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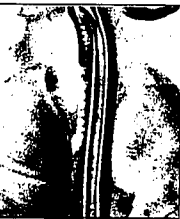
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9.0 quake rocks northern Indonesia

Earthquake launched tidal waves, killing more than 13,340 in seven countries

INDONESIA

VIETNAM 0 500 km
PHILIPPINES 0 500 km
MALAYSIA

INDONESIA
Sumatra Jakarta
Indian Ocean Java
AUSTR.

SOURCES: ESRI, USGS AP

Tsunami claims 13,340

Tidal wave takes several Asian countries by surprise

The Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Legions of rescuers spread across Asia Monday after an earthquake of epic power struck deep beneath the Indian Ocean, unleashing 20-foot tidal waves that ravaged coasts across thousands of miles and killed more than 13,340 people and left millions homeless in the fourth-largest tumbler in a century.

The death toll along the southern coast of Asia — and as far west as Somalia, on the

African coast, where nine people were reported lost — steadily increased as authorities sorted out a far-flung disaster caused by Sunday's 9.0-magnitude earthquake, strongest in 40 years.

Signs of the carnage were everywhere: Dozens of bodies still clad in swimming trunks lined beaches in Thailand. Villagers in Indonesia picked through the debris of destroyed houses amid the smell of rotting corpses. Hundreds of prisoners escaped a coastal jail in Sri Lanka.

How a tsunami happens.

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More than one million people were driven from their homes in Indonesia alone, and rescuers there on Monday

10 air force helicopters were deployed in relief and rescue efforts, authorities said.

At Thailand's beach resorts, packed with Europeans fleeing the winter cold at the peak of the holiday season, families and friends had tearful reunions Monday after a day of fear that their loved ones had been swept away.

Katri Supanen, 27, of Helsinki, Finland, walked around barefoot, in her salt water-stained T-shirt and skirt, at the

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A decade with the wolf Part two of a four-day series

Livestock losses plague ranchers



Rancher Margaret Soulen Hinson grazes sheep on public lands north of McCall. During the summer of 2004, Soulen Hinson estimates that she lost 333 sheep to wolves roaming the region. Federal agents killed the Cook pack due to continual livestock losses.

Killing of problem wolves continues to stir nest of emotions

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

WEISER — It was during what she calls the "family reunion from hell" when the Idaho livestock producer, received the bad news.

A pristine area north of McCall, amid mountains and lakes, witnessed a massacre of sorts last summer. A pack of wolves moved in on Margaret Soulen Hinson's sheep grazing on public lands. All week Soulen Hinson talked family members into "bedding down" with the sheep — sleeping near the band in an effort to deter the wolves. In the 10 summers since the reintroduction of wolves in Idaho, 2004 proved to be the worst in terms of wolf depredations for Soulen Hinson.

"Wolves came up on a band of sheep... they learned to kill them after

“ When the wolves came in here, we didn't want them. We lost that war. We tried not to have wolves reintroduced. ”

— Dave Nelson, former president of the Idaho Cattle Association.

that one incident," said Suzanne Stone, a spokeswoman for Defenders of Wildlife, an organization that works to protect wild animals like wolves.

In one night, the Cook pack slaughtered 77 of Soulen Hinson's sheep. Over the course of the summer, 333 sheep were killed, injured or came up missing

Livestock deaths

Livestock killed by wolves from 1995 to 2003

Year	Cattle	Sheep	Dogs	Total animals
1995	0	0	0	0
1996	2	24	4	27
1997	1	29	4	34
1998	9	5	1	15
1999	16	57	6	79
2000	15	39	0	54
2001	10	16	1	27
2002	10	15	4	29
2003	13	118	6	137
Total	76	303	23	402

Source: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Rocky Mountain Wolf Recovery 2003 Report

in action with wolves being the primary suspects. Despite the willingness of Soulen Hinson to try nonlethal means of deterring the Cook pack, nothing could stop the wolves after that first easy killing.

Like many livestock producers in Idaho, Soulen Hinson doesn't remember being overly enthused when she heard wolves would be reintroduced to Idaho in January of 1995.

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Consumers head to stores to grab post-Christmas bargains

The Associated Press

Merchants who spent the past few weeks hoping shoppers would splurge on gifts opened their doors Sunday with high hopes the same people would now spend on themselves.

Stores slashed prices even deeper to squeeze sales from what is winding up to be an unimpressive holiday season. Some, including J.C. Penney and Target, were encouraging customers to spend their gift cards — immediately — since the sales are recorded only when the cards are redeemed.

"The holiday season will be told on how many gift cards get

redeemed in the week after Christmas," versus how many wait until January and February, said Ellen Tolley, a spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation, which estimated \$17.24 billion worth — or roughly 8 percent of holiday sales — will be sold in gift cards this season.

About 400 people poured in to Kaufmann's at Polar's Fashion Place in Columbus, Ohio. Early bargain-hunters were treated to 50 to 60 percent off everything from coats to shoes to jewelry. Many also came in the door with a newspaper coupon offering \$10 off if they spent more than \$25.

Among the crowds were Tomi

and Ira Campbell of Columbus, who arrived at Kaufmann's about 6:30 a.m. with their 3-year-old son and an ad with a circled listing for cashmere sweaters discounted to \$29.99.

"You can't beat that. I've watched the cashmere sweaters for months," Tomi Campbell said. "I got two cashmires for less than the price of one."

At Phillips Plaza in Atlanta, Katie Herick said she had already completed her holiday shopping and was at the mall to find some things for herself, including shirts and a purse. She stopped in Parisian, which was offering scratch-off cards that included a chance to win more discounts or a new Mercedes.



Shoppers cross a street in San Francisco on Sunday. Many people headed out shopping Sunday as merchants slashed prices even more.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

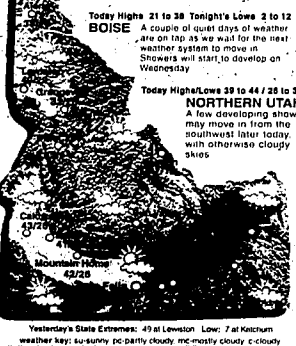
Today: Fair to cloudy, partly cloudy. Highs: mid to upper 40s.
Tonight: Fair to cloudy, partly cloudy. Lows: 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy in the morning, then decreasing clouds. Highs: 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds. Highs: upper 30s to near 40.
Tonight: Cool, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows: 20s.
Tomorrow: A few deepens warmer with less cloud cover. Highs: 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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A few burrs are possible today with otherwise a fair amount of cloud cover. New snowfall is likely Wednesday and Thursday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 49 at Lewiston, Low: 7 at Ketchikan weather bureau...

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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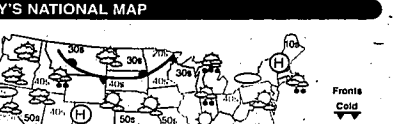
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Conservation group values wolves over livestock

Western Watersheds buys up-grazing 'privileges' to keep ranchers at bay

By Michelle Dunlop, Times-News writer. HAILEY — Snowy mountains with fading orange slopes seem perfectly framed in the window of the Western Watersheds office in downtown Hailey on a sunny November morning. Two books resting on the coffee table call out for attention. A drawing of an American Indian and a wolf covers the first book. The second captures the major premise behind Western Watersheds in its title, "Welfare Ranching: The Subsidized Destruction of the American West." Possibly one of the more infamous characters in Western ranching history sits across the way — Jon Marvel. Marvel isn't the Jessie James bad-boy type infamously known. Instead he's more of the Henry David Thoreau with an attitude and a lawsuit-in-hand infamously. And, Marvel has proven himself to be a true cynic of many a livestock producer. "Of ranchers, Marvel says, "Their day is over. Let's face it, it really is." Then, taken at first glance, Marvel's next statement seems curiously out of place. "I personally opposed the reintroduction of wolves in '95 and '96," he says. Why would an avid opponent of ranching appear to essentially side with the enemy when it comes to wolves? With Marvel, little is as simple as it seems. "We know we've been in central Idaho before 1905," he said. "We knew wolves were here before reintroduction. In my judgment, we would have had less contention if we had just let wolves come back on their own. It would have been slower, which would have been good."



From his office in Hailey, Jon Marvel keeps track of wolf packs near the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Marvel's organization, Western Watersheds, seeks to protect wolves, often using litigation to do so.

elimination of three wolf packs in the SNRA: the White Cloud, the Sawtooth and the White Hawk packs. Federal agents killed most members of the packs after the animals continued to prey on livestock grazing in the SNRA. "Ranchers feel they have a right to be there," Marvel said. "Our society has condoned the killing of these packs for the benefit of livestock." Marvel and supporters felt that the Fish and Wildlife Service's reaction was disproportionate to the wolves' actions. Two packs now reside in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area; the Castle Peak pack that resides near Big Lake Creek and the Galena Pack that lives on the west side of the White Clouds. Western Watersheds condemns and has litigated against killing wolves in the SNRA the last two years. "Those packs remain at risk because of their proximity to livestock," Marvel said. Unlike other wolf advocacy groups, Marvel's Western Watersheds isn't looking to work with livestock producers to reduce conflicts, and the organization certainly isn't trying to make "friends" with "ranchers." The group doesn't feel it's productive for environmental groups to help ranchers. "If you listen to Marvel, conflicts in the SNRA aren't caused by problem wolves. Rather, conflict exists because of the problem livestock grazing poses to wolves and wilderness. The economics of ranching have changed over time to a point that most in the ranching community can't make money unless they own their ranch outright or inherit it, Marvel said. The industry as a whole relies on government subsidies to survive. Instead, Marvel says, the federal government and the state support a lifestyle rather than a viable economic source. "If we're going to save lifestyles, then let's have a general discussion about it instead of saying ranching is so special," Marvel said. "Nothing is going to keep these guys in business forever." And, Marvel seems determined "to make sure ranchers aren't in business forever. Western Watersheds has begun buying up grazing "privileges" — as Marvel calls them — in an effort to keep ranchers off of public lands. Wolves and other wildlife are only seen as a detriment because of livestock, Marvel said. By getting rid of predators such as wolves and grizzly bears, we are taming the wilderness, making it less wild, Marvel said, harkening Thoreau. Marvel said he hopes that the people of Idaho will see wildlife — including wolves — as a benefit instead of a detriment. "It's an unfortunate culture we've created in the West," Marvel said. "Everybody in America actually places more emphasis on wildlife than on livestock."

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— Jon Marvel, director of Western Watersheds

Wildlife Service to authorize the elimination of problem wolves. While livestock producers can count their lucky stars that wolves did not receive the full protection of the act, Marvel and his organization oppose the killing of problem wolves. Snuggled on the edge of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and in what is likely the most liberal spot in Idaho, Western Watersheds draws many members from the surrounding community. That community took particular offense to the

Tsunami

Continued from A1. Patong Hospital waiting room where she spent the night with her mother and sister. She had a bandaged cut on her leg. "The water went back, back, so far away, and everyone wondered what it was a full moon or what? Then we saw the wave come, and we ran," said a tearful Seppanen, who was on the popular Patong beach with her family. The wave washed over their heads and separated them. Fifty-eight half-naked and swimming suit-clad corpses lay in rows outside the Patong Hospital emergency room. Three bodies under the age of one were among the victims. A photo of one baby was posted on the wall of victims, the little corpse in a nearby refrigerator. The earthquake hit at 6:58 a.m. The tsunami came as much as 2.5 hours later, without warning, on a morning of crystal blue skies. Sunbathers and snorkelers, cars and cottages, fishing boats and even a light-house were swept away in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India each reported thousands dead. Deaths were also reported in Malaysia, Maldives and Bangladesh. "It's an extraordinary calamity of such colossal proportions that the damage has been unprecedented," said Chief Minister Jayaram Javalathina of India's Tamil Nadu, a southern state which reported 1,705 dead, many of them strewn along beaches, virtual open-air mortuaries. "It all seems to have hap-

pened in the space of 20 minutes. A massive tidal wave of extreme force... smashed everything in sight to smithereens," she said. At least three Americans were among the dead — two in Sri Lanka and one in Thailand, according to State Department spokesman Noel Clay. He said a number of other Americans were injured, but he had no details. "We're working on ways to help. The United States will be very responsive," Clay said. John Krueger, 34, of Winter Park, Colorado, described being inside his bungalow Sunday on Khao Lak Beach, north of Phuket, with his wife, Romina Canton, 26, of Rosario, Argentina, when the water filled it and blew it apart. "The water rushed under the bungalow, brought our floor up and raised us to the ceiling. The water blew out our doors, our windows and the back concrete wall. My wife was swept away with the wall, and I had to bust my way through the roof," Krueger said while waiting to talk to a U.S. Embassy official at Phuket City Hall. "It was like being in a washing machine." Canton was dragged into the ocean for more than an hour until a wave brought her back to land again, with a broken nose and foot scratches all over her body, Krueger said. The quake was centered 155 miles south-southeast of Banda Aceh, the capital of Indonesia's Aceh province on Sumatra, and six miles under the Indian Ocean's seabed.

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How a tsunami occurs

The Washington Post

Sunday's massive tsunami was triggered when a plate of earth that was dug like a bulldozer blade into the ocean floor off the coast of western Indonesia broke through layers of rocky resistance and created a rupture hundreds of miles in length, geologists said.

Once begun, rock would have torn apart like paper. The ocean floor collapsed in places and rose elsewhere, triggering massive upheavals of water. Unlike waves on the surface, a tsunami is an underwater wave whose effects are apparent only when it reaches shore, often hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

"The extent of this earthquake is on the order of the size of California," said Eddie Bernard, director of the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, which is part of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. "You have the earth shooting up in some places 10, 15, 20 feet and creating underwater landslides."

Many experts said Sunday that thousands of lives in countries like Sri Lanka, India and Thailand could have been saved if an early warning system had been in place, similar to one that exists for the Pacific Ocean. U.S. officials said they wanted to warn the countries but that there was no mechanism to do so.

The tsunami's impact in the hundreds of countries occurred about two hours after the underwater earthquake. If authorities had had the opportunity to move people even a few hundred yards inland, many people would have been saved, Bernard said. "The idea is to get yourself high enough or far enough inland that the water is not strong enough to take you back to sea. About waist-deep water is where you lose control."

One reason experts had not pushed hard for a warning system was that the risk along the shores of the Indian Ocean had long been discounted. Most of the devastating tsunamis that have taken place in the last century or more have occurred elsewhere.

"We have believed as a community that the Indian Ocean is fairly immune to tsunamis of the kind that took place," said Costas Synolakis, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Southern California. "The last tsunami that affected the Indian ocean was in 1893. The hazard was underestimated by a factor of 10."

Synolakis said he had opened discussions two weeks ago with officials in Hawaii at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center about expanding the warning system to the Indian Ocean.

UI scientist's project goes to Saturn's moon, Titan

MOSCOW (AP) — Seventeen years of work by a University of Idaho professor under a critical milestone Friday when a probe from a spacecraft studying Saturn began its descent to the surface of one of the planet's moons.

David Atkinson, an electrical engineering professor, has worked since 1987 on experiments carried aloft the unmanned Cassini spacecraft studying the atmosphere of Titan, Saturn's most mysterious moon.

On Christmas Eve, Atkinson received word that the probe with his experiment on board had detached itself from Cassini and had started the three-week descent.

The probe, called Huygens after the Dutch astronomer who discovered Titan in 1655, will study the ball of rock, ice and gas along the way. Scientists hope the 3-foot-wide, \$700 million probe will survive surface impact Jan. 14.

"We've also got 21 more days to hold our breath again," said Atkinson. "But for now I'm just feeling good."

Launched in 1997, Cassini has been sending pictures and data from Saturn, the ringed planet almost 900 million miles away, since last summer. Now Atkinson and the other 200 scientists who have worked on the mission will have the chance to

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— David Atkinson, an engineering professor

look even closer. Titan was chosen because it's the only moon in the solar system known to have an atmosphere. Many believe it is representative of Earth at an early age.

Of the six experiments on board Huygens, four, including Atkinson's, will study the moon's thick orange atmosphere. As it descends, Atkinson's Doppler wind-measurement experiment will chart the speed and direction of Titan's winds. Other experiments will sample the atmosphere's composition and take pictures.

The orange haze is the reason so little is known about Titan, Atkinson said. Current theories speculate the surface could be solid water ice or li-

quid methane. "Nobody really knows," he said. Telescopes sensitive to the near infrared spectrum can see the surface. "But we just don't know what we're looking at," Atkinson said.

And one package of experiments, called the surface science package, will study the composition of the surface. If it survives impact, that is. There are no guarantees of success. A Europeanlander called Beagle 2 destined for Mars disappeared without a trace almost exactly a year ago after its separation from the Mars Express orbiter.

The hope for Huygens is that it will splash down in liquid since it's not designed for a hard surface landing.

Most scientists think the internationally built probe will survive, however, since its parachutes will slow it to five meters per second at landing. That would reduce the impact to the equivalent of a normal sized human jumping off a four-foot wall, Atkinson said.

All together, the data the probe should yield will multiply the knowledge of Titan many times over and provide scientists with a peek at Earth's past. Space travel is the only way to make such discoveries, Atkinson said.

Yushchenko claims victory in election

Credits supporters with moving Ukraine to new era

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko declared victory Monday in Ukraine's fiercely contested presidential election, telling thousands of supporters they had taken their country to a new political era after a bitterly fought campaign that required an unprecedented three ballots and Supreme Court intervention against fraud.

"We have been independent for 14 years but we were not free," Yushchenko told the festive crowd in Kiev's central Independence Square, the center of weeks of protests after the fraudulent and now-annulled Nov. 21 ballot in which Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich had been declared the winner.

"Now we can say this is a thing of the past. Now we are

facing an independent and free Ukraine," Yushchenko spoke after three exit polls and partial results projected him winning easily in Sunday's Supreme Court-ordered runoff.



"Now, today, the Ukrainian people have won. I congratulate you," he said. As Yushchenko declared victory, about 5,000 supporters gathered on the square applauded and set off fireworks. They waved flags of bright orange — his campaign's emblematic color — clasped hands and danced.

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Officials promise to reunite air passengers with luggage

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Some US Airways passengers were separated from their luggage a fourth straight day Sunday, while Comair put some of its passenger planes back in the air a day after cancelling all of its 1,100 flights.

US Airways officials promised to reunite people and their luggage at their intended destinations by day's end, but a spokeswoman said it was not clear how many pieces of luggage remained unclaimed.

"We're working to get our luggage back to our customers," said spokeswoman Amy Kudva. "Our goal is getting the remaining baggage and passengers on their way today."

The airline blamed baggage problems and canceled flights — 143 on Saturday and more than 100 on Friday — on Thursday's severe weather and on large numbers of baggage handlers and flight attendants called in sick.

Comair operated 110 to 165 flights, or 10 to 15 percent of its normal flight schedule, said

Nick Miller, spokesman for the Delta subsidiary based at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. "We anticipate Comair will be able to operate on a full schedule by Wednesday," he said. "That is our goal."

Comair's computer system that manages flight assignments crashed Friday night after it was overwhelmed by cancellations and delays caused by the winter storm that socked the Ohio Valley. The computers shut down facing the airline to cancel all of its Saturday flights.

The airline carries 30,000 customers to 118 cities on a typical day. Passenger numbers increase slightly during the holidays, but Miller said he did not know exactly how many people were affected by the cancellations.

Miller said technicians were continuing to repair the computer system.

"Obviously, we're working to get as much of the schedule back up and running," he said.

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Laying tile requires some stick-to-itiveness

Editor's note: This classic Dave Barry column was originally published on Dec. 4, 2000.

Today's topic for homeowners is: How to install a tile floor.



DAVE BARRY

Any home decorator will tell you that there is nothing quite like a tile floor for transforming an ordinary room into an ordinary room that has tile on the floor.

But if you're like most homeowners, you think that laying tile is a job for the "pros." Boy, are you ever stupid! Because the truth is that anybody can do it. All it takes is a little planning, the right materials, and a Fire Rescue unit.

Consider the true story of a woman in Landstuhl, Md., who decided to tile her kitchen floor, as reported in the Annapolis, Md., Capital. According to this article, sent in by many alert readers, the woman, who wanted to be identified only as "Anne" for reasons that will become clear, decided to surprise her fiancé by tiling her kitchen floor herself, thus saving the \$700 a so-called "expert" would have charged for the job.

Step 1, of course, was for Anne to spread powerful glue on the floor, so the tiles would be bonded firmly in place. Anne then proceeded to Step 2, which — as you have probably already guessed — was to slip and fall face-first into the glue coat she created in Step 1, thus bonding herself to the floor like a gum wad on a hot sidewalk.

Fortunately, Anne was not alone. Also in the house, thank goodness, was one of the most useful companions a person can ever hope to have: a small dog. Specifically, it was a Yorkshire Terrier, a breed originally developed in England to serve as a pest-control applicator, and the grown "Yorkie" is about the size of a standard walnut, although it has more hair and a smaller brain.

Anne's dog, named Cleopatra, saw that her owner was in trouble, so she immediately ran outside and summoned a police officer.

In a ha! No, seriously, Cleopatra did what all dogs do when their owners are in trouble: lick the owner's face. Dogs believe this is the correct response to every emergency. If Lassie had been a real dog, when little "Timmy" was sinking in the grout, Lassie would have raced back to the farmhouse to get help, would have helpfully licked "Timmy" on the face until he disappeared, at which point Lassie, having done all she could for him, would have resumed licking herself.

So anyway, when Cleopatra decided to help out, she naturally also became stuck in the grout. But again, luck was on Anne's side, because, as it happened, she was her two daughters, ages 9 and 10, who, realizing that the situation was no joking matter, immediately, in the words of the Capital article, "began laughing hysterically."

Eventually, with their help, Anne got unstuck from the floor and was able to lay the tile. But she still had glue all over herself. So, according to the Capital article, "she called a glue emergency hotline, but no one answered."

I don't know about you, but that sentence disturbs me. I think somebody should check on the glue-emergency-hotline staff. I picture an office reeking of glue fumes, with whacked-out workers permanently bonded to floors, walls, ceilings, each other, etc. Come to think of it, this is also how I picture Congress.

But getting back to Anne: Still trying to solve her personal glue problem, she called a tile contractor. During conversation, the glue on her body hardened, such that (1) her right foot became stuck to the right floor, (2) her legs became stuck together, (3) her body became stuck to a chair, and (4) her hand became stuck to the phone.

"I had to dial 911 with my nose," she is quoted as saying. When the rescue personnel arrived, they found Anne still

Heartburn doesn't have to ruin holidays

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Aunt Ethel — on hubby's side — loved the mix of a little baking soda with water to battle heartburn after a big holiday meal. After she died, her family wondered if all that baking soda contributed to her untimely demise.

Nobody knows for sure, but Ethel could have been suffering from a serious gastroesophageal condition that's epidemic this time of year, when big meals and increased alcohol consumption are combined with stress of the holidays.

Laser solves esophagus condition.

See page A5.

Heartburn is a burning sensation that's felt behind the breastbone and sometimes in the neck and throat. The burning a person experiences is caused by stomach acid that's "refluxing" or splashing up into the esophagus — the muscular tube that connects the throat with the stomach.

But how that feels depends on the person. And while people experience heartburn in a variety of forms, its occurrence is right after a meal. And typically, when burning occurs, it is accompanied by "air acid" — or bitter taste — with a sensation of food coming back into the mouth, according to Dr. Ted Rea, a Twin Falls gastroenterologist.

If it's happening more than a few times a week, don't ignore it. "It can become a serious medical condition," Rea said.

The condition's technical name is gastroesophageal reflux disease. Lots of folks, including pregnant women suffer from heartburn or acid indigestion caused by GERD. Doctors believe that amount of acid in the stomach, the condition called hiatal hernia.

The cause can be pinpointed to a muscle located where the esophagus joins the stomach. This specialized muscle — called the lower esophageal sphincter —

keeps the esophagus closed. The muscle is important because the pressure in the stomach is normally higher than that in the esophagus. The normal LES function is to relax after a person swallows to allow passage of food into the stomach, and then to quickly close again.

Reflux happens when the LES muscle is weak and inappropriately relaxes.

How common is the condition? About 10 percent of the U.S. population suffers daily from heartburn, and at least one-third of otherwise normal individuals have this symptom occasionally.

It is a common complaint among pregnant women, of whom 25 percent have daily heartburn.

Recent studies indicate that similar problems in infancy are more common than was previously recognized and may produce recurrent vomiting, failure to thrive, or coughing and other lung symptoms.

Although heartburn is a common malady in our society, it is rarely life-threatening. It can, however, limit a person's daily activities and productivity.

Nevertheless, with proper understanding of the causes of heartburn and a rational approach to treatment, most people find relief.

Therefore, it needs checked, Rea says.

"If symptoms are happening — a couple times a week," get it checked, the doctor said.

And where the symptoms are concerned, there's good news. "Today there are several treatments that will help relieve symptoms of acid reflux disease and can help with complications such as erosive esophagitis."

Treatments are available in over-the-counter and prescription forms, and all work to reduce the amount of acid in the stomach.

The doctor's advice is to talk to your health care provider about which ones are right and be sure to tell the provider if you are currently taking any medications for the heartburn symptoms.



The esophagus, the tube that connects the throat and the stomach, is the site of all manner of holiday misery.

Living with heartburn

Treatment options for GERD include lifestyle modifications, medications, surgery or a combination of methods. Lifestyle modifications involve avoiding factors that may aggravate symptoms, such as dietary changes or changes in daily routine. Diet does not cause GERD. Nevertheless, gastroesophageal reflux and its most frequent complaint of heartburn can be aggravated by foods. Certain medications can aggravate symptoms. Disclose the use of any medications to your doctor. Don't lie down within three hours of eating. That's when acid production is at its peak, so plan early dinners and avoid bedtime snacks. Gravity plays an important role in controlling reflux. If you experi-

ence heartburn, think whether it occurs after meals, when you lie in bed at night, or if you take a nap after a meal. Maintaining an upright posture until the meal is digested may prevent the heartburn. If heartburn occurs regularly at night, consider raising the head of the bed or inserting a triangular wedge to keep your esophagus above the stomach. Avoid exertion after a meal. It constricts the abdominal muscles. This is especially true of tasks that require bending such as lifting or cleaning the floor. How you eat is perhaps more important than what you eat. A large meal will empty slowly from the stomach and exert pressure on the muscle between the stomach and the esophagus. A snack at

bedtime is well positioned to reflux when you lie down. It's best to eat early in the evening so that the meal is digested at bedtime. You might try having the main meal at noon and a lighter one at dinner time. All meals should be eaten in relaxed stress-free surroundings. Tips to the kitchen to fetch food or doing other tasks such as minding children should be suspended during, and for a time after, eating. Smaller meals and an upright, relaxed posture should help minimize reflux. Certain foods compromise the body's ability to prevent reflux, and are best avoided before retiring or earlier. These differ from person to person, but many recognize fats, onions, and chocolate as

particularly troublesome. Alcohol often provokes heartburn, by irritating the esophagus, and by stimulating stomach acid production. Common beverages such as coffee (both caffeinated and decaffeinated), tea, cola, tomato juice and citrus juice may aggravate symptoms by irritating the esophagus or stimulating stomach acid production. Some oral medications such as potassium supplements or the antibiotic tetracycline will burn if allowed to rest in the esophagus. To be safe, always swallow medication in the upright position and wash it down with lots of water. Being overweight can promote reflux. Excess abdominal fat puts pressure on the stomach and the loss of even a moderate amount of

weight makes many people feel better. Pregnancy is often troubled by heartburn, particularly in the first three months. Certain hormones appear to weaken the muscle between the stomach and the esophagus, and the increasingly crowded abdomen encourages reflux. Generally, if there has not been too much weight gain, a woman's heartburn improves after delivery. Stress or strong emotion can also influence heartburn. Antacids may temporarily relieve heartburn by neutralizing stomach acid. Other over-the-counter drugs that reduce acid production are available for short-term and occasional relief of heartburn.

Source: International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders

AS TEMPERATURES DIP,



Wardrobes start heating up

The Washington Post

Time to move the windbreakers, sun hats and garden clogs out of the hall closet. The trick this season is to stay warm and fetching.

Wardrobe doesn't have to equal bulk. Down vests provide heat, not girth, and are made for layering. Fur — both authentic and not — keeps body parts

toasty. "One of the best ways to look stylish and keep warm this fall is with great fur accessories," says Agnes Cammock of Suede magazine, a fashion and beauty glossy geared toward women of color. "Nowadays there's so many options. ... Great bright over-sized hats, wonderful scarves, sweaters with turtlenecks, cool bags and boots" in both fake fur and real. Don't forget the little guys. House socks keep toes toasty.

Trapper hats are manly and keep ears from frostbite. Invest in smart pieces. Coach's Marcus boots are suitable for sub-zero trekking and fine restaurant dining. The sturdy nylon with suede and leather trim can be worn comfortably inside and out. Buy "big-ticker" items in timeless hues like a winter white. Accessorize with fleeting color: pink boots and gloves.

Washington Post photo

A moisturizer is just a moisturizer

DEAR PAULA: Thanks for your discussion of eye cream needs vs. face cream and what our skin needs. However, if "skin is skin," then why not use a body moisturizer all over, including the face? I'm asking because I've been trying this lately and wonder if I shouldn't be doing it.



COSMETICS Q&A Paula Begoun

— LIZ, VIA E-MAIL

DEAR LIZ: Whether or not you should be using a product anywhere on your body—whether it is from the neck up or the neck down—basically depends on the product. As a rule, skin with the most sun damage requires more help than skin that's been protected from the sun. Skin on the backside, thighs, or inside of the arm is almost always healthier than skin on those parts of the body that see the sun on a daily basis. It is actually typical for people over 35 to have some amount of wrinkling skin discolorations, and loss of elasticity on their face, hands, and chest, but none on the other parts of their body that are exposed to the sun far less often. When it comes to skin care, what skin (other than protection with an effective sunscreen), especially sun-damaged skin, needs is products with lots and lots of antioxidants, anti-inflammatory agents, and ingredients that mimic the structure of skin itself. For some reason, most body products are not as elegantly formulated as face products. Many contain only minute amounts, if any, of the important ingredients skin needs for protection and to help it function normally. So what really matters is not the label indicating where you are supposed to use a product, but rather what the product contains. If the body product you are using has lots of the ingredients I mentioned, then you can indeed use it anywhere if you like the texture, but I would check the label carefully.

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Laser, photosensitive agents solve esophagus condition

The Hartford Courant

Earl Roberts, 63, called the police in Middletown, Conn., in July to explain that he's not a terrorist, but that the local driving public might mistake him for one.

He said that for about a month he would be waiting for his usual ride to work near an entrance ramp to Route 9 wearing a homemade face mask, sunglasses, broad-brimmed hat, long sleeves and gloves. He said that he had to avoid direct sunlight because of a drug he had taken as part of a treatment to beat cancer of the esophagus before it started.

The treatment is called photodynamic therapy, or PDT. Patients undergoing PDT are injected with a photosensitizing agent that is quickly eliminated from the body but persists in skin cells and in precancerous cells. When the precancerous cells are exposed to a certain form of laser light, a photochemical reaction kills only the abnormal cells. PDT was first approved in 1995 to relieve symptoms of esophageal cancer.

In 1998 to treat small-cell lung cancer. Most recently, PDT is being used for patients like Roberts, who are known to be on the verge of esophageal cancer.

These patients have a condition called Barrett's esophagus with high-grade dysplasia. Barrett's refers to a coarsening and discoloration of the lining of the lower esophagus that can result from chronic acid reflux. In Barrett's, the esophagus is actually protecting itself from backed-up stomach acid, said Dr. Jay Benson, director of gastroenterology at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, currently the only hospital in Connecticut offering PDT for this condition. The normal lining of the esophagus — made

up of squamous cells — is replaced by tougher columnar cells to withstand the constant reflux assault.

Benson said that about 25 million Americans have chronic acid reflux and that 10 percent to 15 percent of these individuals will go on to get Barrett's esophagus. Middle-aged whites and Hispanics are at highest risk. Most are treated with proton-pump inhibitors, such as Nexium and Prilosec, which control reflux.

Over time, Barrett's can lead to ulcers in — or a narrowing of — the esophagus. It is these symptoms that often bring patients into the office, Benson said. Others are screened if they have suffered five or more years of chronic reflux. Barrett's also can set the stage for dysplasia, which refers to the abnormal growth of some of the cells lining the esophagus.

As these cells become more cancer-like, they are graded on a scale. High-grade means cancer is in the cards. Most individuals with Barrett's esophagus won't get high-grade dysplasia, but the risk is there. People with Barrett's esophagus have a 30-fold increased risk for esophageal cancer, compared to those without Barrett's.

Currently the standard treatment for Barrett's esophagus with high-grade dysplasia is to surgically remove the lower esophagus, which Benson characterized as major surgery. After the operation, which involves about two weeks of hospitalization, patients are commonly troubled with chronic GI (gastrointestinal) symptoms and have difficulty resuming their normal eating pattern, he said.

PDT, by contrast, involves three outpatient visits in the course of a week and about a month of careful sun-shielding, Ernest Welch, 70, of Chaplin,

Conn., decided to go with PDT last week. On Monday, he was injected with the sensitizing agent called porfimer sodium. From then on, he had to cover up, because anyone using the drug can easily burn in the sun. On Wednesday, he came in for the actual procedure. After intravenous anesthesia, he was positioned on his side. Benson, working with an experienced team of nurses, moved through the entire procedure in about a half hour.

Benson began by inspecting Welch's esophagus and stomach with an endoscope, a tube-like fiber optical examination device that provides a video view. On the TV monitor, the healthy, pearl-gray-colored tissue of the upper esophagus clearly gave way to the salmon color of the Barrett's area. The team inserted a thin guide wire through the endoscope and then removed the scope, leaving the wire. The wire was used to guide a balloon-tipped catheter into place. This balloon is the key to the procedure.

Inflated, the clear, tube-like balloon is about 3 inches long and about the diameter of a hot dog. At its center is 2 inches of thin, quartz fiber capable of radiating laser light. The balloon is moved into position using the endoscope and then inflated. The balloon holds it in position in the esophagus and centers the quartz fiber so that the dose of laser light is equally distributed.

Once the balloon was in position and inflated, Nurse Cheryl Cordova, triggered the argon laser. After 20 seconds of warming, the cooled, fiber-optical cable linking the laser console and the balloon in Welch's esophagus suddenly glowed ruby-red. Seven and a half minutes later it was shut off and the balloon was removed.

Deaths spike during the holidays

Los Angeles Times

If Uncle Charlie is feeling an unusual pain or discomfort during Christmas dinner or while watching a New Year's bowl game, it might be best to get him to the doctor promptly.

A new study has found that people are at the highest risk of dying from natural causes, such as heart attacks, on Christmas, the day after and New Year's. An analysis of 26 years of death certificates from across the United States found that death rates on those days are, on average, 12 percent higher than what would normally occur on a winter day.

The higher death rate may be a result of people putting off getting medical treatment during the holidays or receiving inferior care if they do seek treatment, said David Phillips, a University of California, San Diego sociologist and the study's lead researcher.

"The most plausible explanation we've found so far is that people seem to be postponing medical care until after the holidays," Phillips said.

Also, when people travel during the holidays, he said, "they are less able to find medical care because they are in strange territory."

Published last week in the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*, the study is believed to be the largest to date documenting the so-called "holiday effect" on death rates. Previously, the higher death rates during the holidays were often attributed to colder weather.

The study by researchers at UC San Diego and Tufts University is the first to document that deaths not only peak during the two-week holiday period — they were up 4.5 percent to 5 percent compared with other winter days — but that there are specific spikes ("twin peaks" as Phillips calls them) on Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1. The researchers also found that holiday death rates had been steadily rising during the last two decades.

The study examined 53 million death records in a 26-year period in the National Center for Health Statistics' database, focusing on the two weeks from Dec. 25 to Jan. 7 (so that the deaths of those who suffered ailments over the holidays but lived were more likely to be included). The largest holiday spikes came in the number of people who were declared dead on arrival at a hospital, died in the emergency room or as outpatients. Deaths of hospital inpatients also rose during the holidays, but more modestly: 1.6 percent.

This research built on a 1999 study in *Circulation* by Robert Klauer of the University of Southern California that examined 222,265 death records from Los Angeles and found that cardiac deaths in December and January were 33 percent higher than in summer months, with a dramatic increase in deaths starting at Thanksgiving and continuing through the New Year's holiday.

New drug shown to boost 'good' cholesterol

Los Angeles Times

It's always been easier to reduce "bad" cholesterol than raise "good" cholesterol. But now, researchers can choose among medications to bring down levels of LDL, the low-density lipoprotein ("bad" cholesterol) that clogs arteries. But until now, there haven't

been highly effective therapies to increase low HDL or high-density lipoprotein ("good" cholesterol).

Taking the vitamin niacin raises HDL somewhat, but many patients can't tolerate side effects, including skin flushing and headache. Cholesterol-lowering statins and exercise have only modest

effects.

In a small study published in a recent issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and Tufts University in Boston reported that taking 120 milligrams daily of a new drug called torcetrapib doubled levels of HDL while reducing LDL

Tile

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stuck. Perhaps this is a good time in our story to bring up the fact that she had been working in, and was still wearing, only her underwear. Fortunately, the rescue crew were serious, competent, highly trained professionals, and thus, to again quote the Capital article, they "laughed until they cried."

Once they recovered, the rescue crews were able to free Anne by following the standard procedure for this type of situation: licking her face.

No, seriously, they freed her with solvents, and everything was fine. Anne got her new floor and saved herself \$700, which I am sure more than makes up for suffering enough humiliation to last four or five lifetimes.

So the bottom line, homeowners, is this: Don't be afraid to tackle the tile job. Just be sure to have a dog handy, and always remember the No. 1 rule of tile-installation profession-

als: Wear clean underwear.

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A husband might foresee the possibility that his wife may wish to disclaim part or all of the inheritance. He could write his will to provide that if his wife disclaims her inheritance, the property would pass into a trust for their children.

Sometimes, a surviving spouse simply does not need the inheritance and would sooner see it be in the hands of the next generation. Disclaimer trusts give family members the flexibility to accept or reject inheritances, minimize taxes, and control the terms upon which members of the younger generation receive their inheritances.

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Childbirth classes Unleash you and your pet's weight loss goals will start Jan. 4

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 4 through Feb. 9, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Topics include pregnancy, nutrition, relaxation and massage; process of birth and breathing labor - starting, timing and comfort measures; cesarean birth and hospital tour; labor rehearsal, postpartum and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and babies - looks, care and early parenting. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$30 for the class series or \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361, and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, doctor's name, due date and the month of the class. Registration also can be completed by mailing the same information to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Attention: Anita, 700 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Parenting program

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering a parenting program, NuParent, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 11 in the Florside Room at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

NuParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent and child activity, knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, 737-2166.

Prepare for childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 12 through Feb. 9, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is designed to prepare the expectant mother and support person for labor and childbirth.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and the new-

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born, including breast-feeding and bottle-feeding. Participants also will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required, call 732-3148.

First aid, CPR classes

The South Central District of the American Red Cross will offer first aid and adult, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses in January in Twin Falls and Ketchum. Participants must register in advance.

In Twin Falls, the classes will be held at the Red Cross office, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, and will include:

- First aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 8 and Jan. 20.
- First aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR review, 6 to 10 p.m., Jan. 13 and Jan. 27.
- Introduction to Disaster Services (program for volunteers), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 15.
- Introduction to Mass Care (program for volunteers), 1 to 5 p.m., Jan. 15.

In Ketchum, the classes will be held at the American Legion Hall, 220 Cottonwood, and will include:

- First aid and adult CPR, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 22.
- Introduction to Disaster Services (program for volunteers), 10 a.m. to noon, Jan. 29.
- Introduction to Mass Care (program for volunteers), noon to 2 p.m., Jan. 29.

No classes are scheduled for January in Burley. If a class is needed, call the American Red Cross office.

For more information on the cost or to register for a class, call the Red Cross office at 733-6464, ext. 300 or (800) 853-2570, ext. 300.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Inauguration section. All notices for The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

Slicking to New Year's resolutions can be quite a challenge. We all start the year with the best intentions, but many of our resolutions are abandoned by the time January comes to a close. One of the most common goals is to lose weight, since the average American gains a hefty 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Many of us vow to work hard to get back into shape by changing eating habits and sticking to an exercise routine. Easier said than done!

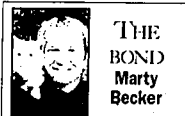
If you are feeling the repercussions of your holiday overindulgences, chances are your pet is as well. It's hard to resist giving them tasty table scraps, especially when there are so many goodies to give your furry companions as they wait patiently under the table. But excess weight has serious consequences for the human and pet populations alike, including shortened life spans and serious medical conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes, and osteoarthritis.

More than 60 percent of Americans are either overweight or obese. And it's not just people who are logging around excess baggage. Our pets are spiraling down the same dangerous path: 30 million cats and dogs in the U.S. have hit the overweight or obese mark.

"Obesity is the most common nutritional problem that we see in our canine and feline companions today," said Dr. Andrea Fascetti, associate professor of nutrition in the Department of Molecular Biotechnology at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis.

"The road to obesity is a complex one and a multitude of factors often contribute to its development. It is one of the easiest problems to diagnose and one of the most difficult to treat," she said.

If you are serious about slimming down and helping your pet to drop pounds as well, perhaps you should team up to fight the battle of the bulge. The People and Pets Exercising Together - (P-PET) study, by Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Hill's Pet Nutrition, demonstrates that people and their pets are both more successful in staying with a weight



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loss program when they exercise together. Over the course of a year, the people and pets on the study dined together, exercised together, and hit the scales together. Not only did people and their pets in this study take off the pounds but even, more amazingly, those pounds stayed off.

Pet owners with dogs in the study were provided with a suggested exercise plan (30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity at least three days per week) and a regular weight-in schedule. They were also provided with meal plans and pedometers and were instructed on behavioral strategies to control dietary calories and increase physical activities. Dogs involved in the study were fed a low-fat, nutritionally balanced food, Hill's Prescription Diet Canine r/d, which is specially formulated to help dogs lose weight while keeping them feeling satisfied.

The proof is in the fat-free pudding: by the end of the year-long study, the dogs shed an average of 12 pounds or 15 percent of their initial body weight; and their owners lost an average of 11 pounds or 5 percent of their initial body weight. What the owners gained was the motivation to stick to specific diet and exercise strategies with their dogs not just for the moment, but for the long term.

Kathleen and Winston (a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel), who also call Chicago home, have covered a lot of ground through their participation in the program. Their lengthy daily walks and dietary changes have helped Kathleen drop two dress sizes, while Winston lost six pounds, or 20 percent of his initial body weight.

If you give your dog a chance, not only can he be a supportive partner in a weight-loss program, he may be the most committed, reliable, support-

ive, out-and-out fun workout partner you could have ever hoped for. A dog never offers excuses why today isn't a good day to exercise; you won't catch them checking their watch thinking "I only have this much time to give you."

Dr. Tony Buffington, a veterinarian and companion animal nutritional specialist at Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, says using different words can make exercise more palatable.

"Many people panic at the thought or sound of the 'E' word, Exercise. But with our pets toting us or in to work or by tossing a tennis ball as we walk, we can just call it play or activity, not exercise," he says.

Buffington, whose paper on obesity therapy was published in the June 2004 "Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association," found that successful weight loss is not just about the food. His research shows activity also burns calories, but equally important, provides stress reduction for owner and pet alike, which appears to promote adherence to a new, healthier lifestyle.

Here are three reasons why dogs are excellent exercise partners:

1. Dogs elevate exercise from drudgery to joyful routine. The fun dogs find in the adventure of getting outside and working out with you is infectious. Not only is a dog good social support, but he will catch on to the new routine quickly, then make

your life miserable if you try to slack off and skip a day.

2. Dogs take the focus off you. Undertaking a walking or jogging routine alone can make anyone feel exasperatingly self-conscious. Walk or jog with a dog, however, and suddenly you are a doer of good deeds, an animal lover, a good spoz who doesn't mind being dragged around the block a few times by an eager dog. The difference may be about the perception of the neighbors, or all in your head, but studies show most people really do feel more comfortable walking with a dog than without one.

3. It's a good deed. Many of the participants in the P-PET study reported that they never would have undertaken — or stuck to — an exercise program were it not for the fact that they were doing it for their dogs. Changing your routine to make a change in your own health can seem like a decision that can be put off indefinitely, but for devoted dog lovers everywhere, a health condition caused by a pet's extra pounds is plenty of motivation.

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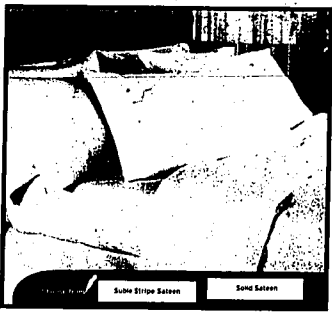
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A decade with the wolf  Part two of a four-day series

Wolf advocates offer to pick up tab for ranchers

Compensation programs get mixed reviews

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE - Ten years ago, Suzanne Stone found herself right in the thick of wolf reintroduction.

"It was like seeing a dream come true," she said.

Stone's personal interest in wolves led to her involvement in wolf recovery. Over the years, Stone has played various roles - from monitoring public opinion for the Wolf Education and Research Center to her current position as a spokeswoman for Defenders of Wildlife, an organization that works to protect wild animals and their habitats.

"I've just about always been fascinated by wolves," she said. "I got into it because I love wolves. It's been my life."

Stone remembers how thick the layer of misconception among the public was during the early years of wolf recovery. She believes those attitudes have changed over time.

"I think I hear people talk about accepting that wolves are here," Stone said.

In fact, one of the things that has added to the acceptance - livestock producers in particular - is a compensation program provided by Defenders of Wildlife. Even before the first wolves were reintroduced, it became apparent that one of the major controversies of the species recovery would be livestock losses due to wolf predation. Defenders instituted a mechanism to ease that controversy and encourage a greater tolerance for wolves - a reimbursement program for livestock producers. Today, the state of Idaho administers a complementary program to further promote acceptance.

Defenders established its reimbursement program in 1987. The plan pays market value up for livestock killed by wolves. Livestock owners receive up to \$2,000 for confirmed wolf kills and 50 percent of market value for probable kills. Since 1987, Defenders has paid almost \$30,000 in compensation.

Defenders additionally established the Proactive Carnivore Conservation Fund, which helps pay for proactive measures to reduce wolf-livestock conflict. The organization helps fund such things as dog tags used to protect livestock herds, electric corals to keep wolves out, and studies that examine practices that discourage wolves. Defenders also pays for ranchers to utilize alternate



A 130-pound wolf watches biologists in Yellowstone National Park after being captured and fitted with a radio collar in January 2003.

grazing areas for livestock.

"We started seeing links as to what was attracting wolves," Stone said.

Proactive efforts have been initiated by both ranchers and the Defenders organization, she said.

Are livestock producers satisfied with the compensation they receive? According to the organization's surveys, about 70 percent of producers say they are "definitely satisfied," roughly 12 percent remain dissatisfied. Not receiving compensation for missing livestock stands as a major source of their discontent, Stone said.

"A lot of these deaths get attributed to wolves that really aren't," she said. "It doesn't mean that we're catching all of them."

Rancher and former Idaho Cattle Association president Dave Nelson doesn't view Defenders' program in quite the same light as Stone.

"The Defenders' plan is probably not too good," Nelson said. The problem, Nelson said, lies in the probable and missing category. Studies have shown that "for every calf you find dead, there's probably five or six lost," Nelson said.

Wiser livestock producer Margaret Soulen Hinson said she received compensation for all of her missing sheep. However, Soulen Hinson says, the organization has been good to work with, providing funding for

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- James Caswell, Office of Species Conservation director

extra equipment for her sheepherders when dealing with wolves.

Retired state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, worries about what will happen to livestock producers who have grown accustomed to being compensated by Defenders if the program goes away.

"I don't like it in principle," Noh said. "They don't really have a responsibility here."

However, Noh credits the Defenders' compensation plan with making the idea of reintroduction a little easier for livestock producers to digest earlier on.

"It's helped a lot of ranchers," Noh said. "It's helped smooth the way for reintroduction."

One wolf advocacy group, Western Watersheds, dislikes

the Defenders program for entirely different reasons. The group feels it's unproductive for environmental groups to help ranchers.

"We're not primarily interested in working with ranchers," said Jon Marvel, executive director. "There's no evidence that the Defenders' compensation program has changed the attitude of ranchers toward wolves."

"Ranchers are big crybabies." There could be an even bigger reason to cry if Defenders discontinues its program when delisting occurs. Stone isn't sure an organization will compensate ranchers for their losses after delisting.

"We're asking them to help evaluate the compensation program," Stone said. "Almost

Overview of compensation programs

Defenders of Wildlife Compensation Program

Defenders began compensating for livestock killed by wolves in 1987. Losses covered under insurance or by a state program will not be reimbursed.

- **Losses** - a federal, tribal or state wildlife agent must confirm the livestock loss in an investigation. The investigation will rule whether the loss is a confirmed wolf kill or a probable wolf kill.
- **Compensation** - Defenders reimburses producers 100 percent of current market value - up to \$2,000 per animal for confirmed livestock losses. For losses determined probable, Defenders offers 50 percent of market value in compensation.
- **Livestock covered** - Sheep, cattle, horses, mules, goats, llamas, donkeys, pigs, chickens, geese, turkeys and herding and livestock guarding dogs.
- **Proactive efforts** - Defenders sponsors programs designed to reduce livestock-wolf conflicts, to increase tolerance for carnivores or to keep predators from being unnecessarily killed.

Idaho Wolf Depredation Compensation Plan

The federally funded program is designed to reimburse livestock producers for animals lost to wolf predation. The program compensates for losses not covered by the Defenders of Wildlife program or other sources. Livestock producers can submit claims to the state for abnormal losses that were not ruled as confirmed or probable by Defenders but occurred when wolves were present in the area.

The state considers offering compensation for the following:

1. Confirmed livestock losses due to wolves.
2. Livestock deaths when wolves are considered the probable cause.
3. Missing livestock when wolves are in the area.
4. Expenses incurred by producers that proactively try to reduce wolf-livestock conflict.

Idaho Wolf Depredation Compensation Plan

Defenders of Wildlife Compensation Payments Summary

- Total payments nationwide from 1987 to 2004: \$428,519
- Total payments in Idaho from 1987 to 2004: \$104,526
- Number of ranchers compensated nationwide: 357
- Total number of compensated livestock losses nationwide: 1,663
- Total number of compensated livestock losses in Idaho: 486
- Average payment per animal: \$258

Sources: Idaho Office of Species Conservation and Defenders of Wildlife

90 percent said 'yes,' they want compensation to continue."

Defenders intends to place greater emphasis on its proactive/nonlethal programs. The group hopes to find ways to minimize conflicts between livestock and wolves.

The state also offers a compensation program through the Office of Species Conservation. However, while that state administers the program, funding comes from the federal government.

"This is a species of national importance," said James Caswell, director for the office. "We didn't want it. They brought it to us. If the federal government is going to bring it to us over our objections, then they need to pay for it."

Unlike Defenders' program, which provides reimbursement, the state's program began only two years ago. Livestock producers can ask the state to compensate them for losses unaccounted for by the De-

fenders of Wildlife program.

Noh doubts that federal funding for the state's compensation program will continue once wolves are delisted.

"Ultimately there will be less need for it," he said.

"That's why, Noh said, there has been talk of establishing a kind of trust fund to help states deal with Endangered Species Act issues.

The state administered insurance program for livestock and agricultural producers may provide relief in the future for producers affected by wolf depredations; Noh said. The real hope, Noh said, lies in wolf management.

Nelson doubts that either the state's or the Defenders' plan will last. However, Nelson, like Noh, isn't putting his faith in compensation programs.

"I don't really worry about compensation," Nelson said. "We're not interested in compensation - We want the wolves managed."

Wolves

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"I wasn't happy about it," she said. "I knew there would be conflict."

Soulen Hinson runs six bands of sheep - each composed of 1,000 ewes, plus about 1,200 to 1,400 lambs. An additional band contains about 1,800 yearlings. Soulen Hinson had four bands of sheep that needed to cross near Cook pack territory to move onto forest allotments. The Cook pack preyed on each band as they passed. Despite having the shepherds bed down with the sheep, the Cook pack kept coming for more.

"It seemed like as the summer went on, the wolves became more and more accustomed to the humans being around," Soulen Hinson said. "They were just following the bands."

Each band had four dogs protecting it, but the dogs couldn't prevent wolves from sneaking in and picking off the sheep. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service exhausted all its deterrent mechanisms, the decision was made.

The Cook pack had to be destroyed.

Going forward with it

Eliminating wolves as a means of minimizing livestock losses never fails to draw criticism and raise a few eyebrows. In the Sawtooth National Forest, two Ketchikan groups have sued the Western Watersheds Society and the Fish and Wildlife Service over the issue.

The Fish and Wildlife Service coordinates control actions - such as fencing groups of sheep - to avoid conflicts with another federal agency, the USDA's Wildlife Services, said Carter Neimeyer, Idaho's wolf recovery leader for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Wildlife Services is responsible for killing the wolves while the Fish and Wildlife Service makes the decision to do



Livestock producers like Margaret Soulen Hinson rely on guard dogs to help protect bands of grazing sheep from gray wolves.

so, he said.

Neimeyer retains the ultimate say on whether lethal force is used.

"I'm kind of the judge, jury and executioner sitting up here in my chair," Neimeyer said. "In Idaho, we look at nonlethal means of control first. We have all of these different nonlethal tools."

The Fish and Wildlife Service tries to work with livestock producers if a wolf-livestock conflict arises, Neimeyer said. If nonlethal methods fail, the federal agency begins to incrementally remove wolves within the

pack, targeting the most problematic.

Neimeyer may authorize the removal of two or three wolves from a pack and continue to eliminate wolves until the problem is resolved.

The Fish and Wildlife Service used this type of strategy in dealing with the Cook pack, which feasted on Soulen Hinson's sheep.

"We did some incremental removals last summer," Neimeyer said.

However, the rest of the pack persisted in preying on Soulen Hinson's sheep and ultimately

were killed.

Relocating wolves is no longer a strategy the Fish and Wildlife Service employs.

"There really is nowhere to move wolves," said Ed Bangs, the federal wolf recovery leader for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The agency has relocated 117 wolves since reintroduction. However, no wolves have been moved since 2001. The manpower and machinery needed to move wolves proved too costly. That wasn't the only reason the agency stopped relocating the animal.

"By in large, it didn't work that well," Bangs said. "A lot of times, they didn't survive very well."

Whether the Fish and Wildlife Service moved or killed problem wolves, they were bound to hear about it by one segment of the public. If no action was taken, another segment created an uproar.

"Sometimes we're ridiculed by people that we're using these nonlethal methods," Neimeyer said.

However, Neimeyer said he feels the incremental steps are valuable and necessary. These steps also make it easier for dealing with the opposing sides. "Taking action slowly and carefully can make things easier."

"I have to remind both sides that the other side is watching," he said. "We follow the rules as best we can."

"I've tried to be fair."

Getting a handle on the problem

Wolves are killing livestock and putting ranchers out of business, says one side in the wolf debate. Wolves only kill a small portion of the livestock that dies each year, says another.

Based on pure statistics, the percentage of livestock killed by wolves remains very low, said Jim Holsen, who works with the Nez Percé Tribe.

Wolves can have an impact on individual producers, but as an industry, livestock producers suffer little impact from wolves, he said.

"We need to be looking at individual producers," he said.

Wolves tend to repeat behavioral patterns, Holsen said. Typically, the same pack will attack the same producer's livestock in the same area each year.

"Really, there's just a handful of producers - a small percentage - affected each year," Holsen said.

Livestock producers

In general, Soulen Hinson said she feels the public doesn't always understand the ranchers' side.

"I think they don't understand how difficult it is to protect your livestock," she said. "I think they don't understand that producers will tolerate some livestock loss. It's a matter of what you can deal with. You can tolerate so much, but you can't let it go totally unchecked."

Another ranch caretaker, Bill Leavell, has lived in the Stanley Valley since 1981 and has been at the ranch for 17 years. Horse and cattle producers rent grazing lands from his ranch.

"We haven't had any wolf predations," Leavell said. However, Leavell has spotted wolves in the area on five or six occasions. Producers have changed the way they tend livestock, concentrating the animals together more closely, he said. Livestock producers in the area, just like those on the ranch, need to graze animals differently due to wolves.

"You can't just turn a cow loose like you used to," Leavell said. "And I don't think that's a bad thing."

Leavell, however, admits his opinion of wolf reintroduction is influenced by the fact that he is not a livestock producer himself.

"If it were my cow or my sheep, I might have a different opinion," he said.

Dave Nelson definitely has another opinion. Nelson learned to live with wolves both as a livestock producer and as an officer in the Idaho Cattle Association.

"When the wolves came in here, we didn't want them," Nelson said.

"We lost that war," he continued. "We tried not to have wolves reintroduced."

However, Nelson said, the organization soon realized that keeping wolves out of Idaho wasn't a realistic option. Therefore, the cattle association would have to devise ways to deal with wolves.

"We always said we could live with wolves if we could manage them," Nelson said. "Our goal is to try to protect our private property. As far as we're concerned, livestock is our private property."

Nelson owns about 800 cattle, which he grazes on public lands near Mackay.

Since wolves were reintroduced in Idaho, Nelson lost one animal to a wolf in 2002. That same year, Nelson said, 21 of his calves went missing.

So far, he hasn't altered his management practices.

"We have a rotation," Nelson said. "If we start juggling around these cattle bands of wolves, it's not a good use of lands."

Therefore, Nelson and the Idaho Cattle Association support delisting wolves in Idaho as long as possible. Delisting will give property rights to the sheep owners on private property.

"It's a win-win situation for both of us," Nelson said. "You take one or two of them out and the others head back to the hills."

Europe begins new era with Bush

"It's a nightmare," Sir Elton John announced shortly after the November election. "George W. Bush and this administration are the worst thing that has ever happened to America." Yet, a few weeks later, the British "chanteur" was in the East Room of the White House accepting an award from the "Toxic Texan."

It is always dangerous to read anything into a pop star's political posturing, but Sir Elton's rapid change-in-a-hurricane change of heart is actually representative of a deeper change in the mood music of Old Europe. In the wake of the election, the Continent is slowly coming to terms with Bush.

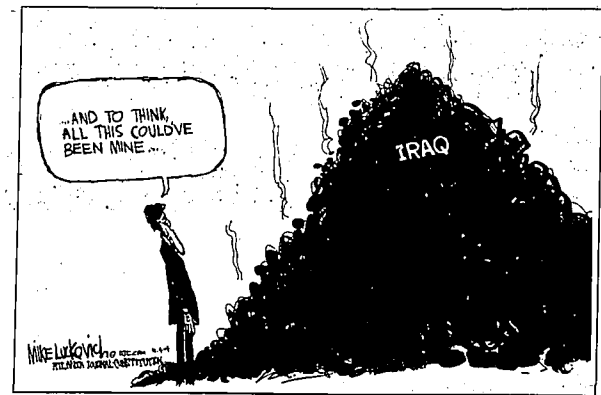
This, it should be stressed, is not a first choice. Numerous surveys showed that if Europeans had a vote on Nov. 2, John Kerry would have won by a landslide. The morning after the election, the London Daily Mirror asked, "How can 59,054,087 people be so DUMB?"

For European leaders such as France's Jacques Chirac and Germany's Gerhard Schroeder, Bush's victory reflected not just a tragedy but a failure of old policy.

Yet if the chancelleries of Old Europe are famous for anything, it is coldhearted pragmatism. "There is no point wondering what might have been," says one German diplomat. "Foreign policy cannot just stop for four years."

Paradoxically, the very thing that neoconservatives detest most about European diplomacy—that Machiavellian willingness to cut deals with anyone—is now working in Bush's favor. But there is arguably more to this sea change than just a grumpy acceptance of the status quo. From a European perspective, three things are making it easier to warm to the Bush White House.

One is the death of Yasser Arafat. The issue divides Europe and the United States more keenly than the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. For the last few years, Europeans have criticized Bush for failing to put enough pressure on Israel to get out of the occupied territo-



JOHN MICKLETHWAIT AND ADRIAN WOOLDRIDGE

ries and for refusing to deal with Arafat. But since Arafat's death, Europeans and Americans have been able to find common ground: supporting Ariel Sharon's withdrawal from Gaza, putting pressure on Israel to let the Palestinians hold elections and, covertly, backing Mahmoud Abbas to become the next Palestinian leader.

A second reason is Europe's growing worries about Islamic terrorism. The murder last month of Theo van Gogh, a provocative Dutch filmmaker, at the hands of an Islamic militant has been called Europe's 9/11. Though the two events are obviously not fully comparable, it is certainly true that American conservatives, such as Francis Fukuyama and Bernard Lewis, have found a wider audience recently for the idea that radical Islam is inimical to European traditions of tolerance.

The third force is the reappearance, albeit in a milder

form, of the threat that kept the transatlantic alliance together for half a century. The Russian bear is growing again. The Ukrainian election—complete with its KGB-style poisoning of the opposition leader and heavy-handed electoral fraud—has reminded European diplomats of Vladimir V. Putin's determination to control his "near abroad."

European bankers, who have invested a fortune in Russia, have been spooked by the state-sponsored bankruptcy of Yukos, once hailed as Russia's most Western company. These worries are magnified by the growing influence of the eight new members of the European Union from Central Europe, all of which are instinctively much more anti-Russian (and pro-American).

If these three things have prompted Europeans to reconsider Bush, European leaders also claim that the White House is reconsidering them, particularly in the light of the Iraq quagmire. They point to the relatively warm response from Washington to the EU's attempts to negotiate with Iran (something Bush might well have previously dismissed as pointless). One former prime minister points out that second-term presidents have

generally been more conciliatory figures, less interested in posturing and more in horse-trading. He cites Ronald Reagan as an example. There is a personal edge to all this, just as the spotty continentalers eventually came to admire the gormless Hollywood actor, there is a grudging willingness to rethink some prejudices about the inarticulate Texan.

Many European leaders once swallowed the Michael Moore version of history: that Bush was an arrogant interloper who stole the White House. His stunning re-election, however, shows that he represents a large body of conservative American opinion.

In short, Europeans are getting used to the idea that it is not Bush who is the exception, but the U.S. itself that is exceptional—and that if they want to deal with this exceptional superpower they need to humor it rather than rile it. Strangely enough, this has been Tony Blair's come-back all along. It is rapidly becoming the Continent's strategy too.

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Sneaky deal makes rec fees permanent

The LaGrande (Ore.) Observer

To most of us, fees to use public lands are no big deal. It's just a choice between paying recreation fees and putting shoes on the baby. So when the "temporary" Recreation Fee Demonstration program began in 1996 for the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, we didn't all strap on our hiking boots, grab our protest signs and picket local headquarters of the agencies. Maybe we believed the word "temporary."

Shame on us. The program seemed to have an honorable intent. Rec fees were to be reinvested in recreation areas to help maintain and improve natural resources, recreation facilities and services.

Valid defense for public land

The Albuquerque (N.M.) Tribune

Gov. Bill Richardson, who can hardly be called anti-development, has wisely and appropriately drawn a line in the sand on development of New Mexico's precious Otero Basin public land in which the public's interest has not been compromised for private gain.

The Bush administration, its servants at the Bureau of Land Management and its cronies in private energy companies are pushing hard for rapid oil and natural gas drilling in the ecologically sensitive and significant grassland.

Would public lands remain wild public lands, or would they be sold to private interests and organizations and some ecologists agree are worthy of preservation, including potentially as wilderness areas.

But then came the rub. The government promised it would get the public involved before it made the temporary fees permanent.

Thanks to a representative you've probably never heard of, Ralph Regula, R-Ohio, a state with nary an acre of national forest, the fees are being made permanent. What happened is this: a miscellaneous measure was tacked onto a spending bill at the last second.

The move shows zero courage. Put yourself in the hiking boots—or tennis shoes—of a two-income family for a minute. The fees can keep them out of public lands paid for by tax dollars. Remove the last-second amendment from the spending bill and allow the public to have an honest and open debate.

Elsewhere—for example in the Owyhee Mountains of southeastern Idaho—various competing interests have been able to reach a consensus and compromise that protects large tracts of otherwise vulnerable public lands.

To date, the federal government shows no such inclination regarding Otero, rejecting conservationists and Richardson's calls for more stringent environmental safeguards. Hence Richardson's threat earlier this month to put himself and Santa Fe squarely in the BLM's and the drilling industry's selfish ways, including using state permit and review powers to stop or stall the process.

Good for Richardson. It's about time somebody with authority and power stood up to the wholesale attack on public lands by this administration...

Jilted at the U of I

The Lewiston Morning Tribune

University of Idaho Financial Vice President Jay Kenton may be knowledgeable about money, but he doesn't know public relations from Shinola. After a mere five months on the job, he has handed his boss, President Tim White, an image disaster.

Last week, Kenton traveled to Oregon to interview for another job, shortly after the UI paid tens of thousands of dollars to find him and move him into Moscow and agreed to pay him \$155,000 a year in salary.

For that, Kenton was charged with devising ways out of the financial hole the university found itself in following the collapse of a real estate development scheme in Boise.

But his eagerness to let his feet barely land on a stepping stone in Idaho leaves the impression that the UI has money to burn.

Ordinary Idahoans scratching their heads over Kenton's move to leave—are justified in wondering when he applied to become vice chancellor of finance and administration for Oregon's higher education system, Kenton has given his job at the UI the same respect Butch Otter has given his job as congressman for Idaho's 1st District. Last week, Otter filed candidacy papers for a campaign for governor, prior to being sworn in in another term in the U.S. House.

Otter knows from experience that Idahoans will put up with a lot from their Republican politicians. What's Kenton's excuse?

An overdue drought solution

The Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction, Colo.

A representative of U.S. Secretary of Interior Gale Norton said last week that unless the seven states using the Colorado River come up with a drought management plan for the river by April 1, the federal government will impose one upon them by April, 2005.

Lower Basin states such as Arizona and California, which have historically taken more than they are due under the 1922 Colorado River Compact, stand to lose the most in such a plan. But the Interior Department made it clear that the pain of dealing with drought must be shared among all of the states.

No one is certain how much

water Upper Basin states such as Colorado would be asked to give up during dry years. Representatives of each of the seven states will seek to preserve as much of their water as possible while asking more of their neighbors.

Placing a three-month deadline on efforts that would essentially amend the 1922 compact—which took a decade to forge in a time of abundant water—is unrealistic, to say the least. But it has been clear for years that something must change in a region where water use is growing and water supply has been declining.

Norton's ultimatum appears designed to get states actively engaged in seeking a solution rather than waiting for better weather to bail them out...

Make the Oval Office work for us

OK, people. The election is over and the Republican money machine continues to roll on. The little people like myself can go back and watch their rock until next election because we don't matter until election time. The politicians, they don't care for us except for our votes. Let it Do they come back to the little towns and cities to monitor poverty levels? Or to check on the quality of life? No, not 'til next election.

My wife has always said, "Why are politicians' salaries so high?" Do we actually have to pay a salary of \$400,000 per year for our president? Plus all the little perks and other things that he suddenly becomes entitled to once elected? Is he a servant of the people? If so, why can't he have a salary of \$10 an hour or so?

I get so tired of always hearing about the budget deficit and the programs that serve the less fortunate having to be cut while the politicians sit in their big offices and attend their thousand-dollar-a-plate dinners and soak up each other's awesomeness while we, the less fortunate, are not important anymore until next election.

JAMES TUCKER
Twin Falls

Raise your voice with FTC on gas probe

On the evening of Dec. 15, a

Write to us

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friend filled up the gasoline tank on his truck at a local gasoline station and paid the Twin Falls standard price of \$1.999 per gallon. The next morning, he drove to Burley and learned that the price of gasoline there was \$1.639 per gallon.

Being dismayed at the 16-cent difference, he contacted the state attorney general's office to lodge a complaint concerning potential price fixing of gasoline in Twin Falls. The attorney said that if at the attorney general's office instructed him to call the Federal Trade Commission with the matter as they are the ones who investigate such things. The attorney said that if enough Twin Falls people complain to the Federal Trade Commission, they will likely initiate an investigation into the matter.

The toll-free telephone number for making the complaint to the Federal Trade Commission is (877) 382-4357. If you are concerned about this problem and want the FTC to check it out, please call them today and lodge your complaint. Also, please question The

Times-News and KMYT Television as to why they haven't covered this matter for their patrons.

TOM GRIGGS
Twin Falls

New retailer contributes to community

In regard to Mr. Ned Burns' letter Dec. 12:

Competition is always good for business. In order to survive in today's marketplace, business must change to be competitive. Businesses must provide the best customer service possible, along with fair and competitive pricing. A clean and friendly environment is also a must.

You claim that "large out-of-state corporations can afford hundreds of almost full-time jobs" that rarely have room for advancement aren't likely to offer health insurance and do little to keep communities vital. But, in fact, you are incorrect. All of our full-time employees are kept full time even in the slow season and, yes, we have part-time help as well. Some part-time employees go to school—either high school or the College of Southern Idaho, and we do work around their schedule. Some part-time employees want to work part time; we don't force them to.

In a little over one year of being in business in Twin Falls, we have had six employees promoted to management either this store or at other locations. This following year, we are looking at another pos-

sible six to eight advances to management. All of these people are from the Twin Falls area. When we held interviews, we had the opportunity to interview almost 400 people from the Magic Valley, and we narrowed it down to 50 employees. We even had to have some people come back for second and third interviews to narrow down the field. Most of our employees that we hired are paid more than they were making at their other jobs. We do offer health insurance, life insurance, 401K and other incentives. In this business, family comes first.

We have donated more than \$40,000 this last year to organizations and groups in the Magic Valley such as Dues Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, bass, mule deer, CSI groups and organizations, Boy Scouts, National Guard, Idaho State Police, Twin Falls Police, just to name a few.

I am a firm believer in supporting the community and family. I promote people, and we do our best to take care of the customer by great customer service, price and selection. While we are always saddened by the loss of a competitor, we continually strive to grow our own business, and we are thankful for the widespread support that we've received from Twin Falls and all of the surrounding communities.

JOHN HOWARD
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: John Howard is the store manager at Sportsman's Warehouse in Twin Falls.)

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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore

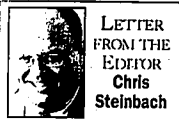
By Bruce Tinsley



Check and check again with the facts

Carmudgeonly editors have taught a principle of journalism for so long that it has become a cliché: If your mother says she loves you, verify it. Still, it is a good lesson for even the best reporters to remember, and one we've been discussing at *The Times-News* since Dec. 18, when we published a front-page story under the headline: "County makes collectors on fines."

We told the stories of people who say they paid fines for offenses they committed more than a decade ago. They said they were told this month by Twin Falls County that they still owe money to the courts and their debts would be turned over to collection agencies if not paid.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Chris Steinhach

The one thing we did not adequately do in reporting this story was double-check what we were told by the people who told us they had paid their fines. In a follow-up story on Dec. 24, at least one person repeated what she had said in the first story: That she paid a \$347 fine in 1993 for failing to purchase a driver's license.

Computerized records kept since 1989 by the Twin Falls County Clerk's office, however, show that the woman has paid other fines, but not the one for \$347. Records kept by the clerk's office tell the same thing for the other people featured in our story on Dec. 18.

I'm not sure what these folks did not — or what they remember paying. All I know is what the records show, and I wish we had done a more thorough job of checking them.

Something good can sometimes happen as a result of something bad. Our reporting, which I think is generally pretty good to begin with, will become even better as a result of the reminder this story provided its work harder at verifying what people tell us for stories.

And I hope our readers and the people written about in *The Times-News* will take serious our pledge to correct our mistakes. Our success is based on our credibility. Don't be afraid to let us know when you think we've made a mistake.

• Phone calls and letters: A reader called to comment on an Associated Press story we published on page A2 on Dec. 17. The caller said his sons found bare breasts on one of the pin-up girls on the wall behind the soldiers in the photo. I looked — and looked again, and the second time with a magnifying glass — and concluded the reader's sons have better eyes than I do.

But the caller raised a good point. *The Times-News* is a family newspaper. It will be on the lookout to avoid this sort of thing in the future.

• A word about phone calls: We have begun publishing each day on A2 the direct-line phone numbers for most managers at *The Times-News*, including Publisher Brad Hurd, advertising director Mike Smit and circulation director Daniel Wulock. We are also publishing telephone numbers for the newsroom to help readers who want to get a story or a letter to the editor into *The Times-News*.

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You can also still call our main switchboard at 733-0931. You will be greeted by a cheery recording with instructions directing your call to the appropriate department.

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Never miss the action.
The Times-News

Women can't take all blame for children's problems

For all the talk of being a child-centered society, America doesn't walk the walk. Too many children arrive home from school to an empty house, with only the refrigerator and computer (or perhaps, the boyfriend) for company, while many absent parents rely on television and psychiatric drugs to fill in the yawning, dangerous gaps in their offspring's lives.

The result, says Mary Eberstadt's "Home Alone America: The Hidden Toll of Day Care, Behavioral Drugs, and Other Parent Substitutes," is a generation that is obese, angry, overmedicated, underappreciated and worst of all, abandoned.

A fellow at the Hoover Institute (and a working mom herself), Eberstadt places the blame squarely on the twin evils of trends of maternal employment and divorce.

The first she renames the "absent mother problem," the second, "the absent father problem."

Her recently published book is all the rage in conservative journals; one called it "culture-changing." Her term for a working mother who leaves childcare to others — "separationist" — even ranked a mention in the "buzzword tracker" of the *Times* of London.

By insisting that the mommy wars and divorced-daddy disputes focus the well-being of children instead of the wishes of adults, Eberstadt does a great service. Too many parents have stupidly, selfishly messed up their kids' lives, while issues ranging from child care policy



to divorce law too often consider the prerogatives of adults before the needs of children.

But here's the irony: To prove the ideological point that parents have willfully abandoned their children, Eberstadt portrays the condition of those children in too dire a light, ignoring the many good attributes of this generation. And the enormous contributions of women in the workforce are minimized or forgotten.

To read Eberstadt's book is to cringe at the state of America's youth. They are plagued by behavioral and mental problems, sexually transmitted diseases, educational backwardness,

obesity, and a fondness for angry, melancholy music that masks a longing for adult attention.

But, when have grownups ever "not bemoaned" what's happened to kids today? Truth is, for every bleak statistic, there is a more optimistic one. This is a generation that is delaying sexual activity, delaying pregnancy, volunteering and voting in record numbers. Its members respect authority far more than baby boomers ever did; they call home often enough to fuel a booming cell phone industry.

Eberstadt sees abandonment and despair. Demographers see an updated version of the

Greatest Generation. The truth, probably, is all of the above.

But the truer picture scrambles the underlying message: That "separationist" working mothers (is there no other kind?) and fathers who can't commit are destroying America's future.

The polemic against working mothers is especially strong — the book's cover shows a toddler pulling at the leg of his business-suited mother as she tries to dash off, to some unnecessary corporate meeting, no doubt — and especially tiresome. Will women ever stop blaming each other for our communal failure to create a saner balance between work

and family? This intra-gender conflict has conveniently left men off the hook, and it is men, let's not forget, who still establish the working rules and government policies in this country.

Mothers are indispensable for certain child-rearing activities, especially during infancy, which is why the expectation (usually not the choice) that women return to work after three weeks or three months, maternity leave is ridiculous. Mothers are also now indispensable to the nation's workforce, their employment fueling the postwar economic boom and America's commercial might. Simply sending them home would irreparably harm schools, hospitals, offices, factories, social services, and even, dare I say it, newspapers.

Eberstadt doesn't suggest that, of course, she's far too astute. But since she doesn't offer any solutions, the inescapable conclusion is that it can be solved only if mom is back in the kitchen all day.

It would be better for both children and adults if more American parents were with their kids more of the time," she writes. The only way to reach that noble goal is to look at how all of society can change to make it happen — not just the woman in high heels trying to do the impossible.

Jane Eisner is a columnist for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

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Scott Neff teaches music to Buhl band students, including Alyssa Soloaga, left, and Katherine Hunter. He hopes to expand the program and include more community participation.

Students fill their days with giving

The two days of school before the holiday break brought with them the gifts of charity and enthusiasm.

On Dec. 20, the expecting parents and those with children received food, toy and clothing donations from members of the Presbyterian Church and the Al Chapter of the PEO.

Thank you to all who donated — the gifts were truly appreciated.

MVHS MOMENTS
Jennifer Miller

The following students received a superior rating on their All-School Writes for block five: Esdyene Rodriguez, Sylvia Tapia, Sheema Evans, George Galvan, Lupe Fregoso, Kaylee Walters, Sonia Cantu, Hope Long, Nikki Watts, Chelsea Wilson and Jessica Rivera.



Photo courtesy of JENNIFER MILLER

Amber O'Brien, Kandida McNabb, Brent Walls and Melissa Gomez prepare gift bags for needy Magic Valley families.

The prompt dealt with "Gifts from the Heart."

Pete Hurst's science class won the toy donation contest, and they, along with Kim Hart's English class, were awarded with a pizza party on Dec. 21 for their contributions.

MVHS wishes everyone a happy holiday!

Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls.

Buhl music teacher makes plans to expand program

By Sandra Wiscaver, Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Building the Buhl school music program is the goal of new band instructor, Scott Neff.

"We hope to grow and we'll take it a day at a time," he said.

Neff teaches sixth grade, middle school and high school band classes. For the first time this year, there is also a high school guitar class with an enrollment of 10 students.

"I want to build the bands this year and increase enrollment," Neff said. "We're trying to get involved as we can with the pep band. We played most of the home football games and we'll be playing quite a few home girls' and boys' basketball games."

For more information
Interested in playing with the pep band? Call Jeff Neff at 543-8292.

Originally from Washington, Neff earned his bachelor's degree in music education at Washington State University in Pullman.

"I've done other things now and then, but I've always come back to teaching," he said.

When he and his wife, Ellen Wickhorste, moved back to Twin Falls, which is her home town, he taught again, more recently with developmentally delayed infants at the Child Development Center in Twin Falls. But he missed music and decided

to go back to the classroom.

"The kids are enthusiastic," Neff said. "We've had good interest and we're having fun. That's what it's all about in music."

Neff is also working to get the community involved in the music program. Interested students are invited to come play with the pep band.

"If we have enough interest, we'll have some evening rehearsals," Neff said.

People who can get off work during the school day for band rehearsal are also invited to class to practice. A Buhl city band is a vision for the future.

"I think the community appreciates hearing the band play the school song," Neff adds. "It helps the team and helps the community pull together."

BALLOON COMMITMENT



Students from Mountain View Elementary School in Burley release balloons as a symbol of their commitment to stay drug free as part of Red Ribbon Week. They kicked off the week with an assembly where high school students danced, played the drums and demonstrated martial arts. Each day was a different theme. For example, there was 'Put a Cap on Drugs' where everyone wore hats, 'Scare Away Drugs' where people wore Halloween costumes and 'Suck It to Drugs' wear everyone wore mismatched socks.

Photo courtesy of KAREN MORGAN

Students bring home silver from event

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Members of the Castleford FFA Chapter were among 38 teams participating in the 2004 National Environment/Natural Resources Career Development Event Oct. 27-28 during the National FFA Convention in Louisville.

The Castleford team received Silver Award and Challenge Overall. Team members Lauren Kline received an Individual gold award, Larissa Blick and Jessica Bobango received silver awards and Andrea Fry earned a bronze award.

The event allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

It focuses on testing students' problem-solving and decision-making skills in environmental and natural resources. Areas of concern include soil profiles, water quality, waste management, Global Positioning Systems and environmental analysis.

The Castleford team competed at the state level for the privilege of representing Idaho.

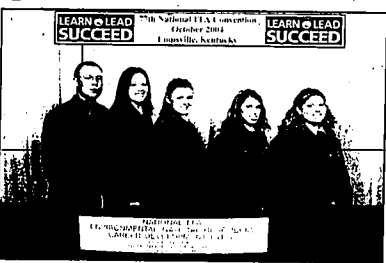


Photo courtesy of ROGER WELLS

Castleford FFA team members, from left to right, Andrea Fry, Lauren Kline, Larissa Blick and Jessica Bobango competed at the National Environment/Natural Resources Career Development Event. With them is agricultural teacher and FFA adviser Roger Wells, who coached the students. Not pictured was team alternate Wesley Rodgers.

Wells reported. FFA is a national youth organization of students preparing for leadership and careers in science, business and technology of agriculture.

Buhl students spend time giving to others

Happy Holidays! Vacation has begun for all of the Buhl schools, and kids are hoping for snow and cheering for a break. We go back on Jan. 3.

Before the break, our student council visited two day cares to spend time with younger children. It went really well and the kids both big and small enjoyed it very much.

Key Club members delivered all of their toys last week to needy families. It was good once again — this year — although there weren't as many toys as expected, what we had will still make a difference.

The Ecology Club has been working on its big recycling of



BUHL BEAT
Alyssa Welch

all the paper in the school, going around and picking up all the bins and sorting. This is a huge task, and they once again hung in and kept it through it.

Good job to the band and choir in the Christmas night light parade. The choir performed afterwards at the Eighth Street Center, singing carols for

the community to enjoy.

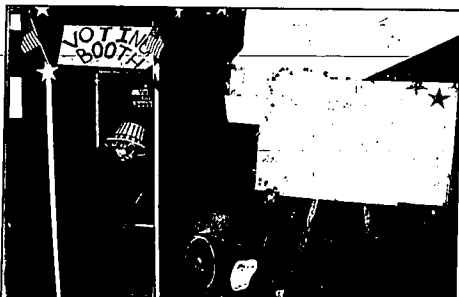
The senior class sold spirit T-shirts as a fund-raiser. If you are interested in purchasing one, they are still available. They say "Scalp 'em" on the front with the Indian logo.

The sale went well and everyone wore the T-shirts to the boys game against Piler.

The teachers, as well as the students, were ready for the holiday break, with candy canes hanging from everyone's mouths and smiles all around. Merry Christmas to all. Have a wonderful week.

Alyssa Welch is Buhl High School student body president.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE



Bryson Hatfield, 10, a student at Kimberly Elementary School, casts his vote for his favorite book at the semi-annual book fair in honor of the political year, the entire gym was decorated in red, white and blue. Harry Potter books received the most votes. All proceeds from the sale of books, markers, pens, crayons and other items went to the school library.

BRYSON HATFIELD/The Times-News

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SCHOOL NEWS

Burley students earn art, poetry, story honors

BURLEY — Winners of the Burley High School Renaissance art contest have been announced:

First place, Megan Chard; second, Jennifer Scott; and third, Tessa Jones. Honorable mentions are: Art: Frilshuf, Jason Oloman, Travis Smith and Melissa Elizondo. The art will be displayed in the Media Center.

Poetry winners also were announced. The \$50 prize, first: Jacob Barcia; and \$20, honorable mentions: Kylie Barrus, Jasmine Belt and Trisha Warren. Story winners were: \$50, Tessa Jones; \$30, Olesya Kiselevich; and \$20, Ryan Holloway; \$50, Tessa Jones, humorous story; \$30, Tyler Pitzuzello; top prize, romance, Trisha Warren; and second, Tessa Jones, pirate story.

Student wins Distinguished Student Award at FHS

BOISE — The United Dairy-farm of Idaho Distinguished Student Award recognizing excellence in academics, citizenship and the role of education went to Kylie Madsen for the week of Dec. 6.

Madsen is a senior at Piler High School, has a 4.0 grade point average, is a University of Idaho Top Scholar and member of National Honor Society, on the honor roll and active in Family Career and Community Leaders of America, holding offices and receiving a gold award at the state and national levels. She also is a member of the advanced speech team and has been a state-qualifier and has been on the cheerleading squad and pep band. Madsen volunteered at the Salvation Army, Dancers for Cancer ben-

efit and Piler Community Trunk-or-Treat and is active in Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety and the FCCLA Chapter Service project that puts together Christmas gifts for the elderly.

Shoshone students earn honors at competition

SHOSHONE — Shoshone High School students won honors at a recent district drama competition.

Medal winners were: Phillip Helmer and Jason Peterson, first, props; and Amaya Ingram, second, solo humorous. Other qualifiers for state are: Anna Gedeberg, solo humorous; Katie Strunk, Lalande Wisenbut and Jose Hernandez, original humorous; and Devonna Stianhope, solo serious. Alternates are: Karla Davis,

solo serious; and Katie Strunk and Teresa Russell, ensemble humorous.

Shoshone students shine at Academic Decathlon

SHOSHONE — Twenty one of the 25 students representing Shoshone High School at the first Academic Decathlon meet One Shoshone student earned a medal in each of the 10 events.

The event was a practice invitational Dec. 4 at Shoshone. Shoshone's first team won the Super Quiz, which is a research topic oral and written test, and third overall behind Gooding High School and the Community School from Sun Valley.

Shoshone's second team placed third in the competition that featured 12 teams from

area schools.

There is no size classification for the schools.

Shoshone medalists include: Christina Gedeberg — Bronze, overall for honors; tournament bronze, essay; gold, art; and silver, music. Teresa Russell — Gold, essay and interview; and silver, speech and math. Ian Ingram — Silver, math; and bronze, music. Chelsea Guenechea — Bronze, math. Davis Engman — Bronze, interview; and math; silver, language and literature; and gold, speech and Super Quiz. Ginger Exner — Silver, speech. Tasha Engman — Silver, social science. Zadia Dains — Silver, music; bronze, interview and language and literature. Karla Davis — Bronze, math

and silver, essay and music. Lindsay Hanson — Bronze, overall variety; gold, interview and math; and silver, speech and Super Quiz.

Carl Dayton — Bronze, math and music. Hillary Hanson — Silver, speech and Super Quiz. Jessica Connell — Silver, math and Super Quiz; art; bronze, speech. Ed Reynolds — Silver, Super Quiz; and bronze, economic. Brock Astle — Bronze interview and speech. Dani Bozzuto — Bronze, social science. Kallie Axelson — Gold, interview and Super Quiz. Logan Jolly — Bronze math. Griselida Zavala — Bronze, math and speech. Dan Billington — Bronze, math and silver, Super Quiz. Jessica Clark — Bronze and Super Quiz.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Officials will discuss commerce

RUPERT — The Minidoka County commissioners are scheduled to discuss the implementation of an intermodal commerce authority during their regular meeting today.

Other agenda items include discussion of the joint animal control agreement and a weed cost-sharing program.

The commissioners meet in the county courthouse beginning at 9 a.m. and the meeting is open to the public.

Public hearing will be held today

BURLEY — Commissioners from Minidoka and Cassia counties have scheduled a public hearing to consider an increase in work release fees for inmates.

The hearing is set for 9:30 a.m. at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center in Burley.

Irrigation district on Cassia's agenda

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners are scheduled to review and execute an order establishing the Goose Creek Irrigation District during their regular meeting today.

A proposal for a joint intermodal commerce authority with Minidoka County also is listed on the agenda.

Commissioners meet in the basement of the county courthouse beginning at 9 a.m. and the meeting is open to the public.

Class encourages people to reach goals

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a motivational workshop early in the spring semester.

"Bungee Jump Your Dreams" is a three-hour seminar that will give students practical ideas and resources to see their dreams take flight. Whether realizing a dream or getting out of a bad situation, the seminar is designed to provide information and tools to help students take calculated risks and make decisions to pave the way for a brighter future.

Mark Bork will be the instructor. Bork has experience as a radio disk jockey, high school teacher, commercial writer and marketing director. For the past 15 years, he has produced and directed numerous films and television programs. He is the owner and president of Anmark Productions, a video production and communications company.

Participants may choose from three time slots for the seminar: from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 18, 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 20 or 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 22. The fee is \$30 plus for materials payable to the instructor.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Annual Polar Bear Ride will help kids

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Motorcycle Club will hold its annual Polar Bear Ride Jan. 8.

The day will begin with registration at noon at B & T Truck Driving School at 1300 Kimberly Road. The registration fee is \$10 and a stuffed animal. Stuffed animals will go to the Castelford Quick Response Unit to distribute to children, and the \$10 will go to a rider who has had brain surgery and has no insurance.

The ride will wrap up at the Castelford Fire Department.

For information, call Jerry Morton at 423-5214 or Mike Blankenship at 432-5495.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% snowpack
Upper Snake River	70	73
Salmon Falls Creek	93	93
Oxley Basin	103	106
Big Wood	77	76
Little Wood	77	81
Henry Fork	77	78
Big Lost	77	78
Little Lost	75	79
As of Dec. 26		

*A comparison of local snowpack on this day with a 30-year average. For a complete list of local snowpack for the last 30 years, visit www.idwr.gov.

KICK UP YOUR FEET



DOBY WITERS/The Times-News

Gail Lee, left, and Wayne Evans dance at Montana Steak House in Twin Falls recently. The venue features country dancing on Friday and Saturday nights.

T.F. restaurant is home to classic country music and dancing

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Go to Montana Steak House on a weekend night, and you won't hear songs by Tim McGraw or Toby Keith. There's no Shania Twain or Dixie Chicks, either.

This place is home to real live country music, played by the classics by Waylon and Willie, Merle and Loretta, Johnny Cash and June Carter. And some Elvis, for good measure.

This restaurant and bar on Twin Falls' northwest side is hoppin' on Fridays and Saturdays, jam-packed with people who love good music and who love to dance. On one recent Saturday evening, the 20-by-30-foot neon-lit dance floor was crowded with two-stepping couples, and the tables around the floor held at least 50 more patrons.

The music comes courtesy of Country Classics, a cover band with a fiddle and a keyboard that sounds convincingly like a steel guitar. The band's headed up by lead singer and guitarist Gale Cartwright of Twin Falls.

Fit and trim at age 66, Cartwright has a smooth baritone and a style that falls somewhere between Hank Williams and George Jones. The son of vaudeville performers from Boise, Cartwright's been in music all his life.

"I grew up with Patsy Cline and all of them," Cartwright said, and he meant it literally. He said he met the famed singer, as well as other classic country musicians, at an uncle's house when he was just a boy.

Cartwright ended up in Twin Falls after a tour in the service and a number of stints singing folk music on the radio in southern California. Cartwright said he played on television, personality Regis Philbin's first television show in the 1970s, and also landed a job playing music for a San Diego burlesque house.

Family ties eventually brought him back to Idaho, where he worked for nearly 20 years at Lamb Weston Inc., before retiring recently. Now singing with his band is Cartwright's full-time gig. Montana Steak House owners Bill and Mangie Gress signed

up Country Classics nearly three years ago for a six-week-end engagement because they like classic country music and figured their patrons did too.

"I don't like new country," said Bill Gress from his seat behind the bar, overlooking the dance floor. "It sounds more like pop music to me anymore."

Country Classics has played at the restaurant nearly every weekend since.

"It's a good atmosphere — people enjoy themselves," Cartwright said. "There aren't too many places around Magic Valley to dance to 'good country' these days, and he agrees with Cartwright — you're not going to find too many bar fights between jealous dance partners here.

"You eat, dance, if you want to dance with whoever you want to dance with, and nobody gets bent out of shape," Evans said.

Another regular is known just

as "Shorty." Everyone knows Shorty — he's the 62-year-old cattle rancher from Wendell that never seems to take his seat. He's too busy whirling his partners around the scuffed dance floor, feet moving like lightning. He sat down for a moment to chat, but jumped up out of his seat when the band launched into Leroy Van Dyke's "The Auctioneer."

Shorty said he used to dance at the Windy Glen Barn near Jerome until it closed nearly two years ago. Montana Steak House draws a lot of the other folks who used to dance there, too, he said, but he thinks some won't come to the restaurant because the venue serves alcohol.

"Well, let me tell you something — I'm a Christian, too," explained Shorty, whose drink of choice is plain old lemonade. "And it says in the Bible that Jesus went to the den of iniquity to recruit people. There's nothing wrong with this place — if you don't want to drink, you don't have to." And with that, Shorty was off again. There was dancing to be done, after all, and it was still early.

Doctors urge tobacco cessation

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Despite admonitions from health care professionals, many tobacco users find it hard to take a bite out of their chewing habit.

Willpower alone may not be enough to toss out the practice for good, doctors say.

Quitting the dip

Take a dip into this Web site for tips on quitting chewing tobacco: www.thefree.com

- Did you know?
 - More than 5 percent of American males use snuff or chew products daily.
 - In Idaho, that figure is close to 8 percent.
 - More than three-quarters of daily users have non-cancerous lesions in their mouths.
 - Use of smokeless tobacco can cause oral cancer and can lead to nicotine addiction.

Source: Oregon Research Institute

"Many people mistakenly believe that they can quit with willpower alone," Dr. Herb Severson, project director at Oregon Research Institute, said in a news release. "Our research shows that, however, that chews and dippers can be most successful if they take the time to make a plan."

In an effort to assist people trying to quit, The National Cancer Institute has set up a new Web site to help people make, and stick with, a plan to kick the habit.

Tobacco users can log on to www.thefree.com to get tips on quitting, and staff users may be tempted to chew, dealing with withdrawal and getting support from others.

The site was developed as part of a research study by ORI. It targets chew and snuff users, who have fewer resources to deal with their habits than do smokers, the release says.

Bacteria partially resistant to antibiotics

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — About 49 percent of the bacteria carried by children in Twin Falls are at least partially resistant to commonly used antibiotics, according to a recent study.

The rise of antibiotic resistant bacteria has become a growing threat to public health in recent years, according to a news release from the University of Utah. For the past three years, children in Twin Falls and Rexburg have participated in a study of the Inter-Mountain Project on Antibiotic Resistance and Therapy with help from funding from the Centers for Disease Control, to measure the presence and resistance level of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacteria, which is the No. 1 cause of pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections and meningitis.

"People talk about the tragedy of the commons when it comes to antibiotics," said Dr. Matthew Samore, a professor at the University of Utah. "It's a little like pollution. It makes it worse for everyone in the community. Each person in the community feeds off the grass in the commons until no one can feed off it. You think there's no harm done, but slowly but surely it contributes to the demise of effectiveness for everyone."

Over the past four years, the Inter-Mountain Project on Antibiotic Resistance and Therapy has been monitoring the spread of antibiotic resistant bacteria throughout Idaho and Utah. The health education project has worked with local doctors, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, South Central District Health, local businesses, schools and community members to spread the word about antibiotic resistant viruses and how to prevent them.

Two local counties look to join forces

By Rose Marie Parsons
South Idaho Press

RUPERT — A Mini-Cassia Intermodal Commerce Authority is beginning to take shape.

More than 20 local officials and community leaders attended a recent meeting to discuss forming a two-county intermodal authority and, by the end of the meeting, many were asking Minidoka and Cassia County commissioners to establish a planning committee.

Under a bill signed March 26, establishment of an intermodal authority would allow both counties to designate certain areas as part of a land-based port district in order to promote economic development. Properties would become tax exempt and the intermodal authority would be eligible for certain grants. Improvements to the property, such as buildings and equipment, would be subject to personal property taxes.

While there was concern about property being dropped from the tax rolls, State Sen. Don Cameron, R-Rupert, offered the example of developments along rail lines in Jerome.

"You will generate more property taxes with an intermodal commerce authority than with vacant seaport," he said.

John Watts, a lobbyist who represents Watco, the parent company of Eastern Idaho Railroad, suggested forming a "think tank" to flesh out plans for the intermodal authority. Watts said he worked with Cameron and Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, to write the bill.

A planning committee could eventually serve on the commission that would operate the intermodal authority, Cameron said. The commission must be made up of at least three commissioners.

Bedke suggested four members be chosen by each county so there would still be a quorum if one or more commissioners had to be disqualified from making decisions on certain issues due to a conflict of interest.

An intermodal authority is able to leverage its assets by issuing bonds to borrow money for any lawful purpose. Because it is considered a port district for bonding purposes, it can bond without a vote of the people,

Intermodal Commerce Authority

A bill signed March 26 by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne allows Idaho counties to establish Intermodal Commerce Authorities as tools to stimulate economic development.

Intermodal authorities can acquire land and buildings and regulate rail and truck transportation involved in developing a land-based port.

A commission governs the affairs

of the intermodal authority. Cooperation of the county can come in the form of funding, utilities, infrastructure and easements.

Advantages of establishing intermodal authorities include their ability to issue bonds and receive certain state and federal grants.

Property and income acquired by an intermodal authority is tax exempt.

said Watts.

The assets held by the intermodal authority are collateral for the bonds, so the county is protected from liability, Watts said.

It's important to emphasize these districts are not funded by property taxes, Bedke said.

Bedke said legislators gave intermodal authorities broad powers in an effort to make Idaho competitive with incentives provided in other regions.

The recent meeting was meant to discuss the creation of an intermodal authority rather than identify the assets that it would control, Cameron said, but the subject still came up.

David Price, a local business-

man, said the former J.R. Simplot Co. processing plant is the biggest asset in the two counties. The facility is now owned by the city of Burley and is being developed by the Salt Lake City-based Boyer Company as the Burley-Jayburn Industrial Park.

"It makes sense for the city of Burley to get out of the business of owning property," Price said. "The city of Burley has a huge asset, but what can they do with it?"

The intermodal authority could negotiate a contract with Boyer and Bedke said the asset could be better leveraged through the creation of an intermodal authority.

United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Jan. 15.
CSI baseball school, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
"The Christmas Star," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday
CSI baseball school, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.

"The Christmas Star," 1 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Thursday
Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Friday
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 1 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"The Christmas Star," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Friday
Herrett Center for Arts and Science, closed all day.

Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Saturday

United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

Today
Camps closed until Jan. 3 for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

CSI baseball school, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Tuesday
CSI Faculty Art Show, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, Jean B. King gallery (through

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Juan Carlos Aguilar Salinas

Juan Carlos Aguilar Salinas, a 14-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Thursday December 23, 2004 in Rupert. Juan was born April 1, 1990 in Rupert to Mario and Lourdes Aguilar. He attended schools in Rupert and was currently attending East Manito J. High School. He enjoyed playing basketball, riding his bike and fishing with his dad, uncles, and cousins. Juan is survived by his parents Mario and Lourdes of Rupert; one brother, Jonathan Aguilar; two sisters, Ileana & Kenya Aguilar, all of Rupert; one great-grandmother Irene Paz, one great-grandfather Salomon Salinas, grandparents Serafin and Maria Salinas, his uncles and aunts Gracie (Martin)



Lopez: Erica (Jose) Magana; Yolanda (Serafin Jr.); Rudy and Sergio Salinas; cousins Crystal and Andy Juarez; Martin Jr. and

Isis Lopez; Alex and Eric Magana; and Anthony, Eric and Nicolas Salinas. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Flavio and Ofelia Aguilar, great-grandfather Rodolfo Vaca; great-grandmother Avelina Ceja Salinas; an aunt, Irene Salinas and a great friend, Brenda Fayé Lill. Funeral services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 29, 2004 at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, 2004 at the church and one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the church.

Lurella Jane Clark

Lurella Jane Clark, 82, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, December 26, 2004 at Twin Falls Care Center. Lurella was born March 2, 1922 in Filer, Idaho, the daughter of Milo and Lucy (Troyer) Tannehill. She is survived by her children, Darrell Ries of Spanish Fork, Utah,

Vernon (Betty) Stephens of Heyburn, Idaho, Carolyn Teeter of Malta, Idaho, Laura Kemp of Twin Falls, Rose Seeholts of Firth, ID, Clint Stephens of Pocatello, and Ed (Linda) Clark of Las Vegas, NV; 24 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Lurella was preceded in

death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory "Chapel by the Park." No local services are planned but an Inurnment will take place in Las Vegas, Nev.

Eva Dorothy Bishop

Eva Dorothy Bishop, 90, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, December 24, 2004 at Bridgeview Estates. Eva was born May 5, 1914 in Ansley, Neb., the daughter of Samuel and Ruby Bishop. Eva moved to Twin Falls around 1967 and spent the next years in nursing homes in Twin Falls. She had a beagle dog that was always there for her and most recently it was a cat

named Sammy that was her friend and companion. The last few years were spent at Bridgeview Estates where they saw to her needs. She loved to play bingo and take trips to Jackpot to fish. The family would like to thank Bridgeview Estates for their wonderful care to Eva and especially to the group in the Cottage. She is survived by her nieces, Carol Hoshaw of

Gooding, Alice (Don) Woodland of Jerome, and Dorothy (Gordon) Schmidt of Fairfield and a nephew, Bob (Verna) Kistler of Elk Bend, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters. Memorial graveside services will be held at 1:30 PM, Thursday, December 30, 2004 at Sunset Memorial Park. Cremation and services are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

SERVICES

Audria Mae Kloor, rosary at 7 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 321 East Main, Burley. Friends may call one hour prior to the rosary and one hour prior to the service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley. Graveside services will follow at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

brat Dan's life at 1 p.m. today at the Basque Center in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel). Nolan Victor, service at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the 5th Ward LDS Chapel, 421 Maurice St., N., Twin Falls. Viewing will be today at 4 to 8 p.m. at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" and from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the chapel.

at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl Middle School. Visitation and viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main. Alberta D. Grant of Eden, service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary.

Alvin David Schaak, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Seventh Day Adventist Church, 131 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls (Parker's Funeral Home).

Mary Jane Conrad of Murtaugh, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St., N.; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Juan C. Palomarez Aguilar of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church 802 F St., Rupert. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Reuben A. Ward of Albion, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Albion Ward Chapel; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Duane Edward Hanson of Twin Falls, friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road; funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mary Mae Boyd, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Murtaugh LDS Chapel. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church (White Mortuary).

Sydney Herbert McNeely, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Bountiful 17th Ward Chapel, 2205 S. 650 E. Friends may call from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. today before the service at the church (Russon Brothers Bountiful Mortuary).

Juleanna Kadrna of Hollister, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell.

Louise Alzina Barnes, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Halley LDS Chapel. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in the Joplin Cemetery, 4700 E. Children, Meridian (Wood River Chapel).

John Wesley DePew of Brigham City, Utah, formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome. Please join us in the celebration of John's life.

Tracy Corwin, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Chapel at Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary). Ciera Michelle Livin, funeral

Clarinda Merrill Green of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave. Friends may call from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Vivian Irene Maltz, 83, of Wendell, passed away Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell chapel.

Justyce Lynn Wardle, infant daughter of R.J. & Shylo Wardle of Rupert, passed away Thursday in Boise. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Rev. Brian Livermore officiating.

Edmond Felix Philippot of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Musonic Lodge, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd., N. (White Mortuary).

Simon Eugene Balles, 50, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

EvAlina L. Haiman, 99, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Daniel Byron Gorrell of Twin Falls, gathering for family members and friends to cele-

brate Dan's life at 1 p.m. today at the Basque Center in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Gooding, Alice (Don) Woodland of Jerome, and Dorothy (Gordon) Schmidt of Fairfield and a nephew, Bob (Verna) Kistler of Elk Bend, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters. Memorial graveside services will be held at 1:30 PM, Thursday, December 30, 2004 at Sunset Memorial Park. Cremation and services are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

ON THE AGENDA

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland Ave., Burley. Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home. Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W.B. Shoshone. Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Utah highway engineers test 95 experimental surfaces

MORGAN, Utah (AP) — Highway engineers are wrapping up a test of surface materials on a marked stretch of eastbound Interstate-84. Motorists drove over the test deck for three years, testing potholes, thermoplastics, epoxies, reflective tape and various surfaces that could make tires whine. "It was surprising when I first drove over it, but I got used to it," said Morgan commuter Shannon Call. The results of the testing could lead to safer and more economical highways and improved visibility, said project manager

Stuart Thompson, who is assistant director for the Utah Local Technical Assistance Program at Utah State University. Thompson's program measured the durability of each type of surface, among other qualities. "The questions of which material is better is not simple as it may seem given the varying costs and different types of materials, specific application and budget needs," he said. Morgan was one of four U.S. test decks evaluated by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Morgan was selected for having a cold, dry climate. Other test sites represented a cold but humid climate, hot and humid weather and hot, dry conditions. The Morgan site met several test requirements, including having a daily traffic flow of more than 5,000 vehicles; a roadway without grades, curves or intersections; good drainage; and uniform wear with full exposure to the sun throughout daylight hours. Starting in 2001, material from 13 roadway suppliers was applied to the test deck, covering about 95 different products.

Idaho gas prices remain sixth-highest in country

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Idaho's gas prices remain the sixth highest in the nation, with costs at about \$1.98 a gallon, or 37 cents higher than they were a year ago.

Even though the price of a gallon is down nine cents since Thanksgiving, some jobbers — wholesalers who buy gasoline from refiners and sell it along to service stations — predict that the dip is only temporary. Cold weather, a rarity so far in Idaho and Oregon this year, could still add to fuel demand as the season heads into January, the American Automobile Association said. And spring is coming, when demand typically rises and some regions in the U.S. will begin to require different blends.

"We're taking it (the recent decline) as a Christmas present from the oil companies," said Gail-Garner-at-Ray's Chevron in Coeur d'Alene, who has dropped rates recently. "But it's temporary."

Still, lower prices over the holiday compared to a month ago meant that Idaho travelers probably will join their American counterparts on the roads in record numbers, according to the American Automobile Association.

Crude oil dropped to about \$46 per barrel last week from a October peak of \$55, contributing to lower gas costs and helping boost interest in travel. AAA estimated 62.7 million Americans would travel 50 miles or more from home, a 3 percent increase from last year's 60.8 million travelers, and on pace to exceed numbers from any prior year.

But it wasn't just lower gas prices that contributed to more Americans and more idling — taking to the roads, AAA said. People are growing more confident in the economy and fears of renewed Sept. 11-style attacks are waning. AAA said, in addition, both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturday.

"The strong increase in travel is also tied to stronger consumer spending and improved traveler confidence in travel security," said AAA Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson, adding that air travel was expected to be at its highest level since 2001.

The U.S. average price for a gallon of gas has dropped 14 cents since Thanksgiving to about \$1.80, still about 33 cents higher than a year ago, AAA said. In Oregon, with the nation's 15th-highest gas prices, drivers paid about \$1.88. Even in relatively high-priced Idaho, choosy drivers in areas such as Coeur d'Alene found prices as low as \$1.75 this week. The "bargains" left some drivers ecstatic. "I'm totally delighted," said Susan Draper, a regular customer at the Boulevard Food Mart Shell station in the North Idaho resort town, where prices dropped seven cents to \$1.79 for regular last week.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

Utah State University will launch fund-raising drive

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Frankie Cerquignani, 48; one count failure to purchase driver's license dismissed; one count leaving the scene of an accident, dismissed; one count failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 42; stop sign violation, amended to littering, dismissed, \$125 fine; Mike Wynn, 32; selling automobiles in the city, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20; insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$163.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20; insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$163.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Duany C. Roche, 22; hunting big game animals without a tag, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20; Justin J. Roche, no age available; hunting big game animals without a tag, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20; Jared S. Lish, 23; hunting big game animals without a tag, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20.

Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20; Monte D. Owens, 72; failure to attach gear tags to carcass, pleaded guilty, \$4 fine, \$71 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roger Scott Timmona, 20; domestic battery, amended to public disturbance, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20; Shauna Marie Hansen, 22; probation violation, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20; Shauna Marie Hansen, 22; probation violation, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited, four days suspended, two days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20.

120 days in jail, 100 days suspended, 11 days credited; one count providing false information to officers, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 24 months probation, 120 days in jail, 110 days suspended, 10 days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20; Shauna Marie Hansen, 22; probation violation, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited, four days suspended, two days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20.

Driving under the influence sentencing

Bill R. McCallister, 61; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, one year probation, 90 days in jail, 88 days suspended, one day credited; one count violent dog violation, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar, 201 S. Main West, 20; Lisa S. Drabner, 35; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$264 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20; No lights on outer extremities, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20; Mike R. Butsch, 38; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$161 fine, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20.

Commercial truck driving sentencing

Lisa S. Drabner, 35; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$264 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20; No lights on outer extremities, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20; Mike R. Butsch, 38; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$161 fine, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, 416 S. Main West, 20.

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Utah State University is preparing to launch an ambitious campaign to raise as much as \$225 million in donations for campus-wide improvements.

"We're organizing our resources and our personnel to make a very significant push over the next five years," said Utah State President Kermit Hall. The campaign could begin within a year, starting with a quiet solicitation of well-heeled donors.

"We must plan carefully and do it right," said Richard Shipley, a member of the Utah State Board of Trustees. He is chairman of the trustees' advancement committee, which will oversee the campaign.

Utah State will call it a comprehensive campaign, because it will raise money for all operations of the university — and not just for buildings. The donor list will be sought for student support, faculty and staff, programs, research and facilities.

"If we do it right, this campaign will be successful. At the end of it, we will all feel good about what we've done for this university," said Scott Mitchner, Utah State vice president for university advancement.

In the past, campaigns were mainly the work of private universities. Public universities began to follow suit during the 1980s when the economy was slumping, said Vickie Gorrell, Weber State vice president of university relations.

Weber State University "wrapped up its \$75 million 'Changing Minds Together' capital campaign last year. It ended up raising \$90.7 million from 8,700 donors.

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legor' program' endowments; \$17.9 million for student scholarships and fellowships; and \$29.5 million for new or enhanced facilities.

The secret to a successful capital campaign is your donors support the institution. They begin to understand the difference they can make for the institution and are willing to give their resources," Millner said. "It will raise your university to the next level of excellence."

The University of Utah is planning to launch a 7-year comprehensive campaign about a year from now, said Mike Mattsson, the U's vice president for development.

The U's last campaign in the 1980s had a goal of raising \$500 million but netted \$760 million, he said.

Rumors have Hill Air Force Base safe from military downsizing

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Business and community leaders are taking no comfort from rumors that Hill Air Force Base may be safe from the next round of military base closings. Lists circulating on the Internet and e-mail are bogus, said Rick Mayfield, executive director of the Utah Defense Alliance.

Mayfield says he doesn't pay any attention to the speculation, even though most believe that Hill will survive military downsizing.

"You can get yourself all worked up, or you can get a false sense of security," he said. The Pentagon insists it has made no decisions yet.

"There is no DoD list, I say again, there is no DoD list," said Glenn Flood, spokesman for the Department of Defense.

Department of Defense. "If there's anything out there, it is pure speculation."

Vickie McCall, president of the Utah Defense Alliance — a group of business, community and elected leaders — said lobbyists are responsible for spreading some rumors.

"There are people who try to influence the process and think they have insider knowledge, but they don't. It's just pure conjecture at this point," she said.

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission hasn't even gone to work yet. President George W. Bush won't nominate the panel's nine commissioners until March.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld will release the Pentagon's plan in May. Rumsfeld has called this

round the "mother of all BRACs." He plans to shut down about a quarter of the military's infrastructure, which could come to about 100 bases.

The bases are supplying the Pentagon with information and taking an oath to keep the deliberations secret — a shift from previous, largely open deliberations.

"This is all coming from the top down," Mayfield said. "There just isn't good information coming out of the Pentagon. There are no leaks that we feel comfortable with. It really is an operation where it's being done without a lot of outside influence. The whole theory is to keep the politics out of it."

Disbanded program will start again

BOISE (AP) — A disbanded program that offered classes on everything from computers to the history of silver-mining towns in the Owyhee Mountains is due to begin again March 28.

Boise School District's Community Education was suspended by the district in the fall while it reviewed the program to determine public support.

In reinstating the district decided to raise fees for Community Education from \$2 per hour to \$4 per hour to a maximum of \$26 per class. Fee hikes will help make the program financially self-sufficient.

District officials had hoped to have a program operating this winter. But the review and hearings required for a fee hike made that impossible.

Some suspected gang members have relocated and Canyon County has held several meetings and prayer walks, helping reassure some Nampa and

Idaho in brief

Caldwell residents their cities are becoming safer after a rash of shootings reports.

A Caldwell police survey of about 47 residents recently showed that 62 percent believe they are at low risk of being assaulted, 23 percent gauge their risk at moderate and 15 percent at high risk.

"We're beginning to see some improvement," said Maria Coronado, a resident who lives a few blocks from where a fatal shooting took place in October.

Coronado said some of the neighbors who caused trouble have moved out of the neighborhood, and members of her church have walked the area praying.

Police investigated five gang-related shootings including two fatalities in Caldwell and Nampa between August and November and say all five are linked to the same two Caldwell gangs. In one instance, a family not directly connected to the violence became involved when their car was caught in the crossfire.

But there have been no gang-related shootings in December, police said.

Concerns remain, however, with some residents saying their fears prevent them from going onto their front porches without reservations.

— compiled from wire reports

81-YEAR-OLD KOOSKIA SPEECH THERAPIST: 'I'll stay as long I'm needed'

KOOSKIA (AP) — An 81-year-old speech therapist who tried unsuccessfully two decades ago to retire from the Kooskia School District says now she'll stay as long as she's needed.

"It's a blessing to be here," said Mary Ann McCoy, helping a little blonde girl with her sounds. Brankey was so stoop to sit in a child-sized chair behind a low table.

Surely one of the region's oldest educators, Brankey says she wouldn't know what to do with herself if she were to hang it up — even part time.

She's found a place in this valley community along Idaho's scenic Clearwater River, something she describes as "the perfect mix of quiet calm and mental stimulation well beyond the years when most people are

happy to hang up their careers. Brankey and her husband, Joe, moved to the Clearwater Valley in 1980, looking for a place to escape the allergy triggers in western Washington that were causing eye problems. She began working at the schools that same year.

Working late in life, it turns out, runs in the family. Her father was the oldest physician, at age 63, to take the boards to be a diplomat on the American Board of Otolaryngology and Psychiatry, she says. He continued to work well past retirement age.

And so it goes for his daughter, who holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois. She set up a speech and language program in North Carolina and has more than 50

years of speech and hearing therapy experience. Now on the 113 acres she shares with her husband overlooking the Middle Fork of the Clearwater River, between Kooskia and Kamiah, Brankey says she enjoys tending her garden and is a dance interpretation enthusiast.

She-and-her-husband-are hoping to complete their new house, a project the two have been working on for some time. But retire from the school?

Brankey tried, briefly, a few years after she started. But by 1985, Superintendent Al Ramirez was asking her to return, and now she has no plans to retire.

"I will stay as long as I'm needed," says the woman who sometimes comes to school with a light crown, a sign of her Swedish heritage and her playful character. "I wouldn't be good just sitting in a rocking chair."

Nampa reassures people about gang activity

CANYON COUNTY (AP) — Some suspected gang members have relocated and Canyon County has held several meetings and prayer walks, helping reassure some Nampa and

Salt Lake airport hires air traffic controllers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration plans to hire as many as 500 air traffic controllers at the Salt Lake airport over the next 10 years as early retirement forces veterans to quit.

The pay is good, but officials say those who aren't cut through high stress, swing shifts and quick decisions shouldn't apply.

The FAA says it will need to hire 12,500 controllers at the nation's airports over the next decade as 73 percent of the workforce retires.

The retirement glut can be traced to 1981, when President Ronald Reagan fired thousands of air traffic controllers amid a labor strike. Their replacements are now approaching the mandatory retirement age of 56

and will take a federal pension. In Salt Lake, about 65 percent of the 200 air traffic controllers will be eligible for retirement by 2012, officials said. And the FAA plans to add 20 controllers here over the next year.

Each week controllers must work a pair of day shifts, two swing shifts and a graveyard shift, which can be taxing.

Wages start at \$38,000 with on-the-job training, but quickly jump to \$50,000, and controllers can earn \$97,000 after as few as three years of training.

"The money's great but no amount of money is worth it if you can't do it," said Yvonne Efta, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association Local ZCY. "Some of the con-

trollers are miserable." Efta, an air traffic controller for 17 years, said he makes \$128,000 a year.

Applicants need a two-year degree from a college or university, plus four months of training from the Minneapolis Community and Technical College, which specializes in the profession, or an aviation degree.

"I like going to work because the planes do what I tell them, not like my kids at home," said Doug Pincock, vice president of the Salt Lake union of air traffic controllers.

The controllers coordinate landings and takeoffs with pilots, keep planes separated, and keep an eye open for collisions. "If you're on Prozac, they wouldn't take you," Efta said.

Do you teach your children? TWIN FALLS — The Times-News is looking for families that do home-schooling. We would like to learn more about the "hows" and "whys" of home education. If you're interested, please e-mail Karin Kowalski at kkwalski@magvalley.com.

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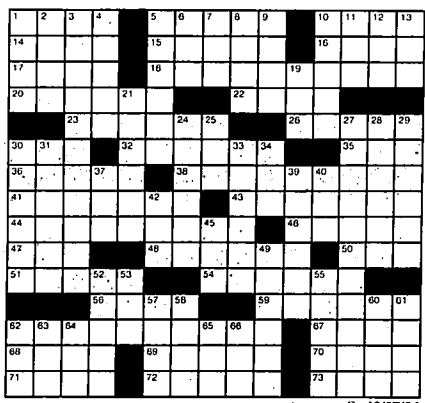
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Salmon gear
 - 10 Repair lewis
 - 15 Lot measure
 - 14 Isn't wrong?
 - 15 Muse of verse
 - 16 Okinawa port
 - 17 Bill killer
 - 18 Procyon's constellation
 - 20 Regardless
 - 22 Ticket info
 - 23 School in Bethlehem
 - 26 "It's a Wonderful Life" director, Frank
 - 30 Actor Kilmer
 - 32 Female grad
 - 35 Floral neckwear
 - 38 Climbing vines
 - 38 Mica in sheets
 - 41 Of plants
 - 43 Near the kidneys
 - 44 Sift
 - 46 Fred's dancing sister
 - 47 Amusing activity
 - 48 Damascus resident
 - 50 Newsman Koppel
 - 51 Abominable snowman
 - 54 Conductor
 - 56 Catches forty winks
 - 59 Eyed lewdly
 - 62 Temple tree
 - 67 Shower material
 - 68 Engage in a diatribe
 - 69 Eagle claw
 - 70 Sailors' drinks
 - 71 Khayyam
 - 72 Smelling pain
 - 73 City on the Irtys River
- DOWN**
- 1 Tuck away
 - 2 Chicken dish
 - 3 Smart
 - 4 "JFK" director
 - 5 Spring back
 - 6 Chapter in history
 - 7 "The Streets of Francisco"
 - 8 Elevator man?
 - 9 Medicinal quantity
 - 10 Playwright
 - 11 Give the ax to
 - 12 Greek letter
 - 13 Jug handle
 - 19 Scottish prefix
 - 21 Type of daisy
 - 24 Jury's verdict
 - 25 "Pinalofe"
 - 27 Solar system representation
 - 28 Secondhand deal
 - 29 Like supermarkets and churches
 - 30 Animate
 - 31 Saks Fifth
 - 33 B-complex component
 - 34 Moreover
 - 37 Snakelike fish
 - 38 Farm
 - 40 Spearheaded
 - 42 Pack animal
 - 45 Angel
 - 49 Feeling ill
 - 52 "sanctum"
 - 53 Downswing
 - 55 D.C. subway
 - 57 Low places
 - 58 Petty dispute
 - 60 Park trees
 - 61 Office piece
 - 62 To's companion
 - 63 Flock leader
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 - 65 The Greatest
 - 66 Payment or support lead-in



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Some weather reporters cause low visibility of graphics, maps

DEAR ABBY: I have a different sort of pet peeve; but I hope you will let me air it. If you do, I'm sure it will generate a collective sigh of relief from a few million TV watchers — and hopefully, a station manager or two might take notice.



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

The weather reports all start with the terrific computer-generated maps and diagrams presented by both local and national TV meteorologists. However, they insist on standing in front of their display and waving their arms studiously around, which is distracting, infuriating and adds zlich to the report.

weathercasters should be heard and not seen.

A typical example: The weather reporter announces the temperature in Boston is 74 degrees, then he walks across the screen to point at the number on the map. Then the reporter shows how a front is moving from the Southwest, following the station manager's instructions:

— **RETIRED TEACHER IN MORRISVILLE, N.Y.**
 DEAR R.T.: I agree that at times some weather reporters get in the way of the viewing — and your recycling idea has merit. Thanks for pointing it out. I'm printing your suggestion in the hope that those who need to see it will take it to heart. But I'm not holding my breath, and you shouldn't either.

"Crouch! low, sweep arms around crazily and move to the center of the screen. Stand in front of the home city data. Smile proudly. Point out the local forecast because the map is now completely obscured."

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Graham," and I were married for 11 years. From the beginning, the relationship with his parents was rocky. During the last five years of our marriage, we hardly spoke to Graham's family at all — his preference.

Why can't the old rubber-tipped pointers used by our grade school geography teachers (who stood thoughtfully off to the side while lecturing) be retired from the chalk trays of America and put back into service? Unlike little children, TV

DEAR ABBY: Would you please settle a disagreement I'm having with my mother-in-law? We can't agree on the definition of New Year's Eve. If the date is Dec. 31, 2004, is it New Year's Eve 2004 or 2005?

— **IN A QUANDARY IN WEST PALM BEACH**
 DEAR IN A QUANDARY: The Reader's Digest Oxford Complete Wordfinder defines "eve" as "1. the evening or day before a church festival or any date of event (Christmas Eve; the eve of the funeral); 2. the time before anything (the eve of the election)."

Therefore, Dec. 31, 2004, is New Year's Eve 2004. New Year's Eve 2005 will be Dec. 31 of next year.

of their grandchildren's lives, but what are my obligations to ward them?

— **FRUSTRATED AND ALONE IN CLOVIS, N.M.**
 DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your children are the only link to their son that Graham's parents have. I'm sure they regret their estrangement from your family more than words can say. Please respect that you are united in grief over the untimely death of your husband. Treat his parents kindly, encourage their participation in their grandchildren's lives, and try to find it in your heart to forgive them. If that's possible, you will all be the richer for it.

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Virgo: Neglecting past may be costly

IF DECEMBER 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... Throughout this holiday season, family and home loom large in importance. Your freckle-faced generosity could bring rewards. But what grows in magnitude over the coming weeks is the final crucial shift in your motivations and the more detached avant-garde outlook that envelops you between now and March.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A brief flurry of agitation is building in the stars and it is best to just keep chugging along at the same old routine rather than make rash career moves.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Making last-minute purchases or investments to take advantage of year-end tax deductions could create some turmoil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid making important monetary decisions today as your judgment could be off base. It might seem that you have the world by the tail, but some small detail might be overlooked and create a problem.

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Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Things wouldn't seem prickly if you didn't have sensitive skin. Enjoy new pleasures and friends, but don't blame others for your own reactions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your confidence and exuberance might accidentally place you on a path where angels fear to tread. Get trustworthy advice from your closest companions and avoid pitfalls by being alert for rules and regulations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The future may look rosy right now but you could get caught up in an endless tangle if you neglect the past.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is fine to follow your heart, but don't follow whims. Talking too much could put you in an unenviable position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Promises made today may be

forgotten by tomorrow, but enemies made now could last a lifetime. Be as polite and agreeable as possible with everyone you meet and avoid making agreements or starting important business projects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It isn't a good idea to take others for granted or to overlook minor details. Although your fun-loving side is in full swing, others may have a more serious attitude. Keep your dollars in your wallet and spending at a minimum.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid taking impulsive steps or drawing invisible lines that challenge loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be in perfect harmony with your complementary other, but don't let someone else's overconfidence lead you into making a foolhardy decision.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "Eat, drink and be merry" is all well and good, but eventually someone has to pay the bill and that shouldn't come as a surprise.

Gamophobia results in fear of marriage

This day in history: On Dec. 27, 1845, Dr. Crawford W. Long in Jefferson, Ga., gave ether to his wife before she painlessly gave birth to their second child, Fanny. It was the first time ether had been used for childbirth and only the second time it had been used for surgical anesthesia. (Dr. Long had used it three years earlier for a neck operation.)

Suffer from gamophobia? You're not alone. It means you have a fear of marriage.

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RANDOM KINDS OF FACINESS
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In 1770, Joseph Priestley discovered that the dried sap from certain plants could be used to rub away graphite marks. From this first use, we got the name "rubber."

Country superstar Brenda Lee was only 11 when she signed her first recording contract in 1956. She had her first hit a year later.

Ants can't digest meat. However, ant larvae can. If an ant larva is fed a wasp, it vom-

its some of it up, partly digested, for the adults to share. And you thought your family's table manners were obnoxious.

Wayne and Lois of Wilmington, N.C., ask: "Can you find the source of 'cut to the chase'?" Yup. Credit the old days of Hollywood when script directions would literally call for a film editor to abruptly cut a dramatic scene short and edit in an action scene. So "cut to the chase" meant then, as now, "stop the yakkin' and get to the good stuff."

Eight out of nine cats in the United States are of mixed or undetermined breed.

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STATE OF UTAH

SUMMONS
Case No. 04-1908822
Judge: Daver
CUAHTERMOC
AMBROSIO,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AMY ELLEEN NEWLAN,
Respondent.

THE STATE OF UTAH
TO THE ABOVE-
NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby sum-
moned and required to
file an Answer in writing

to the attached Petition
with the Clerk of the
above entitled Court at
the following address:
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Salt Lake City, Utah
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upon, or mail to the
petitioner at the address
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of this Summons upon-
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judgment by default will
be taken against you for

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST T.S. No. T04-16220 Loan No.: 0003845005 Title Order No: 4610571 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. C/O Town & Country Title Services, Inc., the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 4/16/2005 at 11:00 AM, of said day, at the entrance to Allegro, Idaho, according to 211 West Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to wit: Lot 6, Block 1, Lincoln School Addition No. 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof recorded in Book 2 of Plats, Page 14, Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 157 Adams Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Terry D. Arnold, Trustee, and his wife as Joint Tenants. As grantors, To: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Ameritrust Mortgage Company, As Beneficiary, dated 9/24/1997, recorded 9/30/1997, as Instrument No. 1997016171, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of this Notice is \$59,823.01. All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Deed of Trust Number 14, 2004 Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. Town & Country Title Services, Inc (888)485-9191 (916) 387-7726 Andy Fragassi, Assistant Vice President ASAP823735

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE KIMBERLY CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in the City Council Chambers located at 120 Madison West, Kimberly, Idaho, to consider the following zoning requests:

- Request of Keith Soderquist for a rezone from Residential Ag to Commercial Gateway of the real property located at 22295 Kimberly Rd. and described as:
Township 10 South, Range 18, East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 20, All of the East one-half of the Northwest Quarter, more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the southeast corner of said East one-half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20;
Thence Southerly along the said East line of said East one-half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20, a distance of 585.9 feet;
Thence South 89°58' West along the approximate center of irrigation lateral a distance of 448 feet;
Thence North 27°43' West along the approximate center of irrigation lateral a distance of 839.2 feet to the Section line common to Sections 20 and 17, Township 10 South; Range 18, E.B.M.;
THENCE SOUTHERLY along said Section line a distance of 743.7 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM a parcel of land being on the Southerly side of the center line of U.S. Highway 30, Project No. F-2381 (14) Highway Survey as shown on the plans thereof, now on file in the Office of the Department of Highways of the State of Idaho, and being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20, described as follows, to-wit:
BEGINNING at the North quarter corner of said Section 20;
Thence Easterly along the North line of said Section 20, a distance of 728.0 feet more or less to a point in the approximate center of an irrigation lateral;
Thence Southeasterly along the approximate center of said lateral 55.0 feet more or less to a point in a line parallel with and 50.0 feet south of the center line of said U.S. Highway 30, Project No. F-2381 (14) Highway Survey;
Thence South 89°48' East along said parallel line 716.0 feet more or less to a point in the East line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 20;
Thence Northerly along said East line 50.0 feet more or less to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.
- Request of Colner & Woolton, LLC for approval of the original plat on the Kimberly Meadows Subdivision.
- Request of Roth Investments, L.L.C. for a rezone from Rural Residential to Residential of the real property located at 3840 N. 3400 E., Kimberly, Idaho and described as:
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 18; The N1/2 of the SE 1/4 more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the East Quarter corner of Section 18, which is the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING, said point lies North 00°04'23" West 2,641.50 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 18;
Thence North 89°33'41" West, 2840.38 feet.
Thence South 00°07'03" East, 1320.82 feet.
Thence South 89°34'11" East, 299.35 feet.
Thence North 00°04'23" West, 1320.95 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

These applications and plans are on file in City Hall for review by interested parties. All residents and interested persons shall have an opportunity to appear and be heard on the above request at the hearing prior to the request being acted upon by the KIMBERLY CITY COUNCIL.
KIM MARTIN
CITY CLERK

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Notice that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 2/18/2005 at 10:00 AM (recognized local time), at the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 E. Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 11 in Book 19 of Eastman's First Addition, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 4 of Plats, Page 11, Records of said County. The Trustee has knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is: 810 11th Avenue N Butl, ID 83315 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Timmie L. Bolt, Sr., as his sole and separate property, as grantor, to Alliance Title and Escrow Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 5/14/1999, recorded 5/17/1999, as Instrument No. 1959-098407, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The beneficiary interest which is presently held by GMAC Mortgage Corporation. The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 5/14/1999. The monthly installments for principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$419.37, due each month for the months of 4/2004 through 2/18/2005, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of 12/27/2004 is \$55,253.50, plus accruing interest at the rate of 7.50% per annum from 3/1/2004. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts due to protect the lender's interest in this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: October 16, 2004 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company By: Executive Trustee Services, Inc., its agent Dee Ortega, Trustee Sale Officer c/o Executive Trustee Services, Inc. 15455 San Fernando Mission Street, Mission Hills, CA 91345 Phone: (818) 837-2300 Sale Line: (818) 361-6998 ASAP814800

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PLACE OF MEETING

Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 600 S. Walnut Street Boise, Idaho PERSONS ATTENDING: Commissioners Director State Game Warden

PURPOSE OF MEETING/AGENDA:

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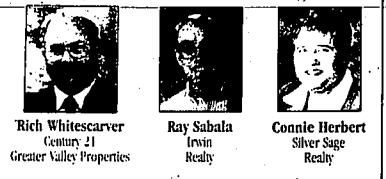
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WEST	EAST
♠ Q 10 9 5	♠ 6 4 3
♥ K 6 5	♥ 3
♦ 9 8 7	♦ J 10 5 2
♣ K 6 5	♣ Q 4 3 2

SOUTH

♠ 7
♥ A Q 10 9 8
♦ K Q 6 4
♣ A J 10.

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Spade five

LEAD WITH THE ACES

12-27-B

South leads:

♠ 8 6 2	♠ K 9 8
♥ 8 5 2	♥ J 4 2

South NT West North East

Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
All pass			

ANSWER: Lead the spade eight. When the opponents have crawled into a game like this, you would avoid giving away a trick on the lead. A diamond might be right, of course, but I'd rather go passive with a major suit than open up a minor here.

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IN BRIEF

CSI offers Junior Eagles camp

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will host the Junior Eagles Basketball Camp on Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30 at CSI Gymnasium. The clinics will run from 9 a.m.-noon on both days. The camp is open to boys and girls in grades K-8. The cost is \$60 per person, with each additional family member costing \$40. The clinics will cover shooting, ball handling, passing, defense and rebounding, and will be taught by CSI coaches and players.

For more information, call Barrett Peery at (208) 732-6496 or Christ Ure at (208) 732-6486.

AAU hoops tourney takes place Jan. 8

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is co-sponsoring a seventh grade and under basketball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 8. The entry fee is \$75 per team, with all school and AAU teams accepted. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 4.

For more information, call Rick Geist at (208) 320-2349 or (208) 324-9437.

Bobcat boys play in Salt Lake City today

BURLEY - The Burley High School Bobcats boys' basketball team will play Jordan High School of Jordan, Utah before today's Utah Jazz vs. Seattle SuperSonics game at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City. The Bobcats will play at 2:30 p.m., with the Jazz set to tip-off at 7 p.m. Admission for the two games is \$20 per person.

Radio Rondevoio holds signups

TWIN FALLS - The Radio Rondevoio Girls Volleyball League is currently putting together teams for girls in Grades 5 and 6.

Registration ends on Dec. 31 for the upcoming season, which extends from Jan. 11-Feb. 17, with games held on Tuesdays. Game times will be 4:30-5:30 p.m., 5:45-6:45 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Practices will be held 30 minutes prior to each game. The registration fee is \$25, which includes a shirt. Checks should be made payable to "Radio Rondevoio."

For more information, call (208) 733-2911.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Fresno State and Marshall. David Carr of the Houston Texans and Billy Volek of the Tennessee Titans played at Fresno State, Chad Pennington of the New York Jets and Byron Leftwich of the Jacksonville Jaguars at Marshall.

Former NFL star White dies at 43

By Paul Nowell
Associated Press writer

CORNELIUS, N.C. - Reggie White, a fearsome defensive end for the Philadelphia Eagles and Green Bay Packers and one of the NFL's greatest players, died Sunday, his wife said. He was 43.

The cause of death was not immediately known, however White had a respiratory ailment for several years that affected his sleep, according to Keith Johnson, a pastor serving as family spokesman. An autopsy was scheduled.

Today our beloved husband, father and friend passed away. White's wife, Sara, said in a statement, "His family appreciates your thoughts and prayers as we mourn the loss of Reggie White. We want to thank you in advance for honoring our privacy."

White died at Presbyterian Hospital, where he was taken after his wife called 911. A police officer was outside White's Tudor-style home in a gated community, and would not let a reporter approach the house.

A two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year and a ranked minister who was known as the "Minister of Defense," White played a total of 15 years with Philadelphia, Green Bay and Carolina. He retired after the 2000 season as the NFL's all-time leader in sacks with 198. The mark has been passed by Bruce Smith.

"Reggie White was a gentle warrior who will be remembered as one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "Equally as impressive as his achievements on the field was the positive impact he made off the field and the way he served as a positive influence on so many young people."

A member of the NFL's 75th anniversary team, White was elected to the Pro Bowl a record 13 straight times from 1986-98. He was the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year in 1987 and 1998.

A 43-year-old is not supposed to die in his sleep," Johnson said. "It was not only unexpected, but it was also a complete surprise. Reggie wasn't a sick man ... he was vibrant. He had lots and lots of energy, lots of passion."



Reggie White

Johnson is the head of Christian Athletes United for Spiritual Empowerment, a ministry that White helped found. He said White had gone to see the movie "Fat Albert" on Christmas night with family and friends.

"He was a family person, a person who liked to have fun. Obviously, we're all going to really miss him," Johnson said.

White and his wife had a son and a daughter: Jeremy, a freshman at Elon University, and Jecolia, a junior in high school.

After an All-American senior season at Tennessee, White began his pro career with the Memphis Showboats of the USFL in 1984. He joined the Philadelphia Eagles, who held his NFL rights, after the USFL folded in 1985. For eight years,

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Seahawks lock up playoff berth

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By Tim Korte
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE - Shaun Alexander and Darrell Jackson put their names into the Seahawks record books, and for the first time in 20 years the Seahawks made the playoffs for a second straight season.

Alexander rushed 30 times for 154 yards with three touchdowns and Jackson caught six passes for 101 yards receiving, leading Seattle to a 24-21 win over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

With the victory, the Seahawks (8-7) secured no worse than a wild-card bid, and they win the NFC West and get a first-round playoff game at home in Philadelphia.

Under coach Mike Holmgren's guidance, Seattle has made the playoffs in consecutive years for the first time since 1983-84.

Seattle, though, has famously collapsed late in several games this season, and the Cardinals (5-10) sure made things interesting again before being eliminated from playoff contention.

Josh McCown threw a pair of 29-yard TD strikes to Larry Fitzgerald in the fourth quarter, putting the Cardinals at 24-21 with 2:30 to play. He also found Fitzgerald for a score with 1:32 remaining.

Neil Rackers was wide left on a 32-yard field goal attempt midway through the period for Arizona, or things could have turned out much differently.

McCown completed 21-of-33 for 248 yards with three TD passes and two interceptions for Arizona.

The Cardinals almost got one final chance. On third-and-6 from the 24, Trent Dilfer fled the pocket under pressure and scrambled for a 7-yard gain that took the clock to the 2-minute warning.

From there, all Dilfer needed to do was take a knee to run out the clock.

Alexander has a career-high 1,616 yards rushing this season, breaking Chris Warren's 1994 franchise record of 1,545. His 19 TDs also are a franchise mark, beating the 18 he set two years ago.

Jackson, meanwhile, has 84 receptions, breaking the franchise record of 81 by Brian Blades in 1994. His 1,186 yards receiving this season also is a career high, and he's reached the 5,000-yard mark in 76 games.

That's two games faster than any other receiver in franchise history, says former Seattle larger teacher and coach Steve Jackson. He broke Blades' record on an exciting 53-yard catch-and-run in the third quarter.



Mike Holmgren

NFL WEEK 16

Manning's moment

QB passes Marino with TD pass No. 49

By Michael Marot
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS - Peyton Manning wanted the win more than the record. He got both. Manning rallied his Indianapolis Colts from a 15-point deficit in the final quarter, throwing his record-breaking 49th touchdown of the season to help tie the game in the last minute of regulation, and then led the winning drive in overtime as the Colts defeated San Diego 34-31 Sunday.

The victory was the eighth straight for the Colts (12-3) and gave Indianapolis at least the No. 3 seed in the playoffs. The Colts still have an outside shot at a first-round bye, but New England would have to lose its final two games.

"It's a great win for us," Manning said. "It's great to get the win and the TD record all at the same time."

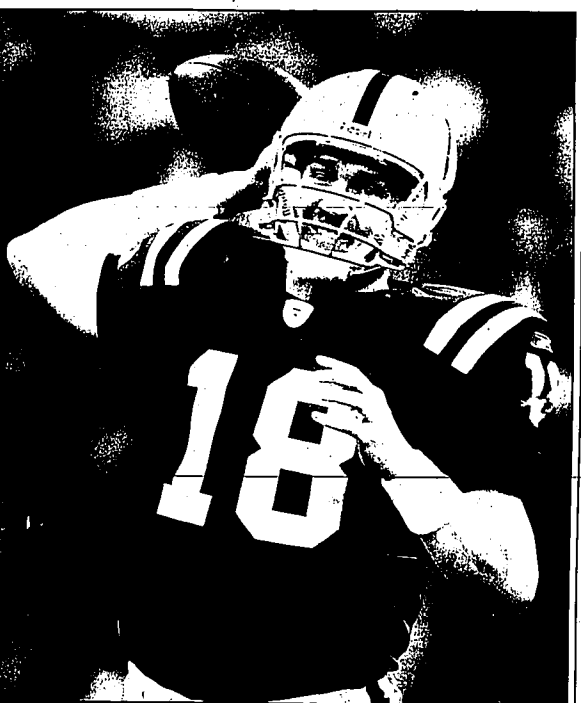
San Diego's winning streak ended at eight games. The Chargers (11-5) will still host a first-round game as the No. 4 seed.

It was an atypical day for Manning and the Colts, though. Manning, who had been sacked just nine times all season, was sacked four times by the Chargers. Manning fumbled twice, threw an interception and seemed out of sync for much of the day. He still finished 27-of-44 for 283 yards with two TDs to give him 49 this year. Dan Fouts threw 48 in 1984 to set the record.

When the Colts needed Manning to play his best, he did.

Manning threw a 21-yard TD pass to a wide open Brandon Stokley with 56 seconds left in regulation to break the record. Then he called a draw for Edger-john James, who ran in it on two points to tie the score at 31.

In overtime, Manning needed



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws a pass in the first quarter against the San Diego Chargers in Indianapolis on Sunday. Manning later threw his 48th and 49th touchdowns of the season, breaking the record held by Dan Marino. The Colts defeated the Chargers 34-31 in overtime.

just four plays to set up the winning field goal. He hooked up with Stokley on a 23-yard gain, then found Reggie Wayne on a 35-yard catch-and-run, and James ran once to the middle of the field, setting up Mike Vander-

jag's winner from 30 yards with 12:13 to go. Manning was not the only one to break records in Indianapolis. San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson ran 16 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth

quarter, giving him 12 straight games with a rushing TD to break the NFL's single-season record. And teammate Antonio Gates caught his 13th touchdown of the season, breaking the NFL's season record for a tight end.

Fresno State, Virginia clash

By Tim Korte
Associated Press writer

BOISE - Virginia offers the perfect matchup for Fresno State coach Pat Fitzgerald as he faces the 18th-ranked Cavaliers of the Atlantic Coast Conference on a neutral field Monday in the MPC Computers Bowl. Usually, the Bulldogs play these games in the other team's stadium.

But if anyone thinks Fresno State (8-3) from the Western Athletic League has nothing to lose, think again. "We've got plenty to lose," Hill insisted. "When we played Washington in the opener, our fans wouldn't have accepted a loss. The expectation at Fresno State is to win and a win over Virginia would salvage our season at 9-3. Boise isn't your typical bowl trip."



Virginia's Sean Johnson, rear, gets a hand on the ball against Justin Markley during a practice session Saturday in Boise. Virginia is scheduled to play Fresno State in Monday's MPC Computers Bowl.

The weather is frosty, though this year it's rather warm with a forecast of 41 degrees and partly cloudy skies.

Virginia (8-3) is making its third straight bowl trip, and the Cavaliers' only losses this season were to ACC heavyweights Florida State, Miami and Virginia Tech.

Vanderbilt's Doster shot, killed in Tampa

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Vanderbilt running back Kwane Doster was shot to death early Sunday when someone fired at the parked car he was in, police said.

Doster, 21, of Tampa, died at Tampa General Hospital after being shot near the Ybor City nightlife district, police spokesman Joe Durkin said. Detectives were trying to find the killer and determine a motive.

Doster and two friends had stopped their car while "cruising around" when another car pulled up beside them, Durkin said. Several shots were fired at Doster's car, and one hit him in the chest while he was sitting behind the driver. No one else was hurt.

They were exchanged," Durkin said, adding that investigators didn't know if Doster was intended to be shot. Police believe three people were in the other car. "Kwane's death is a terrible and tragic loss to our Vanderbilt family," Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson said. "Everyone who knew Kwane, from his fellow players and students, his coaches and their families, and even fans, have suffered a personal loss today."

The junior running back ran for 427 yards and one touchdown this season for the Commodores (2-9). He became the first Vanderbilt player named the Southeastern Conference's freshman of the year after a school record 798 yards rushing in 2002. For his career, Doster has 1,621 yards rushing, 256 yards receiving and seven touchdowns.

"I don't believe any words

SPORTS

Steelers right at home

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Steelers wrapped up home-field advantage in the AFC as Ben Roethlisberger threw two touchdown passes before being pulled with a rib injury.

The Steelers (14-1) won't have a meaningful game until Jan. 15 or 16. But a team that has been playing without six injured regulars sustained two more injuries, as both Roethlisberger and cornerback Deshaun Townsend (wrist) were pulled in the fourth quarter.

After being leveled by Terrell Suggs while throwing a 2-yard scoring pass to Jerome Tuman that put Pittsburgh up 17-7 late in the third quarter, Roethlisberger was assisted off the field — a large clump of grass sticking out of the left side of his face mask. Roethlisberger returned on Pittsburgh's next drive, but was replaced by Tommy Maddox.

The loss all but eliminated the Ravens (8-7) from playoff contention.



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis (38) is hauled down from behind by Baltimore Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs (55) after a gain of 8 yards during the second quarter Sunday in Pittsburgh. Bettis ran for 117 yards in the 20-7 Steelers win.

Patriots 23, Jets 7

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tom Brady and New England dominated division rival New York to clinch a first-round bye in the playoffs. The Jets (10-5) must win their finale at St. Louis next week to be assured of making the AFC playoffs as a wild card.

The Patriots (13-2), coming off an embarrassing 29-28 loss to the Miami Dolphins on Monday night, looked completely different.

Brady threw two touchdown passes and went 21-of-32 for 264 yards after tying a career high with four picks against Miami.

Panthers 37, Buccaneers 20

TAMPA, Fla. — Jake Delhomme threw for 214 yards and four touchdowns, helping the defending NFC champions move within a victory of clinching a playoff berth.

The Panthers (7-8) won for the sixth time in seven games after a 1-7 start, and can earn a wild-card spot by beating New Orleans at home next Sunday. Tampa Bay (5-10) is eliminated.

Texans 21, Jaguars 0

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Domanick Davis ran for a career-high 150 yards and a touchdown and the Texans crippled Jacksonville's position changes.

Because Baltimore lost at Pittsburgh, the Jaguars (8-7) could have taken control of the final AFC wild-card spot with a victory against Houston (7-8). Instead, they will need to win next week at Oakland and get some help to return to the postseason for the first time since 1999.

Saints 26, Falcons 13

NEW ORLEANS — Aaron Brooks scored on a fourth-down 1-yard run and Michael Lewis had a 96-yard kickoff return to keep the Saints (7-8) in playoff contention.

Atlanta (11-4) rested Michael Vick, with a sore shoulder after clinching a first-round bye in the playoffs.

Bills 41, 49ers 7

SAN FRANCISCO — Willis McGahey rushed for 102 yards and two touchdowns on an injured knee. Lee Evans caught two scoring passes and the Bills easily earned their sixth straight victory. Drew Bledsoe went 21-of-32 for 172 yards and a touchdown for the Bills (9-6), who are still alive in their quest to make the playoffs after starting 0-4.

Bengals 23, Giants 22

CINCINNATI — Kwanan Radliff's 42-yard punt return set up Jon Kinin's 4-yard touchdown pass to Chad Johnson with 44 seconds left, rallying the Bengals.

It was the eighth straight loss for the Giants (5-10) and a jubilation ending to another disappointing home season for the Bengals (7-8).

Cowboys 13, Redskins 10

IRVING, Texas — Vinny Testaverde silenced the boos from

fans who wanted him benched with a 39-yard touchdown to Patrick Crayton with 30 seconds left that gave the Dallas its fourth straight win over Washington (5-10) and 14th in 15 games.

Dallas (6-9) fell behind 10-6 with 6:44 left on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Patrick Ramsey to Robert Royal.

Dallas took over at its 25 with 1:25 left and threw three straight incompletions, then hit Crayton for 15 yards on fourth-and-10.

Testaverde hit Jason Witten for 14 yards and Richie Anderson for 7 more. Facing third-and-3, he threw deep to Crayton down the right sideline and the seventh-round pick caught it in stride for his first career touchdown.

Lions 19, Bears 13

DETROIT — Detroit was fortunate to avoid a second straight heartbreaking loss after Chad Hutchinson appeared to throw a 43-yard, game-tying touchdown pass to Bernard Berrian with 1:26 left. But it was ruled incomplete and upheld by replay.

Kevin Jones ran for 123 yards for the Lions to join Barry Sanders as Billy Sims as the only Detroit rookies to surpass 1,000 yards rushing.

The Lions (6-9) had lost seven of eight — and the Bears (5-10) have dropped five of their last six games.

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he was as an integral piece in Philadelphia's "Gang Green Defense."

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie called White "one of the greatest men ever to play the game of football" and said his "legacy on and off the football field will never be forgotten."

White played a key role in free agency — he was one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit that led to the current system.

White signed as a free agent with Green Bay in 1993 for \$17 million over four years. His signing, along with a trade for Brett Favre, helped make the Packers champions again. He was the first major black player to sign with the Packers as a free agent.

"He meant as much to us off the field as much as on it," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association. "He had his name on the lawsuit and he didn't get one penny. That's just the type of guy he was. His character, his integrity was everything any NFL player should aspire to be."

His decision to choose the Packers was a surprise. While visiting various teams, he suggested he would prefer a major city, where he could minister to black youth.

"That's what changed the football fortunes of this franchise. It was huge," Packers president Bob Harlan said Sunday. "Everyone thought the last place he would sign was Green Bay and it was monumental because not only did he sign but he recruited for Green Bay and got guys like Sean Jones to come here. He sent a message to the rest of the NFL that Green Bay was a great place to play."

The Packers made consecutive Super Bowl appearances, including a win over New England in 1997, when White set

Super Bowl record with three sacks.

"He was just a wonderful player, first of all," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, who coached White at Green Bay. "Then as a person, he was just the best. He was one of the leaders, along with Brett Favre, of our football team in Green Bay. I'm a better person for having known around Reggie White."

White worked tirelessly in the offseason with inner-city youths. But his image was tarnished when he gave a speech in which he denounced homosexuality and used ethnic stereotypes. White later apologized.

White was 39 when he finished his NFL career with Carolina — his third retirement. He retired for one day before the 1998 season, but then said God had told him he needed to play again, and he returned to the Packers.

White retired again after the 1998 season and took a year off from football. After the Packers allowed him out of his contract, White returned to play for the Panthers. His last season was disappointing. He recorded a career-low 5.5 sacks with only 27 tackles, and didn't show the same pass-rushing skills that made him such a force.

"I will always miss the locker room and the guys, but I know God's will for me to move on to other challenges because it's not in me like it used to be," White said at the time.

White spent eight years with the Eagles and six with the Packers before a final one with the Panthers. Remarkably durable, White missed only one game in his last 12 seasons and started all but three games during that span.

"Reggie's records and accomplishments say it all," George Selafert, who coached him on the Panthers, once said.



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Basketball

• Nets at Pistons, NBA TV, 5:30 p.m.

Football

• MPC Computers Bowl, Virginia vs. Fresno St., ESPN, Noon

Motor City Bowl, Connecticut vs. Toledo, ESPN, 3:30 p.m.

• Eagles at Rams, ABC, 7 p.m.

Hockey

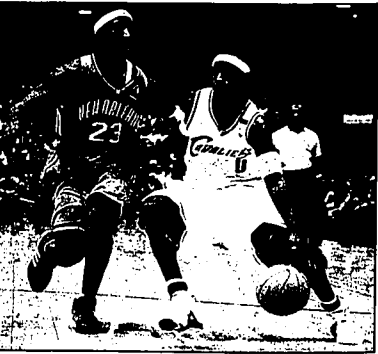
• World Junior Championships, U.S. vs. Switzerland, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

Area ski report

Upper Basin - Set 9:30 a.m. Dec. 27-28. Snow 12-15 in. Wind 1-4 mph. 100% open. Weather: Mod. High: 33; Low: 20. Wind: S-W.
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RECEIVING

Table with columns for player, team, receptions, yards, touchdowns. Includes Jeff McInnis, Ben Gordon, Steve Nash.



Cleveland Cavaliers guard Jeff McInnis, right, drives around New Orleans Hornets guard J.R. Smith during the second quarter at Gund Arena on Sunday. McInnis had 16 points and 10 assists in the Cavaliers' 100-91 victory over the Hornets.

McInnis, Cavs down Hornets

CLEVELAND (AP)—Jeff McInnis scored six points in a 47-second span late in the fourth quarter to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 100-91 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Sunday night.

LeBron James came within one rebound of his first career triple-double with 22 points and a season-high 14 assists for the Cavaliers, who handed the Hornets their 12th consecutive loss.

Redd, who made eight of his first 11 shots, was 15-of-27 from the floor. Joe Smith added a season-high 21 points to go with nine rebounds for the Bucks, who beat Chicago for the 13th straight time in Milwaukee.

Ben Gordon had 19 points for Chicago, which had its five-game winning streak halted. Steve Nash had 18 points and 13 assists for Phoenix, making him the first NBA player in history to register 10 or more assists in 11 consecutive wins.

Spurs 107, Celtics 98. SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored a season-high 27 points and San Antonio fended off a series of rallies by Boston.

Knicks 91, Bobcats 82. NEW YORK — Tim Thomas scored 20 points to lead five New York starters in double figures.

Bucks 99, Bulls 92. MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd scored 20 in his first quarter to help snap the Bucks' five-game losing streak.

High-scoring UConn, Toledo play in Detroit. UConn, in its third season in Detroit, and Toledo met Monday in the Motor City Bowl, a game that features two potent offenses led by talented quarterbacks.

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Tennessee at Tennessee, 7:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

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