdie-par-birdie finish for a 69 that left him two shots behind along with Haas (67) and Jim Furyk, who birdied five of his last six holes for a 67.

Miguel Angel Jimenez had the low round of the day at 66 and was another shot behind. Montgomerie enjoyed the warmth of southern California and the reception from the fans, but not all of them. One man cheered loudly when he missed a birdie at the 12th, and the Scot glared.

"That was uncalled for," Woods said, who hid security talk-to-the fan.

Asked about it later, Monty brushed it off. He was more excited about his play.

Montgomerie is in good position to win his first stroke-play title in the United States. He won the March Flyg Championship in 1998 — the year before it became an official event — and the Skins Game in 2000.

The Target World Challenge doesn't count in the record books, although Montgomerie

surely would take satisfaction out of beating Woods. Vijay Singh and the rest of the elite, 16-man field at Sherwood.

"It's obviously a big mistake he invited me in the first place," Montgomerie said with a laugh.

And given his history being paired with Woods in stroke play — a drubbing at the '97 Masters, a three-hole playoff loss in Germany two years ago — Monty showed he was headed in the right direction.

"If you had said I would shoot 67, I would have walked home — well, not home, but to the hotel," he said. "If you would tell me I'll shoot 67 tomorrow, I'll walk to the airport."

McKenzie takes lead, Lonard four back

MELBOURNE, Australia — Australia's David McKenzie shot an 8-under 64 Saturday to take a two-stroke lead in the Australian Masters, while Peter Lonard was four shots behind in his bid to

become the first player to complete the Australian Slam. McKenzie, who missed carrying a KGB Tour card by a stroke Monday in California, had a 17-under 199 total on the Huntingdale course.

Two-time Masters champion Bradley Hughes of Australia was second after a 68, and defending champion Robert Allenby of Australia was 14 under after a 68.

Cheetham leads Dunhill by a stroke

MALEJANE, South Africa — England's Nick Cheetham had the only bogey-free round Saturday, shooting a 3-under-par 69 that gave him a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the Dunhill Championship.

He was at 8-under 208 in the European tour event. South Africa's David Frost (69) was at 208, with South Africa's Charl Swartzel (70) at 210 and England's Oliver Whitley (72) at 211.

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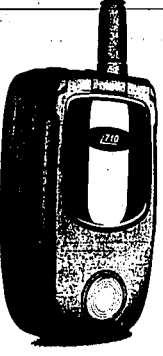
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Section 1D

MEASURING SUCCESS

Entrepreneurial 'success stories' sought help from small business center

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's not easy to start your own small business, and many entrepreneurs learn that lesson the hard way. Having a successful small business takes gallons of blood, sweat and tears, a healthy dose of entrepreneurial spirit — and some good advice along the way.

The entrepreneurs named as regional success stories by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho know when to seek that advice, and they chart their success in different ways.

For an automotive collision repair shop, success means convincing insurance companies to trust your work, even if your business hasn't been open long. The owner of a dog-training business defines success as having the confidence to quit a secure job to promote your niche business as something pet owners can't do without.

Success for the owners of an automotive service business means retaining the loyal customers of a hard-working uncle and improving upon nearly 30 years of quality service.

The ISBDC assisted these small businesses in numerous ways, including helping owners learn bookkeeping techniques, improve upon management skills, fill out loan applications and project future growth. All credited the center with helping them think of details they hadn't even considered.

Center director Bryan Mat-



Earl Scott, co-owner of Twin Falls Wheel & Brake, and his wife, Gretchen, also a co-owner, got help from the College of Southern Idaho's Small Business Development Center when they bought the shop from their uncle last year.

suoka "got me a couple of good contacts," said Barb Carplita, owner of Halley-based dog training business Dogs Play 'n' Train. "They've been a wonderful help."

Recent winners of the ISBDC's "success story" designation have included family-run enterprises, an ethnic food market, an engineering firm, a lodge, a

shipping company, flower merchants, a fence maker, a hearing-aid business and others. Following are the success stories which are the most recent additions to that list.

Times-News business writer
Megan Hinds can be reached at 733-3238 or megan.hinds@lex.net.

Twin Falls Wheel & Brake

- Owners: Earl and Gretchen Scott
- Products and services: Automotive service and repair. The business has been family-owned for 29 years, as the Scotts purchased the business in August 2003 from Gretchen Scott's uncle, Roger Bolton.
- Earl Scott is an Automotive Service Excellence-certified automotive service consultant who specializes in tires, brakes and suspension. The business as a whole specializes in front-end alignments, transmission services, brakes, engine repair work and general automotive maintenance.
- "We're a full-care facility," Gretchen Scott said. "There's a real demand for good work at a fair price."
- Employees: Three, including two technicians and Earl Scott. Gretchen Scott works full-time for the city of Twin Falls and manages the shop's

- books — but she doesn't take home a paycheck from the shop.
- Start-up story: Gretchen Scott declined to disclose terms of the sale of the business. But she said when the Scotts purchased the business from Bolton, they invested in a number of immediate improvements, like cleaning up the property. An auto repair shop can accumulate a lot of stuff after more than 20 years of business, Gretchen Scott said.
- "We got rid of 80 old tires off the site," she said. "And we've cleaned six tons of metal off the lot."
- The Scotts also remodeled the office and created a customer waiting area.
- "It was pretty old-school before," Earl Scott said. "It was like jumping back in time when you walked in."
- CSI center's help: The Scotts turned to the

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Photo courtesy of Small Business Development Center

Jared Povey, left, Clindy Bond of the Small Business Development Center, center, and Justin Simmons, right, stand in the office of Addison Collision Repair Inc. in Twin Falls. Bond advised the men on their purchase of the auto collision-repair shop last year.

Addison Collision Repair Inc.

- Owners: Jared Povey and Justin Simmons
- Products and services: Automotive collision repair. The shop has four paint booths, two laser measuring tools and two frame machines.
- "We fix any wrecked car," Povey said.
- Addison Collision Repair acts as a liaison between customers and insurance companies in performing repairs and handling claims. The shop gets a good portion of its business through referrals by insurance claims adjusters.
- "Anytime someone wrecks their car, it's a stressful situation," Povey said. "We try to make it as stress-free as possible."
- The business focuses on quality repair work at an affordable price, and the owners insist on working with reputable insurance companies, Simmons said.
- "Some insurance companies are all about the dollar, and others are about quality," he said. "We're not going to shortcut on people's cars because we have to live here and see our customers every day. There is an advantage to working with good insurance companies."
- Employees: Eight — mostly technicians — including Povey and Simmons
- Customers: Povey and Simmons said they had to "start from scratch" to attract customers after taking over the business following a foreclosure on the property.
- The shop buys his clientele through "lots and lots of advertising," Povey said. Addison Collision Repair advertisements can be found in the newspaper as well as six to eight local radio stations. The shop sees some repeat customers, but in

- the auto body business, "there's only so many times you can wreck your car," Povey said.
- Start-up story: Povey and Simmons worked together at a local Ford dealership for seven years and planned one day to open their own shop. Povey worked for their shop's previous owner, and when the business was forced to close in July 2003, he and Simmons were first in line to purchase the property.
- Over two years, the duo scraped up \$60,000 in start-up cash to purchase the property and lined up investors to buy the shop's machinery at the foreclosure auction.
- "We got a way smokin' deal on equipment," Povey said.
- The pair remodeled the shop's office — replacing carpet and patching holes — and made the entire building look clean and welcoming.
- "We're one of the few body shops that doesn't look like a body shop," Povey said.
- CSI center's help: Povey and Simmons approached the Small Business Development Center — about a year before the former shop owner's business failed — for help drawing up their plans.
- Director Clindy Bond helped the men draw up a business plan, offered growth projections and helped the pair apply for a line of credit from the federal Small Business Administration. Povey and Simmons ended up not using the line of credit, but it was there "if we needed it," Povey said.
- Measures of success: The business has seen its clientele grow, and Povey said the amount of

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Dogs Play 'n' Train

- Owner: Barb Carplita of Halley.
- Products and services: Obedience training for dogs. Carplita offers several types of training: She'll work one-on-one with dogs and their owners, or she'll take dogs to a canyon near Halley to train alone.
- "I had someone call me a 'dog whisperer,'" she said.
- Carplita operates her business out of her truck, which allows her to travel directly to her customers and transport dogs for training. The mobile business also keeps overhead low and profits high. She charges an average of \$45 per hour.
- Carplita also teaches a dog obedience class at the College of Southern Idaho's Halley campus and trains dogs as an independent contractor for a local invisible-fence dealer.
- Customers: Carplita caters to pet owners in the Sun Valley area and depends on word-of-mouth referrals and recommendations from area veterinarians and pet stores. She has about 20 to 25 regular customers.
- Start-up story: Carplita worked as a public safety dispatcher for the city of Ketchum for years. After becoming a certified dog trainer and completing an apprenticeship with another area dog trainer, she trained dogs part-time for about a year before deciding to leave the city to start her business full-time in May 2003.
- "I've always had a good relationship with animals," Carplita said.
- Choosing to leave a stable city job with a regular paycheck and benefits was nerve-wracking, she said. Start-up costs for the training business included \$25,000 for her truck. She also purchased a laptop computer and a supply of leashes, doggie treats and the like.
- CSI center's help: Carplita and her husband approached the Small Business Development Center for help after being



Photo courtesy of Small Business Development Center

- Barb Carplita, owner of Halley-based dog training business Dogs Play 'n' Train, poses with a dog. Carplita operates her business out of her truck, which allows her to travel directly to her customers.
- encouraged by family and friends to start up the business. Center director Bryan Mat-suoka helped Carplita build a business plan, drew up projections for the growing business and offered encouragement.
- Carplita remains in contact with the center and has been working with Matsuko to establish a Web site.
- "They've been so helpful," she said.
- Measures of success: Carplita said she turned a profit about a year after going full-time and earns almost as much now as she did as a dispatcher. "I started making myself take home a paycheck in June," she said.
- Goals: Carplita and her husband dream of owning and operating a combined pet boarding and training operation, but say the costs of starting a business like that in the Wood River Valley are prohibitive.
- "I just want to keep growing and keep learning," Carplita said.
- Getting in touch: Call Carplita at 720-0138 or 788-4940.

YOUR BUSINESS

NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEES

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News this year honored five employees.

• Kent Schmidt, as employee of the year, received a \$1,000 bonus.

Schmidt holds a bachelor's degree in design, with emphasis on visual communications/illustration from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He joined The Times-News in 1995 and has been creative director for the past five years. He supervises and trains the design staff in creation of on-line, print and electronic advertising for the daily newspaper and its associated publications.

Schmidt and his wife, Christine, live in Twin Falls. The newspaper's employees of the quarter throughout 2004 received \$250 bonuses:

• Kim Patterson, a former Times-News senior sales representative, is now general manager and marketing director at a sister paper, the Wood River Journal, with responsibility for sales development. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of California in Davis. Patterson and her husband, Terry, have two college-age daughters.

• News Editor Christian Draper has a bachelor's degree in communications with a journalism emphasis from Brigham Young University, and he minored in visual arts. Draper came to The Times-News as a page designer in August 2001 and became news editor in May 2004. He and his wife, Valorie, and three children live in Twin Falls.

• Employment advertising specialist Christy Haszler has been with the newspaper's classified sales department since March 2002 and has specialized in "employment" advertising since September 2003. She worked for a newspaper in Rock Springs, Wyo., for two years prior to moving to Twin Falls.

Haszler was born and raised in Boise. She's back in Idaho after 20 years in Wyoming and lives there with her husband and three children.

• Advertising designer Elizabeth Buckway works in The Times-News' main office, also providing graphic training and supervision for the Wood River Journal. Buckway graduated from Shoshone High School in 2000 and from the College of Southern Idaho in December 2001, and she joined The Times-News in August 2002. She lives in Twin Falls.

Karri Wyatt — Karri Wyatt joined the staff at Deagle, Ames & Co.'s Twin Falls office. She will specialize in bookkeeping, payroll and individual tax returns. Wyatt has more than 12 years of bookkeeping experience in the agricultural field, most recently with Agrilence. She can be reached at 734-8932.

Bethany Evans

TWIN FALLS — Bethany Evans joined the staff at the Area IV Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho.



Bethany Evans

She will be a case manager for the eight-county area working with clients 60 years of age and older. Case management helps clients and caregivers obtain benefits, medical services, assistive technology, necessary home modifications or other services to fulfill needs and sustain an independent lifestyle where possible. Evans graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Earl Ward

HAMMETT — The National Auctioneers Association Education Institute said Earl E. Ward, of Ward Auction and Appraisal Services, in Hammett, completed requirements to earn the Graduate Property Appraiser designation offered by the institute.

The requirements for the designation include completion of a two-part educational program including examinations, submission of an acceptable appraisal and experience.

Angelita Ortega

TWIN FALLS — South Central Head Start said Angelita Ortega graduated from the Apprenticeship Program, a collaboration between the Idaho Commerce and Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training and South Central Head Start. Ortega is a family educator at the Cassia Head Start Center in Burley. She completed studies in child development at the College of Southern Idaho and an apprenticeship at both the Cassia and Minidoka Head Start centers.

The apprenticeship program included about 400 hours of on-site training (two years) and classes on curriculum, learning environments, observation and assessments, families and communities, health, safety and nutrition, program planning and development, professional development and leadership.

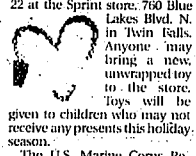
Betty Albee

BUII — Betty Albee joined Taste of Home magazine's field staff of 1,000 home-based practical cooks who help produce each issue by contributing their favorite recipes, food tips, entertaining ideas and regional food-related news. Taste of Home field editors come from every U.S. state and Canadian province and are featured on the magazine's masthead. They were selected after sharing favorite recipes and detailing their enthusiasm for cooking and baking. Field editors such as Albee often receive attention and notoriety from their involvement with the magazine. Gladys DeBoer of Castledale said in the magazine's press release: "Since it became one of the 1,000 home-based editors and shared my potato soup recipe, I've received mail from relatives, friends and strangers alike."

Real estate agents

BURLEY — Jill Wornell and Angelica Castro joined Coldwell Banker Realty in Burley. Wornell has lived in the area for more than 30 years. Wornell can be reached at the office at 425 Overland Ave. in Burley or by calling 878-1751 or 431-3702. Castro has been a Realtor for two years. Castro can be reached at the office or by calling 878-1751.

Sprint and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve are sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive through Dec. 22 at the Spirit store, 760 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.



Anyone can bring a new, unwrapped toy to the store. Toys will be given to children who may not receive any presents this holiday season.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program was created in 1947 and is the Marine Corps premier community action program. Local Toys for Tots campaigns are conducted from October through December in communities nationwide.

First Federal Savings Bank is teaming up with South Central Community Action Partnership for a holiday food drive. There will be collection barrels for nonperishable food items at all of the First Federal Savings Bank locations — four locations in Twin Falls as well as ones in Burley, Rupert and Buhl.

Aviation business moves to M.V. Regional

TWIN FALLS — Mark Doerr, owner of Precision Aviation Inc., recently moved the base of operations for his aviation business, from the Jerome County Airport to the Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls.

Precision Aviation's office is now in the Twin Falls airport terminal building. In addition to a single-engine, five-passenger Cessna Turbo 206, Precision Aviation recently took delivery of a nine-passenger, twin-engine turboprop King Air 200 to replace a previously leased aircraft.

"The move to Twin Falls and the acquisition of the King Air will allow us to better cater to the scheduling needs of our customers through increased aircraft availability and the precise instrument approach capability provided at the Magic Valley Regional Airport," Doerr said.

Precision Aviation offers chartered flights in both single-engine and turboprop aircraft throughout the United States and Canada in addition to aircraft management. Precision Aviation can be reached at 736-1852; it has a Web site at www.paviation.com.

Trinity will move Gooding office to new location

GOODING — Mickey Cockerham of Trinity Transport Inc., a third-party logistics provider based in Bridgeville, Del., with a national account office in Gooding, announced the company will move its Gooding office from 446 Main St. to a newer and larger facility at 215 University Ave.

Trinity Transport provides logistical services by matching shippers and receivers with appropriate modes of transportation. Trinity Transport has 11 employees in Gooding and plans to expand to 30-50 employees within the next two years, a company statement said.

Cockerham is the office manager in Gooding and has been associated with Trinity Transport for three years. He can be reached at 934-9333.

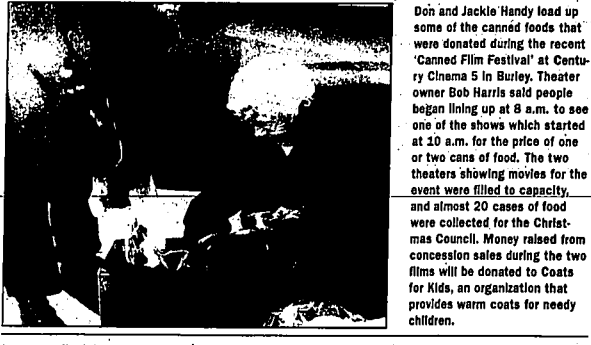
Message business will expand hours in 2005

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Medical Discoveries signs \$3M agreements

TWIN FALLS — Medical Discoveries Inc. announced last week that it has signed agreements for a \$3 million equity private placement consisting of convertible preferred stock and warrants.

The financing is structured to support prospective acquisition of certain biotechnology assets and intellectual property that MDI is pursuing.

CANNED FILM, CANNED FOOD



Don and Jackie Handy load up some of the canned foods that were donated during the recent 'Canned Film Festival' at Century Cinema 5 in Burley. Theater owner Bob Harris said people began lining up at 8 a.m. to see one of the shows which started at 10 a.m. for the price of one or two cans of food. The two theaters showing movies for the event were filled to capacity, and almost 20 cases of food were collected for the Christmas Council. Money raised from concession sales during the two films will be donated to Coats for Kids, an organization that provides warm coats for needy children.

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MILESTONES

Academy of Massage Therapy LLC moved to new location at the beginning of December — in the Professional Plaza at 496F Shoup Ave. W. — and will expand its teaching hours in January.

In operation since September 2003, the business said its first 10 students graduated this fall and are scheduled to take the national certification exam. They are Debby Boyd, Julie Burgess, Stephen DeSolms, Cindy Deuel, Mike Lamper, Kate Leah, Trevor Miller, Cheryl Okelberry, Heather Stone and Kimberly Sutton.

Business director MaryAnn Doshier Hernandez is nationally certified in therapeutic massage and bodywork. She said her state-registered school is recognized by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork and is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association's Council of Schools.

Magic Valley Academy of Massage Therapy offers detailed training in therapeutic massage and bodywork, so that students who successfully complete the program of 600 hours may qualify to take the national certification exam.

Magic Valley Academy of Massage Therapy can be reached at 736-1050 or 877-736-1050.

Serenity Chapel hosts Christmas memorial

TWIN FALLS — Serenity Funeral Chapel will host a community Christmas memorial service at 6 p.m. today.

"The memorial will be a special tribute to loved ones this holiday season," chapel owner/operator Heidi Heli said. For information call Serenity at 733-0991 or Heli's cell phone at 404-4321. A Spanish-speaking interpreter is available at 404-4125.

Serenity opened its doors earlier this month at 2158 Fourth Ave. E. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at the chapel at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting Oct. 12 to celebrate the grand opening of Sabla's Tips, Tans, Toes and Hair at 202 Shoshone St. E. Pictured from left are associate Rochelle Shank, owner Jodie Sabla and associate Janie Dally. Not pictured are associates Becky Nelson and Brandon Tesch. The store can be reached at 733-0307.



Marlon's Massage for Body, Mind and Spirit celebrates becoming a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 2. The store is at 132 Main Ave. S., Suite B, and can be reached at 734-5196. Cutting the ribbon is owner Marlon Wallace.



A ribbon cutting is held at Nashua Homes Maughan Construction to celebrate its new membership in the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The store, at 23340 U.S. Highway 30, has manufactured homes on display. It can be reached at 733-5000. Sales manager Doug Brown, left, and owner Jim Maughan cut the ribbon.

The funding is contingent on the company closing the acquisition of intellectual property from a biotechnology company. Formed in 1991, MDI is a publicly traded development-stage biopharmaceutical research company engaged in developing its patented anti-infective technology.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

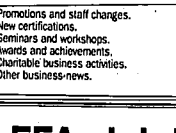


Or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 733-0931, Ext. 242, Fax 877-4543 or 734-5538

CAREER MOVES

Lance W. Clow — Lance W. Clow, a financial adviser with American Express Financial Advisors, was among a select group of advisers invited to the National Retirement Symposium, Oct. 13-15, that focused on strategies and technology for helping people achieve financial security with retirement.

education and volunteering. But, said Dychtald, because of increases in life expectancy, consumers need a financial wake-up call to start planning, so they don't "outlive" their retirement savings.



Lance Clow

Clow has been providing financial planning services and advice for 14 years in the Twin Falls area. His office is at 1025 Shoshone St. N., Suite 5.

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New BSE twist rankles cattlemen

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's transparency policy continues to be debated in the aftermath of November's announcement of an inconclusive BSE test result.

Now, opponents — and supporters alike — have a new bone to pick with the agency. "After USDA knew on November 22 that the 'gold-standard' test at the Ames, Iowa National Veterinary Services Laboratory came up negative, USDA chose to violate its own policy by withholding this information, which was soon leaked," said Bill Bullard, Ranchers-Cattlemen's Action Legal Fund USA chief executive officer. "Instead, the agency conducted a press test and waited an additional 24 hours to go public with information critically important to the industry."

Bean growers cash in on N.D. crop damage

BUILI. — Magic-Valley growers with open-market beans are enjoying vastly better prices for pinto beans this year because of a frost that damaged North Dakota's crop, officials said.

"Pinto beans are fetching about \$30 per hundredweight for valley growers, according to Keith Shark of Targen Inc. bean dealership in Buil. And pinks and small reds are both bringing farmers \$22-\$23 per hundredweight, he said.

"That's a little higher than it's been," Shark said. "It looks like they've stabilized and pretty much are going to hold these levels through the first of the year at least."

He said the extensive frost damage in mid-August to the bean crop in North Dakota, which easily produces more beans than any other state, was the biggest reason for the price increase here.



Cattlemen on both sides of the fence on USDA's policy regarding releasing results of inconclusive BSE tests are taking issue with the agency's inconsistency of protocol.

Spud-growers movement gains momentum

IDAHO FALLS. — In a bold move, the founding members of United Fresh Potato Growers of Idaho, with 100 percent commitment, have voted to move their own full commitment date to Jan. 17. This is two weeks before the general memberships in-or-out date, said Dave Breesley, secretary of the new co-op.

The expanded board of directors is working rapidly and tirelessly to iron out acreage control and supply management details, he said.

"These two points seem to be the most difficult to define to everyone's satisfaction. The board realizes the need for possible expansion of the individual operations or the acreage fluctuations due to rotation of crops. These problems have to be addressed while understanding and pro-

tecting the limits of our market," he added.

United Fresh Potato Growers of Idaho represents more than 80 percent of all acres dedicated to fresh potatoes in the state of Idaho committed under membership agreements and the agreements continue to flow in version of the Conservation Reserve Program that would help conserve ground water by voluntarily idling acres is inching closer to reality.

A team is working to develop a proposal that should be out for public comment by the end of this year and must have the approval of the Idaho Legislature by the end of the 2005 session. Then the governor must send a letter to the U.S. Agriculture Secretary

Ground water plan would idle thirsty acres

TWIN FALLS. — An expanded

Financial advisers agree that families who think carefully about how to pay for an aging parent's care will have more options.

"Money can be a touchy subject in any family — children are afraid to pry and parents value their privacy," says Kevin Pitman of American Express Financial Advisors in Addison, Texas. "Still, I can't emphasize enough the importance of coming up with a financial plan as early as possible."

Here are some points that experts say adult children should cover when they sit down with Mom or Dad to talk about their financial future and Alzheimer's care.

Be tactful.

Virginia Morris, author of "How to Care for Aging Parents," advises tread carefully when you raise the issue of managing your parent's money.

"Letting someone else take charge of your finances is a clear indication you're losing control of your life," she says. "It can be demeaning and hurt your self-esteem. Children must be mindful of that and always act respectfully."

Put one person in charge.

Elder law attorney Janet Boyanton of DeSoto, Texas, says your parent should execute a document known as a durable power of attorney, which gives another person the legal authority to choose the legal authority to act on his or her behalf until death. An attorney can help with the paperwork.

Boyanton advises against delay. If your parent becomes mentally incapacitated, you

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

before the plan can be adopted and the Farm Service Agency can begin taking applications.

If the plan doesn't run into any problems, producers should be able to sign up for the Conservation Reserve Expanded Program by late next summer.

The goal of the proposal is to conserve ground water.

American Hereford group honors Buhi cattlemen

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The American Hereford Association recently rolled out the red carpet to honor Frank Rodgers and Sons of Buhi, Idaho and other operations that have stood the test of time and are dedicated to the Hereford-breed-Golden-and Century breeders. American Hereford cattlemen have been breeding registered Hereford cattle for more than 50 and 100 years. Honorees, family and friends were recently treated to an open house and reception at the AHA headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., and were recognized at the AHA annual membership meeting there.

More than 400 Hereford families were honored as either a member of the American Hereford Association Golden or Century Award-Recipient. Each honoree has maintained an interest in the Hereford breed from 50-100 years and continues to remain active within the association.

Debit cards become preferred payment choice

By Mary Ann Milbourn
The Orange County Register

When Palmirín Pérez goes shopping, she will not leave behind it. It's not the American Express card.

Pérez takes her debit card to pay for everything she buys, including the sweater she bought at Westfield Mall in Santa Ana, Calif., and cannot imagine paying any other way.

"It takes (the money) directly out of my checking account," said Pérez, 30, of Union City, N.J., who is visiting in Orange County, Calif. "I never have to worry about credit."

Pérez is one of millions of Americans, especially younger consumers, who increasingly favor debit cards over other forms of payment.

A recent Harris Poll conducted for Visa USA showed when it comes to buying an article of fall clothing, such as a sweater or jeans, nearly half of the 1,552 people surveyed said they would most likely to use a debit card. Among 18- to 34-year-olds such as Pérez, 54 percent said they would use debit cards.

"That's what we're seeing across the board," said Seth Eiken, a Visa spokesman. "More and more people are using debit cards for purchases."

Debit cards, which electronically deduct money directly from a consumer's checking account, are just one more example of how modern technology is changing the way people handle their money.

"Because of their convenience, and widespread acceptance by merchants, debit cards are rapidly becoming the new cash. In fact, for the first time last year, cash and checks accounted for less than half the payments on consumer purchases," according to a study by the American Bankers Association and Boston-based Dove Consulting Group. Just five years ago, they made up 57 percent of payments.

"During the same period, the study said, debit-card transactions increased from 21 percent five years ago to 31 percent as of last year."

Luis Gonzalez, 23, and his wife Vanessa, 22, of Orange, are dedicated debit-card users.

"They are easy to carry — you don't have to carry money around," said Gonzalez. "It's also easier to track receipts. You can go home and check your account online."

However, they did not use their debit card, because of a fear that disputed debit-card transactions from credit cards that are linked directly to the consumer's bank account so the money is immediately deducted.

Fastest payment method

Which payment type gets customers through the checkout line fastest?

Payment method	Age 18-34	Age 35-44	Age 45-54	Age 55+	All ages
Cash	39%	47%	49%	58%	50%
Debit-card	38%	38%	30%	20%	29%
Credit card	18%	10%	13%	13%	15%
Check	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	8%	5%

Preferred payment method

If you were buying a single article of clothing, which payment methods would you be most likely to use?

Payment method	Age 18-34	Age 35-44	Age 45-54	Age 55+	All ages
Debit card	54%	53%	48%	37%	48%
Credit card	17%	24%	23%	37%	28%
Cash	23%	18%	19%	16%	20%
Check	5%	5%	10%	10%	3%
Other*	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%

"We don't get paid until Friday," Luis Gonzalez said. "People like the Gonzalezes are being good consumers by keeping track of the balance in their checking account," said Sally Antweiler, spokeswoman for Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Orange County. Unfortunately, not everyone is so vigilant.

"There's a really big chance of losing track (of purchases)," she said.

"Then you either end up with an overdraft fee or if you have overdraft protection, it takes the extra money out of your savings account, which depletes your savings."

Ceri Detweiler, president of Ultimate Credit Solutions Inc. and author of "The Ultimate Credit Handbook," said consumers also need to watch out for online pitfalls when using debit cards.

"The biggest thing is that if you're a victim of fraud, how fast do I get my money back into my (banking) account?" said Detweiler, who works on a debit-card project with Bank of America last year.

Consumers should monitor their accounts closely for any unauthorized transactions, she said. If your card is lost or stolen, you may also be liable for the first \$50 in losses. With the Visa check card, there is no liability.

Fees are also an issue. Some banks and retailers charge fees

for some debit-card transactions, so make sure you know how much it is going to cost, Detweiler advised.

Unlike credit cards, some debit-card companies also do not provide consumer protection for disputed purchases. If you are dealing with a local merchant and want to return something, that may not be a big problem, said Detweiler, but if a purchase is out of town or online, you may want to think twice about using a debit card.

Despite the convenience of debit cards, "I travel and lot, so I use my credit card for mileage rewards," said Toni Burnsfield, 41, of Orange, Calif.

Others like to take advantage of the 20- to 30-day grace period before payment that they get by using a credit card rather than the instantaneous debit from their checking account.

The Visa surety, however, showed cash still is king when it comes to one thing — checkout lines.

Of those surveyed, half voted for cash as the fastest way to check out, while only 29 percent saw debit cards as the quickest way to get-out-the-door.

"We can all appreciate that," said a Visa spokesman. "There's nothing more irritating than being behind someone in line who pulls out their check-book."

Planning can help families cope with Alzheimer's

By Bob Moses
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS. — Sharon Melver spends a good part of her days stretching her 86-year-old mother's dollars as far as she can. In the morning, the Dallas woman looks for sales on personal items her mother needs. After lunch, she makes a call to dispute an unusually large medical bill. And by evening, she has searched for the highest interest rate for her mother's bank certificates.

"It's as if I was running two households," she explains. "It overweighs me some days."

That's a common feeling among people who care for parents with Alzheimer's disease. Adult children like Melver should many tasks as caregivers, but overseeing their parents' finances can be among the most difficult.

The bills are staggering — they average \$25,000 annually for home care and \$50,000 per year for nursing homes. And financial resources often are limited — Medicare doesn't pay for long-term care.

Alzheimer's patients with retirement nest eggs can exhaust their savings within several years.

After having her mother live with her, Melver moved her to an assisted-living center this spring.

"I just couldn't keep her with me anymore," she says. "Her dementia had become too severe."

Melver's mother pays for her \$118-a-day room with her savings and Social-Security check. Yet as hard as Melver tries to stretch those dollars, she expects her mother to run out of money within three years.

bad news — Medicare will cover hospital stays but not extended care.

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"After that," the daughter predicts, "her only option will be to go on Medicaid."

Managing the money of aging parents is always a big responsibility, but it's especially true of Alzheimer's patients. Sons and daughters can't talk finances with parents whose mental faculties have dimmed. A person with Alzheimer's lives an average of eight years and sometimes as long as 20 after the onset of symptoms.

Geriatric care manager Kay Paggi of Richardson, Texas, has found that families often don't understand the financial implications when a parent is diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"Every week I hear from sons or daughters who think Medicare will cover their parent's long-term care," she says. "It's up to me to tell them the

may need to go through the cumbersome process of gaining legal guardianship to manage financial affairs.

Gather important documents and make a list of questions.

Paggi says providing for your parent's care requires having a full understanding of the financial assets and liabilities.

Assets include checking and savings accounts, Social Security income, certificates of deposit, stocks and bonds, real estate deeds, insurance policies and annuities, pension benefits, credit card debts, home mortgages and loans, and so forth. And don't forget your parent's legal documents, including wills and living wills.

Ask some basic questions. And consider consulting professionals.

What are your parent's current financial needs and potential needs?

Morris says most families try to keep a parent with Alzheimer's at home as long as possible, hiring home care aides to help. But for many a nursing home eventually becomes necessary.

Is your parent-able-to-pay-for that care?

Calling on a financial adviser or geriatric care manager may help in answering those questions and identifying community resources to defray the expenses.

Think long and hard before cracking into your own nest egg. Paggi says she often hears clients who spend their own retirement nest eggs on their parents' care. "There's no right or wrong choice — everyone needs to make the decision that works best for him," she says.

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GAP insurance can lessen loss

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DALLAS — Before her teenage daughter totaled the 2001 Lexus IS 300, Susan Jones-Knappe had not even heard of so-called GAP auto insurance.

But she has now — unfortunately.

"I've had a very bad experience not having it," says Knappe, a women's finance author and chief creative strategist at a Dallas advertising agency.

GAP stands for Guaranteed Auto Protection and covers the gap between the actual cash value settlement from your insurance company in the event of a loss and what you owe on your vehicle loan or lease.

Imagine you save \$35,000 on your new car and it is stolen or totaled. Your insurance company tells you your car is worth \$27,000, leaving you with an \$8,000 "gap" you have to cover to pay off your loan.

With GAP insurance, you would not have to pay that \$8,000 out of your own pocket.

Not everyone needs such coverage. You only need it if you are putting little or no money down on your car purchase.

Many vehicle owners are "upside down," or owe more on their cars than they are worth because of depreciation.

"When you buy a car and if you put no cash down, as soon as you drive it off the car lot, you're at least 20 percent upside down," said Phillip Reed, consumer advice editor at Edmunds.com, a car-buying Web site.

"By the end of the first year, your car will have depreciated as much as 35 percent, depending on how well the car holds its value."

The reason a car depreciates so quickly is the transaction has changed.

Essentially, the sale goes from being a dealer-to-consumer transaction to either a trade-in or private-party sale. In this new transaction, you lose tax, license, registration and destination charges you cannot charge when reselling it.

All those elements create the instant depreciation, which is most intense in the early years of vehicle ownership.

A crucial point to remember: Even though your car is worth less down the road, you still

owe the full value of your loan.

In Knappe's case, the gap was \$4,000.

"There is a \$4,000 difference between what I owe on the car and what the insurance is willing to pay, which is a very big deal," she says.

Knappe has hired an independent appraiser to assess the value of her car.

Insurance tips

When considering GAP or Guaranteed Auto Protection, coverage:

- Consider buying the insurance if you owe more than the depreciated value of your vehicle, known as being "upside down."
- Determine the market value of your vehicle by going to car information Web sites such as www.edmunds.com and www.kbb.com.
- Ask your insurance company how it will determine the value of your car or truck in the event of a loss.
- Ask the dealer during negotiations whether it offers GAP insurance, and if so, what it covers and how much it costs.

Dealerships and other lenders offer premium rates based on the value of the vehicle and the length of the loan, Montemayor said. "GAP insurance should at least be a consideration for new-car buyers, especially given what you could lose in a worst-case scenario."

What you want to avoid is a situation where you are still paying off your car, even though the car is gone — either totaled or stolen.

Realize how you buy your car determines whether you need GAP insurance.

Put down as much as you can when purchasing your vehicle. That way, you build equity faster.

"If you've structured the deal to the point where you're going to be thousands of dollars upside down in this vehicle for years, this is an insurance that you want to participate in," said Charlie Vogelheim, executive editor of the Kelley-Blue-Book-a-car-buying guide.

With today's long-in-the-

market, GAP insurance is even more critical because the "residual value" — the leasing company's prediction of what the car will be worth at the end of the lease — may not be in line with the actual market value of the vehicle.

What is more, a lease assumes a low or no down payment, and consumers wanting to lease often have no trade-in.

In a lease, if your car is totaled, you owe the difference between what you have paid and what you owe on the balance of the lease.

Many leasing companies require the GAP coverage to protect the financial interests of the lessor, said Paul Taylor, chief economist of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

"If you have GAP insurance and your car is totaled or stolen, let by your insurance company.

Some companies require you to continue making loan payments on your totaled car until the money from the GAP insurance is paid out," according to Edmunds.com.

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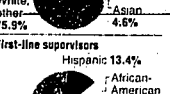
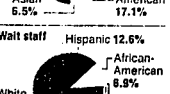
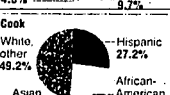
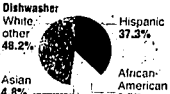
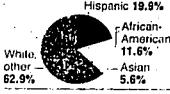
Restaurants use technology to serve employees' appetite to learn

By Karen Robinson-Jacobs
The Dallas Morning News

Kitchen ethnicity

U.S. restaurant workers, by ethnic group, in 2003

All food service workers



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DALLAS — Huddled around three laptops in a small Dallas restaurant, a handful of Spanish-speaking employees toyed with an online program that teaches English.

"I want to grow in the business," said Rodolfo Adilla, a 25-year-old native of Mexico who works for the owner of the three-stack restaurant.

He and other U.S. restaurant workers are potential beneficiaries of a new restaurant industry approach to teaching English — one more convinced on technology, from online programs to toy-inspired touch-pads.

"Technology provides a key element of flexibility," said Tom Landis, who owns seven city-franchised restaurants including Texadelphia, where the classes are held. "It just could."

The new tech-focused attempt is designed to deal with a major challenge for the \$44 billion restaurant industry: too many workers who speak too little English, and there are too few effective options for change.

In the last six years, Padilla has progressed from bushy at one restaurant to manager of Landis' Pizza Patron restaurant in Plano, Texas — his rise facilitated by studying English.

Landis will help Padilla and others continue that quest via the Internet using a program called the Rosette Stone, which teaches basic vocabulary and restaurant-specific concepts.

Meanwhile, Dallas-based Brinker International Inc. is launching one of the largest initiatives combining technology and English lessons.

In February, the nation's second-largest casual-dining company plans to launch an at-home program called Sed de Saber (roughly "thirst for knowledge" in Spanish).

Workers will use durable interactive touch-pads, similar to the popular Leap Frog toy, to learn restaurant terms.

They will study Mexican novella to learn restaurant terms and concepts in English, said Jose Gomez, director of diversity for Brinker. More than a third of Brinker's roughly 95,000 restaurant employees are Hispanic.

Until recently, most businesses have focused on traditional methods for teaching English, including grammar-heavy classroom instruction, often taught at community colleges or offered through them.

Hundreds of workers still learn English in traditional programs, such as the one launched recently in Dallas by Denver-based Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc.

"I am taking classes to better myself," said Herlinda Sanchez, who was practicing v's and b's in one such program.

Now a cashier at Chipotle, the 34-year-old native of Mexico City said in Spanish she hopes to learn enough English to resume her career as an accountant.

all conversations are in Spanish.

That has turned some restaurants into virtual Babel, where front-line managers are unable to effectively communicate with their migrant staffers, and workers are unable to advance.

Brinker is putting the money into the LeapFrog-based system, which it tested for several weeks in July with 15 workers in California, Texas and Florida.

Working at home, the employees learned how to complete forms, understand work schedule and other necessary skills by touching an electronic tablet to the restaurant-focused workbooks.

"Actually, it was better than sliced bread," Gomez said of the test. "The operators were amazed with the response."

During the test, families got in some cases large neighborhood groups, gathered around the tablet-sized pads to help improve their own English, Gomez said.

Based on the test results, Brinker has purchased 200 touch-pads, at \$225 each. Brinker may buy more next year.

Funded in part by the Coca-Cola Co., Sed de Saber was developed by Retention Education LLC, a workforce development company based in Newport Beach, Calif.

Founder Bill Groux said he has more than 25 customers, including Compass Group, a food-service company in Charlotte, N.C., and Outback Steakhouse Inc. of Tampa, Fla.

Landis started his tech project on a much smaller scale.

Based on an initial \$14,000 grant last year from the NBC Foundation to purchase the three laptops, outfit a restaurant with a wireless data network and secure licenses to Texas State.

Students begin the program by trying to properly identify basic vocabulary words such as "girl" and "dog," then progress to more restaurant-specific terminology, said Byron Killen, regional sales manager for the product at Fairfield Language Technologies of Harrisonburg, Va.

Employees can access the program from any computer and get extra help from restaurant staff members and from the Dallas-based Bill J. Priest Institute for Economic Development.

"The restaurant associations' educational foundation has endorsed a language-education program called the Daily Dose, from Daily Dose Language Systems Inc., based near Salt Lake City.

It is somewhat less technology-oriented, featuring posters and flashcards, and training for the instructor on videos and DVDs.

But in January, Daily Dose will launch an online incarnation that eventually may take the place of the printed materials, said president Adrian Escalante.

"We're going to use a number of tools," said Escalante, "one of which is technology."

Teens need to embrace ID protection

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW-YORK — Young people, particularly teenagers, are at a higher risk than mature folks for identity theft.

Experts at the Quest 2004 Summit on Protecting Teens from Identity Theft found that teens tend to be more careless about sharing personal information, especially on the Internet.

So teenagers, here are some tips to help you keep your identity safe:

Be smart online. Since most identity theft is perpetrated on the Internet, learn about the scams out there. Don't give away personal information. Don't respond to e-mails asking for such personal information, even if they appear to be from a legitimate source.

If you like to shop online, make sure you're on a secure Web site.

Know what can be used to steal your identity. Your Social Security number, driver's license, bank account and credit information are all important to protect. But even seemingly trivial information can give thieves or scammers an edge. Visit www.privacyactionism.org, where the game "Carabella Goes to College" will show you how your personal information can be manipulated.

Guard your personal information. Coaches, teachers, employers or other adults might ask for your Social Security number or additional personal information. Ask why it is needed, how it will be used and how the adult will protect it from theft. If you don't think the information is necessary, don't be afraid to say no.

Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Don't lend your driver's license, Social Security card, or other form of personal identification to anyone — even your best friend.

Check your credit. If you have a bank account or a credit card, review your statements for irregularities every month. Ask your parents about ordering your one free credit report each year from a credit-reporting agency. The report will list all credit accounts, loans and other debts in your name.

Talk to your parents about identity theft. They also play an important role in keeping your identity safe. Ask what precautions your parents have taken and what other measures you might take yourself.

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Wheel

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Small Business Development Center before purchasing the business. Director Cindy Bond worked with the Scots to give them the business, discuss financing options and project the business potential growth.

Bond also helped the couple determine a fair price to offer for the property, Gretchen Scott said.

- Measures of success: The Scots retained nearly all of Bolton's repeat customers after

buying the shop and have increased since through word-of-mouth, Gretchen Scott said.

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Repair

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monthly work for the shop has grown 100 percent in a year and a half. Povey and Simmons both take home regular paychecks, but much of the shop's earnings are reinvested. Both men earn less than they used to but say the sense of ownership is worth it.

"We both knew what we were getting into when we started," Povey said.

A true mark of achievement for the shop was when Povey and Simmons persuaded several insurance companies to contract

with the shop after the shop had been in operation less than a year. Traditionally, insurance companies wait for a business to be open at least a year before contracting to refer customers, Simmons said.

"That achievement can be attributed to the owners' persistence and the shop's dedication to quality."

"If we do a lot of work with a particular company, they're forced to stop back and evaluate our work," he said. "There are a lot of good insurance companies out there. We seek out

those companies."

Goals: Povey and Simmons hope to build on their steady stream of business and get the shop working up to full capacity, while keeping up training and "staying on the cutting edge."

"We want to continue to offer the best quality service we can," Simmons said. "We're here for the long haul ... we want to be here for the next 25 years."

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Risks increase for U.S. troops as Iraqi elections approach

Soldiers fight against unseen enemy

The Washington Post

up positions behind Stryker's... Keeping curious Iraqis away with shouts and menacing waves of their rifles.

Inside one Stryker, a medic, bandaged the left arm of Sgt. Chauncey Spogner, who was suffering from arterial bleeding.

Angry and frustrated over Spogner's wounding, nine soldiers headed into another Stryker and vowed revenge, pushing out the back hatch moments later, the men stormed a three-story building where they suspected insurgents might be.

The convoy rolled, spinning around the Yarmouk circle in thinning traffic. "I just wasn't ready for that," said Sgt. Christopher Mize, 20, of Glendale, Calif., referring to the ambush as the Stryker buzzed along.

Moments later, a chest-thumping blast rocked the Stryker's 19 tons, and black smoke obscured the blue sky above the open hatch. Sgt. Donald Kraft, a 22-year-old from Stockton, Calif., who had been standing in the hatch, dipped into the dusty Stryker with a slightly blackened face.

After criticizing them sharply only moments earlier, the U.S. soldiers now set about busily bandaging the terrified Iraqis, who lay on the narrow strip of floor between benches or hunched up under the control panel. One held his head in blood dripping off the tip of his nose into a dark mustache in his hand. He stared at the floor,

The wounded pressed into the Stryker, and the whole team shifted to make space. This correspondent tied a bandage around the head of one Iraqi, who soon after went into shock. His black vinyl jacket had been singed by the blast and smoldered in the Stryker. I doused a small flame with my hands. Blood splattered onto the floor, staining my pants and the carpet.

The U.S. soldiers gave the Iraqi guardsmen water and tried to calm them down. But they shared no common language, and so gratitude was expressed in different ways. One guardsmen, bleeding from behind his ear, tried to kiss Mize on the cheeks. The young soldier pulled away.

Mortar rounds began landing within 30 yards of the Strykers, keeping U.S. soldiers from retrieving what appeared to be the body of an Iraqi guardsmen still inside the flaming truck. U.S. officials said later that a dozen guardsmen had been wounded — several critically — but some soldiers said the one that remained inside the truck was dead.

A half-hour later, the Strykers reached an Army field hospital where doctors awaited the wounded as they limped off or were carried out of the vehicles. The U.S. soldiers loaded back up, restocking the convoy with ammunition and bandages. After a 10-minute break for cigarettes and PowerBars, the men ducked into the Strykers again and headed back to the traffic circle, searching.

In the past month, more than 160 bodies have been discovered in and around Mosul, the commercial and cultural heart of northern Iraq. Many of them are believed to be the mutilated

remains of U.S.-trained Iraqi National Guardsmen, an often tough if unskilled force struggling alongside U.S. troops.

U.S. military officials say only several hundred U.S.-trained police officers remain in this city of 1.2 million people after three-quarters of the force dissolved in the face of insurgent attacks a month ago. Ideally U.S. officials say 4,000 to 5,000 police officers would be on the force by election day. But they acknowledge that they will be lucky to have 1,200 by then, stationed in a series of desolate compounds manned now by squads of U.S. soldiers.

Earlier this week, one U.S. soldier was severely wounded when mortars rained down on a battered station in west Mosul, the volatile Arab half of a city with a sizable Kurdish population. "The security is going to have to come from the Iraqi National Guard because the police force is absolutely incapable," said Lt. Col. Erik Kurilla, 38, of Minneapolis, commander of the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Division's 1st Brigade, which is responsible for west Mosul. "We're going to be the guys behind the scenes with the big stick."

The insurgency's campaign against Iraqi security forces, steady strikes against U.S. troops and blanket threats against Iraqis who participate in the elections have set back planning for the vote. Every Iraqi who received monthly food rations under Saddam Hussein — roughly 80 percent of the voting-age population — is automatically registered. But Kurilla and other U.S. officials say information about the elections, which will select a 275-member National Assembly that will appoint a new government and oversee the drafting of a constitution, has hardly reached any Mosul residents.

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Pump housing caused oil spill

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Turns out the "pipe" that punctured a Greek tanker last month and caused a massive oil spill on the Delaware River wasn't a pipe after all.

Dozens of engineers and other experts said Friday that the large hunk of iron the Coast Guard hauled out of the water Thursday was the top half of the housing of a large centrifugal pump.

The housing could have come from a dredging operation or a water or sewage plant, they said. How it got to the bottom of the Delaware, however, remained a mystery.

"It's not something that you have to put under a microscope and say, 'Ah, it's this.' It's obvious," said Frederick Blum, a mechanical engineer with Paul Zamrowski Associates Inc. in Bryson, Pa. "Any engineer knows what it is. The real interesting question, in my opinion, is: How did it get there, whose is it?"

But the Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard were mum Friday on the "metal object" and its origins.

"Everybody I talk to has got an opinion about this," said Merv Brukke, an Army Corps of Engineers spokesman. "We're going to let the investigative team take a look at it and let them study it and let them come up with their conclusions."

The pump housing was taken to a Coast Guard facility in Philadelphia on Thursday for evaluation, but officials there had no new information to release Friday.

"It comes to a point where my hands are tied until my guys say, 'This is what it is and this is what we know,'" said Petty Officer Kimberly Smith, a spokeswoman for the Coast Guard.

When the object was discovered sticking up from the bottom of the Delaware earlier this week, the Coast Guard described it as a cast-iron pipe.

No matter what the label, investigators believe the object pierced the hull of the Athos 1 as the tanker was maneuvering toward the Citgo Petroleum Corp. refinery in West Deptford Township, N.J., on Nov. 26.

Judge OKs settlement in gun shop case

SEATTLE (AP) — A judge has signed off on a \$2.5 million settlement between relatives of Washington, D.C.-area sniper victims and a gun shop and weapon maker connected to the shootings.

In the settlement reached in September, Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma agreed to pay \$2 million to two survivors and six families related to the victims of snipers John Allen Muhammad and Lee-Boyd Malvo. Gun manufacturer Bushmaster Firearms of Wingham, Maine, agreed to pay the remaining \$500,000.

Bushmaster made the weapon used in the shootings, which the pair reportedly stole from Bull's Eye. The families' lawsuit alleged that the shop's owners were negligent in allowing that gun and others to disappear, and that Bushmaster was at fault for shipping the gun to an irresponsible dealer.

It marked the first time a gun manufacturer has agreed to pay damages to settle claims of negligent distribution of weapons, according to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, which helped the families file the lawsuit.

Judge Frank E. Cuthbertson approved the settlement Dec. 5 in Tacoma, though his order was filed under seal, the court said Friday.

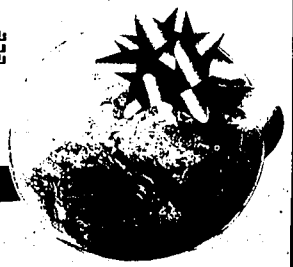
Sonia Wills, the mother of victim Conrad Johnson, said \$2.5 million "is nothing."

"They know they're worth more than that," she said Friday. "This money will never bring my son back. It will never bring back any of the loved ones that were taken."

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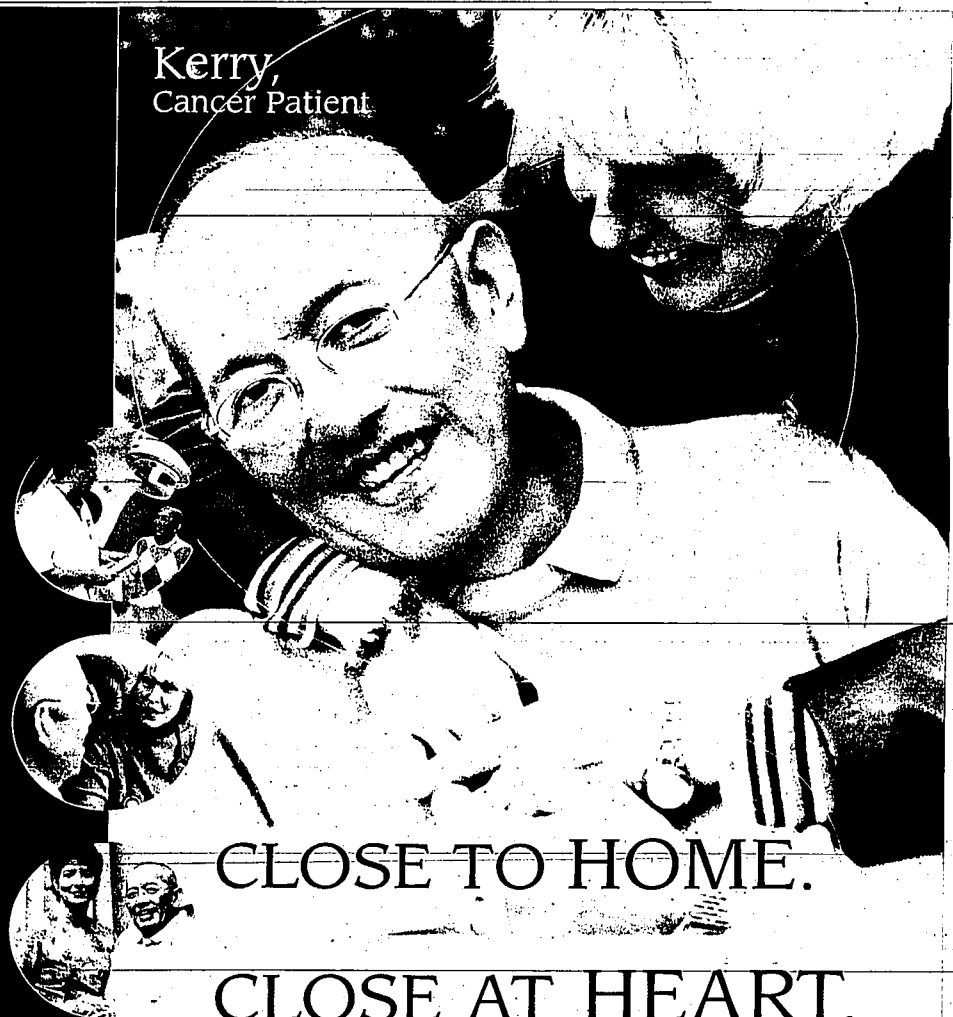


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Survey shows more teenagers are postponing sex

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — American teenagers are waiting longer to engage in sexual intercourse and an overwhelming majority of those who are sexually active report using contraception, according to a new, comprehensive, well-respected government survey released Friday.

The report examining youth behavior found that more young men in particular have postponed sex — 46 percent were sexually active in 2002

compared to 56 percent in 1995 — and 91 percent of males who had sex in the previous three months used contraception.

For the first time since the government began its National Survey of Family Growth in 1973, more girls (47 percent) say they have had sex than boys (46 percent). Girls also report a high use of contraceptives (83 percent).

In many cases, researchers found, teens are using two types of contraception, such as the pill and a condom, in an effort to reduce the likelihood of

pregnancy and a sexually transmitted disease such as AIDS.

"The news is almost all positive," said Bill Albrit, spokesman for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "This data clearly underscores teens are being a bit more cautious about sex. This is a real sea change."

The data comes amid a ferocious debate over the value of abstinence-only education, an approach President Bush has backed with \$170 million in federal funding next year. Friday, both

supporters and detractors of abstinence-until-marriage programs claimed the report validated their sharply differing views. More neutral academics said the positive trends most likely reflected a combination of abstinence education and instruction on safer sex that have resulted in the notable decline in risky sexual behavior.

"They are both having an impact," said Douglas Kirby, a PhD and senior research scientist at ETR Associates, which focuses on health policy. "In

today's polarized world, the very important message is that this [data] is not just abstinence-only or contraception."

In preparing its analysis, the National Center for Health Statistics interviewed nearly 3,000 teenagers in one-on-one conversations in the home. Researchers praise the periodic survey as one of the most authoritative sources on adolescents, in part because it reaches teens in and out of school and measures not only attitudes but specific behaviors.

Mystery shots turn out to be vaccine

Knight Ridder News Service

SE. PMH, Minn. — The mystery shots injected into Augsburg College students last week turned out to be flu vaccine after all.

Tests of vials confiscated during the arrest of licensed practical nurse Michelle Torgerson reveal she was injecting students at the Minneapolis campus with flu vaccine and the vaccine was not contaminated, Minnesota Health Department officials said Friday.

However, the officials did say tests suggested vaccine in some of the nearly empty vials was diluted with normal saline solution.

As a result, anyone who received a shot in a high-risk group should get inoculated again because the diluted shots, although safe, would not be potent enough to prevent the flu, said state epidemiologist Larry Hull.

"The good news is that everyone remains well and no one was harmed," Hull said.

Robert Hajek, Torgerson's attorney, says the U.S. Food and Drug Administration lab suggests but does not say outright the vaccine was diluted. He denied Torgerson diluted the vaccine.

"I don't have the technical expertise to interpret this, but there would have been no reason for her to do this," Hajek said. "If she had extra vials of flu vaccine, why would she dilute it? I can't dispute the tests, but it isn't logical. From my client's standpoint, it doesn't make any sense."

Augsburg College officials say they are pleased with the test results.

"This is a relief to all of those who have been working with this situation," said John Pack, director of safety and security for the college. "We are pleased both by the results and the efforts of the Minnesota Department of Health to do a thorough and in-depth investigation and ensure that it was not toxic in any way."

Pack said none of those who were injected have reported any observable health problems.

Torgerson, 33, was arrested on Dec. 3 after Augsburg officials said she sold flu shots on campus without permission. She has not been charged. The case is being investigated by the Minneapolis Police Department and the FDA.

Hajek said the vaccine came from Torgerson's employer, Maxin HealthCare Services, and the company had told her simply to dispose of any unused vaccine she had from prior immunization clinics.

Torgerson went to Augsburg, set up a booth and began selling flu shots for \$20 each. She said she turned the money over to the American Heart Association as part of a fund-raiser for her 9-year-old daughter's school.

Augsburg officials say 36 people got the flu shots. Hajek says the number is far lower than that.

Maxin has challenged her version, saying Torgerson "was given specific instructions to return all unused vaccine and supplies to Maxin's local office by Nov. 12," the day after the company's last authorized clinic on the Minneapolis campus, and "Maxin's local office had no other Maxin property in her possession."



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FAMILY LIFE

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a star athlete - infinitely more important, in fact.

If you want more proof of why the husband-wife relationship should trump that of parent and child, consider this unarguable proposition: Nothing makes a child feel more insecure than the feeling that his parents' relationship is shaky, that it might come undone at any moment. It follows that nothing makes a child feel more secure than knowing his parents' relationship, while not perfect, is strong enough to endure any hardship, any disagreement.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1022 East 96th Street, Suite 28B, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>.

IF DECEMBER 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... That far-off mysterious planet Pluto has been influencing your part of the zodiac for quite a while and a taste for power and success could keep you busy. Next July and September you should be able to sit back and reap extra rewards for a job well done and make beneficial plans. Expect to make a lot of headway with your business aspirations - especially between August and October, when you will have extra determination to achieve that pinnacle of success you have been searching for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romance, begun now could be dependable but it won't possess the special spark that brings ecstasy and bliss. It is a good time to organize finances, clip coupons, and talk over those things closest to your heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Going out on a first date today might feel like a job interview, so get your resume ready. Tact and diplomacy are at your disposal for business meetings, but

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generosity and cooperation may be missing from the scene.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Snap judgments and quickly made promises could cause you trouble later on. Use your superior reflexes in games of skill, but don't bet any hard-earned cash. Money and love must be earned today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Practical considerations take center stage. To get the most notice, make sure your shirt is pressed and your shoelaces are tied. Or you could hide away at home and spend time with an absorbing creative passion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may need to act fast to take advantage of money-making ideas, but be sure you have all the information before you risk princely sums. Enjoy late-day chats with your significant other or close friends; bypass

amorous entanglements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Jumping into action is fine as long as you don't make or accept promises. You have the hand-eye coordination to do fine physical work, but remember to measure twice and cut once because accuracy under these stars is questionable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Old friends and reliable people from the past could cross your path. Social affairs, however, could be stilted, boring and overly formal. Don't buy that thingamabob you are passionate about unless you get a very good deal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Companions may be focused on getting ahead in the business world rather than romantic trysts. Put your best foot forward with social contacts that can influence your career. Financial progress comes by saving money or cutting expenses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Talking too much may mean you must pry a foot or

two out of your mouth. Good intentions and helpfulness might not be enough, as accuracy and precision are needed to keep social wheels turning smoothly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your value dependability and reliability above all other things and someone close may prove his or her true worth today. Important goals need your attention, but remember to be appreciative of loyal partners.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A fixation on someone close might occupy your mind but amorous moves may be rebuffed. Keep up your guard as others' expect good manners and consideration. Concentrate on ambitious goals for your career.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have powerful ideas to take charge of your career and drive it to lofty heights. Listen to others' to gain insights into ways to make your dollars go further, but take promises and advice with a grain of salt.

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Trends and interests often change frequently, but you can give a gift that will last throughout the years and be a token of your love. The holiday season is about creating and sharing memories, and an easy way to do so is through a journal or scrapbook. By piecing together your thoughts, experiences, photographs and words of wisdom, you can create a keepsake that's perfect to share with youngsters who have only begun to create their own memories. Here are some ways to get this project started:

- Create a photo collage of family, baby and childhood pictures. You can laugh over the images as the child grows older and mention how clothing styles have come and gone. Children often love to look at older photos, especially those of close relatives. Many neighborhood photo centers can duplicate old prints or touch-up imperfections inexpensively.
- Look for resources that can help you catalog your memories of Jump-start new ideas. Generation to Generation: A Legacy of Love and Wisdom is a keepsake journal designed to make recording someone's complete life story both easy and enjoyable. It's designed for sharing what you've learned in life with the next generation. The journal is filled with questions to draw out significant facts, funny stories, touching memories, deep thoughts, and invaluable advice on relationships, business, faith, family - a lifetime of adventures, achievement and wisdom. For additional information, call (800) 360-2808. To see a sample of the journal, visit www.LightTheFire.com.
- Seek other media to journal your experiences. You may wish to pass along your life experiences but aren't comfortable writing your stories down - or perhaps you can't write due to illness or incapacity. Video diaries or audio resources can help you share your story effortlessly - in your own voice and words. For example, the Generation to Generation: A Legacy of Love and Wisdom Audio Journal offers guidelines and materials for completing a 12-hour audio account. It can make a treasured keepsake for years to come.



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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non to seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, peas, bread, fruit salad, cake.
Tuesday: Spaghetti, french bread, french green beans, pudding w/ cake.
Wednesday: Meatloaf or liver, potatoes and gravy, corn, roll, carrot raisin salad, chocolate pudding.
Thursday: Christmas—dinner, turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, bread and veggies, salad, pie.
Friday: Tuna casserole, veggies, salad, bread, fruit crisp.
Activities:
Monday: Closed
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Exercise, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Wednesday: Bilks Card Club Board meeting
Exercise
Thursday: Center Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.
Gem State Fiddlers
Friday: Quilting
Saturday: Blood pressure
Christmas light tour, 6:30 p.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl.
Menus:
Today: Roast beef dinner
Monday: Barbecue rib sandwich, potato, salad, fruit, bowl, pudding
Tuesday: Beef stew, salad, biscuits, dessert
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Beef stroganoff, green salad, carrots, fruit Jell-O, bread sticks, dessert
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors 54+ under age 60, \$4.50.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Crafts, 11 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Crafts, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Farmer's Market, 5 to 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jacket trip, leave center at 4:30 p.m., leave jacket at 10 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

Fliler Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Home to delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Menus:
Tuesday: Beef patty, mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, corn nibblers, tossed salad, bread and butter, frosted sheet cake.
Thursday: Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, celery and carrot sticks, hot rolls, Texas sheet cake.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menus:
Monday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, cauliflower, Jell-O, fruit, cream puffs
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit medley
Thursday: Lasagna, corn, green salad, peach cobbler, garlic bread
Friday: Ham with raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, fruit salad, cake and ice cream.
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Christmas and birthday dinner

Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Birthday and Christmas dinner, noon
Christmas candy sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Font clinic
Magic Valley Hearing available

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at-noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menus:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, peas, cottage cheese, apricots, bread, dessert
Tuesday: Corned beef sandwich, sauerkraut, lime Jell-O with carrots and cabbage, chocolate chip cake.
Wednesday: Liver and onions, potatoes and gravy, carrots, three-bean salad, bread, punchies.
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, green salad, roll, Texas sheet cake.
Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages, 10 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
SIHBA, 11 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non to seniors 54 and children under 12, \$2.
Menus:
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert.
Wednesday: Spaghetti, carbanara, vegetables, fruit, salad, rolls, dessert.
Friday: Country pork ribs, sauerkraut, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.
Tuesday: Are cookies and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menus:
Tuesday: Chili, cheese and onions, coleslaw, apple crisp, corn bread.
Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, carrots, fruit, dessert.
Wednesday: Bake Day, Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Christmas baskets

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Tuesday: Meatballs, with gravy, mashed potatoes, California mixed veggies, homemade bread, cream puffs
Wednesday: Beef stew, grilled cheese sandwich, apple pie
Thursday: Baked Virginia ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower medley, green salad, birthday cake, ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early to bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Monday: Beef stew, cheese slices, green salad, corn bread, frosted cake.
Thursday: Ham salad sandwich, vegetable soup, apricot pie

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menus:
Tuesday: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, spiced apple ring, biscuits, fruit cocktail, cake.
Wednesday: Pork barbecue sandwich, french fries, baked beans, sliced pineapple with cottage cheese, bread pudding.
Friday: Birthday and Christmas buffet, prime rib
Activities:
Monday: Dinner and a movie,

5:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Font clinic, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Carey Christmas Day cookie exchange
Exercise, 1 p.m.
Friday: Laundry assistance, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366 to 2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors 55 for non to seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Menus:
Monday: Potluck
Tuesday: Chicken rice casserole, green beans, corn, cracked wheat roll, salad
Thursday: Meatloaf and gravy, potatoes, California mixed vegetables, carrot cake with raisins, bread.
Activities:
Monday: Potluck fiddlers, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 to 2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non to seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 is \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.
Menus:
Tuesday: Baked potato bar, green salad, applesauce, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken noodles, soup, sandwiches, green salad, fruit, dessert
Friday: Tuna patties, California blend vegetables, coleslaw, fruit, dessert.
Activities:
Tuesday: Pool
Quilting
Crafts
Gift wrapping
Wednesday: Pool
Quilting
Crafts
Gift wrapping
Thursday: Art class
Friday: Pool
Quilting
Christmas party

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Menus:
Monday: Fruit cocktail, biscuits and gravy, sausage patties, hash-browns
Tuesday: Potato salad, hot dogs, fries, brownies
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, carrots, ice cream
Thursday: Lupe's chicken, enchiladas, real beans, rice pudding
Friday: Snuggleshard
Activities:
Today: jacket trip—leave at 10 a.m. \$10 per person
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: SIHBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fall Greeting, 4:15 to 9:10 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Licatoni, cheese-bread, vegetables, fruit cup, peanut butter crunch
Tuesday: Ham salad sandwich, gumbo soup, fruit, carnal brownies.
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, sugar snap peas, roll, Jell-O, berry cobbler
Thursday: Barbecue on a bun, fries, corn, fruit cup, rocky road pudding
Friday: Salisbury steak, noodles and gravy, vegetables, peaches, pumpkin custard
Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Organ lessons
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Friday: All to play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.



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ENGAGEMENTS

WHITING-WEBER

ROBERT - Tim and Stacey Whiting of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Elizabeth Whiting, to Stetson Phil Weber, son of Jeff and Kerli Jo Weber of Dietrich.

Whiting is a 2003 graduate of Dectlo High School. She is currently attending Idaho State University, studying secondary education, sports medicine and coaching.

Weber is a 2001 graduate of Dietrich High School. He served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Illinois Icaria Mission. He is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, studying animal sciences.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to



Stetson Weber and Brooke Whiting honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Rupert 1st Ward Cultural Hall. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Jeff Weber residence in Dietrich. The couple will reside in Rexburg, where they will continue their education.

WOODWARD-DEMING

PAUL - Arlen and Judy Woodward of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Doodle J. Woodward, to Brand B. Deming, son of Michael and Lois Deming of Bayfield, Colo.

Woodward is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School. She graduated with an Associate of Science degree as a registered nurse from Utah State University and will receive her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Weber State University this month. She is working as a registered nurse at McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah.

Deming is a 1997 graduate of Bayfield High School in Bayfield, Colo. He received his Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in political science at Utah State University. He is teaching social studies at Durango High School



Brand Deming and Doodle Woodward

in Las Vegas, Nev.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 18. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward Church, 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn. The couple will reside in Las Vegas, Nev.

KIMBER-SPENCER

GROUSE CREEK, Utah - David and Elizabeth Kimber of Grouse Creek, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne Kimber, to Erik Michael Spencer, son of Mike and Sherry Spencer of Yost, Utah.

Kimber is a graduate of Stevens-Henager College in Ogden, Utah. She is employed at the Rupert Post Office.

Spencer is a graduate of Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He is employed at Spencer Land and Livestock in Yost.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 17, in the Logan LDS



Lisa Kimber and Erik Spencer

Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Burley 3rd Ward building, 2300 Oakley Ave.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE REMALEYS

TWIN FALLS - The Rev. and Mrs. Bert Remaley of Twin Falls will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Dec. 16.

Remaley and Letha Barlow were married Dec. 16, 1944, in the chapel at Camp Polk in Lacesville, La.

He served in the ministry of the United Methodist Church for 55 years. They have lived in Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oregon and Idaho. She has been involved in church work as well.

Their children are Paul (Sue) Remaley of Twin Falls, Paula (Sean) von Lindern of Boise, Wes Remaley of Meridian and Phil



Bert and Letha Remaley (Sonja) Remaley of Yerington, Nev. They have 12 grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. They will be honored with a family gathering during the holidays.

WARD-PLICKA



Jefferson Plicka and Kilsa Ward BURLEY - Douglas and Julie Ward of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kilsa Ann Ward, to Jeffery Chad Plicka, son of Joseph and Sally Plicka of Davis, Calif.

Ward is a graduate of Burley High School and has an associate's degree from Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Plicka is a graduate of Davis High School and has attended BYU-Idaho.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Burley Golf Course Clubhouse.

The couple will reside in Provo, Utah, as they continue their education at BYU.

THE MILLERS

GOODING - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon O. Miller of Gooding will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the home of Rosanne Celaya, 1418 State Highway 46, Gooding.

Miller and Betty Caspey were married Dec. 27, 1944, in Kimberly.

They have lived in Gooding most of their married life. He worked as a farmer. She worked as a teacher in the Gooding School District.

The event is hosted by their children, Rosanne (Jose Martin) Celaya and Linda M. (Jose Ramon) Azana, all of Gooding.

The couple has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Vernon and Betty Miller

THE RUHTERS

TWIN FALLS - Dean and Shirley Ruhter of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Ruhter and Shirley Evans were married Dec. 18, 1954, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome.

They farmed in the Filer area. The event is hosted by their children.



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Magic Valley scrapbooks



Rogerson-area rancher John Lanting and his mail order bride, Grace Visser Lanting from Pella, Iowa, are photographed on their wedding day in 1917.

John Lanting was single when he immigrated to Idaho from the Netherlands.

Apparently, the Rogerson-area rancher was lonely. But resourceful, as well.

He advertised for a wife in a Dutch language newspaper in Pella, Iowa, said Miriam Schneider of Twin Falls, his granddaughter.

"My grandmother Grace responded, and my grandfather went to Pella to get her.

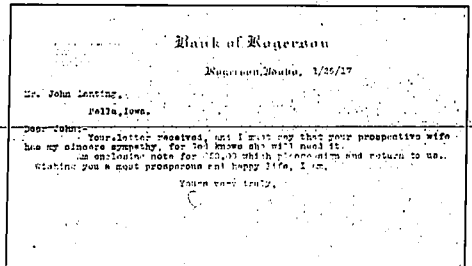
To help set up house for her, he requested

a loan of \$50," Schneider said.

Bank of Rogerson cashier J.S. Bussell sent an amusing reply to John Lanting in 1917.

We reproduce the banker's letter here, along with photographs of that mail order match and handful of other brides and grooms from Magic Valley's early decades.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Bank of Rogerson cashier J.S. Bussell sent this letter to the marriage-minded John Lanting in 1917, in response to his request for a \$50 loan.

J.A. Swenson lived with his parents in eastern Idaho before going on a mission to Oklahoma for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When he returned home in 1907, his parents had moved to Twin Falls. He went back to Oklahoma to marry Annie Pearl Puckett, whom he had met on his mission. They married in 1910 in Oklahoma then rode a train to Salt Lake City, where they were sealed in the LDS temple and this wedding photograph was taken. Then the newly married Swensons continued on to Twin Falls, where they rented their first house on a farm that's now the site of an Albertsons store, says son Melvin Swenson of Jerome.



Photo courtesy of MELVIN L. SWENSON of Jerome



Harry Benoit and Lesley Williams Benoit marry on Sept. 15, 1919, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Lesley, who had arrived in Twin Falls in 1904, taught school; Harry, who arrived in 1906, was an attorney.

Photo courtesy of HOWARD ALLEN of Twin Falls



Newlyweds William H. Jenkins and Agnes Erickson Jenkins are pictured near Oakley on Oct. 1, 1903, during their honeymoon. The couple lived in Twin Falls and raised six children, school athletes all.

Photo courtesy of JOAN ANDERSON FAY of Twin Falls



Charles Cline and Theresa Bailey Cline pose for their wedding picture at Rock Creek in about 1905. The two were married at the old town of Rock Creek by Justice of the Peace Lawrence Hansen, says Dorothy Custer of Twin Falls, daughter of the Clines.

Photo courtesy of DOROTHY CUSTER of Twin Falls



Edmond H. Maher and Esther Marie Turain Maher, who was raised in Rock Creek, wed on Dec. 26, 1907. Edmond Maher was a volunteer fireman and worked for the Oregon Short Line Railroad's freight department until 1930; when he went into business as the Maher and Morrison News Agency.

Photo courtesy of PATRICIA MAHER of Twin Falls