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Nursing home fires four workers

Dismissals come on heels of investigation into abuses

By Sandy Miller
 Times-News writer

GOODING — An investigation into the abuse of residents at a Gooding nursing home has resulted in the termination of four employees.

On Friday, Northwest Bee-Corp. owner of the Gooding Rehab and Living Center, terminated the nursing home's administrator, assistant administrator, behavioral health unit director and a registered nurse, according to a news release from the company.

The firings came on the heels of a nine-day investigation by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards that unearthed abuse involving two residents. The most serious incident was one in which a resident in the facility's behavioral care unit was forcefully given a flu shot against his wishes, according to Northwest Bee-Corp. The resident's guardian had asked that the resident be given the vaccine.

"Instead of honoring the resident's individual rights, the flu shot was administered without further instructions from the resident's family or doctor," the news release said.

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards completed an investigation of the 80-bed Gooding Rehab and Living Center that discovered abuse and neglect of two residents by some staff.

■ **The latest:** The facility's owner, Northwest Bee-Corp., has terminated the Gooding facility's administrator, assistant administrator, behavioral health unit director and one registered nurse.

■ **What's next:** The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards will complete its written report in about a week, then it will send the report to the Gooding Rehab and Living Center. The facility will respond with a letter detailing what it plans to do to correct the problems discovered in the investigation. The facility has 70 days to correct the problems.

view, according to the news release.

Boss Mason, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards, said at least one resident had bedsores, which he called "unacceptable," especially since bedsores can be prevented simply by moving a person regularly.

Dr. Sharon Katz, executive vice president of Northwest Bee-Corp. said the abuse could have been avoided "had the employees of the facility simply self-reported to the Bureau of Facility Standards."

Larry Wilev of the field said he had concerns about the facility for quite some time. His wife has been a resident there.

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BLOWN' BACK FOR MORE

Wind park developer eyes new projects

By Michelle Dunlop
 Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — If you build it, they will come.

Hilde Strande made her way along the Snake River Canyon from her residence in Mountain Home just to catch a glimpse at the Fossil Gulch Wind Park a few days before it reaches fully operational status.

Gazing down the dirt road and up into the sunny blue sky at a line of windmills, Strande seemed impressed.

"I've never seen anything like that," she said.

By Tuesday the parks seven windmills should be up and running and even more impressive, said James Carkulis, president of Exergy Development Group, the company that built and developed the wind project.

"There's a certain elegance to them," Carkulis said.

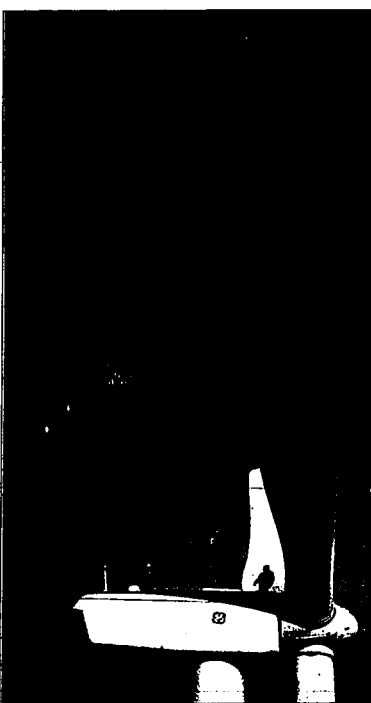
On Friday, crews worked to install fiber optics in each windmill. One of the seven still remained grounded, waiting to be hoisted over the weekend, he said.

Each windmill has the capacity to generate up to 1.5 megawatts of power per hour. One megawatt powers about 650 homes for one year.

As construction wraps up at Fossil Gulch, Carkulis has his eye set on future projects in Magic Valley. Exergy intends to develop other ventures in the area to generate an additional 42 megawatts of power.

Carkulis said the company doesn't always look at the most obvious sites for its wind parks but tries to take into account the existing land use. He pointed to the Fossil Gulch park as an example.

"It's not the most robust wind regime in Idaho," Carkulis said. However, he said, "I haven't



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displaced anything."

The windmills take up about 30 feet in diameter of space in agricultural fields northwest of Hagerman. The fields and crops shouldn't be impacted by the windmills, Carkulis said.

All of the power generated at Fossil Gulch will go to Idaho.

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NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** In January, the Fossil Gulch Wind Park neared completion.

■ **The latest:** The site's seven windmills will be raised by Sunday, and all should be

operational on Tuesday.

■ **What's next:** Fossil Gulch's developer, Exergy Development Group, will seek venture capital to make the 42 megawatts of power in the near future.

The Associated Press

BOISE — Between her full-time job, family and volunteer work at Indian Hills Elementary School, Terra England isn't left with much time to watch state politics.

The Pocatello mother of five admits she's not exactly sure what effect lawmakers' decisions have on her home life. But she's pretty confident that if the Legislature provided better funding to public schools, she wouldn't have to spend limited free time volunteering to help kids learn to read.

"I wonder if their priorities are right, but it's hard to know because I can't keep up on everything. I know that schools need more money, but I don't think lawmakers are hearing it," England said. "I know legislators are going to school District 91 or District 25 to look at what the needs are."

Indeed, a public policy survey done annually by Boise State University shows that Idaho residents are most concerned with the state's economy and education system.

But just because they care about a problem doesn't mean they pay attention to political wrangling, said Jim Weatherly, a political science professor at Boise State University. As a result, many people don't make the school board or lawmakers' actions and their own personal lives.

"Most voters are combatable voting their interests, but often with little or no political acuity," he says. "They've been elected in order to make sure there has been a lot of representation." Weatherly said "it certainly raises some questions

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IS BIGGER REALLY BETTER?

Cops accused of turning to steroids

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — As a brand-new police officer, Chris Holden wanted to do everything he could to protect himself, especially after he heard about a highway department man who was shot to death in a struggle over his gun.

So he began bulking up with steroids.

Now Holden, 31, is out of work, one of four members of the Norman Police Department who were fired last fall after being accused of using or selling bodybuilding steroids.

Police officers in Mississippi, Ohio, Connecticut, Hawaii, Colorado, Alabama, Florida, Arkansas and New York have also been accused of steroid-related offenses in recent years. In many cases, they were charged with using, possessing or dealing steroids.

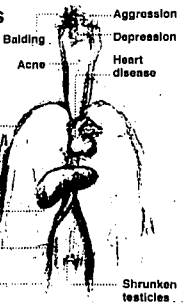
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Steroids' side effects

Anabolic steroids, often used to gain muscle mass and strength, are a serious threat to physical and emotional health. Steroids' effects depend on the amount and length of time they are used.

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| Cancer, liver, prostate, kidney | Coagulation disorders |
| HIV from needle sharing | Cholesterol disease |
| Stunted height | Elevated blood pressure |
| Aggression | Heart disease |
| Balding | Shrunken testicles |
| Acne | |
| Depression | |

some officers who know that an intimidating physique can ward off conflict or give them the



upper hand in a life-or-death struggle.

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Suspended T.F. teacher returns to the classroom

By Karin Kowalski
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sawtooth Elementary Kindergarten Teacher Debbie Soran returned to teaching Friday after a disagreement over testing was resolved.

Soran, who has worked for the Twin Falls School District since 1989, was on paid administrative leave since Jan. 21 after she refused to give her pupils the Texas Primary Reading Inventory, an assessment part of the district's reading program.

The test is typically administered by teachers one-on-one outside of class while a substitute teaches the class.

Soran said she enjoyed her first day back and is glad her pupils won't have any more substitutes.

work with her and other teachers to find overlaps in testing and remove redundancies where possible, according to a news release.

"We'll all work together and see what we come up with," Soran said.

All the parents involved agree to work on communication and leadership at the school. The district is pleased with the resolution, according to the news release.

"It's good for the kids that she'll be back in the classroom," said Deanna Carter, a parent with three children at the school.

Soran said she is planning to continue at the end of the school year because, although she sees some good points in it, she doesn't like the district's new reading program.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cool with cloudy periods. Highs from 35 to 41. Tonight: A chance of showers heading our way. Lows from 15 to 22. Tomorrow: Mixed showers developing. Highs from 33 to 39.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a few rain chances on the rise. Highs from 35 to 42. Tonight: A few light snow showers may pass through. Lows from 15 to 22. Tomorrow: Cloudy with developing snow showers. Highs from 30 to 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. A cool and damp weekend is expected. Mountain snow showers will accompany a mixed bag of valley precipitation and low clouds all weekend long.

BOISE: Temperatures will turn cooler during the week and as cloud cover increases a chance of rain, freezing rain, and snow showers. Includes a table for Northern Utah and Idaho's forecast.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Feb 9, Feb 16, Feb 24, and Mar 3.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Sunday and Monday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

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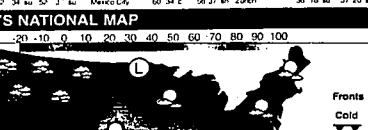
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Voters

Continued from A1. ... about accountability, if people aren't paying attention to what the Legislature does. ... The disconnect between voters and lawmakers is growing with each session Idaho spends as a one-party state, Idaho State University professor Ralph Maughan said.

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Wendy Jaquet acknowledges it's a tough prospect for her party. "We talk about it all the time and can't figure it out. How much would it cost to get people going? People say all politics is local, bread and butter and backyard, but this Legislature isn't like that. If they're Republicans, here's this trust," Jaquet said.

Illness in attorney's family delays Michael Jackson trial

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Individual questioning of prospective jurors for Michael Jackson's child molestation trial will not begin as scheduled on Monday because the sister of the pop star's lead defense attorney is gravely ill, the court said Friday. Prospective jurors were asked to return to court nonetheless to be assigned to new jury numbers, the court said.

Steroids

Continued from A1. "The thinking is that big is better than small, tough is better than weak," said Gene Sanders, a former police officer who has worked for nearly 15 years as a police psychologist for several agencies in California. "There is sort of an underground, unspoken tradition among several departments that we've worked with that really want to build up, this is the best way to do it."

Dismissals

Continued from A1. "My general impression is that it's a loose operation," Wilcox said Friday. "There's a lack of nursing hours and inadequate record keeping. They'll hire almost anybody for an aide." Kurz said the actions of the employees involved were not in accordance with the facility's policies and procedures and could not be tolerated.

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Help for seniors: Survey agency: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare: 1-208-334-6626. Quality Improvement organization: OvalsHealth: 1-800-445-6941. Medicare Nursing Home care: 1-800-MEDICARE or see the Web site at www.medicare.gov.

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Rice seeks to work with Iran

U.S., allies say diplomacy can neutralize threat

BERLIN (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice joined British and German allies pledging Friday to help Israel and the Palestinians seize an opening for peace in the Middle East. They also said diplomacy can neutralize a nuclear threat in Iran.

"Now is the time for our diplomacy to put our alliance to work in the service of great goals and great opportunities that stand before us," Rice said.

Calming waters still troubled by the U.S.-led war in Iraq is a major aim of Rice's weeklong trip through Europe and the



Condoleezza Rice

Middle East. Rice's January schedule takes her to two or three countries each day of the trip, her first abroad as America's new top diplomat. She seemed to make headway in Germany, where Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government fiercely opposed the war and refused to commit troops.

"We have discussed this topic at length and we very strongly agree that what the country now needs is a perspective towards the course of democracy and stability for its future," Schroeder said after an hourlong meeting with Rice. "We are very much agreed on this purpose

and on this being the important point, irrespective of what one thought about the military intervention in Iraq in the first place."

Rice urged the world to support Iraqis after voters in national elections Sunday "demonstrated they are prepared to set aside fear and their past and try to build a new and free society."

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw called the Israeli-Palestinian conflict "the most difficult and pressing challenge facing the whole international community," but one that can be solved "with wholehearted international support."

The stalled peace process has gained new life since the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat last year. Rice visits Israel and the West Bank over the weekend and other leaders will

attend a preliminary peace meeting in Egypt next week. "We very much hope that we can use this momentum because we feel it is in the air," Schroeder said.

These hopeful notes about the broader Middle East region come atop Rice's unusually strong language in recent days concerning the religious leadership in Iran for alleged human rights abuses and deceit about its nuclear program.

Rice toned down the rhetoric Friday and sought to play down the possibility that the United States might invade or attack Iran.

"Diplomacy can work in this case if there is unity of purpose and unity of message to the Iranians—that the international community expects them to live up to their obligations," Rice said in Berlin.

Bush's budget cuts would hit farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will propose cutting farmers' federal payments and other agriculture supports by more than a half-billion dollars next year, a plan already drawing warnings from Congress.

Producers would see payments drop by 5 percent, a senior administration official said Friday. The ceiling on those payments, \$360,000 annually, would drop to \$250,000, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the budget won't be released until Monday.

The administration's goal is to cut the deficit, projected to rise to \$427 billion this year, in half by 2009. Farm programs would be cut by at least \$587 million next year and \$5.7 billion over 10 years.

Payments to farmers and other aid to them had been projected to drop from \$24.06 billion this year to \$19.64 billion in 2008, but Bush's proposal would push spending down to \$19.05 billion.

Two-thirds of the savings would come from the reduction in direct payments to crop and dairy producers. Bush also will ask Congress in the budget to close loopholes that have let

large farming operations collect subsidies well above the limit.

"Congress is open to cutting farm spending if Bush proposes government-wide budget cuts. Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Saxby Chambliss said Friday.

"But if they try to single out the farm bill, then we're going to have one heck of a fight," Chambliss, R-Ga., told reporters. One group of farmers will get more, largely the result of last year's election. The administration plans to extend the milk support program due to expire in September in the heat of its re-election campaign. Bush declared his support for the program during a visit to the Wisconsin, a dairy state that was also a presidential battleground. Ultimately, Democrat John Kerry won the state.

The Milk Income Loss Contract program pays dairy farmers when market prices dip. As now structured, it benefits smaller farms in the Midwest and Northeast much more than large-scale operations out West. While extending the program would cost money, dairy producers still would be subject to the same 5 percent cut as every other producer.

Jury doesn't reach verdict in priest case

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A jury deliberated for seven hours Friday without reaching a verdict on child rape charges against defrocked priest Paul Shanley.

The jury is to resume deliberations Monday.

Shanley's accuser, now a 27-year-old firefighter in a Boston suburb, testified that the priest began molesting him while he was in the second grade, taking him out of religious education classes for discipline and raping him in the confessional.

The man says his repressed memories of the alleged abuse were recovered when he heard media reports about the clergy sex abuse crisis in Boston in 2002.

The defense disputed the idea of recovered memories and says the man made up the allegations to get in on a settlement against the Boston Archdiocese over the sex scandal.

Shanley, 74, faces up to life in prison if convicted. The jury began deliberating Thursday.



Forgotten heroine of Montgomery gets recognition for bus boycott

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — In the segregated South of 1955, she refused to give up her bus seat to a white person in Montgomery. She was arrested and convicted. Later, a boycott of buses by blacks helped launch a modern civil rights movement.

As the 50th anniversary of the boycott approaches, Claudette Colvin's name and act of courage remain almost unknown—a lost footnote to Rosa Parks' more famous defiance on a city bus that same year.

But Colvin, a 15-year-old high school senior at the time, refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman nine months before Parks took her stand. And it was a federal court suit involving Colvin that eventually led to a Supreme Court order outlawing segregated buses.

The arrest of Parks on Dec. 1, 1955, became the catalyst for the historic boycott, but some believe Colvin deserves recognition that has been denied for decades.

"I think that Colvin and Parks are equivalent figures in American history whose importance is essentially identical," said Mills Thornton, a University of Michigan history professor and author of a book on the civil rights movement in Alabama.

"Suskegee attorney Fred Gray, who represented Parks in the boycott case, also represented Colvin in the days following her arrest."

"I've probably been a one-person crusader," he told The Associated Press. "Every time I make a speech about the Montgomery bus boycott, I talk about Claudette Colvin because if there had not been a Claudette Colvin, there may very well have never been a Mrs. Rosa Parks as we know her today."

Parks, who now lives in Detroit and has been in poor health, remains the most prominent name associated with the



Colvin in 1955.

boycott, along with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Colvin, who lives in New York City, has shied away from the media in recent years but returned to Montgomery for an anniversary event Thursday.

"I do feel like what I did was a spark, and it caught on," Colvin told the audience at Booker T. Washington High School, where a one-woman play paid tribute to Colvin and other little-known participants in the movement.

Gray said the nation needs to know about her role in the protest of segregated buses.

"There are literally hundreds of unsung heroes who made substantial contributions to the civil rights movement whose names never appear in print and their faces never appear on television, but they are the ones who made the foundation," he said.

Gray said Colvin was coming home from school on March 2, 1955, when she got on a Capital Heights bus downtown at the same place Parks boarded another bus months later.

Colvin was sitting about two seats from the emergency exit when four whites boarded and the driver ordered her, along with three other blacks, to get

up. She refused and was removed from the bus by two police officers, who took her to jail.

"The bus was getting crowded and I remember him (the driver) looking through the rearview mirror asking her to get up-out-of-her-seat—which she didn't," said a classmate at the time, Annie Larkins Price. "She didn't say anything. She just continued looking into the window. She decided on that day that she wasn't going to move."

Price testified on her behalf in the juvenile court case, where he thought Colvin was violating the segregation law and assault.

"There was no assault," Price said.

Gray described Colvin as a persuasive and determined young person who had been a part of Parks' Youth Council in the NAACP. Gray talked with civil rights activists E.D. Nixon and Anne Robinson, who joined him in meetings with Colvin's case. They discussed the possibility of a boycott by blacks.

Gray said the city assured them that conditions would improve if the threat that blacks would stay off the city's buses, but little changed.

Gray said he told Parks and other Montgomery leaders that he thought Colvin's case was a good test case to end segregation on the buses, but the black leadership thought they should wait.

"We didn't feel that the time was quite right to do what needed to be done and get the kind of support we needed to get," he said.

Thornton said the state's decision to drop the segregation charge on the circuit court appeal and to press only the assault and battery charge made it impossible to use her case to challenge bus segregation.

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Bush accepts tough Social Security battle

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Bush, on a road trip to promote private Social Security accounts, acknowledged Friday that his proposal would not by itself fix the future financial problems of the retirement program.

"Though many in his own party are wary of tampering with a beloved domestic program, the president said he would push ahead.

"Under the issue, the bigger the challenge, and the more exciting it's going to be when we get the job done," he said.

Bush began the day in Omaha, Neb., and then traveled to Little Rock and finally Tampa, Fla. He said he was open to any idea for making Social Security solvent.

"Bring 'em on and we'll sit down and have a good discussion about how to get something done," he said.

The president warned against

"sore tactics" in the debate. "We're not going to play political games," he said. "Now is not the time to make this issue a highly partisan issue."

But Bush's itinerary indicated politics at work. His trip was tailored to pressure Democratic senators representing states that went for Bush in November — some of them up for re-election next year — to back his idea for letting younger workers put up

to two-thirds of their Social Security tax contributions in accounts invested in stocks and bonds. In return, those workers would see an unspecified reduction in their traditional Social Security benefits.

"I fully recognize that the personal retirement account is not the only thing needed to solve Social Security permanently," Bush said. "But it's a part of the solution."

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Shiites hold strong election lead

Returns put Allawi in second place

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A new, partial tally of votes Friday from Iraq's landmark elections showed a Shiite coalition whose leaders have since fled is still pulling up a strong lead over other tickets, including that of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

The United Iraqi Alliance, which has the endorsement of Iraq's top Shiite cleric, won more than two-thirds of the 3.3 million votes counted so far, the election commission said. Allawi's ticket was running second with more than 579,700 votes.

In new violence, gunmen kidnapped an Italian journalist in a hall of gunfire from a central Baghdad street where she had been conducting interviews. Two U.S. soldiers were killed and eight wounded by roadside bombs in northern Iraq, and an Iraqi contractor working with the military was gunned down in a drive-by shooting Friday west of the capital.

The new election figures represented partial returns from 10 of Iraq's 18 provinces, said Hamzah al-Husseini, an election commission official. All 10 provinces have heavy Shiite populations, and the Alliance had been expected to run strong in those areas.

For example, the returns included the 15 percent of votes in Basra provinces counted and certified so far, and 80 percent tallied in the less densely populated Muthanna province. Votes from 35 percent of more than 5,200 polling centers around the country have been counted, al-Husseini said.

The Alliance also won the most out of the 265,000 votes cast by Iraqis abroad, with 36



U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment soldiers search for an insurgent sniper after taking fire on their patrol in Mosul, Iraq, Friday. There were no casualties.

percent, compared to 29 percent for the Shiite Kurdish coalition and nine percent for Allawi, according to a complete count released by the International Organization for Migration, which organized the vote in 14 countries.

No returns have been released from Iraq's mainly Sunni provinces north and west of the capital. Sunni Arabs are believed to have stayed away from the polls in large numbers — either out of fear of retaliation or anger at a vote held while U.S. troops are in the country.

"It" — as sparked fears that the Sunni Arab minority will reject any government and constitution that emerge from the election, adding fuel to the mainly Sunni insurgency that has plagued Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein nearly two years ago.

Journalist reported kidnapped

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen seized an Italian journalist in central Baghdad on Friday in a hall of gunfire after she had been interviewing people who fled the U.S. assault last year on the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, officials and colleagues said.

Giuliana Sgreña, a journalist for the newspaper Il Manifesto, was seized shortly before 2 p.m. by gunmen who blocked her near the Baghdad University compound at the Jadhiriya bridge, located across the Tigris river from the Green Zone, police said.

The woman had gone to the neighborhood to interview refugees from Fallujah and then went on to Friday prayer services

at a nearby mosque, colleagues told Barbara Schiavilli, an Italian radio journalist, told The Associated Press.

Schiavilli said she received a call from Sgreña's cell phone when the kidnapping was apparently underway.

"I couldn't hear anyone talking ... I heard people shouting and the sound of people splashing through the puddles left by heavy overnight rain," Schiavilli said.



Giuliana Sgreña

University considers barcodes for cadavers

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Shaken by scandals involving the black-market sale of body parts, University of California officials are considering inserting supermarket-style barcodes or radio frequency devices in cadavers to keep track of them.

The high-tech fix is one of a number of reforms UC is proposing to reassure people that bodies donated to science will be used as intended and treated with respect.

"We want these to be programs that really do work so we can maintain the public trust and know that we are doing everything possible to maintain and respect the great donations that these gifts represent," said Michael Drake, UC vice president for health affairs.

Every year, thousands of hearts are donated to U.S. tissue banks and medical schools. Skin, bone and other tissue are often used in transplants. New medical treatments and safety equipment such as bicycle helmets are tested on various body parts and cadavers are used to teach medical students surgical skills and anatomy.

But there is also a lucrative underground trade in corpses and body parts, despite federal laws against the sale of organs and tissue.

"There's more regulations that cover a shipment of oranges coming into California than there is a shipment of human knees that are going from a body parts broker in one

Body part prices

The University of California is considering inserting barcodes or radio frequency devices in cadavers to keep track of them. UCLA's donation program was suspended last spring after the director and another person were arrested in an investigation into the selling of body parts for profit.

Approximate prices hospitals pay for cadaver-derived human tissue

Cornea: \$1,800 to \$2,800

Skin: \$1,000 per square foot

Heart valve: \$5,000 to \$7,000

Bone: \$3,800 for a femur

Demineralized bone matrix: \$900 for about two teaspoons

Patella tendon: \$1,800 to \$3,000

Note: Prices for research items usually are lower because the tissue undergoes long testing and processing.

SOURCES: California Transplant Services; Cytex Inc.; University of California state to Las Vegas," said Dr. Todd Olson, director of anatomical donations at Albert Einstein Medical School of New York.

Judge strikes down ban on same-sex marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge declared Friday that a law banning same-sex marriage violates the state constitution, a first-of-its-kind ruling in New York that would clear the way for gay couples to wed if it survives an appeal.

Gay rights activists hailed the ruling as a historic victory that "delivers the state Constitution's promise of equality to all New Yorkers."

"The court recognized that unless gay people can marry, they are not being treated equally under the law," said Susan Sommer, a Lambda Legal Defense Fund lawyer who presented the case. "Same-sex couples need the protections and security marriage provides, and this ruling says they're entitled to get them the same way straight couples do."

State Supreme Court Justice

Doris Ling-Cohan ruled in favor of five gay couples who had been denied marriage licenses by New York City. The Supreme Court is New York's trial level court.

The couples brought a lawsuit arguing they were denied legal protections guaranteed under the constitution. The judge agreed and said the New York City clerk may not deny a license to any couple solely because the two are of the same sex.

"Under both the federal and New York State constitutions, it is beyond question that the right to marry is a fundamental right," Ling-Cohan wrote.

The ruling will not take effect for at least 30 days. The City Law Department issued a statement saying only "We are reviewing the decision thoroughly and considering our options."

Two Delta flights land without incident after receiving threats

NEW YORK (AP) — Two Delta Air Lines planes landed without incident Friday at Kennedy Airport after authorities received reports that the flights had been threatened.

A passenger aboard one of the flights was taken off the plane and sent living in a hotel, said U.S. Customs and Border Protection assistant commissioner Kristi M. Clemens.

The aircraft were searched and the pilots interviewed but no further problems were discovered, authorities said.

Dag Erik Kleven, 20, a passenger from Norway who was on Flight 119 from Paris, said that when his flight landed in New

York, he saw two law enforcement officers board the plane. He said a man sitting in the first-class section was removed without incident.

Marcel Teunissen of the Hague, who was aboard the other flight, said that an announcement had been made before the flight took off in Amsterdam that there would be a slight delay because a woman had been removed from the plane due to security concerns.

A spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Steve Coleman, said that his agency received a number of erroneous reports about the flights.

U.S. retirees find more for less in Panama

Los Angeles Times

BOQUETE, Panama — Golf course maintenance superintendent had had enough of lawyers, telemarketers, several of his neighbors and the federal government. So the San Diego and had wife and two children, sold everything they owned and moved to Panama.

The Suttons, who bought a house here last summer, exemplify a wave of American retirees who want to get away from far away — from it all. Each month, about 20 of them are turning up in this remote coffee-growing town nestled in the mountains of western Panama, buying houses and starting new lives. It's the latest hot spot in Central America, a region that over the last decade has attracted increasing numbers of U.S. retirees.

"Boquete gives us the opportunity to have a great, comfortable lifestyle," said Sutton, 50, who with wife Dinah put \$5,000 down on their brand-new house without a down payment, he said. "The subdivision is nicely landscaped, appropriately enough, in Hidden Valley."

Loading groceries into his car in front of home, the local superintendent, he said, "This isn't Alhambra in Larchmont, N.Y. after he sold his photo-processing business. "This is as close to paradise as you can get."

In recent years, retired foreigners have moved to Costa Rica, Nicaragua and parts of Mexico. But Panama's moment seems to have arrived. Boquete has turned up on several "Best Places to Retire" lists published in recent months in U.S. newspapers and on Internet sites.

"I paid my dues, got my two boys through college and decided things have got to be better somewhat else," said John Villagras, an Arizona retiree who publishes the Internet newspaper the Boquete Times. "They are."

Asked to define what Boquete retirees have in common, Villagras said: "They have strong ties to their past and recollections of better times, nuclear families, respect for the law and civility. And they have no qualms about looking outside U.S. borders to re-create those good old days."

Like most other Latin American countries, Panama does not have a large number of foreign retirees living within its borders. But immigration officials here and throughout the region agree that the numbers are rising.



Bill and Barbara Votava moved to Boquete, Panama, from Spokane, Wash. Panama offers foreign retirees tax breaks, numerous discounts and lower cost of living.

Panama, for example, last year granted 4-19 special retiree visas, nearly double the 229 granted in 2003, according to the nation's immigration office. A total of 2,500 pensioner visas have been issued. Costa Rica, which has been retirees' favored Central American destination, has issued 11,000.

Under the terms of the visas, the Panamanian government exempts foreign retirees from paying property or income tax, as long as they prove they have \$500 minimum monthly income. Newcomers can bring in a car and up to \$10,000 in belongings tax-free. Interest from their deposits in Panama's banks is also exempt. Retiree visa holders also receive numerous discounts, including 50 percent off most plane and bus tickets.

Panama says the special tax status is good for the country because retirees create jobs and inject more cash into the local economy.

A case in point is newcomer Mike LaFoley, a Boston-area native. Since he and his wife, Annie, arrived here four years ago, he has started a coffee farm and spent thousands of dollars in construction improvements on his property.

"My last pay period, I handed out 11 envelopes to my workers," LaFoley said. His stuccoed home, like most of those in the subdivisions popping up in and around Boquete, likely it could have been built in an upscale U.S. suburb, replete with verdant yard, faux-tiled roof, driveway and carport.

Although only about 500 foreigners live in Boquete and its environs, builders last year took out permits to build 2,000 additional housing units in anticipation of a real estate boom.

Life in this farm town of 18,000 is tranquil and unburied — for now. Many fear that the population of rat-race refugees is rising so fast that

who have struck it rich, selling their 500-acre properties for \$1 million and more a Kings-Town in rural Panama.

Does Boquete have any downsides? Residents pointed out that there is no urgent-care hospital, the closest being a 45-minute drive away in the provincial capital, David.

But Ted and Louise Harrison, emergency-room doctors from British Columbia who bought property here last year, are working on a project to build one. They say that meanwhile, the level of regular medical care is good in Boquete and elsewhere in Panama, because many of the doctors receive their training in the United States.

Herشل Stolebarger, a retired New Mexico real estate broker, said a friend felt comfortable getting a hip replacement in Panama rather than the United States — especially after finding out it would cost \$5,000 compared with \$30,000 in "El Norte."

The benefits far outweigh the disadvantages, Sutton said. His monthly living expenses average \$1,500 a month, half what he and his wife spent in San Diego, he says.

"The biggest savings are in health insurance. He and his wife pay \$50 per month for government health coverage that would cost \$1,200 in San Diego. "I liked red, white and blue. This was a life-style decision," Sutton said. "We would have worked 10 more years and gained nothing," Sutton said. "You give up the hustle and bustle, sure, and the convenience of shopping malls. But you come down here and the stress level drops immediately. As a retiree, blood pressure dropped 25 points the first week we were here."

The influx of money for foreigners has had a strong impact on this once sleepy town. Bankistino's Uriola said. It's been great for owners of coffee farms

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Young parents need to finish school first

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Bobby," and his girlfriend, "Claire," had a baby two weeks ago. Bobby lives with us and Claire lives with her parents, although they hope to get together soon. Bobby and Claire are having a problem deciding on where to sleep. They each want to be with their family. They were going to alternate one night at each house, but Claire's mom said it wouldn't be good for the baby, as the baby needs a regular place to live. Is it bad for a newborn to switch beds? Both houses are equipped with all the baby things the little one needs. Bobby works about 30 hours a week and attends college full time. Claire doesn't work or go to school. What can I do to help them resolve their issues without hurting anyone's feelings? My son wants to be in Claire's and the baby's lives. I just don't know how to help him.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

morning that I no longer wanted to be married. What they do not know is that Derrick raped me and put me through 12 years of emotional and verbal abuse. During one of the marriage counseling sessions, I mentioned the rape, and he turned to me and said, "That was 12 years ago. Get over it." That was when I decided to file for divorce.

Should I go to my friends and explain it to them, or just find new friends?
— **LONELY IN WICHITA**
DEAR LONELY: It will make you feel better, go to your friends and explain the truth. However, if they were truly your friends they would already be supporting you and, in my opinion, you would be better off without them.

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old nephew, "Butch," does not acknowledge my husband, "Denny," when we give him joint gifts. Denny's name is on every gift. There is no animosity between them. Butch just doesn't thank Denny, and my husband is offended.

— **OFFENDED IN VIRGINIA**
DEAR OFFENDED: Talk directly to your nephew and explain that the gifts have been given jointly, and that the oversight has been hurtful to your husband. Your nephew is probably acting this way because he doesn't know any better. You'll be doing him a favor to straighten him out.

Costly cookies: Teens get in trouble for delivering treats

Teens get in trouble for delivering treats

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — Two teenage girls who surprised their neighbors with homemade cookies late one night were ordered to pay nearly \$900 in medical bills for a woman who says she was so startled that she had to go to the hospital. Judge Doug Walker declined Thursday to award punitive damages, saying he did not believe the girls acted maliciously. Taylor Ostergaard, 17, and Lindsey Jo Zellitti, 18, baked the chocolate chip and sugar cookies one night last July. They made packages with a half-dozen cookies each and added large red or pink construction-paper hearts that carried the message, "I have a great night and were signed with their first initials: 'Love, The T and L Club.'" Then they set off to make their deliveries.



Taylor Ostergaard, 17, left, and Lindsey Jo Zellitti, 18, display cookies, Thursday, similar to ones that they made for neighbors last summer in La Plata County south of the Durango, Colo.

figures" outside the house banging repeatedly on her door.

She yelled, "Who's there?" but no one answered, and the fig-

ures ran away. Frightened, she spent the night at her sister's home, then went to the hospital the next morning because she was still shaking and had an upset stomach. The teenagers' families offered to pay Young's medical bills, but she declined and sued, saying their apologies were not sincere and were not offered in person. The girls declined comment after the ruling. Taylor's mother said she was not pleased. "She felt she was being punished for doing something nice," Jill Ostergaard said. "Young said the teenagers showed 'very poor judgment.'" The "victory" wasn't sweet, Young said. "I'm not gloating about it. I just hope the girls learned a lesson." The teens said they did not know how to help her out because they wanted the treats to be a surprise.

Aries: Add some effort to put plan in motion

IF FEBRUARY 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... The year ahead is extremely special as glamorous Neptune crosses your area of the zodiac and showers tranquility upon you. Learning to be more understanding and compassionate toward others may become your most important goal as the year progresses. Heightened sensitivity to surroundings makes your intuition trustworthy, but it is imperative to cultivate positive, empowering and upbeat people and places. March and August are especially beneficial times when lucky breaks may occur and permanent improvements can be made in your life.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

climbing the ladder of success can easily come true if you make key moves this week. Partnerships formed under these stars will exceed expectations. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Cupid's arrows could hit the mark and make your romantic dreams come true. Any of your heartfelt prayers can be answered, as Cupid isn't the only angel watching over your shoulder. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): If you take care of the little details, the big things will work themselves out. Concentrate on making amends within the family and putting things right. You may get a bigger tax refund than expected. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Perfect communication and wise ad-

vice can make a key relationship flourish. New hookups started now will be blessed by good luck and existing partnerships can expand and prosper. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): More work can mean more money, so take advantage of your lucky stars. It is a good time to sign on the dotted line or make promises. Seek professional advice about legal matters or health. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Bonds of love forged this weekend will be like steel and not easily broken. But any motivating force on the agenda can benefit from the helpful cosmic aspects in place now. Ask and you will receive. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Place your attention on home or family, as the real reason you want success is to make others proud. Family members can help your career. Take a chance and gamble on a lucky break. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Sometimes you blurt things out to your disadvantage, but today frankness and a lack of guile will put you at the top of the proverbial heap. Get by with a little help from your friends. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Concentrate on career and money matters while the stars are shining helpfully your way. Remain forthright and don't try to outthink your opponents. Follow through on promises. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are basking in the bright light of someone's good opinion, so you can make plans without concern. It is a good time to sign agreements or make promises, as everyone will act fairly. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Optimism and a positive outlook will do much to ward off the naysayers. Be supportive of partners, even if your uplifting attitude is not shared. You could have brilliant ideas to increase joint net worth.

Chaplin and other actors start United Artist studio

This day in history: On Feb. 5, 1919, silent-screen superstars Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and D.W. Griffith, tired of being exploited by movie studios, started their own company and named it United Artists.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Kaolin is a white clay used for fine china. But it also is used to make paper glossy, keep pills together, protect crops from pests, and act as the hardener in diarrhea medicines.

Newborn babies have disproportionately large heads, accounting for about one-fourth of their total body's surface area.

You want somebody to blame for having to rise up so early? Try Lee Hutetens of Concord, N.H. He's the guy who invented the alarm clock in 1787.

During our wintertime, the Earth is 3 million miles closer to the sun than the summertime. If you need more evidence that you don't have to be smart to be president, consider this: grade-school dropout President Andrew Jackson loudly proclaimed his belief that the world was flat.

Except for one day in February, groundhogs are most commonly known as woodchucks.

Blondes have more individual hairs on their heads (about 140,000) than brunettes who have only about 105,000. Red-

Actor Ossie Davis dies at 87; found dead in hotel room

NEW YORK (AP) — Ossie Davis, the actor distinguished for roles dealing with racial injustice on stage, screen and in real life, has died, an aide said Friday. He was 87.



Ossie Davis

Davis, the husband and partner of actress Ruby Dee, was found dead Friday in his hotel room in Miami, where he was making a film called "Reverent," according to Arminda Thomas, who works in his office in suburban New Rochelle.

Davis, who wrote, acted, di-

rected and produced for the theater and Hollywood, was a central figure among black performers of the last five decades. He and Dee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1998 with the publication of a dual autobiography, "In This Life Together."

Davis had just started his movie on Monday, said Michael Livingston, his Hollywood agent. "I'm shocked," Livingston said. "I'm absolutely shocked. He was the most wonderful man I've ever known. Such a classy, kindly man." Dee had gone to New Zealand to make a movie there, Livingston said. In 2004, Davis and Dee were among the artists selected to receive the Kennedy Center Honors. Their partnership called to mind other performing couples,

such as the Lunts, or Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. Davis and Dee first appeared together in the plays "Jeb" in 1946, and "Anna Lucasta" in 1946-47. Davis' first film, "No Way Out" in 1950, was Dee's fifth. Both had key roles in the television series "Roots: The Next Generation" (1978), "Martin Luther King: The Dream and the Dream" (1986) and "The Stand" (1994). Davis appeared in three Spike Lee films, including "School Daze." "Do the Right Thing" and "Jungle Fever."

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CHEERS & JEERS

A vote for freedom with coalition support

CHEERS: To the courageous voters of Iraq. Why does a historic vote matter to Idaho? Because thousands of our Idaho National Guard units and additional active duty soldiers play a vital part in stabilizing the insurgency in Iraq. The sooner Iraqis assume their own destiny, the quicker our troops can return.

To see the Iraqis people stake a claim in their own government is as inspiring — if not more inspiring — than any military victory. It is their voice that will determine a peaceful and prosperous future. The presence of coalition forces can safeguard the beginning of this great movement. But ultimately, it is the actions of the people who will shape the manner in which they are governed.

Sunday's brave turnout was an impressive start.

JEERS: To Twin Falls School Superintendent Wiley Dobbs, for not defending public schools and dismissing parental concerns at the same time.

School teachers and administrators yearn for parents to take an active interest in the education of their children and welcome parental participation. However, at a Sawtooth Elementary meeting last week to explain the newly-installed reading program, Open Court, some people asked about abandoning the program if parents wanted to change.

Rather than urge that the program be tried before being condemned, Dobbs told the parents that they had the freedom to put their children in a private school or a charter school or school them at home.

Dobbs is an amiable and respected administrator in Twin Falls — and the region. But we hope he reconsiders the "like it or leave it" response next time.

CHEERS: To Sky West Airlines for adding a flight to Twin Falls' airport. The Delta Connection carrier has announced it will boost the number of daily flights into Magic Valley Airport, and back to Salt Lake International to seven. The new flights will be in evening hours for business travelers, and start in early March.

In case you haven't noticed, airlines are still in huge financial fog. Heavy financial losses for Delta led to big cuts at its major hub in Dallas-Fort Worth. Yet small market expansion into the Salt Lake markets is a key goal for the airline. When Twin Falls travelers and businesses use more flights, it fuels additional growth elsewhere in business.

So CHEERS are also in order for local lifers. Twin Falls airline boardings rose 15 percent in 2004. A stronger local airport will certainly pay off for the entire region.

JEERS: To wolf opponents and state legislators who de-



CHEERS & JEERS is a light-hearted weekly pulch of compliments-and-quibbles from the weekly headlines. Do you see an individual, group or organization worthy of some praise? Is a job of healthy criticism warranted elsewhere? Send your suggestion for a cheer or a jeer to The Times-News at dcooper@magicvalley.com and we'll consider throwing it into the mix for our weekly feature.

generated Species List. But Idaho fish and game leaders say that jeopardizes Idaho's plan for state wolf management.

Semantics and politics aside, we all recognize that wolves prey on game and livestock. But if Idaho's goal is to assume species control from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, then a "game trophy" designation is the means to do it.

Or as USFWS wolf recovery coordinator Jeff Pangs' suggests, if we want to call them denys of Scar? but manage them as trophy game animals, no one will care. So quit the word play and get on with managing the furry devils.

CHEERS: To the memory of Fred Locke, southern Idaho's president of Boy Scouting, who passed away last week at age 90.

For many boys who grew up in Scouts, Locke was the embodiment of the Scout Law — trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, right on down the list. Along with fellow Scoutmaster Bill Rappleye of Twin Falls, Locke was one of the fathers of Magic Valley scouting. He worked 76 years in the organization, and was a pillar in the lives of countless young people through generations.

Locke's legacy of a strong Scouting program lives on with the growing success of the Snake River Council, and his own Troop 33 in Gooding.

JEERS: To the Idaho Legislature for voting to demolish the old Ada County Courthouse and erect a new state building in its place. Renovating the historic building would probably be about the same as building from scratch. But why should Idaho abandon an architectural link to its earliest days?

If the actual Statehouse is worthy of a facelift so that it can be preserved for future generations, the same principle should exist for the courthouse, which is already on the National Register of Historic Places.

Election was day to remember

As someone who believed, hoped, worried, prayed, and prayed some more that we could one day pull off the election they did, I am unreservedly happy about the outcome — and you should be, too.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Why? Because what threatens America most from the Middle East are the pathologies of a region where there is too little freedom and too many young people who aren't able to achieve their full potential. The only way to cure these pathologies is with a war of ideas within the Arab-Muslim world so those with bad ideas can be defeated by those with progressive ones.

We can't fight that war. Only the Arab progressives can — only they can tell the suicide bombers that what they are doing is shameful to Islam and to Arabs. But we can collaborate with them to create a space in the heart of their world where decent people have a chance to fight this war — and that is what American and the world leaders have been doing in Iraq.

President Bush's basic gut instinct about the need to do this is exactly right. His thinking that this could be done on the cheap, though, with little post-war planning, was exactly wrong. Partly as a result, this great moment has already cost America over \$100 billion and 10,000 killed and wounded. That is not sustainable because the road ahead in Iraq is still long. We have to proceed with more wisdom and more allies. But proceed we must, and now we need to get so with the certainty that partnering with the Iraq people to build a decent-consensual government is not crazy — it's really difficult, but not crazy. But wait — not everyone is



wearing a smiley face after the Iraq elections, and that is good, considering who is unhappy. Let's start with the mullahs in Iran. Those who think that a Shiite-led government in Iraq is going to be the puppet of Iran's Shiite ayatollahs are so wrong. It is the ayatollahs in Iran who are tormented today. You see, the Iranian mullahs and their diplomats like to peddle the notion that they have their own form of democracy: "Islamic democracy." But this is a fraud, and the people who know best that it's a fraud are the ayatollahs and they don't serve steak at vegetarian restaurants, and theocrats don't veto candidates in free elections. The Iraqi Shiites just gave every Iranian Shiite not door a demonstration of why real Islamic democracy is: it's when Mus-

lims vote for whomever they want. I just want to be around for Iran's next election, when the ayatollahs try to veto reform candidates and Iranian Shiites ask. Why can't we vote for one, like Iraqi Shiites did? Oh, boy, that's going to be pay-per-view.

Then there is Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. You see, this Charles-Manson-with-a-turban who leads the insurgency in Iraq had a bad hair day on Sunday. I wonder whether anyone told him about the suicide bomber who managed to blow up only himself outside a Baghdad polling station and how Iraqi voters walked around his body, spitting on it as they went by. Zarqawi claims to be the leader of the Iraqi Veteering — the authentic carrier of Iraq's national aspirations and desire to liberate their country from "U.S. occupation." In truth, he is the leader of the Iraqi Khmer Rouge — a murderous death cult.

The election has exposed this. Because the Iraqi people have now made it clear that they are they are the authentic carriers of their national aspirations, and while yes, they want an end to the U.S. presence,

they want that end to happen in an orderly manner and in tandem with an Iraqi constitutional process.

In other words, this election has made it crystal clear that the Iraq war is not between fascist insurgents and America, but between the fascist insurgents and the Iraqi people. One hopes the French and Germans, whose newspapers often sound more like Al-Jazeera than Al-Jazeera, will wake up to this fact and throw their weight onto the right side of history.

It's about time, because whatever you thought about this war, it's not about Bush any more. It's about the aspirations of the Iraqi majority to build an alternative to Saddamism. By voting the way they did, in the face of real danger, Iraqis have earned the right to ask everyone else to put aside their squabbles and focus on what is no longer just a pipe dream but a real opportunity to implant decent, democratic government in the heart of the Arab-Muslim world.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTERS

Stop politicians' pension greed with term limits

I read with a certain amount of disgust the article concerning the pension for one Tom Daschle.

I have you ever wondered why our elected federal senators and congressmen continue to run for office? Aside from the latest corporations, I am not aware of any other business that can afford the level of retirement benefits that are granted to the select few. The sad part of this story is the fact that persons receiving this unbelievable perk set the rules for eligibility. In addition, they vote themselves a pay raise and tack it on to some other piece of legislation. They do not want you to know what they are up to.

I think the time has come to insist on term limitations for all elected officials. It is quite obvious that the longer you serve the better able you are to feather your nest with taxpayer dollars.

This article highlights the reason federal legislators appear to have very little interest in saving Social Security. It does not affect them and their retirement. In fact, these folks are not required to pay into the Social Security system. As the article stated, lawmakers elected in 1984 and after are enrolled in a somewhat less generous program — the federal retirement system that covers millions of government workers. But their benefits are calculated differently from

those of other civil servants. What makes these people so special?

If the citizenry is willing to accept the status quo, then we have no one to blame but ourselves. I believe in a fair compensation for a job well done. However, someone other than the person doing the job should set the rate. I believe that we have a perfect example of the fox guarding the hen house — we vote for these people. I know some people will say that we have a term limitation solution, and we do. However, unless enough voters get sick and tired of the current situation, nothing will change.

Have the congressmen and senators returned from the Christmas break? But they are already planning their spring break when the Congress reconvenes after the inauguration.

RICHARD E. BOYD
Twin Falls

Pilot award is done to other local fliers

A short while ago, I received a call from John Goostrey of the Federal Aviation Administration. My first reaction was, "What regulation did I break?"

He informed me that I was to receive the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. I had all but forgotten that flight instructor that I had in 1964 and some other pilots of the Magic Valley Aero Club had recommended me.

I appreciate the award. They told me there are three of us in Idaho who received it. Certainly, there must be other pilots in the state who have held pilot certificates and flown 50 or more years. Warren Barry is one. He has flown for 50 years, owned several aircraft and has flown over much of the states, parts of Canada and Alaska — and over half of Australia. His wife, Alma, has flown with him much of the time, helping with charts and navigation.

Just want to say thanks for putting it in the paper and to say there are others.

A. LACY JOHNSON
Twin Falls

Do more to make Salmon Dam a trout haven

I am opposed to the idea of making Salmon Falls Dam a pristine walleye fishery. There are 100 trout fishermen for every one that fishes for walleye. It also takes for more equipment to fish for walleye. I am not knocking walleye fishermen, but they already have a good fishery there and to quit planting large trout will not increase the population of walleye.

Twin Falls County has the largest concentration of commercial trout producers in the world. When they had a bad marketing year and dumped their excess trout in Salmon Falls Reservoir it became the crown jewel of fishery there and to quit planting large trout will not increase the population of walleye.

Trout being raised, there is a constant need to cull some trout and get rid of used-up spawners. This can be verified by the constant planting of large trout in the Clear Springs puddle.

Salmon Dam has a maximum of 12 miles of clear fishing waters when full and seven miles when it is drawn down to its minimum level. It has miles of fishable shoreline and one very superior sand beach. Because of the moss build-up in Clear Springs, only one-third of it is fishable. Large trout are dumped in there continually, and the fishermen show up in droves with power bait and clean them out in about three days. Fishable water is about one acre. Now I am not suggesting this lake be abandoned as it deserves some planting, and in the winter when Salmon Dam is frozen over, it could not be planted anyway. What I am saying is with a little coordinated work with our trout farms and far less expense than raising these trout, Salmon Falls can be a constant superior fishery.

If you agree with me, call Fish and Game in Jerome at 324-4359 or write to Bill E. Main, Jerome, ID 83301, or e-mail letters to the editor at The Times-News to letters@magicvalley.com.

Remember, the squeaking wheel gets the grease and silence gets the consent.
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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



In response to the recurrent myth that there's more domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day. The Fillmore Foundation will prove it.



By Bruce Tinsley



WORLD

Authorities suspend search for missing Afghan jetliner

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO and Afghan forces suspended their ground search for an Afghan passenger jet carrying 104 people after it disappeared from radar screens during a snowstorm near the mountain-ringed capital.

NATO and Afghan officials denied statements from Turkish officials that parts of the wreckage had been located 20 miles southeast of Kabul, and they said the search would resume Saturday.

The Kam Air Boeing 737-200 took off Thursday from the western Afghan city of Herat bound for Kabul, but was unable to land because of bad weather. The airline initially said the plane was diverted to neighboring Pakistan, but officials there said it never entered their airspace.

Kam Air said there were 96 passengers and a crew of eight — six Russians and two Afghans — on the scheduled flight, but the exact number of foreigners was unclear.

A Massachusetts-based aid group said three of its American staff were missing. Turkey said nine of its citizens were on the plane, and Italy said one passenger was Italian.

Kamgar said the eight-member flight crew included six Russians and two Afghans.

Afghanistan's NATO peacekeeping force sent helicopters and ground teams to scour an area of high mountains southeast of the city, where officials said the plane was last reported on Thursday afternoon, but returned to base empty-handed.

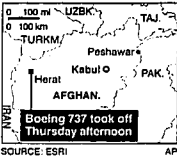
Maj. Karen Tissot Van Patot



Afghan National Army and Afghan police search the area for a missing Afghan plane in Khaki Jabar, a district southeast of Kabul, on Friday.

Afghan jetliner missing

An Afghan passenger jet with more than 100 people on board was missing and feared crashed after it failed to land at Kabul.



Boeing 737 took off Thursday afternoon. SOURCE: ESRI

"Things will shut down for the night and resume in the morning," Pate said, discounting media reports that a piece of the wreckage had been found. "We'd have heard fairly quickly if anything had turned up."

Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mubammad Zahir Azimi said Afghan troops had also given up for the night. "They could not find a single piece of the plane," he said. "Tomorrow we will search a wider area."

A Turkish Foreign Ministry official in Ankara had said Turkish military officers in Kabul found wreckage had been found southeast of Kabul. The Turkish air force is in charge of Kabul airport as part of the NATO peacekeeping mission. The Turkish official, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, also said the Afghan Transportation Ministry has confirmed the crash.

Sharon says talks won't start until attacks stop

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Friday that wide-ranging peace talks aimed at ending the conflict with the Palestinians will not be renewed until their leaders take real action to prevent terror attacks on Israel.

Sharon's comments appeared aimed at dampening expectations ahead of a Middle East summit scheduled for Tuesday in Egypt that Palestinians hope will revive the peace process, but Israelis want to remain focused on more limited security issues.

The summit was expected to produce a joint cease-fire declaration formally ending more than four years of bloodshed. Such a declaration is one of the



Ariel Sharon

first requirements of the internationally backed "road map" peace plan, which envisions the creation of a Palestinian state this year but has been stalled because of ongoing violence.

As part of a package of pre-summit gestures, Israel on Thursday approved the release of 900 Palestinian prisoners and agreed to withdraw troops from Jericho, the first of five West Bank towns Israel is expected to leave.

Japan confirms first case of human mad cow disease

TOKYO (AP) — Japan confirmed its first human case of mad cow disease Friday following the death of a man who had symptoms of the fatal brain wasting illness. Health Ministry officials and experts from a ministry panel on the disease were holding an emergency meeting to determine whether the man had contracted the dis-

ease by eating infected beef. Masahito Yamada, a panel expert, said it was likely the man contracted the disease while living for one month in Britain — where mad cow first surfaced — in 1999.

"We believe it is highly likely that he contracted the disease during his visit to Britain," Yamada told reporters.

Vatican says pope getting better

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II was improving in the hospital Friday, eating regular food and eager to recite his usual Sunday prayers for the public, the Vatican said, but it did not describe how he would deliver the weekly remarks.

The Holy See's latest medical bulletin gave few details on the flu and respiratory troubles that led to the 84-year-old pontiff's urgent hospitalization four

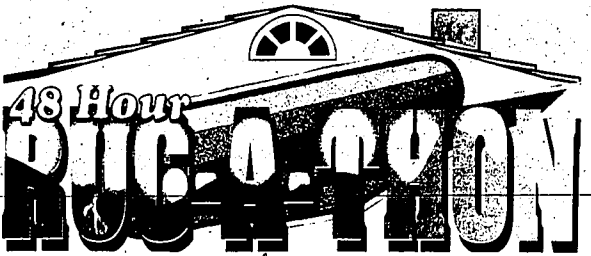
days ago, although papal spokesman Joaquín Navarro-Valls suggested that the decision not to issue another bulletin until Monday was a positive sign.

"The state of health of the Holy Father has improved," Navarro-Valls told reporters.

Despite the reassuring tones, there were indications the Vatican was being cautious about any predictions when the frail

pontiff, who has Parkinson's disease and other ailments, may resume his regular activities.

The Vatican dashed expectations the pope might address a long-planned gathering of seminarians at the Vatican on Saturday by a hookup from his 10th-floor room in the Roman Catholic hospital. Instead, an emissary will read a speech in the pope's name.



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Hundreds protest aid corruption

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Some 400 survivors of Asia's devastating tsunami blocked a Sri Lankan road Friday to protest corrupt aid distribution, and the government suspended two officials for mishandling relief and pledged to investigate 10 others on similar charges.

Despite millions of dollars in aid pouring into Sri Lanka since the Dec. 26 tsunami, 70 percent of survivors haven't received anything because of bureaucratic bungling and incompetence, Sri Lanka's relief operations chief acknowledged this week.

"The protesters were angry and accused village officers of holding back relief," said H.D. Jinesinghe, a policeman in southern Matara.

The official death toll from the tsunami is at least 159,976, with tens of thousands missing and presumed dead.

Indonesia suffered the highest death toll, with at least 112,279 victims. The United Nations said Friday it will hire up to 20,000 tsunami survivors in the country to accelerate reconstruction, as foreign troops who spearheaded emergency operations began leaving.

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SPORTSQUOTE

The positions I played, every play, I was making contact, not like that ... Deion Sanders: He couldn't tackle my wife.

—Legendary Eagles center/linebacker Chuck Bednarik about a more recent two-way starter

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Name the only comeback to be named Most Valuable Player in a Super Bowl.
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School BOYS BASKETBALL: Filer at Wendell, 6 p.m. Jerome at Century, 6 p.m. Declo at Kimberly, 6 p.m. Oakley at Hansen, 6 p.m. Murtaugh at Magic Valley Christian, 6 p.m. Raft River at Hagerman, 6 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Postseason: Jerome at Burley, 1:30 p.m. BRESTLING: Skyline, Idaho Falls at Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Wood River, Filer at Challis, 3 p.m. Builey at Kimberly, 5:30 p.m. Gooding, Buhl at Welser Tournament, 9 a.m. Raft River/Oakley, Valley at Aberdeen Tournament, 6 p.m. College BASEBALL: CCSN Coyote Classic: CCSN Central Arizona, 10 a.m. CSI vs. Yavapai College, 2 p.m.

Bruins bury Skyline

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Coast Guard should consider making its most fleet of icebreakers out of the stuff that seemed to be covering the Skyline Grizzlies' basket.

The Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team held the Grizzlies to just two first-half points and scoreless in the second quarter on the way to a 58-7 romp over Skyline on Friday in Region Four-Five-Six play.

Twin Falls (18-0, 6 conference) held the Grizzlies (5-13, 1-5) to just 14 percent shooting for the game and just six percent in the first half.

"That's got to be a lot of luck on our end and a lot of bad luck on their end," Twin Falls coach Matt Harr said. "But we do, we really focus on defense. They work their butts off. I think that's one area that teams have underestimated, for the most part, is our defensive pressure."

The Bruins held Skyline scoreless for a 15-minute, 52-second stretch spanning from the middle of the first quarter to early in the play off half. Twin Falls had a 37-2 lead at that time. The Grizzlies' lone point in the first half came on Garrett Jones' free-throw line jumper 2:41 into the contest.

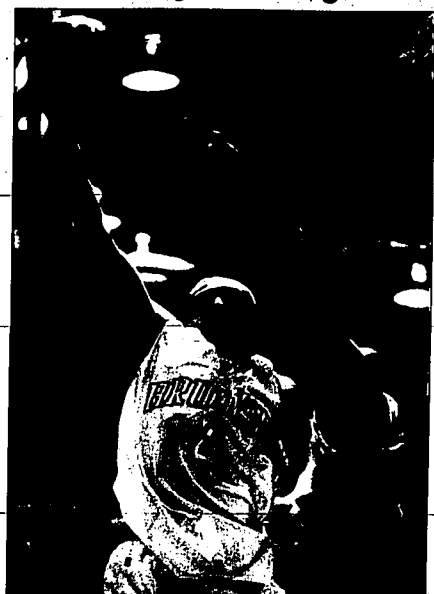
Skyline finally broke its scoreless streak after halftime on two Jonathon Parker free throws with 6:27 remaining in the third quarter.

"They're very disciplined on defense," Skyline coach Ty Shippen said. "Momentum is a big thing, too. They got it right away and they kept it. We just didn't regain it. They're undefeated. They know how to win."

Perhaps the most impressive part of the Bruins' defense was that the reserves were every bit as successful as the starters. Twin Falls head coach Matt Harr pulled his starters early in the second quarter because the Bruins bench continued to cling like plastic wrap to the Grizzlies.

"A lot of it is because we have a deep bench," Harr said. "Guys know that if they take the play off defensively and their guy takes them to the hole and scores, it's easy to put another guy in that's going to work just as hard, if not harder."

Despite the lopsided score, the game may be an excellent tuneup for a Bruins playoff "Championship" series. The Bruins with defense, a point not lost on the Twin



Bruins guard Todd Cook, 14, scores past the outstretched arms of Skyline's Kevin Jones during the first quarter of Twin Falls' 58-7 win over the Grizzlies Friday night. Twin Falls jumped out to a 9-2 lead and held the Grizzlies scoreless for the rest of the quarter, extending their lead to 23-2 in the Region Four-Five-Six game. The Bruins went to a perfect 6-0 in regional play this season.

Falls players.

"We just wanted to make a statement coming into the region tournament that we're not going to let up at all," said Mike Smith, who led the Bruins with 17 points. "Our main focus is on defense. If we get off to a good start, hit the open guy when they're open and play good defense, we can beat anyone in the state. We've known that pretty much the whole year. Your offense is going to be there. If you can stop people from scoring, you're

going to win games." Jones led Skyline with four points.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Twin Falls 58, Skyline 27. Lists individual player stats for both teams.

Tigers claim top seed in Great Basin West

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME — The last time those two teams played Jerome made history, recording its first victory over Minico's floor-science 1965. That night, the Tigers made more thanks to a fourth-quarter rally.

For the first time since joining the 4A ranks, Jerome clinched the top seed in the district tournament with a 38-36 victory over the Spartans in Great Basin Conference West boys basketball action. The game was a tough, defensive battle.

The Tigers maintained a small lead for much of the game until late in the third period. Minico's Kody Bingham went on to make the turnover jumper and was fouled.

He hit the free throw while Michael Konrad later added a couple more from the charity stripe to give Minico a 30-28

lead heading into the final period. The Spartans started the final period with a 6-0 run and looked to be in control. Bingham hit two more buckets in the paint and Matt Schenk clipped the two free throws for the 36-28 lead with five minutes left on the clock.

It was rally time for the Tigers. Brett Boesiger converting — the putback and — David Prescott hit two free throws, and the deficit was down to four points for Jerome. Chance Craig, the Tigers' leading scorer had Spartans around him.

"At first I was going to set up for the charge, but I went up and blocked it," said Boesiger, who finished with seven points. "We stepped it up."

Minico missed its next shot and Boesiger was fouled. He made one of two and the Tigers were up by two with 21 seconds on the clock. A final attempt also missed the mark and Prescott grabbed the rebound and was able to run out the clock.

For Minico coach Mike Graefe it was a matter of execution.

"We forced shots and had turnovers and didn't execute down the stretch. We will learn from this," said Graefe. Jerome coach — Houston Finn — said his players never gave up.

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German boxing great Schmeling dies at 99

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Max Schmeling wanted to be a heavyweight champion, not a symbol of Nazi supremacy.

Though he thrilled Germany by knocking out Joe Louis, there was another side to the fighter that Hitler tried to portray as an Aryan Superman.

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United States. German President Horst Koehler, on a state visit to Israel, lauded Schmeling as a "great example in sport" and for "his humanity." Former One-champion, Michael Schmeling called Schmeling "a man of firm principles."

Over the years, Schmeling gave hundreds of thousands to help the elderly and poor through the Max Schmeling Foundation. He treasured his friendship with Louis and quietly gave the down-and-out American gifts of money. He also aided for Louis' funeral in 1981.

Gene Kilroy, Muhammad Ali's old business manager, said he talked to Ali on Friday. Kilroy said Ali told him "Max Schmeling had a lot of class. He had a lot of respect for Joe Louis in the ring and out of the ring. I'm sure he's in heaven now. He and Joe were talking about their old fights."

Schmeling took numbers of young athletes under his wings during the final decades of his life, among them Ukrainian heavyweight fighters Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko. "A friend and mentor to us

tried to pick it up to help my teammates," said Craig, a senior guard. "This senior class had won only five game before this year. This was a big win for us."

"The pressure was on and it showed on both teams as they traded turnovers for the next two minutes. With the clock running down, the Spartans went for the shot, but Boesiger was there to knock it away with a huge block."

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McNabb's mom has the whole package

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — It used to be that the Tuesday of Super Bowl week, Media Day, was the day the stars came out or were born. But the "various club" they're 10 years old and they don't have any stars. And we already know everything we need to — or want to — about the Eagles' Donovan McNabb and Forrest Owens. Their stories, since Labor Day, have been told to death. So there was only one star with a story worth telling here Tuesday: McNabb's mom.

MICHAEL WILBON The Washington Post

You don't have to be an Eagles fan to identify with her — or identify her. You don't even have to care about football. If you like mothers and soup, you've got to love a warm feeling for Wilma McNabb, the retired registered nurse who has become the soup-serving den mother for the Eagles and anybody who needs a trip-down memory lane. Would you want another helping of T.O.'s busted leg or a bowl of Mrs. McNabb's Chunky Soup?

She's the most popular person associated with the Eagles this week, more in demand than the tight end, Jeff Thomas, who walked in off the street when Chad Lewis got injured. She may be more in demand than her son when you consider that Wilma McNabb has appeared on it-or-is-about-to appear on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "Ellen," "CBS's 'Early Show'" and "NFL Total Access." Not even the Philly fans, call 'em Wilma McNabb.

"I've got two celebrities I've got to keep grounded," Sam McNabb said of his son and wife. "I guess I'm Common Sam, the regular guy in the family."

"Her schedule is crazier than mine," Donovan said of his mom's Tuesday activities, which include a Campbell's Soup news conference that was preceded by more than a dozen radio interviews.

Buccaneers defensive star Steve Rice went to high school in Chicago with McNabb and has known Sam and Wilma at least half of his life. "Man, McNabb has got it going on," Rice said during media day. "She's off to work today. She's got the number one (her son's jersey number) with all the stones on it. And she's got the super limited edition Donovan McNabb Jersey I love it. You know, I don't want to be that for my mother."

And that's the appeal of McNabb's mom selling Campbell's Chunky Soup. Isn't that what we all want for our mothers? Don't all we want is for her to be contented for doing something so particularly momish? "She's acting," Sam McNabb said, "but she's not acting because that's her. It's who she is anyway. It's not a role. It's her, looking after everybody, making sure everybody is OK and doing the right thing. She's a natural. She loves it."

You wonder why somebody didn't think of it earlier, especially at a time when so many sponsors employ phony pitchmen or endorses that it makes you cringe. But you could never find fault with anybody's mom, a former nurse no less, making sure guys eat their soup?

For a year or so, Campbell's used an actress. That was before Wilma McNabb spoke up and said, "I can do that." So Campbell's let her.

"I told her she's a rookie until her second year," Donovan said. "I'd say, 'Sit down, mother or Go get me something to drink, rookie or You've got to pick up the check for dinner tonight, rookie.' Now she's the 'veteran who's running things.'"

Actually, she always was. Wilma and Sam McNabb got married not long after high school and have been married 32 years. They have two sons, Sean, who's in the mortgage business in New Jersey, and Donovan. Wilma started high

Gooding hosts volleyball tourney

GOODING — The Gooding High School Volleyball team will be sponsoring a school volleyball tournament, starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Gooding High School and Middle School Gymnasiums.

Rupert Methodists plan Souper Bowl

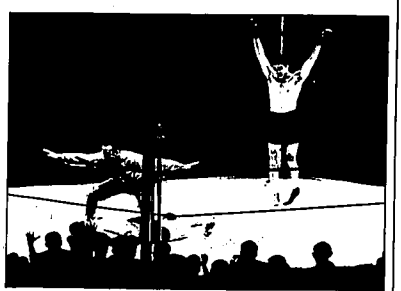
RUPERT — Youth from the Rupert United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a Souper Bowl Sunday. The youth will be greeting during the arrival of people coming to worship, with soup ketles in hand. Donations of 1 can of soup or \$1 will be welcomed, and added to the United Methodist Church Food Pantry. An added element to the Souper Bowl this year will be the opportunity to come enjoy lunch in the fellowship hall following worship, and enjoying a bowl of soup, provided by the youth and their parents.

Kimberly booster meeting scheduled

KIMBERLY — There will be a Kimberly boosters meeting Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the media center at the high school. The awards ceremony will be finalized and any new business will be discussed. All are welcome. For more information, call George Plew at 423-4987.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Larry Brown, of the Dallas Cowboys was the MVP in Super Bowl XXX when the Cowboys defeated the Steelers, 27-17.



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Marino, Young head Hall of Fame ballot

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The most prolific quarterback in NFL history and one of the most exciting head ballers for Saturday's Pro Football Hall of Fame elections.

Dave Marino, who figures to be a shoe-in for induction, and Steve Young are the favorites to get the required 31 votes from a panel of 39 pro football writers and broadcasters.



Marino, of course, left the Miami Dolphins after the 1999 season with NFL best of 4,967 completions, 8,358 passes, 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns. His record of 48 TD passes in a season was broken in 2004 by Peyton Manning.

Although he never won a Super Bowl, Marino was the 1984 league MVP made three All-Pro teams and nine Pro Bowls. When he retired, he had 21 NFL marks, including

most seasons with 3,000 yards or more passes (13); most yards passing in a season (5,084 in 1984), the only quarterback to win a championship; and most games with 300 yards or more passing (63).

"It's humbling to even think about the opportunity to get into the Hall of Fame. When you think about all the years the league has been in existence and all the incredible players," Marino said.

Young did win a Super Bowl as the starting quarterback for the 49ers after the 1994 season. He also was a backup to Joe Montana on two Super Bowl championships.

A clever runner with a strong arm and great field vision, Young made seven Pro Bowls and was a three-time All-Pro. The NFL's most valuable player in 1992 and '94, he led the highest passer rating in league history (96.8) when he retired in '99. He also set the highest single-season rating of 112.8, which Manning broke this season.

"It is a huge honor to be considered with the names on this list, some of the all-time greats," Young said. "I have always had enormous respect for the Hall of Fame and all it represents, and should this come to pass, it would be the capstone to my career."

Young also spent two seasons in the NFL before joining Tampa Bay in 1985. He was traded to San Francisco in 1987.

Another first-time nominee is former Dallas wide receiver Michael Irvin, who caught 750 passes and scored 65 touch-

downs for the Cowboys of the 1990s. One of the "trifurcates," along with quarterback Troy Aikman and running back Emmitt Smith, Irvin was a five-time Pro Bowler and a leader on a team that won three Super Bowls in four seasons.

In 1991, he led the NFL with 1,523 yards receiving. His career average per catch was an impressive 15.9 yards.

The other first-time candidate is the late Derrick Thomas, a star linebacker for Kansas City from 1989-1999 before dying from injuries in an auto accident. A superb pass rusher, Thomas led the league in 1990 with 20 sacks and led 126.5 in his career. He set league marks with seven sacks in one game, against Seattle in '90, and nine recoveries of opponents' fumbles. He also forced a league-record 45 fumbles.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Kimberly plans Military Family Recognition

KIMBERLY — The Military Family Recognition Night will be Saturday at the boys basketball games between the Kimberly Bulldogs and Declo Hornets.

Throughout the evening, local service men, women, and their families will be recognized. Active veteran Gary Eller will speak and read letters to families. And there will be displays set up to honor local people and women.

Service men are being asked to bring at least one optional item that can be included in a care package. Admission is free to anyone with a Military Family ID or a copy of soldier's orders. Otherwise regular admission rates apply.

morse to our family."

Heately also was ordered to give 150 public speeches about the dangers of speeding. In exchange for his plea, he only felony charge — first-degree vehicular homicide — was dropped along with a charge of reckless driving.

"The mistake I made that night was driving too fast," Heately said at his sentencing. "This mistake will stay with me the rest of my life."

Heately pleaded guilty to second-degree vehicular homicide, driving too fast for conditions, failure to maintain a lane and speeding for the Sept. 29, 2003, crash in Atlanta.

Mickelson shoots 60, matching course record

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Arizona still feels like home to Phil Mickelson, especially on a day like Friday when he had one of the best rounds of his life, and one of the lowest scores in PGA Tour history.

The Arizona State alum, who long lived in Scottsdale before moving to California, tied the course record with an 11-under 60 in his second round of the FBR Open.

Mickelson birdied the final five holes to finish one stroke shy of the PGA Tour record for 18 holes — 59, held by Jay Byrd and Tiger Woods in 1997 and David Duval. The Masters champion is the 16th player to shoot a 60.

Halfway through the 72-hole event, he shared the lead at 13-under 133 with 21-year-old Kevin Van de Vyver, the youngest player on the PGA Tour.

It was the lowest round ever for Mickelson in an official PGA Tour event, bettering a third-round 61 in his 2001 Greater Hartford Open victory. He shot a 59 last Nov. 24 at the PGA Grand Slam. Mickelson topped FBR Open — formerly the Phoenix Open — with a record set by Grant Waite in 1996 and matched by Mark Calcavecchia in 2001.

Mickelson, seeking his 24th PGA Tour win, finished 2004 with nine birdies and an eagle on the 72-hole tournament Players Club course, where he won in 1996.

"I would have taken 65 and been satisfied, but I know I'm 6 under and be within four or five of the lead going into the weekend," he said. "Instead, I'm near the lead if not on top of it, because I love this tournament."

Kostelic, a champion again, wins at worlds

SANTA CATERINA VALFURVA, Italy — Janica Kostelic was a champion again Friday, a little more than a year after she was beset by fatigue, hair loss, bad vision and an ailing knee.

The Croatian star successfully defended her title in the combined slalom with a victory over Anja Paerson.

Kostelic, who missed all of last season after thyroid surgery and several knee operations, completed the grueling program a morning downhill leg and two afternoon slalom runs in a combined time of 2 minutes, 53.70 seconds.

The 28-year-old tripled Kostelic's lead in the slalom, but she closed the entire day, took the silver in 2:55.15 and Marlies Schild of Austria won the bronze in 2:56.40. For the United States, Lindsey Kildow was fourth and Julia Mancuso ninth.

Falcons' Dunn gets NFL Man of Year award

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Warrick Dunn's best friend — his mom — died before realizing a dream of becoming a homeowner, leaving her heartbroken 18-year-old son to raise five young brothers and sisters.

The Phoenix Cardinals running back smiled Friday while recalling his mother, Betty Smothers, a single parent and police officer killed in the line of duty in 2003; as a mentor who taught him humility and compassion.

"I'm soft-spoken. I used to sound just like her, so I could imitate her on the phone. But she would be mad at me were... if I put on a wig, you were pretty much looking at my mom," Dunn said after being selected as the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year.

"I've been the best 18 years of my life. She taught me everything about life. I lost a lot when I lost her," he said.

Though his "Home For The Holidays" program created during his rookie season in 1997, the three-time, 1,000-yard runner has found a way to honor his mother's memory.

So far, he has helped 82 single moms become first-time homeowners by making the down payments on fully furnished homes in Tampa.

Frankfurt, Germany — Former German captain and coach Franz Beckenbauer wants those found guilty of match-fixing to be banned for life.

Beckenbauer, the president of German organizers of the 2006 World Cup, fears the worst corruption scandal in his country's history will affect the country's image ahead of next year's tournament.

Berlin prosecutors are investigating 25 people, including four referees and 14 players, suspected of rigging at least 10 games at the behest of a Croatian betting syndicate.

Heately gets probation in teammate's death

ATLANTA — Graham Snyder lost his son when Atlanta Falcons star Dan Snyder crashed a convertible while speeding on a winding road. The father asked a judge Friday to compound that loss by putting Heately in jail.

But the judge declined the request, sentencing Heately to three years' probation after he pleaded guilty to charges in the death of teammate Dan Snyder.

"I'm grateful in our hearts that we have the support of our fans," Snyder said. "We forgive because Dany has shown re-

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA		All-Time TV		EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Boston	91	97	101	91	97
Brooklyn	89	95	100	89	95
Charlotte	85	91	96	85	91
Chicago	88	94	99	88	94
Cleveland	92	98	103	92	98
Denver	95	101	106	95	101
Detroit	90	96	101	90	96
Indiana	87	93	98	87	93
Los Angeles	93	99	104	93	99
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Minnesota	84	90	95	84	90
New York	88	94	99	88	94
Orlando	83	89	94	83	89
Philadelphia	86	92	97	86	92
Pittsburgh	85	91	96	85	91
Portland	87	93	98	87	93
Sacramento	84	90	95	84	90
San Antonio	86	92	97	86	92
Seattle	85	91	96	85	91
Utah	88	94	99	88	94
Washington	87	93	98	87	93
Western Conference					
Golden State	94	100	105	94	100
Houston	89	95	100	89	95
Los Angeles	91	97	102	91	97
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New Orleans	86	92	97	86	92
Oklahoma City	85	91	96	85	91
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Utah	67	73	78	67	73
Washington	66	72	77	66	72

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

- Kansas at Nebraska, ESPN, 20 a.m.
- Wisconsin at Minnesota, ESPN2, 10 a.m.
- Regional coverage CBS, 11 a.m.
- Women, Colorado at Texas A&M, FSU, 11 a.m.
- George Washington at Temple, ESPN, Noon.
- Ill.-Chicago at Wis.-Milwaukee, ESPN2, Noon.
- Women, Texas at Iowa St., FSN, 1 p.m.
- Cincinnati at Charlotte, ESPN, 2 p.m.
- Saint Peter's at Rider, ESPN2, 2 p.m.
- UCLA at Washington, FSN, 3 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at West Virginia, ESPN2, 4 p.m.
- Louisville at UAB, ESPN2, 6 p.m.
- Louisiana-Lafayette at Denver, FSN, 6 p.m.
- Bulls at Heat, WGN, 6:30 p.m.

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Boxing

- Cory Spinks vs. Zed Jacob, for undisputed heavyweight championship heavyweight Owens Box, Monte Barret, SHO, 7 p.m.

Golf

- FBR Open, third round, CBS, 1 p.m.
- Champions Sims Game (tape), ABC, 2 p.m.
- Heineken Classic, final round (tape), TGC, 2 p.m.

Skiing

- World Alpine Championships, downhill (tape), USA, 10 a.m.

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SPORTS

Bare facts: 'Wardrobe malfunction' won't be repeated

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Oh, what the NFL would have given for a marching band.

Instead, it got what will forever be known as a "wardrobe malfunction," an ever-so-brief shot of Janet Jackson's bare breast — barely discernible at first, but easy to see after the replays had been slowed down, digitized and dissected a hundred times over.

In a flash, Janet's halftime debauchery last year altered the watercooler conversation about the Super Bowl — and to an extent about the bigger issues of morals and decency — and made the powers in the NFL realize they had failed in their never-ending quest to micro-manage things down to the millisecond.

"Disappointment and embarrassment" was how NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy described the scene and its bombastic aftermath.

"An unprecedented event and an unprecedented reaction," said Charles Coplin, the man the NFL put in charge of making sure nothing like that happens at this year's game.

Jackson, who declined interview requests for this story, will be in Jacksonville this week, attending a fund-raising party the night before the big game. Clearly, she will be persona non-grata at any NFL-sponsored event.

But her impact on the Super Bowl will never be forgotten — not in this day and age of instant news, instant analysis, instant oblivion.

Her breast, after all, was much more than a breast, and we're not just talking about the silver sunburst nipple shield that was revealed when Justin Timberlake tore open her black leather top — accidentally, he said.

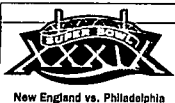
The Federal Communications Commission got involved. The debate over decency standards on TV — long considered a dying issue by all but the most vigilant — re-emerged. Stern personality Howard Stern, tired of leaving the FCC "breathing down my neck," moved to censor-free Sirius radio satellite network, the same company that, ironically, broadcasts each NFL game across the nation each week.

"It might be a reach, but not too big of one, to say that the Jackson imbroglio led into the huge American debate about morals that helped shape last year's election."

"All these people were acting as though Western civilization had taken a major hit," said Syracuse University television expert Robert Thompson. "The whole thing was dripping in sanctimony, contradiction and hypocrisy. In the end, some intelligent things were thought about that may not have been before. But most of it made you want to burst out laughing. There was so much intellectual capital spent on



Singer Janet Jackson covers her breast after her outfit came undone during a number with Justin Timberlake during the halftime show of Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston, Feb. 1, 2004. Oh, what the NFL would have given for a marching band. Instead, it got what will forever be known as a "wardrobe malfunction," an ever-so-brief shot of Janet-Jackson's bare breast — barely discernible at first, but easy to see after the replays had been slowed down, digitized and dissected a hundred times over.



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something so minor."

Without a doubt, Thompson insists, viewers see more graphic close-ups of nude flesh on the average soap commercial. And clearly nothing Jackson did during that halftime show would compare to the content of a weekly episode of, say, ABC's racy hit prime-time soap opera, "Desperate Housewives."

(Although not as high profile as the Super-Bowl debacle, the NFL also expressed outrage after ABC led into a Monday Night Football game this season with a spoof in which actress Nicolelette Sheridan persuaded Eagles receiver Terrell Davis to skip the game by dropping the towel wrapped around her and jumping into his arms.)

Already a pre-eminently recognizable pop icon, Jackson got a temporary boost in popularity, appearing on "Late Night With David Letterman" and a few other shows that probably didn't have her on their "A list of possible guests. Still, the new album that her Super Bowl appearance was designed to

promote was less than a hit.

"Booyed" by the Super-Bowl outrage, Congress held hearings and voted for a tenfold increase in fines for broadcast indecency. In a separate move, each of the 20 CBS-owned stations that aired the Super Bowl were fined \$27,500, and the \$550,000 total was a record for such an incident. It was part of a greater effort by government to crack down on indecency and it even led a number of skittish ABC affiliates to not air the Academy Award-winning World War II drama "Saving Private Ryan" because they worried the violence and profanity would lead to indecency penalties.

Halftime acts	
I —	University of Arizona and Michigan marching bands.
II —	Grambling University marching band.
III —	Florida A&M University marching band.
IV —	Carol Channing.
V —	Florida A&M University marching band.
VI —	Salute to Louis Armstrong with Ella Fitzgerald, Carol Channing, Al Hirt and U.S. Marine Corps Drill Team.
VII —	"Happiness is..." with University of Michigan Band and Woody Herman.
VIII —	"A Musical America" with University of Texas Band.
IX —	"Tribute to Duke Ellington" with Mercer Ellington and Grambling University Bands.
X —	"200 Years and Just a Baby" Tribute to America's Bicentennial.
XI —	"It's a Small World," including crowd participation for first time with spectators wearing colored plastic on cue.
XII —	"From Paris to the Paris of America" with Tyler Apache Belles, Pete Fountain and Al Hirt.
XIII —	"Super Bowl XIII Carnival" Salute to the Caribbean with Ken Hamilton and various Caribbean bands.
XIV —	"A Salute to the Big Band Era" with U2 with People.
XV —	"A Mardi Gras Festival."
XVI —	"A Salute to the 60's and Motown."
XVII —	"KaleidosCOPE" (a kaleidoscope of color and sound).
XVIII —	"Super Bowl XVII's Salute to the Superstars of the Silver Screen."
XIX —	"A World of Children's Dreams."
XX —	"Beat of the Future."
XXI —	"Salute to Hollywood's 100th Anniversary."
XXII —	"Something Grand" featuring 88 grand pianos, the Rockettes and Chubby Checker.
XXIII —	"Be Bop Bamboozled" featuring 3-D effects.
XXIV —	"Salute to the Originals" and 40th Anniversary of Peanuts' characters, featuring trumpeter Pete Fountain, Doug Karastaw & Irma Thomas.
XXV —	"A Small World Salute to 25 Years of the Super Bowl" featuring New Kids on the Block.
XXVI —	"Winter Magic" including a salute to the winter season and the Winter Olympics featuring Gloria Estefan, Brian Boitano and Dorothy Hamill.
XXVII —	"Heal the World" featuring Michael Jackson and 3,500 local children. Finale included audience card stunt.
XXVIII —	"Rockin' Country Sunday" featuring Clint Black, Tanya Tucker, Travis Tritt, Wynonna & Naomi Judd. Finale included flashlight stunt.
XXIX —	"Indiana Jones and the Temple of the Forbidden Eye" featuring Tom Bennett, Patti LaBelle, Arturo Sandoval, the Miami Sound Machine and stunts including fire and skydivers. Finale included audience participation with light sticks.
XXX —	Diana Ross celebrating 30 years of the Super Bowl with special effects, pyrotechnics and stadium card stunt. Finale featured Diana Ross being taken from the stadium in a helicopter.
XXXI —	"Blues Brothers 2001" featuring Dan Aykroyd, John Goodman and James Belushi. Also featuring "The Godfather of Soul" James Brown and ZZ Top.
XXXII —	"A Tribute to Motown's 40th Anniversary" including Boyz II Men, Smokey Robinson, Queen Latifah, Martha Reeves and The Temptations.
XXXIII —	"Celebration of Soul, Salsa and Swing" featuring Stevie Wonder, Gloria Estefan, Big Bad Woody Daddy and tar dancer Savile Glover.
XXXIV —	"A Tapestry of Nations" featuring Phil Collins, Christina Aguilera, Enrique Iglesias, Tomi Braxton and an 80-person choir.
XXXV —	"The Kings of Rock and Pop" featuring Aerosmith and N'Sync.
XXXVI —	U2.
XXXVII —	Shania Twain and No Doubt.
XXXVIII —	Janet Jackson, Kid Rock, P Diddy and Nelly.

"The NFL, meanwhile, vowed to never have something like this happen again. Late last year league learned out production of the halftime show to MTV, a Viacom company related to CBS, which broadcast the game. It's not if we can't get to the kids, and they went out and wrecked the car for the halftime show," McCarthy said.

This year's halftime entertainment will be provided by McCartney, who will entertain for the entire 12 minutes and whose every word and move will be vetted and reviewed by the league.

"He'll keep his clothes on," Coplin assured.

But for those who simply must see skin on Super Bowl Sunday, there is this: A clothing-optional club in Land O' Lakes is hosting a "Wardrobe Malfunction" Super Bowl party at which guests are encouraged to wear "their favorite tear-away, see-through or otherwise 'malfunctioning' clothing — or none at all," according to a publicity release.

"Unlike the NFL, CBS and MTV," said club owner Joe Lettelier, "we freely admit that this is completely staged and pre-medicated."

Mom

Continued from B1

school at Mercy, an all-girls' Catholic high school on the South Side of Chicago, but transferred to Morgan Park, where she met Sam. She's the looser one now," Donovan said, "but she was the disciplinarian. She'd pop you in the back of your head if you did something wrong. And she'd pop you in your lip if you said something you weren't supposed to say. She started the whippings but never finished them. She's a bag of tricks. She gave you a different look every time."

Asked if Donovan's use of the word "pop" was an exaggeration, Wilma said: "Popped" is probably a pretty good way of describing it. With a fist. Is old-

school a fair way of describing my philosophy on raising children? Oh, yes. It is. It's fair."

Donovan went to no-nonsense Mt. Carmel and Sean went to no-nonsense St. Francis, Catholic schools in Chicago where the priests back in the day would put on boxing gloves and take a kid with too much lip to the ring for a little dust-up. Sam, laughing, said Wilma reminds him of the Aunt Polly character from "Tom Sawyer."

Wilma and Sam, who retired from his career with Commonwealth Edison in Chicago, have seen virtually every Eagles game since Donovan was drafted from Syracuse. Their mission was to raise two responsible young men. Sports — even

though Donovan was a two-sport star and played with Rice and NBA star Antoine Walker in high school — was secondary, if that. So the notion that she would be on television endorsing anything, anything was the furthest thing from Wilma McNabb's mind.

"Never, not ever," she said Tuesday. "It's unbelievable. Sometimes, it's overwhelming that I love it. It's fun. I try not to be celebrity-acting. It's just a lot of fun. I think what people see of me in the commercials is who I am. I'm just a big mom, someone who is very supportive."

Her commercial shorts — the last one was in Philly — usually last one, from six to eight hours. "It's really pleasing

to see her accomplish this," Sam said. "I have such a batch of mixed emotions this week. I'm ecstatic for Donovan... to have envisioned this for your son and then to see it come true. It's a major accomplishment. More than a few mothers would give their eyes for their son with my wife to have this... I joke with them, 'Is there room enough in our household for

the both of them?'"

Donovan's news conference was about 15 minutes from beginning. People were filing into the ballroom at the convention center downtown, many with cameras and notepaper. More than a few mothers wearing jerseys were coming just to tell her how much honor she had brought to mothers everywhere. Her son Donovan was nowhere to be seen; probably he was preparing to attend Eagles practice. Sam stood nearby, on the sidelines, one might say. He's a distinguished man with a great smile. I asked why Donovan's dad hadn't attracted an endorsement attention. "I'm open," he said, "smile beaming. I'm open."

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YOUR WEEKEND



Theater of rage

- What: Evil Wine Films and the Random Actors of Theater Players will present Eric Bogosian's 'Wake Up and Smell the Coffee.'
• Where: Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
• When: 7 p.m. tonight.
• How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door.

Latin rhythms

- What: Latin night featuring salsa and cubia music will be held at the Canyon Springs Clubhouse.
• Where: Canyon Springs Golf Course in the Snake River Canyon north of Twin Falls.
• When: 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. tonight.
• How much: The cover charge is \$5.

Seniors' dance

- What: The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance.
• Where: Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.
• When: 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.
• How much: The cost is \$1 per person.

Star trek

- What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present 'Hubble Vision,' a multi-media show.
• When: 7 p.m. tonight.
• Other shows are 'Greatest Wonders of the Universe' at 2 p.m., 'Mystery of the Missing Seasons' at 4 p.m. and 'Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I' at 8:15 p.m.
• Where: The Herrett Center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
• How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Tropical strains

- What: The Bolu Nora Band will play for an Island Party tonight in Kimberly.
• Where: Mixers, 105 Main St.
• When: 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. tonight.
• How much: There's no cover charge.

Rock on

- What: The Swamp Cats will perform in Twin Falls.
• Where: 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
• When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight.
• How much: There's no cover charge.

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % Avg, % Peak. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Henrys Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, Oakley, Salmon Falls.

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Tension in water conflict escalates

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE — Southern Idaho surface water and groundwater users will discuss mitigation plans within the next 10 days to satisfy holders of senior water rights. Twin Falls Canal Co. Board President Dan Shevemaker said Friday.



Newcomb, who has both senior and junior water rights, warned that the call of seven Magic Valley canal companies in mid-January for full appropriation of their senior water rights puts some 150,000 acres of farmland in jeopardy, drying up farms from Buhl to Blackfoot. Land without irrigation water would go from an average of \$1,500 per acre in value

to as low as \$50 per acre, not to speak of the loss of income from no crops, he said. Five years of drought and decades of groundwater pumping along with changing irrigation practices along the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer have caused water shortages in south-central and eastern Idaho. And now canal complexes with their senior water rights dating back to the beginning of the 20th century say it's time for the state to shut down some groundwater pumpers or for the pumpers to voluntarily reduce the amount they pump by a significant amount. The earliest groundwater rights were granted in the

late 1940s. The Prior Appropriation Doctrine, which says those who acquired their water rights last are the first to be shut down if there's a shortage, is more complicated than some would like to think, Newcomb said. The section of Idaho water law that dictates there shall be 'full economic development' of the state's aquifers 'protects pumpers, he said. 'Anyone who thinks he's in the driver's seat because he has senior water rights had better read the law,' Newcomb said. But Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls, who led negotiations between surface users and groundwater

pumpers over the past three years, said surface users do not intend for all 150,000 acres of land under groundwater irrigation to be dried up. They're only asking that pumpers share the pain with surface users, he said. 'We've got more than 100 years of administration of surface water rights from the Department of Water Resources, and every year someone in the surface user community gets shut down because he's shorting someone else. We accept that,' Collier said. 'But there's been 50 years of no administration of groundwater rights. 'We're hoping to see it spread

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NEW YEAR, NEW PARTY



Tom Nguyen, of Boise, helps his 13-month-old nephew Khal Nguyen try on his father's lucky Buddha mask before a Lunar New Year performance at the College of Southern Idaho Friday night.

CSI celebrates Lunar New Year with party

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Waving a red fan, Tony Nguyen danced with dragons.

With a paper mache mask and red robe, he represented Buddha, while his brother filled out the head of the dragon Friday night at the College of Southern Idaho.

The Nguyens were visiting from Boise to perform in CSI's first Lunar New Year celebration.

Binh Do, a sophomore who organized the event, said calling it the Chinese New Year would be biased because the holiday is celebrated in several Asian countries. Do is Vietnamese and is from Twin Falls.

February 9 marks the beginning of the year of the rooster. It's year 4702, according to the Chinese calendar. The college

moved the date of its celebration so it would not conflict with homecoming.

'I think for the first one, it's really good,' said Isaac Mollett, a CSI sophomore.

Lunar New Year traditions include eating, visiting friends, dragon dances and presents of money in red envelopes for children and unmarried adults. Friday's celebration contained a little of them all.

Visitors received Vietnamese 500 Dong coins in red envelopes. That's about 3 cents in dollars.

There's often a rush of marriages right before the new year because people want to get married in the most auspicious year according to their astrological chart.

Angie Chen, a CSI student from Hong Kong, said the new year is the biggest holiday in Asia. She contributed to the

including more than 100 lanterns. Proceeds from the event will help raise money to start an Asian club at CSI that can continue the event in the future, Do said. 'It's not about the money,' Do said. 'It's about bringing the community something new and different.'

About 300 people came for dinner, international music and raffles.

Anita Kuntz of Twin Falls brought her 7-year-old son and was prepared to let him stay up and past his bedtime for the dragon dance.

'This is really wild stuff as far as he's concerned,' Kuntz said. 'I'm excited that they're doing this.'

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Rec district's expansion plans hit a snag

Urban Renewal Agency members show concern

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

HERMIE — The Jerome Recreation District's planned \$2.4 million facility expansion has been met with resistance from members of the city's Urban Renewal Agency.

Serious concerns were raised Thursday when Tom Kuntz, the district's director, told the Urban Renewal Agency that he was ready to take the project to bid.

The agency had agreed to give the recreation district \$2 million toward the expansion as long as the district came up with the \$400,000 balance as a match.

lease the funds. 'There are a lot of questions that need to be answered before we're done,' he said.

Additionally, Ryan Armbruster, a legal consultant with the Urban Renewal Agency, said the \$2 million should be granted with strings attached to ensure that the money is spent wisely.

'We do not want to be the driving force behind the construction but currently have no assurances as to whether our money will be used for construction or to pay back the loan to the bank,' Armbruster said. 'We need to be sure our investment is safe no matter what.'

Kuntz said he thought the Urban Renewal Agency had given him the authority to move ahead with the project. The recreation district planned to get its \$400,000 through a long-term lease-to-buy loan arrangement with a local bank. Using the least-to-buy method, a bank can loan the

recreation district the \$400,000 and hold a lien against the new construction. The district would pay back the loan in annual or semi-annual installments and then buy the new building back from the bank for a nominal amount once the loan is paid off.

But in the event of a default on the loan, the bank could foreclose.

City Administrator Travis Rothwell told Urban Renewal Agency members Thursday that the lease-to-buy method was an accepted legal approach to financing municipal buildings.

Many buildings in the Boise area had been paid for through that route, he said. Peters said the agency would take the attitude that the grant to the recreation district is a business deal and proceed accordingly. Armbruster told Kuntz that the Urban Renewal Agency would be working with the recreation district on the finan-

cial details.

Kuntz said the Jerome Recreation District's board of directors had completed the conceptual design on the expansion and wanted to advertise for bids from prospective construction firms. That way the bids could be opened on March 14 and construction could begin as soon as possible so that the project would be completed by Jan. 1.

Once the request for construction proposals was completed, the district had planned to request financing proposals from banks to fund the needed \$400,000, Kuntz said.

The two-story, 19,000-square-foot expansion would include several improvements for the recreation district, including a second larger gymnasium, running track, weight room, cardio-strength equipment, multi-use classroom, new entryway, lobby and gathering area.

Shooting case moves to higher court

Witnesses describe drive-by shooting and car chase

By Rebecca May Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Part of the case against a man charged in connection with a drive-by shooting was bound over to District Court Friday.

Fifth District Judge Mark Ingram sent to higher court two of the three charges against David S. Buckdaschel, aggravated assault and aggravated battery.

The judge said he would issue a decision later for a kidnapping charge against the defendant.

Buckdaschel, 34, of Pocatello, appeared alert but expressionless during the nearly eight-hour preliminary hearing.

He is being represented by Mike Wood, who peppered witnesses with questions of details, including the color of socks and brand of pants one person was wearing on Nov. 5.

The indictment in the north side of his house. A bullet had gone through the wall, into his back and out his chest. He had been sleeping when he was shot.

Buckdaschel survived the incident and testified at Friday's hearing.

'All of a sudden, I felt a tremendous jolt hit my body,' Loomis said. 'I wasn't sure at the time what it was. It was kind of like a sharp firecracker. I felt blood and I felt a hole in my chest. I cried out. Oh my God, call 911.'

Scott Lucke-Thomas described the car chase that ensued between Buckdaschel and the house's occupants after the deal went bad.

'We were being chased by a blue sedan. It tried to go back,' he said. 'David fired two shots at the blue sedan.'

Lucke-Thomas said Buckdaschel was driving between 50 and 60 miles per hour through the residential streets as the defendant pointed a gun out the window and fired more rounds in the direction of the pursuing car. The driver of the sedan, Rudy Gillespie, was the only witness. In colorful and explosive-filled testimony, he told the court how the 'cat became the mouse.'

When he stopped chasing the car, he said, Buckdaschel turned around and began to pursue him, while Buckdaschel continued to fire his gun.

'I don't know how I made it through that night without a bullet in my ear or in my head,' Gillespie said. 'He missed me every time ... He was shooting wildly. He was shooting like he seen one too many movies.'

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Plan to divide the state's electoral votes progresses

BOISE (AP) — A Democratic proposal to split Idaho's electoral votes among presidential candidates will be considered in the House.

Armed with a large, colorful map on Thursday, House Minority Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet persuaded the State Affairs Committee to introduce her bill to divide Idaho's electoral votes by congressional district, as is currently the case in Maine and Nebraska.

Maine, like Idaho, has only four electoral votes, but during the last campaign season, President Bush went there 13 times during the campaign, while he has never been to Idaho as president.

Democratic candidate John Kerry came to Idaho twice, but not to campaign — he and his wife have a home in the Wood River Valley.

Jaquet says that's because Maine divides its electoral votes by congressional district, and



Rep. Wendy Jaquet

Bush wanted to make sure both districts went his way. "Our votes shouldn't be taken for granted," Jaquet told the committee.

Idaho has 10 congressional districts: District 1 takes in North Idaho and stretches to parts of Boise, while District 2 runs from Boise to eastern Idaho.

Like most states, Idaho uses a winner-take-all system that gives all of the state's four electoral votes to the presidential candidate who gets the most votes.

Jaquet said that arrangement convinces some voters that their vote just went to count.

Jaquet's bill calls for two of the state's electoral votes — the two

Idaho gets for its two senators — to be decided based on the statewide outcome. The other two would be determined by congressional district.

Though Jaquet's bill was introduced on a unanimous vote, the mostly Republican committee didn't commit to supporting the bill just to giving it a full hearing.

"I have a great deal of respect for the founding fathers, and I'm very reluctant to make changes to what they've done. But it's not contested in hearing the arguments," said freshman Rep. Phil Hart, R-Adol.

Jaquet said Idaho also has an interest in getting presidential candidates to address the state's and the region's issues.

"We have these huge federal issues with regard to water, public lands, fish," she said. But presidential candidates now tend to focus only on swing states, and that hasn't included Idaho.

Police: Florida couple accused of torturing children caught in Utah

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A Florida couple accused of torturing and starving five adopted children — including pulling out their toenails and subjecting them to electric shocks — were captured Friday in southeastern Utah after police tracked them through their cell phones, officials said.

John and Linda Dollar were jailed in San Juan County, Utah, on Florida warrants of felony aggravated child abuse.

The family included seven adopted children between the ages of 12 and 17. Five of the children told investigators they were tortured by the couple, subjected to electric shocks, beatings with hammers and having their toenails yanked out with pliers.

Authorities said the abused five had physical injuries to back up their claims and were severely malnourished. They told of being forced to sleep in a closet in the Dollars' bedroom because the couple accused them of stealing food and misbehaving, said Citrus County Sheriff's spokeswoman Gail Tierney.

"They looked like the photos that we've seen of Auschwitz," said Tierney, describing 14-year-old twins, one weighing 36 pounds, the other 36 pounds, about 80 pounds below the normal weights for their age.

The other two children were favored by the Dollars and were well-nourished, Tierney said. All seven are in state custody.

In the past two years, the Dollars have moved their family to at least three different homes in the Tampa area after living in Tennessee, secluding



Linda Dollar



John Dollar

themselves behind fences and in piney groves. The children were home-schooled and rarely played with neighbors or enjoyed the family's pool.

"Who has seven kids and the kids never go out and play?" asked Dawn Crescimone, who lived near the family in Suburban Tampa two years ago.

The family had lived in Beverly Hills, about 85 miles north of Tampa, since August. John Dollar, 58, is a commercial real estate appraiser and his 51-year-old wife taught the children at home. The Dollars' 3,800-square foot home is surrounded by a thick pine forest, and has a pool, spa and a three-car garage.

DCF began investigating the couple when a 16-year-old boy living in their home was rushed to the hospital on Jan. 21 with severe injuries after one of the other children called for an ambulance. The family included three girls, ages 12, 13 and 17; three 14-year-old boys, two of them twins, and the 16-year-old boy.

"They are safe and they are doing as well as can be expected given the circumstances," DCF spokesman Bill D'Aluto said.

Tennessee Department of Children's Services officials said Friday they hadn't investigated the Dollars while they lived in that state.

Gov. Jeb Bush said the couple adopted the children in the 1990s. DCF officials said the adoption records were sealed, but there were no other prior abuse reports involving the family in Florida.

In a 1995 application with the Department of Children & Families, Linda Dollar wrote that she left home at age 16 because of her alcoholic and abusive father. She also wrote that her first marriage ended because of abuse. She gave no other details.

The comments were included in 164 pages of documents from when the Dollars applied to become foster parents. The department released them Friday.

Man charged in sex abuse incidents

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Castleford man is facing charges in connection with the alleged sexual abuse of a minor girl.

George Houston Crider, 43, of Castleford, appeared in 5th District Magistrate Court Friday morning for a preliminary hearing on a previous charge. However, prosecutors asked that the hearing be postponed so the two cases could be heard together.

Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram allowed the continuance.

Later that afternoon, Crider was arraigned on two counts of lewd conduct with a

minor child.

The new felonies stem from Crider's admission of the crimes when talking to a deputy at the Twin Falls County Jail in March of 2004, and from authorities' investigation into the alleged incidents, according to an affidavit written by Detective Becky White of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The alleged sex abuse of minor girls occurred between the fall of 2003 and spring of 2004.

One of the alleged victims told authorities that Crider said if she told anyone of his advances, "you will cease to exist."

Once when she refused to remove her clothing, she said, he

beat her with a belt.

Crider's previous charge, injury to a child, stems from the allegation that he left a loaded pistol under the seat of his car while a 13-year-old was present.

Shortly before he was arrested on March 22 last year police said that he went into a convenience store, stood by an ATM machine, for a moment and asked the store clerks if he could have \$40. He told them he was God.

The clerks denied his request.

A 12-year-old girl with Crider later told police he was Jesus, and questioned how they could arrest him.

Crider's preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 14. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Telecommunications gripes jump to number one customer complaint

BOISE (AP) — The number one complaint about phone solicitations dropped this year for the third consecutive year, pushing it lower than telecommunications on the top ten customer complaint list.

The Idaho Attorney General's office released its annual report on consumer protection Friday.

Telecommunication complaints, primarily gripes about unsolicited facsimiles, topped the list with 67 percent of the total 4,078 complaints filed to Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden in 2004.

Last year only 351 complaints were filed, compared to 2,726 this year.

"The top ten list gives us an indication of what is on the minds of Idaho consumers," Wasden said. "What seems to be on their minds this year is faxes, unsolicited faxes containing ads to be more specific."

Wasden said the settlement with Fax.com, the nation's largest "fax spammer," will likely help lower those numbers next year.

His office filed a lawsuit against California-based Fax.com in December 2003. Wasden claimed the company had faxed hundreds of unsol-

icited advertisements to Idaho consumers, using automatic dialing machines.

The initial \$8,000 recovery from that settlement padded the record \$5,777,643 of consumer recoveries Wasden made in 2004.

Wasden said that money and the \$520,318 recovered in civil penalties, fines and fees will be deposited into the consumer protection account and be used to fund consumer education.

Also he said nearly \$750,000 in surplus was transferred from the consumer protection account to the state's general fund.

Officials: UI football player was shot twice

LEWISTON (AP) — University of Idaho football player Eric McMillan, who died of gunshot wounds last September, was shot twice with two different weapons, authorities say.

"The first and fatal shot was to the chest. But the second bullet, found between the skin and skull behind McMillan's left ear, wasn't found until an autopsy two days after the shooting."

Montpelier Police Chief Dan Weaver said Thursday it appears the bullet to the chest was from a .40-caliber weapon, and the bullet in McMillan's head was a .38-caliber.

He said he was willing to confirm the second bullet and two weapons now because the investigation appears to have netted all the suspects.

A total of nine people, all of

them Wells family members or linked-to-the-family, have been charged, many with perjury before a grand jury.

News that two bullets hit McMillan confirms eyewitness accounts from people at the scene who said they heard two shots fired.

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OBITUARY

Melvin Johnny Coleman, died Feb. 1, 2005, in Twin Falls, Idaho, from complications from surgery.

Melvin was born March 20, 1923, in Arkansas and lived in California, where he worked as a printing press operator for 33 years. He moved to Idaho in 1978 and started dairying in Buhl. Johnny was an avid bowler. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Coleman of 60 years, sons, Larry and Brad; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Amazing Grace Fellowship. We would like to thank all of the medical personnel.

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SERVICES

Joseph L. Joe' Laurence of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome; visitation one hour before the service (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Paul Garza of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St.; visitation one hour before the service (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Raymond E. Holford of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Kimberly Nazarene Church, 8550 E. 3750 N. in Kimberly; viewing one hour before the service at the church (White Mortuary).

Joe Preslicka of Hibernum, funeral at 3 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; friends may call from 2 to 2:45 p.m. before the funeral today at Payne Mortuary.

Rebecca Lynn Bill Holgate of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Rupert 2nd Ward, 26 S. 100 W.; family and friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Harold J. Seeley of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly Snake Building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3500 N. 3500 E. (White Mortuary).

Carol Mae Swenson, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Good-

DEATH NOTICES

Gaylia Matthews Mehrer — Gaylia Matthews Mehrer, 55, of Declo, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Hobert Anderson — BUHL — Hobert Anderson, Gov. 83, of Buhl, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Jason Sellers — TWIN FALLS — Jason Sellers, 32, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. A full obituary and photo will appear in a later edition.

Aleksandra Sokolova — BUHL — Aleksandra

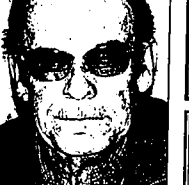
one hour before the service. Graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Challis Cemetery in Challis, Idaho, where friends and family may gather before the service (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Perry A. Tracy — TWIN FALLS — Perry A. Tracy, 51, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a battle with cancer.

A funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the 8th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Mark Sedon officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.

Patricia Ann Young Hollibaugh — ELER — Patricia Ann Young Hollibaugh, 65, of Eler, died Feb. 3, 2005, in Yuma, Ariz.

A graveside funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Feb. 12, 2005, at the Shoshone Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held following the service at the Shoshone Methodist Church.



Melvin Johnny Coleman

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Commission upholds DeClo man's fine

Man built a structure without first obtaining a building permit

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — A DeClo man has learned it's costly to build something in Cassia County without first obtaining a permit.

Rodney Osterhout appeared at the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting this week to appeal a complaint filed against him by the county's building inspector.

Osterhout constructed a shop on his property, which he claims is an agricultural building.

Osterhout told the commission he did not use the shop for his housing construction business. He said he uses it to store his tractor, trailer and boat and may do some mechanic work inside. He said he might want to use the building to build his daughter's hope chest.

Barker pointed out that any use that's not farm-related — including storage, mechanical or construction — would require any ag designation.

He told the commission that he determined the building did not fit in the agricultural exemption for a building fee.

Osterhout has another building on his property that is clearly an agriculture building. It houses horses, has a storage area for hay and is surrounded by corals.

But the building in question had items other than ag-related equipment stored under an open bay, Barker said.

"But this is clearly a vendetta against me by Dan Barker. He is going to make me pay more merely because he knows I'm not a farmer. Well, my neighbor isn't a farmer, either."

Commissioner Dee Yeaman told the commission he felt the laws need to be changed because of inequality for people who are not engaged in farming.

"We are dealing with antiquated laws," Yeaman said.

"When a man had a few acres and a milk cow and he provided for his family on a small acreage, it was one thing. But now farming is a business just as much as construction. If we are going to have fees, it should be levied regardless of what a person is."

Yeaman said that because of the zoning ordinance, the commission's hands were tied to uphold the language of the law, but he hopes to see a move to change some laws that he feels are blatantly unequal.

ing Osterhout to pay the permit fee and penalty.

Osterhout said he likely would not appeal the decision to the county commissioners.

"I doubt I'll appeal it again. That's what I did here and it didn't do me any good," Osterhout said.

An appeal would cost Osterhout an additional \$200 filing fee.

Following the decision, Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Vaughn Cook asked if the county would consider changing the zoning ordinance so the board would not be required to make determinations that involve fees and payments.

"I feel it is totally out of our realm to be handling fees and penalties," Cook said.

Governor announces finalists for awards

Magic Valley in brief

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and First Lady Patricia Kempthorne have announced the finalists for awards including four from Magic Valley — for the Brightest Stars Grand Prize awards.

The Brightest Star awards recognize outstanding Idahoans who care enough to personally invest time and resources to make a positive difference in the lives of children.

Mike Journee, Kempthorne's press secretary, said a press release.

Finalists are chosen from nominations sent in by mayors from around the state in Individual, Business, Organization and Corporation categories.

Finalists include Mike Mason of Kimberly in the Individual Category; Doc's Pizza in Rupert, in the Small Business Category; and Kraft Foods and Malmida Memorial Hospital, both in Rupert, in the Corporate Category.

The grand prize winner will be announced at 5 p.m. Feb. 10 in a Statehouse ceremony. Each grand prize winner will receive an unrestricted prize of \$5,000 made possible by an anonymous donor.

the Idaho Statehouse.

This year's event is planned Feb. 19-21 and will draw 160-400 others from around the state.

The program will include an inspirational program focusing on Operation Military Kids, a partnership between 4-H, the University of Idaho Extension youth leadership program, and the Idaho National Guard to support youths with parents serving overseas.

During the holiday weekend, conference delegates will act as legislators, judges and reporters.

Under the guidance of House Assistant Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, the youths will participate in a mock floor session and legislative program, and the Idaho National Guard will support youths with parents serving overseas.

Judicial workshop participants will conduct mock trials and a sentencing hearing under the guidance of 4th Judicial District Judge Roger Wilber based on a case of drunk driving and hit and run.

Delegates also will serve as reporters, producing a newsletter, video and Web page covering the weekend's activities.

Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet

Jerome — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 at the Jerome Library.

Anyone who has a friend or family member in the military is welcome.

The group's purpose is to provide support by listening to and talking with those who have loved ones in the military and are concerned about them.

For more information or to just talk, call Shurta at 536-6159 or Shuron at 536-6111.

Author will host book signing today

TWIN FALLS — Jerome author Sharon L. Akers will sign copies of her novel, "The Truth Sayer," today at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Akers will be on hand from 1 to 4 p.m. Barnes & Noble is located at 1239 Pole Line Road.

Voters in Oakley OK new irrigation district

OAKLEY — Voters in the Oakley Reservoir fan have approved the formation of the Goose Creek Irrigation District with only a single dissenting vote.

Upon passage of the plan, three Oakley-area farmers were elected to serve as sub-district board members.

David Pickett, Ryan Cranney and Nolan Critchfield will represent the three divisions in the district.

The final vote was 33-1 in favor of the district's formation.

"With water issues being what they are in the state currently, farmers were concerned about the future of their water rights," said Bill Parsons, the group's legal counsel.

The district was formed to provide an organization to deal with water issues as they come up. We don't expect to see the issues more real quickly."

4-H members learn about government

BOISE — The Presidents' Day weekend will give Idaho 4-H members attending the annual Know Your Government Conference a sense of how democracy works inside

Judge: No revote, even if Republicans win

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Dealing a blow to Republicans seeking a revote for Washington governor, a Chelan County Superior Court judge ruled Friday that even if Republicans win their election challenge, he can't order a new election.

"The court doesn't have that authority," Judge John E. Bridges told a cap court in this Eastern Washington city.

Republicans gubernatorial candidate Dino Iossi and the state GOP sued to challenge Democrat Christine Gregoire's election, saying her 129-vote margin of victory was tainted by so many errors and illegal votes that the courts should throw out the result and order a new election. They said Secretary of State Sam Reed, a Republican, and the state's 39 counties.

As interveners in the case, Democrats have defended the election results, saying Rossi lacks the proof needed to overturn the election and that a revote would be unconstitutional.

Both sides claimed victory



Chelan County Superior Court Judge John E. Bridges discusses his decision concerning the Democrats' attempts to derail Republicans' challenge of Governor Christine Gregoire's election on Friday in a courtroom in Wenatchee, Wash.

after Friday's daylong hearing. Republicans because the judge denied motions to dismiss the case, and Democrats because the judge granted their motion to take a revote off the table as a remedy.

"Obviously I am pleased," Gregoire said from the state capital of Olympia. "This is an important step to allowing the

state to move on." Neither she nor Rossi attended the hearing.

Rossi spokesman Mary Lane called it a "crushing loss" for the Democrats. "We're convinced that this case is going to move forward in this court, but based on the evidence we have we will win, that Christine Gregoire, at some point in the future, will no longer be our governor."

Lane said. Though the judge dashed their hopes of a spring revote, Republicans said the courts still could nullify the election, forcing Gregoire to vacate the office until a general election in November.

Rossi has repeatedly said he doesn't want to be anointed governor by the courts, and Lane reiterated that pledge on Friday.

"That's not the remedy we're seeking," she said.

Rossi, a real estate agent and former state senator, won the original count by 261 votes and Akers, a machine repairman, 242 votes. But to his dismay, a hand recount of 2.9 million ballots flipped the victory to Gregoire, Washington's three-term attorney general. She took office last month.

Republicans say they've identified more than 300 votes cast by felons, dead people and double voters, as well as 47 provisional ballots that were mistakenly fed directly into the ballot counters without being verified.

Bridges denied several of the Democrats' motions to dismiss the GOP lawsuit Friday, ruling that the case should proceed in his courtroom — not in the Legislature or the Supreme Court, as Democrats had urged.

New budget scales back Yucca Mountain funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will scale back spending for a proposed Nevada nuclear waste dump when he announces his new budget next week, according to officials in the program because an adverse court decision, congressional and industry sources said Friday.

Bush's proposed budget to be unveiled Monday will include about \$650 million for the Yucca Mountain waste project, about half of what once was envisioned for the fiscal year beginning next October, according to officials who spoke on

condition of anonymity because details have not been announced.

The reduced spending reflects ongoing problems the administration has encountered since Bush and Congress gave the project a green light in 2002. A federal court threw the project off schedule last year when it rejected proposed radiation safety standards for the waste dump.

New standards are being developed.

"The need for Yucca Mountain still exists," said Energy Department spokesman Joe Davis.

"The budget figure will show how much we believe we can responsibly spend in moving the program forward, particularly in the areas of licensing and work on our (waste) transportation program."

Davis declined to be more specific. Last year the administration sought \$880 million for the Yucca program and hoped to submit a formal license application for the facility to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by December. Largely because of a budget error of the administration's own making, Congress

provided only \$577 million.

Incoming Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said recently he hoped the license application could be forwarded late this year.

Construction of the waste facility has been a top priority of the White House and the nuclear industry. It had been expected to be completed and accepting high-level nuclear waste — defense waste and used reactor fuel rods building up at power plants around country — by 2010. But officials have acknowledged that schedule will not be met.

around 12 hours," she said. "He held up the gun and told me to get into the car."

Scott said the defendant drove her around Twin Falls as she tried to come up with money to pay him for the silencer.

Later, she said, he took her to

Pocatello against her will.

When questioned by Jill Swezey, Twin Falls County senior deputy prosecutor, Scott said she didn't flee because she was afraid Tuckdaschel would shoot her in the back of the head as she was escaping.

Scott also said she was exhausted after coming down from a meth high.

"I had no energy at all whatsoever," she said. "I was terrified."

Finally, Tuckdaschel let her go, and she ran into a drug store to call a friend to pick her up.

Diehl said. As a result, farmers are going to their bankers to apply for operating loans with two plans, he said. One plan outlines what a farmer will grow if snow arrives in the upper reaches of far-eastern Idaho, from where Magic Valley gets its irrigation water, and the other is the backup plan in case the drought continues. The latter involves growing short-season lower-income crops such as peas and grain, Diehl said.

"To complicate matters more, fish farmers at Thousand Springs need the recharge that the Northside Canal Co. provides, said Randy MacMillan of

Clear Springs Foods Inc., the world's largest commercial trout producer. Fish producers have an agreement that Newcomb helped negotiate with the state and groundwater pumpers that they would not go forward with a water call until March 15. As of Friday, MacMillan said his company so far has not been included in the upcoming talks between the canal companies and pumpers.

"We certainly would like to be included in the negotiations," he said.

Because of the springs from which Clear Springs gets its water has diminished at a rate of 3 percent annually for the

past 10 years, the company recently has resorted to drying up more than 10 percent of its fish raceways, MacMillan said.

Meanwhile, Karl Dreher, director of Water Resources, is working seven days a week to determine responses to the canal companies' call, department spokesman Mike Keckler said. Dreher has said he'll have complete responses no later than April 15, but will begin delivering responses much sooner.

Times-News writer Julie Peters can be reached at 735-3204 or by e-mail at jpence@magicvalley.com.

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MESSAGE WITH MEANING

Accident victim recalls scrawling words in blood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The seriously injured passenger who used his own blood to scrawl a love message in the wreckage of a derailed train said he thought he was writing last words to his family.

"I don't know why I did it. I didn't think they would see it," John Phipps said Thursday. Phipps, 44, spent a week in the hospital with internal bleeding and head and groin injuries after he was pinned under by a dozen freightcars that took part in the train rescue. He thanked them and called them heroes.

Eleven people died and 200 were hurt when a Metrolink commuter train struck a sport utility vehicle parked on the tracks in an aborted suicide attempt, officials said. The train derailed and struck another Metrolink train.

Phipps' message — scrawled in his own blood on an upended train seat — read "I (heart symbol) my kids. I (heart symbol) Leslie."

Leslie Phipps said she doesn't remember how she first learned about her husband's message, but a nurse gave the family a



John Phipps, center, looks at Los Angeles Fire Dept. Capt. Bob Rosario, left, as John's wife Leslie watches, during a news conference Thursday in Hollywood, Calif. One of the most memorable images from the Jan. 26 Metrolink disaster was Phipps' message to his family scrawled in his own blood.

photo that appeared in the paper. "Hallmark is never going to top that," she said. "It's moving, it's thoughtful and it's chilling all at the same time."

Phipps said he normally wouldn't have taken the train that derailed but had been called to work early at an aerospace plant in Burbank. He sat upstairs in the double-decker car and went to sleep. The next thing he remembers, Phipps said, was waking up, feeling mist falling on his face, and seeing smashed bits of the train.

He touched the back of his head and his hands came away covered in blood. He called for help but got no immediate answer. Trapped under debris, he sang "Why Me Lord?" as he waited for rescuers.

Phipps said at one point he reached out to a chair and saw his bloody handprint. Believing he was dying, he found himself leaving a message.

"It wasn't a conscious thought," he told CBS' "The Early Show" on Friday. "Two days told my kids and my wife that I loved them and it just — it happened. I mean, I didn't say, 'I have to leave a last word or a last testament. I just wrote it.'"

Fire Capt. Robert Rosario, the first to reach Phipps, discovered the note.

"I've seen some gruesome things on this job, but that moved me," Rosario said at the news conference. "My only thoughts at that point was I have to get this seat to his wife and kids."

The story of the message had

prompted hundreds of inquiries from journalists and the public, but officials had declined to release Phipps' name before Thursday.

A daughter, 22-year-old Shara Phipps, said her family wasn't surprised that he left the message, but she thinks her father should have been doing something else.

"It's very sweet and I know he cares about us a lot," she said. "But he would have been worried about keeping the blood inside instead of playing with it."

The SUV's driver, Juan Manuel Alvarez, was charged with murder. The seat has been kept as evidence and will be used at his trial, officials said.

About Alvarez, Phipps said he told his children: "There isn't a thing on this planet to give up your life for."



Christopher DiMeo, right, suspected of killing three jewelers during a robbery spree in New York and Connecticut, is taken into custody after surrendering to police in Atlantic City, N.J., on Friday.

Police nab suspect in jewelry store deaths

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A man suspected of killing three jewelers during a robbery spree in New York and Connecticut was captured Friday, holed up on the casino strip, just a block from police headquarters.

Christopher DiMeo, 23, surrendered peacefully after officers surrounded the Ascot Motel where he and his girlfriend had checked in Thursday.

Police evacuated the motel before a city police negotiator reached DiMeo by phone. An hour after DiMeo surrendered, according to Atty. Gen. Hunt of the New Jersey State Police.

Authorities believe DiMeo chatted up store employees for as long as 15 minutes before the robbery, saying he was looking for an engaging ring, then pulled out a gun and took merchandise worth hundreds

of thousands of dollars altogether. Police had described him as talkative and engaging, with piercing blue eyes.

He was jailed on a parole violation from New York state, but is suspected in four robberies and three killings, including the deaths of a couple Wednesday in Fairfield, Conn., Hunt said.

The motel is across the street from the Tropica Casino and Resort and is one block from the city's Public Safety Building, where the state attorney general was meeting with Atlantic City officials and local police about recent violence in the city.

"Talk about bad timing on his part," Attorney General Peter Harvey said later. "He's got the top law enforcement people from the county and the state literally one block away from where he's holed up."

Missing Marine's brother claims anti-Muslim bias

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Anti-Muslim bias prompted military officials to treat Col. Waseef Al Hassoun, an AWOL Marine charged with desertion, more harshly than others, his brother said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The pressure of the charge filed against the 33-year-old, naturalized American citizen, coupled with a fierce argument with his newlywed wife the day he was to return to his base, drove Hassoun to flee, said his brother, Mohamed Hassoun.

Mohamed Hassoun, an Iraq war military official, knew where the younger Hassoun is. He failed to return to Camp Lejeune, N.C., on Jan. 5 — the second time the Marines have deemed him a deserter.

"Instead of them giving him medals and making him feel good about his service and what he was doing for his country, they gave him an Article 32," Hassoun said of the military court proceedings that are on hold against his brother until he is found.

"I think there is some kind of

bias, yes. I can't prove it but we feel it," he said.

Mohamad Hassoun believes his brother's claim that he was kidnapped in Iraq last summer and held against his will before being released. And, after reading the Marines' 3-inch desertion charge against his brother, Hassoun said the charges are built on hearsay.

"They have no evidence whatsoever," he said. "They have nothing."

He said thousands of deserters have gone AWOL, but haven't shown up on the Naval Criminal Investigative Services' most wanted list like his brother, Hassoun said.

All five people currently being sought by the military and featured on the NCIS Web site are charged with desertion.

"That is a ridiculous allegation," said Maj. Matt Morgan, a spokesman for the Camp Lejeune-based 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade. "We have a number of Marines who are serving who are Muslim or of Arab descent."

Mohamad Hassoun declined to say whether he has spoken to his brother after the 27-year-old soldier failed to return to Camp Lejeune early last month at an authorized leave.

Official dismisses Democrats' complaint

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho secretary of state has dismissed an allegation of misconduct against Republican Sen. Joe Stegner of Lovison.

The allegation stems from automated telephone messages sent to voters the evening before the November election last year.

Democrats allege that the anonymous messages smeared Stegner's Democratic opponent, Rep. Mike Sacarato of Lovison, and made "assatative" remarks about Nicaratoo's voting record.

Stegner has consistently maintained his innocence, saying any misconduct came from persons unknown to him, although he guesses they came from some independent group in Boise area.

"My campaign was not involved, and I had nothing to do with them," Stegner said this week.

The complaint was officially filed Jan. 24 by Elizabeth Chavez, chairwoman of the Nez Perce County Democrats, asking the secretary of state's office to investigate Stegner's campaign finances.

In his campaign finance report, Stegner acknowledged spending \$1,240 on a telemarketing. Chavez wrote "an

inspection" by your office is appropriate ... to determine the full and actual amount of payments to the Florida Telemarketing company, (and) who else, if anyone, made such calls, (and) who paid for them."

Chief Deputy Attorney General Timothy A. Hurst of the secretary of state's office wrote Chavez on Jan. 31 asking for clarity.

"I believe you are attempting to file a complaint against Mr. Stegner," wrote Hurst. "You have to be specific and we have a complaint form available for that."

Hurst found nothing wrong with Stegner's financial report and suggested Chavez consider filing a complaint under the state's Campaign Disclosure law.

"This office is well aware of the need for disclosure and we abhor eleventh hour attacks that are unidentified, but there is no indication from your letter that Mr. Stegner has failed to report contributions and expenditures as required by the Sunshine Law."

As for the \$1,240 for telemarketing, Stegner said the calls were recordings of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne asking voters to vote for Stegner.

Ruling could hurt tobacco case

WASHINGTON (AP) — An appeals court Friday dealt a major blow to the government's attempt to hold the tobacco industry accountable for decades of alleged deceit about the dangers of smoking, ruling—the Justice Department can't seek \$200 billion in penalties.

In a 2-1 decision, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit found the government could not use a federal racketeering law to seek the huge penalty.

The decision comes in the midst of a months-long trial in

U.S. District Court on the government's lawsuit contending the industry knew about the health dangers of smoking but hid that information from the public. The trial will continue while the government considers an appeal.

Even if the decision stands, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler could impose restrictions on the tobacco companies, such as limiting marketing or requiring the industry to fund public health campaigns or smoking cessation programs.

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State, feds debate wolf plan in Wyoming court

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Attorneys in Wyoming filed a lawsuit over wolf management squared off Friday over whether the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is trampling on state's rights or taking needed precautions to save a threatened species.

The key question is whether wolves should be allowed to be shot with little regulation in nearly all of Wyoming except the greater Yellowstone area, where wolves were reintroduced in 1995.

"The very reason wolves were pushed to the brink was because of unregulated taking," Justice Department attorney Jimmy Rodriguez, representing

the federal agency, said in federal court Friday. "The service can't endorse a plan that allows for unlimited taking."

But Wyoming Deputy Attorney General Byrd Jorde accused the federal agency of not working with the state in good faith. "There's shocking evidence that they did not deal straight with us throughout this whole process," he said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is requiring Wyoming, Montana and Idaho to develop their own plans for managing wolves before allowing the species to be removed from federal protection as a threatened species. After rejecting Montana's and Idaho's plans, the agency rejected

Wyoming wolf management plan in January 2003.

Wyoming's plan calls for classifying the gray wolf outside the Yellowstone National Park area as a predator — just as coyotes are classified — to protect livestock.

The state argues that politics and the fear of getting sued were the primary reasons for the rejection, not any concern about the future of the species. Also arguing on behalf of the state was Hallett Hargrove of the Wolf Coalition, which represents ranchers, wool growers, hunting outfitters and other groups.

She said coalition members had suffered "substantial injury

as a result of wolf reintroduction and the failure to manage them."

F.U.S. District Judge Alan Johnston took the arguments under advisement.

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COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Idaho 4-H's learn about government

BOISE — Magic Valley 4-H members will be among 160 young people from around the state to attend the annual Know Your Government Conference Feb. 19-21.

Twin Falls County members who will attend include Dustin Davidson, Heidi Hartwick, Amanda Bird, Sydney Miller, Sara Goodwin, Megan Breeding and Stephanie Payne.

The event will include a program on Operation Military Kids, a partnership between 4-H, the University of Idaho Extension youth leadership program and Idaho National Guard to support young people with parents serving overseas.

Delegates will participate in a mock legislative session and conduct mock trials.

There is still space available to attend.

Although the date for registration has passed, Twin Falls County will accept late applications on a space available basis. Call 734-9590 as soon as possible.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned open pairs play for Feb. 1:

North/south: first, Jackie Brown and Lois Stephenson; second, Trudi Carver and Nancy Gibson; third, Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai; fourth, Francis and Al Anglin; and fifth, Marian Snow and Lila Burnam. East/west: first, Steve Sams and Margarie Manning; second, Faun and Warren McEntire; third, Donna Moore and Marie Price; fourth, Linda Halouska and Mildred Wolf; and fifth, Reggie Payne and Dona Kurnat.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served. All area bridge players are invited.

For more information, call 878-3997.

Pancake supper will be held on Tuesday

BURLEY — A Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 2000 Oakley Ave.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs.

The event is open to the public and a freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call 678-8843.

Booster club meets Monday at high school

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in room 100 at Burley High School, 2100 Parke Ave.

For more information,

call 878-6606.

Burley Elks will hold a Ground Hog Feed

BURLEY — The Burley Elks annual Ground Hog Feed will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave.

The menu will include sausage, eggs, hash browns and pancakes. All you can eat for \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

For more information, call 678-5681.

Jerome County 4-H will hold an open house

JEROME — Jerome County 4-H will hold an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Extension office at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in seeing what 4-H has to offer.

For more information, call 324-7578.

American Legion Post, Auxiliary 7 will meet

TWIN FALLS — American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary Unit 7 will hold their regular scheduled separate meetings at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the post home, 447 Seastrum St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The Auxiliary is also hosting a pie, cookie or cake social. Members are invited to bring a favorite dessert to be auctioned. Proceeds go towards the president's selected project for this year.

For more information, call President Veeta at 734-4894.

School invites pastors to game, ice-cream

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Christian School will show appreciation for all Magic Valley pastors by treating them to a basketball game and ice cream social starting at 7:30 p.m. today at the Immanuel Lutheran gymnasium, 2055 Filler Ave. E.

Friends and family of students and staff members are invited to the free social.

"Admission will be charged for the game between Magic Valley Christian, which first in its conference, and Murtaugh.

Graduating seniors and their parents will also be recognized.

For more information, call 733-5999.

Local store offers several cooking courses

TWIN FALLS — Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W., will offer cooking courses through February. All courses begin at 7 p.m.

"Valentine Plated Desserts" will be held Tuesday. The instructor is Ray McCollum of the Sun Valley Lodge who will show a variety of desserts. The cost is \$35.

"You Knead It" will be held Feb. 16. Local resident Judi Baxter will share secrets of bread making.

The cost is \$30.

"Eat Your Veggies... But First Learn to Cook Them" will be held Feb. 22. Jill Sherman, a certified macrobiotic health counselor, will teach different cooking styles for vegetables. The cost is \$30.

For more information, call 733-5477.

Marine Corps League meets monthly

TWIN FALLS — The Marine Corps League Magic Valley Detachment will meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Disabled American Veterans Hall, 459 Shoup.

For more information, call Skip Howard at 736-8299.

Man celebrates 80th birthday at open house

TWIN FALLS — Richard "Dick" Howard, formerly of Buhl, will celebrate his 80th birthday at an open house from Feb. 12 at the Valley Christian Church Fire-side Room, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Howard farmed and raised Angus cattle southwest of Buhl before moving to Twin Falls where he retired in a ditch rider for the Twin Falls Canal Company in 2001.

He has four daughters, Luann Howard of Kamiah, Sidney Fahner of Portland, Ore., Donnie Marlow of Buhl and Cara Dean of Twin Falls.

The family is hosting the event and requests no gifts.

Filer police chief will speak at group meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Community Watch Group will hear from Cliff Johnson, Filer Police chief and author of "Wrong Side of the River," at its meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Copies of his book will be available.

AARP sets Driver Safety courses at college

TWIN FALLS — The AARP Driver Safety Course will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging, 998 Washington St. N.

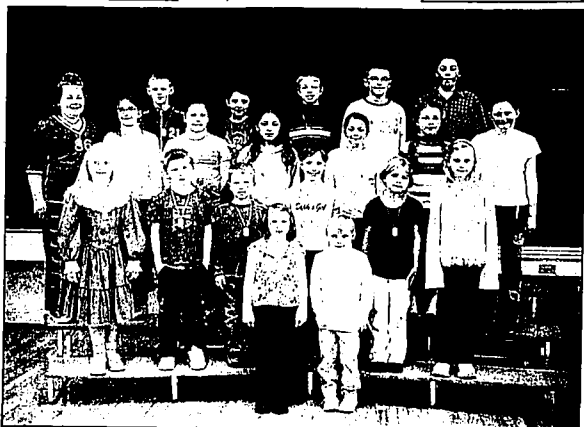
The cost is \$10. Students must attend both sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

The class is for anyone age 50 or older. Students do not have to be AARP members and no driving is involved.

Insurance discounts are available to anyone age 65 or older. Preregistration is required.

For more information, call Mary at 733-6213.

STUDENT EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls announced December Einsteins. They are, from left, top row: Jed Hadden, Wayne Jeffers, Andy Brelaud, Austin Schmalz and Calab Faulkner; middle row: Jonina Clubb, Katie Loya, Ashley Cox, Vanessa Cortes, Hannah Blendenbach, Abby Blendenbach and Megan Mayo; bottom row: Kayla Thompson, Richard Ellifritz, Colton Blendenbach, Delaney Bergen, Taylor Coats and Halley Wright; floor: Naida Balic and Tiera Lewis.

HOSPITAL FRIENDS



Magic Valley Medical Center Auxiliary officers for 2005-2006 are, from left: Violet Backer, corresponding secretary; Ken Hughes, treasurer; Marie Call, recording secretary; Ila Warren, second vice president; and Audrey Randall, president. Not pictured are Lenora Bickford, first vice president; and Phyllis Lulloff, membership secretary.



Loraine Devey, right, director of Volunteer Services of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, presents Ila Warren, auxiliary volunteer, with the first bi-annual Above and Beyond Award at the Jan. 10 installation of officers ceremony. The award is given to volunteers who show a devotion to excellence and never settling for less.

MISS LA ONDA CANDIDATES



The Valley High School La Onda Club (Latino-American Organization - Never Denying Anyone) is having a Valentine dance from 8 p.m. to midnight today. Los Casauantes will play. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Miss La Onda will be crowned at 10 p.m. Candidates are, from left, back row: Elsa Lemus, Patti Zambrano and Mimi Nava; front row: Silvia Torres and Griselda Magana.

SOMEONE NEEDS YOU

Lift chair — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging is in need of a lift chair and a chest with drawers for a disabled widow with multiple sclerosis. Call Donya Brown at 324-9638 or 410-9638.

Baby bed — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of a baby bed in good repair and adult clothing. Donations can be dropped off between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for the lunch hour) Monday through Friday at 1525 Addison Ave. E. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Understanding patients — First Choice Hospice is offering a training program that will provide volunteers with information to gain an understanding of patients and

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

their families with life-threatening illnesses. Call Patti Ficus at 736-0900.

Tutors — The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is in need of volunteer tutors for adult

students in reading, English, math and English as a second language. The ESL program needs volunteers for day and evening classes at the Adult Basic Education center and other towns. Call Ruth Scott at 732-6536 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6536.

Drivers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is in need of drivers to help take the elderly, chronically ill and disabled to doctor appointments and shopping. Mileage is reimbursed. Call 733-6333.

Fund-raisers — Hospice Visitation is in need of volunteers to help with fund-raising. People with experience, a drive to succeed and access to a computer are needed. Call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley reports

Employers

place more ads

Local employers in January placed significantly more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier.

Last month, employers in The Times-News's classified advertising section bought 1,382 employment ads. That's 18 percent more than the 1,174 placed in January 2004. It also tops the 1,153 ad total of January 2003.

"It was a big — and pleasant — surprise to have January such a great month in employment ads. January is typically a slower month for employers that are hiring," said The Times-News' classified and on-line manager, Debby Johnson.

"Professional positions with various organizations from government to schools, and professional services offices' clerical, was probably our largest sector," she said. "The medical section was seeking specialized positions as well as the professional office staff. And our truck-driving companies were seeking drivers from local to out-of-state. Local and national companies were seeking sales representatives."

Idaho Commerce and Labor will release both its January and February jobless rate forecasts on March 4.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Boise Cascade completes sale

BURLEY — Boise-based Boise Cascade LLC, which has a corrugated-container plant in Burley, on Friday completed the sale of about 2.2 million acres of timberland in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alabama, Louisiana and Minnesota to Forest Capital Partners LLC of Boston for \$1.65 billion in cash. Proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce Boise's outstanding debt.

As part of the transaction, Boise entered into a number of long-term agreements with Forest Capital for continued supply of fiber to Boise's pulp and paper mills and wood-products manufacturing facilities.

CSI students will sell valentine candy

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho students in Free Enterprise and International Business clubs are selling Valentine's Candy at the Magic Valley Mall to raise money for their club activities. Business professor and club adviser Dennis Heiner said the clubs will staff a kiosk near the mall's center court through Feb. 14. Students plan to be at the kiosk during all mall hours.

Students are selling individual bars, gift boxes and Valentine's assortments priced from \$1 to \$75. Heiner said all proceeds will be applied toward club activities and conferences.

Magazine names Subway top franchise

TWIN FALLS — The Subway restaurant chain was recently named the No. 1 franchise opportunity in the world by Entrepreneur Magazine in its 2005 list of the Franchise 500. The ranking has seen Subway in the top spot for 13 of the past 17 years.

The ranking is determined by financial strength and stability, rate of growth, size of the franchise and number of years in business. Since 2000, Subway has soared from 14,500 to more than 21,474 franchises.

"As franchisees, we are allowed to play a very active role in decision-making within the company," said Con Paulos, Twin Falls, Subway market board chairman. "This allows us to cater to the tastes of local markets."

Subway has opened regional offices around the world to encourage growth, in hopes of establishing more than 30,000 locations worldwide by 2010. There are 12 Subway stores in the Twin Falls market.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Tax Aide helps local seniors, families

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Amanda Tomayo and her mother, Ana Monsalve, were born and raised in Columbia. Monsalve doesn't speak any English, and she relies on her daughter to translate. So when tax season rolls around, they look for someone who can pull double duty as a translator while also filing their forms.

When Tomayo found out about AARP Tax Aide, she was an instant client of the nonprofit organization.

"We came here because they help people with a lot of love and treat us like family and take care of us," Tomayo said. "And, it's free."

Tax Aide volunteers operate from 19 locations — such as senior centers and churches — in the Magic Valley and Wood River Valley to help seniors and low- to middle-income families file their tax returns. Many of the locations have bilingual volunteers to help Spanish-speaking clients. One location also has a German translator part time.

Tax Aides sponsored by both AARP and the Internal Revenue Service and prepares basic tax return forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. Volunteers are also trained to prepare forms W-1 and W-2 and can help with form W-7. Tax Aide volunteers can also review tax returns from previous years — and raffle them if doing so will result in bigger refunds.

Volunteers train for two weeks, seven hours a day, on computer software and tax law. In 2004, Tax Aide helped more than 3,000 families and seniors in the Magic Valley file before the April 15 deadline, at no cost.

"The typical client averages about 20 minutes," said Fred Ripley, a local coordinator for Tax Aide. "The last one was just 14 minutes. But we keep busy."

At noon Friday, just 15 minutes after opening for the day, the Tax Aide location inside the Twin Falls Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping already had a line. Last year, that location filed about 2,000 of the Magic Valley's tax returns — the most of any Tax Aide location in Idaho.

Clients sign up for a time slot and then wait their turn, or they come back another day. But Martha-Ann Miller, a return client, doesn't mind.

"It's nice. As long as you make an appointment, you get right in and right out," she said.

Miller first used Tax Aide last year when her friend told her about it.

"I didn't believe her. Usually when something is free, it isn't really," she said. But now with a toddler and another child on the way, Miller is glad to save the \$50 she used to pay each year to have her taxes professionally prepared. "We need to use that money elsewhere."

Tax Aide primarily targets adults over 60, and low- to middle-income families. But it won't turn anyone away.

"If you make five million, we could help them too," Ripley joked. "But I doubt that person would come to us."

There are a number of areas Tax Aide isn't able to help with, including trust and estate returns, tax sheltered annuities, self-employment retirement plan tax returns and income earned abroad.

"But we can help most people over 60 or who are low to moderate income," Ripley said.

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June Canterbury, center, and Cres De Alba, left, help Ramon Maldonado with his taxes at La Posada Ministry in Twin Falls as part of the AARP Tax-Aide program Friday. The volunteer-run program offers free tax return preparation for low-income, elderly and other taxpayers.

Tax-Aide sites in Magic Valley

(Help is available here through the April 15 tax deadline.)

Twin Falls

- Senior Citizens Federation
530 Shoshone St. W.
• Times: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're available but not required; call 734-5084.

La Posada Ministry

- 134 Hansen St. E.
• Times: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays.
• Languages: Help is available in Spanish as well as English.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're available; call 734-8700.

Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping

- 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
• Times: noon to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 3:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays; and, in February only, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sundays.
• Languages: Help is always available in Spanish, plus in German on weekends.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're available for Spanish speakers; call Mary Price at 736-7057.

Buhl

- West End Senior Center
1010 Main St.
• Times: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
• Languages: Help is also available in Spanish.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call Sharon or Susan at 543-1577.

Burley

- Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave.
• Times: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays.
• Languages: Help is also available in Spanish.

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• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're available; call 878-8646.

Little Flower Catholic Church

- 1601 Oakley Ave.
• Times: 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays.
• Languages: Help is also available in Spanish.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? No. Just walk in.

Eden

- Silver and Gold Senior Center
210 E. Wilson
• Times: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call 825-5622.

Fairfield

- Fairfield Senior Center
127 Willow Ave.
• Times: 9 a.m. to noon, first Tuesday of the month.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call 764-2226.

Filer

- Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
• Times: 8 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call 326-4608.

Glenns Ferry

- Three Island Senior Center
510 E. Cleveland
• Times: 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call 366-2051.

Gooding

- Gooding Senior Center
308 Senior Ave.
• Times: 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays.
• E-filing? Yes.

- Appointments? They're preferred; call 934-5504.

Hagerman

- Hagerman Senior/Community Center
140 Lake Ave. E.
• Times: 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.
• Languages: Help is also available in Spanish.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call 837-6120.

Blaine County Senior Center

- 721 Third Ave. S.
• Times: noon to 2:30 p.m. on all Wednesdays except the second of each month; 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call 788-3468.

Jackpot, Nev.

- Jackpot Recreation Center
2395 Progressive Road
• Times: 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays.
• Languages: Help is also available in Spanish.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're available; call (775) 755-2653.

Jerome

- St. Jerome's Catholic Church
216 Second Ave. E.
• Times: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.
• Languages: Help is also available in Spanish.
• E-filing? No.
• Appointments? No. Just walk in.
• Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
• Times: By appointment only.
• E-filing? No.
• Appointments? They're required; call Marina Thomas at 324-5162.

Kimberly

- Ageless Senior Citizens Center
310 Main St. N.
• Times: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're preferred; call Diana Juliano at 423-3338.

Rupert

- Rupert Senior Citizen Center
702 14th St.
• Times: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're required; call 436-9107.

Shoshone

- Golden Years Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W.
• Times: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.
• E-filing? Yes.
• Appointments? They're available; call 886-2369.

What should you bring when you visit an AARP Tax-Aide site?

- Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet.
- Copy of last year's income tax return.
- W-2 forms from each employer.
- Unemployment compensation statements.
- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits.
- All 1099 forms.
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid.
- Dependent care provider information.
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions.
- Social Security numbers for all dependents.

'Let it rain' is theme song of Vegas shoeshine stands

Shoeshiners build a unique culture in casinos with diverse customers

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — These are heady days for those in the business of spiffing up feet.

Winter is here, and the shoeshiners of Las Vegas are savoring snakeskin boots, Italian penny loafers, and high-priced dress shoes.

Summer flip-flops and sandals, the bane of the shoeshiner's existence, are mercifully gone.

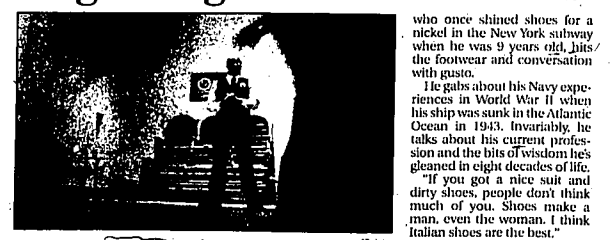
"You can't make any money. Forget about it," said James Agati, 80, who works a busy two-person stand at the Luxor hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip. "After October, those are the good months."

Agati is among a platoon of shoeshiners who dot the city's casinos. They eagerly await cold and rainy days, feeding on the multitudinous winter conventions that supply their stands with a never-ending line of customers.

The long drought is over. It's time to shine.

Most shoeshiners' or boot-blacks are armed with the same basic tools: a good quality brush, plenty of huffing and cleaning rags and lots of polish. But each shine is unique — like the chargers giving them.

The gray-haired, bespectacled Agati dabs shoes with Kival polish, using the tips of his well-worn fingers to penetrate



Potential customers pass by Robert Walittu at a shoeshine stand at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas on Monday.

John Solheim, the former sheriff of Pierce County in Washington state, sits down for a shine at the solid oak stand that boasts leather seats. Agati, "Most guys don't know how to shine," Agati explains. "They're afraid to get their hands dirty. I'm not."

who once shined shoes for a nickel in the New York subway when he was 9 years old, hits the footwear and conversation with gusto.

He gabs about his Navy experiences in World War II when his ship was sunk in the Atlantic Ocean in 1943. Invariably, he talks about his current profession and the bits of wisdom he's gleaned in eight decades of life.

"If you got a nice suit and dirty shoes, people don't think much of you. Shoes make a man, even the woman. I think Italian shoes are the best."

Solheim nods.

About 10 minutes later, Agati is putting the finishing touches on Solheim's big old boots. A rag slips the leather.

Smuck, smuck, smuck. Solheim stares at his feet. In-

Stocks climb on job report

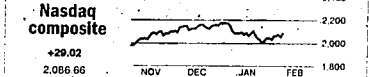
NEW YORK (AP) — Investors found some reassurance in weak job growth figures Friday, and sent stocks sharply higher, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average did not prompt Federal Reserve to be less aggressive in raising interest rates.

The markets opted for a glass-half-full approach to the Labor Department's job creation report, which showed just 146,000 new jobs last month, far less than the 200,000 forecast. December's job gains were revised downward to 133,000 from the 157,000 reported a month ago.

While such a disappointing report has driven stocks lower in the past, the numbers as-



Feb. 4, 2003 Dow Jones Industrials



Feb. 4, 2003 Nasdaq composite

sured investors' fears that inflation would become an issue. With the economy growing at a tepid rate, inflation is unlikely to

Man sues bank over online account

Knight Ridder News Service

A Miami businessman is suing Bank of America over \$90,000 he says was stolen from his online banking account in a case that will highlight the thorny question of who is responsible when a customer's computer is hacked into.

Joe Lopez, 42, filed in a complaint filed Tuesday in Circuit Court in Miami. The Bank of America was negligent and failed to protect him from online banking risks it knew about.

Lopez is asking to recover the money plus interest and attorney fees. For Bank of America, \$90,000 is peanuts, Lopez said. "For me, it's my world. The bank has turned its back on me."

The complaint is believed to be the first legal action by a customer against a U.S. bank to recover money apparently

stolen by cybercriminals. Avrahl Lina, an expert on online fraud for Garner Inc., a Stamford, Conn.-based research firm, called it "a landmark case."

"This exposes all the holes in the system," Lina said. "Banks technically aren't responsible for what happens on your PC. But banks can't reasonably expect consumers to protect themselves from cybercriminals."

Lina says that firms, such as like Lopez who used a password like Banks into adopting stricter security measures for online banking.

Lopez's lawyer calls his nightmare began April 5, when he logged on to check on a wire transfer he was expecting. As head of Ahlo Inc., a five-person company in Miami that buys and sells printer ink and toner, Lopez often wires money to and receives transfers from U.S. and Latin American companies.

When he checked his account on the website, he found \$30,348.65 had been wired to Parex Bank in Riga, Latvia — without his approval. "I thought I was going to throw up," he said.

According to the complaint filed Thursday, about \$200,000 of money was withdrawn by the fraudulent creditor in Latvia. The rest, roughly \$70,000, was frozen by Parex, where it remains.

The U.S. Secret Service, which investigates computer-based attacks on banks, sent Lopez a letter in November saying its "initial examination" had determined that a variant of a virus called "coreflood" had existed on his computer system.

The letter noted that coreflood is malicious software code that can give an attacker remote access to the infected system, but it did not explicitly say coreflood was the cause of the loss.

Payrolls increase but pace of hiring remains sluggish

WASHINGTON (AP) — American payrolls grew by 146,000 in January, a sluggish pace suggesting that employers are reluctant to bulk up their work forces, and highlighting the challenges faced by jobseekers. The unemployment rate fell as people left the job market.

The newest employment snapshot, released by the Labor Department on Friday, showed improvements in the job market still coming slowly despite the fact that the economic expansion has become more firmly entrenched.

President Bush's first term in office ended up showing a net gain in payroll jobs. From January 2001 to January 2003, the economy generated a net gain of 119,000 jobs. That allows Bush to escape being the first president since Herbert Hoover to have a net loss of jobs on his watch, a forecast by Democrats throughout the 2004 presidential campaign.

Companies, keeping a close eye on profit margins, are still showing caution in hiring as they cope with high energy bills and soaring health care costs for workers on company plans.

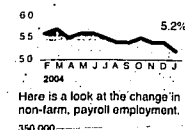
The economy is recovering, but it is still difficult for people looking for a job to find work," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist of Banc of America Capital Management. "Companies are only cautiously putting out the help-wanted signs."

The overall civilian unemployment rate declined to 5.2 percent from 5.4 percent in December, as people left the job market for any number of reasons. January's jobless rate was the lowest since September 2001.

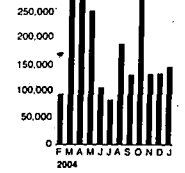
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Unemployment

Here is a look at the unemployment rate for the past year.



Here is a look at the change in non-farm payroll employment.



U.S. population working or actively seeking a job dropped in January to 65.8 percent, the lowest reading since June 1988.

The 146,000 gain in payrolls in January fell short of economists' forecasts for an increase of around 200,000. Jobs gains in December came in at 133,000, down from an initial estimate of 157,000.

The labor market climate has yet to fully defrost," said Ken Mayland of Clear-View Economics. "January's job gain pushed total payrolls to 132.57 million. That was just above the level when payroll employment peaked in February 2001, the month before the economy fell into recession."

"That's a good sign. More people are going to work around our country," he said. "But we shouldn't be content. I'm looking forward to working with the members of Congress to create the conditions for continued economic expansion."

Questions about the health of the nation's job market dogged Bush throughout his first term and was a hot-button issue in the presidential campaign. Ultimately, the jobs situation and the economy were not enough of a concern to deny Bush a second term.

However, Bush's critics, including Democrats and labor unions, are pointing to employment figures as further evidence the president's economic policies are flawed. The recovery still has a long way to go to the nation's job market, dogged Bush throughout his first term and was a hot-button issue in the presidential campaign.

Workers' average weekly earnings slipped to \$535.16 in January from \$535.73 in December. There were 7.7 million people unemployed in January with the average duration of 19.3 weeks without work, the same as in December.

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Robert Waititu shines a customer's shoes at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas on Monday.

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clares. Location is everything to the shoehead stand. Those lucky enough to be on the Strip pro-

Robert Waititu, 37, has some of the best shoeshine real estate in the business. The Kenyan has occupied the same stand on the same swath of floor for four years at Mandalay Bay, and traffic is good.

His shines can last up to seven or eight minutes and involve several stages.

Waititu shines a pair of brown, ankle-high Steve Madden boots that land on the stand's brass pedals.

Waititu sprays a clear liquid, allowing the mist to shroud them.

Spritz. Spritz. The question has to be asked, Is there spit in that bottle?

"No," Waititu answers. "But you never know what's in there."

Waititu lathers the shoes with a white conditioner and applies an edge dressing to the sole and heel. It follows with the appropriate polish and de-

tailed nylon strip brushes. His elbows and arms move furiously in sync.

Swoosh. Swoosh. Lastly, comes conditioner applied, a buffing and a sturdy nylon strip that removes the once-lackluster shoes.

Smack. Smack. Smack. "There are so many ways of skinning a cat," Waititu explains. "This is the best way."

His method has won admir-

ers. The refrain is heard often among his peers, whose trade is filled with mysterious touches that vary from stand to stand.

"I know how to spit shine," Waititu says to a regular customer — clientele beloved by their loyal, weekend visitors as well.

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"I got my secrets," he con-

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Beyond right and left lies 'prophetic politics'

Some Christian folk offering a different spin on religion and politics in the United States are attracting increasing attention among politicians and media moguls. These believers are speaking for an alternative (if not really new) vision of the way in which religion and politics are aligned.



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They're calling for a "prophetic politics" that is neither ideologically predictable nor loyally partisan. Rather, it's a political stance that maintains the moral independence to critique both the Left and the Right.

The leading spokesman for the movement is Jim Wallis. The evangelical preacher, activist and author is the founder of Sojourners, a nationwide organization of Christians who have a progressive political focus on issues of poverty and peace. For quite some time, he has been recognized as a major evangelical Christian voice in behalf of social justice.

Wallis has published a new book, "Gods Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It" (Harper-San Francisco, 2005). It's a comprehensive manifesto of the "prophetic politics" he advocates.

They judge neither George Bush nor John Kerry to have been consistent-ethical-of-life candidates. They join Pope John Paul II in rejecting the view on abortion and Bush's policy on war. Neither candidate championed the poor as a "moral value" or dismissed the war in Iraq from a religious perspective. For the issue voting and a pro-family agenda that was really anti-gay framed the discussion of moral values too narrowly.

Wallis therefore concludes: "The ways in which both parties' visions are morally and politically incomplete must now be taken up by people of faith. That can best be done by reaching into both conservative-Christian communities who voted for George Bush and more liberal Christian communities who voted for John Kerry."

What is happening in this movement, I think, is the joining of evangelical, Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant, Pentecostal and African-American Christians who are unconditional or conservative (sometimes moderate) on personal moral questions and quite progressive (sometimes radical) on questions of social justice.

I do not use "radical" casually. Noting that whenever questions of growing economic disparity in the United States are raised, both the political and media elites call it class warfare, Wallis comments: "There is indeed class warfare raging in this country, but not from those who speak for the poorest Americans. It is the class warfare of tax cuts and budget priorities that make the rich richer while further decimating low- and middle-income families. For many in the religious community across the theological spectrum, that inequality has become intolerable."

Those who find some of these ideas interesting may want to read "Gods Politics." It provides a corrective to a religious Right that has neglected the dimension of moral values to several push-button issues and to a Left that separates considerations of religious and moral values from formation of public policy.

But Wallis goes beyond correction. His premise is that the crucial choice of our time is that between cynicism and hope. While the prophets bring judgment, they end in hope. Wallis presents a positive vision for a future based on prophetic faith, "the religion of the prophets and of course, Jesus."

Of course.

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The

FACE OF LENT

For Catholics, it's less about sackcloth and more about spiritual growth

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

GOODING — Yvonne Wagner loves sweets; in fact, she's a chocoholic," according to her daughter, Candy McFarlane.

Next Wednesday — Ash Wednesday — all of that will be put aside.

In an act of self-denial to honor the advent of Lent, Wagner, 83, has vowed to give up eating sweets.

"I think it's wonderful if you offer up something — and my favorite is candy," said Wagner, a resident of Gooding for most of her life.

For faithful Roman Catholics, the 40-day season of Lent is an intense remembrance of the life, the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Jesus. As a scriptural symbolism of recorded events preceding the crucifixion, the Lenten timetable ends with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Ultimately, with its message of hope, the traditional season of Lent is a period in the church year that is set aside for fasting and self-denial in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

And the spiritual impact within the church is great.

"It's a huge time on our calendar," said John McKinley, pastoral assistant at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Lent isn't exclusive to Catholics; it's an important part of the Episcopal church calendar, and Lutherans observe it. Some Christian denominations barely acknowledge Lent, however.

The nearly six-week period was put into place traditionally as a time to seek the forgiveness of sins. And although church history records many significant transitions, they are giving way to more meaningful forms of penance.

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ashes and sackcloth," and is focusing on "what we can do in addition to giving something up."

Hence, under the banners of hope, faith and love, the Lenten season is a time of preparation: The hope is to understand more deeply the Paschal Mystery, which Catholics call Jesus' passage through death to eternal life and his promise of renewed life to those who believe.

An increase of faith comes through spiritual discipline and purification to Catholics who work to strengthen and increase their faith and loyalty to Christ. And the love of God becomes real through self-sacrifice and works of charity as worshippers seek to follow the spirit of Jesus' example.

In addition to observing the traditions, the faithful are encouraged to reconcile themselves with God, with the church, and with members of the community through a more devoted time of prayer, according to McKinley.

And the Catholic belief is all-inclusive.

"No matter what denomination we happen to be, God through Christ is calling us to be closer to him," McKinley said.

According to the Rev. John Koelsch, pastor of St. Edward's, while past traditions were "a more somber time of making up for past sins," the Christian goal is unchanged.

Only the mode is different. The season of Lent is a time for "the renewal of our faith — and a time for calling more attention to the meaning of the gospel in our lives," Koelsch said.

New converts are also included.

For the new Catholic, Lent is a preparatory time before the traditional purifying sacrament of baptism and for a lifetime conversion.

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A brief history of Lent

Observance of Lent is as old as the Fourth century. In Eastern Orthodox churches it is reckoned as the six weeks before Palm Sunday. In the West, the penitential season begins liturgically with Septuagesima, the ninth Sunday before Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the 40th weekday before Easter. From the fifth through ninth centuries, strict fasting was required; only one meal was allowed per

day, and meat and fish (and sometimes eggs and dairy) were forbidden. Fasting restrictions were gradually relaxed. By the 20th century meat was allowed, except on Fridays. In 1968, Pope Paul VI began a trend toward penitential works, such as acts of charity, in conjunction with Lent. The Christian observance of Lent may have a parallel in the fasting practiced in Greco-Roman mystery religions,

in which it was considered an aid to enlightenment and often preceded prophecy. Lent may also have a parallel in the Jewish Omer, the interval between Passover and Shavuot that has become a time of seminothing and sadness. During the weeks of the Omer period, Jews in some communities refrain from wearing new clothes and there are no marriages or other public festivities.

Source: Columbia Encyclopedia

faith is all about the journey of life.

From baptism we start this journey towards the Lord," Koelsch said. And though sackcloth and ashes remain symbolic, to be a true Christian it takes more than symbolism.

"There must be a change of heart," McKinley said.

"In other words, Gods not going to listen to you until you have that change of heart."

The rewards, Catholics believe, are eternal.

"By the time we reach a natural death, we are prepared to enter into heaven," McKinley said.

And Wagner's belief lines up perfectly.

"My main prayer is (should the time come) that I die in a state of grace, that I die in Gods good grace," she said.

Traditional Lenten practices that evolved through the church's history, Catholics believe, are penitential. And while some of those practices are church law, most are left to personal choice.

Fasting means limiting the number of daily meals and abstinence now means not eating certain foods.

Nevertheless, the outcomes remain in place, Catholics believe.

The purpose of penance is to develop self-discipline, to achieve spiritual purification and to find forgiveness of sin. Sacrificing cheerfully in the right spirit is a personal accomplishment, McKinley says — not a show of willpower.

Fasting is usually required on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, and is urged on Holy

Saturday.

In some dioceses, abstinence from meat is required on all Lenten Fridays. But self-denial should be done for its own sake, Catholics believe.

Its purpose is to help to make the faithful more Christ-like. It teaches self-control and dependence on God rather than on one's self.

"The Mass brings Christ's death, resurrection and ascension into our lives," said McKinley, and every Mass during Lent has a special scripture reading that helps develop themes of the season.

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Here are some battery-charging suggestions for Lent

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

— The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Tom Schaefer
Knight Ridder News Service

The season of Lent, which begins Wednesday gives Christians an opportunity to recharge their spiritual batteries. Consider these battery-charging suggestions. Some of them cross religious lines:

• Ron Sider throws down the gauntlet to evangelicals. "Whether the issue is divorce, materialism, sexual promiscuity, racism, physical abuse in marriage or neglect of a biblical worldview, the polling data point to widespread, blatant disobedience of clear biblical moral demands on the part of people who allegedly are evangelical, born-again Christians."

• Sider, president of Evangelicals for Social Action and professor of theology at Eastern University, takes off the gloves in his new book, "The Scandal of the Evan-

gelist Conscience: Why Are Christians Living Just Like the Rest of the World?" (Baker Books, \$12.99).

While the broadside is directed at those who make up the evangelical wing of Christianity, it hits home with many Catholics and mainline Protestants.

He urges those who are willing to face their failures to seek forgiveness and adopt a "biblical worldview" following the teachings and precepts of the Bible for moral living.

Reading his 144-page book during the next six weeks would challenge individuals and groups willing to take up the gauntlet.

• A group of cloistered nuns is offering its new School of Prayer as a free Lenten devotional aid.

The Carmelites of Indianapolis began this program last month with a course called "It's a small world," which focused on the tsunami disaster.

A new course, "Trail of Light," was posted online Friday. It examines the ways our good deeds positively affect those who come after us.

See the Web site at www.praythe-news.com.

plines for believers. One that is common to many faiths (Judaism, Christianity and Islam, among others) is fasting.

In a consumer- and consumption-driven society, this forgotten spiritual practice can reawaken our sense of dependence on God and our need to curb our insatiable desires.

To begin on a smaller scale, consider the "small Lenten fast," which includes not eating meat or dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent and using the time for prayer, repentance, confession and almsgiving.

• Do you stop to smell the roses? Take some time for reflection and meditation. Ask yourself some questions about your life, and then take action:

Am I patient with others, especially those who irritate me?
Am I a person of problems — sins — that keep me from being a fully human, spiritually focused person?
Am I mindful of those less fortunate, and do I help those in need?

Is there one thing I could do to change my lot for the better and be of service to someone else?

• The Irish Jesuits have a Web site for meditation. You don't have to be

Catholic — or even religious — to gain from it. The site (www.sacredspace.ie) provides focus and direction for anyone seeking spiritual insight.

• Consider some simple, practical steps, from Alternatives for Simple Living, to connect with God, others and self:

• Practice creative frugality. List 10 ways to substitute helpful, conserving habits instead of wasting such resources as food or water. Give \$1* for each example and \$5 for each one shy of 10 you can't think of to an organization that defends good stewardship of the Earth.

• For one week, turn off your car radio and/or tape/CD player as you drive to and from work or school. Use the time for reflection. How does the experience affect your life?

• If you plan to plant a garden in the spring, include a row or more for the poor. Give extra produce to Plant a Row for the Hungry. For more information about the program, check with area garden centers or go to www.gardenwriters.org/part/.

For more ideas, go to www.simplifying.org/Archives/Lent/LentCal2005.html.

RELIGION

Church holds Ground Hog Dinner

MISSIONARIES

WENDELL — A Ground Hog Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wendell United Methodist Church...

Church news

Ladies fellowship will hold monthly luncheon

HEIDYBURN — The Ladies Lifeline Fellowship will hold its monthly non-denominational luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Cafe...

UMCOR are used in disaster areas

For more information, call the church office at 436-3354 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (leave a message).

Aglow International holds monthly meeting

TWIN FALLS — Aglow International of Twin Falls will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the community room at the Twin Falls Housing Community...

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Church announces Community Movie Night

KIMBERLY — Community Movie Night will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the United Methodist Church, 205 Madison E. The movie will be "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe..."

Called to serve:



Sister Katie Rigby will serve in the Florida Jacksonville Mission.



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Church offers six-week book study course

TWIN FALLS — The First Presbyterian Church is offering a six-week study course for adults based on the book, "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren.

United Methodist reports upcoming Lent schedule

RUPERT — The Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., announced its schedule for the upcoming Lent season.

Board of directors will sponsor benefit concert

TWIN FALLS — The board of directors of the newly formed Jubilee House recovery center will present a benefit concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 in the auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho.

Rupert youth earns recognition award

RUPERT — Jocelyn Larsen earned a Young Woman in a Hero Recognition Award and received a certificate of recognition and a medalion recently.



Elder Brandt Michael Hines will serve in the Germany American Soldiers' Home Mission.

Returned from serving:

Elder Cory Chandler served in the Guatemala Guatemala City Central Mission and the California Carlsbad Mission.

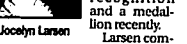


Chandler is the son of Kenneth and Thelma Chandler of Wendell. He will work at Henningsen Cold Storage...

The course is a faith-based exploration of the question, "What on earth am I here for?" The study format involves short, daily readings followed by a weekly small-group discussion.

Lenten luncheons will be held at noon Tuesdays, Feb. 15 through March 22. Lunch includes soup, bread, a light dessert and beverage. Special music and speakers are scheduled. All are welcome.

Talent from several local churches will be spotlighted during the inter-denominational praise and worship concert. Churches involved include the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, Galvary Chapel, First Baptist Church, Twin Falls Reformed Church and Community Christian Church.



Elder Darren DeWayne Brown will serve in the Mexico Tijuana Mission.

He entered the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Feb. 2, where he will study Spanish for eight weeks.

Groups will meet weekly or at homes at the following times: • 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 8 and 15, and Wednesdays, Feb. 22 through March 15.

This year's Mission Project for Lent will be health kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Each health kit needs \$375 to cover medicine costs. One health kit will help treat about 1,000 individuals. A freewill offering will be taken at each luncheon.

Jubilee House will provide a one-year recovery program, housing, job training, counseling and parenting classes for women with substance abuse problems.

He has received Eagle Scout and Duty to God awards through scouting. He entered the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Feb. 26. He is the son of Gene and Karen Hines of Burley and is in the Unity 1st Ward.

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He will work at Henningsen Cold Storage until fall, when he will attend Brigham Young University of BYU-Idaho.

• 7 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 10 through March 17.

Anyone is interested in giving donations to the UMCOR project may send or bring a check to the Rupert United Methodist Church. All monies given to

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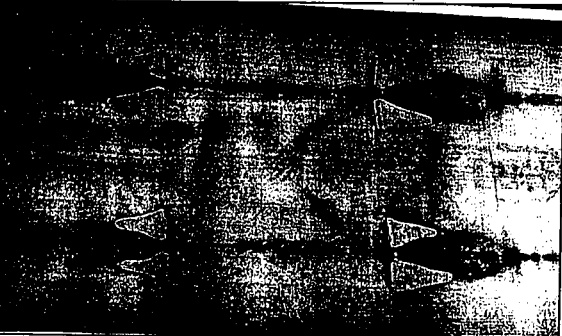
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PERENNIAL INTEREST

Debates show fascination with ancient materials linked with the Bible

The Associated Press

An ancient fortress, a burial box and a piece of cloth — historical remains related to the Bible never cease to provoke heated debate, whether the controversies are thought-to-be tantalizing clues, logical hoaxes or just archaeological mistakes.



New tests indicate that the Shroud of Turin, a 14-foot-long linen strip revered by some as the burial cloth of Jesus, may be from the time of Christ.

In the most important development, scholars say tests on remains from a dig in mid-day Jordan indicate the biblical country of Edom existed during the era of Kings David and Solomon, if not earlier. The find could undercut skeptics of biblical history.

Edom research has added fuel to one of the hottest archaeological disputes of recent years. The Bible reports that Edom was a well-defined land south-east of the Dead Sea that had kings before Israel (Genesis 36:31, 1 Chronicles 1:43), barred Moses during the Exodus (Numbers 20:14-21) and warred with King David (2 Samuel 8:13-14, 1 Kings 11:15-16).

Now comes the report on Edom, in the current edition of the quarterly Antiquity, by Russell Adams of Canada's McMaster University, Thomas Levy of the University of California, San Diego, and other colleagues.

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Prosecutors in Israel filed fraud charges Dec. 29 involving a purported first-century inscription of Jesus' name. But this month a prominent archaeology magazine will assail the government's scientific evidence.

Some immediately suspected the inscription was a hoax perpetrated either in ancient or modern times. Israel's new fraud indictments say the ossuary's owner was among five men who forged dozens of biblical artifacts.

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The undulating popular interest in such matters is undeniable. Says Nils Peter Lemche of the University of Copenhagen, part of an arch-skeptical faction that treats most of the Old Testament as politically motivated fiction: "The public, that is people not members of the fraternity of biblical scholars, are still mainly interested in history. Did it happen as written or did it not happen? That is the question most often asked when talking to an audience of lay persons."

The magazine's editor, Hershel Shanks, says the issue being released Feb. 15 will argue that nobody can yet decide whether the inscription is fake because Israel has thoroughly "bungled" the scientific evidence.

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The public's fascination is evident to be taught in the success of Biblical Archaeology Review, a 30-year-old glossy magazine with 120,000 subscribers. It explains scholars' ongoing

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Everything can be explained with reason

People who believe in miracles do not make very good scientists. But by definition, scientists know there is an answer to everything, and they dedicate their lives trying to find them. Bible people believed the earth was flat. Jesus said the

Mother Nature has been the giver and the taker. If there were a power that could stop all natural disasters that destroy millions of lives every year, it would put an end to the great lying deceiver that divides people all over the world.

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Paul the Pharisee, who believed in the resurrection of the dead, said they were living in the last days and it would be better not to marry anymore.

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The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The request came from a chaplain in Iraq — the soldier's name was added for rosaries. But the chaplain was Episcopal, and none of the soldiers was Catholic.

have dismissed the rosary as a rote exercise, he said, but "people who really pray the rosary aren't just saying those prayers mindlessly. There's a lot more going on. The rosary allows you to get into a rhythm and spend some serious time praying."

"We were surprised," said the Rev. Jim Burns of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City, which responded to the chaplain's request. He said he thought the rosary appealed to the soldiers because, Catholic or not, "when you are in harm's way, you want a talisman."

Father Burns agreed, "It's a centering kind of thing," he said. "Sometimes when you pray, your mind goes all over the map. When you have this tactile thing, it focuses you and allows you to go deeper."

Father Burns organized a group of parishioners to make Anglican prayer beads, a variation on the rosary, for the Catholic devotions to Mary in a group sent about 100 sets, and the project got some parishioners interested enough to try the rosary themselves.

Truth prefaced the lesson by explaining that the rosary isn't a way to "work" for God. Instead, Catholic prayer is for his intercession. The response, he said, was overwhelmingly positive: "Many came up to me afterward and said they were deeply moved by it and would continue to pray the rosary."

The church's story is one of many pointing to a new trend: growing interest among Protestants in the rosary, its showing up on Web sites like www.catholicprayer.com and www.christianrosary.com. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America has on its site a "Lutheran Rosary for Lent." The rosary figures in Protestant retreats and classes focusing on prayer and contemplative practices. Publishers say they're seeing many manuscripts on the subject.

Jim Fogg learned to pray the rosary at the Benedictine retreat and from a vicar at his church, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Grand Prairie, Texas. He uses the devotion during Lent, sometimes praying along to a video version shown on EWTN, the Catholic cable network. The Benedictine monks at the Holy Land where Christians believe the various mysteries occurred.

Some Protestants are gravitating toward the Catholic rosary, a centuries-old devotion that involves repeating a series of prayers — mostly Our Fathers and Hail Marys — and meditating on the mysteries of Jesus' life.

"It's very biblical," he said. "The repetition gets you into a fervent prayer kind of thing." Ziegler, Zerger, co-owner of Catholic Art & Gifts in Farmers Branch, Texas, said Protestant customers will sometimes ask, "How do you pray? Do you say me a rosary?" His reply if you've got cash or a credit card, sure."

So he designed the Ecumenical Miracle Rosary, a set of scripturally based prayers that can be used with the traditional Catholic version. Instead of Hail Marys in this version: Instead of Hail Marys, "Sweet Jesus, I love you with all my heart and all my soul. Help me to serve my family, and everyone else I meet today," a prayer based on "the Great Commandment" found in Matthew 22:34-40.

Ziegler believes that Pope Leo XIV's attention to the rosary has boosted interest among Catholics and non-Catholics. The pope declared a "Year of the Rosary" from October 2002 to October 2003 and "blessed" the devotion by adding five "luminous mysteries" focusing on the public life of Jesus — his baptism, the wedding at Cana, his announcement of the kingdom of God, the transfiguration and the Last Supper. (Before, the rosary prescribed meditation on 15 mysteries of the birth and death of Jesus and the life of Mary.)

He posted the prayer on his ecumenicalrosary.org in 1999. He now averages more than 100 e-mails a day from around the world.

"In the majority of world's religious traditions, there seems to have evolved, independently... prayer beads or some other tangible aid to prayer," said Father Burns. "It seems to be some sort of a common human need."

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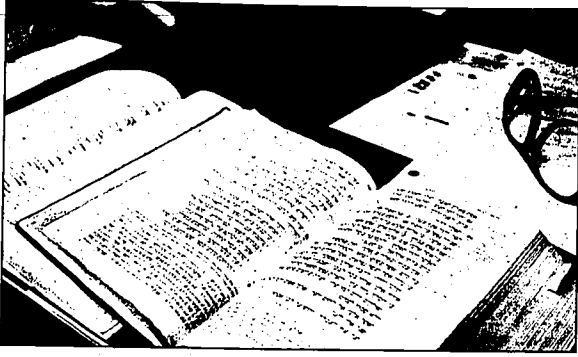
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A NEW EDITION

Religion attempts to gain a foothold in the workplace



A Hebrew Bible lies on the desk in John Stek's home office in Kentwood, Mich. Stek is chairman of a committee that has been working to re-translate the Bible into English from its oldest surviving text.

Zondervan rolls out Bible aimed at young people

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — For 40 years, John Stek has spent his spare time going over the Bible word by word, verse by verse, chapter by chapter, trying to make it easier to read and understand.

The 79-year-old biblical scholar expressed relief that with the release of a new, meticulously researched and crafted modern-English translation of the Bible geared to young adults ages 18 to 34, his work is finally over.

"It's been, for me, almost a full-time job, almost 30 hours a week, and happily I'm now done," said Stek, a professor emeritus of the Old Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary.

He is chairman of the Committee on Bible Translation, an independent group of 15 leading biblical scholars responsible for Zondervan's latest full-text translation, Today's New International Version. It's hitting store shelves in the United States this week amid a \$1 million marketing blitz.

The same group developed the New International Version of the New Testament in 1973 for Zondervan. The Old Testament was added five years later to the NIV, as it is known.

The International Bible Society, a global Bible translation and outreach ministry, commissioned the new translation, called TNIV for short. It is the copyright holder and will publish versions for use by other ministers and evangelists. Zondervan is the commercial publisher.

The updated translation of the New Testament first was released in 2002; the version out this week includes the Old Testa-

Plain speaking

Some translations of Bible verses:

Gender changes

1 Timothy 2:3-4
King James Version: "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to..."
Today's New International Version: "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Genesis 1:27
King James Version: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."
Today's New International Version: "So God created human beings in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Better clarity
Matthew 12:18
King James Version: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child, the Holy

Ghost."
Today's New International Version: "His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 14:25
King James Version: "And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea."
Today's New International Version: "Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake."

More precise word meaning
2 Kings 4:2
King James Version: "And Elisha said unto her, 'What shall I do for thee? Tell me, what hast thou in the house?' And she said, 'Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.'"
Today's New International Version: "Elisha replied to her, 'How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?' 'You servant has nothing there at all,' she said, 'except a little olive oil.'"
Source: The Associated Press

ment.
"We believe it's the best combination of readability and reliability of any Bible," said Ben Irwin, product development manager of Zondervan's Bible group. "It doesn't sacrifice one for the other."

Grand Rapids-based Zondervan, a division of HarperCollins Publishers, is aiming the new Bible at young adults by adver-

tising in publications and Web sites including Rolling Stone, Modern Bride, The Onion, MTV.com and AOL.

Zondervan's research indicates members of the 18-to-34 age group in leading churches in large numbers but remain more "spiritually intrigued" than any other demographic, said Paul Carnitini, vice president and publisher of Bibles.

The Boston Globe

When hundreds of Christian churches hold their national congress at the Hyatt Regency Memorial Convention Center in Boston Thursday, Drew Crandall plans to be there, advising attendees on how to practice their faith at work and giving out religious items for the office cubicle and computer.

Crandall is director of Northeast Christians at Work, a Connecticut nonprofit that aids in the creation of workplace ministries in New England, New York, and New Jersey, a region long considered resistant to evangelism.

The Northeast has been slow in catching on," said Crandall. "The soil has been harder, if you will. But cultural diversity is now very much in vogue. So, our goal is to help corporations to recognize that Christians are part of that diversity. We want to widen the net to include anyone in the workplace, from the CEO to the janitor to the cashier."

That net, once restricted to the South and Midwest, is spreading as more workers attempt to integrate their work and personal lives and as Christian consultants like Crandall encourage US workers to persuade employers that diversity programs should include religious faith, too.

Surveys conducted after President Bush's re-election suggest the growth of faith-related in-

teractions in the workplace is just one aspect of the increasing role of religion in politics and culture. Analysts attributed Bush's re-election victory, in part, to overwhelming support from Christian conservatives, the Bush administration's ties to the evangelical movement, and its emphasis on moral values and religious faith.

"Many of the people who supported President Bush did so because this president has not been afraid to discuss religion as a cornerstone of his agenda," said Washington lawyer Eric Siegel, who specializes in religious disputes. "So people are far more open about their faith at work."

More than 1,300 workplace ministries were operating by 2004, up from just 50 a dozen years ago, said Os Hillman, founder of the International Coalition of Workplace Ministries in Georgia. About 900 are nonprofits that reach out to workers, he said. The rest have sprung up at companies across the country, including Intel Corp., the computer chip maker, and California-based Silicon Graphics Inc., a maker of computing, storage and visualization systems.

"There has been a proliferation of corporate groups in the last few years," said Hillman. "One reason is the failure of ethics in corporate America, and another factor is that people are spending more time at

work than they did 10 years ago. Corporations are realizing that the employees' total life must be represented."

At Intel in Hudson, engineer David Romano, 46, of Cumberland, R.I., says he cannot separate faith from work. Romano heads a lunchtime Bible study group, but confines his discussions about God to coworkers who wish to talk about their beliefs.

"Intel prohibits outward evangelism," he said. "We cannot go from cube to cube to bring people into the faith." Engineer Paul Dornitzer, 39, of Acron, sits three cubicles from Romano, but the two men never talk about religion, and Dornitzer likes it that way. "I've never felt that anyone was proselytizing in this workplace," he said.

Dornitzer says he doesn't attend Bible study meetings, but feels his peers should if they want to.

At a recent lunch-time meeting, Romano and several colleagues read scriptures, including Colossians 3:15. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful," Romano said as members followed on laptops, palm Pilots, and bound volumes of the Bible.

"God doesn't want religion," Romano told members in the meeting room. "He wants a relationship."

Poll shows Catholics favored Bush

The Associated Press

John Kerry managed the best showing in decades for a Democratic presidential candidate among mainline Protestants, but his failure to capture a majority of Roman Catholics, the people of his own faith — gave President Bush an important advantage in last November's election, according to a new survey.

Bush's showing also improved dramatically among Hispanic Protestants, 63 percent of whom supported him in 2004 — a 31 percent gain over 2000.

The postelection phone sur-

vey of 2,730 people, conducted by the University of Akron and sponsored by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, is a close study of voting behavior and religious faith.

Among non-Hispanic Catholics, Kerry won the support of 69 percent with those with liberal or modernist beliefs, while 72 percent of traditionalists favored Bush. But importantly, 55 percent of the key swing group of "centrists" picked Bush over Kerry, who was criticized by bishops for his support of abortion rights.

The upshot: A one-time Democratic mainstay, Catholics gave Bush an overall edge of 53

percent to Kerry's 47 percent.

Overall, the mainline Protestant vote split evenly, the poll found, with a Bush decline of 10 percent from 2000 and the best showing for a Democrat since the 1960s; results before then are unclear.

Divisions between religious liberals and conservatives were even more stark than they were four years ago.

"The American religious landscape was strongly polarized in the 2004 presidential vote and more so than in 2000," concluded the team of four political scientists, led by Akron's John C. Green.

Churches try hand at franchising

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Scott and Michelle Knollenberg of Plainfield, Ill., can spend their Sundays letting national chains cater to their every need — physical, material and, now, spiritual.

They can grab an Egg McMuffin, a McDonald's, a splash lamp at Target, towels at Bed Bath & Beyond and a double tall non-fat mocha at Starbucks. But Sunday's highlight is the church service prepared by Naperville, Ill., pastor Dave Ferguson and his national staff, which will be virtually identical in music, sermon, videos and skits at 10 locations throughout the country.

The Knollenbergs are members of Community Christian Church, which has Chicago-area sites in Naperville, Shorewood, Romeoville and Montgomery. Nationally, the network started by Ferguson and his brother Jon also has churches in Denver, Detroit, New York and Bakersfield, Calif.

In the business world, they call this kind of thing franchising. In evangelicism, it's known as the multisite church, and it is a growing trend with a similar aim: providing consistent quality and service wherever you go.

Dave Ferguson, co-founder and lead pastor of Community Christian, said his church was one of about 10 nationally that were taking a multisite approach in 1998. Six years later, upwards of 100 churches have emulated the movement.

In the Chicago area, Willow Creek Community Church, New Life Community Church and Harvest Bible Chapel are among the fastest growing churches that have spurred them to

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— Scott Knollenberg

find new ways to accommodate the crowds that flock to their weekend services. That usually means satellite campuses that are 10, 20 or 30 miles away from their main location.

Jim Hillmer, a Florida marketing consultant and a former executive for Blockbuster and the Leo Burnett ad agency, is impressed by the trend. "I think it's very inventive for the church world," he said. "Most churches are pretty staid and tradition-bound."

Alan Wolfe, Boston College sociologist and author of "The Transformation of American Religion: How We Actually Live Our Faith," isn't surprised that these spreading megachurches are adapting facets of American culture to their advantage. "When it comes to using cutting-edge technology, American evangelicals have always been pretty good at that," he said. "They were really pioneers in the use of radio, for example. That runs against the image some people have of evangelicals being backward

and out of touch." The Knollenbergs say these contemporary, non-denominational churches are anything but backward. In fact, the Naperville church's foyer is a coffee shop, designed with the help of sociologist and author Ray Oldenburg, "The Great Good Place." Oldenburg, who says that humans require a "third place" for gathering as a community beyond home and work has been credited by Steve Jobs, chairman Howard Schultz as one of the factors contributing to the success of the coffee giant's shops.

Community Christian has so grabbed the couple's hearts that Scott Knollenberg turned down a promotion, his "dream job," in 2002 because it required moving away from the church to Peoria, Ill. He quit his job at Oldenburg's church to take a 60 percent pay cut to work for Community Christian full time.

"We're not content with having a nice congregation," he said. "It's all about, 'How can we help other people find their way back to God?'"

While the November elections pushed "moral values" into the public eye, the Knollenbergs don't fit the stereotype of the judgmental, fundamentalist either. They're in their early 30s and would flip to a different TV channel if they came across a telegenic Michelle said. "We both learned more about the Bible and Jesus in the short amount of time we've been here than in all the years of growing up in church."

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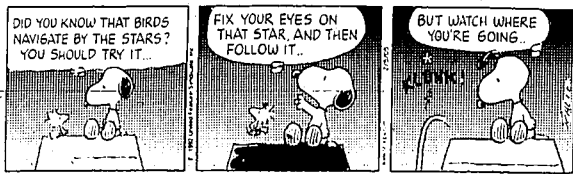
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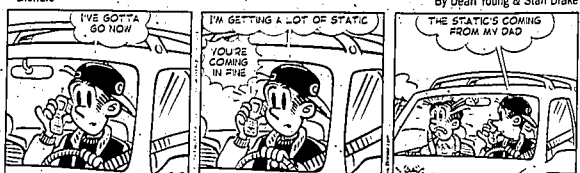
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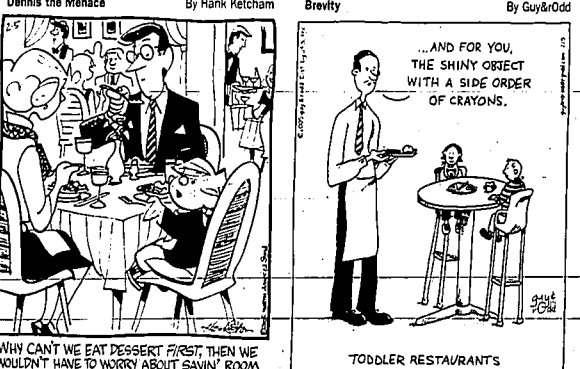


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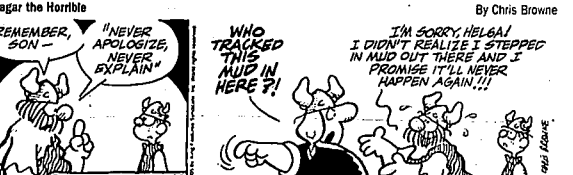
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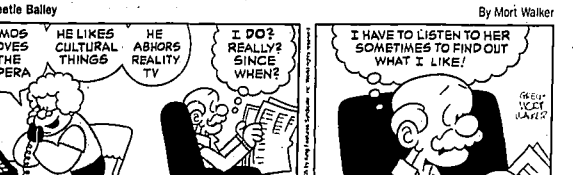
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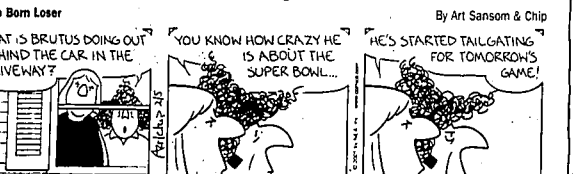
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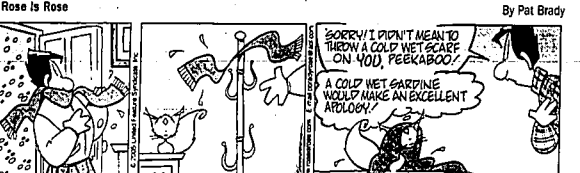
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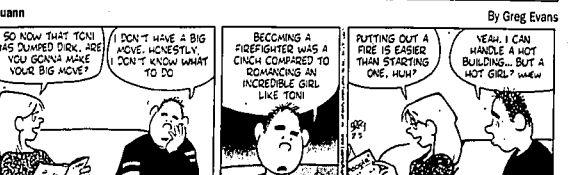
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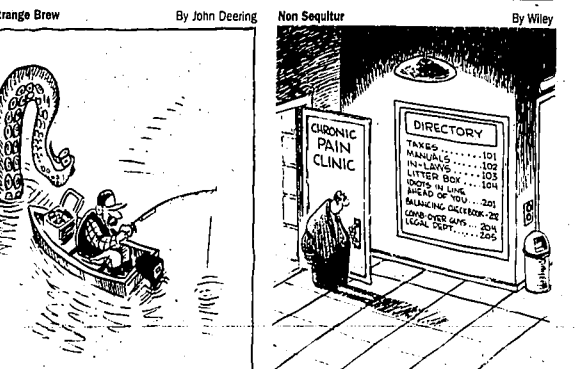


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Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005

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-A. E. Housman

When your only chance for a contract is a choice between a slim one and a no-her, you might as well play for your realistic chance.

On today's deal from a team game, neither North-South pair showed, both reaching the decidedly unappealing spade slam - though, to be fair, South might have been hoping not to find the heart value of the heart king in dummy.

On the diamond-nine lead, one declarer decided to play for a squeeze. He ducked the trick and later had to concede a diamond trick to East; down one.

The other declarer identified his legitimate chance to make the slam. He rose with dummy's diamond ace at the first trick and played off two top spades. When all followed, he continued with the heart ace, the club king, and then the heart king (throwing a diamond away). Next he played the club ace, ruffed a club, and finally advanced the heart seven, throwing another diamond away.

In the four-card ending, South had reduced his hand to two trumps and a diamond, while dummy had one trump and three diamonds. West was left helplessly on lead with only hearts and was forced to yield a ruff and discard, allowing declarer to ruff in dummy and throw his last diamond away from hand; contract made.

NORTH J 10 9 2 K 7 3 A J 3 2 K 5

EAST A 6 5 Q 9 8 6 4 2 K 10 6 2

SOUTH A K Q 8 7 A 4 3 2 8 7 5 4 A 7 3

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 A 3 4 Pass 4 NT Pass 5 Pass All pass

Opening lead: Diamond nine

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: A 6 5 Q 9 8 6 4 2 K 10 6 2

South West North East 1 A 3 4 Pass 4 NT Pass 5 Pass All pass

ANSWER: Jump to three diamonds, pre-emptively. You would normally have five diamonds for this action, but here your extra minor-suit shape and lack of defense outside trumps make this the correct call to pressure the opponents.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mlt.com

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