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Reopening old wounds

Claude Dallas' release from prison sharpens pain among Idaho conservation officers

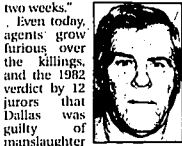
The Associated Press

OWYHEE COUNTY (AP) — As a young game warden in the mid-1980s, Jon Heggen was ordered by his boss to read a book.

The required text? "Give a Boy a Gun," by Jack Olsen, a crime writer who chronicled how poacher Claude Lafayette Dallas had killed Idaho Department of Fish and Game officers Conley Elms and Bill Pogue in an execution-style slaying in the remote Owyhee desert on Jan. 5, 1987.

Dallas, now a bespectacled, graying 54-year-old, walks out of an Idaho prison a free man today.

"It's sure an emotional issue, and his release has heightened those emotions," said Heggen, now head of Fish and Game's enforcement bureau. "There's been a lot of tears shed the last



Bill Pogue

two weeks." Even today, agents grow furious over the killings, and the 1982 verdict by 12 jurors that Dallas was guilty of manslaughter — not murder. That verdict is what's allowing Dallas to be released after almost 22 years. His 30-year sentence was cut by eight years for good behavior, despite a 1986 prison escape in which he was on the run for a year.

Game wardens say the department lost its innocence that day in the desert.

They say the killings — Dallas shot Pogue and Elms with a

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An FBI agent, right, escorts Claude Lafayette Dallas, of Riverside County Jail in Riverside, Calif., March 9, 1987, from a hearing in San Bernardino, Calif. Dallas, a self-styled hunter, from who fatally shot two Idaho Fish and Game officers in 1987, is on route to a hearing on prison today, Idaho Department of Correction says. He is to be woman Tracy McBain said.

Legislature eyes mining regulations

Proposals could ensure cleanup costs are covered

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — With gold prices on the rise, environmentalists and mining interest groups alike have their minds set on changing the state's mining regulations.

Both the Idaho Conservation League and the Idaho Mining Association have a common goal — amending the way the state calculates the money it can ask a mining company to bond when using cyanide in its processing.

While both organizations can't agree on the means of fixing the problem, they do agree on the goal.

On Feb. 2, Jack Lyman, the director of the Idaho Mining Association, asked the Idaho Mining and Conservation Committee to write legislation that he would like to see passed.

On Tuesday, Hayes' group will petition the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality asking the agency to amend its cyanidation permitting rules.

Gold mines often use cyanide as a means to extract gold from ore. High levels of cyanide harm the brain and heart and can have death. Therefore, mining companies such as Desert Mineral Mining — the company requesting a cyanidation permit for its mine 24 miles from Boise — must request cyanidation permits from the DEQ.

"One of the big concerns about that, it will be under bonded," said Justin Hayes, program director for the Idaho Conservation League.

"Generally speaking, when something goes wrong, it goes horribly wrong," he said.

The current bonding formula for cyanidation permits was established in 1987 and is based on the number of tons of ore the facility will process. The minimum a company can bond under the current formula is \$100,000.

Under Lyman's proposed legislation, a cyanidation permit applicant would have to provide a cost estimate for closing a mining site from a third party. The applicant would then post a bond for the estimate plus an amount.

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MS RATES DRAW ATTENTION



Fred Trankle, the former College of Southern Idaho and current Wood River High School basketball coach, talks about his work tracking down multiple sclerosis cases in Magic Valley. Shoshone, Trankle's home town, has seen a much higher percentage of MS cases than the national average.

Magic Valley may see disproportionate number of cases

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — It began with a question.

Why do so many people in Shoshone have multiple sclerosis?

For years, Shoshone native Fred Trankle pondered what appears to be a high concentration of MS cases in his hometown.

Could it have something to do with the railroad that runs through the quiet community of Shoshone? Could there be a contaminant in the water?

A year ago, the former College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach started gathering data in hopes of finding the answer.

Local media coverage of Trankle's quest garnered endless phone calls.

"The response was unbelievable," Trankle said. "I started out with just Shoshone, but immediately it started reaching out," he said.

While the number of confirmed cases keeps growing, the cases itself may be narrowing the possibilities of answers to Trankle's question.

"The amazing thing about this — all of these people lived in the Magic Valley from 1950 to 1970," Trankle said.

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Tracker

■ **Last we knew:** Former CSI men's basketball coach Fred Trankle collected information about multiple sclerosis patients in the Magic Valley and presented it during the National Academy of Sciences hearing for Idaho downwinders in November, questioning whether there's a link between MS and nuclear fallout. MS researcher Dr. Arthur Vandenberg requested the governor's help in obtaining disease rates in Idaho.

■ **The latest:** Trankle has collected more than 360 names of people with confirmed cases in a six-county area. A state epidemiologist expressed interest in investigating MS rates to Vandenberg.

■ **What's next:** Trankle may hand over his research to the Scripps Research Institute but continues to seek more MS patients in the region. The state's Cluster Analysis Working Group may get involved.

Sarah Johnson murder trial gets underway



Sarah Johnson

By Patti Murphy Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Opening statements in the trial of Sarah Johnson, the 18-year-old accused of murdering her parents almost a year and a half ago, are set to begin Monday in Boise.

Johnson, who was 16 at the time of the slayings, is being tried as an adult on two counts of first-degree murder,

although prosecutors have said they are not pursuing the death penalty. Her parents were shot to death in their Bellevue home the morning of Sept. 2, 2003.

The case is expected to draw some national media attention.

On Friday, 5th District Judge Barry Wood met with several reporters to lay out ground rules for coverage. Johnson sat nearby with her defense

attorney chatting and smiling. The former Wood River High School student was dressed in a white Ada County jail outfit. Her attorney, Bob Funglum, sat beside her at the defense table chatting amiably while reporters waited to be addressed by the judge.

"The Supreme Court says you have

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NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** A cyanidation permit for a gold mine in Elmore County drew an unexpected level of attention. Jack Lyman, the director of the Idaho Mining Association, considered drafting legislation to update the state's formula for the amount of bond it requires on cyanidation permits.

■ **The latest:** The Idaho Senate Resource and Environment Committee agreed to print a draft of Lyman's proposed legislation. The Idaho Conservation League petitioned the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to amend its rules to print the bill with a printed next week and introduced in the coming weeks.

■ **What's next:** The DEQ will hear CL's petition at a meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the agency's state office located at 1410 N. Hilton in Boise. The mining association's bill will be printed next week and introduced in the coming weeks.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

No more ugly legs

Treatments for varicose veins take a leap forward.

Monday

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Student visions win honors.

The horror, the horror

Take an affectionate look back at '70s home decor.

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New woman needs warning of man's ways.

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The third-largest religious group in America is spiritual people who don't go to church.

Saturday

Funny thing

Preview some possible new additions to The Times-News comics page.

Sunday

President pushes Social Security plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh from a five-state tour promoting his plan to add private accounts to Social Security, President Bush pledged on Saturday to go beyond that proposal and push for an overhaul to make the retirement system permanently solvent.

Bush also told his weekly radio audience that he budgeted he submits to Congress on Monday will hold the growth of discretionary spending below the projected 2.5 percent rate of inflation.

Discretionary programs are those Congress must approve each year; the White House estimates their cost at \$223 billion this year.

"I welcome the bipartisan call to control the spending appetite of the federal government," Bush said.

Bush spent the two days after his State of the Union address in rallies around the country to press Congress to back his idea for letting younger workers put up to one-third of their Social Security tax contributions into accounts invested in stocks and bonds. In return, those workers would see a corresponding reduction in their traditional Social Security benefits.

The Social Security system needs radical change to be saved, Bush said, and one step he is proposing is a private accounts system. He said they would give the younger workers allowed to set them up a better rate of return — without mentioning possible negative results — and that money in them could be passed on to heirs.

"We will make the system a better deal for younger workers by allowing them to save some of their payroll taxes in voluntary personal retirement accounts — a nest egg they can call their own, which government can never take away," the president said.

Rice: Russia needs to rethink policies

Secretary of State urges a show of commitment to 'basics of democracy'



Sergey Lavrov Condoleezza Rice

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Russia needs to show a commitment to a freeness and other "basics of democracy," and cooperate with former Soviet republics such as Georgia and Ukraine where democracy is taking hold, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Saturday.

Rice, moving quickly through Europe on her first trip as President Bush's chief diplomat, also said European diplomats seem eager to put in the past the estrangement caused by the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rofield said as much after meeting with Rice in Warsaw, Poland, in an early and durable participant in the invasion and occupation of Iraq. But the stationing of Polish troops there has proved unpopular at home and with Poland's neighbors.

"The unfortunate concept of old and new Europe is a total misunderstanding," Rofield said.

His comment was a reference to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's distinction between

opposition in France, Germany and elsewhere to the Bush administration's policy on Iraq and help provided by nations such as Poland.

The description of France and Germany as part of "old Europe" caused bad blood in the run-up to the 2003 invasion.

Russia, also critical of the war, has retreated during President Vladimir Putin's tenure from some of the democratic advances since the collapse of communist rule. Putin has consolidated economic and political power and clamped down on the press.

"We have concerns, and we've made it clear about internal developments in Russia," Rice said in Poland.

"It is important that Russia make clear to the world that it is intent on strengthening the role of the independent judiciary, permitting a free and independent press to flourish," Rice said.

"These are all the basics of democracy."

She said Russia is a valuable ally and partner in many areas, including the fight against terrorism and efforts to curtail the spread of nuclear arms.

"We've made no secret" of U.S. displeasure, Rice told reporters en route to Turkey. "But we're not going to stop working on it, we haven't stopped talking about it."

Rice's eight-day trip is focusing on European ties and the prospects for peace in the Middle East. An additional goal is laying the groundwork for Bush's summit meeting with Putin on Feb. 24 in Slova-

kia. That was one reason for her lengthy dinner meeting Saturday in Ankara with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

The backsliding of democracy in Russia could become a irritant in Bush's second term, and a sour note as the White House presses for expansion of liberty in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Rice's inaugural speech last month contained what was perceived as a warning by some nations, including allies or partners with imperfect democratic credentials.

"We will persistently clarify the choice before every nation and every nation: The moral choice between oppression, which is always wrong, and freedom, which is eternally right," Bush said.

"We will encourage reform in other governments by making clear that success in our relations will require the decent treatment of their own people," he said.

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Will Scalia take the chief justice seat? Maybe, but probably not

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was Justice Antonin Scalia's standard speech. He bemoaned the Supreme Court's growing political role in cases such as abortion, then joked about how Democrats are wary of a "Chief Justice Scalia" in a second Bush term.

But in an appearance one week after President Bush's reelection, Scalia delivered a particularly hearty roar and ovation from a conservative Federalist Society crowd with his kicker.

"Please," a clearly pleased Scalia said, "it was stipulated to be funny."

With Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, aging with cancer, the frascible Scalia is doing nothing to discourage talk that he would like to be Bush's pick if Rehnquist steps aside this year.

Scalia's ascension is considered a long shot because the staunchly conservative justice would prompt a freestom of opposition from Democrats, abortion rights supporters and others groups. Nonetheless, Scalia seems to be relishing it, not subtly encouraging the speculation.

"We all know the story: If you're not seen, you're not likely to be considered or heard," said Douglas Kmiec, a former legal counsel in the Reagan and first Bush administrations.

"A chief justiceship is clearly an opportunity for him to lead a court with new recruits," Kmiec said.

Scalia has been active on the Washington social scene in recent weeks, hammering it up with the political crowd. Some court observers say this may be an effort to counter White House concerns — that the brusque Scalia is ill-suited for a job demanding consensus.

As a group, the nine justices are serving their 11th term together, a modern record. With Clarence Thomas the only jus-



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia speaks at the National Italian American Foundation 2004 Gala Convention Conferences in Washington in this Oct. 16, file photo.

ice younger than 65, many people believe that Bush could have the opportunity to appoint several justices to a court that splits 5-4 on the death penalty, affirmative action and gay rights.

Speculation about retirement has focused on the 60-year-old Rehnquist, a conservative who has been working mainly from home after announcing in October that he has thyroid cancer.

Liberal John Paul Stevens, who at 84 is the oldest justice, and moderate Sandra Day O'Connor, 74, also are considered retirement possibilities.

During the presidential campaign, Bush cited Scalia, 68, and Thomas as justices he admired because of their narrow interpretation of the Constitution. Thomas privately has made it clear that he is not interested in becoming chief justice, according to friends and former clerks.

Scalia declined an interview request. Friends say he is interested in the top job.

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Former prison guard sentenced in abuse case

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Sgt. Javal Davis doesn't have to serve much prison time for abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib in late 2003, but once his incarceration is over, so is his prized career as a soldier.

A nine-man Army jury on Friday sentenced Davis to six months in a military prison, reduction in rank to private and a bad-conduct discharge.

The jurors deliberated more than five hours to arrive at their punishment for Davis, a former Abu Ghraib guard who admitted stepping on the hands and feet of handcuffed detainees and falling with his full weight on top of them.

After the verdict was read, Davis' mother, Michelle Carpenter, sobbed uncontrollably in the courtroom. Davis gave his father, Jonathan, a long hug while a tear rolled down Davis' face.

"All of you who aren't my family can leave now," Davis snapped at spectators after Col. James Pohl, the judge, and the jury left the courtroom.

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Monsignor Leonardo Sandri reads a message by Pope John Paul II for the Seminarians during a ceremony in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Saturday. Originally, the pope was scheduled to deliver the speech himself but he watched the ceremony from a TV in his hospital room, a member of the papal entourage at the hospital said.

Pope emissary reads speech at the Vatican

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II was strong enough to turn the pages of written greetings Saturday and speak in a clear voice, a visitor said. But, still hospitalized and recovering from the flu, the pontiff sent an emissary to read a speech in his name at the Vatican.

In a hopeful sign that the 84-year-old pontiff would be well enough on Sunday to say a few words to a public apprehensive about his health, giant video screens were ordered to be set up in St. Peter's Square, where thousands of faithful were expected to gather to pray for his recovery.

Vatican broadcast technicians were told to prepare for a possible video or audio connection with Gemelli Polyclinic, the hospital where the pope was rushed to on Tuesday night by worried aides after he developed breathing problems during a bout with the flu.

Whether the hookup with the hospital takes place depends on the pope's condition Sunday, Vatican officials indicated.

Bishop Vincenzo Paglia, who, with three other clerics, visited John Paul in his 10th floor hospital apartment, described the

pope as alert, communicative and grateful for prayers of support.

"You can understand him easily," Paglia told reporters at the hospital. He said the pontiff turned the pages of a letter of well-wishes signed by dozens of Christian clerics who had prayed for the pope in a hospital chapel.

The Italian news agency ANSA quoted the bishop as saying the pope's voice had a "clear timbre."

Another churchman, the Vatican's No. 2 official, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, expressed hope that the ailing pontiff would be back at the Vatican in a few days.

"The pope will again be at the helm of the ship of Peter with his wisdom and his strength," the Italian news agency ANSA quoted the cardinal as saying at a religious ceremony. Another Italian news agency, Apcom, quoted the cardinal as saying, "I don't see any reason to worry."

The Vatican has said the pope is improving, but has provided few concrete details of the pope's day-to-day progress since he was admitted with what it said was voicebox spasms and an inflamed windpipe.

Sunnis offer aid in mapping future

Insurgents step up their attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Facing the prospect of a Shiite Muslim takeover, Sunni politicians offered on Saturday to participate in mapping the nation's political future. But Sunni rebels showed no sign of compromise, killing two U.S. soldiers and at least 33 Iraqis in a string of attacks.

Officials of the Shiite-led coalition that has rolled up a big lead in Sunday's elections said it wants the prime minister post in the upcoming government — casting doubt on chances that U.S.-backed Prime Minister Ayad Allawi can keep his job.

Meanwhile, police questioned the driver and translator of Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, who was seized by gunmen, Friday near Baghdad University — the first reported kidnapping of a foreigner since last weekend's election. But police said the two were not suspects in her abduction.

Allawi, whose ticket is running a distant second in election returns so far, had been seen as a possible compromise candidate if the Shites and their allies don't win the two-thirds of the 275 National Assembly seats needed to pick the government.

But the United Iraqi Alliance — a Shiite-led group whose leaders have ties to Iran — appeared confident it would have to be given the top spot.

"The Alliance would like to get either the position of the president or the prime minister and it prefers that it be that of the prime minister," Redha Taqi, a top official in one of the coalition factions, told The Associated Press.

Officials worldwide to exchange information instantly" to prevent attacks.

Saudi Arabia is already thought to exchange information with the United States, but the kingdom has been criticized for failing to openly disclose the steps it takes internally to uphold al-Qaida's structure in the kingdom.

The desert kingdom is accused by some in the West of not doing enough to stop the departure of militants from Saudi Arabia to other countries, including Iraq.

Saudi leader calls for data-sharing center

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia's crown prince called for the creation of a worldwide center to share intelligence on terrorism on Saturday at a conference on fighting al-Qaida and other groups, hosted by a country often accused of exporting militants.

Crown Prince Abdullah, who is the kingdom's de facto leader and has led a tough campaign against militant groups over the past year, said a global intelligence-sharing center could allow experts and

Togo president dies of heart attack, officials say

LOME, Togo (AP) — The president of Togo, Africa's longest-ruling leader, died Saturday as he was being rushed to Europe for treatment of a heart attack, officials said. His son was named the country's new leader.

President Gnassingbe Eyadema, 68, suffered the heart attack on Friday in his hometown of Paja in southern Togo. Togo's late leader died, said Barry Moussa Barkue, special adviser to the president.

Prime Minister Koffi Sama

went on state radio and announced that Eyadema died on his way to Europe for treatment. Sama called upon the security forces to keep law and order. He also announced all land and air borders to the tiny West African country had been closed.

Eyadema has ruled Togo since the 1960s, when he came to power following Africa's first postcolonial coup. Only Cuba's Fidel Castro has been in power longer. Eyadema was last re-elected in a May 2003 vote.

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G-7 countries say they are willing to provide debt relief

LONDON (AP) — Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrial nations said Saturday they were willing to provide up to 100 percent debt relief to the world's poorest nations, but insisted that developing countries ensure the money would be spent wisely.

Britain's Treasury chief Gordon Brown said at the close of the G-7 summit in London that debt relief would be "agreed on a case-by-case basis."

He said discussions would continue on financing mechanisms to increase overseas development assistance. At its April meeting, the International Monetary Fund would examine a proposal to re-evaluate its

gold supplies to finance debt relief.

Britain has made tackling poverty in Africa and the developing world a priority for its presidency of the G-8 — the Group of Seven plus Russia — and says the goals of the U.N.'s 2000 Millennium Summit, to tackle by 2015 the poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people, will not be met without urgent action.

Following a two-day meeting in London, G-7 finance ministers said developing countries must have "sound, accountable and transparent institutions" and develop policies for poverty reduction and sustained economic growth.

The communique issued at

the close of the conference noted that corruption in poor countries was a "significant barrier to growth, private sector development, investment and poverty reduction."

In return, wealthy nations were committed to energizing the round of trade talks launched in Doha, Qatar, in 2001, that aim to slash subsidies, tariffs and other barriers to global commerce, and to use trade to help poor nations, the communique said.

"We are agreed on a case-by-case basis analysis of HIPC (heavily indebted poor countries) based on our willingness to provide as much as 100 percent multilateral debt relief," said the communique.

Tabloid illustrates testy times between France, U.S.

PARIS (AP) — Forget about all that trans-Atlantic talk of kiss-and-make-up following the "Freedom Fries" era disagreements between France and the United States. There's a new tabloid on Paris newsstands offering an alternate take: "L'Anti-American."

The cheeky newspaper's editor-in-chief says Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice can have a free issue of the satirical, monthly when she's in Paris next week.

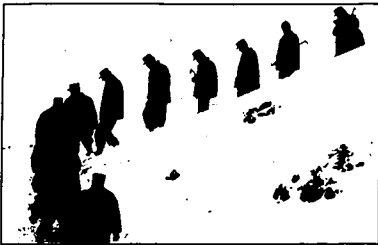
She'll need to have packed her sense of humor. This month's issue features an entry in a bogus George W. Bush diary that reads: "Ask the CIA: Where's China?"

Rice and her French counterparts hope to rebuild ties bruised by disagreements over the U.S.-led war in Iraq. In Paris, a stop on her swing through Europe and the Middle East, she'll give a major speech in which she's expected to lay out her vision for American diplomacy.

But on French and American streets, mutual distrust still simmers.

On the day Bush won re-election in November, freelance journalist Frederic Royer decided to tap into the zeitgeist and start "L'Anti-American."

The French-language paper offers an unflattering, tongue-in-cheek look at America's perceived shortcomings — from fast food to the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



AP Photo

Afghan police officers inspect the area where a NATO helicopter spotted the wreckage of a missing Afghan plane in the mountains east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Saturday.

Wreckage of airliner found east of Kabul

CHIENARI, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO helicopter gunships found the shattered wreckage of a missing Afghan airliner on a frigid mountain east of the capital Saturday, and officials said they believed none of the 104 people aboard could have survived the crash.

Six Americans were believed to have been on board, the U.S. Embassy in Kabul said, double the number previously reported.

Afghan police struggled through deep snow to within sight of the scattered debris, but reported no sign of life beyond scavenging animals and birds and were forced back by darkness and plummeting temperatures.

"So far we don't think there are any survivors," said Lutfullah Mashal, a spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Interior. "The plane is completely destroyed."

The Boeing 737-200, flown by Kam-Air, a post-Taliban Afghanistans first private airline, vanished from radar screens Thursday afternoon as it approached Kabul airport in a snowstorm, sparking a massive search operation for the 96 passengers and eight crew, at least 24 of them foreigners.

If all are confirmed dead, it would be this war-ravaged nation's deadliest air disaster.

Officials said there was no indication that the scheduled flight, which was arriving from the western Afghan city of Herat, was hijacked or brought down by a bomb.

Afghan transport minister Enayatullah Qasemi said the cause of the crash remained a mystery and that U.S. Department of Transportation experts as well as representatives of the foreign victims would help investigate.

Tensions run high as Mexico elections near

Knight Ridder News Service

MEXICO CITY — Gunmen dressed in black killed five people, including a child and two police officers, in Acapulco on Saturday, increasing tensions on the eve of elections for governor in the three key state races.

The most closely watched balloting was in Guerrero, the state that includes Acapulco. The Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, has ruled in Guerrero since its founding in 1929. The results of the governors race there and in the Yucatan Peninsula state of Quintana Roo and in Baja California Sur could determine which of the country's three major parties leads in the already heated 2006 presidential race.

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Nine die in Japan's latest apparent group suicide

TOKYO (AP) — Nine bodies were found in two cars in central Japan in what appeared to be the country's latest group suicides, police said Saturday.

One group of six people was found on an isolated farm road south of Tokyo by a farmer who called police after noticing people slumped over and apparently dead in a vehicle, investigators who searched the car found three men and two women in their twenties and one woman in her forties, said T. Morishita, an investigator

from the Misaki police station in Kanagawa prefecture.

The other car, with the bodies of one man and two women, was discovered in front of an empty vacation home in a resort area further west, said an official at the Shimoda police station.

In both vehicles, charcoal stoves were found lying on the floorboards while the windows were sealed with tape from the inside. All nine appeared to have died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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NATION

Super Bowl mixes parties and religion

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Links to places of worship are posted on the Web site of the Super Bowl Host Committee. Literature reading "Get on the Winning Team with Jesus" is posted on the site. Instead of partying with Playboy bunnies and hitting nightclubs, several NFL players professed their faith at churches.

In a town often called the buckle on the Bible belt, churches are taking unprecedented opportunities to get the gospel out to the 100,000 people in town for Sunday's big game. Just a year after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at the last Super Bowl, religion has moved into locker rooms, and the NFL is giving its blessing to faith-based celebrations, such as services featuring Pat LaFelle and other events organized by ministries.

"You are in town for the Super Bowl, but you are here because of God," Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Antwan Randle El told the crowd at Friday night's Super Bowl Gospel Celebration concert.

The marriage of football and faith has created a religious fervor unmatched in the River City since a four-day Billy Graham Crusade brought a quarter of a million people to Alltel Stadium the site of this Super Bowl, in November 2000.

"Football gives me a platform," said Patriots tight end Ben Watson, who played in one game this season before a knee injury ended his rookie campaign. "There are people who would listen to me because I play the game of football. It gives me an incredible platform to influence people good or bad."

Added Oakland Raiders tight end Roland Williams: "Football is just something I do. I am definitely focused on a personal relationship with God."

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy called it the most religiously oriented Super Bowl venue ever and said the Jacksonville Host Committee proposed faith-based activities "to reflect the spirit of the community."

However, the NFL has been strict in deciding which activities to endorse.

"They had to be inclusive, rather than exclusive, and not promote one faith over another, in an environment where everyone would be comfortable," McCarthy said.

The Rev. Tom Bary, pastor of Neptune Baptist Church, said the Super Bowl is a vehicle for his congregation to reach the masses. Members of his church volunteered for duty in the pregame and halftime shows, worked at the airport as greeters, and helped out at the NFL Experience — an interactive theme park.

"It's a great way to build bridges that can have eternal consequences," said Bary, 40, who estimated that about a fourth of the 1,600 members of his congregation were involved in Super Bowl activities.

Cold drizzle and biting wind during the week were not enough to drive junior Lofton from downtown Jacksonville, where he handed out religious tracts reading "Get on the Winning Team with Jesus" to Super Bowl partiers roaming the streets, many with beers and mixed drinks in hand.

Lofton, 63, evangelism chairman for the Orange Heights Baptist Church, said he was taking the word of God to the masses.

"We've got to go out among the whores and alcoholics. The fields are ripe for harvest," he said.

The NFL's McCarthy said Super Bowl officials are hoping for divine intervention with the weather, which improved Friday after two days of rain and chilly temperatures. Meteorologists said temperatures would be ideal for Sunday evening's kickoff, with a temperature around 60 degrees, and the sky would be mostly clear.

"The biggest faith-based initiative is hoping it won't rain," McCarthy quipped.

Cosby accuser says she has tapes of conversations

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — The Canadian woman who has accused Bill Cosby of drugging and groping her has taped conversations with him that occurred after she reported the offense to authorities, sources have told the Philadelphia Daily News.

The conversations were initiated by Cosby and support her allegations, sources said.

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Kivitz, the Canadian woman's attorneys, turned over copies of the tapes to the Montgomery County, Pa., prosecutor's office a couple of weeks ago, sources said.

Troiani and Kivitz declined to comment on the tapes. Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor Jr. was out of town and could not be reached for comment. Montgomery County First Assistant District Attorney Betsy Vertman did not return a phone call

requesting comment.

Walter Phillips Jr., Cosby's Philadelphia attorney, declined comment.

Castor is expected to announce sometime next week whether charges will be filed against Cosby "or anyone else."

Cosby and the alleged victim met through her work at Temple University. She was director of operations for the women's basketball team while Cosby is a close friend of Dawn Staley, the women's coach, and a regular

attendee at the games.

On Jan. 13, the alleged victim told Canadian cops that Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted her at his Elkins Park, Montgomery County, home, according to a police report. Canadian cops erroneously referred the case to Philadelphia police, who forwarded the report to Cheltenham Township authorities.

The alleged victim said she was out to dinner with Cosby and others at a local restaurant

sometime last January, the Philadelphia police report said. Afterward, Cosby invited her to return to his home, the report said. She said she complained of "stress and tension" and he offered her some pills. She took them and became "dizzy and sick," the report said.

Cosby helped her to a sofa, where she rested. After that, she said, her memories are fuzzy but she recalls Cosby "touching her breast and placing her hand on his penis," the report said.

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SETTING FREE THE TRUTH

Secret kept for almost seven years becomes burden for three friends

By Angie Wagner Associated Press Writer

POMONA, Calif. — Christopher Horn remembers the words, and he remembers how Bryan Thorne laughed when he heard them, and laughed alone. Everybody else hanging out by the car that night knew better — they knew that from Robert Marquez, these were not idle words.

"This is going to be somebody's last meal," Robert warned. They had been on a school field trip to watch a taping of the television show "3rd Rock from the Sun."

On the way home, they stopped at a lack in the Box, then drove to Robert's grandparents' house.

Bryan, Christopher and Robert — nicknamed Evil, he called himself a fallen angel — stopped outside to smoke a joint. Chris Sorto and Cynthia Perez, Robert's girlfriend, stayed inside.

The moments that followed have been engraved on Christopher Horn's mind and on his conscience. For nearly seven years, they would haunt him, and Chris and Cynthia — a horror movie on an endless loop in their minds, tormenting them, taunting them.

"As Christopher tells it, the teens stood by the side of the house, smoking. Robert pulled a knife. Without a word, Robert plunged it into Bryan's throat, Christopher says.

Bryan crumpled to the ground, choking, dying. Robert pressed the bloody knife to Christopher's neck. "Don't say anything," he threatened.

And for years, he did not. ... Robert was 19 — short, muscular and intimidating. He dressed in Italian clothes, sometimes suits, and always seemed to have money.

"He was really sick," Christopher said. "He looked like he had everything he wanted."

Christopher swore there were times when he saw blood on Robert's fancy shoes. Robert claimed he was in the Mexican Mafia, he told of killing people and chopping them up, he pushed guns and knives and tattooed himself with satanic symbols. On his back were the numbers "187" — the section of the California penal code dealing with murder.

To Robert was cool, Christopher thought. He wanted to be just like him.

Christopher, a spiked-hair teen expelled from his last school for fighting, longed to fit in at Brea Canyon High, a small alternative school for troubled kids where everybody knew everybody. There, he met Chris Sorto. And Cynthia Perez, a pretty brunette with a mouthful of braces.

It was Chris Sorto who introduced Robert — not a student at Brea Canyon — to Cynthia.

Cynthia soon became more than Robert's girlfriend. He dictated with whom she could talk, where she went and what she wore. He threatened to kill her family if she ever left him.

To Robert, anyone who looked or talked to Cynthia was betraying him," Chris said. He was menacing. Once,

Robert went around a friend's house turning off light switches. As soon as it's dark, he said, someone is going to die. Cynthia, Chris and Christopher hurried around, flipping switches back on.

Bryan Thorne didn't know Robert Marquez, but he knew his girlfriend. Rumor had it that Bryan had made a comment about Cynthia, something about wanting to be with her.

At 17, Bryan had already made his share of mistakes. He had bounced in and out of juvenile hall when he moved to Brea Canyon. He was a small kid with glasses, a joker who goofed around in class. He worked as a telemarketer after school, and was something of a mama's boy.

His pager went off at the "3rd Rock" taping, the school outing on Jan. 13, 1998. "Mom, you're embarrassing me," he told her, when he called her back. She told her only child that she loved him; he said he loved her, too.

Inside the grandparents' house, Cynthia Perez heard a thud, then a gurgling sound. A fight, she figured. But when it was over, she saw Bryan get into the car, and what had happened was frighteningly clear.

No one says a word, Robert warned. They were to tell the same story: Bryan was dropped off the liquor store on his phone across the street from his apartment after the field trip.

"Don't question the devil," he told Cynthia.

They went home, and Robert, Christopher and Chris returned to the house. While Christopher and Chris stayed in the car, Robert headed back to the murder scene.

Christopher heard "saw" hours, Robert returned with several plastic bags wrapped in blankets. He ordered Christopher to drive to a nearby supermarket parking lot, and he dropped the bags in a Dumpster.

That night, Christopher quivered in his bed, the first of many sleepless nights.

Brea Canyon was a tight-knit school, so it seemed odd to Principal Robert Phelps that no one knew where Bryan was often away or skipped class for a few days, but they usually came back.

Debbie Palomino was sure her son didn't run away. They were close, and he never lied.

The city of Brea was a safe, quiet community in the shadow of Los Angeles, with few murders or disappearances. One by one, police questioned the friends.

"When did you last see Bryan?" "Where did you go?" "Did you murder Bryan?"

The group stuck to the script; Christopher couldn't believe one noticed how nervous he was. Police conducted hundreds of interviews, but not with Robert; they didn't know he was in the car. They checked records for the pay phone Bryan ostensibly used, but no calls had been made.

Police were stumped. After that night, Christopher, Chris and Cynthia never talked about the murder or anything else. They drifted apart, sharing only mutual terror of Robert and of going to prison themselves and a certitude that the secret would come out some day.

The only questions were: Who would tell? And when? Two weeks after the murder, Christopher couldn't believe a jail sentence for a previous assault. He was locked up, but he was glad to be away from Robert.

In the years to come, no matter where he was, in jail for seven months, where he turned to Christianity, in school, where he returned to get his high



For seven years Christopher Horn, photographed Jan. 5, in Ontario, Calif., lived tormented by the secret of Bryan Thorne's death. Since confessing his knowledge to authorities, Horn has begun rebuilding his life.

school diploma; in the Navy, with a helicopter unit that performed search-and-rescue missions — the events of that January night plagued him.

The images came each time Christopher crawled under the covers and closed his eyes. He awoke in a sweat, the fear as fresh as it was that cold night.

"Most people when they go to bed, they say their prayers. I went to bed and I just recycled that memory, just constantly. It drove me crazy," he said. "I thought about it every day. When you're going through your day, it's like thinking about breathing every day. I woke up knowing this had happened."

Christopher was sure he was going to hell. One-night aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln in 2002, the guilt became too much. He stood with the phone to his ear, trying not to panic. "They finally let it out," he thought.

For a half-hour, he denied knowing anything about Bryan's murder.

Then he let go. The tears poured out along with his story. "It was just like this weight I've been carrying for seven years," Christopher said. "It felt so good."

Chris Sorto was the next to talk. Detectives finally confronted Robert, Nov. 27. They say he admitted to them that he killed and dismembered Bryan. But he has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to go on trial Feb. 14 in Pomona. If convicted, he faces a possible sentence of 50 years to life in prison.

Bryan's body was never found, and detectives suspect it ended up in a landfill. Last November, relatives gathered to remember him. They finally knew what happened. His mother wonders if it was better not to know.

"She doesn't blame Bryan's classmates, for not telling all those years. Prosecutors don't either. None will face charges. In the end, their fear was punishment enough."

Angie Wagner is the AP's Western regional writer, based in Las Vegas. This story is based on interviews with Christopher Horn, Cynthia Perez, Chris Sorto, Robert Phelps, Debbie Palomino, Brea police officers, Los Angeles County sheriff's detectives and court records. Robert Marquez's attorney declined to comment.

Calif. secretary of state resigns amid investigations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's secretary of state, once a rising political star, struggled to fight back tears as he announced his resignation amid investigations into his handling of federal election funds, questionable campaign contributions and bid work-place conduct.

At a news conference Friday outside his San Francisco home with his wife at his side, Kevin Shelley reiterated that he believes he has done nothing wrong, but wanted to step down because the investigations had become too much of a distraction.

"During the past several weeks and days, it has become clear to me that the tides of this storm are overtaking this office's very ability to function effectively for the people of California," Shelley said, struggling at times to fight back tears.

He was to testify later this month at a legislative audit committee hearing about his use of millions of dollars in federal election funds.

Shelley, 49, the son of former congressman and San Francisco mayor, once had been considered a future Democratic candidate for governor. But he recently found himself embroiled in controversy over the federal election money and charges by ex-employees of temper tantrums and a hostile work environment.

He has not been charged with breaking any laws. The state Board of Personnel criticized some of his office hiring practices as possibly illegal and a throwback to the "spoils system." Shelley likewise faced investigations for accepting \$125,000 in campaign funds from recipients of state grant funds for a San Francisco neighborhood center that was never built.

The main source of Shelley's woes was December state audit that charged him with poor management of \$46 mil-

lion in federal election funds. The money was set aside by Congress to modernize voting systems around the country and help prevent disenfranchisement of voters following the 2000 election debacle in Florida.

The audit painted a picture of an office in disarray that missed deadlines to send the funds to counties, avoided competitive bids for services and paid consultants for work that had little to do with the purpose of the funds.

The audit also found that Shelley paid consultants for federally funded voter outreach that included attending partisan Democratic events and fund-raisers and promoting Shelley's political profile.

Shelley said he didn't know about the campaign contributions and had returned them. He acknowledged problems with the federal funds, but said other states would fare no better under similar scrutiny.

He also denied allegations of an abusive work environment. "I want to say that I am sorry," Shelley said Friday. "In too many cases, my intense drive to accomplish good things has been tarnished by my impetuosity and I have allowed myself to direct that impatience at individuals when it should have been directed elsewhere. I have a lot to blame for this but myself."

He said his resignation would be effective March 1. His move paves the way for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, to name a replacement.

Shelley is the second official to tumble after an all-Democratic sweep of California's eight constitutional offices in 2002. The first, former Gov. Gray Davis, was recalled by voters a year later.



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NATION/WORLD

New laser technology aids in murder probe

The Baltimore Sun

Police investigating the killing of a young Texas mother received an assist from a laser technology first developed to assess the quality of the enriched uranium made for America's nuclear bombs.

Called laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy, it produces precise, on-the-spot chemical analysis of samples that promise to help forensic detectives quickly match suspects to crime scenes.

Since 2003, the technique has been used to answer questions in environmental and medical sciences, in astronomy and archeology. But the Texas homicide investigation is believed to be only the second time it has been applied in a criminal case.

"We are hoping we'll be able to identify our suspect," said Madhavi Martin, the research scientist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory near Knoxville, Tenn., who assisted in the Texas case. The story began late last winter in the town of Farmersville, Texas, population 3,200, where 20-year-old Rachelle O'Neil Taylor disappeared from her small rented house, leaving her 6-month-old daughter alone.

Relatives called police, who joined Tolleson's family and friends in a search. After several days, according to an account in The Dallas Morning News, a relic hunter looking for arrowheads in a streambed outside town came across Tolleson's body. Someone had tried to destroy her remains in a pile of firewood. But the wood was too green. A tip quickly led police to their suspect, Moses Sandoval Mendez, 20, a former high-school classmate of Tolleson's. Police said Mendez confessed to the murder.

But the Collin County sheriff's office continued its detective work, seeking to bolster what would later become a capital case. On April 20, they contacted Henri Grissino-Mayer, a geographer at the University of Tennessee and an expert in dendrochronology — the study of tree rings as a tool to date wood and to reconstruct ancient climate patterns.

The sheriff told Grissino he had recovered what looked like partly burned fireplace logs. Most were taken from the crime scene; the rest were logs the suspect had been seen pilfering at a fireplace at a social gathering. "At first they wanted to know if I could match the tree ring patterns from the two sets of woods, which makes sense," Grissino said.

So investigators in the Tolleson case sent him 14 pieces of firewood to examine. At first, he thought it was hopeless. "It's a type of wood that doesn't form nice rings — mesquite," he said. But then he got an idea. "I thought, I shouldn't concentrate as much on the tree rings as on the chemical properties of the wood," he said. Grissino had heard that colleagues in the University of Tennessee's Forest Products Center were using laser technology to establish chemical "fingerprints" of wood. That led him to Oak Ridge, where Martin was using lasers to determine the geographic origins of wood imported from Canada.

Her chief tool was laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy, or LIBS. Martin said that even trees of the same species, if rooted in different soils or growing in different environments, will absorb different proportions of various chemical elements. LIBS can identify them and map their relative abundance.

Firing a high-energy pulsed laser through a focusing lens, Martin directs a series of 100-millisecond bursts of intense light energy onto a tiny area of target material. Each pulse evaporates a tiny volume of the wood into a hot plasma. When each light pulse stops, the chemical bonds in the plasma simmer down and emit light. These emissions are broken into their various wavelengths by a spectrometer, recorded and graphed on a computer screen as a series of peaks and valleys.

The location of the peaks and their heights reveal the identities and amounts of each element in the sample. Each has a unique chemical profile. When Martin agreed to run LIBS analyses on the logs from the Farmersville case, Grissino turned them over but kept their identities to himself. They all matched, with a 99.999 percent certainty. "It was simply amazing how similar the chemical fingerprints were," Grissino said. "If they (the Texas logs) were not from the same tree, they came from the same stand of trees, very close to each other." While that might not put the suspect at the crime scene, it would at least put him in possession of the same batch of firewood used to burn the victim's remains.

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Prosecutors have not decided yet whether they'll need to introduce evidence from the wood analysis, Davis said, but "it would be kind of interesting for a jury."

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Witness describes kidnapping

Details emerge about Italian journalist's abduction in Iraq



Former Iraqi hostages Simona Paris, left, and Simona Torretta, (center) during a vigil for Italian 'Il Manifesto' correspondent Giuliana Sgrena at Rome's city hall Campidoglio Square in Rome, Saturday. She had received another call Friday while the kidnapping was taking place, and heard gunfire in the background.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The translator sensed trouble as soon as he saw a gray Opel with four men inside. "Back up!" he yelled at the driver next to him. Suddenly, a man wielding a pistol was racing toward him shouting "Search! Search!"

The armed man headed straight for Giuliana Sgrena, 56, an Italian journalist quivering in fear in the back seat. On Friday, she became the latest foreign victim of Iraq's wave of kidnappings. Barbara Schiavulli, a colleague of Sgrena's working in Baghdad, said she received a 15-second call from Sgrena's cell phone early Saturday but heard no voices, only Arabic music in the background. She

the background. Italy's Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini appealed for the release of Sgrena, who writes for the left-wing newspaper Il Manifesto, saying she is a friend of the Iraqi people. "As I said, the issue has to do with a woman who loves peace and who is a friend of the Iraqi people," Fini said in remarks broadcast in Arabic on the Al-Jazeera television network.

Sgrena's translator and driver were questioned by Iraqi police, who insist the pair are not suspects. On Saturday, the translator spoke to The Associated Press but requested anonymity due to fears for his own safety. According to the translator, Sgrena had spent more than three hours in the al-Moustafa mosque compound, interviewing refugees who escaped a U.S.-led assault on Fallujah last year.

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Bolivia's Carnival will proceed as planned

Knight Ridder News Service

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia — Luis Alberto Vincenti heaved a sigh of relief.

Carnival in this tropical city in eastern Bolivia is proceeding as scheduled these days after politicians settled a crisis that sparked a month of hunger strikes and street marches. "It is one of the most fundamental things about Santa Cruz," Vincenti said as he stood in a warehouse surveying the half-built float he designed to transport this year's queen.

"People work 361 days a year so they can have their four days of Carnival."

The Rio de Janeiro Carnival is famous for its gyrating and often nearly naked dancers, multicolored floats and samba schools, while Carnival in Trinidad is renowned throughout the Caribbean for its festive spirit.

But hundreds of towns big and small throughout Latin America also celebrate the pre-Lenten festival each year, each in its own fashion, although nearly all feature street music and dancing and too much alcohol. In the Peruvian town of Puno, bands will blare and old firetrucks will parade together through the central square. In the Colombian port of Barranquilla, masked and costumed revelers will dance to pounding drums. And in Salvador, Brazil, trucks carrying bands known as trio electricos will slowly drive through the streets to entertain the celebrants.

Carnival celebrations take place throughout Bolivia, but the most famous site is Oruro, a mining city high up in the Andes and 400 miles west of Santa Cruz, where dancers dressed as devils wear masks adorned with toads, snakes and lizards and oversized eyes and horns. Santa Cruz Carnival matches Oruro in size, drawing hundreds of thousands of party-goers, and is far more tame than Rio's.

Last Sunday, for example, there was the children's parade, with dozens of tractor-drawn floats featuring plint-size queens and a cacophony of bands. Every kid along the parade route seemed to have a can of King Momo foam spray. "It's a popular festival in

which everybody in the world can participate," said Hugo Lozano, who was accompanying his five children as they walked along one of floats. "We came today so the kids can play." Lozano said after being nailed with a squirt of King Momo.

But beginning this weekend and running through Tuesday, when Carnival becomes a more serious sport. Lozano said after being nailed with a squirt of King Momo. "The afternoon and evening are just for adults," he said with a smile.

One of Santa Cruz Carnival's key events was the crowning last Saturday of a queen from among hundreds of contestants.

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U.S. plans low-key approach in return to Middle East role

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, which returns to Middle East peacemaking with the arrival of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in Jerusalem today, plans to take an initially low-key approach that would rely much more on the United States' public diplomatic burden, U.S. officials said.

Both Rice and President Bush have promised a higher level of engagement in the peace process in the aftermath of the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. But, at first, much of the U.S. effort will be symbolic or monetary — Rice tomorrow will announce the release of \$41 million in previously allocated funds to assist the Palestinian economy — as the administration waits to see whether the Israelis and Palestinians can build trust among themselves. Rice, for instance, will not attend the summit in Egypt on Tuesday between Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

The United States also will press Arab nations to step up fi-

nanical support for Palestinian reform. Despite soaring oil prices, all but three nations in the Arab League have failed to make promised payments to the Palestinian Authority, leaving \$400 million uncommitted, money administration officials believe can be used to help relieve Palestinian poverty and persuade militia members to retire.

Administration officials say they recognize the opportunity created by Arafat's death and the strong desire by European allies that the United States play a more active role. But Bush administration officials also are disdainful of the Clinton administration's deep involvement in the peace process, which they believe amounted to micromanaging. Rice has rejected the idea of creating a high-powered negotiator, similar to Dennis Ross in the Clinton years, though she may establish an office within the Bureau of Near East Affairs to monitor events.

A special envoy is a "tactical question" that is not called for at this point, a senior administration official said yesterday.



Within three months the U.S. political system has come full circle: A presidential campaign, an inauguration, a State of the Union address and now - another presidential race. Possible Democratic candidates, top row, from left are, former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards; Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack; former Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.; and Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del. Bottom row, from left: New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson; Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.; and Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind.

2008 presidential hopefuls test water

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - In the course of three short months, the political system has come full circle: a presidential campaign, an inauguration, a State of the Union address and now this - another presidential race.

A dozen or so ambitious Republicans and Democrats already are warming up for 2008.

Former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards is taking on poverty and showing off a new stump speech. Republican Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts

has donated more than \$250,000 to GOP causes, collecting political IOUs while planning visits to early voting states.

Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Indiana is hiring veteran operatives and talking up donors.

No list could be made without mentioning Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., two political Goliaths who cannot make a move without being accused of presidential posturing.

Many, many people on both sides will spend the next couple of years putting themselves in a position so they can decide whether or not to run," Bayh adviser Anita Dunn said.

"If two years from now, you're just getting started on building a political team, two things will happen: All the top talent will be gone and, more importantly, you'll start out with a team that's not cohesive," she said.

Wasting no time, Bayh has begun to put together a presidential-style political team. It includes Paul Maslin, pollster for Howard Dean's failed presi-

idential bid, and Steve Bouchard, a leading organizer in New Hampshire, traditionally the site of the first presidential primary.

Edwards was in the Granite State on Saturday to speak about his fledgling Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity. The North Carolina-based program will give Edwards a public platform and a cause, two things he will need to remain politically viable after leaving the Senate last month.

While saying he has not decided whether to seek the presidency, Edwards sounded like a man who is putting a lot of thought into what makes voters tick.

"People are looking for strength and conviction, a core set of beliefs that we stand behind," Edwards said in an interview previewing his speech to Democratic activists.

"I just believe that what the American people need in their leaders is to know where they stand. They may not know the nuance of the policy, but they know where that person wants to take the country," Edwards said.

Asked if President Bush passed that gut-check test with voters, Edwards paused before answering. "I don't think that's true, but there are a lot of people who do," he said.

Edwards did not want to say why his former running mate, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, is faulted for lacking conviction and vision. "I think that's a complicated question," Edwards said. "Others can respond to that. I actually think John Kerry was a very good man and would have made a very good president."

Meth affects users' smiles

The Associated Press

MARVILLE, Mo. - Jeffrey Loishaw lapsed regularly. He brushed faithfully, sometimes four or five times a day.

All that care makes his condition seem incomprehensible - at the age of just 33, Loishaw's grin is toothless. His teeth all broke apart, tarnished with yellow and black.

"Before I started doing meth, I didn't have a cavity in my head," said Loishaw, imprisoned on drug charges at Missouri's Marville Treatment Center.

The growing use of highly-addictive methamphetamine throughout the country is creating a prominent scar on an increasing number of users - rotting, brittle teeth that seem to crumble from their mouths.

Methamphetamine can be made with a horrid mix of substances, including over-the-counter cold medicine, fertilizer, battery acid and hydrogen peroxide.

Together, the chemicals reduce a user's saliva, which neutralizes acids and physically clears food from the teeth, said Dr. Eric Curtis, an Arizona-based spokesman for the Academy of General Dentistry.

"When the saliva isn't flowing, the bacteria build up a lot faster," said Dr. Darrell Morton, an Atlanta dentist.

Meth users may also neglect their teeth, or moisten their dry mouths with high-sugar drinks,



Inmate Jeffrey Loishaw flashes his toothless smile at the Marville Treatment Center in Marville, Mo., on Jan. 26. Loishaw lost his teeth as a result of methamphetamine use.

and anxiety caused by the drug prompts them to grind their teeth, which speeds decay.

The problem is particularly noticeable among inmates, whose oral problems have some prison systems struggling to

provide dental care. "They're rotting teeth, missing teeth, rotting way into the gums," said Kathy Bachmeyer, the head of medical services for North Dakota's prisons. "It's ugly."

Edwards makes poverty center of his political life

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - Former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards getting the 2008 campaign cycle off to an early start, said Saturday that poverty "is one of the great moral issues of our time" and he pledged to help fight it.

"It may seem like an impossible goal to end poverty, but that's what the skeptics said about all of our other great challenges," he said. "If we can put a man on the moon, conquer polio, and put libraries of information on a chip, then we can end poverty for those who want to work for a better life."

The setting of Edwards' speech was as notable as its content. A visit to New Hampshire, traditionally the site of the lead-off presidential primary, is the first public sign that a politician is considering a White House bid.

Edwards, who led the Senate last month, said in an interview that he has not decided whether to seek the presidency. His focus

is helping his wife, Elizabeth, recover from breast cancer, he said.

In a text of his address to Democratic activists, Edwards said he will open an anti-poverty center in North Carolina. "We don't pretend to have all the answers," but "I can promise you this: We will ask the hard questions," he said.

Edwards took issue with critics of his party. "Don't tell me Democrats don't stand for anything. We do. We stand for work and opportunity. We know when something's right. And we know when something's wrong."

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Judge rules couple may sue for wrongful death

Case involves discarded frozen embryo

CHICAGO (AP) — A couple whose frozen embryo was accidentally destroyed at a fertility clinic has the right in Illinois to file a wrongful-death lawsuit, a judge has ruled in a case that some legal experts say could have implications in the debate over embryonic stem cell research.

In an opinion issued Friday, Cook County Judge Jeffrey Lawrence said "a pre-embryo is a 'human being' ... whether or not it is implanted in its mother's womb."

The suit was filed by Alison Miller and Todd Parish, who announced plans to have a child in January 2000 at the Center for Human Reproduction in Chicago. Their doctor said one embryo looked particularly promising, but the

Chicago couple were told six months later the embryos had been accidentally discarded. In his ruling, Lawrence relied on the state's Wrongful Death Act, which allows lawsuits to be filed if unborn fetuses are killed in an accident or assault. "The state of gestation or development of a human being" does not preclude taking legal action: the act says.

Lawrence also cited an Illinois state law that says an "unborn child is a human being from the time of conception and is, therefore, a legal person."

"There is no doubt in the mind of the Illinois Legislature when life begins," Lawrence wrote.

Another judge had thrown out the couple's wrongful-death claims, but Lawrence reversed that decision, partly because that judge did not explain his

decision at the time. An attorney for the fertility clinic said an appeal would likely be filed.

"The decision could curb reproductive research," said Colleen Connell, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Chicago. Connell expects the ruling will be overturned on appeal.

"It may be groundbreaking, but it's the wrong decision," Connell said. "No appellate court has ever declared a fertilized egg a human being in a wrongful-death suit."

Stem cells can potentially grow into any type of human tissue. Many scientists believe they could someday be used to repair spinal cord injuries and treat some diseases. Anti-abortion groups oppose such research because it involves destroying embryos, and the Bush administration has severely restricted federal stem cell funding.

Volcker scrutinizes Annan documents in son's role in oil-for-food program

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators probing alleged corruption at the United Nations oil-for-food program are scrutinizing thousands of pages of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's documents, including e-mail and phone records, to determine whether he exerted influence in securing a contract for a Swiss company that employed his son.

Paul Volcker, the head of the independent investigation, confirmed the document search and told The Associated Press that new information had led investigators to delay publishing their findings about Annan's son Kojo, whose activities have embroiled the U.N. chief in the growing scandal.

"There were things that came along that threw us back," Volcker said in an AP interview. The United Nations' oil-for-food program was its largest humanitarian aid operation and ran from 1996 to 2003 when it ended. It was designed to allow the former Iraq government to sell limited amounts of oil in exchange for humanitarian goods as an exemption from sanctions



Kofi Annan

in place since 1991.

Dr. Mohamed El-Baradei, Iraq's trade minister, said on Saturday that more has yet to be revealed about specific individuals' roles in the scandal. He did not specify any names in his comments, made to Associated Press Television News.

"There are a lot of names, and I hope there will be some fairness on that — not to shut out the light, and put this in the dark under the covers," al-Baradei said. Annan initially had been a "huge success" in helping ordinary Iraqis contend with U.N. sanctions imposed on Saddam's regime after the 1991 Gulf War.

Problems began when Iraq began imposing a surcharge on contracts for goods bought under the program, he said. "A lot of companies refused to do this, so a lot of them actually withdrew from that program," he said.

Both sides in Social Security debate mobilize

The Washington Post

OMAHA, Neb. — It wasn't long after the White House announced plans to barnstorm five states to tout the president's Social Security proposal that the opposing forces began to mobilize. In Nebraska, that meant stepping off an airplane in Nebraska to organize a protest rally. Pannett is a foot soldier in what promises to be the most contentious domestic policy fight since welfare was restructured. Dispatched by the left-leaning Campaign for America's Future, he helped muster a hardy band of protesters to prove a counterpoint to Bush's pitch Friday morning at the Ovest Center here.

"This certainly is an issue that won't be conceded," Pannett said between events. "I'm just out here building an ad hoc organization." Nebraska, one of the reddest of the red states, is an important state in the calculations of the White House and its opponents alike. A state that backed Bush in November by 2 to 1, it has a Democratic senator the Republicans consider vulnerable to persuasion. Four other states and dozens of congressional districts are also being targeted by the White House, Democrats and interest groups engaged in the Social Security debate.

Here, the object of the Republicans' attention is Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson. Alone among 44 Democratic senators, Nelson declined to sign a letter last week objecting to Social Security changes that would increase the federal deficit. And alone among seven Democratic senators targeted during Bush's two-day campaign trip, Nelson asked that the senior citizens' lobby AARP not publish its latest ad — "Thank you, Senator, for protecting Social Security" — in his home state's papers, said the AARP's policy director, John Rother.

Nelson took a front-row seat Friday to hear Bush praise him as someone "willing to put partisanship aside to focus on what's right for America." But he has said that the president has left important questions unanswered. He wants to hear more before he decides.

Both sides are giving him plenty to listen to. In January, AARP ran a series of newspaper ads around the country questioning the wisdom of the personal investment accounts proposed by the president. The campaign helped generate 550 calls and 290 letters to Nelson's office by the end of last week. Opponents of Bush's proposals swamped supporters by 9 to 1.

Senate Democrats mobilized after Bush made Social Security restructuring the domestic centerpiece of his State of the Union address and announced that he would make a five-state tour this week. But Nelson decided he was not ready to speak out, which was the subject of considerable debate at a strategy session in the office of Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., on Monday. Top advisers to each of the seven targeted senators gathered there to plan their response.

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Revolutionary stroke medication sees limited use

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ten years ago, a crucial study proved that a drug could limit the damage from one of nature's biggest brain wrecks: a blood clot stuck inside the head.

The drug, TPA, was so powerful at dissolving blockages threatening to destroy regions of the brain that the first patient to get it, a 67-year-old man, regained the ability to walk and talk half an hour after it started flowing through his veins.

"The nurses at the bedside started crying. It was very dramatic," recalled Dr. William Barsan, who treated him.

TPA remains the sole drug approved for strokes. Yet only about 3 percent of victims get it.

Usually that's because they don't seek help until it's too late for the drug to do any good — three hours after symptoms start.

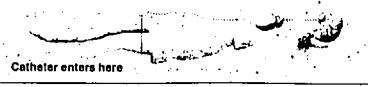
However, fresh research documents disturbing problems that keep this lifesaving treatment from reaching the roughly one in five stroke victims who do seek help in time.

Studies presented at an American Stroke Association conference last week found that:

Speed is essential in stroke treatment

Doctors must act quickly in treating strokes. Patients who arrive too late for the clot-dissolving drug to be administered intravenously can have the drug injected directly into the clot by a catheter.

The drug, called TPA, can be administered with a flexible tube, a catheter, threaded through an artery.



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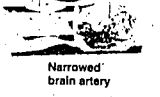
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• Operators answering phones at hospitals often don't recognize stroke symptoms and discourage callers from coming in for help.

• Ambulances routinely take people to the nearest hospital instead of one with the necessary equipment and expertise to give TPA.

• Emergency room doctors are afraid of the drug's potentially serious side effects, and are unwilling to use it even when test

Catheter Clot



Narrowed brain artery

results clearly show they should.

• Even specialized stroke centers designed to speed the drug to patients are missing many chances to get it right.

"It's like we've built a cascade of system failures here. Every place along the stream is another place something can go wrong," said Dr. Larry Goldstein, director of Duke University Medical Center's stroke program and member of a task force aimed at improving the situation.

The courts may provide added incentive to do so. Hospitals increasingly fear lawsuits if they fail to give the drug in time.

The consequences of missed opportunities are huge. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, behind heart disease and cancer. It's a chief reason for disability and forces many people to spend their final days in nursing homes, unable to walk, talk or see as they once could.

About 700,000 strokes occur each year, and nine out of 10 are due to a clot. Little could be done for them until doctors tried TPA, a medication used to dissolve clots causing heart attacks, for stroke.

The 1995 study, funded by the federal government, proved that it worked. Stroke victims treated with TPA were twice as likely to have a good outcome as those who were not. The Food and Drug Administration approved it for stroke the next year, and a move grew to treat strokes as "brain attacks," emergencies requiring swift treatment to prevent permanent

damage.

Dr. Lee Schwamm, associate director of Massachusetts General Hospital's stroke program, called it a landmark event. "It signaled the end of therapeutic nihilism, the idea that if you were having a stroke it was just too bad that you ought to go in a dark room and come out when it's over."

However, there is a dark side to this miracle-working medication. About 6 percent of stroke patients who get it develop bleeding in the brain, which is fatal half the time. This can be avoided by not giving it to those with bleeding ulcers, very high blood pressure or certain other


conditions.

But many emergency room doctors have been afraid to give TPA without neurologists to back up their judgment, and most hospitals don't have neurologists in the ER.

Studies show the consequences.

Dr. Toby Groppen, neurology chief at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, examined what happened at 14 New York hospitals participating in a state program to boost stroke care. They more than doubled TPA use, but from a mere 2.4 percent to 5.2 percent.

"We're moving in the right direction. It's a start," he said.



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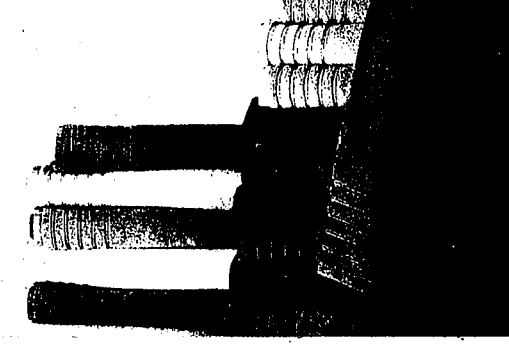
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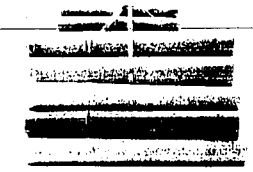
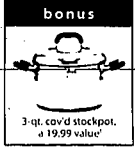
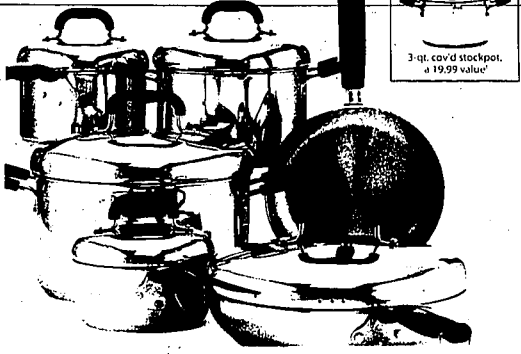
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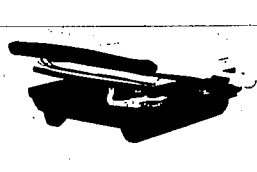
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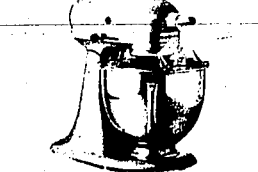
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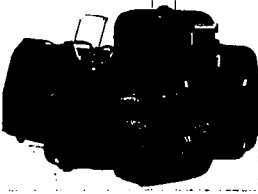
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Washington state considers law regulating body piercing

Legislation would require parental consent for minors

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Rebellious teenagers may soon have another reason to cause the establishment now that a law makes it easier to add Washington to the list of states that require parental permission before minors can pierce a body part.

Some professional piercers have such strict, almost lowest regulations in more than a dozen states that let youngsters come home with a tongue stud, navel ring or pierced eyebrow without approval from Mom or Dad. "We've teens coming in here who have issues, their piercings are all infected," said Jacob Willardson, the main piercer at House of Tattoo in Tacoma. "They're getting it themselves — either way, it's happening."

State Sen. Pam Roach wants to make sure it doesn't happen anymore. "A proposed law would make it a misdemeanor to pierce minors unless their parents give permission and are present when the piercing occurs," the latter, Roach said, almost guarantees that teens won't be getting pierced in inappropriate places. "Mothers just don't want to see that," Roach said.

The bill doesn't apply to ears. Several states already regulate body piercing with most requiring some type of parental consent for minors, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The penalties vary by state. People who illegally pierce minors in Louisiana could face hundreds of dollars in fines and up to a year in prison. In Delaware, rogue piercers can be charged with a misdemeanor and held liable for damages. The bill's primary purpose in Washington, Roach said, is to protect the young from infections and diseases from



Randolph Slaughter, a body piercer at Metro Body Piercing and Tattoo in Olympia, Wash., pierces the labret, or lower lip, of Ashley Fagernes, 18, Wednesday.

unsanitary piercing tools.

Beyond health, Roach added, the law will protect young people from a pain familiar to anyone bearing a tattoo of his ex-girlfriend's name — regret.

"We want to protect young people from decisions that may cause them disfigurement or consternation later in life," Roach said.

She added that teenagers may encounter difficulties finding employers who embrace that eyebrow ring, and piercings can leave scars once the jewelry is removed.

At Metro, a tattoo and body piercing shop in Olympia, Ashley Fagernes wasn't worried about jobs or scars. She recently celebrated her 18th birthday by adding a ring to her lower lip.

"I've always wanted something pierced, but my mom was against it," she said.

Fagernes has no problem with the bill, adding that she didn't try to get pierced until she moved out of her parents' house.

"She would have either kicked me out or made me take it out," Fagernes said.

Most professional body piercers support the bill.

Randolph Slaughter, the piercer at Metro, requires minors, to come in with their parents. The teenagers and parents have to show their own IDs, plus a document proving their relationship.

New piercings require scrupulous care to prevent infections, and Slaughter makes sure teenagers and their parents are ready for the responsibility.

"I'll even ask students if they have good grades," Slaughter said. "You have to be responsible enough to take care of it."

Police nab easy-mannered robber after spree in N.Y., Connecticut

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A suspect in a string of deadly jewelry store robberies was captured by police at a \$39-a-night motel just one block from police headquarters after officers surrounded his hideout and persuaded him to give up.

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

Police evacuated the motel before a city police negotiator reached DiMeo by phone. After about an hour of talks, an unarmed DiMeo surrendered, according to Maj. John Hunt of the New Jersey State Police.

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., authorities said. Authorities believe DiMeo chatted up store employees for as long as 45 minutes before the robberies, saying he was looking for an engagement 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 comes into the store and makes everybody comfortable. He's receptive and talkative, not just with the clerks, but with customers in the store," said Detective Sgt. Anthony Reppolone, spokesman for the Nassau County Police in New York.

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

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Recording industry sues deceased elderly woman

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The recording industry sued Gertrude Walton, accusing her of illegally trading music over the Internet as "smittenekitten."

But the lawsuit was filed more than a month after the 85-year-old woman died in December, and her daughter says Walton hated computers, anyway.

A group of record companies named Walton as the sole defendant in a federal lawsuit, claiming she made more than 700 songs available for free on the Internet.

Walton's daughter, Robin Chianumba, lived with her mother for the last 17 years, but her mother objected to having a computer in the house.

"My mother wouldn't know how to turn on a computer," Chianumba said.

She said she faxed a copy of her mother's death certificate to record company officials several days before the lawsuit was filed to it in response to a letter from the company regarding the upcoming legal filing.

"I am pretty sure she is not going to leave Greenwood Memorial Park (where she is buried) to attend the hearing," Chianumba said.

A Recording Industry Association of America spokesman said Thursday that Walton was likely not the smittenekitten it's searching for.

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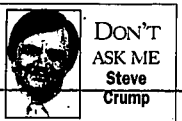
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What's wrong with the way I dress?

My favorite TV shows is a cable program on TLC called "What Not to Wear." Why? Because I'm eminently qualified, that's why. Actually, I'm overqualified. You know of it. Heck, I'm committing it still. I BELIEVE in frumpy. I BELIEVE in clunky. I BELIEVE in Clorox stains. It's who I am, and because of that I've developed a set of six personal fashion rules.

1. Jeans should always bug nicely at the ankle.
2. Dress-shirt collars, when buttoned, should effectively contact both lapel and vest.
3. Sneaker laces should be four times too long and perpetually untied.
4. One's overall fashion look should accent the fact that one has no hips.
5. One should never wear yellow mustard stains on a purple shirt, and a corollary to that: 5a. Neckties are merely silk napkins.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve
Crump

6. The end should never justify the jeans. Stacy and Clinton, the self-proclaimed fashion gurus on "What Not to Wear," will have none of that. They treat the average schmoe like the haggard in her or she is. But what do they know?

OK, they're both former editors at Mademoiselle magazine, but in the mid-1990s Clinton gave a "host" — that means "pitchman" — on QVC, which means that he hasn't always exactly embraced Nicole Miller.

5&C are obsessed with people dressing in the same "color palette," which I suppose means you can't mix Madras with glenplaid. Clearly, they've never bought anything out of a closet shopping basket at Wal-Mart.

On guys like me shaped like a gourd, Stacy and Clinton disdain horizontal stripes, AC/D&C T-shirts of any kind and jackets that are too long because, they say, they make our legs look too short. Short, my legs would look too long if I wore a Levi jacket.

Clearly, for all their Seventh Avenue sophistication, Stacy and Clinton don't understand the concept of "insouciance."

"Insouciance is a French term for, 'my socks don't match, and I don't really care.' Any insouciance, really, is no style, which Stacy at least should know.

Last year, Stacy was the guest host on a TLC program called "America's Ugliest Bathrooms." It so happened — now here's a surprise — that TLC found America's ugliest bathroom in Idaho Falls.

Stacy was charged with actually traveling to Idaho Falls to break the happy news to the homeowners. She was videotaped on their front sidewalk grinning. "Well, here I am in Idaho Falls, Eilatidaho."

It's a safe bet that, in addition to Third World plumbing, she witnessed in Eilatidaho Falls a kind of fashion sense that couldn't really care. Any insouciance, really, is no style, which Stacy at least should know.

Look, we're only one generation into the concept of "store-bought" but here, so the notion of tapered bit overalls, is

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg ¹ snowpack
Salmon	63% 40%
Big Wood	73% 48%
Little Wood	85% 54%
Big Lost	81% 50%
Little Lost	78% 48%
Henry Fork/Teton	80% 52%
Upper Snake Basin	73% 47%
Oak	85% 55%
Salmon Falls	85% 55%

As of Feb. 5

¹A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average. ²An index for the snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in late March.

Shelter eyes neutering program

For The Times-News

RUPERT — In the near future, dogs adopted from Minidoka County's animal shelter might not be able to add to the population of unwanted pets.

The county's animal control board has endorsed a spay and neuter program. Board members will now ask their cities to approve the program and enact the necessary ordinance to put it in place.

But the new program would also come with additional expenses. It would cost more than \$75 to adopt a dog, although the

final dollar amount has yet to be determined. It costs \$30 per adoption today.

While increasing that fee may reduce the number of adoptions and increase the number of dogs that will be euthanized, Debbie Bailey, who runs Mini-Cassia Animal Rescue and drafted the new proposal, said her research shows the number of euthanized dogs will decrease in five to seven years.

About 90 dogs are adopted from the shelter each year. However, in the month of January only one was adopted while 60 were put down.

People who think the increased adoption fee is too much should go to the shelter and watch Animal Control Officer Steve Mani euthanize unwanted dogs. Donna Cotten, a Rupert resident, said during last week's animal control board meeting.

"If you don't want to pay, you shouldn't have a dog," said Robert Christensen, the board's chairman and a Rupert City Councilman.

The board recommended one change to Bailey's proposal, which most likely will increase the adoption cost above the

\$76.25 she suggested. Bailey's proposal included \$1.25 for a parvo-distemper vaccination to be administered at the shelter when a dog is adopted. But questions regarding liability, manpower and whether shelter workers have to be certified to administer the vaccines were raised.

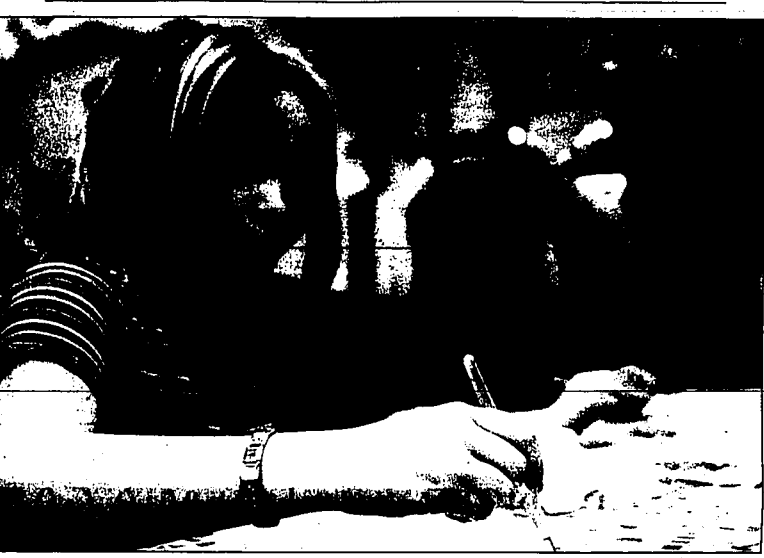
Bailey has agreed to check with Mini-Cassia's six veterinarians to see how much they will charge for the vaccination.

All six veterinarians already have agreed to perform spay and neuter surgeries for \$55, which is approximately half the

normal cost of spaying a female. Four of the veterinarians have agreed to each spay or neuter 12 dogs a year, and the other two have not set a limit on how many surgeries they will do, Bailey said.

All fees will be paid at the shelter when a dog is adopted, and the person adopting the dog will be given a certificate to take to a local veterinarian. The parvo-distemper vaccination will need to be given two weeks before the spay or neuter surgery. The veterinarian will be paid when the certificate is returned to the shelter, Bailey said.

NO CABIN FEVER HERE



Harley Nickles paints at the Hands On studio during the Cabin Fever Day festivities Saturday. Hands On opened its studio for the public to come in and paint little ceramic hearts in preparation for Valentines Day.

Day of activities draws out residents

By Rebecca Meaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two young girls could tell couch potatoes a thing or two about staying active.

"The pear is for my mom," said Mariah Gerber, 8, who carefully painted the bite-sized bisquit Valentine charms at Hands On, a paint-your-own-pottery studio.

"It's not very Valentine-y," said her friend, Alysa Stulberg, also 8.

To remedy that, Mariah etched in words from the heart: "Mom, I love you, Mariah."

The second-graders from I.B. Perini Elementary School had done here before noon Saturday than many people do all winter: rock climbing at Nazk-Zart, swimming at the YMCA/City Pool and more art at Carol Conover's open house.

The free public activities were part of Twin Falls Parks & Recre-

ation's Cabin Fever Day, a city-wide event that encouraged residents to get out, get active and get to know the area's offerings.

"It's kind of a tradition," said Billy Rutherford, who brought the two second-graders. "Every year all three of us do this. They planned it out last weekend and gave me the route and what time to go. They want to do everything, I go until they're done, then on to the next one."

This time, the trio had a new addition with the birth of Tyler,

who is almost 5 months old. As Tyler slept in his dad's arms, Hands On owner Robin Dober painted the bottom of the baby's foot in blue, then pressed a tile against it to make a footprint.

"It's going to be my brother's footprint for my mom," Alysa said.

"It's fun to paint," said Mariah, who wants to grow up to be an artist.

Alysa, too, said she might want to pursue a career in art. "A veterinarian or an artist,"

she said.

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— Robin Dober, Hands On owner

Jerome agencies plan to coordinate roadwork

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome Highway District and the city's Urban Renewal Agency are planning to coordinate repair efforts on a dangerous railroad crossing at the edge of city limits.

The stretch of 200 South Road from the railroad tracks to Lincoln Street South falls within the Urban Renewal Agency's boundaries.

"That stretch is hazardous," said Jerome City Engineer Scott Bybee. The Urban Renewal Agency plans to spend money to make improvements on it in May or June of this year. The highway district, meanwhile, is planning to improve a

1/2-mile stretch of 200 South Road as it approaches to railroad tracks near Wal-Mart from the other side.

The two agencies have agreed that it would be advantageous to complete the construction on the railroad crossing at the same time since both plan to build up the grade approaching the tracks from opposite sides.

Lefroy Lewis, the Jerome Highway District's road supervisor, recently made a pitch for financial assistance from the Urban Renewal Agency, but the request was turned down. The highway district's repairs have been estimated to cost \$1 million.

Geni Martins, an engineer with Twin Falls-based ERM Engineers Inc., said with the

approval of the highway district's board, the construction project could be moved ahead so it's done at the same time as the Urban Renewal Agency-financed project. That way both agencies could pool resources.

The Jerome Highway District had been planning to perform its construction work in two parts with the first phase beginning as early as 2007.

Bybee said representatives from the highway district and Urban Renewal Agency could meet, estimate budgets, coordinate and get a firm commitment from Eastern Idaho Railroad to be allowed to make repairs at the same time.

Lewis said the highway district could probably get enough extra gravel and paving materials for the railroad crossing at a bulk price from a contractor working on another highway district project.

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Staff would later glaze the bisquit charms, then load them into the kiln.

"There's a lot going on downtown culturally," said Dober's husband, Tony Prater. "This kind of fits in with that."

Times-News writer Rebecca Meaney can be reached at 735-3255 or at meaney@magicvalley.com.

Sidewalk talk gains momentum

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Residents along Seventh Street North in Buhl say they want new sidewalks, but they don't want the bill.

The discussion was brought to the attention of the City Council last November by two siblings, Jed Wilde, 10, and his 8-year-old sister, Veronica.

After Jed said a car just drove over a hole while walking home from school one day, the pair gathered 160 signatures on a petition for new sidewalks and delivered them to the City Council.

During a recent public information meeting among city officials and Seventh Street North residents, they discussed the potential costs of installing

new sidewalks — between \$500 and \$120,000 for one side of the street, and between \$170,000 and \$210,000 for both.

Four blocks of Seventh Street, located between Linden Street and Sawtooth Avenue, are currently being considered in the project. The block between Poplar and Linden has existing sidewalks.

"We have a lot of health problems and are on a fixed income," resident Jim McGee Montgomery said. "I signed the petition because I know it is for the safety of the children, but I know we can't afford very much either."

The majority of Seventh Street residents at the public meeting said they supported the placement of new sidewalks but not necessarily paying for them.

This was the first of numerous meetings the City Council will hold on the issue. Mayor Barbara Glitzen said.

"We need to know how people feel, but we know with direction to go," Glitzen said. "We will be working with our city engineer on grant funds and working with the school district."

The fate of the sidewalk issue likely will hinge on the availability of grant dollars.

The project would include widening the street 3 to 4 feet and constructing curbs, gutters and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk, City Engineer Scott Bybee said.

"We desperately need the sidewalk," resident Fay Ross said.

But in the meantime, she wants traffic slowed down.

The consensus of participants at the meeting was that the speed limit needs to be lowered to 15 to 20 miles per hour on Seventh Street.

Vehicles tend to pick up speed going down the street, resident Jim Elliott said.

It's all for lowering the speed limit, but would a new sidewalk be built on the opposite side of the street so it's not 2 feet outside my door," Elliott said.

Seventh Street resident Veronica Glitzen is a school bus driver. Rerouting buses down another street has been a topic of the bus company, but "there are children on all those streets," Sheen said.

Some residents questioned why curbs and gutters were not part of the new high school construction project. The district property adjacent to Seventh Street is not part of the construction zone. "I don't see why we wouldn't do both sides of the street," resident Scott Wilde said. "Why do I hate the project." Please see **SIDEWALK**, Page B7

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SERVICES

Dora C. Price of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1255 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends and family may call one hour before the service. Graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Challis Cemetery in Challis, where friends and family may gather before the service (Ras-

mussen-Funeral Home, Burley).

Carol Mae Swenson, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Denairy's Gooding Chapel.

Melvin Johnny Coleman of Twin Falls, memorial service at

2 p.m. Friday at the Amazing Grace Fellowship.

Patricia Ann Young Holthugh, of Filer, graveside funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Shoshone Cemetery; celebration of life will follow the service at the Shoshone Methodist Church.

DEATH

NOTICES

Mary Lena Orahood

BURLEY - Mary Lena Orahood, 94, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Kerry Kawamoto

TWIN FALLS - Kerry Kawamoto, 57, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Della Munoz

JEROME - Della Munoz, 56, of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005.

Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome. A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Semanko named head of water resources group

BOISE (AP) - The executive director for the Idaho Water Resources Association will take the reins of the National Water Resources Association, marking the first time by more than three decades that an Idahoan led the group.

Norm Semanko was elected to serve a two-year term as the organization's vice president, and during the association's recent annual convention was elevated to president.

The association represents the interest of irrigators and other water users throughout the west and brings these interests to the attention of national lawmakers. The NWRA "concerns itself with water resources policy and development."

"I am deeply honored to head the NWRA but, more importantly, I also believe it to be an honor that can serve my state because it will allow me to keep Idaho's water issues in the forefront of the national political leadership," Semanko said.

Headquartered in the Washington, D.C., area, the association's membership includes rural water districts, municipal water entities, companies and those concerned with water policy and land resources on a national level.

Semanko also sits on the Western States Water Council as Idaho's only private sector representative. Council delegates are chosen by the governors of the 18 western states.

Before being named to head NWRA, the University of Idaho graduate worked in the natural resources field as a legislative assistant and field staffer for Senator Larry Craig in Washington, D.C., and northern Idaho.

Thank you from the family of **Tony Pierce & Sister Barbara Gonzales** for the outpouring of love and sympathy.

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Gaylia C. Matthews Mehrer

DECLO - Gaylia C. Matthews Mehrer, a 55-year-old resident of Declo, left this earthly existence, surrounded by her family, to join her Father in Heaven on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, following a courageous battle with cancer.



The daughter of John "White" and Nelda Hill Matthews, Gaylia was born June 29, 1949, in Burley, Idaho. Gaylia was a graduate of Declo High School, where she was active in many organizations. After graduating from Declo, she attended the LDS School of Business in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she met and married John L. Swanson. Together, they had two children, Rich and Robin. They later divorced.

Gaylia loved the outdoors, gardening, rafting and camping with a roaring fire and good hot-dog roast. Her husband and her companion of 21 years, she enjoyed the last 15 years in Washington, where she helped the desert bloom into a beautiful two-acre yard of greenery and flowers that were admired by all who were able to witness it. As her illness progressed, she sadly left her wonderful gardens to return to Idaho, into the loving arms of her family. She is survived by her two

children, Rich L. (Dawn) Swanson of Baton Rouge, La., and Robin (Gary) Thoren of Declo; her grandchildren, Brogan, Bayley and Bryana Thoren; and Nathan Sparks; her mother, Nelda Matthews of Declo; three brothers, Mike H. (Nan) Matthews, Scott (Sherril) Matthews and John (Toni) Matthews; three sisters, Joan (Harvey) Bell, Janet (Randy) Brackenbury and Shirley Matthews; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, John "White" Matthews; a sister, Karen Matthews; and a nephew, Brad Matthews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at the Declo State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Steven Darrington officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Perry Alan Tracy



TWIN FALLS - Perry Alan Tracy, age 51, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 22, 1953, at Rupert, Idaho, the son of Weidon B. and Dorothy A. Nelson Tracy. Perry was a longtime resident of the Magic Valley, graduating from Burley High School and serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the New England States Mission. Upon returning he entered the United States Army where he honorably served his country. On May 1, 1975, he married Raymond Lambert in the Idaho Falls Temple. He loved the outdoors, camping, hunting, fishing, Dutch oven cooking and was a avid scouter with the Boy Scouts, serving as scout master, a po-

sition that he loved and honored. Perry was employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a medical technologist.

In addition to his wife, Raymond of Twin Falls, he is survived by his children, Raymond (Brenda) Tracy of Chubbuck, Idaho, and Joseph

(Kimberly) Tracy of Twin Falls; three grandchildren, Sierra, Savannah and Krystal; mother, Dorothy A. Tracy of Chubbuck, Idaho; brothers, Vaughn (Pam) Tracy of Twin Falls and Oscar (Melodie) Tracy of Chubbuck, Idaho; sisters, Angeline (David) Jones of West Point, Utah, and Bonnie Tracy of Burley, Idaho; four nephews; one niece; and one great-niece. He was preceded in death by his father and one niece, Sarah Tracy.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the 8th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St., Twin Falls, with Bishop Mark Lyden officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" and from 9 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow the services at 2 p.m. Monday at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Lillie Ann Merrill

TWIN FALLS - Lillie Ann Merrill, age 92, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center following a recent illness.

She was born Sept. 25, 1912, in Nine Mile, Tenn. She and her family moved to Idaho in the 1920s.

Lillie is survived by four children, Jean Carrington, John Bybee, Larry Bybee and David Bybee, along with two brothers, Edgar and Eldon Burgess; and a sister, Mary Ellen Partin. She was preceded in death by three husbands, Claud Bybee, Bill Kibbee and Sam Merrill,

along with a son, Lee Bybee.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at the West End Cemetery in Burley. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Jason Leigh Sellers



TWIN FALLS - Jason Leigh Sellers, 32, of Twin Falls, passed away suddenly Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jason was born Sept. 9, 1972, in San Diego, Calif. He grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls. Jason was a people person, and anyone he met became a friend. He worked in the Magic Valley at AgriTrend and the Sizzler Restaurant. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching all sports on TV. Jason loved playing golf, was an avid Lakers fan, but his true passion was baseball. He also shared a deep and abiding interest with his grandfather, Bill, in the Nebraska Huskers. In fact, they had matching tattoos as a remembrance. Jason has two daughters, Brevin and Chloe, that were very dear to his heart. No conversation ever passed when he didn't speak about each of them with pride.

The love of Jason's life was Lisa Williams. They were engaged and were to be married this summer. Jason was a wonderful son, brother, father and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Surviving Jason is his fi-

ancee, Lisa Williams of Twin Falls; daughters, Brevin Leanne Sellers of Boise, Idaho, and Chloe Grace Sellers of Twin Falls, Idaho; his dad and step-mom, Steve and Mary Sellers and mother, Robin Jensen of Twin Falls, Idaho; two brothers, Drew Sellers of Seattle, Wash., and Justin Reeves of Twin Falls, Idaho, and one sister, Kristy Sellers of Boise, Idaho; grandparents, Leonard Sellers, Bill and Loretta Jackson, and Frank and Yvonne Anderson, all of Twin Falls, Idaho; aunt, Kim (Richard) Reichman of Yuma, Ariz.; and an uncle, Robert (Lili) Jackson, U.S. Navy. Also sur-

viving are his many, many friends whom he loved dearly. His grandmother, Leola Sellers, preceded him in death.

The funeral for Jason will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Sommer officiating. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at the funeral home. Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the mornings hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die. -Anonymous

SCHOOL LUNCHES

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Tuesday: Mini pancakes
Wednesday: Pizza day
Thursday: Dinosaur nuggets
Friday: Tacos

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Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Little smokies
Friday: Doughnuts
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Beef and cheese nachos
Tuesday: Pigs-in-a-blanket
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: French dip sandwich
Friday: Taco salad

BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Monday: Doughnuts
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Breakfast burrito
Friday: Cereal
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Pigs in a blanket or scaburger
Tuesday: Turkey noodles
Wednesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or burrito
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Pizza or chicken square

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Doughnuts
Tuesday: Breakfast rolls
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Biscuits
Friday: Breakfast muffin
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese
Wednesday: Fish and fries
Thursday: Enchiladas
Friday: Chicken burger

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Chicken breast
Friday: Cook's choice

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Egg McMuffin
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Tomato soup
Thursday: Enchiladas
Friday: Rib-b-cue

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Cheese pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Turkey submarine
Friday: Chicken fillet

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: French bread pizza
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Turkey submarine
Friday: Chicken fillet

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: No school
Tuesday: Stew
Wednesday: Sloppy joes
Thursday: Taco
Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Sweet and sour chicken
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Ham and cheese omelet
Thursday: Enchiladas
Friday: No lunch

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Popcorn finger steak
Tuesday: Nachos supreme
Wednesday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Thursday: Hamburger deluxe
Friday: Crispy taco

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Granola bar
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch menu
Monday: Baked cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Fish sandwich
Thursday: Whipped potatoes with turkey gravy
Friday: Chili and crackers

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Toasters tarts or granola bars
Tuesday: Hashbrowns and scrambled eggs
Wednesday: French toast sticks
Thursday: Hot pockets or breakfast cookie
Friday: Breakfast burrito
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Baked or whipped potatoes with hamburger gravy
Tuesday: Chicken wrap
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce or Italian dunkers
Thursday: Popcorn chicken or chicken nuggets
Friday: Turkey noodle soup with ham sandwich

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Baked ham
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Pizza sticks
Friday: Turkey sandwich and soup

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Oatmeal
Wednesday: Bagel
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: Pop tart
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken fried steak
Tuesday: Hot Italian sub
Wednesday: Pepperoni hot pocket

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Pancakes and sausage
Wednesday: Italian dunkers
Thursday: Baked potato
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Oatmeal
Wednesday: Bagel
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: Pop tart
Lunch menu
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Deli sandwich
Thursday: Pigs-in-a-blanket
Friday: Chili and crackers

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Papa John's pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Cheeseburger
Wednesday: Chicken chunks
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Cream of potato soup

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Baked potato bar
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Ham and cheese potatoes
Thursday: Chicken pot pie
Friday: Taco

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast on a bun
Wednesday: Cheese toast
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Flaxseed pastry
Lunch menu
Monday: Pigs-in-a-blanket

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken patties
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: French dip
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Shepherd's pie

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Chicken fajita
Tuesday: Super nachos
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Sloppy joes
Friday: Chicken noodle soup.

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Muffin
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Doughnuts
Lunch menu
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Turkey
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Finger steak
Friday: Chili

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Link sausage
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Muffins
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Chicken fillet sandwich
Wednesday: Pepperoni or cheese pizza
Thursday: Italian dunkers
Friday: Tuna and noodles or beef ravioli

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken fried steak
Tuesday: Doggone chicken on a bun
Wednesday: Egg roll
Thursday: Frying taco
Friday: Chicken drumsticks

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cherry pie
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Muffins
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Mini corn dog

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Tomato soup
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Chicken patty
Thursday: Toast turkey
Friday: Hamburger

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Rib-b-cue on a bun
Tuesday: Hot dog
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich

Friday: Turkey stir fry

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Couple awaits hearing in child torture case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Faced with felony charges and gruesome allegations of torturing their own kids, John and Linda Dollar skipped a meeting with child welfare workers, piled into their Lexus SUV and pointed out of Florida.

It's not clear when they left, but the two kept a low enough profile to roam the country until Friday when police finally got permission to track their cell towers and discovered the pair 2,200 miles from their home in the craggy, remote southeast corner of Utah.

For now, the two are in jail in the 2,000-person town of Monticello, Utah, awaiting extradition to Florida.

They're accused of so severely malnourishing five of their seven adopted children, ages 12 to 17, that they weighed no more than elementary school children.

The children told investigators they were subjected to electric shocks, beatings and sexual abuse. Their teen-agers yanked out with pliers.

How the 58-year-old commercial real estate appraiser and his 51-year-old wife, who was a home school teacher, got there - and where they were going - remain a mystery.

But the two women were the first outlaws to fly in the vast, remote area - full of mountains, canyons and sprawling rock landscapes and nearly nudging the Four Corners.

Because of its geographic and social isolation, southeast Utah's San Juan County has been a popular destination for fugitives on the lam.

Monticello counts legendary outlaw Butch Cassidy as one of its most notorious purported inhabitants.

In 1998, a massive search for a fugitive accused in the killing of Cortez, Colo., policeman during a traffic stop ended there more than a year after it started. Though more than 500 officers combed the four corners area looking for Alan Pilon in the summer of 1998, his body was not found until the next fall, when hunters stumbled across the remains.

Justice sometimes comes slowly in Monticello, nearly 300 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

Because it's in such a remote area, the region is served by a roving court that meets in different towns, and is ordinarily convened in Monticello, where the Dollars are being held, just twice a month.

The San Juan County Sheriff's office said Saturday they're not sure when the Dollars would face a hearing, but that an emergency meeting may be possible.

Because the Dollars aren't charged with any crimes in Utah, investigators aren't going out of their way to find out how or why they got here, said George Rice, a correctional officer at San Juan County Jail.

Rice said the officers asked "non-investigatory" questions when they found the couple Friday after receiving an alert from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office in Florida.

Rice said San Juan County Sheriff's deputies were told the suspects could be in the Monument Valley area south of Monticello. They dispatched several officers, but found no trace of the Dollars until they started to head back.

There, on a stretch of highway 191 about 45 miles north of the Arizona border, deputies spotted the Dollars heading south. They were arrested without incident.

Though the area has seen its share of fugitives, some Monticello residents were surprised to hear the couple was found near them.

"I was telling someone (Saturday) morning of all the big town they went through to get here, and then to get picked up in a little old town in southeastern Utah."

— Dave Ketrone, worker at a convenience store in Monticello, Utah

The five were forced to sleep in a closet in the Dollars' bedroom because authorities took the children from their home late last month after one of them called for an ambulance.

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The couple accused them of stealing food and misbehaving. Citrus sheriff's spokeswoman Gail Tierney said, "They looked like the photos that we've seen of Auschwitz."

Tierney, describing 13-year-old twins, one weighing 36 pounds, the other 38 pounds.

The other two children were favored by the Dollars and uninjured, Tierney said. All seven are in the custody of the Department of Children & Families.

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 themselves behind fences and in pine groves and keeping a low profile.

The family had lived in Beverly Hills, about 85 miles north of Tampa, since August in a 3,800-square-foot home with a pool, spa and a three-car garage.

The case has puzzled neighbors, and the allegations of torture against the Dollars has drawn outrage from Florida officials.

"I hope they find them and I hope that they put them away for a long, long time," Gov. Jeb Bush told reporters Friday following an appearance in Hollywood, Fla. "It's disgusting."

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Idaho lotto reaps record returns

BOISE (AP) - Four Powerball jackpots that totaled \$100 million-tempted more state lotto players into buying tickets, a reason some say contributed to the record \$25 million the state lottery earned for Idaho and the 22 percent increase from the year before.

"For some reason, it creates that frenzy," Lottery Director Roger Simmons said. "While it helps us in terms of a business being able to sell its product, we are sensitive to the fact that we don't want to oversell a product."

The lottery is not asking for a higher budget next year, and the governor has recommended budget cuts for the agency because it made one-time purchases last year.

Regardless, members of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee questioned whether the lottery was preying on poor people and spending too much on marketing.

Simmons told leery committee members that the state lottery is morphing its advertising campaign to urge people to play "for the entertainment dollar and not the house payment."

House Appropriations Chairman Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, said the high payouts are above requirements, and that money would go to the schools if not paid to players.

Simmons said the money paid out is adjusted to bring in sales.

business, and businesses will run that way. They will give more back in order to take more in," he said. "The simple answer is that we believe that if we didn't pay more back to the player, the dividend wouldn't be as high."

Since it was created by voters in 1989, the Idaho lottery has brought more than \$250 million in dividends to public schools and buildings, lottery officials say, with half of that amount specifically earmarked for public schools.

Last year, schools shared \$12.5 million.

Simmons said the lottery is

looking into creating a toll-free hot line jointly with Idaho tribes operating gaming facilities to offer counseling and referrals to help gambling addicts.


"I don't think we have that big of a problem. I just want to get ahead of the curve," he said. He said the lottery informs customers of the true odds of winning - like the 120 million-to-1 odds of winning the Powerball.

"So don't go out and mortgage the house," Simmons said. "If you're playing this to get rich, don't spend the dollar. I tell people we sell daydreams."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Both romantic and professional partnerships thrive under these celestial conditions. Count on others to provide just what you need to achieve goals. Mutual respect aids mutual success.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Ask for favors or seek referrals, as your reputation and public image are enhanced. You are wiser than usual, so set reasonable objectives for the year ahead and the future will unfold as planned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You possess a lucky charm where the law is concerned. Make prospective in-laws for the first time, make romantic commitments or start creative projects while a generous mood prevails.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Generosity and respect make home fires burn a bit more brightly. Make "family first" your motto and you will be as-

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sure of substantial support in return. Promises made now will be honored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are a big thinker today with the ability to visualize the future clearly. Gain cooperation from others to attain your goals. Relationships of all kinds run smoothly and apologies will be accepted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The alignment of the sun and Jupiter today should provide a solid boost to your finances if you take advantage of a job offer or a lucky break. People will be in awe of your good judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be successful if you ask for forgiveness or attempt to mend a troubled relationship today. Innocent games at home and exploring local attractions might appeal to your sense of fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use helpful planets to put important plans into motion. Plant a few seeds in your financial garden or ask for assistance to put career goals into high gear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Honest communication is emphasized. Good judgment or advice is there for the taking if you merely pick up the phone or ask the question. A helpful friend might give you a valuable hint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your judgment is better than usual and people are more willing to give the benefit of the doubt. The truth will emerge, so it is best to be honest and forthright and start with a clean slate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be firm in your beliefs. Feedback from others will help you assess your strengths. It is time to express your gratitude toward important others who have given you a helping hand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The attention you receive in the professional arena might seem negligible, but will subtly strengthen your net worth over time. Don't overlook opportunities or offers from others.

To understand ocean tides, think about the playground

Despite being landlubbers, most of us have no doubts as to why the moon is primarily responsible for ocean tides. Less understood is why there are two tides each day — one facing towards the moon and one facing away.

No less an intellect than Galileo was confounded by this mystery.

Yet our childhood experiences at the playground can provide the answer. Contrary to common wisdom, the moon doesn't actually orbit the earth.

Rather, both earth and moon orbit a common point. Like the big kid on the seesaw, the earth must sit closer to the pivot point to produce a balance — so close, in fact, that both the earth's and moon's centers orbit a point about 1,000 miles below the earth's moon-facing surface.

The moon-facing ocean feels the greatest pull because tidal forces increase rapidly with decreasing distance, and the water under the moon is the closest part of earth to the moon.

The tidal bulge facing away from the moon is trickier. It feels the least tidal pull because it is furthest from the moon, but the moon pulls it down, not up. It bulges up because it is furthest from the balance point, and feels the greatest centrifugal force away from the earth's center. The tide is like the kid on the edge of the earth-moon merry-go-round.

The combined earth-moon gravity is trying to hold the tide down, like the kid's hands holding on for dear life. But centrifugal force still manages to create the second tidal bulge, like the kid's



SKY WATCH
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Sky calendar

- Planets:
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body involuntarily leaning away from the merry-go-rounds center. As complicated as this may seem, it's just the tip of the iceberg.

Tides don't point exactly at (or away from) the moon because the spinning earth drags them forward. Thus high tide arrives before the moon is most nearly overhead. The shape of the ocean basins and the shoreline modify the tide as well, and the sun contributes nearly half as much to the tides as the moon. But that's a topic for a future column.

Next week: The 75th anniversary of Pluto's discovery.

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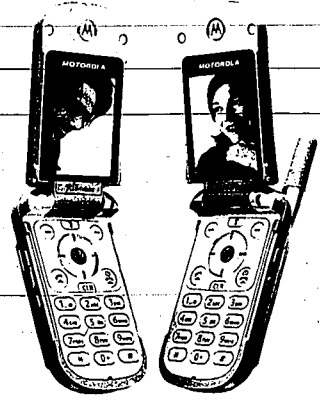
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USDA pays cattlemen in I.D. program

TWIN FALLS - Cattle producers who assist the U.S. Department of Agriculture in getting a national animal identification system in place will be paid for their efforts.

The initiative - Northwest Pilot Project - is a seven-state program, which includes Idaho, funded by USDA.



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Lorrie Lickley, left, rancher and feedlot owner in Jerome, hashes out the details of animal identification protocol with Jim Grant, cow/calf producer from Hazelton.

Bean Commission, and Kathy Stewart-Williams, coordinator of the Idaho Foundation Seed Program, said the growers and officials seemed enthused about doing more test plots in addition to the one in Navolato, Sinaloa.

"The reaction was just overwhelmingly positive,"

Stewart-Williams said. She said the irrigated seven-acre plot in Sinaloa, which was planted with 22 varieties of beans, performed well in the hot and humid climate of the area.

Zeyer said he's optimistic about the potential to eventually sell Idaho's high-quality certified seed beans there. Now,

Mexican farmers typically save seed from their commercial crops to grow the next year, which impacts quality.

Frozen potato stocks hit 11-year low

IDAHO FALLS - With Canadian spud stocks down, U.S. stocks up and US frozen inventories the lowest they have been in 11 years, growers are probably wondering what the numbers mean.

Paul Patterson, extension agricultural economist for the University of Idaho, said the relative magnitude of stocks - put in context of the demand - always should be looked at when analyzing the market.

"If demand stays the same and stocks decline, you would expect the market to react positive and prices to move up," he said.

The opposite would be true if demand is down, Patterson said.

With potatoes, the issue is more complicated due to factors such as potatoes sitting in cellars and french fry inventories already sitting in warehouses.

Oregon officer shoots, kills kidnapping suspect

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) - An Oregon man suspected in an attempted kidnapping was shot and killed by police Friday night, police said.

The 17-year-old kidnapping victim escaped and described her assailant and his vehicle to the police.

Officers found the man and attempted to pull him over. He ended up in the driveway of his home, officers said. No other information is available other than an officer fired at least one shot at the suspect and killed him.

The officer involved in the

shooting is an Ontario police officer, so protocol is that an independent agency conducts the investigation. Malheur County District Attorney Dan Norris said. "In this case, the Oregon State Police and Malheur County Sheriff's Office are doing the officer-involved shooting investigation."

The incident occurred just after 6 p.m. Authorities had not identified the victim or released his age as of Friday evening.

Authorities have not said whether the man was armed or whether he did anything to prompt the shooting.

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

In a four-day statewide sweep landing in five Idaho cities, the Idaho Cattle Association teamed with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and several private vendors of animal identification equipment to get producers the nuts and bolts of what's coming down the pike in the cattle business.

Getting paid to participate may be the best news they've had so far in a complicated system that nearly fully integrates computers, databases and cattle.

Case of Scrapie found in sheep flock in Rupert

RUPERT - It's a discovery no one wants to find, but identifying a case of scrapie in a Rupert sheep flock proves a national disease-management plan is working, said Idaho State Veterinarian Clarence Siroky.

Siroky, on Tuesday, verified the brain-wasting disease had been discovered in a ewe from an operation in Rupert. A comprehensive system of slaughter trackbacks, however, is keeping the disease under control, he said.

Because meat from slaughtered sheep is not allowed in the food chain until the animal's brain is examined and found to be uninfected, the discovery presents no food-safety concerns, Siroky said.

The diseased was identified in Mid-December, and the flock was "quarantined" until further testing is completed. The producer is cooperating with the investigation and testing, he said.

Snowpack falls behind expected accumulation

BOISE - With just two months to go in the snow accumulation period, snow is falling short in Idaho's mountains.

Just one region reported above-average precipitation during January, that's the Bear River in southeastern Idaho at 112 percent of average.

An unusual storm track that is bringing storms in from the south is favoring southern Idaho, especially southeastern Idaho this winter, said Ron Abramovic, a hydrologist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise.

SNOTEL sites in Nevada and Utah are doing even better. The headwaters of the Bear River, located in Utah, received 150 percent of average precipitation in January. Two sites in Nevada, one in the Salmon Falls watershed and the other in the Owyhee watershed, reported 120 and 170 percent of average precipitation, respectively.

Unfortunately, those storms did not push far enough into Idaho to help many areas. Even though one SNOTEL site reported 120 percent of average precipitation, the Salmon Falls basin average was just 71 percent. The Upper Snake, above Pallsades, was just 67 percent of average precipitation last month.

Idaho beans grow on Mexican markets

TWIN FALLS - About 150 Mexican bean growers and officials toured a demonstration plot of Idaho dry edible beans in Mexico Jan. 27 and seemed interested in the results, said two Idaho officials who helped host the tour.

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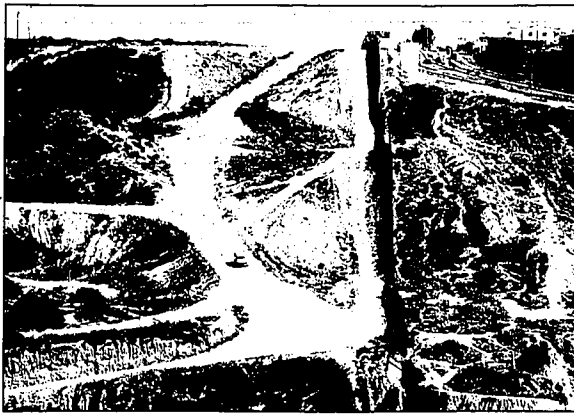
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Bill could settle border fence fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rugged fence and a canyon called Smuggler's Gulch mark the westernmost stretch of the California-Mexico border, a favorite crossing point for illegal immigrants and drug runners.

The federal government and several local Republican congressmen have been pushing for years to fortify the 3.5-mile stretch of border just north of Tijuana, Mexico. Their plan is opposed by California coastal regulators and environmentalists, who say it could harm a fragile Pacific estuary.

Now supporters may be getting closer to victory. A provision in an immigration bill expected to pass the House next week would give the homeland security secretary authority to move forward with the project regardless of any laws that stand in the way, and would bar courts from hearing lawsuits against it.



A U.S. Border Patrol vehicle goes down a steep road along the U.S./Mexico border above Smuggler's Gulch in Imperial Beach, Calif., Oct. 14, 2003.

"We need to get this thing done, and we need to do it for security reasons, and at some point we just need to do it," said House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., whose district is just north of the border.

But environmentalists and the California Coastal Commission oppose the plan. The agency that regulates the state's coastline, say the plan promoted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection is too extreme.

Among other provisions, it would allow the construction of Smuggler's Gulch and fill part of the deep canyon with 2 million cubic yards of dirt in order to build a road across it. The Coastal Commission voted down the proposal a year ago, saying it would erode soil near the federally protected Tijuana Estuary that's home to marshes, California brown pelicans and rare plants and birds.

"We're going to destroy our

environment in the name of fear," said Peter Douglas, the commission's executive director. "Frankly, there are ways that we can do both, protecting the environment and meeting the concerns of border control and homeland security."

Coastal Commission officials contended Customs and Border Protection didn't meet them halfway when they proposed alternatives, including switchback roads through the gulch.

A spokesman for Customs and Border Protection did not immediately respond to calls for comment Friday. But Hunter said environmentalists' demands were unreasonable.

"You could run a thousand

plans past some of these people. I don't think they understand the issues and I don't think they care," he said.

Rep. Bob Filner, D-Calif., whose district encompasses the border, disagreed.

"The waiving of all environmental rules for this is just criminal," Filner said. "It's just too extensive a trade-off for the limited security advantage."

More than 10 miles of the border between the Pacific Ocean and inland hills have already been fortified with fences, lights, motion sensors and beamed-up patrols. The border agency's apprehensions of illegal immigrants declined 88 percent from 1994 to 2003.

"The provision to finish off

the border barriers is part of immigration legislation introduced last week by House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., that would also prevent illegal immigrants from getting driver's licenses and make it harder for them to get political asylum.

The measures passed the House last year as part of the intelligence bill, but were struck from the final package. The bill is set for a House vote next week and is expected to pass.

How the fence provision would fare in the Senate is unclear. California's two Democratic senators have not announced their positions.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS



TWIN FALLS—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Joseph Jackson Baxter, 28, 4206 N. 1400 E., Butte; fail to appear—possession of a controlled substance, no plea entered; public defender continuing; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 16, \$7,500 bond; provide false information to an officer; plead innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Feb. 22; released on own recognizance.

Timothy Jay Kyle, 26, 117 Earl Drive, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; pretrial conference set for Feb. 22; posted bond—Lori Kawamoto, 27, no address listed, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14, \$5,000 bond.

Cary G. Jacobsen, 46, 251A S. 400 W., Jerome; driving under the influence; fail to purchase driver's license; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Feb. 22; released on own recognizance.

Elizabeth Anne Taylor, 40, no address listed, Twin Falls; fail to appear—driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender continuing; pretrial conference set for March 8; \$50,000 bond; fail to appear—driving without privileges; no plea entered; public defender continuing; sentencing set for March 1; \$1,500 bond.

Brian David Shortt, 44, 833 Fourth Street, Twin Falls; violation—driving without privileges, fail to provide proof of insurance; no plea entered; public defender continuing; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 24, \$5,000 bond.

Tia J. Irwin, 21, 870 Fourth Ave., Twin Falls; fail to appear—fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Feb. 22; released on own recognizance.

Sara J. Reynoso, 22, 560 Normal Ave., Burley; fail to appear—petit theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial set for Feb. 23; \$50,000 bond.

Anthony John Boudny, 46, 258 Grandview, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Feb. 22; \$500 bond; driving without privileges; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Feb. 22; \$1,000 bond.

Ruby F. Felt, 22, 11041 N. 17th Drive, Phoenix, Ariz.; trafficking in methamphetamine or amphetamine; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14; \$1 million bond.

Timothy A. Baker, 27, 620 S. Blue, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for March 29; \$1,000 bond.

Kevin L. James, 57, 801 W. Fifth St., Filer; trespassing; pleaded innocent; waived counsel; pretrial conference set for March 29; \$1,000 bond.

Epigenicio Guillen, 37, 524 Quincy St., Twin Falls; probation violation—possession of marijuana; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Feb. 14; \$2,500 bond; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 22; released on own recognizance.

Barbara K. Shaw, 41, 1300 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; fail to appear—possession of a controlled substance, fail to provide proof of insurance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Feb. 22; \$300 bond.

Shawn D. Daniels, 26, Cherrywood Apartments, No. 102, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14; \$5,000 bond.

Stephen Wesley Featherston, 33, 485 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls; battery; assault; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 22; \$2,500 bond.

Tommy Lloyd Sandlice III, 19, 192 Carey Ct., Twin Falls; violation under the influence; Jennifer E. Montano, 28, 8322 N. 60th Ave., No. 3, Glendale, Ariz.; drug possession; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 22; \$5,000 bond.

Ricardo R. Perez, 21, 326 Harrison, Twin Falls; probation violation—minor consumption of alcohol; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14; \$1,000 bond.

Raymond Fiddler, 38, 3440 N. 2000 E., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; provide false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 7; \$300 bond.

Adriana Marie Waggonman, 29, 1109 E. 13th St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 14; \$2,500 bond; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 22; released on own recognizance.

Cary G. Jacobsen, 46, 504 1/2 Pine, Sunnyside, Utah; under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; malicious injury to property; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 22; \$300 bond.

Juvenile school shooter spends time in jail as adult on different charges

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — The man who held his junior high school hostage with a gun seven years ago is spending 150 days in jail for allegedly having sex with a 14-year-old girl and recruiting youths to help him rob banks.

Jordan Parry, now 21, of West Point, was sentenced Thursday in 2nd District Court after pleading guilty to burglary and lewdness charges.

The latter charge will land him in the state's registered sex-offender list during his three-year probation and 10 years after it's completed.

Judge Thomas L. Kay stayed a prison term of one to 15 years for the burglary count if Parry successfully completes probation.

In February 1998, Parry, then 14, pulled out a handgun and shot into the ceiling of his school cafeteria. He held 20 students hostage for about half an hour until police offered him a car.

Parry was taking two students with him toward the car when an officer threw a flash grenade that stuns victims with bright light and noise. Officers were able to disarm Parry and take him into custody.

He was sentenced to a juvenile facility and later released.

On Thursday, Kay allowed the victims in the burglary and lewdness cases to speak before the sentencing.

One mother said she was concerned Parry could manipulate teenagers. Another said

her children are afraid of Parry and asked that Kay order the man not to contact them or family members, which the judge obliged.

Parry told the judge that his stay in jail awaiting sentencing has shown him how much he has lost. He said he was now the father of a 3-month-old boy and wants to turn his life around.

Parry allegedly kept stolen property from the burglarized homes until he heard the owners were offering rewards for his return, and then turned the items in for the money.

The three West Point Junior High students allegedly involved in the burglaries have been charged in juvenile court.

State adopts weapon of moth destruction

HAUSER (AP) — State and federal bug busters will use a lab-made insecticide to kill a tree-eating species of gypsy moth this spring.

Workers for the state Department of Lands found one male Asian gypsy moth in a trap near Hauser Lake in October and confirmed it's a more-destructive species than the North American gypsy moths previously found in Idaho.

The Asian gypsy moth feeds on over 500 tree species, including many western conifers, posing a serious threat to the region's forests, department entomologist Ladd Livingston said. The moth weakens trees, making them susceptible to disease and other insects.

"A major outbreak of the Asian gypsy moth would have a devastating impact on Idaho," said Ladd Livingston, entomologist with the Idaho Department of Lands. "It would harm the environment through the loss of millions of trees and the habitat they provide."

An outbreak of the Asian gypsy moth could affect Idaho's timber, agriculture and tourism industries by restricting the movement and sale of products, he said.

The lands department and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials are gearing to exterminate any other Asian gypsy moths that may be in the area with BTK — a bacteria found in the ground.

BTK will be produced in a laboratory and applied through aerial spraying over about 600 acres. It will settle on leaves and needles that are eaten by the gypsy moth caterpillar, which kills the insect.

Livingston said BTK is only harmful to caterpillars.

"It's extremely successful," he said. "It's been used in Idaho for three outbreaks of North American gypsy moths."

Environmental groups appeal document release denial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After being rejected for a public records request, two environmental groups have filed an appeal seeking documents from a lawsuit the state has filed with the federal government over road claims in the San Rafael Swell.

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and Western Resources Advocates this week petitioned the Attorney General's Office and the state's

geographic reference center to provide maps and other information that are connected to the state's RS2477 claims against the Department of Interior.

The two groups previously filed for the information under the Utah's Government and Open Records Act, but were rejected.

Last August, the state threatened to sue the federal government over what it claims

are a dozen miles-of-way in the Swell—a vast uplift of land chiseled into canyons, mesa tops and towering rock sentinels in south central Utah.

Two of the routes were closed for creation of the Mexican Mountain Wilderness Study Area in 1980. The others were closed by the Bureau of Land Management in 2003 as part of the agency's San Rafael Swell route designation plan for off-road-vehicle use.

Sidewalk

Continued from B1. think we can find grants for just sidewalks.

Resident Julie Escobedo expressed concerns that a sidewalk project would mean students would still be crossing the street.

Veronica Wilde agreed. "It's like cleaning your room," she said. "If you don't do it right the first time, your new federal money to do it over. You do it over and over until you do it right. Then you think you should have just done it right in the first place."

Although sidewalks are an

important part of city infrastructure, when water systems and wastewater systems throughout the state are failing "the bulk of the money tends to go to those systems — not to sidewalks and streets," Bybee said.

The project could involve some city and school funds, grants and a possible Limited Improvement District.

Property owners could approve an LID by a two-thirds majority vote for all or part of the cost of the project.

If the property owners turned it down, the city could

still go forward with an LID. Bybee said. "The process would be to construct the project, and then distribute the cost back to the property owners.

Payments could be stretched out over a 10-year period.

"The best case scenario is funds are available and we get it done before school starts next fall," Bybee said. "The worst — it takes four or five years to get it done."

Crump

Continued from B1. still a little fashion-forward to us.

Take away our T-shirts with writing on them and our gimmie-baseball caps, and we'd be naked.

Which, I'm sure S&C would agree, is a consumption deity to be avoided.

Idaho style is always a little, um, ad-hoc, which I suppose is why my uncle wore a trout

necktie with a Pendleton shirt to my great-grandpa's funeral. My aunt, who was appalled, chided Cleon for inappropriate attire on such a solemn occasion.

To which my uncle replied, "Hell, Lois, it's granddad's tie."

Steve Crump is The Times-News style editor. Not really, but he does own the only boutique in the building.

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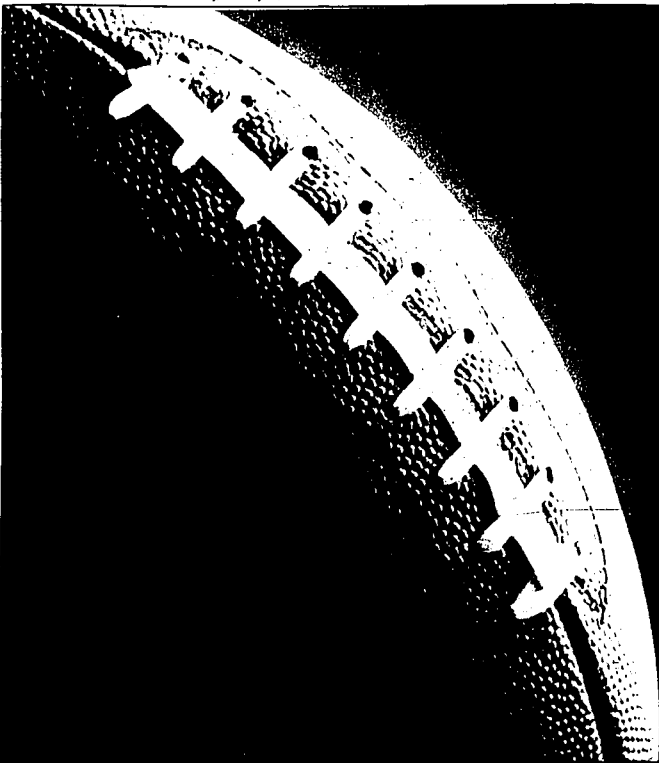
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Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens

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QUESTION: Which winning Super Bowl team was the first to receive a congratulatory telephone call in the locker room from a sitting U.S. president?

ANSWER: below

IN BRIEF

Freestyle ski event set for Feb. 12

ALBION — Pomerole Mountain will be holding an all-ages freestyle competition for skiers and boarders on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Minico Booster Club sets Monday meeting
RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Minico High School Library.

Spring mixed tennis league starts up

TWIN FALLS — The USTA plans a 2005 Spring Mixed League Tennis season for combined NTRP of 5.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 level players.

TFHS will host volleyball tournament

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is hosting a Bruin Bash Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament on Feb. 12.

Youth ranch slates basketball tourney

RUPERT — The 25th Annual Idaho Youth Ranch Basketball Tournament will be held in February and March.

T.F. Parks and Rec offers open gym

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is offering an open gym at Robert Stuart Junior High School on Sundays through Feb. 27.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

President Richard Nixon called quarterback Len Dawson after the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Minnesota Vikings, 23-7, in Super Bowl IV on Jan. 11, 1970.

Jerome finally gets past Burley

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

BURLEY — For the Jerome girls basketball team, the fourth time was the charm. After losing to Burley three times this season, including once in the playoffs, the Tigers finally found a formula that worked in defeating the Bobcats 33-25 Saturday in a loser-out game of the Great Basin Conference Tournament.

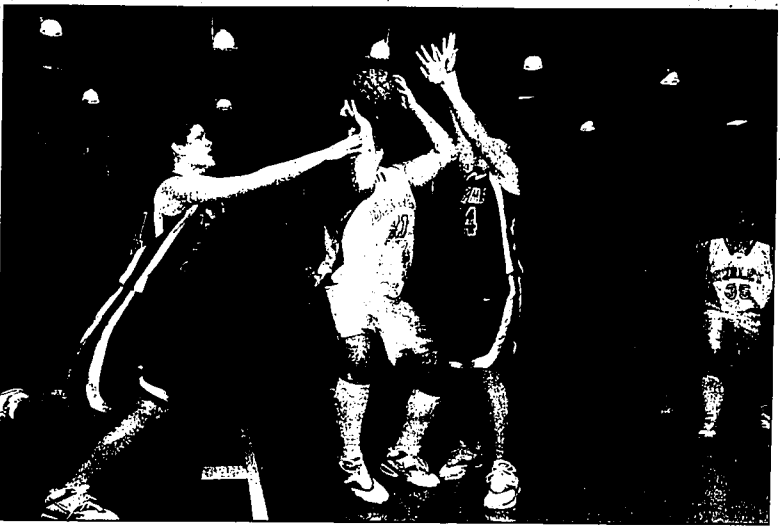
"When you play someone four times, both of you know what each other's trying to do," Jerome coach Will Harrison said. "There aren't too many surprises."

Second-seeded Burley (11-10 overall) defeated third-seeded Jerome (11-12) twice by double figures in the regular season before dropping the Tigers by nine points in the tournament opener.

This time, however, Jerome got the job done, mainly on the defensive end of the floor. The Tigers held the Bobcats to just 9-of-37 shooting for the game (24 percent) and just 3-of-23 in the second half (13 percent).

"Obviously, that's the tale of the tape there," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs, who ranked the Tigers as the second-best defensive team the Bobcats have faced all season.

"I just thought that we had a little more depth than they did and that we could wear them out," Harrison said. "This week,



Jana Hope and Jennifer Bingham of Jerome High School double team Kandace Dalton of Burley High School during a Great Basin Conference West loser-out girls basketball game Saturday at Burley High. The defending 4A state champions used the No. 2 seed Bobcats 33-25.

playing so many games, so many important games, I thought we could play more players and hopefully it would pay off in the fourth quarter."

"The Bobcats didn't do themselves any favors. Burley missed two layups early in the fourth quarter—and missed—several other wide-open looks at the basket with Jerome leading just 19-15.

"Jerome defensively is very good," Kerbs said. "But we also

missed shots from point-blank range. That's just part of the game."

The game became a free-throw shooting contest down the stretch. Just two field goals were scored in the final five minutes, 48 seconds while the teams combined for 13 trips to the foul line. Jerome, which has been shaky from the stripe this season, made the most of its opportunities. The Tigers converted on 10 of their 16 free

throws during that stretch in the game.

"When we get to the line, you just never know," Harrison said. "But we knocked some things down."

The defensive struggle between the teams didn't allow for a player to reach double figures in scoring. Jerome's Megan Parrish and Kandace Dalton of Burley each finished with eight points. Jerome will travel to play top-

seeded Minico in the tournament championship on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Table with sports scores for various games, including Jerome 33, Burley 25.



Chuck Bednarik, former Philadelphia Eagle Hall of Famer, photographed at his Cooperburg, Pa., home Friday. Bednarik shows his broken fingers against a signed Hall of Fame football as proof of his tough years playing football for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Bednarik wants Eagles to lose

PHILADELPHIA — Chuck Bednarik holds a grudge only slightly larger than his legacy as the last of the 60-minute men.

Known for his hard-nosed play and big hits, Bednarik is just as well-known for his biting, blunt diatribes about today's NFL. Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and any other topic that reminds him the game isn't the same as when he played.

He also is protective of his Hall of Fame legacy. While he boasts about playing both center and linebacker for part of his 14-year career, Bednarik is equally as proud to have played on the last Eagles team to win a championship (1960).

"That's why Bednarik is so rooting against the Eagles in the Super Bowl against New England. He has no desire to ever see the franchise win another title."

"I can't wait until the Super Bowl is over," said Bednarik, who plays for the Eagles from 1949 to 1967. "I hope the 1960 team remains the last one to win. I hope it stays that way."

Bednarik admits he's jealous and resentful about the salaries and spotlight today's players receive, calling them "overpaid and underplayed." Bednarik says he never made more than \$27,000 and supplemented his income with an afternoon job as a canteen, earning him the nickname "Canteen King."



Chuck Bednarik, of the Philadelphia Eagles, is shown in this undated file photo.

"I now would you feel sitting there knowing what transpired when I played?" said Bednarik, who lives in Cooperburg, Pa., and turns 80 in May.

Maybe Bednarik would keep his sentiments to himself if not for a dispute with the only team he ever played for. Bednarik's acrimony stems from a 1996 visit with Lurie when he asked the Eagles owner to buy 100 copies of his book at \$15 a pop, a total of \$1,500, or a "tip money," as the Hall of Famer described it.

Bednarik wanted Lurie to give the books to the team. He says Lurie refused because the Eagles aren't allowed to give the team gifts.

Bednarik has since distanced himself from the Eagles, only reluctantly showing up for a reunion because the organization surprised him by agreeing to his demand for a limousine.

Please see BEDNARIK, Page C5

Patriots can put dynastic touch on franchise with win Sunday

By Barry Wilner Associated Press writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — New England Patriots vs. Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl 2005, And 2006, And 2007.

Don't laugh. Both franchises are built to last, as much as any team can last in the topsy-turvy NFL of the salary-cap, free agency era.

Whether the Eagles win their first NFL championship since 1960 on Sunday, or the Patriots become the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years, both will be favorites to win conference titles next season. There is nothing fluky about either franchise.

"We try to use the same formula we use in business," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "And the primary thing is to get good people. And when you get good people who have long-term commitment and share your vision on how you want to do things, then good things can happen."

Such as dominating the NFL in the 2000 draft, but they also held onto Brady by keeping four quarterbacks that season, the only team to do so, Piloni said. And when Drew Bledsoe got hurt in the second game of 2001, it stepped Brady who has yet to lose a playoff game.

New England drafts well, particularly after the first round. Under the current regime, the Patriots have also gotten receiver David Givens, center Dan Koppen, cornerback Asante Samuel and defensive lineman Jarvis Green in the fourth round or lower. In the second round, they came starters Matt Light, Deion Branch and Eugene Wilson.

The Patriots search for a specific kind of player in the draft and, especially, in free agency. They always seem to find versatile, unselfish and eager to please players.

"The system is a system that a player has to be selfless, have to be extremely competitive be-

Table with NFL odds and scores for Philadelphia vs. New England.

But do they know football?

The following is a list of qualifications for today's Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles by College of Southern Idaho coaches and staff and The Times-News sports staff.

Eagles

- Glib Arnold
CSI men's basketball head coach
• Joe Paisley
Times-News sports editor
• Randy Rogers
CSI women's basketball head coach
• Karen Baumert
CSI sports information director
• Chris Steinbach
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• Kevin Colbert
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• Brad Gude
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Patriots

- New England is facing the possibility of losing clutch kicker Adam Vinatieri, receiver David Patten and starting guard Joe Andruzzi as free agents. And star cornerback Ty Law, whose 2005

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Carter lifts Nets past Pistons

—VINCE CARTER led his Nets game since joining the New Jersey Nets, scoring 41 points and leading a second-half surge in a 107-85 victory Saturday that snapped the Detroit Pistons' five-game winning streak...

Hornets won Saturday night. Raja Bell added 16 points for Utah, which shot 55 percent from the field and led by as many as 28 points after blowing the game open in the third quarter...

What's on T.V.

- Basketball
Regional coverage, CBS, 11 a.m.
North Carolina at Florida St., FSN, noon
Lakers at Rockets, ABC, 1:30 p.m.
Oklahoma women at Nebraska, KFSN, 2 p.m.
Bowling
PBA Atlanta Classic, ESPN, noon
Football
Arena, regional coverage, NBC, 11 a.m.
Super Bowl, Patriots vs. Eagles, Fox, 4:30 p.m. kickoff
Golf
PGA Tour, FBR Open, final round, CBS, 1 p.m.
Skiing
World Alpine Championships, downhill, USA, 10 a.m.

SCORES AND STATS

Table listing scores for various sports including Basketball (Carter 41, Nets 107; Pistons 85), Football (Patriots 24, Eagles 21), Golf (PGA Tour), and Skiing (Alpine).

Area ski report

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Source: Tigers agree to \$75M deal with Ordonez

NEW YORK — The Detroit Tigers snared the last remaining premier free agent of the offseason, agreeing to a \$75 million, five-year contract with outfielder Orlando Cabrera...

Foster criticizes many open-sudden exit

CHICAGO — Speaking out after his decline in reputation as president of the U.S. Figure Skating Association, Chuck Foster blasted International Skating Union President Ottavio Cinquanta and the new steering committee...

Davenport, Sharapova reach Pan Pacific final

TOKYO — Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport beat U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsov 6-1, 7-6 (2) Saturday to reach the final of the Pan Pacific Open...

Bloom, Vogtli win World Cup events

NAMASUHI, Japan — Jeremy Bloom won his third straight World Cup moguls event Saturday to lead a strong showing by the U.S. team...

NHL may take over ownership of the Ducks

ANAHEIM — The NHL has a plan to take over the Mighty Ducks should the Walt Disney Co. try to sell the team...

Travis confident despite rails of O'Hern

MELBOURNE, Australia — Last year, Ernie Els took an eight-shot lead into the final round of the Heinen Classic...

NBA Boxes

NBA Boxes table listing scores for various games including Boston vs. Detroit, Miami vs. Washington, etc.

College Basketball

College Basketball table listing scores for various games including Duke vs. Georgetown, etc.

High School Football

High School Football table listing scores for various games including Idaho Falls vs. Pocatello, etc.

Super Bowl

Super Bowl table listing scores for various games including Patriots vs. Steelers, etc.

Harrah's Odds

Harrah's Odds table listing odds for various events including Super Bowl, etc.

Women's Basketball

Women's Basketball table listing scores for various games including Duke vs. Georgetown, etc.



Harrison helps hold Patriots defense together

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — Every once in a while, a little dissonance ripples through the NFL's most harmonious team.

Rodney Harrison is usually at the center of it, and he usually picks the New England Patriots' practices, to begin making wads.

"Rodney," offensive lineman Matt Light said, "is the best guy at tearing down our offense."

Football fans know Tom Brady as the unflappable quarterback who won two Super Bowl MVPs after leading the Patriots on winning drives in the final minutes of their last two appearances in the NFL title game. But the TV viewers never see what happens at practice, when Brady has to face his own defense.

It's there where Pats coach Bill Belichick encourages the defensive scout team players to go after his offense just as fiercely as opponents would.

"He had them all riled up, each time they make a play or beat down a pass they go crazy," Brady said Wednesday.

But the Patriots are holed up and hollering and it is making the offensive guys really mad.

Most regulars don't play on the scout team, leaving the "dirty show" as linebacker Tedy Bruschi calls it — to the backups who mimic each upcoming opponent and prepare the Patriots' starters for the real games.

But Harrison plays with the scout team, partly because the Patriots are short on defensive backs and partly because he is a fanatic for preparation, it's

something his teammates appreciate and one reason why Harrison is a good fit on a squad that values team play more than individual glory.

"Rodney probably doesn't have to line up over there," Light said. "But it makes us better."

As the anchor of the Patriots defense, Harrison has solidified a secondary that lost both starting cornerbacks, and was forced to use receiver Troy Brown on defense. Even with the subs, they shut down league MVP Peyton Manning in the Patriots' first playoff game and rookie of the year Ben Roethlisberger to win their third AFC title in four years.

"It's a great testament to him. He's able to really just go out there and play well regardless of who is next to him," linebacker Don Davis said of Harrison. "It's like, 'Yeah, put him there and then we're going to get it done.'"

Next up: Donovan McNabb. "I think that people don't talk about the players on the defensive side," the Philadelphia quarterback said. McNabb then proceeded to do just that, reeling off the names of Harrison, Tedy Bruschi, Willie McGinest, Mike Vrabel and Roman Phifer.

"Guys like that, most teams would die to have," McNabb added. "No one really talks about them."

When he joined the Patriots in 2003, Harrison brought with him a reputation as one of the dirtiest players in the league. In his second practice with New England, he clocked receiver

Troy Brown on a route across the middle, flattened running back Kevin Faulk and had words with Light.

But a month later, Harrison had so impressed his teammates that a group asked Belichick to make him one of the defensive captains.

"Once you know Rodney and you know what he was about, you learn to accept it," Faulk said. "You understand what he's doing and why he's trying to do it as a teammate."

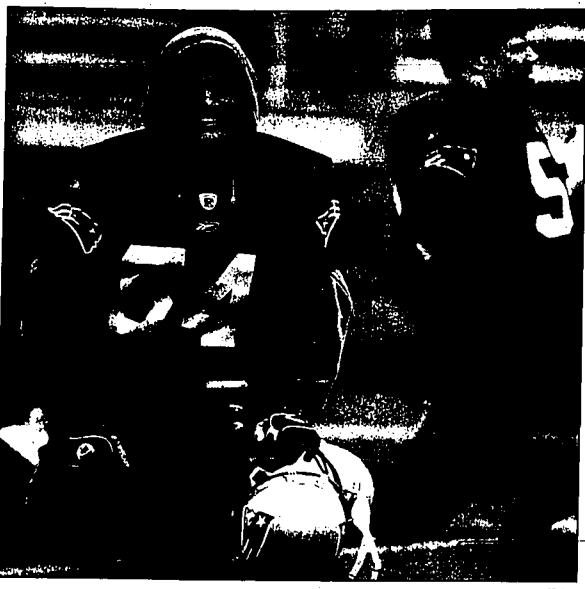
Harrison remains one of the most-frequently fined players in the NFL, being docked more than \$350,000 for illegal hits in his career. The letters from NFL discipline czar Gene Washington have become so routine that Harrison doesn't bother reading them; the fines are automatically deducted from Harrison's paychecks.

"I don't worry about the money. ... I'm going to keep playing the way I play," he said. "Of course it pays off because they look for you and they know who you are — even though they don't vote for you (for the Pro Bowl) and you don't have many friends around the league."

"But, when you get that respect and you have guys come up to you and tell you, 'I don't like you, but I love the way you play,' that's all you ask for."

Even the guys on his own team agree — except when they have to face him.

"Everyone wanted to take a shot at Rodney Harrison," Light said. "He made you want to knock him off his feet."



New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi (54) finishes stretching before practice in Jacksonville, Fla. on Wednesday. In their second straight Super Bowl appearance, the Patriots will face the Philadelphia Eagles today.

Bethel Johnson had the Patriots' only kickoff return for a score; the Eagles had none.

Super Bowl matchups

How the Patriots (16-2) and the Eagles (15-3) match up in the Super Bowl:

When the Patriots have the ball

Unlike in their previous two Super Bowl wins this decade, the Patriots have a stud running back, Corey Dillon (28). Although the Eagles easily held Atlanta's top-ranked rushing attack in the AFC title game, they'll be hard-pressed to hold Dillon in check because of what QB Tom Brady (12) can do as a complement.

But Brady, the MVP of the last two Super Bowls and 8.0 in the postseason, can be considered anything but a star. But New England will seek to minimize Philadelphia's superb secondary by regularly showing Dillon at the defense. If Dillon forces all the safety Brian Dawkins (20) and the other DBs to crowd the line, then Brady will target the deepest receiving corps in the league: Troy Brown (60), Delon Branch (83), David Givens (87), David Patten (86) and speedster Bethel Johnson (81).

If they proved against Pittsburgh for the AFC championship, the Pats can dismantle even the best defenses. Philadelphia needs the kind of brilliant performance from middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter (54) that it got the last two weeks. Johnson said, "I think the job Bill Belichick and his coaches have done might be the best coaching job ever in the history of the NFL. Because when you get free agency and player movement and you've got to get them ready to play not only every year but every week, a different group, you've got to be a pretty good football coach."

Franchise

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salary cap hit is a prohibitive \$12.5 million.

More likely, as Brady noted, these teammates will stay.

"Anyone who plays on the Pats understands that our goal is a team goal," he said. "You make sacrifices to fit into a general structure of what the team is trying to accomplish."

What the Patriots are trying to accomplish is to equal the Cowboys' three titles in four seasons (1992, '93 and '95) under far more difficult circumstances. Just ask many Johnny Rodgers, who coached the first two of those championship teams in Dallas.

"Yeah, I think they are a dynasty since the salary cap era," Johnson said. "I think the job Bill Belichick and that organization and his coaches have done might be the best coaching job ever in the history of the NFL. Because when you get free agency and player movement and you've got to get them ready to play not only every year but every week, a different group, you've got to be a pretty good football coach."

Andy Reid has shown he's a good coach, too, getting the Eagles to four straight NFC title games. They finally got back to the Super Bowl — first time in 24 years — by beating Atlanta last month.

Even if the Eagles fall Sunday, don't expect them to fade away. They have \$18 million available to spend, and though six starters are unrestricted free agents — Corey Simon, Jeremiah Mayberry, Jeremiah Trotter, Derrick Burgess, Chad Lewis and Jon Ritchie — only losing Trotter would be particularly damaging.

Philly has most of its best players signed to long-term contracts, including Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens, Levon Kearse, Brian Dawkins, Lito Sheppard, Michael Lewis and Sheldon Brown. Kearse was

Philly had 47 sacks in the regular season, but the Patriots yielded only 26. If there is no pressure on Brady, thanks to that unheralded offensive line, New England should score plenty of points.

When the Eagles have the ball

Unless All-Pro WR Terrell Owens (81) makes a miraculous recovery from his ankle and leg injuries — his game will be mostly cheerleading. That hasn't put a crimp in Philadelphia's offense so far in the playoffs — but they haven't played the Patriots yet.

Donovan McNabb (5) has matured into one of the league's best quarterbacks and leaders. He hurt the Eagles with some decisions in two games in the past, but not this season. McNabb has been dynamic in every facet.

Now, though, he faces the mysteries of the New England defense, where anyone can pop up anywhere at any time. Just ask Peyton Manning and Ben Roethlisberger.

While All-Pro DT Richard Seymour (93) might not be a factor, he's hardly been missed. LBs Tedy Bruschi (54), Ted Johnson (58), Mike Vrabel (50) and Allen Rossum (94), linemen Willie McGinest (65) and Ty Warren (94), safeties Rodney Harrison (37) and Eugene Wilson (26) lead the big-play defense that has more looks than even a

veteran like McNabb can imagine.

Unlike against AFC opponents, RB Brian Westbrook (36) will not be a matchup problem as a receiver. He should, however, find some running room behind OT Tra Thomas (72) and center Hank Fraley (63).

Philadelphia's ordinary group of supporting receivers for T.O. has played well in the postseason, particularly Freddie Mitchell (84) and the emerging Greg Lewis (83), a deep threat. The loss of TE Chad Lewis (89) will hurt, meaning second-year player L.J. Smith (82) must step in.

Special teams

The biggest edge is at PK, but only because Adam Vinatieri (4) has made so many superb kicked kicks, including two to win Super Bowls. His range is not much longer than David Akers (2) for Philadelphia, but All-Pro Vinatieri simply doesn't miss important kicks.

New England's Josh Miller (8) and Philly's Dirk Johnson (8) are middle-of-the-road punters.

The Eagles did not score on a punt returnback, nor did they allow a punt return TD. Their coverage teams are excellent and held Atlanta's dangerous Allen Rossum in check in the conference championship game. New England has had some problems with punt coverage.

Intangibles

Philadelphia has been trying oh so hard to get here. Now that the Eagles are in the Super Bowl, will they be satisfied with the trip, or will they be looking confident and play their best football?

Andy Reid has turned around this franchise and the Eagles have been in the NFC's best in this decade — until late January, or worse. They are over that hump because Reid never panicked, never wavered from his approach. Players appreciate and respond to that.

An Eagles victory would be their first in a Super Bowl and Philly's first NFL title since 1960. New England has a slightly different resume.

The Patriots seek their third Super Bowl championship in four years, something only Dallas of the early 1930s managed. Such a feat would measure up with the greatest in sports because of the difficulty of keeping a roster together in the current NFL.

Belichick is a mastermind, and even with a string of injuries to his defense, he's never backed off. The subs simply come in and play well, as he expects.

Belichick is doing offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to Notre Dame and probably will see defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel get the head coaching job in Cleveland, where Belichick himself once was head man. Will the Patriots give them a championship send-off?

Dillon fits in just fine with defending champs

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — He heard himself called a selfish player, a malcontent, a bad teammate. What really got to Corey Dillon was that for the first seven years of his career he never heard anyone call him a winner.

"For years, I really lost hope," the New England Patriots running back said as he prepared to play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl. "I really thought I'd never get to this stage, but I just kept pressing. ... I love going to work and working hard to try to help our organization."

Dillon had never been in the playoffs before this year, slogging through in Cincinnati, growing dissatisfied with the losing and the team's increasing dependence on him to carry the offense. He ran for a then-record 278 yards in a single game in 2000, and he had more than 1,100 yards in each of his first six seasons.

But in 2003, his last year in Cincinnati, he injured his groin and grumbled about becoming part of the "Bungles" legacy of losing. It went out, and by that time the Bengals were happy to get rid of him. It was not unfair when the defending Super Bowl champs — winners of two NFL titles in the previous three years — got Dillon for a second-round draft pick on the Massachusetts holiday called Patriots Day.

Antowain Smith was a steady but unspectacular running back on the two championship teams, and there was no doubt Dillon was an upgrade. But would he fit the team-first attitude of the New England locker room, where dissension is discouraged and going public with your complaints is just not done.

In vetting Dillon with his former teammates, coaches and friends, the Patriots concluded he wouldn't be a problem at all. "He was a heck of a player with the Cincinnati Bengals, and he's been really good with us," said Scott Pioli, the Patriots' head of player personnel. "All of us have situations that precede us. So you sit with a person, man or woman, and find out what and who they are for yourself. We try to avoid judging people before we spend time with them."

Dillon was concerned enough about his reputation that he addressed new teammates when he arrived, asking them to keep an open mind. They did, and Dillon thrived in a system where a single player is the focus of the offense in a locker room where no player is treated like a star.

"Nobody really passed judgment on me," Dillon said. "I'm pretty sure that it was in everyone's mind: Let's see what this guy is all about, and see if the rumors are true. But just right off the bat, everyone welcomed me with open arms. Everyone has been great." And so has Dillon.

He ran for more than 100 yards in nine of 15 games this year — and never for fewer than 79. He missed the biggest game of the regular season, at Pittsburgh, with a high injury. Without him, New England ran for 5 yards on six carries and lost to the Steelers on Oct. 31, ending its 21-game winning streak and costing it home-field advantage for the AFC title game.

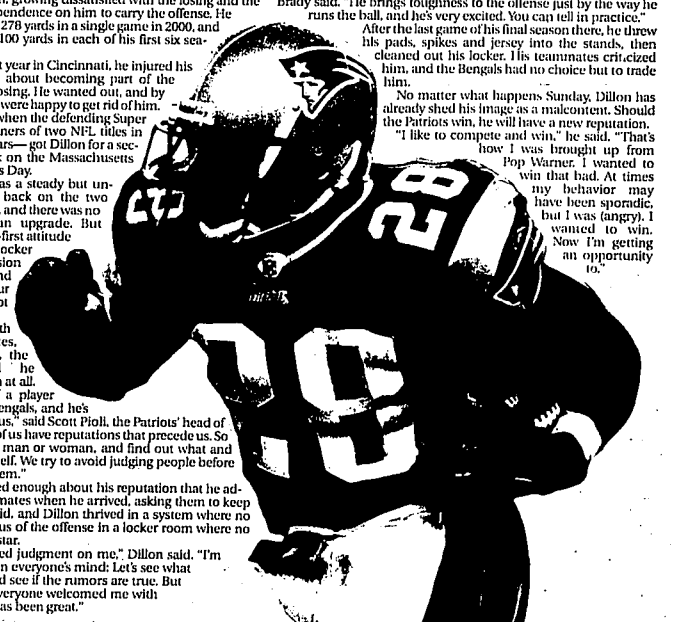
In his playoff debut against the Colts on Jan. 16, Dillon carried 23 times for 144 yards as the Patriots ran Indianapolis out of the postseason, earning him the nickname "Clock-Killer" Dillon.

"He's added a great element to this team," quarterback Tom Brady said. "It brings toughness to the offense just by the way he runs the ball, and he's very excited. You can tell in practice."

After the last game of his final season there, he threw his pads, spikes and jersey into the stands, then cleaned out his locker. His teammates criticized him, and the Bengals had no choice but to trade him.

No matter what happens Sunday, Dillon has already shed his image as a malcontent. Should the Patriots win, he will have a new reputation.

"I like to compete and win," he said. "That's how I was brought up from a young age. I wanted to win that bad. At times my behavior may have been sporadic, but I was angry. I wanted to win. Now I'm getting an opportunity to win that bad."





Versatile Westbrook is key to Eagles' offense



PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — With each fake and every juke, Brian Westbrook leaves defenders grabbing for air and coaches searching for answers.

The New England Patriots will get a first-hand look at the elusive Pro Bowl running back when they play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

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Super Bowl on Sunday. "It's such a great athlete," Patriots safety Eugene Wilson said. "He can run, he can catch, he's fast. They do a lot of things with him. We have to be ready."

The versatile Westbrook became one of the NFL's best all-around players in his first season as the Eagles' primary running back. He ran for 812 yards and three touchdowns and led all backs with 73 catches for 703 yards and six TDs in 13 games.

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games, at Division I-AA Villanova. A third-round pick in 2002, he has developed into one of the Eagles' most indispensable players.

With Westbrook sidelined with a triceps injury last season, the Eagles couldn't get past the NFC championship game, their first loss in a row. When they finally made it to the Super Bowl on this try, All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens was missing but not Westbrook.

"It's a triple threat just like Marshall Faulk years, the blocker, the cutter, the runner," quarterback Donovan McNabb said, comparing Westbrook to the Rams' running back and past NFL MVP. "It's very intelligent and able to do whatever it takes to win."

On the football field, Westbrook is difficult to defend because he isn't easy to find. Though he spends much of his time behind McNabb in the backfield, he is most dangerous when he lines up as a receiver.

Eagles coach Andy Reid sometimes splits Westbrook wide to the right or left, puts him in either slot or lets him get in motion. The purpose is to create a mismatch, hoping Westbrook is covered by a linebacker or safety.

If McNabb sees a favorable matchup on Westbrook, he quickly gets him the ball. The result usually is a long gain or a score.

"He can play every position on the field whether it's the widest position in the slot, next to the tackle, as a split back, as a single back, or an 'hailback' offense coordinator. Brad Childress said, 'You don't find many people like that. You see many people put there as decoys. It's able to strike from all three positions. It's versatility that impresses me the most.'"

Westbrook could even be turned as a punt returner. He returned two punts for touchdowns last season, but wasn't used in that role this year because he's such a valuable member of the offense.

Westbrook's success should translate into a much bigger paycheck next season. He'll be a restricted free agent, meaning the Eagles can match any team's offer.

With Duce Staley in Pittsburgh and Correll Buckhalter missing two of the last three seasons with injuries, the Eagles can't afford to let Westbrook go and certainly have enough money under the salary cap to keep him.

"He has unbelievable athletic talent," Eagles tackle Jon Runyan said. "He is the kind of guy who can change direction and has the speed. His size makes him a 'sucker' target and if sometimes makes it hard to bring him down. His feet aren't planted in the ground much because he's dancing around people. He is amazing."

McNabb hopes to follow Williams

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Donovan McNabb remembers the day he realized how far he could go as a

football player. He showed him by becoming the first black quarterback to win a Super Bowl in 1988, and the Philadelphia Eagles star can join his boyhood hero in the record books by beating the New England Patriots in Sunday's NFL title game.

"It's a special feeling not only for myself, but for all of the other African-American quarterbacks that are in the NFL as well as playing on the collegiate level, to know that this could happen to you," McNabb said.

The five-time Pro Bowl selection was 11 when Williams led the Washington Redskins to a 42-10 rout of the Denver Broncos 17 years ago. He watched the game on television and will never forget how it inspired him and other young black kids across America.

Now, he wants to make his mark. "I visualized me being in his shoes and it's a reality now," McNabb said. "I'm just looking forward to the challenge of getting on that football field. If I can do some of the things he did in that particular game, I'll be excited as well."

The climate for black quarterbacks has improved dramatically since Williams ended the league in 1978 with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, leading them to their first playoff appearance a year later.

There are established black quarterbacks throughout the league. Three of them — McNabb, Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons and Daunte Culpepper of the Minnesota — led their teams to the playoffs and were voted to the Pro Bowl.

And for the first time, two



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb talks with reporters at the team's hotel on Thursday, in Jacksonville, Fla.

black QBs — McNabb and Vick — met in a conference championship game, ensuring one would reach the Super Bowl.

Williams couldn't help but notice that with three quarterbacks on each team, half are black in this Super Bowl. Rohan Davey is the backup for New England, and Blake is the No. 3 quarterback for Philadelphia.

"That's where the progress is being made," Williams said. "I think that's where we have to come, where if it isn't not good enough to be your starter, right now, he has an opportunity to improve and maybe one day be the starter."

"When we get to the point where with 96 quarterbacks in this league, and there are at least 25 (blacks), we will have come a long way then."

McNabb is just the third black quarterback to lead his team to the Super Bowl. Tennessee's Steve McNair is the other, reaching the title game five years ago before losing to the St. Louis Rams.

When he takes the field Sunday night, Williams and other members of the Field Generals Club — a group of former NFL players who've banded together in the interest of preserving the history of black quarterbacks — will be rooting for him.

McNabb can't imagine the light "T" symbol "target" and if when he led the Redskins to the Super Bowl and was bargained in the days leading up to the game with insane questions like: "How long have you been a black quarterback?"

Williams is glad McNabb's race has not been as big an issue this week.

"I came along when the story was about the two teams that was in the Super Bowl, as far as what they've done during the season. It was more or less about one man, and the color of his skin. I think we've gotten away from that," Williams said.

"There's probably not one article you'll read where it starts off as Philadelphia black quarterback. It's Donovan McNabb, the quarterback of the Eagles."

Underrated defense is Eagles' strength

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jim Johnson spends countless hours studying game films, dissecting offenses, searching for weaknesses and plotting his attack.

The other defensive mastermind in this Super Bowl — New England's Bill Belichick owns the "genius" label — isn't high-profile and his unit is underrated. But Johnson has a knack for confusing quarterbacks and shutting down prolific offenses with his complex schemes.

Brett Favre had his worst game of the season in Philadelphia. Daunte Culpepper struggled in the playoffs against the Eagles. Michael Vick never had a chance in the NFC championship game.

Next up is Tom Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl. Johnson, the Eagles' unpredictable defensive coordinator, is busy cooking up another one of his innovative game plans.

When the games mattered, the Eagles had the stingiest defense in the league, allowing 222 points in the first 15. They finished tied with the Patriots for second-fewest points allowed after the reserves gave up 38 in the meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati.

"There's a lot to be concerned about with those guys," said Brady, who has been MVP of two Super Bowls in the last three years. "They have playmakers at every position. They can force you to turn the ball over. They are very explosive on offense and you usually don't hear that."

The addition of defensive end Jevon Kearse almost equalized the impact Owens had on the offense. A disruptive force on the line, Kearse significantly bolstered the pass rush. Johnson utilized Kearse's speed by playing him at both end spots and sometimes at linebacker, confounding quarterbacks and the offensive line.

Philadelphia finished second in the league with 47 sacks, including 7.5 from Kearse, one of just five Eagles — and the only defensive starter — who have played in the Super Bowl. The Eagles get a lot of sacks from their secondary and linebackers because Johnson likes to blitz just about any player on any play.

The Patriots are getting ready for Philadelphia's aggressive style, though they're aware Johnson will adjust on the go. "I think it's important for us to be ready for pressure, but realize he might pressure 50 percent of the time or 10 percent of the time," Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said. "We have to be ready whichever way he goes."

safety Michael Lewis. All-Pro cornerback Lito Sheppard and cornerback Sheldon Brown, who probably was Philadelphia's most consistent defensive back.

Sheppard and Brown quickly earned respect with a strong performance against Minnesota's Randy Moss in Week 2. They silenced critics who thought the Eagles would miss five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vincent and nine-year starter Bobby Taylor.

Middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter solidified the run defense, which had been Philadelphia's only weakness, when he became a starter mid-way through the season. Trotter, who began the year playing special teams, was so dominant he earned his third trip to the Pro Bowl after making just seven starts.

Trotter, along with defensive tackles Corey Simon, Darwin Walker, Hollis Thomas and Sam Rayburn, are the key to stopping New England's Corey Dillon, who ran for 1,635 yards and 12 TDs.

Since 2000, Johnson's second year in Philadelphia, the Eagles are first in the NFL in fewest points allowed, sacks, red-zone percentage and third-down efficiency.

Bednarik

Continued from C1 — Bednarik still watches playing on all but two kickoff assignments with the Packers. He said he could have kept playing if he needed to, unlike today's players who "stuck air after five plays."

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Tommy McDonald, a Hall of Fame receiver who played with Bednarik from 1957-62, remains an avid Eagles supporter (he offered to suit up if Terrell Owens can't go) and has grown tired of the fan hysteria.

When McDonald says he recently rejected an offer to sell his championship ring for \$5,000, Bednarik panned the same ring and his Hall of Fame ring.

"I'm not struggling, but I'm not that well off," Bednarik said. "I have my wedding ring. I don't need to wear nothing else. It paid for some of my income tax, never had a child, to school here and my school tax is \$5,116. School tax."

Bednarik receives a football pension check, but, not surprisingly, he said it isn't enough. The winning players in Sunday's Super Bowl will get a bonus that is more than Bednarik ever made in a season. He just hopes the Eagles won't be the ones cashing those checks. "They can root for 'em, but I want us to be the last champions," he said.



When the Pats and Eagles go at it in Jacksonville, one question will be answered for sure...

Dynasty or destiny



Defense

Yards allowed: 4,972

Passing	Rushing
3,400	

Sacks

Patriots 45
Opp. 26

Offense

Total net yards: 5,722

Passing	Rushing
3,588	

First downs: 344

Rushing	Passing
120	

By penalties 31

Defense

Yards allowed: 5,115

Passing	Rushing
3,212	

Sacks

Eagles 47
Opp. 37

Offense

Total net yards: 5,618

Passing	Rushing
3,979	

First downs: 301

Rushing	Passing
87	

By penalties 26

Field goals

Adam Vinatieri

Yards	1-19	0/0
20-29	13/13	
30-39	7/7	
40-49	11/12	
50+	0/1	

Field goals

David Akers

Yards	1-19	0/0
20-29	4/4	
30-39	6/7	
40-49	15/18	
50+	2/2	

Specialists

Punt returns
(average yards)

Patriots 5.8
Opp. 11.8

Kickoff returns
(average yards)

Patriots 23.3
Opp. 23.3

Specialists

Punt returns
(average yards)

Eagles 9.2
Opp. 6.5

Kickoff returns
(average yards)

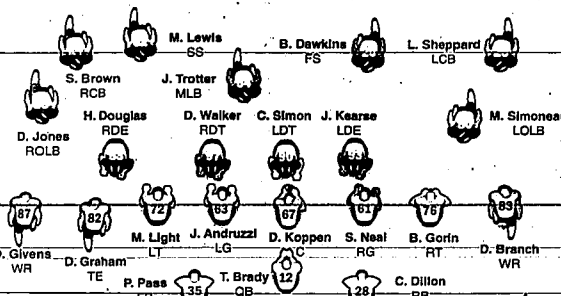
Eagles 21.7
Opp. 23.2

Field formations

The Patriots will try to cap off two seasons of dominance with a third Super Bowl title in four years when they face the Philadelphia Eagles in Jacksonville, Fla.

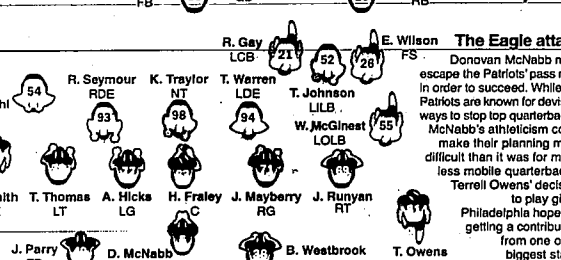
The Patriots offense

Tom Brady is the heart and soul of the Patriots. To keep pressure off their quarterbacks, both teams will need strong performances from their running backs. Corey Dillon has rushed for 217 yards in his first two playoff games and gained a team-record 1,635 yards during the regular season.



The Eagle attack

Donovan McNabb must escape the Patriots' pass rush in order to succeed. While the Patriots are known for devising ways to stop top quarterbacks, McNabb's athleticism could make their planning more difficult than it was for much less mobile quarterbacks. Terrell Owens' decision to play gives Philadelphia hopes of getting a contribution from one of its biggest stars.



Passing

PLAYER	COM	YDS	TD	INT
Tom Brady	289	3,692	28	14
Rohan Dawey	1	544	0	0
Adam Vinatieri	1	0	0	0

Passing

PLAYER	COM	YDS	TD	INT
D. McNabb	300	3,875	31	8
Koy Detmer	18	207	0	2
Jeff Blake	18	126	1	1
Mike Bartrum	1	0	0	0

Receiving

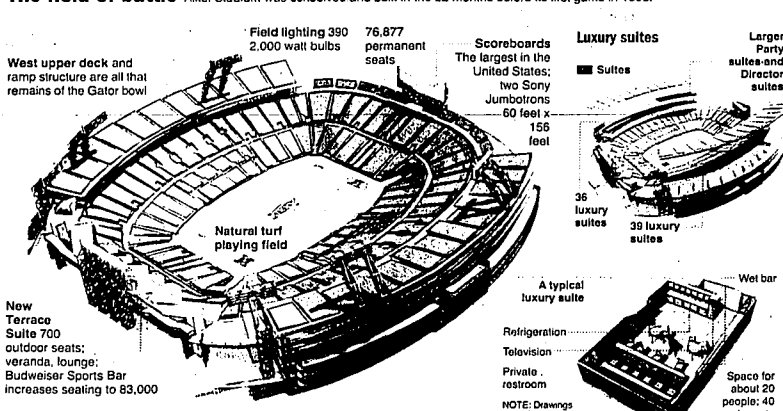
PLAYER	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
David Patten	56	874	15.6	3
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Deion Branch	35	454	13.0	4
Donovan McNabb	30	304	12.1	7
Kevin Faulk	26	248	9.5	1
Patrick Pass	28	215	7.7	0
Christian Fauria	16	195	12.1	2
Troy Brown	17	184	10.8	1
Bethel Johnson	10	174	17.4	1
Corey Dillon	15	103	6.9	1
Jed Weaver	8	90	11.6	0
Dan Klecko	3	18	6.0	0
Ben Watson	2	16	8.0	0
Rashad Abdullah	1	9	9.0	0
Mike Vrabel	2	3	1.5	2

Receiving

PLAYER	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrell Owens	77	1,120	14.6	3
Brian Westbrook	73	703	9.6	6
Todd Pinkston	36	676	18.8	1
Fredde Mitchell	22	377	17.1	2
L.J. Smith	34	377	11.1	5
Chad Lewis	29	267	9.2	3
Greg Lewis	17	183	10.8	0
Reno Mabe	14	123	8.8	0
Dorsey Levens	9	92	10.2	0
Josh Parry	9	75	8.3	0
Mike Bartrum	5	45	9.0	1
Jon Rzecha	4	36	9.0	0
Bey McCook	3	24	8.0	0
Thomas Toph	2	15	7.5	0
Eric McCoo	2	15	7.5	0

The field of battle

Alltel Stadium was conceived and built in the 22 months before its first game in 1995.



Rushing

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Corey Dillon	345	1,635	4.7	12
Kevin Faulk	54	255	4.7	2
Patrick Pass	39	141	3.6	0
Conrad Cobbe	22	59	2.7	0
Tom Brady	43	28	0.7	0
Rashad Abdullah	13	13	1.0	1
Bethel Johnson	2	8	4.0	0
David Patten	1	5	5.0	0
Larry Izzo	1	0	0	0
Rohan Dawey	4	-1	-0.3	0

Rushing

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
Brian Westbrook	177	812	4.6	3
Dorsey Levens	94	410	4.4	4
D. McNabb	41	220	5.4	3
Reno Mabe	23	81	4.0	0
Eric McCoo	9	54	6.0	0
Thomas Toph	12	42	3.5	0
Greg Lewis	4	16	4.0	0
Jel Blake	3	6	2.0	0
Terrell Owens	3	-5	-1.7	0
Koy Detmer	10	-7	-0.7	0

Head coach

On Feb. 3, 2002, he became the first head coach in the franchise's 42-year history to lead the team to a league title, and quickly molded the Patriots into one of the elite teams in the NFL. With his Super Bowl XXXVIII triumph last year over the Carolina Panthers, Bill Belichick became just the 12th head coach in NFL history to win multiple Super Bowl titles. Chuck Noll (4), Joe Gibbs (3) and Bill Walsh (3) are the only head coaches in the history of the game to have won more Super Bowls than Belichick.



Belichick

Offensive weapons

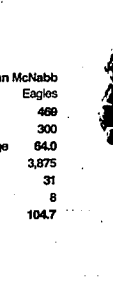
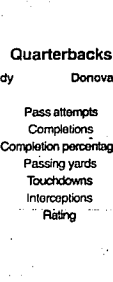
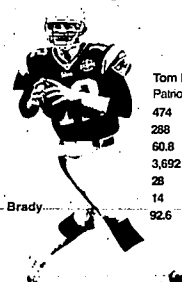
Tom Brady is adept at reading defenses, seeing the entire field and finding the open receiver, while Donovan McNabb is a master at using his feet to buy time and reacts quickly to different defensive sets. No matter how well the quarterbacks play, Corey Dillon and Brian Westbrook will have to be successful in running the ball.

Quarterbacks

	Tom Brady Patriots	Donovan McNabb Eagles
474	Pass attempts	469
298	Completions	300
60.8	Completion percentage	64.0
3,692	Passing yards	3,875
28	Touchdowns	31
14	Interceptions	8
92.6	Rating	104.7

Running backs

	Corey Dillon Patriots	Brian Westbrook Eagles
345	Rushing attempts	177
1,635	Rushing yards	812
4.7	Average per rush	4.6
44	Long	50
12	Touchdowns	3



Head coach

One of the most successful head coaches in recent NFL history, Andy Reid has really put his stamp on this city's beloved football team. After taking over a 3-13 club on January 11, 1999, Reid has been simply masterful in turning the Eagles into one of the NFL's elite teams. Under his leadership the Eagles captured three straight NFC East division titles for the first time in team history. Reid has the most playoff wins (7) in Eagles' history and the highest winning percentage (.836).



Reid

Career record
(Philadelphia)

	W	L	T	PCT
Regular season	64	32	0	.667
Postseason	7	4	0	.636

SPORTS

Walton salvages senior season

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Sometimes it's tough being a son of Bill Walton, what with the inevitable comparisons and expectations that come with following in the size 17 foot-steps of a Hall of Fame father.

Then again, there are nights when the family gene pool still runs deep.

Chris Walton is the last of Bill Walton's sons to play Division I college basketball. His career nearly ended because of injuries — sound familiar? — but the fifth-year senior at San Diego State managed to salvage it with a couple of noteworthy performances.

There was his buzzer-beating, fadeaway shot that hung on the rim before dropping to give San Diego State a rare road win against BYU to open Mountain West Conference season and the night he scored a career-high 21 points against Colorado State, keeping his father busy cheering from his third-row seat at Coz Arena.

"I dropped at the beginning, but I would have been better than it was, but that's just the way life goes," said Chris Walton, a 6-foot-8 forward and Aztecs co-captain. "I've been blessed to come back and play and finish off this year. It's great to play well and it's great to win games, but for me, the biggest joy just comes from being on the basketball court and having my teammates and being able to go out there every day."

Bothered by nagging groin and hip injuries, Walton went scoreless in 29 minutes in the season opener, then sat out the next nine games. He came back in late December and wasn't a factor in the last three non-conference games.

Walton was questionable for the BYU game. Coach Steve Fischer hoped he could at least suit up for team morale. Walton did more than that, coming off the bench to score 12 points in 30 minutes, including the game-winner.

"For whatever reason, I think mentally he just said, 'I have to do whatever I have to do to be able to play,'" said Fischer, who recruited Walton long after taking over the previously moribund Aztec program in March 1999.

Following the win at BYU, Walton visited a specialist in Philadelphia who told him that while he may one day require surgery, he won't do any more damage by finishing the season.

"It's done a real nice job and we're extremely proud of him," said Bill Walton, who uses his SDSU season tickets when he's not on the road working as an analyst for the network.

"If anyone can feel Chris Walton's pain, it's his father. During his NBA career, Bill Walton dealt with a string of stress fractures and one operation after another."

"Every parent would do anything in the world to take pain and adversity away from their children's life — and alleviate that," said the big redhead, who these days shows more than just a touch of gray. "But that's really where you learn life's greatest lessons. While it's been tough and frustrating for him and while we always hope for the best, he's got to learn how to deal with those obstacles in his life. That's what going to college is about. That's what growing up is all about."

Not surprisingly, the Walton



San Diego State's Chris Walton, lowers his shoulder as he drives into the lane against Colorado State's Ronnie Clark, last season, in San Diego.

boys gravitated toward hoops and became Deadheads. On his left shoulder, Chris has a tattoo of the Dead's terran logo, circled by lyrics from "Estimated Prophet."

Adam Walton played at LSU, finished his career at Notre Dame College and now works for a San Diego entertainment company. Nathan played at Wichita and is working on an MBA at Stanford. Luke played at Arizona — his Wildcats lost to Duke in the 2001 NCAA championship game — and is in his second season with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Although Bill Walton didn't push his boys into basketball, it came naturally. Two key factors, Chris Walton said, were grade-school growth spurts that made them the tallest kids in their class, "and just growing up and watching basketball like the Boston Celtics, and sitting in the locker room and sitting off the bench with my dad and Larry Bird and Robert Parish."

"It's just something that you dream about as a kid, that one day you can go out there and do the same thing we all made the choice to play basketball on. My two oldest brothers are now done — with basketball — and they're doing great. Basketball was always a part of our family."

So were comparisons with their father. Bill Walton was one of the greatest players in college basketball history, winning two national championships under John Wooden at UCLA and being named national player of the year three times. He won two titles during his injury-plagued NBA career, and was named one of the 50 greatest players in league history.

"Within the family, there are no expectations. "We were all there for each other, four brothers always there for each other, our parents supporting us. The personal life of our family is peace, love, happiness, tolerance and acceptance and all that good stuff," Walton said with a laugh.

His son, Chris Walton, a "coach's delight" and appreciates Bill Walton's support as a fan and father.

"I want to be my son's dad," Bill Walton said. "I don't want to be their coach. I don't want to be their agent. I don't want to be their promoter. I want to be there to enjoy their successes, but I also want to be there to console them and support them when things don't go well. Because that's the toughest part. Because when you're the agent, the promoter, it's a different relationship, and I want to be their dad."

25 years have passed since 'Raging Bull'

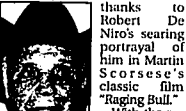
NEW YORK (AP) — Jake LaMotta's hand shakes ever so slightly as he raises the cup of coffee to his lips.

It is dressed all in black with a cowboy hat to match. He is hard of hearing, has the cough of a longtime cigar smoker and looks every one of his 83 years.

Then, suddenly, his eyes grow wide with surprise and delight.

"Twenty-five years," he says. "Can you believe it? Twenty-five years."

It has indeed been a quarter of a century since LaMotta passed from boxing lore into the greater public consciousness,



Jake LaMotta, thanks to Robert De Niro's searing portrayal of him in Martin Scorsese's classic film "Raging Bull."

With the release of the two-disc DVD version of the movie on Feb. 8, LaMotta is sure to have another round in the spotlight.

Just one week, LaMotta was preparing to attend a "premiere" party for the movie. The movie is having a special one-week run in a Midtown theater, and the ever-proud "Bronx Bull" has just one question.

"I want to see who's going to get a bigger hand: me or De Niro."

"It's a curious position for the former middleweight champion to find himself in. The movie is an unflinching look at LaMotta's life — following him through two marriages, his fight career, a falling out with his brother and his physical decline."

De Niro famously gained up to 50 pounds for scenes of the out-of-shape fighter — after retiring from the ring when he became a club owner and cabaret act.

As played by De Niro, who won an Academy Award for the performance, LaMotta can be charismatic, loyal, boorish, arrogant, stubborn and abusive. But he is also undeniably human.

"It's really about, I guess, that part of a human being that can be your own worst enemy," Scorsese says. "The ring itself is



The newly crowned World Middleweight Boxing Champion Jake LaMotta, accompanied by his wife Vicki, arrives from Detroit, where he defeated French World Champion Marcel Cerdan, at Grand Central Terminal in New York City in this June 18, 1949 photo.

in a sense, life. You don't have to be a boxer to be Jake LaMotta in this movie, you know, and I think that that's important to know that."

But you do have to be Jake LaMotta to capitalize on the fame that resulted from the movie.

LaMotta doesn't shy away from the dark side of his personality. "I'm no angel," he says — and he knows the film doesn't always present him in the best light. But it also made him well known to another generation: people who had never seen him box in the smoke-filled air of Madison Square Garden.

"I had a pretty good reputation as a fighter and it started to go down," LaMotta says. "I was not as popular as the years went by and the movie came by and it made me champ all over again."

The fame has stuck since the movie came out in 1980, enabling LaMotta to still earn a living through autograph signings and personal appearances. The veteran of six marriages now lives in Manhattan with his fiancée, Denise Baker, who is several decades younger, and he is fiercely proud of the

film's legacy.

He contributed commentary to the special-edition DVD, and is quick to recount sparring over 1,000 rounds with De Niro in the year before filming.

"I swear, without exaggeration, when I got done with him he could have fought professionally," LaMotta says. "Arles's how dedicated he was."

He mentions several articles he's read that list "Raging Bull" among the top 100 films of all time, many of them placing it in the top 5. Citing classics such as "The Godfather" and "Casablanca," he believes his movie will stand the test of time.

Others, such as boxing historian Bert Sugar, agree.

"Sugar, who is editing a book about fighter films, ranks 'Raging Bull' as one of the top four boxing films of all time — along with 'Body and Soul,' 'The Great White Hope,' and the recently released 'Million Dollar Baby.'"

"It's about a person who is very insecure and the only way he knows how to get by is with his fists — in the ring, with his brother, with his wife," Sugar says, adding with a laugh, that the movie "at times made LaMotta look nice."

LaMotta throws a fight in the film. He is shown hitting his wife, Vickie, and his jealousy and lack of trust for her eventually cause the marriage to break up. He also accuses his brother of having an affair with her. The mother of three of his children, the real-life Vickie died Jan. 25.

Still, LaMotta's main complaint with the movie is the language.

"They were doing the movie and I said to them, 'I don't use profanity,' he says. "My brother used profanity and all his friends used it. My kids never grew up knowing profanity. But I had to go along with the movie and that's the one thing where they disappointed me, they used profanity."

Still quick with a one-liner — "I fought Sugar Kay (Robinson) so many times, it's a wonder I don't have diabetes." — LaMotta no longer watches much boxing. He believes the best fighters came from his era, when there was less time between bouts.

He is now content to sign his name for money, basking in the glow, harsh as it is, of being the "Raging Bull."

Miller, Rahlves give U.S. a great day in skiing

BORMIO, Italy (AP) — Bode Miller and Daron Rahlves gave American skiing a day like no other. Never before had U.S. skiers — men or women — finished 1-2 in any event at an Alpine World Championships.

With Miller first and Rahlves second, they pulled off the feat Saturday, and in the downhill, no less — the sport's signature event and one the Austrians have dominated for so long.

Miller is the first American man to win the downhill at a world; none even had finished second. He captured his second gold

medal of these championships. "It's a really great representation of our team," he said. "Everybody says the Americans always do well at the big championships, and I don't look at that as anything bad. I think it's great when the game is on the line, there's a couple guys who you want to pick to take that winning shot, to take the pressure."

Bill Johnson won the Olympic downhill for the United States in 1984 and Tommy Moe repeated the feat 10 years later at the Lillehammer Games. But until Saturday the

best downhill results for U.S. men at the worlds were third-place finishes by A.J. Kitt in Morioka, Japan, in 1993 and Doug Lewis in Bormio in 1985.

Miller, who won the super giant slalom last weekend, was the third skier to leave the start hut. He then waited as contender after contender failed to come close to his winning time of 1 minute, 56.22 seconds on the Stevio course.

Rahlves, who made a mistake at the top that might have cost him the gold, took the silver in 1:56.66. Defending champion Michael Walchhofer

salvaged a medal for Austria, finishing 0.87 off the pace for the bronze.

"I'm super proud of what Bode's done this year and today," Rahlves said. "This is the first year we've trained together and he's got a lot of intensity like I do, so it's fun to bang heads and mix it up on the hill."

Miller now has been crowned world champion four times in four events — giant slalom and combined in St. Moritz, Switzerland, in 2003 and super-G and downhill this time.

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Women juggle pregnancy with job hunting

By Amy Joyce
The Washington Post

Kristian Denny Todd found out she was pregnant with her first child in fall 2003 — about the same time she was interviewing for a new job.

Todd faced a dilemma many women face: how to navigate a job search when motherhood, plus a need for maternity leave, is imminent.

Further complicating Todd's situation was that her prospective job was with a political consulting firm, and her baby was due in May 2004, just as the presidential election would be heating up.

"It was going to be a big year for them. I thought I should be very honest about the time I needed for leave," she said.

Her strategy worked well. When she felt a job offer was probable, on her third or fourth round of interviews, she told interviewers of her pregnancy and her due date. She hoped for seven weeks of maternity leave, she told them, and said she would be around for most of the crucial time. She was hired a week later.

By comparison, a headhunting firm Todd had been interviewing with said it wanted someone who was "able to hit the ground running." Todd said.

Although it's illegal to discriminate based on pregnancy, there are still cases of women fired or not hired for positions because of pending motherhood.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission resolved 1,047 charges of pregnancy-based discrimination and recovered \$12.4 million in monetary benefits for the charging parties in 2003.

"For highly skilled women, it is changing," said Jodi Grant, director of work and family programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families. "But for a lot of women, there's still discrimination out there."

The Family and Medical Leave Act allows 12 weeks of unpaid leave for employees who have been with an employer of 50 or more people for at least a year.

Several years ago, Maria Cameron discovered she was pregnant the same day she learned she would have an interview with the Commerce Department.

Her friends recommended she drop the quest for more pregnancy. But "if I waited, then I would feel like I was hiding something," she said. So on her second day of work in May, she told her boss that her baby was due in October. She took 14 weeks of maternity leave, most of it unpaid because she hadn't earned more paid time off.

Her friends have no leave time when they start a new job. Therefore, some who are pregnant and job searching find it necessary to reveal a pregnancy so they can negotiate maternity benefits along with salary and benefits.

CSI's technical programs adapt

Welding program changes could provide training to new employers

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As regional economic development efforts work to bring in new employers and as existing area employers expand their firms, the College of Southern Idaho's technical programs constantly adapt to the changing Magic Valley job market.

The successful recruitment of new employers — like recreational vehicle manufacturer Jayco Inc. in Twin Falls, trailer manufacturer Kleier Built LLC to Gooding and plastic bag manufacturer Hilex Poly Co. to Jerome — was due in large part to the availability of technical education programs to train the changing Magic Valley job market.

"We've had a really good year," Burton said.

The college is seeing a steady rise in enrollment in technical programs each year, but the college's Welding Technology program, in particular, is "really going gangbusters," Burton said. The program, which has around 40 students enrolled full time, recently added a part-time afternoon class and is in the early stages of discussing cooperative training with both Kleier Built and Jayco. Both companies are slated to begin production in spring and could provide job opportunities for those with welding experience or training, Burton said. Similar plans are in the works to train plastics manufacturing workers for Hilex Poly.

"We're defining what 'training' will entail right now," Burton said.

Overall, the college places more than 90 percent of students into jobs or further education after graduation, Burton said. Idaho law requires colleges with technical programs to have a placement rate of at least 80 percent.

But despite that high placement rate, some certified welders often struggle to find the work they desire in Magic Valley, said Ed Martin, assistant professor of welding technology. The welding program attracts students from all over the West. Many of those students are in the "certificates home with you" category.

"I think the majority of opportunities probably aren't here. There isn't a lot of industry here," Martin said. "Probably six welders apply for every (job) posting."

Some students use their skills learned at CSI to return home to the farm, or they go on to work in other positions that require welding skills in addition to



A student in the College of Southern Idaho's Welding Technology program works on a project. The welding program may provide training for some new Magic Valley employers.

other knowledge, Martin said. A goal for the program next year is to open up new opportunities in Magic Valley for certified welders.

"We provide a lot of different skills for these kids," he said. "They're certainly well-suited to their trade... we're giving them skills to compete for the jobs."

A White Pigeon, Mich.-based company that employs welders, is planning to partner with Twin Falls-based steel fabrication firm K&T Steel — a company that has long provided supplies, guidance and job opportunities to welding program graduates — to provide steel chassis for Jayco's Twin Falls plant. Leland already produces chassis for Jayco's Middlebury, Ind., operations.

On a recent visit, Leland Engineering plant manager Mike Doering was impressed with CSI's Welding Technology program and the quality of Magic Valley's work force, compared with that of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. When Leland Engineering recently hired a manager for its Twin Falls shop, eight of the 12 applicants were certified welders. Leland Engineering has about 120 welders at its Michigan plant, but few are certified, Doering said.

Leland Engineering will employ only the manager and another worker in its chassis-building shop at K&T Steel when it begins production this month, but it plans to grow to about 10 employees as Jayco expands, Doering said. CSI-trained welders likely will

be at the top of the list when it comes to hiring them, he said.

"It's a good situation you've got going out there — there's a lot to pick from," he said. "We can't find enough workers out here (in Michigan). This is an area that's starved for a trained work force."

K&T Steel President Bill Koch is optimistic about the future for certified welders in Magic Valley. He agrees that the industrial base isn't enough to support everyone looking for jobs, but he expects it to grow.

"You don't know what other people could follow Jayco out here," Koch said.

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Don't leave your lofty goals on ice

By Mary Ellen Slayter
The Washington Post

It's a month into the new year. Do you know where your New Year's resolutions are?

If you're like a lot of folks, those goals already have been set aside for more urgent or interesting matters: Finding a new job gives way to working overtime to keep the one you have. Applying to law school gives way to filling out federal financial aid forms for your college-bound kid sister. Voting to reorganize your filing system gives way to just about anything else.

But it's not too late to dedicate yourself to your goals for the year. Here are a few tips to get you back on track:

• **Take a number.** Truly McCrea, an executive coach and partner for Achieve-It LLC, says she asks her clients to express their goals in quantifiable terms. You're more likely to achieve your goal if you have a specific target, rather than a vague one. Her examples: "Make 10 cold sales calls, reach a certain revenue goal... or eliminate arguments in a business partnership."

• **Take stock.** If your goals run completely counter-to-your-nature, you're setting yourself up for failure. "Make sure that your job resolutions play to your strengths," said Caroline Adams Miller, a life coach in Bethesda, Md. "If you assess your exactity about your strengths, find an assessment that will help you discern them."

Miller recommends the free "Signature Strengths" test on Maria E.B. Soligmann's Authentic Happiness site (www.authentic-happiness.com) and the Gallup Organization's \$25 "Strengths Finder" assessment (www.strengthsfinder.com).

• **Write down your goals every single day and review them every single night.** Miller said, "I've interviewed Olympic gold medalists, founders of multimillion-dollar companies and people who added advanced degrees at the age of 50, and their lives always the same: Write down your goals and visualize them occurring."

• **Take one step at a time.** "The biggest project really just a series of little ones. Most of my clients write down specific accomplishment dates for each step."

For example, I have been coaching a government worker this year into the job of her dreams, which is living, working and studying in Paris for one year," she said. The worker has specific target dates for every step: Jan. 15, list of schools in Paris is completed; March 1, applications to schools go out; April, rental of apartment; May 1, passport. "She carries around a pocket calendar with these dates in red," Miller said. "There is no exception."

• **Take a hand.** Professional career coaches and counselors, not surprisingly, often suggest enlisting outside help. But this doesn't necessarily mean paid help. It could be as simple as sharing your goal with your spouse or best friend, who can help hold you accountable. "All resolutions are strengthened by having a support system that is aware of your goals, and that can help you brainstorm ways around any obstacles," Miller said.

"Screen out whiners and naysayers who don't want you to succeed," Miller added. "Every time you seek to change your life, you will attract a certain number of people who have no investment in seeing you succeed... But be sure that the people you spend time with and socialize with are positive and encouraging of your job resolutions for change. Every job achiever I've interviewed says the same thing about people as well: negative energy drains them out of your life. They drain you, will cause you to doubt yourself, and won't help you succeed."

She's poster child for successful move from college to work

By Catrine Johansson
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Career counselors would love Kathrina Calbes.

By using networking, internships, youthful energy and other techniques to land her career experts, Calbes has transitioned well from college to the working world. Now 23 years old, Calbes has been promoted twice since she was 21, boosting her annual salary \$10,000 in 14 months.

"She is very enthusiastic," said Sharon Dang, human-resources manager at Contiki Holidays, the travel wholesaler where Calbes works as a marketing coordinator. "She shows that she is willing to learn and work hard."

Calbes interviewed very well, Dang said, showing that she had researched the company before she came to the initial interview with Dang.

All those things initially lured Calbes in as a part-time reservations agent in 2001. But when a marketing position opened up a month later, the

Tips for finding the right job

- **Top degrees in demand:**
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 - Master's degree: Electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer science, accounting
 - Doctorate degree: Electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer engineering, chemical engineering, chemistry
- **Network**
- **Serve an internship**
- **Join a professional association**
- **Accept a job that allows you "a foot in the door" at a company, even if the job isn't in line with your career goals.**
- **Remain open to relocation**
- **Employers rate the importance of experience (on a 5-point scale where 5 is very important and 1 is not important):**
 - Internship experience — 3.9
 - Relevant work experience — 3.9
 - Any work experience — 3.5
 - Co-op experience — 3.3
- **Source: The Job Outlook for the Class of 2004, National Association of Colleges and Employers**
- **Do informational interviews**

good impression she made during the first interview lingered, and Dang asked Calbes to interview for the job.

"There were few people who had administrative back-

grounds that looked good on paper," Dang said. "But after speaking with (Calbes), she was the best overall."

Calbes got the marketing position in January 2002. Sixteen months later, in April 2003, she was promoted again, to marketing coordinator.

(Although the work Calbes does at Contiki is crucial to her success, she probably wouldn't be where she is today if it weren't for the work she did while she studied for her degree in public relations at California State University, Fullerton. Immediately after she began her studies in 1999, Calbes began thinking of ways to get the work experience she knew she needed to be successful after college.

First, she supported herself with a part-time job as a hotel receptionist.

Then, she did internships. The college requires one internship to graduate, but Calbes did two — one doing marketing for SeaWorld in 2000 and one for the Orange County Fair in 2001.

"I knew I wanted internships with a focus on tourism," Calbes said. "SeaWorld and the fair gave me that."

She joined the Public Relations Student Society of America on campus and began networking,

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Send resume to:
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Sample Love Lines:

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Thanks so much for believing in me!
Love ya,
Sis

Violet,
We've had our ups and downs but our friendship has stood the test of time. Thanks for always being there for us.
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Sender's Name: _____
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During the Interview

- Maintain eye contact.
- If you don't understand a question, or are unsure about what the interviewer is looking for, ask them to repeat or clarify the question.
- Be in-charge.
- Take time answering tough questions. If you are asked a difficult question, don't hesitate to request a minute to gather your thoughts.
- Share specific examples when describing your current or past responsibilities as opposed to providing general information.
- At the end of the interview, ask the questions you prepared to gather information that will help you make a good decision about the employer and the job.
- Thank the interviewer for their time and provide a firm handshake when you depart.



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Spray Technician: Webb Landscape, Inc., an ESOP, is looking for a licensed spray technician to work in our Spray Department. Webb offers excellent wages and great benefits. License and experience preferred, but training is available for the right candidate. Seasonal, full-time. Position to begin in mid-March. Contact Veronica: 788-2066, or e-mail a resume to veronica@webbland.com"

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Contact Terry or at Franklin Building Supply Truss Plant, 515 W. Main • Jerome, Id.
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Service plumber for local company. 1 year exp., min. C10 an driving record. Must have own tools. Management opportunity \$1000 sign-on bonus. Fax resume to: 208-888-7881 or call Chris 208-888-9191

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Interview Do's and Don'ts

Do:

- Arrive on time.
- Establish rapport to be called back for a second interview.
- Go in prepared. Do you background research, including internet, newspaper, etc. about the company and services provided.
- Reflect on ways you could contribute to the company. Be concrete and use examples based on past experiences with current/previous companies.
- Be engaging. Let your enthusiasm and interest for the job shine through. Clients don't hire wooded boards.
- Use action verbs and appeal to the senses.
- Have fun and relax. If you are tense, you'll be seen as rigid and uncomfortable. Breathe deeply before you interview and center yourself.
- Be a role model for your profession.

Don't

- Oversell yourself. There's time to sell yourself and your credentials, including presenting samples. The conversation should shift to then discussing the job opening and its challenges.
- Undersell yourself. This is not the place to be modest. Make sure you can draw attention to specific accomplishments, and qualify them.
- Go to an interview hungry. You will not be as alert. Make sure you eat beforehand.
- Ask to go to lunch or get a snack with your interviewer/hiring manager. The focus of the first interview is to get to know each other. The food and eating can be a distraction. If the hiring manger asks the candidate to a meal, that projects a different, more informal message. Beware, however. It's still an interview—you are watched and evaluated.
- Use jest or humor to joke about your potential employer's projects, services or employees. The hiring is an extension of the company's brand. He/she is proud to work for the company. Why take pot shots? In addition, avoid swearing or off color jokes. You want to rise to the top, not stoop to the lowest denominator.
- Be arrogant or haughty
- Talk badly of previous employers, employees or companies. It will come back to haunt you.
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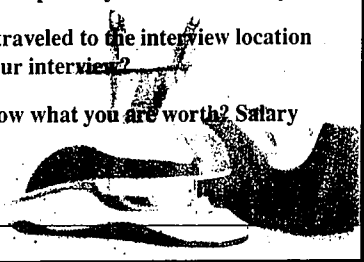
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- Have you done your homework on the company?
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- Have you traveled to the interview location prior to your interview?
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers Quick Books class

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering Quick Books classes in February. Participants can choose from two separate programs — an evening series or a Saturday series.

Quick Books Pro 2004 is designed for novices with the software who need to be more proficient. Instruction includes how to track inventory, set up a company, handle accounts receivable and payable, track and age merchandise and do payroll, reconciling and reporting. Students need to be computer literate and be familiar with accounting principles. Classes will be held 6 to 9 p.m. on three Thursdays — Feb. 10 and 24 and March 3 or 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on two Saturdays — Feb. 12 and 19. Cost is \$75 per person. Dennis Tilley, a certified public accountant, will instruct.

Space is limited to 15 students in each program, and registration must be completed before the first class; contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

CSI students can apply for internship

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho students interested in a one-semester internship at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., next fall may apply when a Disney representative visits the CSI campus in March.

Betsy Giffin, hospitality management program coordinator at CSI, encourages part- and full-time students age 18 and older to look into the program. In the last few years, more than 50 CSI students have done the internships, which provide resort work experience and college credit for the classes the students take while in Florida.

"We never see anyone finish the internship who wasn't changed for the better as a result of the experience," Giffin said.

Jobs at the resort range from custodial and food service to lifeguarding and merchandising, vacation planning and, in some cases, being Disney cast members. Students can choose from seven college-level programs during the internship, each of which teach an element of the hospitality industry.

Students interested in applying may come to Room 276 of the CSI Taylor building at 2 p.m. March 4 for an interview.

For information, contact Giffin at 732-6407 or bgiffin@csi.edu. Details can be found at www.wedcvoloprogram.com.

Gooding chamber gives awards

GOODING — The Gooding Chamber of Commerce presented two Lifetime Achievement awards and an Above and Beyond Award during its annual banquet Jan. 22.

Lifetime Achievement awards were given to Mel and Barbara Magnelli and Bill and Doris Oakley.

Mel Magnelli is retiring as manager of Franklin Building Supply in Gooding after 38 years. Barbara Magnelli has worked in the media department at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind for 30 years. They are involved with St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding.

Bill Oakley worked as a certified public accountant in Gooding for 36 years. He served on the Gooding County Memorial Hospital board for 12 years and was a member of the board that founded Magic Valley Bank. Doris Oakley operated a dress store called Doris O's for 22 years and was a pink lady at Gooding County Memorial for many years.

The Above and Beyond Award was given to Todd Bunn, public works director of the city of Gooding, for his many years of helpfulness to the Gooding chamber.

Off and running



Tony Mendelkow, a drywall hanger with Hallstone Drywall and Acoustics of Twin Falls, pauses briefly to talk with a colleague on his cell phone at First Federal Savings Bank on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls Wednesday. Starr Corp. is working on a two-month project to remodel half of the bank at a time, while the other half remains open.

Twin Falls starts construction year in positive territory

By Megan Hinds and Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — A bank branch update, a new office building, a car dealership remodeling and more than two dozen new homes helped Twin Falls start 2005 with a modest year-over-year increase in construction values. Twin Falls saw January values rise 7.1 percent from the year earlier. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$3.95 million for combined construction types. That's \$262,023 more than in January 2004.

If the city remains on that upward trend for the rest of 2005, it would resume a string of growth that was interrupted last year. Twin Falls' construction values for combined types rose for four years in a row before declining 2.8 percent year-over-year in 2004.

"There are plenty of pages left on the 2005 calendar, of course. But the city's monthly reports of building activity give economy watchers a good indication of local vigor — and an indication of what's to come in the market for con-



struction labor. Twin Falls issued 27 permits for new single-family homes inside the city limits last month, averaging \$112,342 each in estimated value. That's more than the 24 permits for new single-family homes a year ago and the 23 in January 2003.

Each month's permit list also provides a window into local business investment. Highlights for January:

Two projects on Twin Falls' east side

First Federal Savings Bank's eastern Twin Falls branch at 148 Eastland Drive N. has been looking "a little dated" in recent years, and the branch simply needs more room to serve its customers, said Alan Horner, president of First Federal.

So the bank has embarked upon a remodeling project for the branch which will expand its lobby and add another teller station and three new

offices, for loan personnel, Horner said. "We're busy enough that we need a new lobby," he said. "I'll have a whole new look — the color scheme will match our other branches."

The branch has eight employees now but plans to add another loan officer and another teller by the end of the year. "We're anticipating more growth," Horner said. "That end of town is really starting to take off."

The project, which will be completed in two phases, has a value of \$103,405 according to City Hall estimates, but Horner said the total value is more than that. The remodeling is slated to be finished by the end of April.

Elsewhere on Eastland Drive, Don Anderson Construction has begun work on a shell office building at 1146 Eastland Drive N. The building is owned by Jay Proost.

Construction of the 7,331-square-foot building, which is valued at an estimated \$239,026, likely will begin within the next month and is due to be completed in six to eight months, said Don Anderson, president of Don Anderson Construction.

The January report

Estimated values for construction that received permits in January from Twin Falls city:

Type	Jan. '05	Jan. '04	Jan. '03
New single-family homes:	\$3,033,227	\$2,622,649	\$2,190,973
New multifamily units:	0	\$693,051	0
New commercial projects:	\$239,026	\$183,593	\$581,954
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$440,465	\$71,841	\$30,991
Total (including such things as manufactured homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$3,953,439	\$3,691,416	\$3,057,990

Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

• Jan. '05	up 7 percent
• Dec. '04	down 40 percent
• Nov. '04	up 84 percent
• Oct. '04	up 48 percent
• Sept. '04	up 73 percent
• Aug. '04	down 34 percent

Elsewhere in town

Ivyn Falls' other January building permits of note included:

- Middleknuff Blue Lakes Ford's \$185,000 remodeling of its showroom at 1343 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
- Fanz's \$70,000 remodeling at its store at 1485 Pole Line

Read. • The \$60,000 remodeling of a professional office building at 1411 Falls Ave. E. No. 915.

• Lowe's addition of a \$35,000 sign outside its store under construction at 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Americans keep busy by remodeling their homes

By Steve Brown
The Dallas Morning News

ORLANDO, Fla. — Americans have been busy with home improvement junkies. Last year, we spent almost a quarter-trillion dollars on everything from decked-out kitchens to new roofs and remodeled bathrooms.

The home remodeling market increased by more than 5 percent and is expected to continue growing at that rate during the next few years, industry analysts predict.

"We are entering 2005 on a solid growth trajectory," said Kermit Baker, a Harvard researcher who estimates that Americans have done more than 500 million home improvement projects during the last decade.

And home remodeling projects feed on themselves, Baker told homebuilders at a meeting in Florida in mid-January.

"One of the best indicators of a homeowner doing another home improvement project is they have recently done one," he said. "That's because those fix-up jobs often make other areas of the home 'look a lot worse.'"

"Kitchen and bathroom remodeling and room additions are where most U.S. homeowners spend their money.

Almost 60 percent of remodeling dollars are spent inside the home, according to a new report by Harvard University's Joint Center for housing studies.

Homeowners spend more than \$16,000 on average to remodel a kitchen and about \$8,400 to fix up a bathroom, the Harvard study found.

Adding a bedroom will run you almost \$17,000, and a new deck or front porch will average more than \$3,000.

Americans also spend more than \$15 billion a year to paint and wallpaper their homes and more than \$1 billion a year on flooring.

"Many of those cities seeing the strongest remodeling growth are in the Sun Belt," Baker said. "Those homes that were built 25 or 30 years ago are reaching the age where they need a lot of replacements, upgrades and improvements."

Researchers have also found that the home improvement market isn't dominated by modest-income do-it-yourselfers. Upper-income households account for about half of home improvement spending, according to the Harvard research.

"The trend toward the high end is what we really think is driving growth in the industry right now," said William Appgar, also with Harvard. "Re-

modeling expenditures are increasingly focused at the upper end of the market."

Another trend is that minorities and immigrants are credited with a bigger share of the home fix-up business.

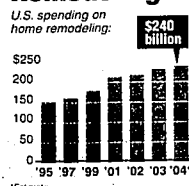
"One in five home remodeling projects is done by a minority buyer," said Appgar, who says that minority expenditures for home improvement have grown about 85 percent in the last 10 years.

While a slowdown in home refinancing may cut funds for home redos, economists are optimistic that the market will remain strong.

"The remodeling market in general is an integral part of the U.S. economy and housing sector," said Gopal Ahluwalia, a researcher for the National Association of Home Builders.

Ahluwalia said that if interest rates go up this year, remodeling is less likely to feel the effects than home buying. He predicts that the home improvement market will grow about 5 percent annually during the next 10 years.

Remodeling



Estimated cost per room

Remodel bathroom	\$8,399
Remodel kitchen	\$16,391
HVAC	\$2,684
Roofing	\$3,815
Add a bedroom	\$16,556
Add a deck or porch	\$3,311
Add a garage	\$10,702

Source: Remodeling magazine. Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies Graphic. E. Block. The Dallas Morning News

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

College instructors

TWIN FALLS — Alta Harris, Matt Schuster and Cody McQueen joined the Community Education Center as



Matt Schuster



Cody McQueen

instructors for the spring semester. Harris teaches two sections of pottery. She is an accomplished potter with more than seven years of experience in ceramics production. Her work has been exhibited in the CSI Annual Student Art Exhibition under the instruction of Liz James and Bill and Sheryl West. She has participated in numerous Magic Mud events, selling ceramics under the production name Desert Wind Pottery.

Schuster teaches several workshops on business issues and investment strategies. He graduated from the University of Idaho and received a master's degree from Oregon State University. As an A.G. Edwards financial consultant, he provides financial services such as retirement planning, fixed income, estate planning and educational planning. McQueen teaches workshops on long-term care and estate conservation. He is a registered financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. He has a bachelor's degree in English from Brigham Young University and more than five years of experience managing a music dealership in Utah. He has a bachelor's and the NASD and the SEC and holds licenses for life, health, disability income and long-term care insurance.

MILESTONES

McDonald's in Burley completes remodeling

BURLEY — McDonald's Restaurant, at 394 N. Overland Ave. in Burley, completed a remodeling.

The business added a second drive-through window to expedite service. Inside where the children's dining area was formerly located is a new game room that includes air hockey and foosball tables and free video games for various ages. Owners said it is the only McDonald's in Idaho with that type of game room.

This North Overland store opened May 10, 1979, and is one of seven McDonald's locations in Burley. Twin Falls and Jerome owned and operated by Bill, Donna and Darren Kyle of Twin Falls. Bill and Donna Kyle have been franchise owners for 32 years. Their son, Darren, has



McDonald's Restaurant in Burley holds a ribbon cutting to commemorate its remodeling. From left are Angela Garcia of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, McDonald's store manager Sara Funk, business owner Bill Kyle, McDonald Land character 'Grimace' and chamber ambassadors Barbara Ranklief, Carleen Clayville, June Potter, Jon Anderson and Ward Maxfield.

been a certified public accountant for 11 years in public practice and is now part of the family business.

Business hours for the Burley McDonald's are 6:30 a.m. to 10

p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with breakfast served daily until 10:30 a.m. The store can be reached at 678-2230.

Kimberly business reports expansion plans

KIMBERLY — Kirk and Bev Claiborn, having just completed their first year of business, announced plans to expand their storage facilities.

Claiborn RV Storage Inc., one mile east of Kimberly on U.S. Highway 30, is beginning with Phase II, planning to include at least a second building for additional covered storage. Bev Claiborn said they became aware that the demand for covered storage actually exceeded the demand for uncovered spaces. Kirk Claiborn said it's not just winter weather but other weather, especially heat from the sun, that can eventually be hard on tops and exterior



Claiborn RV Storage Inc. recently completed its first year of business and announced plans to expand its storage facilities, shown here.

finishes of most recreational vehicles and the current electronic pass code entry system.

For annual pre-paid discounts and other information, call 923-5876 or 420-4501.

CONTRIBUTIONS

■ Sportsman's Warehouse and Ducks Unlimited held a drawing recently to conclude a fund-raising project for Ducks Unlimited.

During the past eight months, Sportsman's Warehouse sold 1,200 tickets for chances to win a one-hour, \$5,000 shopping spree for anything in the store. Ten finalists were selected earlier in January and each given a key to a box containing the prize. The winning key that opened the box was held by Jess Duncanson Sr. of Idaho Falls, who completed his shopping spree in about 25 min-

utes, said Twin Falls store manager John Howard.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will pay for the cost of the merchandise, with the remainder benefiting Ducks Unlimited and its North American wetlands conservation efforts. Howard said Ducks Unlimited will get more than \$5,000 from this project.

Ducks Unlimited said 84 cents of every dollar raised from events like the shopping spree goes directly to benefit waterfowl and other species of wildlife. In its 60-plus-year history, Ducks Unlimited has conserved almost 11 million acres of nesting and migratory habitat and associated lands for waterfowl, the organization said.



For the 15th year D.L. Evans Bank donated a rifle to the Mini-Cassia chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for its annual banquet. The event features door prizes, including the Remington .30-06 rifle. The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert Elks. From left are John Evans Jr., CEO of D.L. Evans Bank; former Gov. John Evans Sr., bank president; Roger Facer, bank branch manager; Ken Schmidt and Bill Blair of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; and Brian Wilda, bank vice president and manager.

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Helen Odenwald

TWIN FALLS — Helen Odenwald recently completed training with Robert Jones, a make-up artist to stars.



Helen Odenwald

The certificate of accomplishment qualifies her to teach women make-up artistry, she said.

Odenwald is an independent sales director with Dallas-based Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Sharon Kae Kimber

RUPERT — Sharon Kae Kimber is the new director of the DeBartey Memorial Library in Rupert.



Sharon Kae Kimber

Kimber has worked at the library for three years and has experience with other public and school libraries.

Her duties as director include assisting library patrons with their book needs in and out, handling circulation, writing grant applications and overseeing the library's operation. She also organizes such events as "Let's Talk About It" and the summer reading program.

Kimber hopes to automate operations at the library. The library is already part of the LLL (Libraries Linking Idaho) program, which offers an expanded search of area libraries to find specific materials.

She also plans to start a book club and begin computer classes at the library. Anyone interested in joining one or both may call Kimber at the library at 436-3874.

The library is at 417 Seventh St. in Rupert.

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STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Aurora Jade Fresquez, daughter of Ivaon Alessandrini Mahan of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005.
Adrian Eduardo Velasco-Malagon, son of Marie de Jesus Malagon-Servin of Jackpot, Nev., was born Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005.
Maysie Jean Gibson, daughter of Carol Ann and Colin Robert Gibson of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 24, 2005.
Payton Cecelia Perkins, daughter of Crista Ann and Zac William Perkins of Jerome, was born Monday, Jan. 24, 2005.
Sydney Meredith Preuit, daughter of Janice Leigh and Troy John Preuit of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 24, 2005.
Lolita Bella Harshbarger, daughter of Christina and Josh Michael Harshbarger of Kimberly, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Kendall Rose Munson, daughter of Ciaena Jane and Emmett Lucas Munson of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Chloe Joy Pizarro, daughter of Julie Mae and Antonio Pizarro Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Cody Jake Schweikert, son of Suzanne Denise and Jason Patrick Schweikert of Filer, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Jose Axel Orozco-Alcala, son of Consuelo Alcala and Jose Oscar de Murrough, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Cesar Josafat Flores-Carrillo, son of Carmen Raquel Carrillo and Cesar Guadalupe Flores of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Gage Allen Wavser, son of Staci Ann Wavser of Twin Falls,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: **Jami Whited**, The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. **Deadline:** noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. **More Information?** Call Jami at 735-9278

was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Andrew Staley Cheney, son of Robyn Volinda and Merrill Staley Cheney of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005.
Ellie Lynn Floyd, daughter of Jessica Mary and Joel Wyatt Floyd of Gooding, was born Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.
Miguel Perez Torres, son of Hocio Perez Torres and Aurelio Perez Delgado of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.
Faith Ann Dennis, daughter of Angela Lenei Ritchie and George W. Dennis IV of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.
Lauren Taylor Ross, daughter of Cheri Ann and Robert Brett Ross of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.
Evelyn Charle Drown, daughter of Lauraine Ann and Andrew Dwaiv Drown of Buhl, was born Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.
Kayla Mae Slane, daughter of Heunette Marie and Nicholas Anthony Slane of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.
Brody Slade Taylor, son of Terrie Lynn and Billy Slade Taylor II of Filer, was born Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.

Daniel Alan Zalme McClymonds, son of Shauna Colleen Webb and David Alan McClymonds of Buhl, was born Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.
Erik Noe Castaneda-Godoy, son of Irendida Godoy and Isaias Castaneda Zafala of Jerome, was born Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005.
Layna Mae Jackman, daughter of Jillian Mae and Dylan Lowell Jackman of Gooding, was born Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005.
Riley Ray Kimbrough, son of Cassie to Kimbrough of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005.
Juan Javier Flores, son of Christina Tovar of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 31, 2005.
Caden Thomas Braun, son of Angela Dee and Chris Shaun Braun of Gooding, was born Monday, Jan. 31, 2005.

Rayne Leigh Vloten Baker, daughter of Darcy Robens and Jordan Baker of Halley, was born Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005.
Seth Dean Turner, son of McKayla Turner of Fairfield, was born Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005.
Elizabeth Anne Lipman, daughter of Teresa and David Lipman of Halley, was born Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005.
Jacob-Michael Stronewick, son of Sara Trapp and Barry Stronewick of Halley, was born Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005.
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St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center
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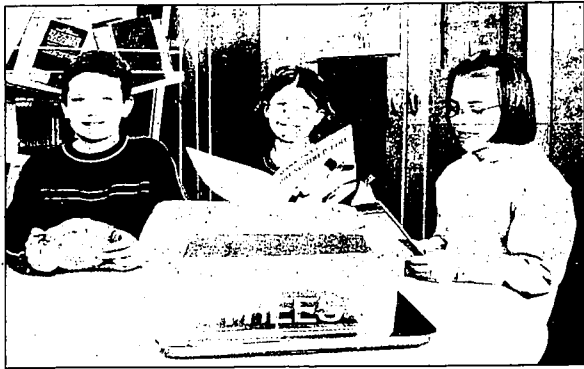


Photo courtesy of Clover Trinity Lutheran School.

Roy Gartner, Danielle Petrone and Salsha Meyer, students from Diane Crisnor's classroom at Clover Trinity Lutheran School, examine items from the 'Trees of Idaho' discovery box made possible by the Idaho Forest Products Commission Grant.

Grants fund weather, history projects

BUHL - Clover Trinity Lutheran School has received three educational grants.

With a \$200 grant from the Idaho Forest Products Commission, teacher Diane Crisnor organized a program entitled, "Name That Tree: Identifying Idaho's Trees." Grant money purchased posters, video programs and the creation of hands-on activities, take-home "Uses of the Trees" discovery backpacks and a "Trees of Idaho" discovery box.

A \$1,000 Teacher Incentive Grant from the Idaho Humanities Council will be used to organize and implement an Idaho Live History Day at the school this spring. The all-day educational activity will bring students, families, teachers and the community together to learn about and experience Idaho's history and cultural heritage.

A \$1,000 grant from the Inshiba America Foundation will help purchase an advanced weather station and software to link the station to each classroom and the school's computer lab and Web site.

Parent Johanna Petrone helped in obtaining these grants, the school reported. Established in 1915, the school is affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and serves children from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade in the Buhl, Filer, Castleford and Twin Falls areas.

The system will be used to enhance science classes at all grade levels, provide data for use in math and computer classes and make weather-related, real-time information available to the community.

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HELPING THE NEEDY



The Rupert Kiwanis Club purchased turkeys from 4-H member Alaine Orthman at the Mindoka County 4-H Fat Stock Sale and donated them to the Community Oasis Outreach and Alaska's Best, which both held Thanksgiving dinners for the needy. From left are DeAnn Brower of Community Oasis Outreach; Betty Martin of Alaska's Best; and Wally Studer, Rupert Kiwanis Club president.

Photo courtesy of MELANIE HROGICH

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Photo courtesy of BETTY TAYLOR

Left, recipients of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary scholarships for December were, from left, Yvonne Sanchez, Kristen Wiersama, Jean Roglinski, Jill Day, Stacie Muff, Gregg Caldwell and Tom Jackson. Not pictured are Tiffany Muff and Louise Perry. The scholarships are awarded to anyone in the medical field. Recipients must commit to working for one year at the hospital. Scholarships are awarded in August and December. Right, Tom Jackson was awarded the Ava Schow Scholarship by Roste Stover, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary member. The scholarship is given once a year.

MEETING THE GOVERNOR



Photo courtesy of VALERIE HANKS

Staff members from Mindoka Home Health and Hospice, a non-profit agency, attended the National Association of Home Care convention in Phoenix, Ariz. Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne received an award for his work implementing community-based long-term care. From left are Valerie Hanks, office manager; and Joye Simpson, director of Mindoka Home Health and Hospice; Dirk and Patricia Kempthorne; Cassie Tracy, case manager; and Gina Sutton, hospice volunteer coordinator.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE



Twin Falls student receives science scholarship

Dylan Mikesell of Twin Falls has been awarded a \$5,000 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Scholarship. He is a junior pursuing a degree in geophysics at the Colorado School of Mines in Boulder, Colo. Mikesell has been working on a new method for the U.S. Army could revolutionize the data acquisition side of geophysical exploration, called Non-Contacting Acousto-Optic Landmine Detection, reported the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation, Denver, Colo. chapter.

He also had the opportunity to spend the fall 2003 semester in Australia. He would like to obtain a doctorate in geophysics and become a research scientist and professor.

CSI cheer, dance clinic opens to local kids

TWIN FALLS - Dancers and cheerleaders at the College of Southern Idaho will hold their annual fund-raising Mini Cheer and Dance clinic for boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 12 in the CSI gym. Participants will learn the basics of becoming team dancers and cheerleaders and perform a routine during half-time of the CSI men's homecoming basketball game that evening against North Idaho College. Each participant will receive pom-poms for the routine and free admission, plus two free adult tickets to the game. The cost for the clinic is \$20, which includes a drink and snack. All proceeds go to the CSI Cheer and Dance teams. Parents can register their children

AARP hears about new Medicare rulings

BURLEY - Tamara Stricker of SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisers) will be the guest speaker at the Minicassia American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Cleveland Ave. Stricker, who has worked 10 years with the Idaho Department of Insurance, will speak on new Medicare rulings. All interested people are invited to the noon lunch and the following meeting. Richard Meambier is the newly installed president; Virginia Hansen is vice chairman; Jeanne Meambier is secretary

and newsletter editor; and Donna Siger is treasurer. For more information, call 678-7387.

Jerome woman celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Bonnie Hopper of Jerome will celebrate her 80th birthday with a potluck and card shower at 1 p.m. Feb. 13 at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. Hopper was born Feb. 6, 1925, in Mulberry, Kan., and moved to Idaho when she was 3. She and husband, Dale, have worked together on their farm and they have one son, Bob. She volunteers at the Jerome County Historical Museum.

T.F. Bank employees meet Saturday

For more information or to make reservations by Feb. 11, call Dee at 734-4895.

Organization seeks volunteers for delivery

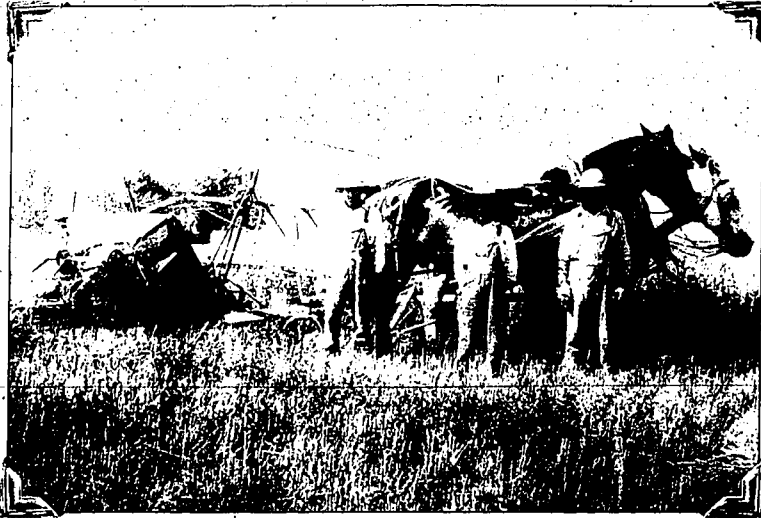
TWIN FALLS - Homestyle Express, a nonprofit division of Homestyle Direct, delivers meals to those unable to prepare or afford meals in southern Idaho and seeks volunteers to

Writer speaks at Twentieth Century Club

TWIN FALLS - The Twentieth Century Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the Turf Club, at 734 Park Ave. E. The hostess will be Joyce Larsen. Writer John Swayze will speak on the history of the Iraqi people. For more information or for reservations, call Nancy at 733-2435 or 733-3116 or Helen at 733-2552.

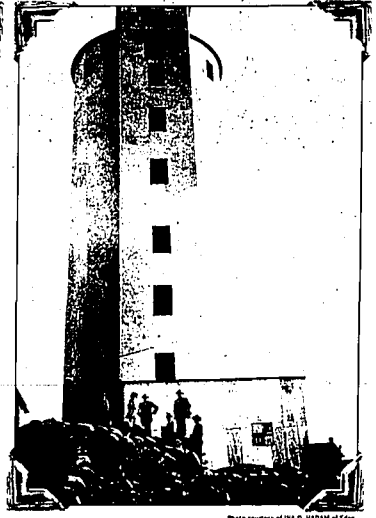
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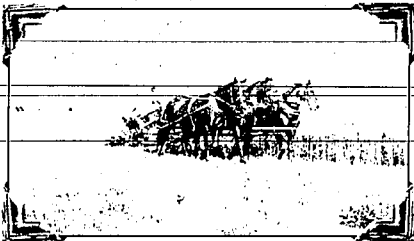
Brothers Ralph, left, Leroy, center, and Raymond Kohntopp bind and shock grain south of Buhl in 1927.

Photo courtesy of RAYMOND KOHNTOPP of Filer



Farmers bring grain into the Hansen elevator around 1907 or 1908.

Photo courtesy of OSA G. HEDMAN of Eden



Hugo Jones binds grain south of Kimberly in 1911.

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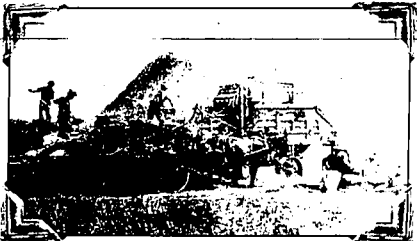
superior-grade of wheat is grown in the Twin Falls country and the heavy yield makes it a profitable crop," proclaimed a promotional booklet published in about 1913 to tout the wonders of Twin Falls to prospective settlers.

"The Twin Falls country is rapidly becoming a leader in the production of high class seeds, as the climate and altitude are particularly adapted. Peas and beans are being raised in vast quantities to supply Eastern seed dealers," the booklet said.

To bolster the argument for investing in the area's farmlands, the booklet included 1912 harvest statistics from individual wheat and oat farmers, and an invitation to contact the farmers for verification. Still, the text managed to convey that almost limitless profits were ripe for easy plucking.

These historical photographs from our readers show something of the rest of the story — the hard work invested in Magic Valley's grain and bean fields.

—Virginia S. Hutchins



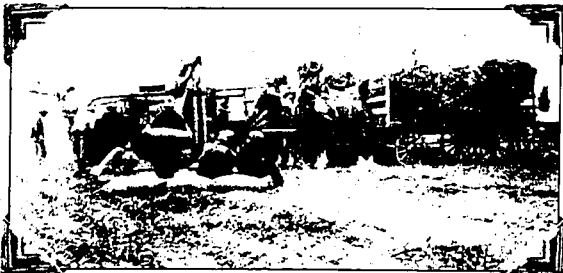
The DeKlotz brothers — William, Gilbert and Charles — thresh wheat west of Filer in about 1918. The brothers owned the machine.

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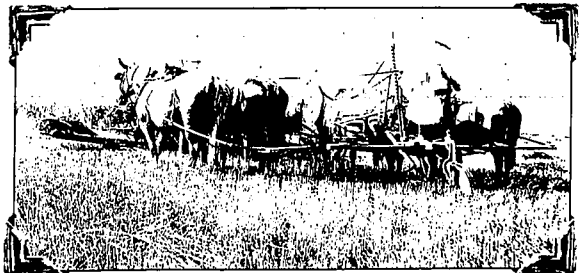
Amid plentiful sagebrush, Charles H. Lavens and other workers run a threshing machine in Buhl on July 20, 1914. Notes written on the back of the photo say barley was making 50 bushels per acre, and peaches, pears and apricots were ripe at that time.

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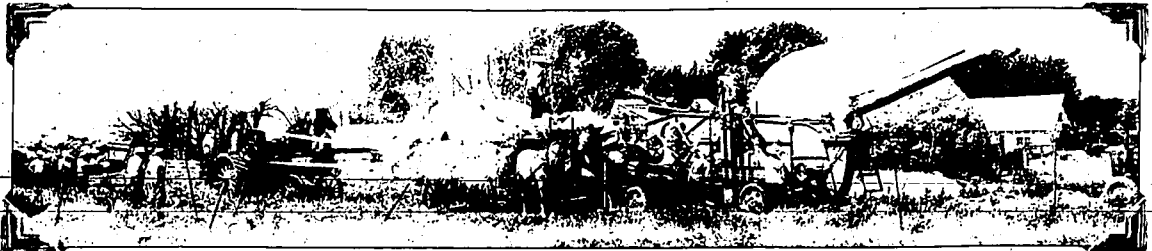
The DeKlotz brothers — William, Gilbert and Charles — and their neighbors Art Hawkins, Glen Leonard and Ed Vincent thresh beans in the Filer area in 1930.

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This photograph from about the 1910s, on Stricker Ranch at Rock Creek, shows a team cutting grain with a push binder.

Photo courtesy of DON and BEANIE DEAN of Burley



Teams and wagons haul grain bundles to a threshing machine in the 1940s, on a farm near Jerome.

Photo courtesy of HELEN LEE of Jerome

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Dress dilemma

It's hard to think "budget" when the bridal-shop mirror says "princess."

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They want what?

Web sites cater to less-than-traditional couples, real and fictional, who register for intangible gifts.

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Do your duty

Did you know that bridesmaids are responsible for buying their own shoes, dress and any alterations.

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Our wedding 2005

Can technology improve amateur photos?

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When the wedding is over, the cake's been eaten, the flowers have long since wilted and the dress is put away, about all you have left is an heirloom photo album to pass down through generations.

Ideally, and only if the pictures were captured in the right light and in a timely manner will the ultimate family treasure be available, says Kim Critchfield, owner and operator of Kim Critchfield Photography.

That's not always the case. In the interest of saving a buck, weddings are lost "without a second chance" of capturing the moment, Critchfield said.

With the widespread use of digital cameras and the availability of high-tech equipment, professional wedding photographers are sometimes getting the shaft in favor of amateur shooters who are friends and family.

But there's nothing cheap about today's equipment, the pros say. What's worse, the priceless shot is never caught.

There's more to taking pictures than pointing a camera. And the lack of knowledge where lighting is concerned, "or knowing how to use natural light," a moment-in-time is nothing more than one big blur.

"Dad or Uncle Harry" really don't know what they're doing when they get behind the camera, Critchfield says. And the trouble with Harry (and Dad) is they don't even know it, he added.

So their generous offers to do the picture-taking at important occasions is more often than not the downside to a special event, the professionals argue.

"The perfect picture doesn't always come cheap," says local photographer Jim Fort.

Owner/operator of Addison Photography Studios, Fort says there's more to being a photographer than buying high-end equipment.

If I buy the best wench available it doesn't mean that I'm going to be a good mechanic.

Photography is an art, but it



Christine Gould and Tyler Davls-Jeffers celebrate their vows north of Ketchum.

KIRSTEN SHULTZ/
The Times-News

takes a continuing education to keep abreast of the new and better ways, he says.

"I take at least one class a year and participate in one-day seminars at least three times a year," Fort said.

Assisted by his wife, Mary, Fort uses a state-of-the-art photo lab to perfect his skills.

"You don't leave our studio until you look your best," said Fort, and he backs up what he says with his abilities to soften the images, take out the shine or

maybe even insert a member of the family who couldn't make it

to the group setting.

"On a consumer's digital camera, that couldn't be done," he added.

With software that can adjust color saturation "from antique to bright," the professional equipment lets a photographer fix mistakes.

One example is the glare that might get caught on a subject's glasses.

With a digital swipe and a computerized "cut and paste," another image can act as the catalyst for a perfect shot of the person's eyes.

With the art of "exposure compensation and color correction" even a sheen can be added to the lips for the gull who forgets to apply her gloss before the picture is taken.

A person wails a lifetime for his or her wedding, Critchfield says. And photos are a big-ticket item in any wedding budget, to capture the memories of a couple's big day.

Times-News writer Loretta Burkhardt can be reached at 735-3243, or write to her at lburkhardt@magicalty.com.

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On the cover:

Mandy George and Brent Hicks cross the bridge to their reception after their marriage at Sun Valley Company's River Run Lodge in Ketchum. Photo by KIRSTEN SHULTZ/The Times-News

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Love is always in season

New York Times News Service

Environmental photos have become a hot (and sometimes cold) bridal portrait trend.

You might ask, "What is an environmental photo?"

Environmental is just a fancy word professional photographers use to refer to a photo taken outdoors.

Professional photographers agree that taking environmental photos is a challenge because, unlike studio shots, nature can throw a kink into plans.

The uncontrollable elements, such as a gust of wind or a pop-up rain shower, can betray for a photographer.

Never fear, love is always in season, and so are environmental photos.

Interviews with professional photographers provided the following tips to brides-to-be on how to achieve outstanding environmental bridal portraits.

Achieve great environmental portraits

- Think of the weather and

the season as a valuable part of your portrait. Incorporate the natural beauty of the season in your photos.

• Know what you're in for, and have a positive attitude. Brides who request an environmental portrait should be prepared for the day's temperature.

• Bring a loved one with you to your photo session to help keep you looking your best.

• Bring all of the necessary beauty aids with you to your photo shoot. You'll want to have the tools to keep looking your best.

• If there's even the slightest threat of rain the day of your shoot, bring a large umbrella.

• If the weather is smoldering the day of your shoot, come prepared with drinking water and fans.

• Make wise use of your time. The weather can change in an instant, so come prepared to work with your photographer.

Try using fresh flowers

New York Times News Service

Use fresh flowers for your wedding ceremony and allow nature to have her hand in your special day. Nature helps make it easy to use fresh flowers for your wedding because there's always something beautiful in bloom. Roses are a popular wedding flower because they are in bloom year round.

Open your mind to using flowers that aren't typically thought of as being wedding flowers. Yes, roses, lilies and tulips are great for weddings, but think of the beauty of poisonous flowers for a December wedding or daffodils for a summer event.

Fresh flowers are a thrill for at least two of the five senses, sight and smell. Using fragrant flowers such as gardenias or lilacs will create memories of your wedding day long after the day has gone. Seeing the flowers from your wedding will transport you to the joy of the day.

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Moms choose bolder gowns

The Denver Post

They're dismissively called by initials, MOB or MOG. Their jobs at weddings are to be supportive while not offering too many opinions, to help foot the bill, and, above all, to not outshine the bride.

Mothers of the bride and mothers of the groom, have long gotten short shrift in the wardrobe department. Swathed in miles of frumpy pastel chiffon, they're supposed to form a kind of mute backdrop to the proceedings.

Well at least that's the way it used to be, say retailers and those close to the industry. Many of today's mothers are in good shape and don't want to hide their hard-won figures under layers of boring clothes. Nor do they intend to fade into the woodwork on their offspring's wedding day. They are dressing to please themselves while also looking appropriate on a day that their kids are getting all the attention.

"Mothers don't want to look matronly," says M.J. Powers, a saleswoman at Anderson Morton Women's who has helped many mothers find dresses in her 16 years at the store.

"They are dressing younger than they used to. If they have good arms or shoulders, they aren't afraid to show them."

"The setting of the wedding — be it in a church, synagogue or a more casual setting — determines whether or not they'll bare skin during the ceremony," Powers says.

Many outfits have a shawl or wrap that can be worn during religious services and removed for the reception.

Other trends she has noticed are that mothers are going for black, and such fabrics as lace, which used to be taboo.

Powers says many moms wait until the last minute to shop. "Maybe they don't think their outfits are a priority," but they should start further in advance.



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Photo courtesy of Mom's Reflections

she says. Molly Broeren, owner of Molly's of Denver and a recent MOB herself, recommends moms shop for their outfits at least three months in advance of the wedding, in case they need to place a custom order or track down a dress.

"I carry only three or four lines, but we get a lot of referrals from bridal stores, especially between January and August," says Broeren.

She tends to stock dresses in sizes 8-12, but can special order many in sizes up to 18 or 20.

"The first thing we ask is where the wedding is going to be because there's a difference between having the service (in a church) ... or going up the mountain," Broeren says.

She says she tries to help women find dresses that they can wear again, and that are under \$1,000. "You can always

find a dress that might be prettier and more expensive, but I say that when you find one you like and it fits your budget, move on and worry about the flowers or something else."

Broeren chose a simple silk georgette tea-length dress in navy blue for her son's recent wedding in Maui.

The ceremony on a hotel lawn was followed by a catamaran ride, so she wore pewter sandals and a pearl necklace.

"Like many mothers, she got her future daughter-in-law's approval on the dress before finalizing her choice." Mothers of the bride and groom want to make sure the bride is happy,

she says. And making Broeren happy is the fact that the dress doesn't look so wedding-like that it will be hard to adapt to other social occasions. "I will definitely wear it again," she said.

Variety of veils offer sheer pleasure

The Denver Post

Veils can heighten the beauty and elegance of a wedding ensemble, but it's not easy figuring out what style best suits the gown, the occasion and the bride. That's where Sara Varela steps in. A designer of veils and wedding jewelry, she helps brides create face-framing accessories for the big day.

Gabriel says 75 percent of her clients come in not knowing what veil to wear with their gown.

Her Denver studio is filled with samples, which she has brides try on along with their dresses to select the right style. Prices start at \$125 and average about \$200, including an in-store consultation.

Gabriel recommends that brides place orders two months in advance of the wedding but will accommodate rush orders for an extra fee.

"We've already had two cut attacks this year," she said, in reference to panicked customers calling after their frisky feelings got into their wedding ensembles. "Cuts love tulle."

In addition to keeping your veil wrapped and away from kitty's claws, here are some of Varela's tips:

- **Customize:** Work with a designer to create a veil that is soft to the touch, hand-gathered and hand sewn. Avoid veils constructed with hot glue and hook-and-loop tape or made from stretchy or coarse fabrics.

Fine craftsmanship can mean the difference between an uncomfortable, distracting veil and one that flatters.

- **Select the right shade:** You don't have to settle for the standard white or ivory veils offered by most manufacturers. Gowns range from eye-popping whites to buttery creams, and some whites even have pink, blue or silver undertones. The veil should coordinate with those subtle details.

- **Here comes the veil!** An intimate garden setting is not necessarily the place for a multitiered, chapel-length veil. Likewise, a short and sassy fly-away veil will seem distracting at a formal cathedral ceremony.

- **More doesn't mean better:** Your veil should strike a balance with your overall look. Heavily embroidered gowns usually look best when complemented by sheer, relatively unadorned veils; wedding dresses with clean, simple lines are stunning paired with wide, bias-edged

veils. A good rule of thumb is that the more dramatic and complicated the gown, the more understated and simple the veil should be.

- **Blushing bride?** Choosing to wear a blusher — the layer of the veil that floats gracefully in front of your face as you walk down the aisle — is a personal choice. While some brides like the drama and romance this detail adds to a ceremony, others prefer that their smiling face be fully visible. Go with your instinct.

- **Highlight your shape:** A bride with a round face is best framed by veils that are narrow at the top, while brides with narrow faces may want more fullness.

"All brides are balanced by a long, trailing veil, while petite brides should choose a shorter veil to avoid looking overwhelmed by too much fabric. A veil should accentuate the shape of your gown and your face."

Planning a wedding?

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Our wedding 2005

De-mystifying the ring thing

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — From the all-important engagement ring to the band of gold that symbolizes eternal love, wedding jewelry counts.

Traditionally, diamonds are the first choice, says Jensen Jewelers vice president Tony Prater, but that's not an ironclad rule anymore.

"Women also prefer that holder stying in the larger, wider band," Prater said.

Choosing the perfect jewel can upstage the wedding itself. And even that depends on the cut.

"The better the cut, the better the sparkle," said Dick Barton, owner of the Barton's Jewelry & Diamonds.

Jewelry is the ultimate tangible gift when couples look to celebrate the most significant and romantic time in their lives, and according to years of tabloids, particularly when the size of the diamond reaches the status of "rare."

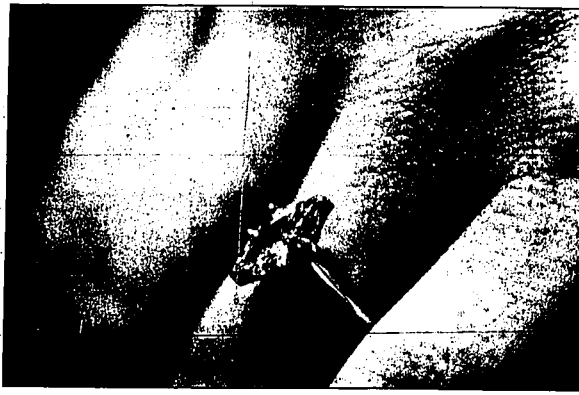
Whether the style has been classic, modern or simply gorgeously set, for some celebrities, the whole of the wedding event can boil down to a ring thing.

In the wedding guide "With This Ring," Penny Proddow and Marlon Fasel say the criteria for choosing a diamond is commonly referred to as the 4 C's: carat weight, clarity, cut and color.

Understanding those guidelines can help de-mystify the process for the novice shopper.

Many believe the value of a diamond is based solely on carat weight, but that's not the case. It is based on a combination of the 4 C's.

The average size of diamond engagement rings ranges from



The 4 C's — carat weight, clarity, cut and color — are everything when choosing a diamond.

1 to 3 carats, according to Proddow and Fasel.

From there, selection gets a little more tricky, and according to Proddow and Fasel, there are significant savings when a person chooses a stone that is just short of those numbers — something obviously, to which film producer Michael Todd paid no heed when he gave Elizabeth Taylor a 29.4-carat emerald-cut diamond engagement ring in 1956.

Earlier that same year, the emerald-cut diamond purchased for actress Grace Kelly by Prince Rainier of Monaco was an even 12 carats.

When looking to buy a diamond, keep in mind that every

shape carries its weight differently, Proddow and Fasel say.

Diamond clarity refers to the flaws in the stone, and gems with no inclusions or superficial blemishes are called flawless, and they're extremely rare.

The cut refers to the facet arrangement on the surface of the gem, responsible for brilliance.

And where color is concerned, "no color is best," Barton said, unless a person referring to the rarest of diamonds — the pink or the yellow stones.

To buy such a stone in southern Idaho is possible, but the gems are not part of Bar-

ton's stock.

"Though not as popular, another trend that Prater sees is stones that accentuate the diamond."

"The diamond is a statement," said Prater, "and everyone's choice and taste shows individuality."

Through the claim is that diamonds are forever, they don't guarantee the marriage will be.

When Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston walked down the aisle, they exchanged specially designed rings.

Each ring featured two bands, one inside the other, joined by several thin diamonds.

Those diamonds are forever, even if the Pitts have split.

Diamonds rock: Casual stones become trendy

Chicago Tribune

Brooches have gone down in 2004 history.

And boudiers of the Harry Winston variety were conspicuously absent from the recent Golden Globes decolletage.

But make no mistake: Diamonds are very much for now — not just forever.

"They're always in, of course, but right now the look of really big sparkle is in," said Chara Krupp, executive editor of Shop Itc magazine.

Key difference from dangle-ditchness — days: "We're casualizing diamonds, whether in right-hand rings or necklaces with beads or diamond watch-

es," Krupp said.

So, instead of rocks on red carpets, L.A. jewelers such as Neil Lane are adorning the Beyonce set with long, delicate diamond-studded platinum chains to go with denim and tank tops.

Think Michele Watches at Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue stores, and Phillip Stein Teslar, which made Oprah's favorite Things list for the second time this holiday season. (Bonus for believers: The Teslar watches contain copper chips that supposedly guard the body against electronic pollution from cell phones and other gadgets, purportedly improving sleep and reducing anxiety.)

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Couples find wedding rings in unexpected place

The Denver Post

When Frank Tervin and Joellen O'Steen looked for wedding rings, they researched diamonds and settings on the internet, visited a few jewelry stores and then bought their jewelry where O'Steen knew they would end up all along: Sam's Club.

Couples intent on getting a good price on their precious gems don't mind trading plush carpeting and solicitous treatment for the warehouse environment — concrete floors stacked with everything from tires to treadmills.

"I have bought jewelry there before, and every time it has appeared for three to three and a half times what I paid for it," says O'Steen. "Most people don't even realize they have a jewelry center in there. They think of it as a discount warehouse and not a place for shopping for something like rings."

Though the Denver-area couple was looking for a diamond solitaire, a ring with a center diamond and three diamonds on each side caught Tervin's eye. "They aren't diamond chips," he says of the supplements. "I was surprised by the quality of the rings they have in there."

O'Steen also bought a wedding band for Tervin at Sam's

Club. The jewelry counter sat in his first stop when I go in the store, and I saw this ring that was contemporary-looking and I thought he would like it," she said. Tervin gave it his approval, and they placed a special order.

As their experience demonstrated, membership retailers such as Sam's Club and Costco are changing the way consumers buy jewelry.

If a diamond's four "C's" — cut, color, carat and clarity — account for about 85 percent of the price of an engagement ring, as Penny Proddow and Marlon Fasel write in "With This Ring: The Ultimate Guide to Wedding Jewelry," how can stores like Sam's claim savings of 40 percent to 60 percent off typical retail prices?

"We have low costs," says Enrique Mendez, general manager of a Denver Sam's Club. "Our floors aren't marble; they're concrete."

The salespeople are not trained in gemology. Limited stock is kept on hand, but customers can place orders for anything in the collection.

"Our profit comes from the memberships," says Gary Coleman, diamond buyer for Sam's Club stores. "We take less of a markup because we have less opulent surroundings to pay for than a jewelry store."

Coleman says the quality of

rings stacks up against those offered by other jewelers.

Regal Elegance rings are available in either 18-karat gold or platinum and the minimum clarity is VS2 (very slightly included, or "blemished"). Diamonds with a V in the clarity grade are considered good stones, say Proddow and Fasel.

"In our Regal Elegance collection, we offer a 1-carat ideal cut solitaire in 18-karat gold or platinum for about \$5,000. At an independent store, it would probably cost \$10,000," Coleman says.

Sam's Club recently expanded its jewelry assortment with Modern Love, a collection of more than 40 bridal sets, engagement rings, wedding and anniversary bands. Styles are

available in white and yellow gold and platinum, and prices range from \$800-\$10,000.

"We wanted to make the collection affordable but still have significant quality," Coleman says.

Diamond rings include a certificate from International Gemological Information detailing the stone's color, cut and quality.

Rings come in a chocolate brown and pink box that contains a smaller round box that a man can hide in his pocket or hand while proposing.

Coleman says customers know what quality and style of ring they want before shopping. "We're seeing a greater demand for top-quality, colorless, higher-clarity stones."

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DO OVER?

What would you change if you got another try?

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A year ago this month Brandon and Jennifer Rathner became sweethearts — for life.

The couple exchanged vows on Valentine's Day in a church that sits near the mountains that surround Sun Valley.

With a mutual love of the out of doors, a backdrop of mountains seemed the perfect setting for a small private wedding.

Nonetheless, the picture-perfect scene was met with a hitch. And that's only natural, said the bride: "There's always a snag."

While their nuptials were booked months in advance, just before the time of their wedding, the church they had rented played host to a group of actors that used soil as part of an on-stage prop.

"Dirt was everywhere," Jennifer said.

Stand from a strictly financial standpoint, the young couple probably wouldn't change a thing.

Though some long dresses were soiled, in retrospect, that saved them some money.

"They took off half the (\$800 church) rental price," Jennifer said.

For the Rathners, money was a factor throughout the planning stages — and the unexpected refund was a welcome bonus.

Each had valuable insight, and retrospect was an added plus-in-making-their-plans-for-the-future.

"If you're second marriage (for both parties) you change things — and try to cut costs," Jennifer said.

One such cut was made with the selection of a wedding cake, and that's the purchase of a small multi-tiered cake, the couple settled for one with a single tier placed atop a cardboard frosted prop that merely gave an appearance of a much larger cake.

With a reduction of some \$300 to \$400 to the price, guests at The Ballroom Reception Hall were served a more reasonably priced wedding cake.

Their choice of photography was also planned with money in mind.

Another cut included hiring a non-professional photographer, and omitting the purchase of throw-away cameras on tables. Jennifer figures they saved upwards of \$1,000 "or maybe more" in film-developing costs.

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Oregon, above, was great for a honeymoon, but if she do it over again, Kalen Wright of Buhl would pick a honeymoon destination that's "warm and tropical."

guarantee of highway snow removal and winter weddings in the area are rare Jennifer says. But was the choice of Valentine's Day also chosen as a money-saver? That could depend. "My husband chose the day, I think, so he won't forget our anniversary," she said. The tab for a wedding and reception for Buhl couple Dennis and Kalen Wright was also kept to a minimum. But it took the village to do it. With the help of parents, relatives and friends of relatives to make it happen, the summer-time nuptials followed by an afternoon reception at the Clear Lake Country Club north Buhl was done at a reasonable cost. Comparatively, in Oregon a low-end price for a wedding with 100 guests begins at \$10,000 — and that's only for the food catering and beverages. On average, the food and beverages account for about 40 percent of the overall tab. "My parents spent less than \$6,000 total" for the wedding, held in June, Kalen says. That's exceptional, according to Rae Smith, owner of Sweetheart Manor in Burley, who contributed the out-of-state statistic. The same size wedding, "not including the brides' (or bridesmaids') dress" will run upward of \$3,000 at her facility. As a money-saving option, Smith says that the groom and his family often offer to share some of the wedding expenses that traditionally have been borne by the bride's family. That's a significant change of custom, but necessary when costs become too prohibitive for many families to absorb, Smith says. If need be, reception items can be omitted to help with costs. For the Wrights, a 2 p.m. reception was scheduled to help defray the enormous costs of an evening meal. "We contemplated the aspect of a dinner (at the Buhl Country Club) but the afternoon time seemed a better choice, Kalen said. In retrospect, though, the couple would probably opt to

Where your money goes

Breaking down your budget:

- 40% On food and beverages
- 10% Rental for your reception site
- 11% Bride's and groom's attire
- 8% On flowers
- 7% On photography/videography
- 3% Invitations
- 3% Attendants' gifts, favors
- 2% Wedding rings
- 2% Cost of the ceremony (location fee, officiant's fee, programs)
- 1% Transportation
- 6-10% Miscellaneous (marriage license, tips, last-minute purchases)

If you use a wedding consultant, his or her fee will cost you up to 10 percent of your total budget.

Source: "The Knot Complete Guide to Weddings in the Real World," Carley Roney (Broadway-Books, \$18)

spend the extra amount. But the cheaper reception had an added advantage. The timing allowed an earlier honeymoon getaway for their drive to the Oregon Coast. But Kalen isn't sure that's where she'd choose to honeymoon if she had to do it over. Instead opting to spend some extra cash on airfare "to fly somewhere tropical and warm." Another change would be about the dresses she chose for her five attendants. "We rented them," she said. The rented frocks were fine, but the ploned-in dress sizes were not. And the discovery two days before the wedding that "none of the dresses fit," wasn't worth the initial savings — nor was it worth the last-minute hassle, Kalen says. From her vantage point, it was the help of the area's "Granny Gals" — all friends of her mother — that made the positive differences. And if her mother could add to retrospect, "she'd have bought a different pair of shoes," for the very long day, Kalen said.

Grooms' styles evolve to younger, hipper tuxedos

The Denver Post

Hybrids aren't hot only in the automotive world. Outfits borrowing elements from men's tailored suits and formal tuxedos will be starting at weddings this spring and summer.

After Six has come out with a new line, Seven Unlimited, which features jackets cut close to the body and detailed with formalwear-inspired, shaped shawl collars that are outlined in satin. Flat-front pants are a hipper cut than pleated styles.

"We spotted a trend in guys who don't want to wear what their big brothers or fathers wore," says Ted Mayer, vice president for sales and marketing at After Six. "They want elegantly tailored suits that have formal elements to them."

Instead of a bow tie, the suits are accessorized with a vest and

necktie or cravat. "Striped ties and solid vests are hot. Neckties have taken over the market," Mayer says. After Six offers vests and ties in 27 colors. They're worn with traditional formal shirts with lay-down collars. "There is still a ton of traditional formalwear out there — this is just something different and a little edgier," says Mayer, noting that the target age range for the line is 17-32. "We're giving guys with more fashion experience something on the leading edge."

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ALLRED-CLAXTON

BUHL — Mr. and Mrs. Curt Bingham of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Allred, to Rick Claxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jackson of Hagerman and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Claxton of Paul. The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 19.



Rick Claxton and Stacie Allred

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — One of the most daunting tasks after the wedding ceremony is the series of toasts to the new couple. Parents and friends may take the floor, but the duty generally falls on the best man and the maid of honor.

Relaxed and enjoying the celebration, many of the designated toasters begin to sweat as they are caught unaware by the signal that it's time to stand and deliver.

A little preparation and forethought can make the difference between an embarrassing stumbling attempt and a memorable moment for the

happy couple of which the orator can be proud. For anyone attempting to speak at a reception, the hardest part is the beginning.

Humor is a great icebreaker, but not everybody can pull it off in a noisy reception hall full of chatty, milling people. "Watch out for toasts that are too funny," says Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12).

"Living as we amid the great irony epidemic, every guy across the nation thinks he can be David Letterman.

Self-deprecating humor may be appropriate for late-night television, but when you're making a toast, you should be

expressing a genuine, heartfelt emotion, not telling stupid jokes.

Sweet sentimentality always draws the appreciative murmurs, but drowsy thanks can sound phony.

KISS — Keep It Short and Simple — is a reliable method; plus you can always lift some famous lines from notable orators and writers.

"Just happens to be appropriate for this couple" creates a nice platform or wrap-up for the speech.

A quick trip to the public library and a short conversation with the librarian will point you in the right direction.

"If you're the groom, you sit the first round of toasts out

and then you propose a toast to the bride.

"Gush," Perry advises. "In most other situations in your life, you're expected to speak modestly in careful, hedged terms.

"But this is your new wife, so you'll appear, sweet, sensitive and loving if you fill your toast with superlatives.

And don't forget the guests.

You can appear as eloquent as John F. Kennedy by simply remembering a used-car salesman's trick," Perry says. "The word most pleasing to just about anyone is his or her name.

"It doesn't matter what you say, as long as you get the names in."

COVERDALE-FISHER

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. John Coverdale of Moscow and formerly of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Mae Coverdale, to Casey Joe Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fisher of Helix, Minn.

Coverdale attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Washington Mutual Bank in Boise.

Fisher attended Idaho State University. He is employed at Fred Meyer in Boise.

The wedding is planned for



Casey Fisher and Lindsay Coverdale

Bachelor parties don't have to be boozy revels

The Times-News

The bachelor (or bachelorette) party as gin-soaked debauché is slowly fading along with society's tolerance for public drunkenness.

But letting down your hair — if not covering it with a lamp shade — is still very much in order before a wedding.

The creation of a wild bachelor party is a closely guarded male tradition, and the entire groom is dependent on each new groom to carry his own weight by maintaining the myth," says Michael Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$19.95).

"The original bachelor parties were thrown by a group of unmarried friends to give the poor soul about to be incarcerated a stipend of drinking money for the future when his new wife would make him account for every cent," writes Marcy Blum and Laura Fisher

Perry argues. "Going bar-hopping or having party in your best man's home are possibilities, but what makes an occasion memorable is doing something mind-boggling, novel and excessive and that's fairly original."

A weekend of hunting, an all-night drive to Vegas or Atlantic City, a camping excursion, or a trip to the race track or drag strip are excellent options.

Higher-than-normal-stakes poker, a wicked game of mud football, a ski trip, or a jaunt to every down-and-dirty rock 'n' roll bar in the city also make good bachelor parties.

"About the only option not worth considering is anything that could be considered elegant or in good taste."

Bachelor parties (by revered tradition — they're men-only) have, traditionally, included only the groom's friends, but it's appropriate to invite your prospective father-in-law, and your brothers-in-law to be.

The event should be held in the week (but not the night) before the wedding.

"Your wedding day will be stressful enough without balancing a cold compress on your head," Perry says.

Bachelor parties are typically held in homes or bars or restaurants, and are presided over by the best man. It's important to have a grown-up in charge.

"It's a good thing to be extremely foolish and irresponsible during your bachelor party, but not on the highway," Perry says. "Have someone else do the driving."

WINTER-LINDSAY

TWIN FALLS — Rick Winter of Twin Falls and Merrill and Robert Helms of Meridian announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Wyn Winter, to Corey Garrett Lindsay, son of Roy and Jeanette Lindsay of Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Winter is a 2003 graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle with a major in English. She is employed as a veterinary technician in Yuma, Ariz., while working towards applying to veterinary school.

Lindsay is a 2002 graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle with a double major in laws, society and justice and sociology, and a minor in political



Corey Lindsay and Lisa Winter

science. He is employed as a United States Border Patrol agent in El Centro, Calif.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, July 21, in Bothell, Wash.

The couple will reside in Yuma, Ariz.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE ALLREDS

GOODING — Herb and Shirley (Hopkins) Allred will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the War Memorial Hall, corner of Third and Idaho streets in Gooding. No gifts, please.



Herb and Shirley Allred

THE FURTADOS

RICHFIELD — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Furtado of Richfield will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the home of Harold and Barbara Gnesa, 349 W. 100 N., Jerome.



Robert and Donna Furtado

Furtado and Donna Campbell were married Feb. 19, 1955, at Eden Congregational Church in Hayward, Calif.

They lived in California, before moving to Richfield 33 years ago. He is retired from the Navy. She worked as secretary at Bank of America and as a teacher in the Richfield School District.

They have been active in the Native Daughters of California



Robert and Donna Furtado and Native Sons of California. The event is hosted by their children, Frank Furtado of Jerome and Chris (Bob) Burke of Moses Lake, Wash., and longtime family friends, Barbara and Harold Gnesa of Jerome. The couple has three grandchildren.

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COUNTDOWN TO 'I DO'

The Times-News

Here's a wedding checklist calendar from "The Wedding Helper," a booklet prepared by Sid and Paige Vanderpool.

Nine to 12 months before

- Determine the type of wedding you want - size, degree of formality, and setting.
- Select a wedding date and time.
- Notify your clergy member and reserve date and time for wedding and rehearsal.
- Set a tentative budget.
- Decide how expenses will be shared.
- Shop together for wedding rings.
- Determine the size of the guest list.
- Plan reception and book reception location. (This should be booked as soon as the wedding date is set to assure availability.)

- Select and book caterer.
- Select and book photographer.
- Select and book videographer.
- Select and book disc jockey.
- Select and book transportation for wedding day.
- Compile names and addresses of your guests.
- Decide on your color scheme.
- Select wedding attendants, you and us.
- Determine sizes for all attendants.
- Choose your dress and headpiece.
- Schedule fittings and delivery date.
- Choose bridesmaids' dresses and accessories.
- Start planning for your honeymoon.
- Discuss where you will live after the wedding.
- Choose music for the ceremony.

- Choose the type of wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- Start addressing invitations and announcement.
- Purchase accessories, such as toasting goblets, ring pillow, garter, candles etc.
- Confirm all details with your hired professionals.
- Confirm ceremony details with your officiant.
- Arrange rehearsal details.
- Plan rehearsal dinner.
- Plan attendants' parties.
- Choose responsible person to attend your guest book.
- Make appointment with your hairdresser.
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants and guests.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.

Six to 9 months before

- Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
- Register your preferences at the bridal registries of your choice.
- Maintain records of all gifts received and send thank-you notes immediately upon receipt of your gifts.
- Select florist and/or balloonist and discuss color schemes.
- Begin shopping for men's wedding attire.

Four to 6 months before

- Start health and fitness program.
- Order invitations and other related stationery needs.
- Complete your guest list.
- Help both mothers coordinate and select their dresses.
- Ensure that all bridal attire has been ordered.
- Begin shopping for trousseau.
- Check marriage license requirements.
- Experiment with hairstyle



Stylist Sally Beckman, right, with Rejeuvine Modspa of Centralia, Ill., tends to details in Deanna Downen's hairstyle at Bridal Expo-Yan 2005 last month in Centralia. Beckman was working during the bridal fair's style show, which featured clothing for children, men, women and brides-to-be.

and cut.

Two to 3 months before

- Choose the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- Start addressing invitations and announcement.
- Purchase accessories, such as toasting goblets, ring pillow, garter, candles etc.
- Confirm all details with your hired professionals.
- Confirm ceremony details with your officiant.
- Arrange rehearsal details.
- Plan rehearsal dinner.
- Plan attendants' parties.
- Choose responsible person to attend your guest book.
- Make appointment with your hairdresser.
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants and guests.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.

One month before

- Finish addressing invitations and mail them four weeks before the wedding.
- Get blood test and marriage license.
- Have your final dress fitting.
- Have formal bridal portrait done.
- Have final fitting for wedding attendants.
- Purchase gifts for wedding participants.
- Purchase gift for fiancé.
- Complete shopping for your trousseau.
- Have attendants' parties.
- Purchase going-away outfit.
- Ensure that your accessories (toasting goblets, garter, candles, ring pillow etc.) are in order.
- Finalize rehearsal dinner details.
- Make a calendar of events for your wedding day.

• Draw a map to direct guests to the ceremony and reception sites if necessary.

Two weeks before

- Address announcements to be mailed on your wedding day.
- Contact guests who have not responded.
- Pick up the wedding rings and make sure they fit properly and that engraved inscriptions are correct.
- Meet with your photographer and give him a list of special pictures you want taken.
- Meet with videographer and give him a list of special events or people you want in the videotape.
- Meet with disc jockey and list special music to be played.
- Continue writing thank-you notes for gifts received.

One week before

- Provide the caterer with the total guest count.
- Provide your wedding party and out-of-town guests with timetables and maps, if necessary, for the rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception.
- Review details of last-minute arrangements and timetables with all service companies.
- Plan seating arrangements.
- Confirm all honeymoon reservations and accommodations: pick up tickets and traveler's checks.
- Discuss the details of the reception with your host and hostess.
- Assign tasks to be done on the wedding day to your wedding party.
- Practice applying makeup and styling your hair.
- Make sure you have your marriage license.
- Pick up wedding attire and make sure everything fits.
- Keep writing thank-you notes for gifts received.
- Pack for your honeymoon.

• Rehearse wedding ceremony with all participants in attendance.

On the wedding day

- Remain calm and try to relax.
- Don't forget to bring your wedding rings and marriage license.
- Check with florist to ensure flowers will arrive on time.
- Apply makeup and style your hair slowly.
- Start dressing 1 1/2 hours before the ceremony.
- Hold the wedding announcements.
- Have music start 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.
- Have guests seated as they arrive.
- Groom's parents should be seated five minutes before the ceremony begins.
- The bride's mother should be seated immediately before the processional and before the aisle runner is rolled out.

After the wedding

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How much is too much for the dress

By Cathy Wood Myers
New York Times News Service

It's love at first sight. Strong, yet sweet. Sexy, yet sophisticated. A perfect fit. Is this the one?

Second only to finding a groom, finding a wedding dress is tops on a bride's to-do list.

While it's more fun than addressing 350 envelopes and figuring out if your stepfather's second wife can get along with your cousin-in-law's last brother's aunt long enough to eat cake, shopping for a wedding dress often runs headlong into a major obstacle: Money.

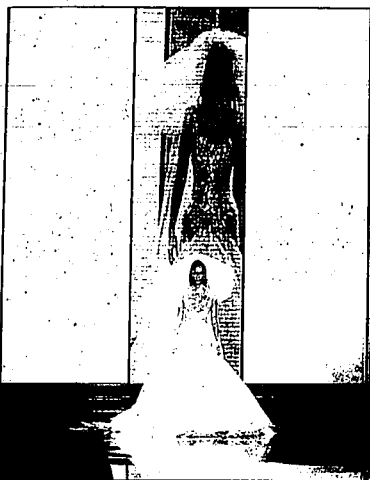
After all, that vision of shimmering silk with beaded appliques, lace inserts and soft, luscious ribbon doesn't come cheap. Usually.

How much should you spend on a wedding dress? How much is too much?

Celebrity brides, we read, plunk down \$15,000 to \$20,000 and more on Vera Wang and Badgley Mischka originals.

For most brides, that's enough for the whole wedding — and then some.

It's hard to think "budget," however, when the bridal-shop



A model presents a wedding dress by Lebanese designer Elle Saab for his spring-summer 2005 haute couture fashion collection in Paris last month.

mirror says "princess." When a bride slips a fairy-tale creation over her head and steps back for the inevitable "ooohs" and "aahs" — and tears

from those who remember how she used to rub green beans in her hair when she was 2 — money is meaningless. Who is going to deny a bride

the dress of her dreams? "Who is going say, 'Nope. Sorry. Too much.'"

"Who's going to suggest anything less than the best?"

Uh, me. Mother of the bride. Keeper of the checkbook. Financial controller.

My daughter's getting married in June.

Her job? Deciding what she wanted.

My job? Keeping the cost under control.

I vaguely hoped that we could price her dream dress — provided we could find it — somewhere between my last car repair and her last semester's college tuition. Those seemed like reasonable criteria.

I crossed my fingers.

At shop after shop, she tried on gorgeous, gorgeous dresses with flounces, pleats, ruffles and bows.

They were beautiful, she was beautiful, but none of them was quite "it." Lovely, elegant and sophisticated — but not quite "it."

As usually happens, she found "it" when we weren't even looking. At a local formal wear shop to pick up my own wedding dress (which barely made the tuition criteria, but dressing a 46-year-old second bride isn't easy, let me tell you), she flipped through a sale rack.

"Hey, Mom, look at this," she said, holding up a slim, simple design. "What do you think? I might as well try."

Sure, I shrugged. Why not? When she stepped out of the

dressing room, we knew we'd found it.

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I don't like to brag on my shopping skills, but I almost had enough cash in my billfold to pay for the dress.

Wonder if my luck will hold with the florist ...

Simplify wedding plans to save money

New York Times News Service

1. Keep the guest list small. Keeping your wedding budget under control can be as easy as managing your guest list with an iron hand.

First and yes, it's difficult this in terms of telling guests and carefully consider each name you add to your guest list; help your fiancé do the same.

Perhaps it's not necessary to invite every person you've known for the past 10 years.

Why is this iron-handed labor of love necessary?

It's simple: whether it's 20 or 200, a large portion of wedding costs, such as invitations and the reception, are directly related to the number of guests you invite.

Limiting the guest list to your closest family and friends can alleviate budget strains and help create an intimate ceremony you'll both cherish.

2. Keep flowers subtle. There's an important wedding planning philosophy: "All eyes should be on the bride." This simple concept can help control your flower budget.

Sometimes saving money isn't easy, and as difficult as it is, when it comes to ceremonial flowers, accept the fact that it's possible to have too much of a good thing.

Remember that less is more. Never doubt that simple necessities can make a lasting impression. The decorations and flowers should complement the bride and her attendants, not overpower them. Again, think about the amount of flowers you order in terms of dollar signs.

Limiting your attendants to no more than five bridesmaids and five groomsmen can help control your flower budget as well. Plus, the latest trend is for attendants to carry a single flower instead of a bouquet.

3. The perfect gown can be inexpensive. Finding a wedding gown on a budget means believing nothing is too taboo when it comes to saving money; a more expensive dress doesn't automatically translate to a better one.

According to financial planners, about one-third of brides use a substantial chunk of their budget, around 14 percent, on the gown of their dreams. Keep this in mind when you're shopping and aim for 10 percent instead. Think of your discount search as a challenge. Many name-brand gowns by designers such as Vera Wang and Oleg Cassini are available to the public at discounted prices. Search the Internet and ask local shop owners.

Of all the stories you'll tell from your wedding day and the planning that took place, saving a fortune on the gown of your dreams is one you'll never exhaust.

Crafty creations: Try do-it-yourself favors

New York Times News Service

Weddings are gift-laden celebrations of a couple's love, but that doesn't mean everyone else has to leave empty-handed.

Make the event more memorable with creative, easy-to-make favors.

It will make your guests feel like part of the celebration, rather than just observers.

Food can make a good party favor — just think small. Fill a net bag (available in the wedding section of most craft stores) with nuts, candy or dried fruit. Tie the bag with a ribbon that coordinates with the wedding party. Wrap mini-muffins, cookies or brownies in plastic wrap, then in tulle and ribbons. Do they have a favorite candy bar? Even a humble Snickers looks awfully good in a white ribbon.

For an eye-catching favor, start with scented votive candles. Create cards with the couple's names and the date of the event, and wrap the cards around the candles. Secure with a ribbon.

Favors that highlight the couple's hobbies are always nice. If they are avid photographers, buy miniature magnetic

photo frames with a picture of the couple. If they are into cooking, include a recipe card for their favorite dish.

You may choose to highlight the location or season of the wedding. A small jar of seashells would be perfect for a beach wedding; a small bag of candy hearts would be perfect for a Valentine's Day affair. Going to be a spring bride? Offer a selection of seed packets.

Not everyone can catch the bride's bouquet, but that doesn't mean they can't enjoy the flowers. Send everyone home with a single bloom. Attach a card with the couple's initials and the date of the wedding.

If your wedding is small, your favors can be bigger. Photo frames are lovely gifts that everyone can use but resist the temptation to engrave them with wedding information. Not everyone wants "Julie and Brad Forever" underneath a photo of their cat. Instead, insert a photo of the couple (which can be replaced later).

To keep the wedding feeling going as your guests make their way home, burn a CD of the couple's favorite songs. In-

clude brief notes about each selection like "This is the first song we danced to."

If your partygoers might appreciate something to help them relax — a lavender sachet, or a small jar of bath salts.

No matter what you choose to send your guests home with, they'll be grateful.

Favors are a lovely thing to do for your friends and family, but don't let them overwhelm you. Have fun choosing a favor that is uniquely yours.

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Model Coleen Iullucci, 16, left, mingles for a moment with Amber Spurrer, 16, center, as Ashley Saalwächter, 17, right, listens to the conversation at a fashion show in Owensboro, Ky., last month.

Wedding party members have important roles to play

New York Times News Service

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Getting the ring is the easy part. Planning the wedding is the hard part.

Flowers must be ordered, music must be selected and dresses must be chosen.

The details can become overwhelming, especially when the goal of perfection is lurking in one's head.

Luckily, most brides have been able to look to the mums of their wedding party to fulfill traditional duties to help them find some relief and achieve this goal.

Wedding planner Linda Pate said the trend to neglect time-honored etiquette is beginning to fade. But because no one has likely shared these traditions with them, many young brides don't know where to start delegating duties.

"We're seeing a little bit of a trend of going back to the traditional," Pate said. "But they just don't know how."

For instance, many bridesmaids don't realize that they are responsible for purchasing their own shoes, dress and any alterations, Pate said.

And some groomsmen don't know that they are supposed to make sure all guests have transportation to the reception.

In some cases, however, it's just not that easy. In fact, wedding coordinator Amanda McClanahan said couples marrying at a later age or party members living out of town can make it hard to follow these customs.

Of course, these particulars won't make or break a wedding. But borrowing from them, when circumstances allow, can make preparing for the ceremony a bit easier.

Here are some traditions you're planning a wedding:

Parents of the bride
In years past, when weddings were sometimes prearranged, the parents of the bride were pretty much responsible for most of the planning and paying for the wedding.

"The duties of the bride's parents died, and often were significantly outweighed those of the groom's family."

"I would say it's 80/20," McClanahan said.

But Pate gave them a little slack and said 65/35.

"The bride's father actually has it pretty easy," she said. "He's responsible for going to all the functions before the wedding, walking down the aisle with the bride on his arm and being prepared to lighten the load in his check book."

"On the other hand, the bride's mother usually helps out in most every capacity."

Preparing the guest list and invitations, helping to select the bride's dress, keeping track of wedding gifts, running errands and serving as a liaison with wedding-service professionals are some of the duties listed by the "Bride's Book of Etiquette."

In addition, Pate said, the bride's parents should be prepared to pay for the bride's cake and the rest of the reception as well as the photographer, flowers and the bride's dress.

Bride's mothers are very much an essential element to a successful wedding.

"The parents of the bride are the unofficial host and hostess of the entire event," McClanahan said.

The groom's parents
The groom's parents have a much smaller responsibility with the ceremony.

Their No. 1 duty, some will say, is planning, hosting and paying for the rehearsal dinner that takes place the evening before the wedding.

Pate said that they should also pay for the bride's and both mothers' flowers, the groom's tuxedo and the minister.

"The groom's parents also pay for the groom's cake," she said.

The "Bride's Book of Etiquette" also listed other duties such as hosting an engagement party (after the bride's parents have had one), attending pre-wedding parties, providing the bride with a list of guests and consulting with her about family traditions.

The maid/matron of honor

The bride may choose to have a matron of honor and a maid of honor.

Whereas the maid of honor is unmarried and the matrons of honor are young girls. Some brides have even begun to bestow the honor on their male friends, called honor attendants.

No matter who is chosen, the bride's attendant is responsible for helping her as she plans the wedding and seeing to it that all the other bridesmaids are informed and on time for fittings and all other events.

"She's pretty much in charge of the other maids," Pate said. "And if there's a bridesmaid's luncheon, she would coordinate that."

And the bride's attendant is also to help out on the day of the ceremony.

"She still makes sure the bride is relaxed, has eaten and helps her change after the reception into her going-away outfit," McClanahan said.

During the ceremony, she will tend to the bride's train and she may handle her flowers and the groom's ring.

Other duties include signing the marriage license and attending all pre-wedding parties.

The best man

On the groom's side, the best man is the most important member of the wedding party.

Like all the groomsmen, he pays for and purchases his tuxedo and makes sure all groomsmen are uniform on the day of the ceremony.

"And if there are any parties for the groom, he takes care of that," Pate said. "He's the carrier of the bride's ring, and he has to sign the marriage license."

The best man also helps the groom get dressed and make it to the wedding on time.

"It's usually a little more level-headed than the groom on the day of the wedding," Pate said.

But most importantly, he also provides emotional support and keeps the groom from seeing the bride.

In addition, he is also to collect congratulatory notes, deposit money gifts and drive the newlyweds to the airport or hotel.

Bridesmaids and ushers
Bridesmaids also should be ready to help the bride as needed in the planning phase.

They are responsible for purchasing their own attire for the ceremony and attending as many pre-wedding events as possible.

"That's big," McClanahan said. "And it's not that they have to bring a gift to every event. It's just their presence that's important."

On the other hand, ushers should be prepared to arrive at the ceremony early to make sure everything is ready. They may have to adjust the hair or make sure flowers have arrived, seat guests or run last minute errands, according to www.weddingusa.com.

Child attendants

Flower girls carry a basket and scatter flower petals along the path that the bride will walk.

Their parents are responsible for purchasing a younger version of the bridesmaid dress.

The ring bearer goes down the aisle alongside or just before the flower girl with the rings on a pillow.

The bride

Because this is her day, the bride's main duty is to enjoy it.

However, that makes the fulfillment of her party's duties all the more imperative.

Leading up to the day, she is to purchase the groom's ring and plan every detail of the wedding with the help of others.

She should choose the date and site, choose her maids and their dresses, a photographer, florists and other wedding professionals and arrange lodging for out-of-town guests.

In addition, the bride has traditionally presented her maids with a small gift to say thank you and a special gift for her groom.

After the ceremony, she dances the first dance with her groom and prepares thank you notes.

The groom

Though many don't think so, groomsmen should also assist the bride in some of the planning before the ceremony.

He also chooses his groomsmen and may purchase the flowers for the bride and other female party members.

In addition, the groom takes care of contracts, the marriage license and all reservations for the honeymoon.

But most importantly, he should prepare himself to enjoy the ceremony and receive his new bride.

How to save money on the honeymoon

- Avoid hotel restaurants; look for local fare (the food is usually better anyway).
- Take a camping holiday — you'll be all alone in the great wide open.
- Instead of pricey resort activities, go for walks, visit museums, attend festivals, listen to street musicians.
- Haggle. Is this absolutely the lowest rate you will offer me? What would I need to do to get a better rate? Is there a better time? What if I stay longer — is there a price break?

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Let your hair down and enjoy your reception

New York Times News Service

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — By the time most brides actually make it to the aisle, they're ready for the reception, the culmination of the wedding event. But before you put your dancing shoes on, make sure every detail has been paid attention to.

"The bride needs to know everything that's going to happen," wedding coordinator Emily Jamison said. "Everyone's got to be in complete agreement. The last thing you want to happen is bad feelings or misunderstandings."

"The reception will likely be the most important — and expensive — party you'll ever host, so make sure it's exactly what you want."

"It's all a matter of personal taste," Jamison said. "You want this to be special for you because it's going to be one of the most important days of your life. This is your chance to really make a statement about who you are."

With 30 years in the wedding business, Jamison has seen a bit of it all. These days, however, she said brides have begun to make their receptions speak for them by being creative and opinionated.

"This event will be the time to unwind from the months of planning, leading up to the ceremony."

If done right, your guests will never forget it. But leaving out careful preparation can literally and figuratively leave a sour taste in their mouths.

With so many points to cover before the event, Parties and More wedding coordinators Caprice Tuley and Linda Pate said start planning as soon as the wedding date is set.

The first step, the coordinators said, is setting a budget.

"You may not know how much money you want to spend, but you probably have an idea of a range," Jamison said. "Then immediately you have to reserve the things that are when you're going to get married, where you're going to have the reception, your caterer, your photographer and your florist."

In addition, you should estimate how many guests will attend the reception by multiplying the number of invitations sent out by two and then expecting about 25 percent to 40 percent of them.

All those elements have significant connections to one another, and the style — whether it's sit-down, formal, informal or cocktail — of the reception will also set the basis for other details, Pate said.

Consider that some facilities don't allow alcohol and some have limited space.

Furthermore, the time of reception has a connection to the menu.

"If you're having a wedding at midday, then the food will be much heavier," Pate said.

With those considerations in mind, you can begin the search for a caterer.

"The best way to select a caterer is to talk to other people," Jamison said.

Attending other weddings and looking through magazines will also help.

But before visiting the caterers, Jamison suggested that brides make a list of things they must have at their reception.

It should include your expectations for the menu, musical entertainment, decorations and alcohol preference.

Then once you get a list of suggested caterers, go and visit them," Jamison said.

These meetings are free and give you a chance to get acquainted with their services. Asking for samples of their food is even OK.

The coordinators suggested visiting more than one professional unless you are very familiar and confident with someone's service.

"And a lot of times you can tell just by talking to them whether you feel comfortable with them or not," Jamison said.

Ask the caterers to provide contact information for someone who is familiar with their services and inquire about their specialties.

After that, make your decision based on what you've learned and then begin discussing your list of desires with your chosen caterer.

"You give them suggestions on what type of food you want," Pate said. "A good caterer will take that and make up a menu for you."

Phil Holcombe cautioned that brides should make sure the caterer's price covers everything needed, including cleanup and setup.

"When you talk to the caterer,

Save money

Wedding coordinator Emily Jamison offered these cost-saving and creative tips:

- Use the bridesmaid's flowers for centerpieces at the reception.
- Leave disposable cameras on the tables so family and friends can out the photographers' duties in half.
- Use more greenery and less flowers.
- Ask friends to bring a dish to the reception.
- Use personal decorations, like pictures or a football helmet.
- Instead of a groom's cake, go for a cheesecake.

she will give you a food cost list," she said. "Then she will give you an additional list for the rentals. They charge for every little detail."

Table cloths, serving pieces, silverware, glasses, plates and even the stand for empty glasses may not be included in the initial price.

"Another large expense that often isn't included is the cake," Pate said. "And you should also check on table decorations."

To save money, consider a more simple cake, less meat and

no alcohol.

With those details worked out, you're nearing the final stages.

"Knowing what their talents are and what they can do for you, then that's when you can negotiate on the price," Jamison said.

Most caterers will expect half of the total (non-refundable) when negotiations are completed and the balance a week before the wedding.

But before signing the contract, the coordinators suggested that you review it thoroughly.

Make sure every detail matches your vision of a perfect reception.

"If the bride has specific things she wants, then she shouldn't compromise," Jamison said. "She should be happy with the decisions she's making."

And if something you really want doesn't fit into your budget, then find another area that can be compromised. Then your reception will be all that you've dreamed.

"It should be a fun, fun celebration," Jamison said. "You want everyone there to feel very special and have the time of their life. You want them to go away talking about your wedding."

How to keep the children busy on the big day

The Times-News

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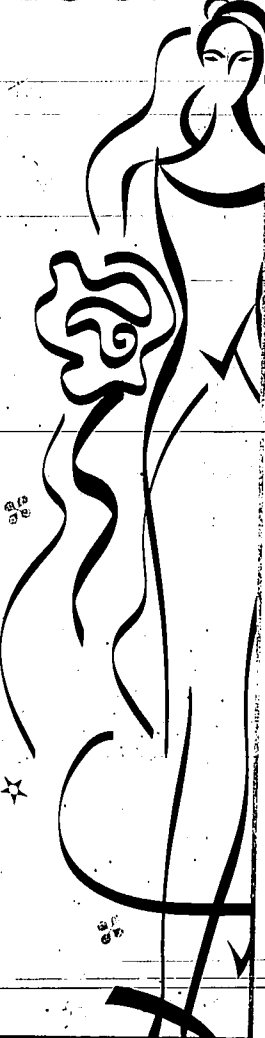
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Our wedding 2005

Folklore surrounds traditions

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The evolution of the process of joining two lives has created an interesting set of words and events.

- For example, did you know ...
- The word "brida" derives from "bride-ale," from the fact that on her wedding day the bride and her family were permitted to sell ale especially made for the occasion. Selling the bride-ale helped defray the cost of the festivities and added to their gaiety.
- The threshold. The husband must carry the bride over the threshold of their new home because the Romans believed that she was most vulnerable at this transitional point in her life, and her husband, by carrying her over the sill, averted any danger from envious witchcraft.
- The shoe. From earliest times it's been the symbol of

domestic authority. In Anglo-Saxon marriages, the father — to demonstrate transfer of authority over his daughter from himself to the groom — took a shoe off the bride's foot and handed it to the groom. Upon receiving the shoe, the groom became the bride's master. To show acquisition of authority, he tapped the bride lightly on the head with the shoe, which was a sign of power.

- The ring. In the Anglo-Saxon north, rings were originally pledges given to the bride along with other gifts, before the ceremony of marriage. The word "wed" itself is Anglo-Saxon and means "pledge."
- The flowers. Today's bridal bouquet is often made up of lilies of the valley, white orchids, white roses or some other delicate flower. Once it was a combination of garlic, chives, rosemary, bay and other strong

and potent herbs, all carefully chosen for their special protective power against witches and demons.

- Folk tale: Don't get married when it's raining. In earlier days, weddings were celebrated at the church door or in the church porch, not inside the body of the church. A wet day at such a time was a serious matter, especially because there were no umbrellas and awnings to protect the celebrants.
- Folk tale: Don't get married in the morning or in the evening. In the 17th century, morning weddings were strongly deplored because the bridegroom was apt to appear "unshaven and wearing dirty or negligent attire" as the result of early morning work in the country or of a last round of all-night bachelor parties in the city. After-dark weddings were also strictly taboo, because the

wedding party — as the clergy noted with protective horror — frequently "took the bridal couple off by their sheer force to the ale house."

- The gifts. This tradition started with the frugal Dutch, of all people. They gave young couples their household gear and a sum of money with which to begin life.
- The honeymoon. The word comes from the Germans, who drank mead or mehtigen, a beverage made of honey, for 30 days after the wedding. Some folklorists believe the honeymoon is an echo of primal marriage by capture, when the man kept his mate in retirement to prevent her from appealing to her relatives for aid.

Sources: "I Thee Wed," by Pat Ross, and "The Folklore of Weddings and Marriage," by Duncan Emrich

Planning to write your own vows?

- Wedding vows are not a dialogue; they're a soliloquy, the act of speaking up for oneself. The purpose here is to proclaim, not persuade. Vows should come from the heart.
- Vows have a logical progression. "I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you. I make this vow gladly. I loved you before this ceremony. I love you more because of it."
- Loss the quotes from famous dead people. Nobody at your wedding cares what Emily Dickinson thought about love; you're the one getting married.
- Practice, practice, practice. Ever given a speech without saying it out loud first?
- Speak up. It's very hard form to mumble your wedding vows. If you really mean what you say, then proclaim it to the world.

Rules of the game: Etiquette 101

The Times-News

Ours is an informal culture: we save our good manners to get married in.

Here's a sample of wedding-related do's and don'ts from Neil Segaloff, author of "The Everything Etiquette Book" (Adams Media, \$12), and Mary Blum and Laura Fisher Kaiser's "Wedding for Dummies" (IDG Books, \$19.99):

bought non-refundable airline tickets or bridesmaids who spent money on gowns should be reimbursed. If the wedding is rescheduled, all of the original guests are notified of the new date with an added note referring to the former date so there is no confusion.

- Every family has disagreements: some petty, some cataclysmic. None belong at a wedding. Keep your mouth shut and your best smile in place.
- If your prospective spouse loves to regale the crowd with "hilarious" anecdotes about your parents, nip this habit in the bud. Such jokes almost always engender hostility.

are out of place at a wedding ceremony.

- Thank-you notes are not phoned, published, faxed, e-mailed or left on an answering machine. They are written, by hand, on stationery, and include thanks, a notation of how much the bride and groom appreciate the specific gift, and how happy they were to see the guest at the wedding, or how much they missed seeing the guest who could not attend.
- Once the bride has chosen the ring, she doesn't get to see it until the groom puts it on her finger during the wedding ceremony.

- Ex-wives and ex-husbands should not be invited to their former spouses' remarriage.
- Although the bride's parents traditionally pay most of the major wedding expenses, it's appropriate for the groom or his family to offer to help financially. It's a big wedding. That's especially true if the guest list includes large numbers of the groom's family and friends.
- Ask the host or hostess of the bachelor/bachelorette to invite the prospective in-laws to the bachelor party. If it would make these folks blanch, perhaps you should suggest an alternative form of merry-making.

Beepers and cell phones are out of place at a wedding ceremony.

- The groom picks up the bride at the travel and lodging costs of his out-of-town groomsmen if they can't pay themselves; same for the bride with her attendants. That said, the bride or groom may make reservations on behalf of out-of-town guests at local hotels, but the guests are expected to pay their own expenses.
- While guests of one religious denomination invited to attend a wedding of another denomination must respect the beliefs of their host, they are not expected to participate in them.
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- If the bride is pregnant, she has delivered a child out of wedlock, the bride's parents — not the bride — should send out the wedding announcements. White wedding gowns are not appropriate, but ivory is OK.
- The bride and groom always sit at the head table at a formal reception. The parents sit at smaller tables.
- Looking toward the bride and groom, the seating order is, left to right, usher, bridesmaid, usher, bridesmaid, best man, bride, groom, maid of honor, usher, bridesmaid, usher, bridesmaid.
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- Unless they are getting married, babies do not belong at wedding ceremonies.
- Don't turn all of your guests into photographers. If you want shots besides those your photographer takes, ask guests who actually know how to take pictures to do so and send you the developed film later, and your expense.
- Invited guests should arrive at a wedding 15 to 20 minutes early. Once there, they must wait until they are seated by an usher. Guests should not seat themselves.
- Never bad-mouth somebody else's wedding if you're planning one of your own. Reserve unfavorable comparisons for private discussions with your fiancé, your best friend and tight-lipped relatives.
- Weddings occasionally are canceled; more often they're postponed. If it's called off after the invitations are sent, then follow-up notes must be sent to the guests informing them of the change. No further information need be provided.
- If gifts have already been received, they must be returned immediately. Guests who

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Trend moves to intangible gifts

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — After 28 years, countless breakfasts and make-ups, and innumerable fashion emergencies, Cathy and Irving finally tied the knot on Saturday.

Like most modern couples, they can register online. But Cathy and Irving asked for no soup, no silver-plated egg poachers, no his or hers champagne flutes.

Instead, the two-dimensional couple — featured in the popular "Cathy" comic strip drawn by Southern California artist Cathy Guisewite — registered for charitable donations to Pet Orphans of Southern California, a Los Angeles-area animal shelter.

The site is one of a growing number that cater to the less-than-traditional, fictional and actual alike. The trend toward online registries has blossomed around the turn of the century when even outlets like Home Depot and amazon.com entered the lucrative market. Suddenly, couples could register for a chaise, if they liked, or a DVD of HBO's hit "The Sopranos."

This second wave, though, does away with even such bricks-and-mortar presents.

These days, couples are registering online for everything from honeymoon and charitable donations to down payments for a house or even a car.

It's a far cry from the days when brides and their mothers picked out a nice china pattern, some glassware and left it at the house.

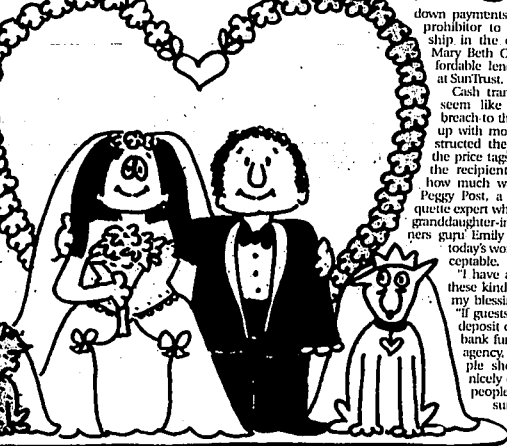
"People are getting married later in life," said Michael Cottan, one of the co-founders of thebigday.com, via which wedding guests can arrange to pay for the happy couple's day of snorkeling in Belize, or a kayaking expedition in Thailand. "They value experience more than material items."

Since its inception a few years ago, thebigday.com has grown to be one of the Internet's most popular honeymoon registry sites, alongside sites like www.thehoneymoon.com and www.honeymoon.com. The site's networked travel agents help couples design a trip, and then guests can chip in for the airfare, the hotel room or for an "experience," like tickets to a Broadway show.

The company charges a service fee for processing gifts, unless the couple books \$2,000 worth of travel through the site. For Guisewite, the Internet registry was a perfect solution to the letters she was getting from fans asking how they could send Cathy and Irving a gift.

She checks online every day to see how many donations have been made — so far, the total is more than \$12,000 and counting — and promises a thank-you-note and a signed wedding cartoon to everyone who does donate.

The Web site's name appears periodically in the strip, as in a recent panel in which one of those same 40-ish brides smugly reminds Cathy that now she can cash in on all the



This image provided by Universal Press Syndicate shows Cathy and Irving, the lead characters in the "Cathy" comic strip drawn by Cathy Guisewite, preparing to tie the knot. To celebrate their Saturday wedding in the funny papers, the two registered at <http://www.thebigday.com>, where donations can be made to a Los Angeles-area animal shelter. Also pictured are Electra and Vivian, the "dogs-of-honor."

wedding gifts she has brought over the years. The bride demurs, saying she and the groom have registered at thebigday.com instead.

"I am extremely sensitive to the fact that I am being paid to run my comic strip in this space, and I don't believe my strip should be a forum to promote my own causes," Guisewite said. "So I wanted to work it in gently enough so that people could both think it was a made-up name, or they could check it out to see that it really exists."

Guisewite also said that her characters, marrying in their 40s or thereabouts, have spent years acquiring gadgets and fads of all stripes.

"When someone like Cathy links realistically at her life, the grand mature thing to do is offer friends and family a way to donate to a cause the couple believes in," she said.

That's part of why the number of couples signing up with sites like www.justgive.org has doubled every month for the last two years, said Kendall Webb, the site's founder and executive director.

The site lets couples sign up and choose any charity they'd like their guests to donate to. Justgive.org charges a \$5 processing fee per donation and so

far, Webb said, has raised over \$100,000 for various charities.

"Couples these days cringe at materialism," she said. "Candy bowls, vases, trinkets — people don't want the burden of having to display those gifts if the guests come over, but they don't want to throw things away."

Most things, she said, tend to help local charities, that do hopeful work — less disaster relief, more animal rescue groups.

Others, meanwhile, opt for a less-altruistic approach. Cash, long a staple at weddings in some cultures — think of the opening scene in the Godfather, Part I — is moving more into the mainstream.

Theknot.com, one of the Web's most heavily trafficked wedding sites, lets couples register for American Express "Gift Cheques" in any denomination. The site tacks on a \$5 handling fee, regardless of the amount of the check.

And some mortgage lenders, like Richmond, Va.-based Trust Mortgage, allow couples to open bridal registry savings or checking accounts for home-buying costs. When donations are made, the couple gets a card to let them know which guest sent the financial gift.

"It is really expensive when you are first starting out, and the

down payments is the largest prohibitor to home ownership in the country," said Mary Beth Caudill, the affordable lending manager at SunTrust.

Cash transactions may seem like an etiquette breach to those who grew up with mothers who instructed them to remove the price tags from gifts so the recipient won't know how much was spent. But Peggy Post, a wedding etiquette expert who is the granddaughter-in-law of manners guru Emily Post, said in today's world, cash is acceptable.

"I have actually given these kinds of registries my blessing," she said. "If guests are going to deposit directly into a bank fund or a trust agency, then the couple should have it nicely organized, so people can feel assured that the money they put in will be mentioned to the couple."

Some old rules do apply. Post said. Even if you're registered for a honeymoon, charitable donations or cash, it's still in poor taste to refer to your registry in the wedding invitation. And, don't forget to write thank-you-notes.

Planning a wedding?

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