

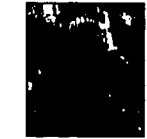
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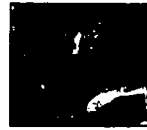
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Get into the holiday spirit with ideas in this Times-News special insert. Free in today's paper!

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Matter of size



Walt Appell, a city employee, checks Jerome's water levels Thursday at the oldest well in Jerome. On this morning, Appell says the well depth was at 298 feet, which is a drop of about 8 feet in the last decade in comparison with well depths of the mid-1990s. Of the four wells tested in Jerome, three dropped an average of 3 feet from May to August. 'We drop about 3 to 5 feet in the summer,' said Bob Cutler, director of public works. 'It's not coming back to normal.'

T.F. water needs greater than smaller towns'

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If it's one, two, three strikes you're out, the city of Twin Falls' water supply was already behind in the court when drought descended on the region. The city's size and location give two reasons why the city finds itself a bit worse off than the rest of the area when it comes to keeping up with future demands on water in the face of drought, say engineers with J-U-B, which has been hired by the city of Twin Falls and other cities in the region to study water issues. "It's size-related," said Bill Block, senior project manager with the engineering firm. "Twin Falls doesn't have it worse as far as the aquifer on the south side. Smaller communities just don't have the same need." In general, Block said, communities on the south side of the canyon have a more difficult time keeping up with de-

mand for water. Add in Twin Falls' size and growth, and you've got a recipe for a water shortage. "For instance, with a good well on the south side, you don't have nearly the product as one on the north side," Block said. J-U-B predicts that Twin Falls will run short on water in five years. The city's wells on South Washington decline at a rate of about 4 percent a year, while those on the north side of the canyon near Blue Lakes Country Club decline at 3 percent annually, Block said. With the decline in water supply for agricultural purposes, surface water users with senior rights have placed a call for delivery on pumps with junior rights. Yet, Block said, even if users with rights junior to the city of Twin Falls were curtailed, that wouldn't likely solve all of the city's water problems. Twin Falls would still need to find an additional supply, Block said. While other municipalities in

the area have seen declines, few find themselves in Twin Falls' predicament. For instance, both Filer and Wendell seem to be in pretty good shape, said Ron Hegstrom, regional manager with J-U-B. Filer drilled a new well recently and should have an adequate water supply for the next 15 to 20 years. Wendell Mayor Paul Isaacson says the town not only has fairly senior water rights, but also has a decent supply of water. The city has water rights for more than double its demand, Isaacson said. "We've never experienced any problem," he said. Kimberly is another city that is seeing growth, like Twin Falls, and is keeping a close watch on its water supply, said Tracy Ahrens, assistant regional manager for J-U-B. "There's not just water everywhere over there," Ahrens said. The city is looking at ways to use its water wisely, turning to pressurized irrigation so res-

idents can water their lawns with canal water. Municipalities in the Mini-Cassia area also have seen a drop in the Oakley fan aquifer. Residents often run into problems with fine sands in their wells — a problem for drinking water, Block said. The city of Rupert's water level continues to decline, said Dennis Andrews, water superintendent for the city. Even though Rupert hasn't seen a lot of new industry, Andrews said, the demand for water continues to increase. The explanation? People simply aren't cutting back on water use despite drought, Andrews said. "Cities are in a better spot than many people because they have the ability to increase prices as a way to control demand," he said. Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at mdunlop@magicvalley.com

Bear probe slows

Grizzlies are being killed in record numbers

The Washington Post
KALISPEL, Mont. — Who's killing the great bears of Montana? Twenty-one grizzlies have been illegally killed here in northwest Montana in the past two years, a record pace for poaching since the bears were listed 30 years ago as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The fishing industry, many federal law enforcement officials, as well as government biologists supervising the otherwise successful comeback of the big bears. And it comes at a delicate moment in the politics of environmentalism, with the Bush administration poised, despite the objections of many conservation groups, to remove grizzlies farther south in Yellowstone National Park from the endangered species list.

The spike in grizzly killing is concentrated here in a rapidly growing, spectacularly scenic but culturally disjointed corner of the West. Affluent outsiders have overrun Flathead County in the past 15 years, fueling 37 percent population growth and creating a service-based economy that needs grizzlies as toothsome symbols of an eco-friendly western lifestyle. Some longtime residents, though, are seeing over a decades-long regional decline in logging and mining. They see protection of the bears as part of a Northwest New World Order that is closing roads in federal forests and marginalizing their lives. "The government's doggedness in protecting the grizzlies has brought on tremendous polarization and anger in our community," said Fred Hodgeboon, president of Montanans for Wildlife Inc., a local group that advocates increased logging, mining and grazing on federal land. As for who is killing the grizzlies, investigators say they are making little or no progress in

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'IRON LADY'

Election leader poised for tough job in Liberia

The Associated Press
MONROVIA, Liberia — Liberia's 19th president was overthrown and assassinated. His successor was executed by guerrillas who first cut off his ears. No. 21 won office after igniting a civil war but fled into exile amid a rebel assault on the capital. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf — a strong-willed, erudite, 67-year-old former finance minister — wants to be No. 23. If her commanding electoral lead is certified, she will become Africa's first elected female head of state, one of the few in the world. "It's a big task. I'm aware of the enormity of this," a bespectacled Johnson-Sirleaf said in



Liberian presidential candidate Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf of the Unity Party speaks to journalists in Monrovia, Liberia on Thursday. Johnson-Sirleaf claimed victory in Liberia's presidential poll, a win that would make her Africa's first-ever elected female leader if it is certified. An interview at her residence this week. "But I also think that I'm up to the task." With more than 99 percent of

New gum may replace toothpaste for soldiers

The Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — American fighting men made their way across Europe during World War II with Juicy Fruit in their rucksacks. The GIs of the future could be carrying a type of chewing gum a lot better for their teeth. Army and civilian scientists are working to develop gum for combat soldiers too busy to brush. The gum, described at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists convention this week in "a" battle, would contain a special bacteria-fighting agent to prevent plaque, cavities and gum disease. Soldiers in the field often do not have the time or the means to brush and floss. Beyond that, the stress of combat can encourage bacterial growth in the mouth, said Col. Dennis Run-

yan, commander of the Army Dental and Trauma Research Detachment in Great Lakes, Ill. Gum was considered an ideal solution because the Army already issues gum to soldiers in their field rations. Dr. Patrick Deluca, a University of Kentucky drug product developer, is working to perfect the prototype, trying to make it taste better and ensure that it retains its bacteria-fighting ability and flavor for 30 minutes to an hour. Once the development stage is complete sometime in the next year, scientists will begin field-testing the gum, possibly with Army units. If the Army decides to go ahead with the idea, it will probably team up with a manufacturer to produce the gum. The Army has been talking to such companies as Wm. Wrigley Ch. Co., the maker of Juicy Fruit, Runtan said.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

It always hurts
Solving the riddle of chronic pain.
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Girls answer call for help.
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A tour of Jerome's under-\$7 restaurant meals.
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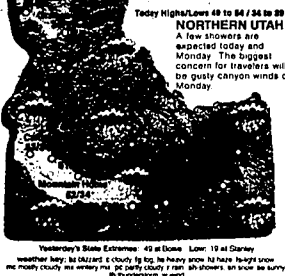
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Tonight: Cloudy and brisk with isolated showers. Lows in the middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and windy at times. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Clouds and showers. Winds will be increasing. Highs in the upper 40s.
Tonight: Cloudy and brisk with isolated rain or snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and windy at times. Highs near 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Valley rain and heavy mountains snow is expected today. Snow accumulations will exceed 6 inches in the higher peaks. There will be a few lingering mountain snow showers on Monday.
TODAY: Highs: 54 to 58. Lows: 38 to 42.
BOISE: Cloudy with showers and gusty winds are expected today. Travelers need to watch for ponding water on the roads. Showers will taper off on Monday but winds will remain brisk.



Weather by State Extremes: 49 to 50. Low: 19 at Starbu.
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Weather by County: Blaine: 54 to 58. High: 54. Low: 38.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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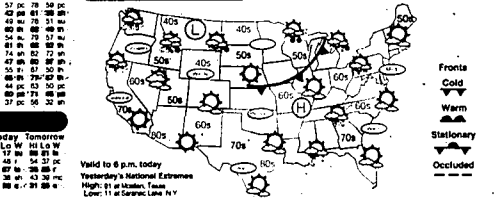
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Mail shuts down after teens rush stage

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. (AP) — Police shut down a suburban shopping mall Saturday after screaming fans of the boy band 115 rushed the stage during a free concert, grabbing items from the band members' clothing and oversteering the small team of security guards.

Tamy Johnson, another store employee. "He ran to the back. Another boy, he just ran. Security escorted some of the boys out of the store," she said.

The second song when the chaos broke out. "It just seemed like a girl frenzy," said Christopher Tarkalov of Radio Disney.

Some insurgent groups may be exploring deal

LOS ANGELES Times — Some Sunni Arab insurgent groups linked to Saddam Hussein's death may be exploring a deal for a negotiated end of fighting in exchange for a timetable for a U.S. pullout from Iraq.

visit to Iraq since before the war began, met with Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari and used the occasion to endorse a proposal for broad talks in Egypt on national reconciliation.

Bears

Continued from A1 their search for suspects or witnesses. Part of the reason, they say, is the hugeness and remoteness of the crime scene, which is nearly the size of Switzerland and just as mountainous.

last year, after 13 years during which the poaching number averaged about three is one of the most dramatic economic and cultural change.

Stokes presides over a splenic midday show in which he and his co-hosts rail against Merit and more generally, even as the sins of the federal government.

President

Continued from A1 certain victory in Tuesday's runoff, racking up a solid 59.6 percent of the vote compared with 40 percent for his soccer rival, George Weah.

has offered Weah a Cabinet post — perhaps minister of youth and sports. "I will appoint to him and invite him to come and work with us so that we can all work in the interests of the country," Johnson-Sirleaf said.

Lack of investigative traction is also the result of widespread local animosity toward the Endangered Species Act, said Dominic Domiceni, resident agent in charge of law enforcement for Fish and Wildlife.

Cultural iconogrues about which newcomers built palatial homes on steep mountain slopes (many in areas thick with grizzlies), frequent organic dry cleaners and insist on fresh seafood at pricey restaurants.

The idea that they are endangered or there is a shortage of them is a crock," said Stokes, who added that he and many of his listeners "enjoy watching grizzlies" and that he has never heard talk about harming them.

Correction

Violinist slates master class on Wednesday. A story Friday gave the incorrect date for violinist Carrie Kennedy's master class at the College of Southern Idaho.

The human context for the recent jump in illegal grizzly kills (11 so far this year and 10

A large weapons cache was found near here three years ago, property of a citizen's militia group called Project 7. It plus was a sometime caller to Z-600 talk radio, a Kallispell station owned by John Stokes.

It is easy to kill and leave them, and the bodies are never found," he said. "It doesn't take very many people who want to kill bears to really make a big difference."

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NATION/WORLD

Summit marred by disagreement

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A U.S.-backed summit meant to promote political freedom and economic change in the Middle East ended Saturday without agreement, a blow to President Bush's goals for the troubled region.

A draft declaration on democratic and economic principles was shelved after Egypt insisted on language that would have given Arab governments greater control over which democracy groups receive money from a new fund.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also used the conference to send a message to Syrians chafing under authoritarian rule, saying Washington backs their aspirations for liberty, democracy and justice under the rule of law.

Bush hosted a coming-out party for the Forum for the Future last year at Sea Island, Ga., and the U.S. is putting up half of the \$100 million in a venture capital fund for economic development launched at this year's gathering.

The White House had hoped the conference would showcase political progress in a part of the world long dominated by



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, seated left, exchanges a memo of understanding with Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Møller, seated far right, at a forum meeting on Saturday in Manama, Bahrain, where foreign ministers from around the world discussed the controversial U.S.-backed plan for democratic reform in the Middle East.

monarchies and single-party rule, and spread goodwill for the U.S.

American officials seemed startled that an ally, Egypt, threw up a roadblock. Egypt receives nearly \$2 billion annually in U.S. aid, second only to Israel. The country held its first multiparty elections this year, but

remains under the firm control of President Hosni Mubarak.

Rice chose Egypt as the site for a widely noted June speech promoting democracy. An earlier visit was postponed in a dispute over the jailing of a democracy activist, who was later released. The disappointing outcome at the conference followed a

rocky summit a week ago in Argentina, when Bush got a cold shoulder from some Latin American leaders, failed to win consensus on a free trading bloc for the Western Hemisphere and endured biting criticism from anti-U.S. protesters and Venezuela's leftist president, Hugo Chavez.

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Baathist Web site says Saddam's top aide lieutenant 'is alive and well'

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A Baathist Web site that had earlier reported the death of Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, the most senior Baathist leader still on the run, apologized Saturday and said that he was, in fact, still alive.

There was no immediate explanation for the contradictory statements, which left a question mark over the fate of al-Douri, 63, ranked as the King of Clubs in the most-wanted deck of cards issued by the U.S. military after the 2003 invasion.

The U.S. military and the Iraqi government said they had no information on the whereabouts or well-being of al-Douri, who is regarded as one of the top financiers and organizers of the Baathist wing of Iraq's insurgency.

The statement announcing that al-Douri had "made an appointment with his creator" was sent first to Agence France-Presse on Friday and then posted on a Baathist Web site early Saturday. In the evening, the statement was removed and a new one appeared declaring that "al-Douri is alive and well."

"We apologize to all brothers and sisters," the statement said.

"We found out a little while ago from our brother Salah al-Mukhtar that this news has no truth at all and the mujahid (holy warrior) Izzat al-Douri is fine."

Al-Mukhtar is a former Iraqi envoy who runs the Web site on which Baathist statements are posted.

Al-Douri's death would not come as a surprise; he was known to have been suffering from leukemia for many years. Whether it would significantly affect the insurgency is unclear, however, because the influence of Saddam Hussein's loyalists has waned as the insurgency has evolved into a more complex and disparate rebellion, U.S. officials say.

The reports came as UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan arrived unexpectedly in Iraq on his first visit since the invasion. Annan said he had come to promote "reconciliation" ahead of Iraq's crucial election in December, one that could determine whether Iraq slides into civil war or manages to steer a course toward a more peaceful future. Four people died in a suicide bombing in a market in eastern Baghdad as Annan's daylong schedule of

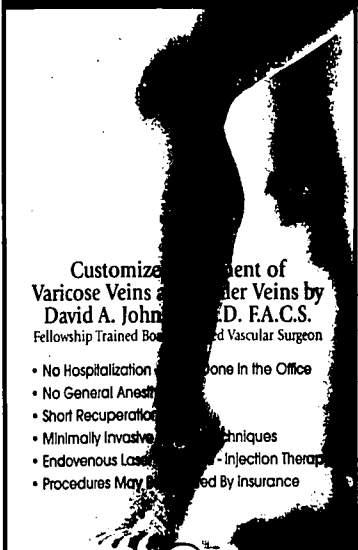
meetings got under way.

"The idea is that reconciliation is absolutely essential in Iraq," said Annan, whose visit came a day after U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice flew to Baghdad bearing a similar message.

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NATION



Rutgers Camden University professor Daniel Shain shows ice worms crawling on top of an ice cube at his laboratory in Rutgers University, in Camden, N.J., on Thursday.

The ice worm cometh

Professor studies worms, hopes to unlock secrets of frozen worlds

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Normally fodder for anglers and early birds, worms are now getting attention at NASA — particularly a little-known species that lives in freezing temperatures and can survive two years without food.

Researchers hope the hardy wigglers can unlock the secrets of how life might survive on distant ice worlds such as Jupiter's moon Europa, as well as provide answers to more earthbound problems such as preserving transplant organs kept on ice.

NASA recently gave Daniel Shain, an associate professor of biology at Rutgers-Camden, a three-year, \$214,206 grant to figure what makes the ice worms such survivors.

The threadlike, black Mesenchytraeus solifugus — which feed on microorganisms as they crawl through tiny ice cracks in coastal mountain glaciers in Alaska, British Columbia and Washington state — thrive at the freezing point of 32 degrees, Shain said.

Drop the temperature a few degrees and they freeze. Raise it a few degrees and their flesh starts to melt.

"If you put an earthworm or any other organism on ice, they wouldn't live very well," Shain said. "But with an ice worm, they come to life."

Shain, who has studied the worms for a decade, says many people who live around the mountains in Alaska have never

heard of the inch-long worms, or believe they are mythological creatures.

But get out on a glacier right after the sun goes down, and the surface of the ice turns gray as the worms rise to the surface. "You can't miss them," Shain said. "There are millions of them."

During his research trips, Shain uses a "regular old spoon" to scoop thousands of worms into a cooler, then seals it with duct tape and ships it back to Camden.

The biologist, who travels to Alaska about every other year, has contacts in the region who make sure he gets a steady supply of worms for experiments.

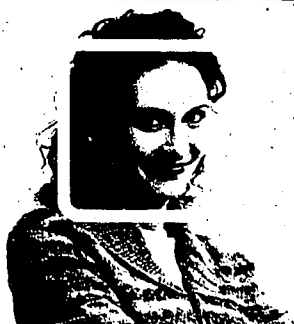
His most remarkable work involves a molecule that stores energy in the cells of living organisms, he said. Most organisms produce less of the molecule when temperatures become colder, but the worms produce more.

Shain — along with graduate biology student Brittany Morrison — hypothesize that ice worms don't have a mechanism that regulates the energy-storing molecules.

His work piqued attention at NASA because conditions on the glaciers are very much like conditions on some cold planets that scientists theorize have a chance of harboring life, Shain said. Figuring out how ice worms live will help scientists if life is ever discovered on another icy world such as Europa.

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California may build mountain tunnel

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. (AP) — Traffic is so bad along the eastern rim of Los Angeles' suburban ring that regional planners are considering the once unthinkable — an 11-mile tunnel through a mountain range in earthquake country.

Critics question the logic of building a multibillion-dollar project in a region so prone to earthquakes that an alternate proposal for a double-decker highway was deemed too dangerous. The tunnel would begin barely a mile from a fault that produced a 6.0-magnitude earthquake about a century ago.

"It's absolutely absurd to have a tunnel 700 feet below ground in earthquake country," said Cathy DeYoung, mayor of Laguna Niguel and a vocal opponent. "I mean, would you want to be in that tunnel?"

Planners are due to make a decision in mid-November on whether to pursue the project.

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Getting Involved

Employees at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are a driving force for positive change in our community. Employees like Jody Tremblay, who fosters collaboration among physicians, patients, and hospital staff. Her expertise in forging relationships extends into the community, and broadens the hospital's commitment to improving the health of people in our region. Like many of our employees, her dedication goes beyond health care. Jody works with area leaders and civic groups, including economic development organizations, Rotary and the College of Southern Idaho - helping to enhance the quality of life we enjoy in the Magic Valley.



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NATION

Abortion front and center for high court nominations, but should it be?

By Nancy Bengt
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion was the first question out of the box at John Roberts' Supreme Court confirmation hearing. Hand-wringing over the same issue was rife during Harriet Miers' short-lived nomination to the court.

New abortion again is central to the debate over Samuel Alito, the latest nominee for the high court.

For all the important legal issues facing the nation, something about abortion and the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling always seem to elbow to the forefront of the debate over modern judicial nominations, just as in the 1950s the court's Brown v. Board of Education desegregation ruling reflected the most important social issue on the American landscape.

"It's always going to be one question in the front and center," Rep. Lydia Sanchez, D-Calif., said recently from the steps of the Supreme Court.

The same thought echoes from the right end of the political spectrum. Also, polls find that people believe no single issue before the court has greater importance.

The reasons are both simple and complex.

Abortion is directly and intensely relevant in the lives of a huge swath of the population.

"Abortion, for better or worse, is more common in this country than many people realize or wish were true," said Susan Cohen, the institute's director of government affairs.

Beyond that, abortion to many people is the pre-eminent moral issue of the times — a matter of life and death. It also becomes a touchstone for broader questions about government intrusion into people's lives, judicial restraint and a host of social issues, almost a proxy for liberalism or conservatism in general.

"It's fraught with all sorts of social meaning," said pollster Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "In the modern era, it's the issue that has most divided liberals and

A look at the Issue of abortion and public opinion

- One in four pregnancies is terminated by abortion.
- Half of pregnancies are unintended.
- Half of unintended pregnancies are ended by abortion.
- One-third of women will have an abortion by age 45, at current abortion rates.
- Six in 10 women who have an abortion are already mothers.
- More than 90 percent of women at risk of unintended pregnancy use contraceptives.
- Nearly half of unintended pregnancies occur among the small percentage of sexually active women who don't use

conservatives." Politicians and interest groups help to stir the pot, tapping into people's passions and fears about the issue to mobilize voters and collect their dollars.

"As a result of the kind of partisan trench warfare that's going on in Washington, the special interests on both sides basically drive the agendas based on those issues that increase their membership, and that's what's going on here," said Leon Panetta, former chief of staff to President Clinton.

"There are a hell of a lot of other issues that ought to be debated and considered beyond the question of Roe v. Wade," said Panetta, now director of the Panetta Institute at California State University, Monterey Bay.

Lawyer Michael Carvin, a former deputy assistant attorney general under President Reagan, spoke last week of a public "fixation" with abortion. He added, "Some of us care about the other 99 percent of cases."

A Pew poll in July found that 63 percent of those surveyed identified abortion as a very important issue before the court. Both Democrats and Republicans gave it high priority; those who identified themselves as liberal or conservative attached the greatest importance.

contraceptives.

- Six in 10 women who have an abortion want to get pregnant in the future.

POLLS

- The public opposes overturning Roe v. Wade by a more than 2-to-1 margin.
- There is broad public support for restrictions on abortion, including majorities for mandatory waiting periods, parental and spousal notification and a prohibition on late-term abortion.
- Men and women oppose overturning Roe by about equal margins.

Source: Alan Guttmacher Institute, Pew Research Center for the People & the Press

Only the rights of detained terrorism suspects were seen as equally significant. Trailing were issues including religious displays, lawsuit award limits and affirmative action.

For some people, abortion simply carries more emotional weight and is easier to grasp than other legal matters.

"Issues around congressional powers and individual standing and access to the courts, these are all critical issues that are going to affect us all, but they're a little more arcane and take a little more explanation than whether or not safe abortion services are going to be available," says Cohen, whose organization supports open access to abortion.

So, does abortion figure more prominently in the debate over judicial nominees than it should, crowding out other important issues?

Republican William Bennett, a former education secretary and the author of a book of moral values, answers yes and no.

He believes attention to the matter is overblown because the court is unlikely to overturn Roe even if Alito is confirmed. If Roe were overturned, Bennett said, "It's not going to have the consequences that a lot of people on the left say," because states still could allow legal abortions.



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Families observe anniversary of crash

NEW YORK (AP) — Scores of families gathered in a seaside neighborhood Saturday to observe the fourth anniversary of one of the nation's deadliest airline disasters.

The crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on a quiet residential block in the Belle Harbor section of Queens killed 265 people — including five on the ground — on Nov. 12, 2001, at a time when the city was still reeling from the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

"It feels like yesterday," said Juan Reyes, 19, of the Bronx, who lost his father in the crash. "It happened four years ago, but it seems like four minutes ago."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg told the hundreds gathered on a chilly morning that the city hopes to pick a design soon for a \$2 million memorial to the victims. Officials hope to have a monument in place next fall.

"For many people in this city, our grief remains so strong because passage of these four years has not filled those 265 empty chairs at the dinner table, or the 265 empty spots in our hearts," he said.

Flight 587 had just taken off from John F. Kennedy International Airport for a flight to the Dominican Republic when a section of its tail tore away as the plane's pilot battled turbulence.

The Dominican national anthem was played at the start of Sunday's ceremony and former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani eulogized the dead.

Outside of the 2001 terrorist attacks, the crash was the second worst in U.S. aviation history. The deadliest was a 1979 disaster at Chicago's O'Hare Airport that killed 275.

Yates' attorney says she wants to avoid retrial

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates, the Houston mother accused of drowning her five young children in the family bathtub in 2001, doesn't want to face another trial if it can be avoided, her attorney said Saturday after visiting her in prison.

"She doesn't want to go through the process of a retrial," attorney George Farnham said. "But we are prepared to defend her all the way."

It was the first time Farnham had talked with Yates since Wednesday when the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals let stand a lower court's decision to overturn Yates' capital murder convictions.

"She had been informed prior to my arrival of the turn of events and she is concerned, obviously," Farnham said. "But we'll see what the legal future holds for her."

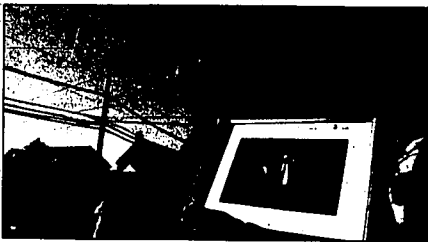
The First Court of Appeals in Houston overturned Yates' convictions in January because of false testimony from forensic psychiatrist Park Dietz.

Dietz testified that an episode of "Law and Order" in which a woman with postpartum depression drowned her children was found insane and shortly before Yates drowned her five children. Such an episode never existed.

Prosecutors plan to retry Yates, and Farnham said Saturday that he doubts the two sides will reach a plea agreement.

Yates, 41, has for years undergone treatment for mental illness and required anti-psychotic medication, which she continues to receive at the prison unit where she is housed. Farnham and Yates' former husband believe she belongs in a state mental hospital, not prison.

Prosecutors are confident a second trial will again result in convictions.



Jose Alcantara mourns the death of his daughter Rosa Alcantara, during the fourth anniversary memorial service of Flight 587 at the crash site, Saturday in the Queens borough of New York.

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Whither the GOP's legislative lineup?

Republicans begin to look shaky

By David Eapo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year's work hangs in the balance for the Republican-controlled Congress, its conservative agenda sketched confidently last winter but now in jeopardy as the party's leadership in the House and Senate faces a series of challenges. The agenda is shaken by President Bush's sagging poll numbers, an unstable leadership lineup in the House and growing concern about congressional elections less than a year away.

"Where you stand depends on where you sit," says GOP Rep. Rob Simmons. In his case, it's a district in Connecticut that Democrat John Kerry captured handily in the 2004 presidential race.

Simmons, in his third term, also is unhappy with the deficit-cutting bill recently sought by the conservatives who hold sway in his party.

Across the Capitol, moderate Sen. Olympia Snowe balks at extending reduced rates on income from investments, leaving Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee without a majority to advance \$64 billion in tax cuts.

"We're in a different economic environment," said the Maine Republican, who so far has no Democratic challenger in his 2006 race. "We've had three

back-to-back hurricanes" that have cost billions.

The Finance Committee chairman, Republicans Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, said, "If I move one way, I lose a couple votes. If I move another way, I lose a couple votes."

The same predicament applies in the House, where the leadership is short of the votes needed to cut projected deficits by \$50 billion or more over the next decade.

The original target was \$35 billion. But that was before conservatives intervened this fall with a demand for deeper reductions to offset as much of the billions spent on cleanup and reconstruction from Hurricane Katrina and other storms.

Rep. Tom DeLay, the one-time majority leader, stepped in to champion their cause at the same time he was working to hold his support among the rank and file. The Texas faces an indictment in his home state on campaign finance charges.

DeLay's legal difficulties complicate the pursuit of a GOP agenda in another way.

Some House Republicans favor new leadership elections in January, a year ahead of schedule. Their hope is to end an awkward situation in which the GOP whip, Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, also is acting as majority leader while DeLay tries to triumph in court.

Faced with a moderates' revolt on the deficit-cutting bill, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., agreed

to jettison from that bill the proposal to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. That move netted several votes, but not enough to assure passage.

Moderates are the main hold-outs.

"If I remain opposed to changes the bill would make to food stamps, Medicaid, student loan programs and payments to help states enforce child support agreements," Simmons said in a written statement.

There were other problems. The oil concession offended conservatives who long have advocated oil exploration in the refuge. "Right now, how I vote on final passage is between me and my maker," said Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, a supporter of the drilling provision.

The overall agenda was conceived nearly a year ago, when Republicans basked in the glow of Bush's re-election and their own increased majorities in the House and Senate.

Now the president's polling is lower than at any point in his administration, and GOP concern was deepened by off-year elections that included defeat in last Tuesday's Virginia gubernatorial election.

In the Senate, Republicans hold 55 seats but have had a sub-par recruiting season to date. Democratic fundraising has been robust.

The president made a campaign-style defense of the war in Iraq, replete with mocking references to Kerry and other Democrats who now criticize the administration daily.

Santorum took a different tack. "Mistakes were made" in Iraq, he told reporters. The war has been "less than optimal," he added, and "maybe some blame could be laid" at the White House.

One House Republican was considerably more blunt than Santorum. Asked if he would want Bush to campaign for him in Arizona, Rep. J.D. Hayworth replied on "Irus in the Morning." "In a word, no. Not at this time."

Hayworth has averaged 60 percent of the vote in his past two elections.

On paper, it will be far easier for Hayworth, a conservative from the Sun Belt, to win a new term than it will be for Simmons, a New England moderate.

But first, the leadership remains intent on passing the legislation drafted at the behest of conservatives.

"We haven't done this in 10 years, so the members aren't used to dealing with these mandatory programs," Blunt said of Medicaid, food stamps, student loans and other programs that automatically rise with population changes.

"They're not used to pushing back when the other side suggests that the savings are deep cuts in social programs."

Thursday's decision to put off the vote was a "disappointing deadline" to miss, Blunt said, adding that he expects to gain the necessary support in the next few days.

Mourners remember slain assistant principal

LAFOLETTE, Tenn. (AP) — Teachers lined the streets of this mountain community Saturday to honor an assistant principal who was killed as administrators tried to wrestle a gun away from a student.

Several hundred people attended a funeral Mass for Ken Barley Jr., a 15-year-old freshman, who was remembered as a peacemaker and a role model respected by students.

"Children loved him. He wasn't the type to intimidate kids or anything," said Campbell County Sheriff Iton McClelland. "They knew they could come to him with anything."

Following the service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, more than 1,000 teachers lined the route to a nearby cemetery.

"Our strength is coming from our faith," his widow Jo Bruce, said after the funeral. "Our job here is to help heal

this community that he gave his life for."

A visitation on Friday had drawn 4,000 people, including Gov. Phil Bredesen.

Saturday's service concluded with the release of about 50 balloons in the school's colors. They contained student remembrances about Bruce and witnesses he used, such as "grinlin" like a possum eating "sawbriars" or "useless as a screen door on a submarine."

Authorities said Tuesday's shooting at the 1,400-student Campbell County Comprehensive High School began when Ken Barley Jr., a 15-year-old freshman, was called to the office because other students had seen him with a gun on campus.

When Bruce, Principal Gary Seale and Assistant Principal Jim Pierce began questioning the boy, he allegedly opened fire.

Donors offer college tuition to local students

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — In one of the biggest and boldest such programs in the nation, an anonymous group of benefactors is offering college scholarships for at least the next 13 years to nearly all of Kalamazoo's high school graduates.

The scholarships will be good at any of Michigan's public universities or community colleges, and the amounts will depend on how long the student has been in the Kalamazoo school system. Those who enrolled in kindergarten would get a free ride.

"This is truly a way for dreams to come true," city School Superintendent Janice Brown said Friday.

Civic leaders were delighted by the program, called The Kalamazoo Promise, and said it could transform this largely middle-class city of 77,000 by attracting businesses and drawing homebuyers with children.

Starting with the class of 2006, the four-year scholarships will be available to all students who entered the school system in the ninth grade or earlier. The scholarships will cover between 65 percent and 100 percent of tuition and fees.

For students at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, such a program would be worth more than \$7,000 this



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school year.

Brown would not give any details on the donors or disclose how much money they put up, but said the program was quietly in the works for three or four years. It will run for at least 13 years but may continue well after that, said district spokesman Alex Lee.

Brown said she is unaware of any other districtwide scholarship program in the nation. "What a tremendous act of generosity on the part of the donors who made this possible

4-year-old daughter who will start kindergarten next fall. "It's going to be a great help," said Branson, who runs a barbecue stand in town.

Kalamazoo is a racially diverse community about 130 miles west of Detroit. The district's 10,300 students attend 16 elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools and one alternative high school. About 500 students graduated in 2005 from high school, and about 85 percent of them applied to college, Brown said.

The biggest employers in the area are the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc. and Western Michigan, and the region is trying to attract companies to its new high-tech business park as it shifts away from its past as a paper-manufacturing center.

John E. Long III, president and chief executive of the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the scholarships will be a drawing card for new businesses. "This certainly gives us a strong weapon in that fight," he said.

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EDITORIAL

State dropped the ball on redesign, P.E. reform

State education officials took the easy way out this month with decisions to modify new standards for graduation and physical education.

Dodging the criticism for those two plans will be easy. But the concerns won't go away. Idaho's high school students are falling short of attaining a college career, much less a degree. Meanwhile, Idaho's public school students are not getting nearly enough physical activity.

Our view: Two plans for Idaho school reform deserved more consideration before being trimmed down.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Those ideas would go a long way to plant higher education seeds in Idaho's young students. Remember, only 45 percent of Idaho graduates went on to college in 2000, and only a portion of that group will earn a college degree.

The Department of Education's decision to trim physical education plans was less drastic, but still disheartening. The department reduced the plan from requiring 150 minutes a week to 90 minutes a week in elementary schools. For junior high students, the state will require one year instead of two in a three-year period. High schools will keep the recommended two-year P.E. credit requirement. Currently, the state has no requirements for P.E. in junior high or high school.

When educators say they have scarce time, space or personnel for more P.E., their concerns have substance. Elementary kids do already receive time for recess and lunch breaks. But the additional 90 minutes of structured P.E. time will help youngsters get their much-needed exercise.

But junior high students — much like their high school counterparts — are learning life patterns at a critical age. Trimming the P.E. standards down to one year won't help them. If middle schools have room for vending machines to sell pop and candy, they should make room for more P.E. classes. The same thing goes for high school.

Educators also complained the P.E. plan was unfunded mandate. But the push for more activity in schools had good support from legislators. Idaho school superintendent Marilyn Howard pushed for investment as early as 2007, years before the credits would be actually required.

It's encouraging to see some reforms left in both proposals. But the measures taken out could have gone further to encourage better health and more college preparation, especially for Idaho's junior high students.

U.S. wastes a black gold opportunity

Thank God for \$3.50 gasoline. True, we had it for only a brief shining moment, and there is not much going to be said about catastrophic hurricanes that caused it. But the price was already inexorably climbing as a result of 2.3 billion Chinese and Indians industrializing. Their increased demand is what brought us to the energy knife's edge and makes us so acutely vulnerable to supply disruptions.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Yet, the Senate is attacking the problem by hauling oil executives to hearings on "price gouging." Even by Senate standards, the cynicism here is breathtaking. Everyone knows what the problem really is. It's *Economics 101: increasing demand and precariously tight supply.*

Yet for three decades we have done criminally little about it. Conservatives argued for more production, liberals argued for more conservation, and each side blocked the other's remedy — when even a child can see that we need both.

Demand. Just yesterday we were paying \$3.50 at the pump and ready to pay \$4 or \$5 if necessary. No blessing has ever come more disguised. Now that we have lived with \$3.50 gasoline, \$3 seems far less outrageous than, say, a year ago. We have a unique but fleeting opportunity to permanently depress demand by locking in higher gasoline prices. Put a floor at \$3. Every penny that the price goes under \$3 should be recaptured in a federal gas tax so that Americans pay \$3 at the pump no matter how low the world price goes.

Why is this a good idea? It is the simplest way to induce conservation. People will alter their buying habits. It was the higher fuel prices of the 1970s and early '80s that led to more energy-efficient cars and appliances — which induced such restraint on demand that the world price of oil ultimately fell through the floor. By 1986, oil was \$11 a barrel. Then we got price and resumed our old habits, and oil is now \$40. Surprise.

The worst part is that much of this \$40 goes overseas to foreigners who wish us no good: Wahhabist Saudi princes who subsidize terrorism; Hugo Chavez, the mini-Moslim of the Southern Hemisphere; and through the fangibility of oil the nuclear-hungry, death-to-America Iranian mullahs. This is insanity. It makes infinitely more sense to reduce consumption, drive the world price down and let the premium we force ourselves to pay at the pump (which begins the conservation cycle) go to the U.S.

Necessary. If the price drops to \$2, plus that \$1 tax right back into the American economy by immediately reducing, say, Social Security or income taxes. The beauty of a gas tax at \$3 is that it obviates the waste and folly of an army of bureaucrats telling auto companies what cars in which fleets need to meet what arbitrary standards of fuel efficiency. Abolish all the



regulations and let the market decide. Consumers are not stupid. Within weeks of Katrina, SUV sales were already in decline and hybrids were flying off the shelves.

Supply. For decades we've been dithering over drilling in a tiny part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Look, I too love the caribou. They are sweet, picturesque and reportedly harmless. But dire predictions about the devastation that Prudhoe Bay oil development would visit upon the caribou proved false. They have thrived. Let's get serious. We live at the edge of oil shortages and in perpetual vulnerability to oil blackmail. We have soldiers dying in the oil fields of the Middle East, yet we have untouched oil fields in North America so that Lower-48ers can enjoy an unguise of pristine Arctic purity. This is an indulgence bordering on decadence.

As our refusal to drill on the continental shelf. Offshore drilling technology is far safer and more efficient than it was decades ago when this prohibition was passed. We're starting ourselves. The same logic applies to refineries. We have not

built a new one since 1976. Because you don't grow on trees. The U.S. refining industry operates at 96 percent capacity. That is unsustainable. We need the equivalent of the military-style closing commission, whereby outside experts decide which bases should be closed in the national interest. A refinery commission that would solicit 15 new refineries scattered throughout the U.S. (some perhaps on Army bases scheduled for closing) would spread the pain, depoliticize the process and arm us against future shortages.

With these simple steps, we could within a decade finally escape the oil noose. But don't hold your breath. The Senate just loved its little oil executive inspection. The House Wednesday night stripped out the ANWR drilling provision. And there is not a single national politician who dares propose raising gas taxes by even a penny. We are criminally miserous about energy independence and we will pay the price.

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An open seat at the editorial board table

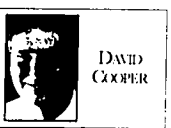
I've never read a *Times-News* editorial and asked myself, "I love in the world did they ever reach that conclusion?" you're probably not

Sometimes I ask that myself, and I'm the one who writes most of them.

Actually, such confusion is rare. The chance to discuss public issues as a member of a newspaper editorial board is a challenging, amusing, and ultimately rewarding duty in journalism and civic participation.

Now, it could be your turn at the table. The *Times-News* editorial board has for many years placed a high priority on representing the community's values and perspectives. That vision took a new step last year when the ed board invited a community member to join the group.

Eleanor Burkhardt, a longtime resident of Twin Falls, former high school English teacher and retired family farmer, accepted the board's invitation. After a brief trial run, she



DAVID COOPER

liked what she saw and stayed on. Her perspective played a role in shaping our editorial views and our endorsements for local candidates. She set the bar high with her dedication and drive.

Her one-year term will end in December, and we're now inviting readers to apply for the vacancy and join us for a 12-month period in 2006.

Sound intriguing? Then ask yourself some of the following questions: Do I carry a strong interest in public issues and politics? Do I welcome vigorous debate on both sides of an issue? Would I be willing to question local leaders on key matters? Do I know our community, and am I willing to learn more? Who is this Steve Crump character and how do I meet him?

If those inquiries have stoked your interest, then put your ideas on paper. In fewer than 300 words, tell us why the ed board position intrigues you, with some brief descriptions of your background and personal views. Submissions can be dropped off or sent to me at dcooper@magvalley.com. But first some additional points to consider:

• **Flexibility** — We welcome all viewpoints and backgrounds from within our community. But flexibility is a key asset when forming opinions. Remember, you may not agree with everything in an editorial, but you're likely to see an issue from all sides.

• **Conflicts of interest** — Be open about them. If you're involved in city council or other levels of local government, it's probably best not to apply. Those offices are vital to our community. But they may not mix well with an editorial board.

• **Time commitments** — The editorial board meets each Wednesday morning and on additional occasions with elect-

ed leaders, business officials, educators, and experts in health care and natural resources. If you have the time, we'll provide the discussion. Applications will be accepted until Sept. 10. Ed board members will select some final candidates to meet and interview more closely during the month. We'll even get Crump to bring the doughnuts.

As we refine this process, we'll consider the possibility of creating another community seat in the summer for two rotating positions on the editorial board.

Joining a group of dedicated community members and journalists creates strong memories, strong community ties and strong opinions. The final product is a thought-provoking editorial we're proud to share for the purposes of civic debate.

But hey, that's just me talking. What do you think?

David Cooper is Opinion editor for The *Times-News* and can be reached at 735-3246 or dcooper@magvalley.com.

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hud, Chris Stalnack, Steve Crump, Eleanor Burkhardt, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.

LETTER

Where's the paper's Mini-Cassia coverage?

Have you ever heard the phrase, "A little competition never hurt anyone"? Well, let me tell you now that *The Times-News* and the South Idaho Press are being run by the same company, there is no competition.

When I first started taking *The Times-News*, I enjoyed getting up in the morning and reading my morning newspaper. I could get all the news before the South Idaho Press had even started gathering the news, and it was like a race to see who would publish it first. Now I don't see much news about Rupert in *The Times-News* at all. Take the Rupert City Council, for instance. Here it is time for me to go out and vote, and I don't even have a clue what the candidates stand for. I only know who is running by the signs in the yard. Did I

miss it? You had information about it. Have you noticed that it always has the court activity from Twin Falls and Jerome County? But I haven't seen anything for Burley or Rupert for a long time. I am very disappointed with *The Times-News*.

The so-called "Mini-Cassia edition" hardly has any news about the Burley-Rupert area, with the exception of the obituaries. Are they going to tell us that there is never anything happening in our area? I don't think so. Come on, *Times-News*. I would really like to see you put a little more effort into our area. I understand you are owned by the same company, but don't leave us out! Tell me what is going on in my community? I think that is what you are there for. JILL BEAN Rupert

Republican ideals bared upon attack, hate

Regarding Max Covington's letter:

Republicans ignore environmental, Social Security, economical and many other issues. If you want me to keep going, I can. I think the point here is that, yeah, they might not ignore some of these issues but they definitely take a back seat to Bush's war. A war that England faces thousands of times a day and no American leadership today is no smarter than that of the English tyrants of the crusades. Does Bush care about these other problems? As the leader of our country, I hope he does. But it looks like he cares more about liberating a country that never asked for our

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LETTER

Your chubby, pill-popping hypocrite, Rush Limbaugh. Quit crying because the Dems won't buy into your ideals. What makes this country great is the ability to have a difference of opinions. And Republicans are trying to take that away. I am liberal, and if there is a heaven, I am sure I'll be there. Because when God looks down on me, he will know that I love my life as a good man who did not hate his own country just because I didn't want to lose my friends and family in a war that we are fighting for greed. PATRICK CRAWFORD Aloha, Ore. (Editor's Note: Patrick Crawford is a former resident of Wendell High School.)

Write to us

stunt for the past six years. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. And, Max, if you really want to talk about trash-talking politicians, then you should really look at election footage from last year. Most of Bush's attacks on Kerry were personal. He really couldn't say anything about his policies. What about

OPINION

Torture policy another example of Bush failures

How long will the Republicans support Bush? In five years, President George Bush has made the United States of America the most hated nation in the world. His recent Latin American trips should convince the most ardent Bush supporter that the president is not able to run this country. The Bush administration will do anything they can to make themselves look better to the American people.

History does repeat itself. When I was sent to Vietnam, we had a president, vice president and secretary of defense who had never been in uniform and made up the Gulf of Tonkin incident to support their views and escalate the war.

In war, many innocent people die. Every day, I think of those that lost their lives in "my war." Why are we in Iraq? Saddam didn't cause 9/11. Osama is the one who went. To make his argument for war, the president lied to the American people and then his cronies "outed" a CIA agent whose husband wrote the article proving that Bush lied about Iraq trying to get nuclear equipment from Africa.

In the Nov. 8 *Times-News*, Bush states that we "do not torture." At the same time, he is "trying to block or modify a proposed Senate-passed ban on torture." If you feel you must show loyalty to the Republican Party, then listen to a man that is literate, competent and knows about torture. I am talking about Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Sen. McCain was a prisoner of war for more than six years in the Vietnam War. He was tortured during that time, and his comments on national television mentioned that "torture does not work."

When I was in boot camp, we were required to memorize the important parts of the Geneva Convention. Maybe Mr. Bush missed that class on one of the days he did not attend his National Guard meeting.

Yes, I can see why the die-hard Bush fans would support this administration. The Iraq war is a fiasco (2,051 killed in action), the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster, no bid contracts in Iraq and New Orleans, and last but not the least, putting a CIA agent's life in danger to get back at her husband.

Very professional work, gentlemen. And the beats goes on.
RON DABNEY
Twin Falls

Twin Falls doesn't need to kill off the crows

The Humane Society of the United States is appalled by Twin Falls' plan to kill crows in its downtown area. This is merely because some people find them inconvenient ("City prepares for crow invasion," Nov. 1).

LETTERS



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The Humane Society of the United States Wild Neighbors Program offers more information on humane ways to live with crows and other wildlife. We urge your readers to contact us or visit www.wildneighbors.org.
MAGGIE BRATED
Washington, D.C.
(Editor's note: Maggie Brated is the director of the Urban Wildlife Conflict Resolution division of the Humane Society of the United States.)

Experience wanted? Not in Twin Falls schools

In the Saturday, Oct. 29 newspaper, there is a 16-line request for an experienced Twin Falls City engineer. There is also a 50-line request for firefighters. In accordance with what the school boards and school districts want, these requests should read "all inexperienced should apply."

All school districts and school boards want a sweet, young thing right out of college so that they do not have to pay them so much salary. A sweet, young thing right out of college has a better chance of being hired than an experi-

enced teacher.

Experience is wanted in the world of work, but it is not wanted in the classroom.

Until 1995, if incoming teachers wanted to be hired and they had lots of experience, they were still hired as only having six years of experience (for Twin Falls). So they began on the scale at their seventh year. But this same person was probably teaching right beside several teachers with the same number of total years of experience but since they had not changed school districts, they were getting their full credit for their years of experience.

I am totally amazed at three things — that we actually thanked the one who hired us for our jobs, that we worked our heart and souls out in those classrooms, and that the students are as well-educated as they are.

The persons(s) that came up with the idea should be tied down in a field of ants.

Only because of the integrity and care for students has this niggardly money plan of school districts and school

boards worked as well as it has through the years.

In 1995, teachers were finally given credit for all their years of experience, but there was no retroactive pay. So who gets hired first in your district? A sweet, young thing right out of college or an experienced teacher?
BEVERLY BEEM
Jerome

If voters have power, dump electoral votes

OK, from what I have heard today, voting is a way for the people to think they have a choice in voting in their president. The government gives the people this option to make them feel like they have independence, but the high electors will vote and choose who runs, not the people.

The people are like the president's group, and they back him up and so on, but they do not decide who runs.
GEOFFREY CRADY
Jerome

(Editor's note: Geoffrey Crady is a student of Jerome Middle School. He wrote this letter as part of the requirements for a communications merit badge in Scouting.)

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Mercury pollution a threat to kids' learning

PEDRO JOSE GREER

As parents anticipate the start of another school year, many are focused on how well their kids are being prepared to compete in the global marketplace.

For the generation of students being born today, who will enter schools over the next five years, there's a new threat in their mother's milk — mercury pollution that could affect their ability to learn for years to come.

The Environmental Protection Agency, despite its stated mission to protect public health and the natural environment, is falling short on Americans.

The agency's bureaucrats, many of them former energy industry executives, have written a regulation that delays the reduction of mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants, the chief source of this potent neurotoxicant.

Too much mercury can cause health problems for anyone. But because young brains are exquisitely sensitive to their environment, this pollutant can cause irreparable harm, including lowered IQ, learning disabilities and developmental delays.

The EPA's new mercury rule delays by at least 10 to 15 years protections from increased mercury emissions, which ends up in rivers and oceans, fish and ultimately humans. It is too weak and does too little, too late to protect the next generation of students from the harmful health effects of mercury.

Members of the U.S. Senate will vote this fall on whether or not this rule does enough to protect the neurological health of our young children. They are expected to debate and vote on whether the energy industry's interests trump the need to pro-

tect the public interest, namely the next two generations of American workers.

Using national blood mercury prevalence data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, researchers found that between 316,588 and 637,233 children each year have cord blood mercury levels greater than 5.8 ug/L, a level associated with the loss of IQ.

This damage to our nation's "intellectual capital" will be costly. It will cause diminished economic productivity over the working lives of these children, which researchers at the Center for Children's Health and the Environment at Mount Sinai School of Medicine estimate will cost us \$8.7 billion annually. Of this annual amount, they estimate that \$1.3 billion is linked to mercury emissions from American power plants.

Even those who embrace a self-policing, cost-benefit, small government approach for energy utilities should recognize that strengthening regulation of power plant sources to reduce mercury exposure is a no-brainer.

Our kids deserve nothing less.

Dr. Pedro Jose Greer is a Miami, Fla., "Covita" grant winner and founder of various clinics for the homeless and poor in Miami. He wrote this for Physicians for Social Responsibility, which works to eliminate nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, to achieve a sustainable environment, and to reduce violence and its causes.

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NATION

Preschool tutoring gains popularity

Experts debate effectiveness

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — While some parents proudly pronounce the words on his flashcards, Neha Gulrajani sits nearby working with a numbers board and Jillian Sommerauer talks to her teacher about the picture book she wants to take home.

It sounds like kindergarten, but these kids gathered recently at a suburban Kansas City strip mall to get extra help in placing increasing pressure on youngsters.

The children at the Kumon learning center are part of a national growth in such preschool programs — and a debate over whether they help children.



Christine Kim, right, helps Jillian Sommerauer with the proper pronunciation of a word Nov. 3 during a reading lesson at the Kumon Math and Reading Center.

"They are much more educated about the specific skills their children will need in kindergarten and first grade, and they want us to help with that," said Beth Hollenberg, executive vice president of Kaplan's SCORE! programs.

Others suggest that the federal No Child Left Behind initiative and changes in the public education system have created an environment where parents feel pressured to push their children into learning at earlier ages.

"That has created an atmosphere where it is better to do it sooner, because they are going to be tested on it sooner," said Sara Wilford, director of the Art of Teaching graduate program at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y.

Wilford said she fears some early tutoring programs may actually turn off youngsters to education, if they are too regimented.

"Children learn in a very

hands-on, very active way," she said. "I do think 'sooner means better' completely loses everything we know about how children learn."

Except for children with learning disabilities or other factors that make learning difficult, tutoring has not been shown to have any long-term benefits, said Gordon Deak, an associate professor of cognitive science at the University of California-San Diego.

"My suspicion is that a lot of parents that are doing this for preschoolers, unless there is some other reason like a doctor expressing concern, are simply overambitious and putting their energy into something that is maybe not effective, except at enhancing the revenue of certain companies," Deak said.

But Andrea Pastorek, an education psychologist who helped design the Junior Kumon program, said preschoolers can learn better if they master pre-literacy skills,

such as phonetic awareness and understanding the alphabet.

"Many, many children will not pick up these skills automatically," Pastorek said. "I can intervene at an early stage and prevent years of struggle for children, what's better than that?"

Nearly everyone agrees the best programs for preschoolers emphasize individual instruction that targets each child's learning level. They also must be fun, hands-on and given in short spurts.

Kaplan, Kumon and Sylvan programs all emphasize those factors. Most preschoolers are at the centers from one to two hours a week, with some work at home.

None of the programs push children to read fluently or do math problems before they enter kindergarten.

And all three emphasize the importance of parents in their youngsters' learning.

"We have known forever that what moms and dads do at home is very important," said Pastorek, who worked with children for 30 years before joining Kumon. "And children learn best through play. No one is arguing with that."

Back at the Overland Park Kumon center, Jacob's, Neha's and Jillian's mothers are convinced their children are benefiting from the program. All the children joined the program before they entered kindergarten.

"If you want to have a long term success, you have to have a strong foundation," said Gwendolyn Neha's mother, Vandana Gulrajani. "She has gained from here. She has confidence to talk to teachers and give answers."

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Defeat of Internet freedom bill draws ire of some bloggers

The Baltimore Sun

When the House of Representatives failed to pass the Online Freedom of Speech Act this month, some of the Internet's newest bloggers was quick to register his dismay.

Today's action marks a sad day for one of our nation's most vocal rights freemen of speech. The federal government seeks to control and regulate the Internet, but the last thing Congress should be doing is trying to curb public debate online, wrote Dennis Hastert on his week-long blog, Speaker's Journal (speakersjournal.gov/journal/index.shtml).

Hastert, speaker of the House and an Illinois Republican, was a supporter of the bill that sought to immunize online political speech from potentially crippling campaign finance regulations.

Whether the bill's failure will end up curtailing Internet freedoms remains to be seen. But bloggers — from Hastert on down — are outraged.

Although the vote on the bill was 225-186, it fell short of the two-thirds majority needed for passage under special House rules, with most Republicans voting for it and most Democrats against.

"I see that the most liberal of parties opposes what is effectively free speech and the party which brought us the Patriot Act is advocating it," noted a posting on the tech-centric group blog Slashdot.org. "When black appears white or pigs appear to have sprouted wings, there's usually politics behind it."

And indeed, there may be more than free speech at stake.

While Republicans said the bill would protect bloggers from an overbearing government, Democrats saw the bill as an underhanded effort to create a major loophole in the 2002 McCain-Feingold campaign finance laws. McCain-Feingold essentially ignored the Internet, and so, under orders from a federal judge, the Federal Election Commission has been ham-

mering out a set of online regulations, without any guidance from Congress.

The bill was an attempt at such guidance, but all of this is unclear territory.

Some claim the bill would have allowed wealthy candidates to secretly buy armies of bloggers to support their cause, while others see a danger of burying online pundits under a mountain of murky regulations, forcing them out of business.

"Politicians have again shown themselves ready to reach the Constitution in order to limit the speech of those potentially critical to themselves," wrote Warren Meyer on his Libertarian-leaning CoyoteBlog.com.

A commenter on the liberal DailyKos.com worried that group political sites were in danger. "In the end, this site and many like it (if) may have to be silenced because of it. I believe

that's unconstitutional."

Some weren't buying that argument.

"I can go out using my own resources, set up a blog, and pontificate to my heart's content. There are no restrictions on that and there never will be," posted Jon Hanson on a News.com article on the vote. "I cannot, however, pose as an independent blogger and be paid by a political campaign or one of the political parties for my services unless I disclose this fact plainly. That is what this issue is about."

Another Slashdot writer worried about this scenario: "Some PAC raises \$1 million from unlimited, unreported donations. They use the money to pay 1,000 bloggers to promote their issue. They don't need to report that these bloggers work for them, or how much they get paid. Rinse. Repeat. Is this free speech?"

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Drugstore chains try to sort out confusion over Medicare plan

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With the first Medicare prescription plan opening for enrollment on Tuesday, drugstore chains eager to lure elderly customers have embarked on a marketing blitz aimed at people like Marie Williams of Elkridge, Md.

Williams, who takes two medications regularly, says that every time she tries to learn about the Medicare plan that kicks in Jan. 1, she feels like a befuddled cook in an unfamiliar kitchen.

"It's like I'm trying to bake a cake but a few ingredients are missing from the recipe," said Williams, 74. "I can't find the answers I need."

Drugstore chains hope that if they can help seniors like Williams sort through the confusion, they will win over customers who are getting drug coverage for the first time — boosting the amount of prescriptions they dispense and vastly expanding foot traffic in their stores.

To that end, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. rolled out a fleet of trailers to 200 stores across the country with representatives from the Humana insurance company on board for face-to-face chats with seniors. CVS Corp. hosted seminars at more than 500 senior centers nationwide. And this week, the pharmacy staff at all Walgreen Co. stores set up tables, passed out brochures and counseled seniors about various options.

Fueled by this marketing frenzy is Medicare's decision to offer prescription drug coverage to its 40 million elderly and disabled beneficiaries for the first time in its 40-year history. Enrollment ends May 15. The coverage would come from private companies that have contracted with Medicare, which picks up a large part of the cost.

In October, dozens of the companies began releasing details of their plans, leaving some

seniors flummoxed by the array of options.

It is no wonder seniors are confused. About 61 percent say they do not understand Medicare's drug benefit very well, if at all, according to a poll by Kaiser and the Harvard School of Public Health. But they also said their pharmacists rank third, after the Medicare office and their doctors, as a source of help.

Similar research emboldened CVS, which gets 71 percent of its sales from prescriptions — to join the fray, said Jim Maritan, vice president of strategy and business development at CVS. "We decided we needed a plan."

The plan went well beyond education. CVS also struck a deal to have a subsidiary process claims for Universal American Financial Corp. Under the deal, CVS will determine which drugs Universal's plan should cover and handle mail orders.

For its services, the retailer will receive a fee, which it declined to disclose. But it will also bear half the risk, Maritan said. Universal submitted a bid to Medicare, forecasting its total cost. If it overshoots the projected cost, the plan makes less money and so does CVS. If the plan makes more than expected, it gives some back to Medicare and keeps the rest, Maritan said.

"It's an interesting opportunity for Pharmaceur," the CVS

subsidiary, Maritan said. "It is essentially a way for us to bear limited risk and develop greater knowledge of how this population behaves."

Walgreen also plans to process claims. It is working with Walgreen Health Plans Inc. and United Health Group's Ovation unit. But unlike CVS, Walgreen bears no risk, said Michael Polzin, the company's spokesman.

Both companies are marketing other insurers' plans in their stores. "It doesn't matter to our pharmacy which seniors are signed up with," Polzin said. "But if they happen to be a Wellcare patient, not only will the pharmacy earn the usual money for filling the prescription, but we will earn money for processing that transaction as well."

Another advantage to the Medicare drug benefit has been retailers salivating. Neutralizing Wal-Mart, the discount giant.

Currently, many seniors without prescription coverage go to Wal-Mart because they believe it offers the lowest prices. But under the new Medicare program, when those uninsured seniors sign up for a plan with the Aetna, for instance, they will pay the same amount — whatever the plan requires — at a Wal-Mart, Walgreen, or CVS. "Wal-Mart wins on price and drugstore chains like CVS win on convenience," said Eric Boshard, an analyst with FTN

Midwest Research. "When price doesn't matter, CVS and the others hope customers will leave Wal-Mart."

Art Alderson, vice president of pharmacy at Wal-Mart, said that will not happen. Under the minimum requirements Congress set for the drug plans, consumers must pay a first \$250 of their prescription purchases and 25 percent of the next \$2,250 in drug costs.

"That money will go further in Wal-Mart than any other pharmacy" because of the chain's low prices, he said. Through Wal-Mart accepts various plans, it has a co-branded card with Humana, which offers the lowest available insurance premiums of any of the drug plans, he said.

Besides, he said, value is not just price. It's about one-stop shopping for everything from drugs to diapers. "We will gain more pharmacy customers," Alderson said. Wal-Mart does not make public how much of its sales come from prescription drugs.

But these drug plans are not a sure thing for retailers. For one, there is no telling what the acceptance rate will be for these plans. About 43 percent of seniors say they do not know if they will enroll next year and another 37 percent say they will not, the Kaiser-Harvard poll said. Some have better benefits from their former employers.

Also, those who do not have prescription coverage currently pay the highest prices for drugs because they do not have an insurer negotiating prices on their behalf, said Paul Ginsburg, president of the Center for Studying Health System Change. "You're taking a population that paid the highest prices and now they will benefit from the purchasing power of the insurer," Ginsburg said. The retailers "will get lower payments for each prescription filled but they will presumably fill more prescriptions."

One-square-inch plot of land has giant price tag

SPENCER, Ind. — A tiny parcel of land in southwest Indiana is some of the priciest real estate in the world.

Owen County officials are trying to sell a 1-square-inch plot of land for \$1,500. At that rate, an acre of land would cost nearly \$7 billion.

No buyers pounced up for the postage-stamp-sized plot during a tax sale.

"It's too small to plant a flower on," said Peter Dorsey, with the county's mapping department. The parcel was originally part of a 1.12-acre tract under a separate deed, said auditor Angie Lawson. Officials think the tiny piece of land west of Bloomington was decided to someone in the 1960s, when people had to own property to use a nearby lake.

First National Bank foreclosed on the property owner's mortgage, which covered the entire 1.12-acre tract, and the land was up for bid at the tax sale. There is a minimum bid of \$1,500 for tax sale parcels.

Odds & ends

County attorney Richard Lorenz said he wants to find a way for the county to get rid of the land and the responsibility of selling it, perhaps by giving it away.

California city puts away squirrel poison

DEL MAR, Calif. — One Southern California city just got a little safer for squirrels. City officials in Del Mar, north of San Diego, agreed to stop using poison to control the squirrel population, to the delight of animal rights activists.

For years, the city used poison-baited traps to snare wild squirrels in Seagrave Park. The San Diego-based Animal Protection and Rescue League has urged officials to consider nontoxic means of control, such as making it illegal for people to feed wild animals.

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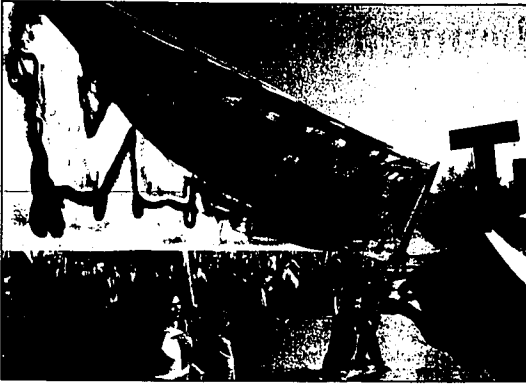
King Abdullah calls al-Zarqawi growing threat to Middle East

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — King Abdullah II called for a global fight against terrorism Saturday as Jordan acknowledged for the first time that al-Qaida in Iraq used three foreign suicide bombers to attack Amman hotels, killing 57 others.

The devastating strike was masterminded by Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, signaling his group is able to launch terror attacks outside war-ravaged Iraq. Abdullah called al-Zarqawi a growing threat to the Middle East and put the international community on notice that he must cooperate to fight terrorists.

"Terrorism is a sick and cross-border phenomenon. Therefore, eradicating it is the whole world's responsibility," he told the state-run Petra news agency. "The body parts we saw in Amman we see everyday in brotherly Iraq and have also seen in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and other countries around the world."

Abdullah later told CNN that four suicide bombers called out Wednesday's attacks, suggesting one was the "spouse" of another militant. His remarks seemed to confirm al-Qaida in Iraq's claim that a husband and wife were among the bombers. "I think that to walk into the lobby of a hotel to see a wedding



Jordanian demonstrators from the tourism industry protest Saturday as they carry banners against terrorism in front of the Radisson SAS hotel where a suicide bomber struck last Wednesday in Amman, Jordan.

procession and to take your wife or your spouse with you into that wedding and to blow yourself up (showed) these people are insane," Abdullah said.

He said initial findings coupled with the al-Qaida claim suggested the bombers were Iraqi. Police said Saturday that the bombers who attacked the Grand Hyatt and Days Inn hotels spoke with Iraqi accents.

"So there are only two logistical places that they could have come across — either the Iraqi

or the Syrian borders," he said. Earlier, deputy premier Marwan Muasher said the attackers were three "non-Jordanians" belonging to al-Zarqawi's group, but he ruled out any being women.

It was not immediately possible to resolve the discrepancy between Abdullah's and Muasher's remarks.

Muasher said police were still interrogating 12 suspects, believed linked to the attacks on the Grand Hyatt, Radisson SAS

ON THE COMEBACK

Fujimori bets his return will carry him back to power in Peru



Former President Alberto Fujimori is seen during the flight prior to arrival in Chile's capital of Santiago, looking at a map of Peru on Nov. 6. Fujimori stunned followers and foes alike when he headed back to Latin America to launch a political comeback.

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Former President Alberto Fujimori stunned followers and foes alike when he landed in neighboring Chile a week ago aboard a private jet, defying an arrest warrant in his zeal to restart his political career in Peru.

During his decade-long rule, Fujimori gained a reputation for coolness under fire. That coolness is being tested again as he battles extradition from the Chilean capital Santiago on more than 20 charges of corruption and human rights abuses.

His return to South America ended five years of exile in Japan and initiated what he called the first step toward becoming president again in April elections. The 67-year-old Fujimori, grayer and more wrinkled since he fled Peru in 2000 as his government collapsed in a corruption scandal, looked exhausted as he drove off with Chilean police before dawn Monday.

But later in the day he appeared rejuvenated, smiling, waving and giving a thumbs-up to reporters.

The iron-fisted ruler who dominated Peru for a decade frequently found himself cornered but always fought his way out.

He looks in trouble again, but those who know him best say it would be foolish to underestimate him.

"His detention has been a calculated risk," his spokesman Carlos Izaola said. "That is why he is taking it so calmly."

Fujimori is secretive by nature and as president confided in virtually no one, relying on the element of surprise to keep enemies off guard. That quality was evident in his spectacular arrival in Santiago.

"We didn't expect him to leave Japan," Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, Peru's Cabinet chief, said hours after learning Fujimori was in Chile.

Fujimori's close associates were equally astounded.

"There is not one party leader in Peru who knew when he was coming," said Luis Delgado Aparicio, a leader of Fujimori's party who recently spent a week with him in Tokyo.

Fujimori, whose parents were poor Japanese immigrants, explained his reasons for abandoning his safe haven in Tokyo — where Japanese citizenship shielded him from extradition — in a farewell message of thanks to Japan.

He referred to his "painful decision" to renounce the

presidency and said his resignation was followed by a campaign of "persecution and defamation by his adversaries without precedent in Peru's history."

He said he was returning to Peru "to fulfill a commitment of honor. One by one I will list the accusations and I will demonstrate my innocence."

"I am going to an encounter with my destiny."

Fujimori's allies in Lima say he has not revealed the details of his strategy to return to power.

"It's the chess player. The rest of us are his pieces," his spokesman Kallis said, referring to Fujimori's vast political rivals as chess opponents to be outmaneuvered and defeated with cool detachment.

But his followers have no doubt that Fujimori, a former mathematics professor, has a plan. His first move, they say, was his decision to return via Chile, which has a history of granting low extradition requests.

Iran rules out uranium enrichment compromise

TEHRAN, Iraq (AP) — The head of Iran's nuclear agency ruled out a compromise proposal to enrich uranium for its country's nuclear program in Russia, insisting that the process must be done domestically.

Asked whether he would agree to enriching uranium abroad, Gholamreza Aghazadeh said, "Iran's nuclear fuel will be produced inside Iran." He spoke after talks with Russian envoy Igor Ivanov.

His comments came a day after reports emerged that the United States and European negotiators were willing to accept the arrangement to allow Iran to move ahead with its nuclear program while ensuring it does not produce atomic bombs.

Aghazadeh, who is Iran's vice president, said Iran was open to other proposals, pointing to an earlier Iranian idea that other countries participate in the enrichment process in Iran as well as a guarantee the program is used only for peaceful purposes.

"What is important for us is that we be entrusted to carry out enrichment in Iran, for participation by other countries in Iran's uranium enrichment program, we will consider it if there is any proposal," he said.

Washington says Iran is aiming to produce nuclear warheads. Tehran says its program is solely to produce electricity and insists it has the right to develop the entire nuclear fuel cycle on its own.

Iranian state-run television quoted Ivanov as saying his visit reflected Russia's desire to ease tensions between Iran and Europe over the nuclear program.

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Telescope picks up ancient starlight

The Baltimore Sun

By studying traces of ancient starlight, astronomers are gaining a better understanding of how the infant universe took shape — a step toward answering questions about the nature of space, time and energy as defined by Einstein's theories.

But the deeper in space that scientists probe, the murkier things become. Even with ever-improving technology, the oldest stars are still too distant to observe directly. In probing this and other enigmatic phenomena, astronomers often make assumptions based on what the latest instruments reveal.

"We don't have the telescopes now to see these stars. They're small and very far away, so we look for signatures from the light that came from them," said Alexander Kashlinsky, a cosmologist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

Studying these light signatures, Kashlinsky and a team of researchers, using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, announced last week that measurements of infrared light from a far corner of the sky turned up what they say is the most ancient starlight ever found. The findings were published in a recent issue of the journal Nature.

The researchers analyzed ripples in ancient cosmic radiation — light invisible to the human eye — by filtering out light from closer and more recently developed stars.

Kashlinsky said the search was like sifting sand at the glimmest light bulbs among a vast field of bright and dim bulbs. The ancient stars have long since burned out, but some groups of them have left infrared signatures, he said. "What we observed was the emissions from superclusters that are made up of these stars."

Astronomers say the findings on ancient starlight open a window into a universe created by a cosmic explosion, known as the "big bang," that hurled matter in all directions. Initially, the explosion produced hydrogen and helium, but the universe remained in a fog for up to a billion years, a mysterious stretch known as the Cosmic Dark Ages.

The elements that made life possible, such as carbon and oxygen, came much later with the intense heat and gravitational forces produced by stars.

Astronomers are still unsure about how and when the earliest stars formed — an event called the Cosmic Dawn. "They say the light came from stars that were hundreds of times brighter, thousands of times brighter and with much shorter life spans than any ancient stars today. Many of the earliest stars were formed when the universe was a mere 780 million years old and burned out after 100 million years, scientists say."

By contrast, our sun is expected to have a life span of about 10 billion years.

Thousands sign up for Teflon chemical test

BELPRE, Ohio (AP) — Ted Johnson worked 35 years for a DuPont Co. chemical plant and believed what company officials said about the safety of the operation. Now, he's not so sure.

Johnson and his wife, Barbara, are among more than 43,000 people in the mid-Ohio Valley who have signed up for tests to find out if a chemical used to make Teflon might harm their health.

"At first I thought 'What I don't know won't hurt me,'" said Barbara Johnson. "We're 69 and I thought we've been doing pretty good."

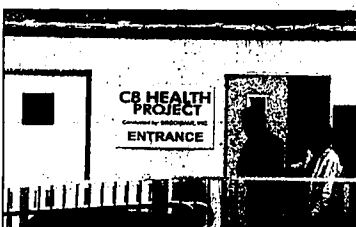
The Johnsons don't have health problems and Ted Johnson never worked in the Teflon section of the plant.

But on a recent rainy afternoon, the couple yielded to pressure from their four grown children and drove from their home in Cutler to the Ohio River town of Belpre, 17 miles away, to have their blood tested and to answer questions about their health. Getting answers about their long-term health costs money.

DuPont is paying for the survey and testing as part of its settlement of a class-action lawsuit over the chemical's use in the manufacture of polytetrafluoroethylene, also known as PTFE. The chemical is used to produce Teflon at the plant in Washington, W.Va., along the Ohio River.

More than 17,000 residents of the six Ohio and West Virginia water districts covered by the settlement have taken part in the study. The project has a waiting list of about 26,000 people, and it's expected that up to 60,000 will eventually take part.

Though used since World War II, the long-term effects of C8 on people are unknown. The screening and analysis will try



Ted and Barbara Johnson, both 69, of Cutler, Ohio, exit a C-8 screening center Oct. 7 in Belpre, Ohio. The Johnsons are among more than 43,000 mid-Ohio Valley residents who have signed up for tests that could determine if a chemical used to make Teflon at the nearby DuPont Co. has affected their health.

to determine if there is a link to cancer, heart disease and birth defects. The chemical has produced liver cancer in lab rats, and earlier this year a federal scientific review panel concluded C8 is "likely" to be carcinogenic to humans.

DuPont disputes that, citing its own studies that about 1,100 employees at its Washington Works plant. The company said its research has found higher cholesterol levels among employees who worked closest to C8 but no overall health problems.

DuPont also points to a recent University of Pennsylvania Medical School study of about 380 people who live near the plant. It found the residents had up to 80 times more C8 in their blood than the general population, but the researchers couldn't find a link to increased liver, kidney, thyroid or cholesterol problems. They said more study was needed.

Answers will begin to come next year when a court-appointed panel of three epidemiologists reviews the latest screening results. Some findings will come

quickly, said panel member Kyle Scieandland, an epidemiology professor at Emory University. But others — such as links to cancer and heart disease — may take up to four years.

"The evidence about the health effects of C8 are limited. There are some concerns about cancer and some concerns about reproductive effects," Scieandland said. "There is some evidence it might have some effect on heart disease as well."

DuPont has said it will continue to use C8 because current technology requires the chemical. C8 is distilled out and is not present in Teflon or the other products it is used to produce, DuPont said.

Interest in the health survey is high because DuPont is one of the region's largest employers, with about 2,000 workers.

"In a small town like this, it's huge," said Belpre resident Lori Bradshaw. "When you've been in this area all of our lives, and to think something like this could be going on, and so many people could be affected, it's really scary."

San Jose paper cuts 52 newsroom jobs

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The San Jose Mercury News will avoid layoffs as it cuts 16 percent of its newsroom staff through buyouts and attrition, the newspaper said Friday.

The Knight Ridder-owned newspaper notified employees that 52 reporters, copy editors, photographers and newsroom support staff had accepted buyouts or agreed to retire, said Executive Editor Susan Goldberg.

"I think everybody in the room was enormously relieved that we were able to avoid layoffs," Goldberg said. "We're still going to lose some institutional memory and some wonderful people, but this is a much better way to go."

The newsroom will shrink from 332 to 280 editorial em-

ployees. Several additional positions on the newspaper's business side also will be eliminated through buyouts and attrition, Goldberg said.

"I don't think it will affect the quality of the reporting we do," Goldberg said. "There are going to be some things we're not going to do, but we're going to focus just as deeply on technology coverage and telling the story of this diverse community."

The 52 job cuts include employees at the newspaper's Spanish-language publication, Nuevo Mundo, and a Vietnamese-language newspaper, Viet Mercury. The Mercury News announced last month that it would stop printing Nuevo Mundo and sell Viet Mercury after failing to make them profitable.

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Police bust immigrant-smuggling ring

Officers arrest four; rescue three held for ransom

The Orange County Register

ORANGE, Calif. — What police described as a major immigrant-smuggling ring was broken up by Santa Ana, Calif., police officers, who rescued three immigrants held for ransom and arrested four people, authorities said.

Officials said the case began about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday when the brother of one of the immigrants called police to report the three were being held for ransom and he feared for their safety. Sgt. Lorenzo Carrillo said. The immigrants were a 25-year-old man, a 25-year-old woman and a 16-year-old girl. Their names were withheld by police.

"There was nothing specific said, but there were implications like if we don't get the money I don't know how I'll control these guys. They're looking at the 16-year-old and I don't know what I can do," Carrillo said Friday.

The trio had paid \$5,000 to be smuggled into the United States from Mexico. They climbed under a fence near Tijuana and were led to a waiting van, police said.

Carrillo said investigators feared the girl would be harmed, so the Santa Ana Police Department helped the man obtain money to pay the \$5,000 ransom. A meeting site was set near a freeway in Santa Ana and the department's SWAT team staked out the site.

The suspects fled after the money was exchanged Wednesday night, but they were caught. Most of the money was recovered and the victims were unharmed.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement determined that the trio had been held at a home in Orange. The immigrants told officials that 23 other smuggled people had been at the house and 20 more were expected that afternoon. ICE agents staked out the house but found no other smuggled immigrants. A search of the house yielded \$26,000.

The four people arrested were identified as Erika Olivas, 30, of Orange; Jose Mandujano, 35, of Orange; Christian Lopez, 19, of Santa Ana; and Diego Flores, 22, of Orange. They were being held at the Santa Ana City Jail on suspicion of extortion and kidnapping, in lieu of \$1 million bail each.

ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said the agency is considering pursuing federal charges for human smuggling. She said ICE is holding the two adult immigrants in custody to help with the investigation.

"When we encounter a smuggling scheme we don't want to settle just for apprehending people who may be on scene at the time," Kice said.

"We want to do the follow-up investigation to potentially identify others."

ICE suspects lived in what neighbors said was the only rented house on the block. On Friday, the yard was littered with beer-bottle caps, candy wrappers, cigarette butts and a couple of newspapers in plastic wrap.

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Blogger takes on N.Y. Times restaurant critic

NEW YORK (AP) — Meet Julia Langbein, chief mocker of Frank Bruni — the chief restaurant critic of The New York Times.

It's Wednesday morning and Langbein, 24, is tapping at her laptop in her Brooklyn apartment. The Times Dining Out section has hit the Internet and newsstands.

Bruni has passed judgment on his latest dinner. Now Langbein is passing judgment on Bruni.

"This blog is predicated on the suggestion that every Wednesday in the Times Dining Out section, Frank lays a huge Faberge egg of hilarity," Langbein writes. She imagines Bruni as a "Venedian count in a huge ruffled collar," doling out stars for "the inedible, blandness of his brocaded chamber robe."

Bruni holds sway over a vast kingdom of restaurants in a city obsessed with eating. New York, she writes, is "the most important of his critiques to decide whether they should try the latest adventure in dining."

Langbein's 10-month-old blog, "The Bruni Digest," has evolved into a daily commentary point to Bruni's dispatches. Many can't read Bruni's review without reading her parody.

"Take this acerbic sample from her," she posts.

"Usually the *Court*, trained in the infamously razor-witted journalistic-priestly salons of Berlusconi-era Rome, has a firm grip on subtle humor. But this week, Frank is taking everything literally, in an autistic Amelia Bedelia way."

Whether he likes it or not, Bruni, who was once named a rear chief for the Times, has a literary doppelganger he can't shed.



Julia Langbein updates her blog 'The Bruni Digest' from her home in Brooklyn, New York. Langbein's 10-month-old blog has made her a quasi-cult figure among those who read Frank Bruni's restaurant stories in the 'New York Times.'

"I went there once or twice for a nanosecond but I didn't read much," Bruni said of Langbein's site. "I thought it was funny. It certainly didn't bother me in the least but maybe I was more familiar with the site and reader with the site and different opinion."

For years, sites such as eGullet.org, chowhound.com, and more recently mouthfuls-food.com, have held forums where people can rail against or praise food critics. But former Times reviewer William Grimes said Langbein has raised the blogging stakes.

"In the past, it was random pot shots," Grimes said. "Now it seems that you're in grave danger of being stalked on the Internet by a philosophical assassin."

In person, Langbein, who works for the city's cultural affairs department, is far from terrifying. She comes across as more college student than character assassin.

Langbein began her poisonous campaign by sending an e-mail to friends filled with profanity, but it became so popular she decided to create the Bruni blog.

The weekly lampoon generates about 1,000 hits a week. One reader is Ruth Reichel, editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine, who was relieved she didn't have a blogger shadowing her when she reviewed restaurants for the Times.

"I feel so blessed that I predated the Internet," Reichel said in an interview earlier this year with a Portland, Ore., newspaper. "I look now and there's a Bruni blog. There's some incredibly smart young woman who makes fun of him on a weekly basis. They would have done that to me."

Accidents, mold biggest problems after hurricanes

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Donald Roberts Sr. was prying off molding from a wall in his hurricane-ravaged home when a piece broke loose and hit him, embedding a nail in his arm.

He pulled out the nail and headed to a temporary emergency hospital downtown for a checkup and a tetanus shot.

"I just wanted to make sure," the 57-year-old Roberts said while waiting in the labyrinth of medical tents set up in a parking lot.

Health officials say accidents like Roberts' and the explosion of mold in homes and buildings pose the biggest health risks in Gulf Coast areas hit by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The disease outbreaks fanned earlier didn't materialize in the weeks after the storms.

"People are going back to their house, cleaning up, going up their roofs, doing all kinds of stuff they're not used to," said Dr. Raouf Rataud, Louisiana's state epidemiologist.

Roberts said his one-story home was filled with 8 feet of water after Katrina and needs to be gutted. While waiting for his insurance payments, he's ripping out the walls himself.

"If I had the insurance, I could pay someone to do it," Roberts said Thursday. "But if you don't, you have to do it yourself."

Construction worker Tim Pae,

25, of Atlanta, sought treatment at the clinic for a bruised arm. He was helping move a kitchen cooler at a closed hotel when his arm was crushed against a door.

"It's just a little sore," he said, cradling the arm in a sling.

In the days after Katrina hit, there were dire predictions of disease outbreaks from contaminated floodwaters, unsanitary living conditions and mosquitoes breeding in the hot and humid coastal climate.

"The infectious disease risk was overblown," said Dr. Pierre Buckens, dean of Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. "But I think the mental health risk and the risk of accidents was understated."

He said Tulane researchers have found few mosquitoes in the city's flooded areas, probably because breeding sites were blown away. And with fewer cars, the air quality is better than before the storms, he said.

"Things are better than expected," Buckens said. Exposure to the mold flourishing in flooded buildings can pose health problems, especially for those who have weakened immune systems or mold allergies, said Dr. Stephen Redd of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health.

Gay priests struggle with serving in Catholic church

The Associated Press

The Rev. Fred Daley, a gay Roman Catholic priest, had grown increasingly disturbed by Vatican pronouncements over the years that homosexuals were unfit for the clergy.

Then the situation escalated — some church leaders suggested that gays were responsible for the clergy sex abuse crisis. Daley was so angry, he did something last year that almost no other gay Catholic cleric in the country has done.

He came out to his bishop, parishioners and his entire community to show that homosexuals were faithfully working in the church.

"I'm as much a member of the church as anybody else," said Daley, of St. Francis de Sales Church in Utica, N.Y., who was ordained in 1974 and said he has never considered leaving the priesthood. "I love being a priest."

Researchers have estimated that thousands of homosexual clergy across the United States have indicated they live in a church that considers them "inherently disordered" and prone to "evil tendencies." Soon, the Vatican will back up that teaching with a document that could set new restrictions on candidates for the priesthood — a pronouncement U.S. bishops may discuss in private during their national meeting starting Monday in Washington.

Yet, through decades of consistent signals from the Vatican that they are unwelcome, homosexuals have continued to join the priesthood, raising questions about how they can devote themselves to an institution that so questions their ability to serve.

"As I have, through the years, become more comfortable with who I am, it seemed the institutional church and its decrees, and its pastoral letters from the Vatican seemed more harsh and almost mean-spirited,"



The Rev. Fred Daley, a gay Roman Catholic clergyman, is pictured at St. Francis de Sales Church on Tuesday in Utica, N.Y.

said Daley, who didn't realize he was gay until after he was ordained and has remained celibate. "But what I find on the grass-roots level is vibrant, alive communities of faith in my everyday ministry."

Several other gay clergy, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared retribution from their superiors, said in recent interviews that they were only vaguely aware of Vatican pronouncements on homosexual priests when they applied.

"I was pretty naive," said a West Coast priest, who began studying for ordination in the 1980s. "I knew the church had ill feelings about it, but I didn't know as a whole lot else."

A key 1981 Vatican document on selecting candidates for the priesthood made clear homosexuals should be barred. But the instruction and others that followed, have clearly not been enforced in many American seminaries and religious communities. Estimates of the number of gays in U.S. seminaries and the priesthood range from 25 percent to 50 percent, according to a review of research by the Rev. Donald Cozzani, a former seminary rector and author of "The Changing Face of the Priesthood."

A gay priest who had been warned that he would be expelled if his seminary administrators discovered his sexual orientation said his disclosure was welcomed instead. He said his spiritual director told him, "I'm grateful for your honesty."

Historically, many gays and lesbians chose religious life partly because it was a socially acceptable alternative to marriage and protected them from questions about why they were single. Cozzani said, "But the gay priests interested for this story insisted they were not hiding out. They said they found religious communities where they could be relatively open with fellow clergy."

"My superiors encouraged me to keep talking about it as a way to help me understand how to better live a celibate life in a real healthy way," said a gay priest, who attended seminary in the 1980s and refused further identification.

Such support may be harder to find after the new Vatican guidelines are released.

The Italian newspaper *Il Giornale* reported Friday that the document from the Congregation for Catholic Education will bar from seminary men who "support" gay culture or have "deeply rooted" gay ten-

dencies. The newspaper said the instruction will be made public Nov. 29.

The document would not apply to homosexuals who have already been ordained, but gay priests said it would challenge their decision to work within a church whose pronouncements they consider discriminatory.

Anticipating the Vatican pronouncement, some gay priests are discussing collectively staying away from pulpits on a Sunday in show how much the church relies on them. Other priests said they were considering revealing their sexual orientation to parishioners. Some are contemplating "outing" gay bishops, who would be called upon to enforce the new guidelines.

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Annan pushes reconciliation meeting

Car bomb kills eight shoppers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. chief Kofi Annan called Saturday for national reconciliation in Iraq during a surprise visit, arriving just as a car bomb exploded near a street market in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad and killed eight weekend shoppers.

Also, the highest-ranking official still at large from Saddam Hussein's regime, a man accused by the United States of playing a key role in organizing the insurgency against coalition forces, has died, a Baathist Web site reported.

Saturday's posting on a Web site run by former Baath Party members appeared to confirm an e-mail announcing the death of Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri that circulated Friday. He was believed to be at least 62.

It was Annan's first trip to Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and the third by a high-level international official in as many days. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited Friday and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw the day before.

All three encouraged disaffected Sunni Arabs, who form the core of the insurgency, to participate in next month's parliamentary elections.

The U.N. leader also endorsed Arab League efforts to organize a conference bringing together Iraq's warring factions to heal the nation's divisions.

"This political transition process is extremely important," Annan said at U.N. offices. "It



U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, left, meets with Iraq Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, right, with an unidentified aide at center, Saturday in Baghdad.

is not a process that is inclusive, transparent and takes into account concerns of all groups."

However, the leader of the biggest Shiite party, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, told Annan he was not interested in a conference that included Saddam loyalists, members of the former regime and Sunni religious fanatics believed responsible for suicide attacks against civilians.

That stance, which has been enunciated by other Iraqi Shiite officials, would appear to rule out participation by most of those fighting the U.S.-led coalition and its Iraqi allies.

For his part, Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, also a Shiite, said he told Annan that Iraqi authorities want U.N. help in the Dec. 15 election, promoting democracy and in "improving the performance of Iraq security forces" to fight Sunni insurgents.

Iraq's Shiites and Kurds have been suspicious of the Arab League, fearing it would favor the Sunni Arabs. Most Arab countries are majority Sunni, although Shiites form about 60 percent of Iraq's estimated 27 million people.

Annan referred to the need to curb ongoing violence — both in Iraq and neighboring Jordan, where suicide bombings Wednesday killed at least 57 people in three hotels in the capital of Amman.

The al-Qaida in Iraq terrorist group, which has carried out scores of attacks in Iraq, claimed responsibility for the Jordan bombings.

"Even those who are at a distance feel the pain and the misery that is being inflicted on families and innocent civilians," Annan said. "This behavior, this terrorism, this brutal behavior is absolutely unacceptable."



Gendarmes patrol the Champs Elysees avenue on Saturday in Paris. Police said they stepped up security Friday and placed restrictions on some public gatherings because of tip-offs from Internet and text messages suggesting "violent actions" over the weekend.

Rioters in Lyon's main square clash with police

The Washington Post

PARIS — Dozens of youths threw trash cans at police and attacked sidewalk shops in a main square of Lyon Saturday night in the first clash between rioters and police in a city center after more than two weeks of violence in France, according to news reports.

Youths stormed through the historic Place Bellecour in Lyon, France's third-largest city in the southeastern Rhone Valley region, even though the city had imposed a nighttime curfew on minors-not accompanied by parents. Police fired tear gas to disperse the youth, and 10 people were arrested, officials said.

Most of the recent violence in France — the worst civil unrest in the country in nearly 40 years — has occurred in poor suburban towns and neighborhoods populated by large numbers of immigrants and their French-born children. The rioters have said the nightly attacks are attempts to expose the inequities and pervasive discrimination in French society.

In Paris an estimated 3,000 police swarmed across the city Saturday reinforcing security at major tourist sites and suburban subway and train lines after a wave of Internet blogs and cell-phone text messages urged the youths who have been torching cars and government buildings in poor suburbs

to take their grievances to the heart of the capital.

"This is not a rumor," National Police Chief Michel Gaudin told reporters, adding that two of Paris' most popular tourist sites — the Eiffel Tower and Champs-Elysees boulevard — were among potential targets for violence. "I think one can easily imagine the places where we must be highly vigilant."

No incidents of violence were reported inside Paris, though unrest continued Saturday in 163 cities and towns across France, according to police. On Saturday night, a riot policeman was injured in a Paris suburb when he was hit by a metal petanque ball thrown from an apartment building.

In the southern town of Carpentras in the Provence region, youths burned a school Saturday night. On Friday night, a motor scooter rider threw two gasoline bombs at a mosque during prayers, causing minor damage. Police said it was unclear whether the attack was linked to the other violence around the country.

Although the level of violence has declined since last weekend when more than 1,400 vehicles were burned in one night across 300 towns and communities, the civil unrest persisted for its 17th night. Police said 502 cars were set ablaze Friday night and early Saturday morning, a slight increase from the previous night.

Results finalized in Afghan legislative election

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The results of Afghanistan's landmark legislative elections were finalized Saturday after eight weeks of counting slowed by allegations of fraud, and observers said supporters of Hamid Karzai appeared to be in the majority.

In the latest violence, militant while pulled a deputy provincial governor from his car and fatally shot him before killing a former district chief while he played in a mosque.

Three policemen also were killed as the country's death toll from fighting neared 1,500 for the year. It has exceeded the Taliban's total in 2001. This year's death toll includes 86 U.S. troops.

Nearly all winning candidates in the September elections ran as independents, making it difficult to determine where power will lie in the 249-seat legislature. But Western diplomats and other political analysts said it appeared that supporters of the U.S.-backed Karzai held the majority.

"The government has the

support of more than 50 percent in the parliament," said Ali Amir, a respected political analyst and local author on Afghan affairs. "There are some small opposition groups, but nothing big enough to challenge Karzai."

A Western diplomat in Kabul, speaking on condition of anonymity because she is not authorized to speak to the media, also confirmed that Karzai's supporters hold a slim majority.

The polls were hailed as the final formal step toward having a representative government in Afghanistan after a quarter century of war that left more than 1 million people dead.

But repeated delays in announcing the results, as well as suspected ballot box stuffing and the dismissal of 50 election workers for alleged fraud, have undermined the legitimacy of the elections — which cost \$159 million and were funded mainly by the United States and other Western countries.

A number of Karzai's supporters also have violent pasts, including Abdul Hasul Sayyaf, a

powerful militia leader accused of war crimes by New York-based Human Rights Watch, and Abdul Salam Rockett, a former Taliban commander who has since reconciled with the government.

Almond Hakim Hakim, deputy chairman of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, said more than half of the winners are regional strongmen, raising fears they will block efforts to reform government and bring to justice those responsible for years of bloodshed.

Despite the setbacks, the elections were welcomed by many, especially women, who have never had a strong voice in politics. A quarter of the parliamentary seats are reserved for women, and 68 were named new lawmakers.

In the latest fighting, militants shot dead the deputy governor of southern Nimroz province, Namatullah Yusuf Zai, after pulling him from his car while he was driving to Kabul to attend a peace and reconciliation meeting. Gov. Ghulam Dostkaiqi

said. He blamed Taliban rebels.

Hours later, two insurgents walked into a mosque in neighboring Helmand province and fatally shot a former local district chief while he prayed. Gov. Sher Mohammed Ajlunzada said. Police launched a massive manhunt, arresting 12 suspects.

Also in Helmand province, two police were killed in a shooting late Friday while a third was killed when militants attacked a district police headquarters in Khost province, officials said.

Pope criticizes those who say universe had no direction

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI has waded into the evolution debate in the United States, saying the universe was made by an "intelligent project" and criticizing those who in the name of science say its creation was without direction or order.

Benedict made the comments during his general audience Wednesday. The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, published the full text of his remarks in its Thursday editions.

Benedict focused his reflections for the audience on scriptural readings that said God's love was seen in the "miracles of creation."

He quoted St. Basil the Great, a fourth century saint, as saying some people, "foiled by the nature of things that they carry inside them, imagine a universe free of direction and order, as if at the mercy of chance."

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Section B

Martha Stewart was never a renter

The 1970s were an appalling decade, what with Watergate, repeated oil crises, disco and Peter Frampton, but the greatest outrage happened in the garrets and warrens where dined the young and the insolvent.

A '70s apartment was an awful place, what with the avocado-color refrigerator, the purple-upholstered chair, the table made from the empty wooden reel of a roll of telephone wire, the orange shag carpet and the lava lamp sitting on a shelf held up by cinderblocks. Even luxury has never looked so tragically hip.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

And it's a legacy that endures. I've been in flats over the years when the temptation was all too irresistible to pull the velvet Elvis painting off the wall and break it over the head of the tenant.

But I recently became an apartment-dweller myself after many years of living in a house, and I've found that it's not so easy to avoid the slippery slope of tackiness.

For starters, I just have too much stuff to squeeze into a small walk-up, as is the case with most folks who live in apartments. I actually have to move the sofa to get to the TV. Plus, you don't get to choose the color of the walls and the shade of the carpet. My rug is brown and my couch is blue, and there's a mostly orange painting hanging over it. The place looks like it was decorated by Homer Simpson.

Besides, bad stuff tends to happen to home furnishings in an apartment. While we were moving in last month, one of the legs broke off the loveseat; now one corner is held up by a stack of books.

When I turned on my reading lamp, I failed to notice that the lampshade had shifted during the move.

Two of the lightbulbs promptly etched ugly brown scorch stains on the fabric.

And that fake ficus tree that looked great in the living room of my old place? It's somehow lost its charm in a room half its size.

What's more, it's impossible to U-Haul a piece of wooden furniture across town without it looking like you dragged it behind the truck. Last time I moved, I picked up my computer desk — it was made from one of those assemble-it-yourself pieces — and it splintered into a hundred pieces.

The four corners of my coffee table are all chipped. That's because I've moved four times since I acquired it.

When my first wife and I moved into our first apartment in Great Falls, Mont., we brought along a china cabinet that was my mother's. It's nearly eight feet tall and has a pair of

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Keepsake news coverage
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Let it snow



Pomerelle Mountain Resort ski instructor Zack Alexander works with future instructors Saturday at the popular ski area located south of ALB. The resort will open as soon as a base of 12-18 inches of snow stays on the slopes.

Magic Valley skiers thirst for more of the white stuff

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

40 years of skiing

Pomerelle was built during the 1960s and was later purchased by Woody and Sandy Anderson in 1973. The lodge — which is located in the Sawtooth National Forest at about 8,000 feet — offers equipment rentals; and of course, a warm place to rest. The resort caters specifically to families and provides ski and snowboard classes for children as young as 2 years old. To learn more, visit: <http://www.pomerelle-mtn.com>.

ALBION — It's about one foot short of being that time of year again: ski season.

Pomerelle has begun training its young instructors and fine tuning the chairlifts for the coming ski season. However, the winter snowpack is a little late this year.

"Historically, we usually have enough snow by now," said Whitney Whiting, the snow sports director at Pomerelle Mountain Resort.

"And the last couple of years it has been really slow coming."

But a late snow doesn't mean a shorter ski season, said Whiting. It usually just means the season runs later than expected.

"We usually run out of skiers before we run out of snow," Whiting said.

Outside the lodge on Saturday morning, snowboard instructors

— young men and women that thrive on a typically youth-oriented sport — were learning how to safely teach beginners.

But the packed snow felt more like asphalt than powder, and some of the snowboarders struggled to carve their boards into the snow.

The ski area hopes to have 18 inches this year, but it needs a wet snowpack before a powder will stick.

While the mountain resort waits for the white stuff to fall, the last preparations are being completed — in somewhat of a hurry.

"We actually start preparing for the coming year as soon as the old one ends," said Lody Burrows, the area manager.

"All the trail grooming and things people won't see are things we work on all year long."

Inside the lodge, Burrows stands before the backdrop of hundreds of skis that need to be winterized for the coming season.

Hundreds of springs from ski bindings that were removed for the summer, have to be re-inspected, oiled and adjusted. Then there is the new equipment — but you get the idea.

Each year the small ski area

sees more visitors to its slopes, and the area's owners say they are planning an expansion.

But a permit for Pomerelle to use water for creating snow has been held in a complex and lengthy political battle for years — even after hydrologists found a way for the ski area to create extra-snow without depleting water sources.

"We've been working on it since 1996," said Woody Anderson, co-owner of the resort. "It's definitely taking a while."

There was good news Saturday afternoon that came flurrying in from the sky.

Just after 1 o'clock, dark clouds came rolling through the mountains bringing a blizzard of white powder — bringing smiles to the snowboarders and relief to management.

"It always seems like it really starts to snow when they're here," Burrows said, pointing to the young instructors outside.

Tire explosion injures two firefighters

The Times-News

JEROME — A tire exploded on a parked semi-tractor trailer truck Friday evening injuring two firefighters that were inspecting an overheated brake problem, reported the Idaho State Police.

According to the State Police, at approximately 6:30 p.m. Friday a semi-truck driven on Interstate 84 by Dave Hohnhorst, of Boise, began to emit sparks from the right driver axle. Hohnhorst decided to pull the truck off the interstate to the top of the overpass at mile post 165 to investigate the problem. At this point, the police said, the brakes were apparently smoking and the Jerome Rural Fire Department was called.

While the fire department was inspecting the smoking axle, a tire exploded and injured two of the Jerome Rural Fire Dept. firefighters that were on the scene. Both firefighters were transported by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Their condition is unknown at this time.

Realizing dreams ... one nail at a time

Habitat for Humanity is almost ready to hand over keys

By Almee Durand
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate is about to make another housing dream come true by utilizing its classic approach — one nail, one hammer, one family at a time. By the end of the year, and hopefully by Christmas, a Jerome family will be the new owners of a new house built specifically for them — and partially by them. They are, according to the international nonprofit ecumenical Christian housing organization, exactly the type of family that make great homeowners — and neighbors.

Sonia and her three children will be moving in hopefully by Christmas," said Linda Fleming, an administrative assistant with Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley, Inc. Fleming is talking about Sonia Moore and her three children, who passed on the opportunity to acquire a Habitat home in Twin Falls because of their desire to stay in Jerome. "Sonia has worked in other (Habitat) homes and is here working on the home that will soon belong to her," noted Fleming from the front yard of the Habitat home currently under construction on H Street.



Habitat for Humanity volunteer Jeff Lutz, left, sets screws into the front porch Saturday at the project home on H Street in Jerome. Habitat's Linda Fleming, center, assists Susan Root, a volunteer from Buhl.

"There's a lot that goes into every Habitat home." But what does that mean?

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for people in need and then sells the homes to the selected families. Habitat for Humanity has a target income range for candidates that must

be between 30-50 percent below the median average. There are three qualifications for candidates seeking a Habitat home. First of all, they have to live in substandard housing. For ex-

Idaho town famous from 'Napoleon' shows seedy underbelly

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho town of Preston, made famous by the 2001 independent film "Napoleon Dynamite," has lately been looking a little less like the movie's nerdy protagonist, as two former town officials have gotten into serious legal trouble.

First, its former police chief was labeled a "crooked cop" by a judge in Idaho's 6th District Court, where he was sentenced Thursday to up to five years in prison after a criminal misconduct conviction.

A day later, the Idaho Attorney General filed separate felony fraud charges against Preston's former mayor, accusing him of double-booking \$1,300 in travel expenses to Washington, D.C.

Town residents who have been somewhat astonished by the attention they've gotten from the film — local "Napoleon" extras will be featured in the annual "Festival of Lights" parade Nov. 25 — have now grown a little concerned that what used to be the hills of the rest of the world have descended on their 1,400-soul, Mormon burg near Utah's northern border.

As Napoleon might have said: "Freakin' crazy."

"I think what's happened to us is, 'When it rains, it pours,'" Ben Robinson, a local real-estate salesman and member of the Preston Chamber of Commerce, told The Associated Press. "Saturday, Nov. 25, has never been a big scandal town before. This community has been pretty straight, and all of a sudden, 'Wham! Bam! Boom!'"

Last week, ex-Police Chief Scott Shaw agreed to testify himself as a law enforcement officer following a 28-year career.

He's headed to prison for one to five years, after a criminal misconduct conviction for receiving an \$842 check in 2003 to attend an FBI training academy — and then never going. Shaw also lied to an attorney general's investigator, claiming falsely he'd shipped the check into his desk to pay confidential drug informants.

When the Preston City Council voted not to renew Shaw's contract two years ago, it accused him of mishandling property seized in a 2003 drug case. He'd also been seen on a 1978 Harley Davidson motorcycle seized from a man arrested and later convicted of selling methamphetamine. In addition, the council cited a female informant's complaint that he coerced her into an "inappropriate sexual relationship."

Efforts to reach Shaw were not successful. His phone number is no longer listed.

On Friday, investigators with the state attorney general's office filed documents claiming that Jay Brent Hester, Preston's former mayor and an ex-Idaho Department of Cor-

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WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Thomas Egelston
Age: 35
Description: 5 feet 11 inches tall, 175 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes
Wanted for: Failure to appear
Original Charge: Unlawful possession of a firearm, bond: \$250,000
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Egelston's whereabouts to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387 where tipsters can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.



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SCHOOL LUNCHES

AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

Milk or juice served daily.
Monday: Pigs in a blanket
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Ham and cheese quesadillas
Friday: Dinosaur nuggets

BUHL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: French toast
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Mini corn dogs
Thursday: Turkey dinner
Friday: Beef and cheese nachos

BUHL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Muffins
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Chili Fritos
Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Wednesday: Mini corn dogs
Thursday: Turkey dinner
Friday: Grilled cheese

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.
Monday: Bagel
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Churros
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: Donut
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Chili or barbecue
Thursday: Macho nachos
Friday: Spicy chicken or chicken sandwich

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Muffins
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Biscuits
Friday: Breakfast muffin
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Soft shell taco
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Burritos
Thursday: Rib-b-cue burger
Friday: Turkey dinner

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.

Lunch menu
Monday: Ham and beans
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Taco nachos
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Spaghetti

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Deli turkey sandwich
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Chili

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Yogurt
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas
Wednesday: Taco soup
Thursday: Turkey
Friday: Corn dogs

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Hot dogs
Friday: Turkey

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Ham and cheese pocket
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Ham and cheese pocket
Thursday: Cheeseburgers
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Chili and cheese
Tuesday: Stew
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Burritos
Friday: Pizza

LIGHTHOUSE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Ham sandwich
Wednesday: Chili and Fritos
Thursday: Chicken kabobs

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Crispy tacos
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: French bread pizza
Friday: Turkey dinner

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Muffin or graham crackers
Tuesday: Cereal or yogurt

Wednesday: Breakfast cookie
Thursday: Hashbrowns
Friday: Breakfast hot pocket
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: Hard shell taco

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Monday: French toast sticks or graham crackers and yogurt
Tuesday: Hashbrowns
Wednesday: Toaster tarts or granola bar
Thursday: Ham and cheese hot pocket or breakfast cookie
Friday: Breakfast biscuit
Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich or baked potatoes
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Corn dog or chef salad
Friday: Macaroni and cheese or hard shell taco

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Free breakfast served daily.
Fruit and salad bar served daily at lunch.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Thanksgiving lunch—parents welcome

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Oatmeal
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancake on a stick
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.

Monday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla
Tuesday: Turkey and cheese wrap
Wednesday: Foot long hot dog
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Ham and cheese burrito
Tuesday: Chili Fritos
Wednesday: Chicken, paty sandwich
Thursday: Tacos
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Oatmeal
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancake on a stick
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Stuffed hot pocket
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Corn dog
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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: Crispy tacos
Tuesday: Deli turkey and cheese wrap
Wednesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Turkey dinner

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Spaghetti

Wednesday: Soft shell taco
Thursday: Hamburger paty
Friday: Western vegetable soup

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Pizza pockets
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Turkey dinner

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Breakfast menu
Monday: French toast sticks
Tuesday: Cereal

Wednesday: Breakfast burrito
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Muffin
Lunch menu
Monday: Sloppy joes
Tuesday: Chicken burger
Wednesday: Crispito
Thursday: Thanksgiving dinner

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken parties
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: burritos
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Pizza


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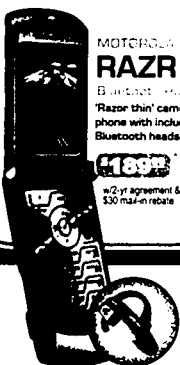
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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Idaho vet receives medal 60 years later

BLANCHARD (AP) — An 81-year-old World War II veteran has been presented the Bronze Star he earned more than 60 years ago.

Lorenz Schlechte was presented the medal as well as a Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge for hand-to-hand combat on Thursday at a surprise gathering at his northern Idaho town that included his family, friends, veterans and two Bonner County commissioners.

The award hadn't come through 60 years ago because the paperwork was lost. The oversight was brought to the attention of Bonner County Commissioner Marcia Phillips by Schlechte's former commanding officer, who sent her a letter saying that Schlechte had the medals coming. Phillips began contacting military and congressional offices to have the medals issued to him as soon as possible.



'War is hell,' said Lorenz T. Schlechte, 81, as he accepts the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge which he earned in World War II during a ceremony at Stoneridge Country Club in Blanchard, on Thursday.

But when it appeared that the medals wouldn't arrive in time for the surprise gathering, Phillips said commissioners considered

rived on time. The Bronze Star is awarded for combat heroism or for meritorious service. Schlechte earned the medal on March 21, 1945, during a battle in Germany.

During the battle he was wounded by a mortar round, for which he won the Purple Heart. "I thought the whole world blew up in my face," Schlechte told The Spokesman-Review. He had strapped in his arm and face. A fellow soldier was shot in the chest.

"All my buddy said was, 'My God,'" Schlechte said. The man survived even though Schlechte said the bullet had missed his heart by only an inch or two. But many others died that day. Schlechte said he lost half his squad and one of his sergeants was killed. "War's nothing to laugh about," Schlechte said. "War is hell. But there's always someone worse off."

Lunches

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GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Chef salad
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Burrito
Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Chicken burger
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Burrito
Friday: Spaghetti

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily. Breakfast menu
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Breakfast cookie
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Banana bread
Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken Malibu
Tuesday: Taco
Wednesday: Baked potato bar
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Chicken fillet

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily. Breakfast menu
Monday: Scrambled eggs
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy or jelly
Thursday: Cinnamon toast
Friday: French toast
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Sloppy joes
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets

Wednesday: Cheese pizza
Thursday: Thanksgiving dinner
Friday: Hot dogs or tuna sandwich

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza pocket
Thursday: Turkey and dressing
Friday: Peanut butter sandwich

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: No school
Lunch
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Nacho supreme
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: No school

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken wrap
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Dog gone chicken
Thursday: Roast turkey
Friday: Pepperoni pizza
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DEATH NOTICES

Olin Gifford

BOISE — Olin Gifford, 59, of Boise, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, in Boise.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Burial will follow in the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Gary Louis Kreft

TWIN FALLS — Gary Louis Kreft, 69, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Carlos M. Castillo

TWIN FALLS — Carlos M. Castillo, 71, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, at his home.

Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at the Rest Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home. Mass will be celebrated at 12 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2005, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Mountain Home. Burial will be held at Mountain View Cemetery.

A viewing will be held from 4 p.m. until time of the rosary Wednesday at the funeral home.

Lawyer asks for policy review in girl's death

COUER D'ALENE — A northern Idaho lawyer is trying to force the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to review policies he believes led to the 2002 drowning death of a 6-year-old girl in the bathtub of her foster parents' home.

Norm Gissel, the Coeur d'Alene lawyer representing Elizabeth Goodwin's estate,

seeks the review in a lawsuit against the welfare department, two agency employees and Goodwin's foster parents, Denise and James Whittle.

He contends the agency and its employees could have prevented Goodwin's death.

In 2004, Denise Whittle was convicted of abuse charges related to the drowning and an earlier scalding, and James Whittle was convicted of abuse for a broken leg Goodwin suffered while "potty-training," according to court documents.

In those cases, prosecutors alleged Goodwin was also force-fed and that hot sauce was applied on her anus to force bowel movements.

The couple, originally charged with manslaughter before pleading guilty to felony injury to a child, served six months in Idaho's prison boot-camp program in 2004.

Goodwin and two of her siblings were cared for by the Whittles under a private custody agreement with their family's probation officer in 2000. Gissel's lawsuit said Goodwin gave the Whittles temporary custody because she was suffering from depression and unable to care for her children.

Wal-Mart announces its plans to build in Moscow

MOSCOW — The world's biggest retailer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., plans to open a supercenter in this Idaho university town, but announcement of the plan has opened a rift at city hall.

City Supervisor Gary Riedner made the announcement Thursday. On Friday, newly elected officials including Mayor Nancy Chaney said they were shocked by the news and believe its disclosure before it could be vetted by them showed a "lack of transparency" within city government.

The arrival of so-called big-box chain stores in cities across America — the proposed Moscow store would cover more than 200,000 square feet — has prompted fears that locally-owned businesses will have difficulty competing.

Moscow has an emergency ordinance in place preventing companies such as Wal-Mart from quickly proceeding with construction.

Nancy Chaney and Aaron Arment, another council newcomer, want negotiations between city staff and the company to be made public.

"In order to do our job, we need to know all the information that the staff has," Arment said.

Idaho State Journal gets a new managing editor

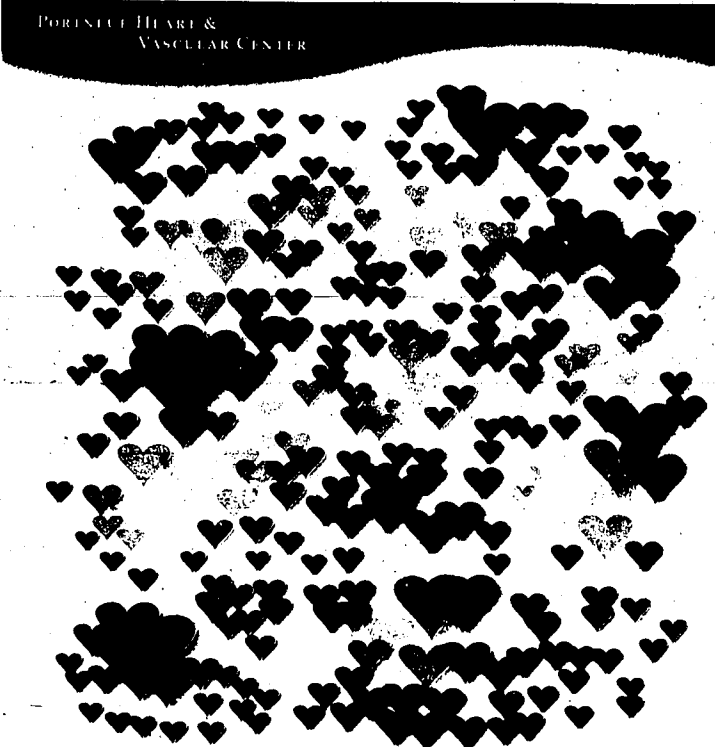
POCATELLO — The Idaho State Journal newspaper has a new managing editor. Ian Fennells, 35, came to the Pocatello paper from the Aberdeen American News in Aberdeen, S.D., where he was city editor. He's also worked for newspapers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Fennells said he will continue the 19,000-circulation southeastern Idaho daily's focus on local news.

we also need to point out the good parts of the community."

Fennells succeeds Chris Hunt in the position. Hunt resigned to work as a spokesman for the sports and conservation group Trout Unlimited in Idaho.

— compiled from wire reports



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IDAHO/WEST

New glasses help dyslexic kids

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Melissa Woodworth's future is so bright, she's got to wear shades.

Melissa, a fourth-grader at Skyway Elementary, struggled for years with extreme dyslexia until recently.

"Melissa sees just one word and the rest is blurry," said her mother, Kathy Woodworth.

Using specially tinted lenses, Melissa is able to see more words than she ever did before and feel good about herself.

"The glasses just put it together for her," Kathy Woodworth said. "She gets along better with other kids and everything. Now that she can read, it's really lifted her out of her shell."



Melissa Woodworth, 9, of Coeur d'Alene, noticed a dramatic improvement in her reading after receiving a pair of specially made glasses that help people with dyslexia by lessening environmental overload.

The glasses help people with autism or dyslexia to lessen environmental overload. About two years ago, Melissa was screened to see if "Irlen glasses" could help.

They did.

The effects, for Melissa, were dramatic. Within weeks, her reading level shot up to 45 words a minute from 14.

"It was totally amazing. I was ecstatic," Kathy said.

DeAnne Johnson had a similar experience with her son, Nic, who is now 10 years old. He was diagnosed with a visual perception deficit created by a neurological disorder, Johnson said, but she went to three different optometrists who said his eyesight was fine.

"He was telling me when he read, the words started up to the right," Johnson said.

It was coming home from another visit to a doctor, Johnson said, when "the brake down in the parking lot and said 'Mom, why do you believe them and not me?'"

Eventually, they discovered the Irlen glasses as well.

"It's a new dynamic. A lot of people won't give credibility to," Johnson said. "The bottom line is the visual distortion, these children see is very real."

Johnson was volunteering at a school recently and teaching a reading group when she noticed a boy kept blinking when he read. Knowing what to look for, she stopped the boy and asked him to describe what he saw when he read.

"That's the question: Tell me what you see. That's the question parents have to ask."

Johnson said. "He said the words started blurring and they became one line."

"Children don't understand that not everyone is seeing what they do."

Former school teacher and therapist Kristine Dietz screened both children. She said they don't screen for it in schools "because it's not acknowledged by the state and they don't fund it," but believes many more children could be helped and kept from being misdiagnosed in some cases.

"We have some real practical theories that help break the codes of learning," she said. She added that many of the theories are based on the more commonly known theories of sensory integration involving motor, auditory and visual education.

Dietz and Johnson have since

been in contact with Dr. Michael Giannimatteo, whose work with children and visual perception in the late 1990s and 1960s laid the groundwork for much of the theory behind Irlen glasses.

"We're rejuvenating the work he had done, but that has been shunned under the rug," Dietz said.

Applying Giannimatteo's work to cases like Nic's has allowed them to "move beyond the glasses," Dietz said.

"After about a year of therapy, Nic's reading level has stayed up and he no longer is wearing the glasses, which can be cost-prohibitive at about \$500 a pair."

Both children, and both moms, know results when they see them.

"Hopefully, we'll get it out there and other kids will benefit," Kathy said.

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Report: Contamination threatens Sandpoint

SANDPOINT — A recently released 1996 federal report about a contaminated industrial site in this northern Idaho resort community concluded that a major cleanup...

The 400-page Environmental Protection Agency report alleges that a cesspool may have contaminated the former L.D. McFarland Co. pole-yard site...

...is not clear why the report was not released previously, it reportedly was made public after prodding from Betty Gardner of Priest River...

Gardner said she pressed for documents in the Sandpoint case because she wants to make a difference for people living in communities that once were sites of potentially dangerous industrial operations...

"Hopefully, the city will take steps to remedy the situation by putting pressure on government agencies that enforce cleanup of hazardous waste sites," she said.

Gardner has become a local advocate against polynonated polyethylene. Investigation revealed federal violations: Penta had reached water 80 feet underground.

Preston

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Continued from B1. A couple of cases involving allegedly slippery characters is no reason for Preston to revert to its original name when it was founded in 1888...

"Probably there's more people that are saying, 'I'm disappointed,'" said Rep. Larry Bradford...

"We've always read in the paper about other places having problems," Bradford said.

Crump

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heavy doors that don't latch. Our rental was on the third floor and knowing in town we could find no one to help us haul the thing up the stairs...

So we did it ourselves, step by carpeted step, the doors smacking us in the face...

When we were up on the second floor landing, we found it was too narrow to maneuver the hatch through.

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Road fights pit neighbors against each other

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boulder County, Colo., resident L.D. Chamberlain thought she was projecting her rights when she blocked access to a dirt track that straddles the middle of her 28-acre mountain-side property...

Instead, she started a battle. Neighbors fought back, arguing the track was a county road under an obscure 1866 law allowing local governments to claim rights of way across federal land...

They said they had logged and birded and motorbiked there years before the Chamberlains moved in and could document public use back to the turn of the 20th century.

The dispute got nasty. Someone removed the post holding Chamberlain's gate and scrawled an explicit note on her trespassing sign. She barricaded the road with an old truck.

Three years later, despite appeals for help to the courts and the county, the neighbors are still divided. And no one is completely sure who owns the road.

"It was a peaceful place," said neighborhood Walter Plywiski, "it isn't now."

Habitat

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ample. It could be that their current home is falling apart, inadequate quarters of the ecologically sound housing is too great. Second, there is a credit check. The homes are built at a zero profit and they hold a zero interest loan, said Fleming.

"There is a mortgage payment. So we are essentially establishing a 30 year relationship with these families." Third, there's "sweat equity" - habitat homeowners must complete 500 hours of work in constructing Habitat homes and 250 of that has to be in the home being built for them...

"We need to step it up," noted Fleming. "The board really wants to make the affording grow." Plans include looking at other communities in the area...

"We're looking for Habitat of the Magic Valley is really in a growth spurt," stated Carol Robertson, treasurer of the local Habitat affiliate. She said that there are plans for three homes next year and that there are three families

trucks and paths crisscross the West but deciding what a road has become is a tricky proposition. So many similar skirmishes have flared up in recent years...

R.S. 2477 was originally intended to help settle the West and its vast public land. It was repealed in 1976, but counties were allowed to claim ownership of rights of way that existed before then if they could show they had made quality.

Over the years, population pressure and the increasing popularity of off-road vehicle tourism and long-standing distrust among ranchers, environmentalists and county government have led to more and more conflicts. Federal homes have occurred in New Mexico, California, Colorado, Alaska and Nevada.

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public. Chamberlain's property, for example, started as a mining claim on federal land. In other cases, the including ones are using the law to assert claims.

The biggest conflict may be in Kane County, Utah, home to millions of acres of striking red rock canyons, national parks and the newly created Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Kane County ranchers have long lived uneasily with the federal government and the Clinton-era designation of the 1.9 million acre Grand Staircase monument ranked many locals.

Frustrated by what they considered to be an unsatisfactory response from the BLM, county commissioners decided to try to provoke a lawsuit, which they hoped would result in the federal government recognizing their roads.

In 2003, they tore down more than 30 BLM signs over what they considered county roads. When that didn't work, they passed an ordinance earlier this year opening to off-road vehicles and small - continue to help the Habitat effort (see list). "It isn't just places like Love's or the big names, it's very much local businesses and contractors and volunteers," noted Fleming.

Other plans include a Home Builders Project for a June 1, 2006. The Bilt will include the building of 1,000 homes nationwide in a one week period, including the Magic Valley. Volunteers are needed especially in the fields of drywall, plumbing and concrete.

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— Keyshawn Johnson on agent Drew Rosenhaus

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who am I? In 1995, I became the first Congressman to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Charity volleyball tourney announced

FILER — A co-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the Toyz for Kids program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School Gym.

Cross country still open to competitors

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA Twin Falls Track and Field Club has openings for those interested in competing in upcoming cross country events.

Jerome boosters move meeting to Dec. 5

HERMINE — The scheduled meeting for the Jerome Booster Club on Nov. 14 has been rescheduled to 7 p.m., Dec. 5 in the high school cafeteria.

Parks & Rec hoops signups continue

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department located at 136 Maxwell Ave., continues to register players for the boys basketball program until Nov. 30.

The program is open to players grades 7-7 with the season running Jan. 14 through Feb. 25. The registration fee ranges from \$12 to \$20 depending if a player needs to purchase a jersey.

Timed event jackpot slated in Gooding

GOODING — The Sho-Hy Arena northwest of Gooding will be the location for a timed event jackpot on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Events will include barrel-poles, breakaway roping and goat tying. Time only runs begin at 11 a.m. and ends start at 1 p.m. For more information, call (208) 536-2772.

Pierce, Mauresmo to meet in WTA final

LOS ANGELES — Mary Pierce's one-two punch of big serve followed by hard groundstrokes knocked off fellow heavy hitter Lindsay Davenport.

Pierce edged the top-ranked Davenport 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6) in a semifinal matchup of the pro tour's oldest elite players in the WTA Championships on Saturday.

Pierce is undefeated in four matches at the season-ending tournament, including a three-set win over No. 2 Kim Clijsters in the round-robin portion.

The 30-year-old Frenchwoman advanced to Sunday's final against countrywoman Amelie Mauresmo, who beat mistake-prone defending champion Maria Sharapova 7-6 (1), 6-3.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Former Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Steve Largent, who was a U.S. Representative from Oklahoma.

On to Nationals



Cubi-Otineru shines as Eagles down North Idaho in four

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — If it's true that winners thrive when the moment is big, Anelli Cubi-Otineru and the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team proved they're winners Saturday night.

...in practice and we proved it today," sophomore captain Maria Simulakowska said. "Finally, we're going to nationals."
It was by no means their best match, as the Game 2 loss to the Cardinals marked the first time the Eagles lost a game at home all season.

...assists and 15 digs and earning the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. The freshman from Hawaii was unusually animated for the big match, excited to play in front of family members who flew in to catch the championship match.

...It was Monday night at DeVaney's on University, where New England fans go to watch their team.
In DePasqua's defense, this ceremonial tribute to my correct prediction that the Patriots would lose took place just as the game began. He really thought his team was going to win — even though I knew differently.

CSI 95, MIDLAND 75

Eagles rough up Chaps

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The world of sports continues to be cruel to Goliath. An out-sized College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team bumped, bruised and banged its way through a physical Midland College (Texas) team to a 95-75 home victory on Day 3 of the 2005 Coca-Cola Classic at the CSI gymnasium.

...sists to four turnovers.
"What can you say about Maria?" Rogers said. "She put up a pretty good game. We just can't get that triple-double out of her, but the turnover is what I was happy with."

...It was a tough offensive game for the CSI posse, but they were able to hold Midland sophomore Caroline Adriaansz to 13 points and the outsize Chaps post Natasha Lobendahn to 12. Midland looked outside to sophomore guard Rachel Brazell for scoring, and she put up a team-high 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting, while backcourt mate Addie Lees finished with 11.



College of Southern Idaho guard Maria Moore goes up for a shot under a Midland (Texas) defender Saturday night at the CSI gymnasium.

...Despite giving up an average of four inches along the front line, the CSI posse harassed the Chaparrals into the point of near-exhaustion, out-rebounding Midland 57-46.
"Physical, physical, physical," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "The girls played great team defense. We wanted to hold them to 50, but that might have been a stretch."

...It was pretty proud of the girls," Rogers said. "We had a game plan for their big kids and we had one for their guards. For the most part, I felt we did a pretty good job on them."

...The Eagles didn't hold the Chaps to 50 or get the 60 rebounds they were hoping for, but a quick transition game and 11-of-29 shooting from beyond the 3-point arc helped CSI turn a 41-37 halftime lead into a 20-point blowout by game's end.

...I think they got every break. Good teams do that, they create their own breaks," said Utah River coach Randy Spaeth.
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Declo looks ready to seize SCIC

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Declo has all the pieces back that it needs to reassert itself as the Queens of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

...The Hornets hit the boards hard with Kelsie Peterson, a 5-10 junior center, leading the way with eight. Most importantly, several others had 5-6 caroms.

...Girls basketball season previews
Friday: 4A, 3A
Today: 4A, 3A, 2A

...A 51-23 win over Glenora Friday showed the Hornets are primed for a run of their own with three returning starters and a talented newcomer.

...The Hornets hit the boards hard with Kelsie Peterson, a 5-10 junior center, leading the way with eight. Most importantly, several others had 5-6 caroms.

...I now well Gooding (1-0) does early depends on how quickly the younger players develop.
We need our sophomores and juniors to step up and play right away," said fourth-year head coach Chris Comstock.

...Junior point guard Kendra Koyle, a transfer from Filer who started for the district championship Wildcats as a sophomore, will be a key contributor. She recorded nine assists and six steals against the Pilots.

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...The three returning starters include senior Kayla Poulton (11 points, seven rebounds per game), sophomore McKell Webb (six ppg) and junior Emily Ramsey (eight ppg). Mix in seniors Melissa Clette, Alisha Zanger and Nicole Darrington, and Declo has plenty of good athletes on the roster.

...Gooding stands in the way. Senior point guard Brittanee Toone returns with senior wing

...With only two girls with varying degrees of experience, the Trojans are looking to make a statement in the SCIC.

Trojans fall in semifinals

By John Derr Times-News writer
GARDEN VALLEY — And then there were none. The last Magic Valley representative in the state football playoffs saw their season come to an end as the Utah River Trojans fell to the Garden Valley Wolverines 32-30 Saturday afternoon in the Class 1A Division I state football semifinals.

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

NBA All-Time NBA Records Table with columns for Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, and Minutes.

Western Conference Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, GB, and PCT.

NBA Boxes Table with columns for Date, Team, and Score.

October 10, 2005 Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, GB, and PCT.

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October 14, 2005 Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, GB, and PCT.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing: Hotel Cup, Checker Auto Parts 500, NBC, 8:30 p.m.
Basketball: Women, Georgia vs. Baylor, ESPN2, 11 a.m.

Bowling: PBA, Greater Omaha Classic, ESPN, 11 a.m.
Football: Vikings at Giants, Fox, 11 a.m.

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Jackson: T.O. suspension 'much too severe'
PHILADELPHIA — The Rev. Jesse Jackson called the Philadelphia Eagles' punishment of Terrell Owens "much too severe."

Federer-Nalbandian to open Tennis Masters Cup
SHANGHAI, China — The Tennis Masters Cup is wasting no time getting to its headline player — top-ranked Roger Federer.

No. 18 Wake Forest edges GMU in OT
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest has been able to hold on for dear life to the ball in its first two games.

U.S. Ties Scotland in World Cup warmup
GLASGOW, Scotland — The Americans got a little midstate practice back from Josh Wolff and Ted Scotland 1-1 Saturday.

Sprinter Tori Edwards reinstated by track body
MOSCOW — U.S. sprinter Tori Edwards was reinstated by the IAAF on Saturday.

No. 23 Louisville routs Rutgers, 56-5
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Louisville Cardinals hope another rout will teach visiting opponents a lesson.

Despite absence of running back Michael Bush...
Louisville's 11th straight home win, tied for the fifth-best streak in Division I-A.

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College Football Scores
The following are the scores of the college football games played on Saturday.

NFL Injury Report
The following are the injury reports for the NFL games played on Saturday.

Hockey NHL
The following are the scores of the NHL hockey games played on Saturday.

Hockey AHL
The following are the scores of the AHL hockey games played on Saturday.

NCAA Division II Football Playoffs
The following are the scores of the NCAA Division II football playoff games played on Saturday.

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Vitt comes home to his weighty past for biggest game of his unlikely present

SEATTLE (AP) — For the rest of the world, Joe Vitt may be an anonymous football coach. Seattle knows better.

Vitt, for the last month the St. Louis Rams' interim coach in place of the recuperating Mike Martz, spent 16 of his 27 NFL coaching seasons in Seattle. It's where he cultivated a personality that Rams running back Steven Jackson this week called "scrappy."

Seattle's coach Mike Holmgren called Vitt "a consummate football coach."

Indeed, Vitt's Seahawks days from 1992 through 1991 weren't exactly the silver-spoon way up the league's coaching chain.

Try iron barbell. Vitt, 51, joined the Seahawks in 1992 as their strength coach after three seasons in the same capacity with the Baltimore Colts. Try finding another man who is leading an NFL team with that pedigree.

"Back then there was no cutting edge of strength training," said the engaging Vitt, who was St. Louis' assistant head coach/linebackers coach.

He was speaking days before Sunday's pivotal NFC West showdown between his resurgent Rams (4-4) and the high-flying Seahawks (6-2) at the Qwest Field.

"It was really kind of a part-time job for me," he said of his Seattle gig.

When no-nonsense, meticulous coach Chuck Knox took control of the Seahawks in 1983, he had Vitt weighing in players. He also had Vitt doing what is now called "quality control" — cataloging game and practice film, providing administrative support to producing game plans, etc.

"When Chuck Knox came to Seattle, he was absolutely not getting to have a strength coach."

Rams at Seahawks

TV: Fox, 2 p.m.

Vitt said, "Chuck is old school. He was going to teach people fundamentals and how to tackle and block, and he really didn't care about lifting weights."

So that first year, Knox — Seattle's all-time leader in coaching wins with 80 — pushed Vitt out of the weight room and put him on defense. But Vitt said Knox had him do "nothing but break down film."

Three years later, Knox gave Vitt players to coach instead of videos.

Nineteen years and five teams after that, Vitt is preparing for the biggest game of his month-old career as a head coach. And some things are weighted in his favor.

The Rams are coming off a bye. They are getting back from injuries starting quarterback Marc Bulger, receiver Torry Holt and perhaps wideout Isaac Bruce (out five games with a toe injury), who will be a game-time decision. Defensive end Leonard Little returns after missing two games when his brother was killed.

The Rams have won two straight games. A third consecutive victory against a team they have beaten four of the last five times, including last January's NFC wild-card playoff, means St. Louis is just a game behind the Seahawks.

But Seattle has won four straight for the first time since 1993. A win Sunday would give it essentially a four-game division lead with seven games left in the regular season, because Seattle would own the head-to-head tiebreaker for the division title: the Seahawks won 37-31 at St. Louis last month.

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Picks

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• Houston (1-7) at Indianapolis (6-0) — Colts favored by 10. It's not the only confounding one. Here's Peyton Manning: "Coming off Halloween, everyone said that I had to look myself in the eye. I don't know what that means. It's like I have a twin, cause Peyton jets no respect, either. He added: "People are dropping me off their fantasy teams for Jets quarterbacks." Now that's stupid. Colts by legal limit, 24.

• East Rutherford Jets (2-6) at Carolina (6-2) — Panthers favored by 9. The Jets QB du jour is Brooks Bollinger. Stand up, Brooks. Nope, sorry, you are standing up. Oh, by the way, yes, the Panthers' cheerleaders will be performing, although they may be a little short-handed. Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar. All for the Panthers, stand up and meet us in the restroom. Panthers by 11.

• Kansas City (5-3) at Buffalo (3-5) — Bills favored by 2.5. Will Clinton RB Priest Holmes ever play again? Coach Dick Vermeil said: "I don't have any information. In fact, sometimes I get upset that I don't have more information." Ain't it the truth, Dick? They make all the decisions while we're having a power nap. In a The Priest-is-Missing-But-They-Look-Well-Rested Upper Special, Chiefs by 6.

• Minnesota (3-5) at East Rutherford Giants (6-2) — Giants favored by 9.5. Here's the bad news for the Vikings: They have lost all four road games by 20 or more points. But here's the good news for the Vikings: Their cheerleaders are staying home. Giants by 20.

• San Francisco (2-6) at Chicago (5-3) — Da Bears favored by 13. Yep, life is tough on the road. These are the 49ers' losing scores away from home so far: 3-42, 14-31 and 17-52.

Does a Bear drool in the woods? Da Bears by 17.

• Denver (6-2) at Oakland (3-5) — Broncos favored by 3. In an attempt at team unity, Raiders QB Kerry Collins declared that WR Randy Moss isn't another Terrell Owens. OK, somebody was punked, but I'm not sure who. Broncos by 8.

• Green Bay (1-7) at Atlanta (6-2) — Falcons favored by 9.5. This week's ER Report comes from Packers RB Tony Fisher, who was asked why he didn't play with a high broken rib: "Punctured lungs. Blood in the lungs. Exposing my heart. There's major arteries and major organs up there." Ah, remember the old days, guys, when players would just "walk it off"? Falcons by 12.

• St. Louis (4-4) at Seattle (6-2) — Seahawks favored by 7. Poor Mike Martz. The Rams are riding a two-game winning streak for Coach Joe Vitt, so Martz already is forgotten. But the Vitt stops here. Seahawks by 7.

• Cleveland (3-5) at Pittsburgh (6-2) — Steelers favored by 8 Sunday night. Let's see. Trent Diller and Charlie Batch or Iva Longoria and Teri Hatcher. You make the call. Steelers by just 4 while you're watching something else.

• Dallas (5-3) at Philadelphia (4-4) — Eagles favored by 3 Monday night. Listen to Eagles Coach Andy Reid after losing last weekend: "I thought we played a little better as a team. I thought it was a better atmosphere. I truly believe that this is a team sport. I expect the guys to play together and support each other. Golby, call me crazy, but I think he's trying to deliver a message. Support Eagles by 8.

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From NFL to a mental facility, the rise and fall of a troubled kicker

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Cole Ford took the field at old Tropic Stadium as the clock ticked down to the last nine seconds of the fourth quarter.

It was 1996, and the playoff hopes of an entire Raider Nation rested on the one-time water boy for a youth football league. The Oakland Raiders, 4-5, were at a critical moment in their season if they were to have any hope of making the playoffs for the first time in three years.

Ford had blown a 30-yard field goal the week before in a Monday night game against Denver. This time, with the seconds left, he set up for an easy 28-yarder.

Perhaps overcompensating, Ford's kick sailed left, and Oakland lost in overtime. The 23-year-old Ford, in his second professional season, faced harsh criticism.

From that short a distance, I'd better make it," Tampa Bay kicker Michael Husted said, "not plan on showing up here on Monday morning."

Ford would make it back the next day and for one more dismal season. And then the bright lights of the gridiron faded, and Ford would fade further than anyone could imagine.

The call came in at 6:15 p.m. Shots fired outside the Las Vegas home of entertainers Siegfried & Roy. Buried beneath long hair and an even longer beard, the shooter was almost unrecognizable.

Handsome and self-assured, Ford arrived at eastern California in the fall of 1991, ready to tackle the demands of one of the nation's most prestigious college football programs.

Ford knew well the pressure of big games. He won the state championship his senior year at Sabino High School. The Sabercats of Tucson, Ariz., were the 17th-ranked team in the nation, and Ford alternated between kicker and defensive end.

"He smiled more than any person I know," said Ford's high school football coach, Jeff Scuran. "He had a lot to be proud of. Good family, good life."

The youngest of three boys, Ford grew up on a ranch surrounded by horses and other livestock. His football career began early as a Tucson Youth football water boy.

At Sabino, Ford was an all-American athlete with good looks and good grades. He said Ford was remarkably grounded for his age. He made friends easily.

"Here's a guy who looked about as together as you could be," Scuran said.

It was not uncommon for cars to slow down as they passed the sprawling jungle Palace estate owned by Siegfried & Roy, the Las Vegas duo known for their mix of magic and exotic animals.

But as the sun began to set on October 21, 2003, the same sun shattering the residential calm. Observers pointed out the slow-moving van, then blasts from a 12-gauge shotgun sprayed the entrance.

At USC, Ford had a reputation for being upbeat, hardworking and extremely talented.

The Trojans, on the heels of back-to-back bowl appearances, struggled during Ford's first two seasons. Then coach John Robinson arrived in 1993, ready to restore glory to the USC campus.

Robinson had led the Trojans to a national championship in 1979 — and expectations were high. In Ford's senior year the Trojans beat Texas Tech 55-14 in the Cotton Bowl. Ford hit a career-best 42-yard field goal with his seven extra points in a Cotton Bowl record.

"Kicking in college takes a lot of strength mentally. You have to be focused," Ford said in a 1991 interview. "But I like a challenge and I've always been someone who likes a challenge. I want to be the man who does the job."

Ford was so driven, his special teams coach tried to make sure the young kicker "didn't push himself too far."

"No question, he had one of the strongest legs in the country," coach Jeff Keenan said. "The kid such never kicking the ball that he put great stress on his body."



Former Oakland Raiders kicker Cole Ford is shown on Nov. 9, 1997. The bright lights of the gridiron have faded for Ford, and he has fallen further than anyone could imagine.

At one point, injuries slowed Ford — something Keenan believes was brought on "by excessive training. "He really wanted to be great," Keenan said.

When the gunshots rang out, Gregory Garrett was loading construction equipment outside the estate of Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn. Before the white van disappeared, Garrett wrote down his license plate number.

The police call went out. Cole Ford was a wanted man.

Selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the seventh round of the 1995 NFL draft, Ford was released during training camp but quickly picked up by the Oakland Raiders. At 6-foot-2, 210 pounds, Ford was an attractive prospect.

With the team's No. 1 kicker, Jeff Jaeger, sidelined by a sprained knee, Ford hit a 46-yard field goal in the Raiders' opener against San Diego. Jaeger returned to reclaim the top spot that season, but Ford would challenge the 10-year veteran for the job through the 1996 training camp and pre-season.

Jaeger's subsequent release from Oakland elicited a sharp reaction from fans and sportswriters, especially after Ford's missed kick against Tampa Bay. Critics complained that if the Raiders had kept Jaeger, the team's fortunes might have been 6-4 and in the middle of the playoff race.

The NFL can be an unforgiving place for kickers, who sometimes are released after a single missed kick and often bounce from team to team. "It gets hard," Ford said after the Tampa Bay loss. "The last two weeks, I've been in the factor in the game."

Ford played on, but struggled. He made more than half his field goals the next year and was cut by the Raiders before the 1998 season. He was picked up by the Buffalo Bills but quickly released as the team struggled.

The anonymous tip came 11 days after the shooting. The man wanted in the Siegfried & Roy attack was at a Kinko's shop off the Las Vegas Strip. Police arrested Ford, who was charged with harassment, felonies, including assault with a deadly weapon. A judge ordered a psychiatric evaluation.

After being abandoned by a sport he'd loved since childhood, Ford sought refuge at a family home in Lake Tahoe, doing carpentry and masonry work.

But he distanced himself from family and friends, and his behavior grew bizarre. At one point he took family photographs and burned them.

Former Oakland teammate Lincoln Kennedy recalled seeing Ford some years after the young kicker was released from the team. Ford was almost unrecognizable, wearing a camouflage jacket and looking "like Grizzly Adams," Kennedy said.

Looking back, Kennedy said Ford was different. "In all honesty, no one was able to put their finger on it because we didn't know a lot about

this guy until after he left," Kennedy said. Ford says he traveled the world living off his NFL earnings. Visiting Mexico, Egypt, Greece and Italy, Ford tried to make sense of his life.

His travels took him to Las Vegas, where he turned his focus to sports bookmaking operations at casinos.

Dr. Norman Rottman examined Ford on Nov. 10, 2004, and diagnosed the 32-year-old with an unspecified psychotic disorder. Ford told the psychiatrist that while watching Siegfried & Roy, he realized "what was wrong with the world was linked to the illusionists' treatment, dominance and unhealthy intimacy" with their animals. Rottman wrote in his report:

"He felt they threatened the world, and he began trying to figure out how he could stop them."

An obstinate Ford later appeared in a Las Vegas courtroom, demanding to plead guilty to the shooting. Instead, the judge ruled he was incompetent to stand trial and sent him to the state's mental facility in northern Nevada.

"I'm perfectly competent," Ford told the judge in January.

How Ford went from the NFL to a mental institution remains a mystery.

Doctors say it's likely Ford began showing symptoms of mental illness in his late teens, but his former coaches say they saw nothing.

It came so far out of left field," said Keenan, the former USC coach. "I could have named 10 guys who would have lost it and done something like this. Not Cole Ford."

Ford's family members declined comment. His mother, Amy Ford, said in a brief phone conversation that it has been years since she saw her son. She hopes he gets the help he needs.

"NFL players are much in the know of this stuff happens," said high school coach Scuran, who is a close friend of the family. "If we knew that, we would probably be on a much better path of curing this... Everyone wants to find a trigger point, but based on some of our conversations, nobody knows."

In late September, a judge ordered doctors to medicate Ford, who faces up to 27 years in prison if convicted.

Ford, in two phone interviews late this summer, said he was doing well and still wants to play golf. "I accept my changes," he said. "I'm excited to have a felony on my record. I'm interested to see what the people have to say to see a man with a perfect record has a felony. I'm a perfect citizen. I have a perfect work history."

Ford reiterated his fear of Siegfried & Roy, calling them "some of the most dangerous people in our country." He also was sharply critical of the NFL. "NFL players are much in the environment of the Roman Coliseum. A lot of sacrificing takes place," Ford said. "It's possible I didn't want to become a success. The people have to say to them I would have been sacrific-

No T.O. means no sideshows

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys always brought out the best — and worst — of Terrell Owens.

In eight games against Dallas while with San Francisco and Philadelphia, Owens has 39 receptions for 537 yards and three touchdowns. But the extra-terrestrial often overshadowed his performance.

There was T.O.'s infamous touchdown celebrations on the Cowboys' star logo at the center of Texas Stadium in 2000. That led to a one-game suspension from then-49ers coach Steve Mariucci.

Last year, Owens drew criticism for a "Monday Night Football" promo in which actress Nicolete Sheridan, a star ABC's "Desperate Housewives," dressed only in a towel, asked him to skip the game, then dropped the towel and jumped into his arms.

When the Cowboys (5-3) play the rival Eagles (4-1) in an important NFC East matchup on Monday night, Owens could be watching from his home in Atlanta, or his front lawn in Moorstown, N.J. The All-Pro wideout won't be on the field for this game or any of the rest of the season after being told not to return to the Eagles.

It'll be the second straight game Philadelphia plays with-

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outs its top playmaker — Owens was suspended for last Sunday's 17-10 loss at Washington — and the first since the soap opera ended with Eagles coach Andy Reid deciding to deactivate Owens for the final five games after his four-game suspension is up.

"What's the team's psyche after a turbulent few weeks?" "They have been strong and they're ready to move on and concentrate on football," Reid said. "I think they are as tired of the questions as you are of asking them."

The Cowboys are wary of facing the Eagles after such an emotional week, figuring the rest of the team is eager to prove it can win without Owens' help. Philadelphia went to three straight NFC championship games before acquiring Owens and finally won the conference title last season while Owens was sidelined with an ankle injury that, coincidentally, he sustained in Week 15 against Dallas.

"These guys are champions," Cowboys tight end Dan Campbell said. "They've done this for five, six years now. They've got guys that are not used to losing. They've got champions on their team. Anytime you've got champions on your team like that, those guys are not going to go down easy. Those guys are going to be ready to go. They've got too much pride."

The Cowboys proved they can play on the same level as the Eagles. Now they're looking to put the four-time NFC East champions in a deeper hole at the bottom of the division standings.

"They feel they have something to prove," Cowboys centerback Terence Newman said. "The fact we beat them earlier in the season and the fact they're trying to salvage the team, we're definitely going to get their best shot."

Dallas defensive tackle La'Roi Glover put it best: "They still got No. 5," Glover said, referring to five-time Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb.

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lessly to cut down on his mistakes. He knew he didn't have much choice, and he constantly reminds himself not to force things.

While the Raiders (3-5) are trying to bounce back from a 27-23 loss at Kansas City last week in which the Chiefs scored the winning TD as time expired, the Broncos have already shown they can rebound

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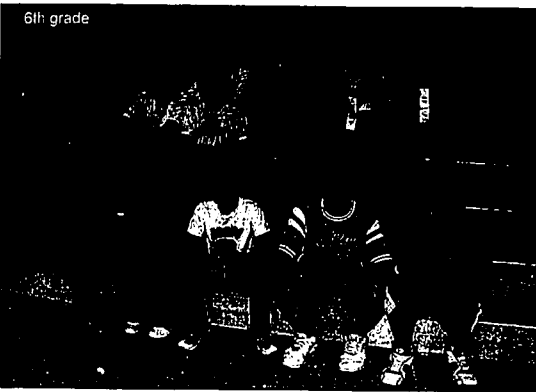


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The sixth grade place winners from the recent Sawtooth 3-on-3 basketball tournament are pictured. Third-place finishers are pictured in the back row from left to right — Kade Meyersheffer, Macy Urrutia, Marshall Clark, Courtney Ellis. Runners-up are pictured in the middle row from left to right — Reed McKenzie, Jeremy Stark, Jane Snelling, Taylor Stark. The winners are pictured in the front row from left to right — Casdon Jardine, Jason Bride, Rachel Taylor, Keele Stimpson.



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Astronauts want strategies to prevent cosmic collision

Asteroids could cause devastation

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Imagine last year's tsunami, last month's earthquake in Pakistan, and Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma all rolled into one — and then some. If nations can't handle those calamities, what's going to happen when an asteroid collides with Earth?

In 30 years, there is a 1-in-5,500 chance that a smallish asteroid will land a bull's eye on our planet. At 360 yards wide, it could take out New York City and much of the surrounding area.

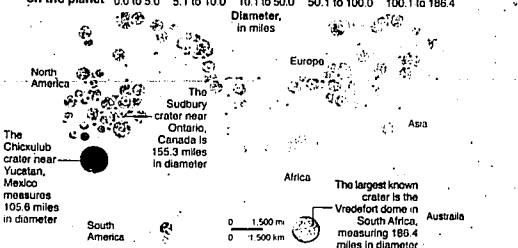
Fortunately, experts believe further observations of the asteroid, 99942 Apophis, will almost certainly rule out an impact in 2035. Nevertheless, it's precisely that kind of predictable and preventable threat — and the thought of being ill-prepared for it — that alarms the world's normally intrepid spacefarers who are calling for action.

They issued an open letter at the Association of Space Explorers' annual congress last month in Salt Lake City, making a rare, united push for more station spacecraft to prevent a cosmic pileup.

Two of the astronauts — Apollo 9's Rusty Schweickart and shuttle and space station veteran Ed Lu — have even helped establish a foundation to spotlight the issue.

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"There are always natural disasters and it always seems as though the preparation is somewhat less than adequate. But we have had a series of quite substantial ones here in the last year," Schweickart said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Hollywood's depiction of cosmic collisions — think 'Armageddon' and 'Deep Impact' — has heightened public awareness," but regrettably with the wrong solutions and overdramatization," Schweickart said.

"You don't want to send up Bruce Willis and others to save

us. That's Hollywood silliness," he said, chuckling. Instead, technology is far enough along that an asteroid could be deflected before hitting Earth, he said.

For now, the astronauts are being cautious — some say too cautious — in their approach.

"A lot of the folks working in this area are really attuned to not being Chicken Little, saying, 'Hey, this is going to kill us, it's going to kill us,'" Lu said. "That's not what we're saying. We're saying that you need to start thinking about it ahead of time because afterward is way too late."

"The possible consequences

are way worse than your run-of-the-mill natural disasters like earthquakes and tsunamis and hurricanes. As bad as they may be, this can dwarf them."

Astronauts know better than most just how small and fragile and vulnerable the planet is.

"When you go around it in an hour and a half, again and again and again and again, day after day, in some cases now, month after month after month, the Earth becomes a pretty small place," Schweickart said. "And then, of course ... most astronauts tend to be aware of things like asteroids and their impacts. I mean, we ramped around the

A tug in time could save Earth

Los Angeles Times

A little gentle persuasion might accomplish more than powerful missiles to keep the Earth safe from rogue asteroids.

Instead of trying to blow up an incoming space rock, all that's needed is a large enough spaceship to tug the asteroid gradually off course using the space-warping effects of gravity.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists reported Thursday in the journal Nature.

"It will take a couple of decades of advance notice," moon after spending years in preparation by looking at every impact crater and volcano here on the Earth."

It's time, the space explorers say, for NASA to step up to the plate.

The association wants NASA to expand its Spaceguard Survey, a program that discovers and tracks near-Earth objects — asteroids and comets — that are at least two-thirds of a mile across. So far, 807 of an estimated 1,100 of these big rocky asteroids have been discovered in the inner solar system along with 57 comets. California's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is plotting their future tracks.

An asteroid two-thirds of a mile wide, at impact, would be enough to easily take out a good-sized European country. By comparison, an asteroid or comet believed to be 65 to 70 miles across wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

said Edward Lu, a former astronaut and researcher at Johnson Space Center in Houston. But "it's not a very difficult space mission to build. Everybody knows it's feasible."

The concept is similar to an earlier idea of sending a space tugboat to push the asteroid off course — except the gravity well spaceship would have to touch the asteroid to make it veer off course.

Hovering a few hundred feet above the asteroid, the spaceship would use the invisible force of gravity as a tow line to pull the asteroid off course just enough to miss Earth.

The space explorers want the moon stroller, but still dangerous, asteroids tracked as well.

Another 3,000 near-Earth asteroids of all sizes have been discovered, with an estimated 100,000 more capable of sending off a tsunami the size of the one that struck the Indian Ocean last December.

Scientists are carefully watching Apophis, which will whiz by Earth in 2029, passing within a mere 16,000 miles. That's a few thousand miles closer than many communications satellite orbits and 230,000 miles closer than the moon. In 2010, the concern is that it will move even closer, leading to the 1-in-5,500 chance it will strike.

Going back to the '70s

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Long past its prime, Pong — that simple '70s video game with two paddles and a bouncing ball — is back.

Thirty years after it was first introduced to American homes, Pong is part of a retro plug-and-play gaming console that Atari Inc. is selling to parents nostalgic for the homely, simple video games of their youth.

The company has shipped nearly 500,000 of the Atari Flashback 2, in a bet that kids raised on the Xbox and the Sony PlayStation will take to rudimentary video games that, for most of them, are prehistoric. Whether today's kids will roll their eyes at the Atari Flashback 2 or join their parents on a trip down memory lane is still unknown.

It's unlikely that the Flashback 2 — decorated with faux wood grain to reflect the look of the original Atari 2600 — will make an impact the way its predecessor did. Experts say the original gaming console — introduced in 1977, two years after Home Pong made its debut — helped launch the multimillion-dollar video game industry.

The Flashback 2 — priced at about \$30 — isn't forcing users into buying expensive games to go with it. Instead of using replaceable game cartridges the way the Atari 2600 did, the Flashback 2 console comes programmed with 40 classic games including Pong, Asteroids, Centipede, Lunar Lander and Missile Command.

"When a parent is going through and seeing these toys they are without a doubt reliving (their childhood)," said Russel Ginn, a Bethesda, Md., game designer and enthusiast. "There is a huge nostalgia factor."

"They are very popular," said Christopher Koller, merchandising director for video games at Best Buy. "They kind of harken back to their early days of gaming when they were younger, not unlike older music and older videos that they still enjoy."

To get a sense of how dated the games are, when Pong was first sold in 1975, the captain and tennis "Laws Will Keep Us Together" was the top pop song. "Jaws" was the No. 1 movie and "All in the Family" was the most popular TV program.

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YOUNG AND ACCUSED

False murder charges against kids lead to hefty settlements, new laws

CHICAGO (AP) — Even now the mug shots are jarring.

The murder suspect wears a red-and-purple T-shirt with a playful animal design. In one photo, he stares wide-eyed straight into the camera. In another, he's in profile, looking upward, as if something is about to fall on his head.

His height and weight are noted: 4-foot-7 and 70 pounds. And even though he is a teenager, his lawyer says because police want to make him seem bigger and stronger.

Unlike most people photographed in a police book, this suspect has almost no history. He has never held a job. He is seen halfway through elementary school.

He's just 8. The child, identified in court documents as E.H., was an 11-year-old pal with the slaying of an 19-year-old girl, Ryan Harris. The case captured national headlines as the two became among the youngest children in the nation ever formally accused of murder.

The 1998 charges didn't last long, the allegations quickly unraveled — but the two boys then turned the tables on their accusers, and now, after seven years, a final agreement has been reached in civil cases that charged the city and the police with wrongful arrest.

Last month, the city approved a multimillion-dollar settlement of one suit, having ordered its lawyers to negotiate an agreement even as a jury trial was nearing its end. An earlier case resolved out of court.

Nearly \$11 million in taxpayer money, including legal fees, has been paid to close what an attorney called "one of the most shameful episodes in our city's history."

And yet, in settling, the city admitted no wrongdoing. No police were sanctioned.

This was not the first time children have been wrongly accused or reported to have committed to something they didn't do.

But this trial offers a rare glimpse into how it can happen — what detectives may say and do behind closed doors, and how a harrowing journey from a police station to the courts and a psychiatric hospital can change the lives of two little boys.

When E.H. took the witness stand this past August, he didn't look at the jury. Nor did he glance at two men sitting at the defense table: James Cassidy and Allen Nathaniel, the detectives — the former retired, the latter still on the force — who were accused of framing him.

Nearly half his life had passed since news helicopters had buzzed over the boy's house and he was called "little killer."

Now he was 15, but his voice was barely audible, his attorneys gently coaxing every answer.

He recalled the day when he rode bikes with friends, including Ryan Harris, watched her enter a red car with two men, then ended up in the police station, where he assumed he'd look at photos to try to identify them.

Instead, police surrounded him and showed him a photo of a badly beaten body in a weed-filled lot; Ryan Harris' panties were jammed down her throat, leaves steamed in her nostrils.

"Did you tell them you killed Ryan Harris?" Grant asked. "I said I didn't do anything," he answered.

"Were you afraid?"

"The charges against E.H. depended largely on the purported confession of his buddy, identified as R.G., who was questioned separately. According to police, the 7-year-old said he threw a rock at Ryan, and she fell off her bike and hit her head. Then, he allegedly said, he and E.H. dragged her into a wooded area, where R.G. stuffed the girls underwear in her mouth.

Attorneys for the boys have long ridiculed that claim, noting R.G. had a serious speech impediment and could barely string two or three words together much less a full-sentence confession.

"To say that he could tell a story from start to finish was patently absurd," argues Ian Suster, lawyer for R.G. "The only evidence they had was not believable. ... These two little kids were scared out of their brains."

It isn't difficult for police officers to shape a kid's message, says Stephen Cech, a professor of developmental psychology at Cornell University and an expert on child confessions. "They're

putty in the hands of a powerful adult authority figure," he says.

"You say to a child who has been in an interrogation room for an hour ... If you only tell me what you already know, you can go home, an adult knows that's not true," Cech says. "If you say that to a 7-year-old, they'll often tell you it did it. They can't anticipate the consequences of saying yes."

In this case, the boys were questioned without lawyers or family in the room. Their statements were not recorded. And from the moment they walked out, both denied they'd ever confessed.

"I didn't do it. Grandma," R.G. repeatedly said after the interrogation, during which police held his hand and bought him a Happy Meal and a toy car.

At the time, the detectives, Cassidy and Nathaniel, were praised by police for having "performed magnificently" in cracking what had become a "heater" case, with heavy public and political pressure for an arrest.

Seven years later in the trial, city attorneys called them "fine officers," justified in their actions — and noted other police also showed they were responsible for Ryan's death.

The two men defended their behavior, saying both boys had implicated themselves and they thought the kids were trying to take Ryan's bike. But the detectives also made some troubling admissions.

Cassidy testified he hadn't reviewed the files, yet still managed to get a confession on his first day on the case — through dozens of investigators had been working on it for weeks.

He acknowledged that E.H., a second-grader, probably didn't understand his version of Miranda warnings. Cassidy also says their "kiddie rights" and they included — the admonition: "Good boys don't lie."

Cassidy had also been told by a medical examiner — before the boys were charged — that Ryan's injuries weren't consistent with a thrown rock. She died of a severe beating and asphyxiation.

This wasn't Cassidy's first controversy involving a child suspect. In 1994, he said an 11-year-old boy blurted out that he had killed an elderly neighbor. The boy tried to recant, but was convicted.

In 2002, a federal judge tossed out the murder conviction, saying the arrest was illegal and the confession coerced. The young man since the case was settled out of court.

Nathaniel revealed other inconsistencies.

He admitted that he had never talked with E.H., even though he told a judge in 1998 that the boy told him about seeing his pal throw a rock. Nathaniel said he was speaking in general, as a detective in the Chicago Police Department.

Nathaniel also acknowledged that although E.H. allegedly claimed to have thrown a rock at Ryan, the police report identified a field as "a brick." A bloody brick had been found at the scene.

After a long month, police ruled out the boys and issued charges when tests found semen on the girl's panties. DNA led authorities to a convicted sex offender, Floyd Durr, who awaits trial in Ryan's murder.

By then, besides the interrogations, publicity and neighbors and schoolmates wondering if they were killers, the boys had spent about a week in a psychiatric hospital. Their parents said they were told if they didn't consent, they'd risk losing them to state custody.

Both families moved away. But years later, they'd argue, scars remain.

One of E.H.'s lawyers, R. Eugene Pritchard, says "The will be with him the rest of his life."

A photo of E.H. as a beaming 8-year-old clutching his hat was flashed on a courtroom wall for the jurors.

Then came the witnesses: the boy's mother, teachers and a psychiatrist claiming he went from being a "chatty, adaptable kid at the top of his class to a recluse with poor grades who rarely strays from his porch."

"Do you go to a latrine?" Grant, his lawyer, asked the teen. "It's safer in the house," E.H. replied. "Do you have bad dreams?" "Do you have a bad car?" "About what?" "The police station and the psychiatric hospital."

freshman who turns 16 this month — admitted he stays up regularly to 2 a.m. or 3 a.m., watching television and playing video games.

City attorneys argued the boy's troubles stem from a chaotic family life that has included occasional contact with the police as well as a fire that killed five relatives. They also presented a psychologist, who said his arrest had not caused permanent psychological damage.

Experts, such as Cech, say children can be resilient and rebound from the most traumatic events. But R.G. hasn't, according to his lawyer, Suster. She says the boy, now 14, wet his bed for years, chewed his fingernails until they were bloody and infected, banged his head on the floor and refused to sleep in his own bed, curling up in the hallway outside his parents' room.

"If he had gone through life challenged because of his language disorder, it would have been hard enough," she says. "Once he was compromised by false arrest, the whole rug was pulled out from under him."

R.G.'s family was affected, too, she says, citing stress from the boy's arrest as contributing to his parents' divorce.

R.G. is a freshman in a therapeutic high school who takes antidepressants and receives psychological counseling, Suster says. He's a talented artist who still rides bikes and likes toy cars.

Because his mother didn't want to expose him to a trial, his family settled out of court for \$2 million this year — a sum one alderman said should have been increased fivefold. Flint Thayer, R.G.'s lawyer, says even though just two detectives were named, this case showed "systemic misconduct" from the

top to the bottom of the police department.

When two tiny grade-school-age boys were brought in for questioning, he says, "No one said, 'Show me how these kids could have done that.'"

Police declined comment. E.H.'s family settled for \$6.2 million. His grandmother, Rosetta Crawford, told reporters the trial, before being curtailed, had shown her grandson wasn't responsible for Ryan's murder.

"It wasn't about the money," she said, but instead about sending a message, in hopes of preventing police from handling child suspects this way again. Jurors were divided. Some told reporters the boy was wronged and blamed the entire criminal justice system; others said the cops were credible and had reason for their suspicions. The case did inspire changes in the law: Today, kids under age

13 charged with murder or sex crimes must be represented by a lawyer during a custodial interrogation. In addition, Chicago police now require a parent or guardian's presence when kids under age 13 are held for questioning on felony charges.

Illinois also mandates taping of interrogations in homicide cases.

These are positive steps that make this a watershed case, says Steve Drizin, director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University and expert on juvenile justice. And yet, he says, police still interrogate kids the same way they do adults — including confronting them with false evidence.

"Whether the legacy is strong enough to prevent this from happening again, only time will tell," Drizin says. He pauses, then adds: "I think it could happen again in a heartbeat."

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INTERVIEW SINS:

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Don't be an arrogant boob. "Treat every person you come in contact with as though someday, they'll be your boss, or you'll be theirs," the company counsels.

Don't be greedy and mention how many weeks of vacation you want, a company car or how much you need for base salary. You first must get an offer.

Don't badmouth your boss. Even if your current supervisor is a jerk, moron, or both, the person interview you identifies far more with your boss than with you. Find common ground on challenges endemic to the industry, not a recitation of your horrendous workplace.

Don't narrate your life story. Build a rapport with the interviewer about your skills, experience, training and ability to complement their company, not every detail back to how you creamed that guy going for the winning touchdown back in '91 at San Diego State.

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Working

Temp job gives parent needed work experience.
By Carol Kleiman, Chicago Tribune

Dear Coach:
At 32, I've stayed home and raised my children for the past decade. During that time I've earned my bachelor's and master's degrees. Now, I'm job-hunting and am told repeatedly I don't have enough experience. How will I get it if no one will hire me?
Carol Kleiman

Work for a temporary agency for at least one year to get recent experience and references, and to see from the inside what's been happening in the business world for the last 10 years.

Dear Coach:
A friend has told me to call her manager about a job, but I'm shy and keep putting it off, even though I've been job hunting for a year. Please tell me what to do, OK.

If you're unemployed long enough, it might cure you of your shyness. But here's what to do: Write down in advance what you plan to say and read it out loud a few times. Ask what the job requires. Be prepared to mention your qualifications and experience. Be friendly. It'll get easier the more you do it, and I make that call now.

Dear Coach:
I cover the phones when the receptionist is on lunch break. Lately, those breaks have gotten longer, sometimes to two hours. That means I have to wait to have my lunch. Shall I say something?
CK

I think you have to say something because you are being taken advantage of, and it will get worse. Tell her you will replace her for one hour, but after that you are going to lunch. It is her responsibility then, not yours.

Dear Coach:
I am 40 years old and have been in my present job for 14 years. I want a change but I don't get responses to my job applications. I feel my age is holding me back. Any suggestions?
CK

Start networking to find out names of people inside the organizations you want to work for. Then try to connect with them. Ask for their help but don't mention your age.

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Mature Workers

Go for the golden: Older workers increasingly prized by Bob Moos, The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Hank Mann of Austin, Texas, hasn't thought about retirement. The 63-year-old engineer is too busy diving into murky waters to inspect locks and dams for Stanley Consultants. "I'm having too much fun," he said. "As long as I've got the energy, I'm sticking with this." His bosses are glad he feels that way. Invoiced Stanley Consultants, which designs buildings, highways and power plants around the world, tries to hold on to older employees as long as it can — a third of its workforce is over 50. More companies are beginning to think like Stanley Consultants, which tops AARP's list this year of the 50 best employers for boomers over 50. These employers are devising flexible working arrangements, offering benefits such as long-term care insurance and allowing employees to phase into retirement over several years. "Guys like Hank have a lifetime of engineering know-how," explained Bob Berg, Stanley Consultants' human resource manager. "We don't want that experience walking out the door."

Lorrie Foster, a research director for the Conference Board, says employees' attitudes spring from corporate self-interest as much as altruism. Seventy-four million boomers are poised to retire over the next decade," she explained. "Depending on what they do, there may not be enough younger workers with the right skills to replace them." Some labor analysts are predicting a shortage of as much as 10 million workers by the end of the decade. "That's quite a reversal from years of labor surplus, when employers never had to worry about finding someone to replace the employee who just left," said Michael Zey, author of Ageless Society. Because businesses have grown accustomed to a labor surplus, most corporate executives still have their eyes fixed on the impending labor shortage and brain drain, Zey said. Executives who have recognized the problem work in economic sectors such as health care, retail and utilities, where companies are already having trouble hiring enough workers, he said.

In 2001, when AARP published its first list of the top employers of mature workers, it got 14 entries. This year, it added 145 applications, which companies want to be acknowledged as good places for workers over 50. Companies growing awareness of the aging workforce recently prompted IBM Corp. to launch a consulting service for business executives with the expected loss of knowledge and talent as boomers retire. "Executives may know this is a looming problem, but they don't have a good sense of what may be going on with their own organization," said Eric Levstik, an associate partner at IBM. "We'll help them understand how vulnerable they are to the boomer exodus and how to manage it." Besides coaching employees on ways to keep and attract older workers, IBM will help them learn to pass knowledge from one generation to another and improve the institutional memory, he said.

AARP is also collaborating with businesses interested in tapping into the mature workforce. The organization has signed up 24 featured employers committed to recruiting, hiring and retaining older workers. Companies are realizing that an aging workforce isn't a burden on health care and pension costs, so much as it could be an opportunity to be leveraged," said Emily Allen, director of the AARP Foundation's workforce initiative. A million seniors visited the AARP featured employers' website in its first year, checking out opportunities with companies such as Borders Group, MetLife Inc., Principal Financial Group and Walgreen Co. Bill Corporation, 58, of Dallas used the site to find a part-time job at a Borders bookstore this summer. The Exxon Mobil Corp. retiree wanted to supplement his pension and keep busy. "I'm a free lance writer, so working in a bookstore is a good fit for me," he said. Michigan based Borders enjoys a reputation as an innovator in attracting older workers. The bookseller studied the demographics of its market and discovered that half of all book buyers are over 45. It then set out to create a workforce that better reflected its customers. The company provides medical and dental insurance benefits to part-time workers and allows employees to work half of the year in one part of the country and the other half in another store. "The option has become popular with retirees who like to spend their summers up north and their winters down south," said company spokeswoman Beth Bingham. Retailers have made some of the most aggressive pitches for mature workers. Employers are discovering that flexible job arrangements are especially appealing to those workers. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the only Texas employer on this year's AARP list of best employers, says it's been successful at recruiting nurses over 50 because it builds work schedules around employees' personal needs. "We do anything we can to accommodate them — that may mean letting them work fewer hours or fewer days," said Jim Dorn, vice president of human resources. At Kaye/Haxman International Corp., a Plano executive search firm, telecommuting has become popular with long-standing employees who want more flexible arrangements. "Hope isn't a strategy for keeping a valued worker — we sit down with the most experienced employees and together figure out how to meet their needs," said managing director Bruce Haxman. Human resource experts say benefit packages are crucial to older employees because many are working for health coverage as much as for the paycheck. "Extending health insurance to part-time workers who aren't yet eligible for Medicare is the best approach for holding onto people," said Carl Van Horn, director of the Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. "I call it the golden handcuff." Some companies sweeten their benefits by sponsoring long-term care insurance, said Will Shields, an economist for the Employment Policy Foundation in Washington. "As boomers begin to take care of their aging parents, many worry about how they will care for their own needs when the time comes. This could relieve them of a major concern," he explained.

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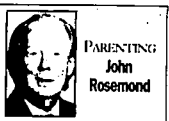
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Aggression can grow if it's tolerated

Question: What's the most effective way to get young children, ages 2 and 3, to share, and what should I do when not sharing escalates into violence? I work with this age child in a day care center and this is my biggest problem.

Answer: It is not at all unusual for children to have problems sharing until well into the fourth year of life. Why non-sharing is typical of children below age 4 is anyone's best guess, mine being that during late toddlerhood, a child begins to grasp the concept of private property. "Mine" is the natural consequence of this realization. Furthermore, refusing to share enables the child to exercise a greater degree of control over his immediate environment, including his playmates, while at the same time making a clear assertion of his identity.



PARENTING John Rosemond

Unfortunately, some of these non-sharers tend to become aggressive toward other children who try to play with their toys. Needless to say, their aggressive outbursts are not consistent with standard rules of engagement, such as the Geneva Accords. The toddler is undersocialized; therefore, when he/she strikes out aggressively toward another child, the assault is likely to look distinctly savage to the civilized onlooker.

The first problem — simple, garden variety non-sharing — can be slowly solved by parents and other caregivers who are firm in their expectation that children share and who provide the disciplinary structure without which sharing can be learned.

One way to do this is to use a simple kitchen timer to signal when the question has to be exchanged.

In most cases, once children have learned to take turns in this fashion, they begin spontaneously sharing in almost no time at all.

The answer to a toddler who hits, kicks, pinches and bites is to immediately remove the child from the playgroup, even if it's a group of two, until he/she is ready to apologize and share. If an aggressive incident occurs twice in the same play session, I recommend confining the child to his or her room for the remainder of the day, along with an early bedtime.

It occurs in a playgroup, I recommend separating the child from the other children in the group for the remainder of the session. To those who would say that separating a child from the group from, say, mid-morning (when the second incident hypothetically occurs), until his parent picks him up at the end of the day is too much, I respond thusly: If one wants the aggression to stop, which should be everyone's aim, and quickly, then the consequence must be memorable. It must create a strong mental imprint that will hopefully begin to inhibit aggressive outbursts.

Meanwhile, adults should definitely use the opportunity to counsel the child on non-violent means of handling similar future situations.

In the final analysis, however, nipping behavior of this sort in the proverbial bud requires parents and teachers who absolutely will not tolerate it. So, yes, when aggression takes place at preschool, and the child, 3 or 4 or older, parents should follow through with a punishment at home. Some research indicates that when parents do not take strong disciplinary action concerning aggressive behavior when it first emerges, the problem can grow from molehill to mountain in no time at all.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 E. 86th St., Suite 265, Indianapolis, IN 46240, and via his Web site, www.rosemond.com.

Moving in with the kids



Linda Van Der Meulen leads to her mother, Ada Atterberry, at their home Wednesday in Halley. Atterberry relinquished much of her independence and moved in with her daughter after losing her sight to macular degeneration.

Help is available for elderly folks and their families

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Need help caring for an elderly family member?

Call one of these organizations:

The Office on Aging in Twin Falls at 736-2122

The office offers volunteers who can monitor elderly family members or help out with errands.

Senior Connection in Halley at 788-3468

The senior center's services include a paid staff that delivers meals and helps with housework and bathing. Costs for services at both centers depend on the client's income.

make lunch for Mom. And Ada's community has programs to accommodate aging seniors and the relatives who care for them.

"This is the way families are meant to be," says Ada's daughter Linda Van Der Meulen, 59. Together, the Van Der Meulens converted two former bedrooms

into a living area as a way to preserve some independence for the elder woman. They added extra heaters in the rooms, handrails in the bathroom and a Dutch door in the kitchen's stairway to prevent falls. A new TV was installed, along with a large-button telephone.

Anything, says Linda, to make her mother feel at home.

But the transition has been more difficult for Ada than for her family.

Sometimes, says granddaughter Christina Van Der Meulen, Ada feels like she's a burden.

"But it's not true. We're the ones benefiting," says Christina, who drops by her parent's place three times a week to chat with her grandmother.

"We got to hear her stories." The family also has peace of mind, thanks in part to Senior Connection, a Blaine County elderly-care service, Tuesdays and Thursdays, a staffer from the senior center's outreach program visits Ada. She helps with meals, cleaning and laundry. When the weather is nice, Ada clings to her arm for a long

walk.

"Our goal," says Senior Connection executive director Brenda Shappee, "is to keep seniors at home."

The senior benefits families, as well.

"It allows the adult child to go about their daily routine without worrying about the care of their elder," Shappee says.

Even before the days of meals and walks and errands with Ada, Linda looked for ways to help her mother. And she found one through the College of Southern Idaho.

Last year Linda — with difficulty — persuaded her mother to try the seniors' exercise class that CSID offers in Halley. Seeing her friend's names in a newspaper story about the Over 60 and Getting Fit classes piqued Ada's interest. Ada's all-out exercising, in turn, impressed her new classmates, and she won their vote for most inspiring.

Now on days when she has no time, requested Senior Connection help. Linda accompanies her mother to the exercise class. Then they run errands. At the grocery store,

Ada uses the cart for balance as Linda guides. Ada has prepared a cane or walker.

Back at home, Linda prepares lunch while her mother listens to Audible books on CD.

Danielle Steel novels are her favorite. Linda keeps her well supplied.

Her family has tried to make the home as accommodating as possible. But Ada still longs for the days when she had her own place — and her sight. She can no longer play bridge, her favorite pastime; the game she taught Christina. And she's still getting used to the layout of her new home.

"The kind of lost my way a time or two," she says. "And the bathroom here is opposite of the one I used to have."

Yet Ada is settling in, says her daughter.

"And we love having her here."

At that, Ada chuckles. "I hope in a year or two she still feels that way."

"Oh, we will."

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DORMITORY DETENTE

Roommate conflicts are a growing part of the college experience

By Stephanie Dunnevind The Seattle Times

Top roommate conflicts

- Slob vs. neat freak.
• Late night vs. early riser.
• Overnight guests/sex in the room.
• Unasked "borrowing" (clothes, food, toiletries).
• Friends over all the time.
• Lack of personal hygiene.

SEATTLE — Sharing a 115-square-foot dorm room with a stranger has always required some adjustment. (For reference, the master bathrooms of some homes now measure 180 square feet.)

But experts say this year's incoming college class and the rest of the millennial generation are ill-equipped for the compromises and negotiations required for living in such close quarters, with increasing numbers turning to their parents for solutions.

"We get parents calling and demanding that they want their kid out of a room immediately — but there's been no conversation between roommates," said Chris Jarman, administrator for residential life at the University of Washington.

With many universities at capacity, many report that students can't fall back on requesting a single room or

moving without first arranging a swap.

About the third week of school, parents can expect a call or e-mail. "That's when the conflicts heat up," said Susan Fee, author of "My Roommate Is Driving Me Crazy: Solve Conflicts, Set Boundaries and Survive the College Roommate from Hell" (Adams Media, 2005). "That seemed cool is

now really annoying."

Roommate troubles aren't limited to freshmen; in fact, sometimes there are more problems with sophomores, who often choose to room with a friend, said Ramundo Nash, director for residential learning communities at Seattle University. Underclassmen are required to live on campus.

In a new, often high-pressure environment, many students see the privacy of their room as a haven. So it can be a shock to discover they can't, say, study in their own room (their roommate is enjoying downtime watching TV) or sleep in place (roommate's boyfriend or girlfriend is always over).

Possible consequences of roommate conflict include increased stress, a drop in grades, looking out for a move or even dropping out of school entirely.

"If the living environment is disruptive, then students can have difficulty concentrating and studying," Jarman said. "And that's what they're really here for."

Experts cite several trends contributing to increased roommate difficulties.

Smaller families, less sharing. At the end of their child-bearing years, a fifth of moms reported having only one child in 2002, more than double the percentage in 1982,

according to the U.S. Census Bureau. More than four out of 10 moms had two kids in 2002. With increasingly large households, few siblings have to share rooms or even bathrooms, experts say.

"I'd just IM you. Instead of face-to-face conversations, roommates rely on instant- and text-messaging or e-mails to vent frustrations — sometimes when they're both in the same room. Without the aid of body language, this can lead to misunderstandings and conflict."

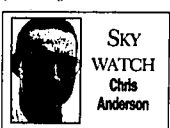
Helicopter parents. So-called because they hover, helicopter parents try to save kids from unhappiness and frustration by swooping in to protect them and solve problems. As a result, some say, many teens today lack the ability to deal with challenges or resolve conflict. With parents who can't say no, overindulged kids end up with "unrealistic expectations about having things their way."

Please see ROOMMATE, Page E2

FAMILY LIFE

What gives a red star its color?

Star colors are so subtle that many people perceive stars as essentially colorless. Given the chance, I'll steer my telescope toward a colorful star to show them just how colorful a star can be.



SKY WATCH Chris Anderson

By contrast, carbon stars appear deep red. Because their surfaces are around 4,500 degrees Fahrenheit (much cooler than the sun's 10,000 degrees), most of their energy is emitted as invisible infrared. They too emit all colors, but the only part of the visible spectrum that gets much energy is the extreme red.

Unlike the sun - which fuses hydrogen into helium in its core - carbon stars generate energy by converting helium into carbon. The sun's helium "ash" stays deep inside because only the sun's outer layers churn with convection like a pot of boiling water.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Jupiter: ESE, very low Saturn: SSW, very high One hour after sunrise: Venus: SW, very low Mars: E, low Moon: Full moon 5:56 p.m. Tuesday

Roommate

Continued from E1. I'll take care of it. At one time, universities acted in loco parentis (in place of parents) but stepped back in the '60s and '70s to treat students more as adults. Now it's not colleges in loco parentis - it's parents themselves who won't relinquish control. Too often, officials say, parents listen to the one-sided criticisms and become phone-line rescuers.

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West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Monday: Roast beef dinner. Tuesday: Soup and sandwich. Wednesday: Polish sausage and sauerkraut, potatoes, applesauce, salad, dessert. Thursday: French dip sandwich, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert.

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222 Main St. Dinners served at noon Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

Jerome Senior Center

2121 First Ave. E. All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50. Monday: Chili, green salad, fruit, cookies, cornbread. Tuesday: Ham and beans, pickled beets, fruit salad, cinnamon rolls. Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, corn green salad, raisin squares. Thursday: Chicken salad, au gratin potatoes, fruit medley, lemon bars, french bread. Friday: Turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, yams, cranberry salad, pumpkin pie, juice.

Activities: Tuesday: Gem State Fiddlers Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6:45 p.m. Early bird, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pinochle, 7 p.m. Thursday: Commission for the Blind, 1 p.m. Friday: Thanksgiving and birthday dinner. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Milk, coffee, juice and tea served. Note new hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday. Monday: Pizza, green salad, butterscotch pudding. Tuesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, Jell-O salad, peanut butter cookies, fruit. Friday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, Jell-O salad, peas, ice cream and cake.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave. All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Monday: Pizza, tossed salad, oranges, custard. Tuesday: Beef stew, pineapple, cottage cheese, cookies.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans, buttered peas, mashed potatoes, homemade bread, cookies, applesauce. Wednesday: Baked potato soup, salad, bar, breadsticks, fresh fruit, gingerbread with lemon sauce. Thursday: Carey lunch: Turkey, dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, rolls, green beans, stuffed celery, cranberry Jell-O salad, pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Friday: Turkey, dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, rolls, green beans, stuffed celery, cranberry Jell-O salad, pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily. Monday: Sausage gravy and biscuits, buttered peas, mashed potatoes, homemade bread, cookies, applesauce. Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, lemon pie.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake. Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Monday: Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit, cinnamon rolls. Tuesday: Ham dinner, sweet potatoes, vegetables, fruit salad, bread, dessert. Friday: Potato bar with chili, cottage cheese, green salad, rolls, dessert.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Tuesday: Salmon loaf, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, salad, fruit. Thursday: Pizza, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert. Wednesday: Bake Day. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily. Tuesday: Ham and beans, green salad, fried potatoes, cornbread, chocolate cake. Wednesday: Ham salad sandwich, split pea soup, spicy potato rounds, lemon pie. Friday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, green salad, apple enchiladas. Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m. Early bird bingo, 6:30 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

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Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Meals are served at noon and noon delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Monday: Beef stew, biscuits, carrots, colelaw, brownies. Tuesday: BIF's, tater tots, vegetables, sherbet. Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner. Thursday: Parmesan chicken, noodles, broccoli, rolls, fruit bowl. Friday: Smogasbord.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Monday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, salad, ginger pear pie. Tuesday: Reuben sandwich, corn chowder, frye eye salad, dessert. Wednesday: Meatloaf, baked potatoes, peas, bread, salad, banana cream pie. Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, french bread, fruit, strawberry/rhubarb crisp. Friday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, carrots, roll, fruit Jell-O, chocolate cake.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield. Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50. Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m. Early bird bingo, 6:30 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 386-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Monday: Potluck. Tuesday: Pepper steak with rice, winter mix, carrots, pudding, bread. Thursday: Fruit juice, barbecued pork chops, baked beans, country mix vegetables, bread, ice cream and cake. Activities: Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Birthday party, 2 p.m. Friday: Tops, 9 a.m. Cardio, 1 p.m.

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Teach your kids what to do if they see a gun

By Armin Brott
Knight Ridder News Service

Question: Should I tell my preschoolers about guns? My don't watch violent programming or own any toy guns, and no one I know even owns one. But you can't turn on the TV or open a newspaper these days without a story about someone getting shot. What should I do?

Answer: To start with, continue to keep your children far away from violent media, including children's programs that involve guns and gun-like lasers. Don't allow them to play with toy guns, especially realistic-looking ones. But be realistic — you can't shield your children forever. One of these days, they're going to come across a gun, and it's critical that they know what it is and that it's dangerous.

As the kids get older, prepare yourself for some gun-related questions, such as: "Who gets to carry a gun and why?" "Are only police officers allowed to have guns?" "How does a gun work?" "Why do people use guns?" "Can I have one?"

I don't agree with the National Rifle Association on very much, but I do agree with their suggestions for how to talk to children about guns.

- Here's what you should say:
1. If you see a gun, do not touch it.
 2. Leave the room where the gun is located.
 3. Tell a grown-up right away where you saw the gun.
- Notice that the rules focus on action, not talking and just on your child's behavior, not anyone else's. Young children usually can remember these rules, especially if you have them repeat them back to you.
- But go through the exercise with them often. Studies have shown that it took only minutes for a group of preschoolers to pick up a gun soon after they had been warned of the danger.

PIECE OF CAKE



Weider Stephen Roy cuts a piece of metal off an aluminum wedding cake with help from his wife, Tammy, at Yarde Metals in Southington, Conn., on Oct. 22. In-house weddings are among several unique benefits at Yarde Metals.

ENGAGEMENTS

PRICE-CHADWICK

KIMBERLY — Rod and Lea Price of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Corey Jean Price, to Zach Riley Chadwick, son of David and Lisa Chadwick of Kimberly.

Price and Chadwick are attending Idaho State University in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Nov. 19, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. An open house will be held in their honor from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday.



Zach Chadwick and Corey Price, age 26, at the Chadwick residence in Kimberly.

DUTSON-SCHWENDIMAN

BURLEY — Dex and Sherry Dutton of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Shawndee Ann Dutton, to Tyler Wayne Schwendiman, son of Wayne and Delinda Schwendiman of Burley.

Dutton is a graduate of Burley High School and is employed at Wal-Mart in Burley.

Schwendiman is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Nov. 18, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the Pella LDS Church in Burley.



Shawndee Dutton and Tyler Schwendiman, age 26, at the Pella LDS Church in Burley.

SMITH-GOLDADE

BURLEY — Dave and Jean Smith of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki Smith, to Blair Goldade, son of Brian and Lori Goldade of Spokane, Wash.

Smith is a 2000 graduate of Burley High School and attends Idaho State University majoring in health care administration. She is employed by Drs. John and Abby Traul in Pocatello.

Goldade is a 1999 graduate of Highland High School in Pocatello. He served in the Spain Bilbao Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is attending ISU majoring in business and is employed by Briscoe Construction in Pocatello.

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Nikki Smith and Blair Goldade, age 26, at the Pella LDS Church in Burley.

KNOPP-JENSEN

PAUL — Steven and Cindy Knopp of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Ann Knopp, to Anthony "Bud" K. Jensen, son of Ronald and Joyce Jensen of Burley.

Knopp is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School and a 2005 graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in radiographic science. She is employed at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello as a registered radiologic technologist.

Jensen is also a 2001 graduate of Minico High School.

He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in marketing with an emphasis in golf course management at the University of Idaho.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Hubbard First Christian Church. A reception to honor the couple will immediately follow the ceremony at the church.



Tiffany Knopp and Anthony Jensen, age 26, at the Hubbard First Christian Church in Paul.

What's your 'football street'?

By Jeff Herring
Knight Ridder News Service

Do you emotionally available in your love relationship? Before you say of course, stop a moment and think about it. Emotional availability means you are available to those you pick and who love you even when you do not feel like it.

I once asked the wife of a major college football coach how she was able to do all that she did with her big family when her husband was gone so much.

Her answer stopped me in

my tracks — she said that no matter what, good day or bad day, long day or longer day, win or lose, when he came through the door at the end of the day, he was emotionally available to her and the children.

So naturally I had to ask him how he pulls this one off. Another answer that stopped me in my tracks — he said that he had a football street. He allowed himself to think football on the way home up until he got to a certain street. After that street, he allowed himself to think only family.

What is your "football street"?

At what point do you turn your attention and heart to your love relationship? Is it at some point everyday? A few times a year? Only after they are gone?

My suggestion is to come up with your own daily "football street" and use that boundary each day to turn your heart and attention to your love relationship(s).

I ease you are wondering, my football friend wins a lot. On and off the field.

Jeff Herring is a marriage and family therapist.

Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by e-mail to ramona@magvalley.com. If e-mailed, the photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday.

With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BELLS



Merla and Leo Bell

ALBION — Leo and Merla Bell of Albion will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and her 86th birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Leo Bell and Merla Coltrin were married Nov. 15, 1945, in Salt Lake City.

They have lived in Albion for most of their married life.

He is a farmer and rancher. He also worked many years for the Albion Highway District.

She is a homemaker.

She also worked as a substitute teacher and recently retired from the Albion Senior Citizens Center.

They have been active in their church and in the lives of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A private dinner will be hosted by their children, Deidre (Vic) Warr of Boise, Laura (Mike) Archibald of Buhl, David (Shar) Bell of Albion, Elaine (Mike) Ricks of Idaho Falls and Dora Bell of Pocatello.

The couple has 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

THE ESCHLIMANS

TWIN FALLS — Francis and Carol Eschliman of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at their home, at 1742 Borah Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Francis Eschliman and Carol Lee Barkholder were married Nov. 19, 1955, at the Methodist Church in Phoenix.

They have lived in Twin Falls since his retirement from the Air Force.

He worked at Gem Equipment in Buhl and Twin Falls. She is a homemaker.

They have been active in the Twin Falls Citizens Center, Lutheran Church and charity drives.

The event is hosted by their children, Elizabeth Miller and Mary Koch, both of Twin Falls, and Anne Eschliman of Dietrich.

The couple has 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



Francis and Carol Eschliman



Dorothy and Robert Giesler

THE GIESLERS

TWIN FALLS — Robert and Dorothy Giesler of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a Hawaiian cruise.

Robert Giesler and Dorothy Mason were married Sept. 2, 1955, in San Francisco.

They moved to Twin Falls in 1964. They have two children, John (Teisha) Giesler of Salt Lake City and Cheryl (Roger) Fee of Warenton, Va.

The couple has five grandchildren.

THE SANCHEZES



Leonel and Eneidine Sanchez

TWIN FALLS — Leonel G. and Eneidine Sanchez of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 2.

They met in Twin Falls and were married Nov. 2, 1955.

They have eight children, Gilbert Sanchez of Nampa, Candy (Rick) Garcia of Jerome, Margarita Sanchez of Twin Falls, Marie Sanchez of Palm Desert, Calif., Tony (Mille) Sanchez of Arcebo, Puerto Rico, Leila Sanchez of Twin Falls, Bo Sanchez of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Carla (Isabel) Moreno of Paul.

The couple has 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

SANDERS-LEE



Isaac and Rebekah Lee

BURLEY — Rebekah Renea Sanders and Isaac Brent Lee were married Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Allan Sanders and Robyn Sanders, both of Texas.

The groom is the son of Brent and Jacque Lee of Burley.

The bride is a graduate of Brigham Young University. She is employed at a nursing home in Provo, Utah.

The groom is also a graduate of BYU.

He is employed with a dental office in Provo.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Lee residence in Burley.

PIETSCH-WEEDOP



Erin and Tyrell Weedop

OAKLEY — Erin Elizabeth Pietsch and Tyrell Jay Weedop were married Nov. 5 in Clinton, Utah. The bride is the daughter of Terry and Sally Pietsch of Clinton.

The groom is the son of Brent Weedop of Oakley and the late Karen Weedop.

An open house will be held in their honor from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the home of Chuck and Liz Payton, 455 N. Lincoln, Oakley.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Realtors group meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Women's Council of Realtors will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Garden of Eatin' Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Danielle Kennedy will speak on "How to Take Your Business to the Next Level in 2006." Kennedy is a well-known national motivational speaker and coach.

For more information, call Michelle Koepnick at 731-0635 or Tonya Backus at 280-1360.

Ad group discusses Hollywood in Idaho

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Ad Federation will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Garden Cafe.

The program will feature a presentation by Peg Owens of the Idaho Film Bureau on efforts to bring Hollywood to Idaho.

Dinner choices will be chicken, macaroni or almond breaded Idaho trout.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for member guests and \$30 for nonmembers.

Career planning workshop offered

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a 76-credit-hour Professional Career Planning Workshop this week.

The workshop is for anyone who is interested in learning more about a technical training program, labor market and wage potential. Participants will identify their interests, investigate different technical careers and make a plan for success.

Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Center for New Directions.

Registration deadline is at the first class. Admission is free; career tests are included. For more information or to sign up, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, ext. 6680.

Groups host training in customer service

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association are co-hosting a training opportunity for local businesses as part of a grant funded through the Idaho Regional Travel and Convention Grant Program.

A "Customer Service Training and Familiarization Trip" for local visitor-service oriented business managers is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 21 and 22.

The general training format includes:

- Tips on making the most of the short amount of time available with visitors to encourage them to stay longer and support the local economy

- Education about the history of the south-central Idaho area

- Field trips to local tourist attractions, including the Hermit, state parks, Hagerman Fossil Beds, City of Rocks, Mini-Cassia area and more

- Information on the economic impact of tourism

Meals, transportation and other associated expenses will be covered through the grant.

Admission is free to business-people participating in the training. Businesses coming from outlying communities who wish to stay in Twin Falls overnight can take advantage of discounted hotel rooms. The grant will cover up to 50 percent of hotel costs, with the business being responsible for the remainder.

Space is limited. To make a reservation or for more information, contact Shawn Barigar at 733-3974 or shawn@twinfallschamber.com.

Based on the success of this initial training, additional sessions will be offered to allow frontline employees to participate.

— compiled from staff reports

Anti-drug campaign takes new form

Ads have moved on from frying egg metaphors

By Kathryn Stringer
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — In the 1980s, a frying egg was used as a scary metaphor for a brain sizzling on drugs.

Two decades later, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign has launched an Above the Influence campaign — a play on the saying "under the influence" — to remind teens to just say no to drugs but in a unique way.

Unlike the previous ads that have tried to shock teens into action, the new ads use humor,

exaggeration and shame to play on teens' desires to maintain their identities and reject negative influences. The ads will run through April.

"This campaign recognizes teens are very concerned with who they are, and drugs are something they should be above," said Tom Juley, spokesman for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. "We're trying to find ways to get them to make smart choices and to see destructive choices like using drugs as something that would diminish their identity."

The campaign — which includes six TV commercials, print

ads and a Web site, www.abovetheinfluence.com, comes at a time when teens seem to be responding to efforts to keep them off drugs.

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health released in June, 83 percent of youths report having seen or heard an alcoholic or drug prevention message in the past year, and those youths who have seen those messages were much less likely than their peers to report using illicit drugs.

The new TV spots replace some of the ads for the long-running Youth Anti-Drug campaign, which was widely thought to be

a difficult concept for teens to grasp. The campaign featured ads with teens doing such things as playing sports and other activities as their anti-drug.

In one of the new Above the Influence TV spots, a boy through an interpreter, tells teens that he's an idiot for allowing his friends to dupe him into smoking marijuana and accepting a date that led to his first being stuck in his mouth. Another ad, called "Flat," shows a girl speaking up for a friend, a teenager who looks like a deflated human balloon who breathes heavily and wants to do nothing but sit lifelessly on a couch after having

started smoking marijuana.

The \$25 million above the influence campaign — the value of which is doubted because, media companies such as MTV, Fox, WB and UPN provide one free ad for every paid one — is a slight departure from public service announcements of recent years.

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America, New York, which partnered to create the campaign, said the ads are the result of research and focus groups that found today's teens respond favorably to hearing from their peers.

As a result, the latest campaign relies less on traditional network TV ads and focuses

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DIGITAL DIVIDE



Project Manager of the Digital Solidarity Fund, Elena Ursache, sits in front the Foundation logo at the DSF headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland Thursday. An African-led initiative that will equip medical workers with high-speed Internet connections to help treat AIDS patients marks a new trend in fighting the so-called digital divide: Linking technology spending with existing campaigns to extinguish poverty, diseases and illiteracy.

African-led tech fund tries to extend Internet access

By Anick Joudanun
Associated Press writer

An African-led initiative that will use high-speed Internet connections to treat AIDS patients in Burundi and Burkina Faso offers inspiration for those working to bridge the world's digital divide.

Its great promise lies in its linking of technology spending with existing campaigns to extinguish poverty, diseases and illiteracy, averting the need to choose one over the other.

Yet such projects remain few despite great need. The age-old challenge remains: Who's going to pay for such works? As world leaders convene in Tunisia on Wednesday for a U.N. summit on extending technology to the poor, the very fund that was to be its legacy still wants for support. Much of The Digital Solidarity Fund's contributions comes from African nations least able to afford it.

The challenge is huge. Worldwide, just 14 percent of the population is online, compared with 62 percent for the United States and an even higher ratio in some Western European countries.

According to the International Telecommunications Union, less than half the world's people have telephones, even as some in developed countries are so wired they can't see to get away from ringing phones.

The Digital Solidarity Fund has just \$6.4 million in cash and pledges, pocket change compared with the \$2.25 billion the United States spends a year on E-rate grants to schools and libraries in the nation's rural and low-income areas. Of the countries contributing to the world fund, all but one — France — are African.

"We still need to raise funds," said Elena Ursache, the fund's project manager. "It's obviously not sufficient to start to do a lot of activities."

More important than one-time contributions from cities and nations, she said, is a continuous revenue stream like that pledged by the Swiss city of Geneva, the fund's headquarters. Geneva's cash infusion comes from a simple formula: Contractors winning bids on computer-related city projects must give the fund 1 percent of the award amount.

When some 12,000 business, civic and

government officials convened in December 2003 for the first round of the U.N. World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva, President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal aggressively pushed for the fund's creation.

Other African heads of state joined him in touting the initiative as a way to help governments, companies and nonprofits narrow gaps in Internet and communications technologies.

But many leaders from the developed world did not believe a separate fund was needed. They preferred to augment existing funding sources such as the World Bank.

"There is general agreement we need to do more. ... but there is very little agreement on the best way to do that," said Andy Carvin, a U.S.-based expert on improving access to technology and the Internet. "Many countries feel they have already set up successful programs."

In draft language expected to win approval at the summit's second and final phase, in Tunis from Wednesday to Friday,

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Doctors face ethics dilemma in avian flu

The public good may outweigh patients' privacy

By Bruce Japsen
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — While the government considers its role in a massive bird flu outbreak, physicians think they may be the ones on the front lines of any quarantine epidemic — and also in the middle of an ethical quandary.

The American Medical Association, in a report hoping to guide doctors as worries spread about a pandemic, says physicians have a primary obligation to protect patients' health.

Yet doctors must also protect individual patient freedoms, setting the stage for a possible clash between physicians' obligations to patient health and patients' autonomy and privacy in the event quarantines are used to stop a pandemic.

"Our [report] attempts to point out the need for a balance in between patients' individual rights and the public good and sometimes there is tension there," said Dr. Priscilla Kuy, a Houston psychiatrist who is chairman of the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, which wrote the report. "Most times, it is voluntary. But some people might not wish to be quarantined, thinking they are not sufficiently ill."

Public health officials can mandate quarantine, but physicians who will be on the front lines diagnosing possible cases of bird flu, will have to make official diagnoses and will still face ethical dilemmas.

The issues surrounding quarantines and the stance of the nation's largest doctor group on the issue comes in the wake of President Bush's suggestion in October that the military could help quarantine entire regions of the country. Bush outlined on Nov. 1 a \$7 billion plan to prepare the country for an outbreak.

Bush's statements have created

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Drive-by-wire lets motorists operate models with sensors

Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Stepping on the brakes. Hitting the accelerator. Turning the steering wheel.

Motorists of the future may have little tolerance for such old-fashioned ways of operating their cars thanks to the emerging drive-by-wire technology.

In most cars, it takes an assortment of cables, fluids and mechanical gizmos to translate what the driver does into what the car does. Drive-by-wire, already used widely in planes, where it is known as fly-by-wire, means employing electronics, rather than mechanical and hydraulic systems to operate a vehicle. Steering columns and brake lines give way to sensors and actuators. Steering wheels can be

replaced with joysticks or driver control units and human-machine interfaces.

SKF, a Swedish auto supplier known best for making bearings and seals, is one of the companies trying for a piece of the market. Among the others are Delphi Corp., Siemens VDO Automotive and Robert Bosch GmbH.

SKF has placed drive-by-wire technology in several prototype vehicles, including General Motors Corp.'s fuel-cell-powered Fly-Wire, and the Novanta, a Saab-based concept developed with Italian design house Bertone.

SKF demonstrated Novanta in late October at the Compuware Arena, down the street from SKF's North American technical center in Plymouth. Novanta has no accelerator or

brake pedals — only a mechanism called a human-machine interface that looks like a cross between an airplane steering wheel and the handbrakes of a motorcycle. Rotate the handles back and forth to throttle the car up or down; squeeze them to brake; turn them side-to-side to steer.

The SKF system uses sensors to read the driver's actions and transfers the information to controllers called smart electro-mechanical actuators. The actuators convert electrical energy into force to perform vehicle functions.

When the driver attempts to turn the car, for example, sensors, rather than a steering column, send that information to the steering rack to turn the wheels.

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The interior of the Novanta concept car featuring 'drive-by-wire' technology designed by SKF is shown in Plymouth, Mich. Drive-by-wire means employing electronics, rather than mechanical and hydraulic systems to operate a vehicle.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Laura Drake

TWIN FALLS — Laura Drake of Laura Drake Insurance and Financial Services successfully completed the American College course, H318 Insurance and Financial Planning.

The course explores the financial planning process, addresses regulatory and ethical concerns, time-value-of-money concepts and risk tolerance. It covers risk management, legal principles of insurance, social insurance, life insurance, annuities, medical and disability insurance, long-term care insurance, property and liability insurance.

The course is one of several that Drake will take to earn Chartered Financial Consultant and Chartered Life Underwriter designations.

Drake can be reached at 734-7227.

Mike Atchley

BURLEY — Mike Atchley of Rocky Mountain Real Estate Brokerage, was selected as 2005 Realtor of the Year by the Mini-Cassia Association of Realtors.

The announcement was made by Sheri Jones, board-association president during the association's monthly luncheon in September. Annette Roper, past Realtor of the Year made the presentation.

Judgment is based on contributions of the Realtor to the betterment of community life and conduct of business reflecting the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Realtors and Realtor spirit.

Atchley is president of the Mindkoka County Farm Bureau, chairman of the Economic Development Committee,

chairman of the Mindkoka County Republican Party, member of the Board of Advocacy for the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, mentor in the Job Service Mentor Program, past president and organizer of the Magic Valley Jeep Club, committee member and past chairman of the Realtor Political Action Committee, and various other committees with the Realtors association. He has more than 20 years of experience in real estate investing, rental management, farm management, entrepreneur and land development.

The Realtor of the Year Award is sponsored by the Idaho Association of Realtors Inc. and local boards and associations of Realtors in the state that are affiliated with the National Association of Realtors.

Diane Lamm

TWIN FALLS — Diane Lamm, office manager at Herring's Cold Storage, received the Extra Mile Award for September from the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Lamm was chosen for the Extra Mile Award because she "always has a smile and an infectious laugh at her job. She brightens everybody's day and makes it fun to come to work. Whether fellow employee or customer, Diane always finds a way to make them feel good."

Casino employees

JACKPOT, Nev. — Cactus Petes Resort Casino announced its Team Leaders for the Third Quarter 2005 and the Month of September 2005 in the Support, Gaming, and Beverage divisions.



Christine McClartin



Greg Clinton



Omer Kjukanin



Emilia Ruiz



Macario Gamez

Third Quarter Team Leaders

are Mark Smith, Christine McClartin and Greg Clinton.

Smith joined Cactus Petes in January 1992 and currently works in support in the engineering department.

McClartin started at Cactus Petes in January 1992 and is currently in the gaming department in the position of pit supervisor.

Clinton has been with Cactus Petes since February 2001. He currently works in the food and beverage department as an assistant executive chef.

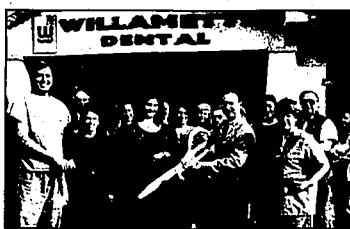
Team Members for September are Omer Kjukanin, Emilia Ruiz and Macario Gamez.

Kjukanin works in support in the security department. He started at Cactus Petes in June 1996.

Ruiz is slot attendant in the slot department in gaming. She joined Cactus Petes in April 1979.

Gamez is in the food and beverage department. He has been with Cactus Petes since June 1989.

MILESTONES



WILLAMETTE DENTAL
Willamette Dental celebrated its new office location at 1411 Falls Ave. E., Suite 1301, with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. Pictured left to right are managing dentist Jeff Knod, dental hygienist Valerie Stelmetz, office manager Debbie Sousa, regional manager Greg Matz and certified dental assistant Phyllis Weaver. Willamette Dental offers dental and orthodontic services. It can be reached at 733-6315 or (800) 603-1738.



REHABAUTHORITY
Chief Executive Officer Galen Danielson, left; Leslie Willis; and Bryan Wright, physical therapist; along with Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the RehabAuthority Twin Falls clinic at 1411 Falls Ave. E. Wright, a Hansen native, will head the back and neck physical therapy specialist's clinic. He previously worked at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls and Eastern Idaho Medical Center in Idaho Falls. RehabAuthority's physical therapy focuses on recovery from accident, injury and surgery, plus conditioning for sports, recreation or work. It can be reached at 733-2574.

Reinke Manufacturing

recognizes dealerships

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Reinke Manufacturing Inc. recognized outstanding dealerships during its annual convention Oct. 2, 3 and 4.

Reinke awarded gold awards were given to Farmore of Idaho and Freedom Irrigation Inc., both of Jerome, and Rain for Rent in Paul. Dealers accepting the awards were Troy Chandler and Kurt Standley of Farmore of Idaho, Leslie Garner and Skip Hyton of Rain for Rent, and Gordon Jensen of Freedom Irrigation Inc.

The dealers received volume rebates, additional advertising dollars and company apparel based on the level of achievement they reached.

The Reinke Pride program is a dealer experience program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety environment, merchandising, professional, promotions and event participation, and market share.

Reinke is based in Deshler, Neb., and is one of the world's oldest and largest manufacturers of center pivot and lateral move irrigation systems. For more information on Reinke products, visit www.reinke.com or call (866) 365-7381.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Program aims to hire vets first

BOISE — Idaho Commerce & Labor is gearing up to help soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with employment and training opportunities through HireVetsFirst, a national effort to improve and increase employment opportunities for veterans.

HireVetsFirst was developed by the President's National Hire Veterans Committee. It gives veterans access to employment and training opportunities and encourages companies and businesses to give preference to veterans for job and career opportunities.

Each of Idaho Commerce & Labor's local offices has been designated as a one-stop career center for the program and has access to database of both qualified veterans and employers seeking to hire veterans. A team of local veterans employment representatives and disabled outreach program specialists are available to help veterans:

- Register for work and file an unemployment insurance claim
- Improve job-search skills with training in interviewing and resume writing
- Translate military training into job skills for the civilian job market
- Use G.I. Bill benefits for education or apprenticeships and on-the-job training
- Locate organizations and agencies available for counseling or Medicare
- Locate employers who are seeking to hire individuals with military experience

The local offices also can provide veterans with information on national employment programs such as Helms to Hire in Idaho, which assists veterans to find employment in the construction trades.

For more information visit the Web site at hiresvetsfirst.gov or Idaho Commerce & Labor site at cl.idahogov. Magic Valley-area Commerce and Labor offices are in Halley, 788-3526; Twin Falls, 735-2500; and Burley, 678-5518.

CONTRIBUTIONS



Western Farm Service employees recently donated their time to plant trees at the new South Central Idaho Veterans Park in Wendell. Branch manager Mac Brown said his company picks a project such as this to do each year as a way of supporting the local communities that have supported Western Farm Service for the last 37 years. Pictured left to right are Pete Thompson, Dan Mason, Jake Roberts, Fritz Mavencamp, Brown, Blake Burrell and Steve Bishop.



Carmela Vineyard in Glenns Ferry held a fund-raiser Oct. 22 for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A total of \$2,040 was raised from the silent auction, raffles and donations at the door. Funds were given to Roger Compton, chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. Pictured left to right are Mel Glancey, Roger Jones, Compton, Shaly Wurdinger and Evelyn Campbell.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

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

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

Please e-mail items to news clerk Ellen Thompson at ellen@magicvalley.com

Or contact Thompson at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 7330931, Ext. 266, Fax: 677-4543 or 733-5338

Bowladrome comes under new management

TWIN FALLS — The Bowladrome, 220 Eastland Drive, is under new ownership as of Aug. 5 — Dennis and Michele Seckel.

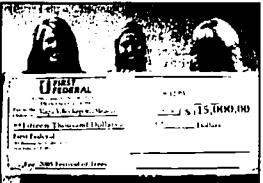
The Bowladrome offers bowling, pool, video games and a snack bar. Private parties can be arranged. A total of 120 The Seckels will be holding a grand opening this week.

Events include give-aways all week, beer promotions on Tuesday and Thursday, free bowling from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, live music with Relative Rock at 8 p.m. Saturday and Monte Carlo bowling at 2 p.m. Nov. 20.

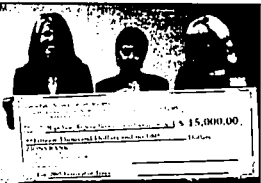
Bowladrome hours are 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. It can be reached at 733-0369.

The Seckels purchased the business from Mike Devine. Ed Chappell and Dave Dellett.

CONTRIBUTIONS



First Federal donated \$15,000 for the 2005 Festival of Trees to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation. Megan Schutte of First Federal, center, presents the gift to Debbie Heiberger, left, 2005 foundation president, and Marly Huehler, right, foundation president and events coordinator, respectively.



Canyon Park donated \$15,000 to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation for the 2005 Festival of Trees. Tina Luper, center, of Canyon Park, presents the gift to Debbie Heiberger, left, 2005 foundation president, and Marly Huehler, right, events coordinator for the foundation.

■ Canyon Park, a Neilsen & Co. development, and First Federal each contributed \$15,000 to this year's event.

The Festival of Trees, hosted by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation since 1985, is the community event that kicks off the Christmas season.

It attracts more than 13,000 patrons with proceeds going to support health programs at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Area Quick Response Units.

Festival dates are Dec. 1-4, with the black tie gala scheduled for the evening of Nov. 30, at the for-

mer Anderson Lumber building. Special attractions will be Senior's Day on Dec. 1, Ladies Night Out on Dec. 2, Children's Day on Dec. 3 and Family Day on Dec. 4.

For more information, call the foundation at 737-2480 or e-mail events coordinator Merrily Huehler at merlyh@nmvmm.org.



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Cat Idol

Much to the chagrin of dog owners everywhere, Pinko Jean (The Love Machine) was crowned this year's Times-News/NIE Pet Idol. Pinko Jean, who now answers to "Pet Idol" when she is summoned, gracefully accepted her title as only a cat can—she knocked it off her head and proceeded to bat it around with her paws. A new toy had been discovered!

The road to Pet Idol has not been easy for Pinko Jean. This rags to riches story rivals that of any celebrity. Almost five years ago, Pinko was a hopeless vagrant. Well into her ninth life, not only had she been around the block, or seen the block, she was the block. Whiskerless, penniless, and homeless, this desperate cat had no place else to turn. At first the humans that took her in were wary of her shady past and suspicious of her obscenely pink nose and ears. Coerced by friends, they agreed to give her a home. After christening her Pinko, they immediately insisted that she do something about her hygiene and her health. They took her to a doctor who gave her necessary shots, performed a much needed hysterectomy (who knows how many litters she had), and cleaned her soiled fur. Her humans agreed that after her make-over, she turned out to be "a real diamond."

Pinko eased right into life at her new home. Taking on the responsibility of alpha female, the make-over was just the confidence booster she needed to assume the role of queen over her fellow felines, Baba and Wishi. She refin over their 12 foot high kitty palace with a firm paw and her subjects obey her every command. Questions were raised in regards to Pinko's political leanings. To avert scandal, she quickly assumed the all-American name "Jean" so as not to be affiliated with the Communist Party.

The responsibilities Pinko Jean has assumed are many. As a gracious hostess, she insists on greeting her neighbor's care group every time they meet. She entertains them with Kitty shenanigans and acrobatics. A born entertainer, her hobbies include gutter-rolling, fence-walking and tire-sniffing. She likes to make humans laugh. Hunting, she feels is beneath her and she acts curiously like a dog at times, but her humans, friends, and neighbors have all come to accept and appreciate her differences.

Pinko Jean loves to eat and has acquired quite a gourmet palette. Her favorite foods are bacon, any kind of meat, cheese, eggs, and filet mignon. She has come a long way from a starving stray to this gluttonous Garfield! Unlike Garfield, Pinko Jean stays fit by practicing her acrobatics as she trains for the Kitty Olympics.

Following her humans wherever they go, Pinko Jean feels it is her duty to look out for them as they did for her. Whenever they are sick or sad, she is sure to be there to comfort them; she is a "Love-Machine" after all. When asked about her goals, Pinko Jean purred for neighborhood peace. She also wanted her fellow strays to know that there is hope for them yet. As a former feline failure, turned superstar, she knows that any dream is possible— even becoming a Pet Idol!

When I walked in the office on Monday morning, one of my co-workers immediately exclaimed (with obvious disdain in her voice), "The cat won't!" Yes, I know it was a shock to many that Pinko Jean championed the dogs in this year's first-ever Times-News/NIE Pet Idol Contest. When we first published the 122 entries, I overheard someone say that the dogs and cats should be separated, because everyone knows that dog owners lie! I had unwittingly stepped into a landmine of pet discrimination. Until now, I was oblivious that such a division existed between dog lovers and cat lovers. I'm glad that a dog (Smarty Jones) and a goat (Sue) entered the contest, but it did little to dilute the classic rivalry of dog versus cat. And, unfortunately, although Smarty made the top 10, his loss proved once again that the Donkey rarely finishes first in an Idaho ballot.

Another cat, Oreo, almost made it to the top five, thanks to the hard work and loving support of the staff and students at Magic Valley High School. A student even called me to let me know that I had an incorrect date printed

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Pinko Jean (Love Machine)

Pinko Jean Would Like to Thank the Following People for Their Votes:

- Debbie & Mike Snodgrass (Stanley Construction)
- Char Basila
- Ketty Chaption
- Bay Wolferton
- Pam McClellan
- Jan Hall (Kimberly High School)
- Brenda & Steve Groupe (Health & Welfare)
- Ron & Julie Dalton
- Bev & Steve O'Connor (O'Dunkens)
- Jim & Rita Peterson
- Rod & Neva Edwards
- Tracy & Doug Slack
- Bonnie & Jim Shaver (Logan)
- Jodi Kirkdorffer
- Penny & Larry Bowles (Sneaker World)
- Kim Seebold
- Rita Bryan
- Gary & Brenda Smith
- Lori & Teressa
- Kym Daigh (Above Paris)
- Carla Robertson (Above Paris)
- Kelly Howa (Kelly's Restaurant)
- Kathy Fisher
- Sharon Dolezal
- Misty
- Bill & Michelle Merritt (Cascade Landscaping)
- Gall Ater
- Billie, Gayle, Toni, Wendy H., Pam, & Anna (Costco)
- Terrl Voyles
- Phil Halfhair
- Jean Jolley
- Barbara Sterling
- Lana Movsesyan
- Sheryl Whitaker
- Bob & Sherry Tesar
- Anonymous (Pinko wants to thank those that voted & did not provide a name)
- Harmony PSR (Dawn Fletcher)



on the ballot for the top 20. They got me! I know for a fact (as I have had the occasion to be a guest teacher there) that the students go through the newspaper with a fine tooth comb to find any mistakes and subsequently post them on the wall. While it is humbling to us at the newspaper, I think it is a great exercise and an excellent example of how the NIE program works in the classroom. It also keeps us on our toes!

Buster's dad is a former teacher of mine. He was sure his dog was a shoo-in, as was I, because Buster looks an awful lot like his Pops. He encouraged people from his swim class to vote for Buster and they did, Buster made it to the top 20. Way to rally the troops, Mr. D, maybe next time!

Chi Chi's dad took on Pet Idol as his special project. While recovering from surgery, it gave him something to do with his days (I think watching daytime television was more painful than his surgery). He spent much of the day on the phone with me, his family, friends, and members of his service organization, petitioning votes for his dog.

Mitzl's campaign was a family affair. I spoke often with her mom, her dad, her aunt, and her niece. They posted signs for Mitzl all over the place, called in for updates, and did their best to support their three-pound Yorkie. A top five contestant, Wizard, was a favorite of my department's two of the ladies' own similar pups. His dad worked hard as well, collecting votes from his co-workers and customers. He would show up every Thursday and quietly count out the votes. What a great sport!

And, Gretta Von Schnauzer's mom worked the hardest of all. She photographed hundreds of ballots for people and plugged her pet every chance she got. She even hung up a sign in the drive-through at the bank where she works. She kept careful track of all the votes that came in so as to be sure they got a proper thank-you. We even got a visit from Gretta, she is a classy gal, just like her mom!

Runner-up Molly Lou had strong backing from her family. Grandpa was the vote courier and my daily entertainment. He always had a joke and a smile. Lucy, the other runner-up, held

strong at first place every round. Lucy's family and friends were behind her all the way as well. Next time someone runs for office, they should consider recruiting Pet Idol parents to be on their election committee. I can guarantee a sure win.

In the end, Pet Idol has not been about sides, about dog versus cat; it is an example of passion and perseverance. The bond between people and their pets is eternal and unconditional. Most importantly, Pet Idol proved to me that our community is brimming with people who place altruism as a priority and reminds me of why I choose to call the Magic Valley my home. Hats off to everyone who participated in Pet Idol as they have helped promote literacy and education in our schools. Margaret Mead must have been referring to our little hamlet when she said, "Never doubt that a group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

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OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS



Thompson family uses Dutch ovens to prepare the dinner.

Every year before Thanksgiving dinner, the Thompson family and friends gather for a prayer.

An assortment of pies is also a tradition at the Thompson's Thanksgiving dinner.



A camping they will go

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

JEROME — A Jerome family has found a way to keep the thanks in Thanksgiving.

Each year, the Thompson family of Jerome packs up the camper and heads for the hills. It's there, on the north fork of the Salmon River, the family cooks up their holiday feast — over an open fire and surrounded by a circle of friends and family.

"You don't worry about the house being clean or what to wear," Pam Thompson said. "You're just being together. You discover so many things to be thankful for."

The annual event attracts as many as 50 people — some fam-

Here are tips for campfire cooking

When cooking over a campfire, instead of using conventional briquettes, it is important to plan ahead and prepare your fire at least one to two hours before you intend to cook your meal. This ensures a good bed of coals and plenty of heat for your ovens. One thing to remember is that wood coals do not maintain the heat as long as briquettes, so they must be checked and rotated more often.

ily and neighbors — and a few passers by who happen to be on the river at Thanksgiving. The whole thing got started about twelve years ago when Pam and husband Bruce went looking for a new tradition for their young children.

"My whole goal in life is to teach them what's truly valuable. Family is the

most valuable thing you have," she said. "The world is so full of things that don't have anything to do with family."

Once the three Thompson kids got older, Pam even offered to take them to Disneyland for the week instead of camping. Nope. They'd rather sleep in a tent.

"We're like pilgrims with trucks," laughed Janell Thompson Tilley, now 21. "Nothing beats sitting there — not worried about spilling anything down your shirt 'cause you're wearing clothes you have been in for two days. It makes Thanksgiving more than just a day for eating turkey, watching football and shopping."

The family spends the week of Thanksgiving camping. The kids have all experienced their firsts: first steedhead, first goose, first elk. Tilley said they catch the tent on fire at least once.

"They've missed a few years. Last year, they stayed home to try to heal from the loss of Bruce's mother "Grandma Betty." She was the one who made sure everyone got invited.

This year aunts and in-laws have tried to fill that role, but the Thompsons admit the week will still be a little tough without her.

The Thanksgiving meal is cooked in Dutch ovens over the fire. They start getting calls weeks in advance from friends and acquaintances wanting to join in on the trip. Everyone comes bringing food to share and a story to tell.

Once the food is ready, the entire group circles around the campfire and says a prayer. It's a time for playing and sharing together — and remembering the reason for the holiday.

"Everybody has something to eat and everyone is welcome," Pam said. "Grandma Betty always said, 'It's not what you have, it's who you have to share it with.'"

The Thompsons share some of their favorite Thanksgiving recipes

Sweet and Sour Goose

Cut approximately 2 lbs. goose into bite size pieces. Mix 1/3 cup flour, 1 tsp garlic with salt and pepper to taste. Coat goose and brown in Dutch oven cooked with a thin layer of cooking oil. Put back on fire and cook until done, stirring occasionally. Remove from oven. Leave drippings in oven and add 1/3 cup brown sugar and 1/3 cup corn starch. Blend both together. Before browning too much add one 20 oz. can pineapple tidbits, 1/3 cup vinegar and 2 tbs. soy sauce and 1/2 tsp ginger. Stir sauce until well blended, add cooked goose and put back in fire keeping the majority of the heat on top. Check about every 15 minutes until sauce has caramelized on goose.

Dutch oven Bread

Line a clean Dutch oven with aluminum foil and spray with cooking spray. (Make sure no foil lags over edge of oven to affect seal on oven lid.) Take 2-3 loaves Rhodes Bread depending on the size of your oven. Place loaves at least 2-3 inches apart. Find a warm location close to fire, without touching any coals. Rotate oven so bread rises evenly until it has doubled in size. Find a flat spot in your fire pit where you can place a thin layer of coals. Place oven on top of this layer, then cover the top of

the oven with twice as many coals. It is important with your breads or cakes to maintain enough heat on the bottom to brown but not burn, with the majority of heat on the top. Make sure you check your bread every 15 minutes after the first 25 with total baking time approx. 45-60 minutes. Remove and brush with butter, cool for at least 10 minutes and slice.

Easy No-bake Berry Cheesecake

Mix 8 oz. cream cheese with 1 cup powdered sugar. Add one 8 oz. container Cool Whip and 1 tsp. vanilla. Pour into prepared 6-9 inch Graham cracker pie crust. Take one 6 oz. package of frozen berries with juice and add 3-4 tbs. corn starch and 3-4 tbs. sugar. Pour into a small sauce pan and heat to boiling, stir ring often. Boil for one minute and cool until desired thickness or 10-15 minutes. Pour on cheesecake mix. Chill and serve. You can also use one 20 oz. can pie filling instead of frozen berries and thickening.

Dutch oven Turkey or Ham

Prepare and season like you would for any baked item but use a little more water, due to the steaming that makes Dutch oven cooking so moist. Make sure you check often for plenty of liquid in the oven.

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The Spirit of the Season: Filer man shares Santa with community

By Karma M. Friggerold
Times-News writer

FILER — When it comes to the lore and love of Santa Claus, perhaps no one understands it better than Filer's Larry Evans.

For 17 years now, he's played the roll of jolly Ol' St. Nick — hugging countless kids and generating millions of smiles. The *Times-News* caught up with him and his alter-ego for an update on his holiday work load.



Larry Evans

TN: So Larry, why spend the holidays in a red suit?

Evans: I think seeing the kids eyes. They smile and twinkle and their arms open up. I just love little kids.

TN: What's Santa up to this close to the big night?

Evans: Making sure everything is working okay. Making sure there are plenty of candy canes and the elves are working at the top of their game. Everybody seems to be getting excited about the parties and parades.

TN: How do you prepare for the busy season?

Evans: I eat good. I make sure I have my shots and take my vita-

mins. I get rest.

TN: How does Santa relax after the busy season?

Evans: I go home and sit in my big chair, sip on hot chocolate with marshmallows. It's a nice time of year to be home.

TN: What's the word on the reindeer?

Evans: We're get them on a healthy diet. They're getting broke for the big ride. Rudolph's

healthily and strong.

TN: How did you get into the Santa business?

Evans: I was asked one time if I could be Santa. It was a great feeling. I fell in love with that. Santa Claus can talk to more children and find out more than adults can.

When times are hard you want to do something with families, so they call me to get an extra dose of the spirit of Christmas.

Here we go a caroling

It's not quite so popular but caroling is still a great tradition

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BULH — Christmas caroling is as much a part of the holidays as eating turkey with cranberry sauce.

However, it seems as if groups singing at doorways and offering cheer is a dwindling practice.

Misty Henson, a junior at Bulh High School, last remembers caroling with her family four years ago.

"It was a lot of fun," Henson said. "We loaded up a trailer lined with hay and sang away the evening. It did get a little cold but it was worth it."

Even though it has been a while since going out she would like to again.

"I wouldn't mind having carolers stop at my door. It is just as fun being sang to as well," she said.

Caroling has been a part of our Christmas festivities for years but carols didn't originate with the birth of Jesus.

According to www.hymnsand-carols.com, carols were sang year round. They were enjoyed during

many holidays and throughout the seasons.

The exact origins of caroling remain unclear but evidence dates them back to at least the 14th century. However the earlier caroling song came from traditional drinking, feasting or folk songs.

During the middle ages in England and France carols were a kind of dance accompanied by singing.

By the 19th century carols became tied with the Christmas season.

Even today, some of the most popular Christmas songs originate from France and England.

Henson is part of the BHS Jazz Choir that will be singing some of those favorite songs soon.

Both the Jazz and Select Choirs will be caroling at Bulh's Eighth Street Center after the Chamber of Commerce's Night Light Parade, on December 10.

"It is going to be a lot of fun, casual caroling — so if the audience wants to join in they can. And there will also be refreshments — thanks to Willis Toyota, who is sponsoring the event."

Kelly Dahulso, executive director of the Bulh Arts Council said.

BHS Choral Director Jennifer Schoth looks forward to caroling at the center every year.

"We have gone and caroled there for at least the last four years and it is always a good time."

The event is free to attend and should start around 7:30 p.m.

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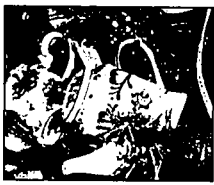
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Jan Beal keeps her collection of miniature teapots on display year round.



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Jan Beal looks through a hand-crafted memento from her 50th wedding anniversary.

Tied together with love

Home highlights caring and crafts

By Candace Balzitz-Smylye
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Jan feels decorating isn't conventional. But neither is she. You won't find high-end, name brand collectables in her house, or perfectly matched items, or anything too fragile to touch. Only memories interpreted through crafts and heirlooms displayed as art decorate her spacious Jerome home in a timeless style. Every item tells a story.

Even though few things were purchased, nearly all of her coordinates. Maybe not by color or style — her taste changes with the season — but by the heart strings that tie all of the items in her home together.

There's the Scandinavian paintings on her kitchen wall that a friend brought back from Norway for her. There's the tea pot tree she keeps in her living room — each branch holding a tiny teapot that took friends and family years to collect. There's the needle point seat cushions she's made for her chairs, and the generations of bridal

gowns she keeps in a back room, waiting to display. Mismatched sometimes, but all loved.

This is Beal's philosophy for life as well: to respect and cherish all that one comes into contact with. She didn't learn that from 50 years of marriage, but it's because she and her husband, Jim, knew that valuable, but rare piece of information 50 years ago, that they made it to their golden anniversary.

"After 50 years we still get along good, like any marriage we have our disagreements, but the important thing is to always respect each other," she said. "It's very important to be able to cry together, to laugh at each other, at yourselves, to pray together, be really good friends. We don't very often go any place alone. You have to take care of each other, and all those things bring on a deeper relationship and bring on 80 years."

Jan doesn't just mean taking care of one another in the have-dinner-on-the-table-every-night kind of way. Her husband, a pharmacist, has run every errand for her since

an accident hurt her back five years ago, and caused her a lot of trouble to travel. For any kind of gathering or craft she is working on, he's the one to pick up what she needs, which just enriches the item with more love and care, because it took so much effort for the skills she uses on the job.

Kaufman turned two paint cans into card collection containers, with special decorations and meaningful words all over, to capture the feelings of the moment. She also created a guest book out of beads and metal, and arranged multiple center pieces in a fall theme from items she picked up off the ground. The effect was stunning.

"The important thing is for everything to be enjoyed," Laurie said of her and her mother's decorating and crafts.

She said the point of making crafts and decorating isn't for bragging, but for bringing people together. Kaufman, her mother, aunts and

even grandmother used to kick the men out of the house for two days each year after Thanksgiving and host an open-house style craft show to share their talents with others. But, she said, the fun was in the selling. It was in the making.

"We'll all get together and make those Norwegian treats and talk and just enjoy one another," she said. Of course, the food for the event was all home made as well — not a surprise to their friends, who have called Jan "Amazing, she's just like Martha Stewart, but better."

One visit to her home would convince anyone: she makes all the decorations for her home, and changes them each season. She decors her favorites, but still makes new ones, year after year. But Jan and Laurie will tell you that it's the preparation of food, fun and gatherings like that which show others how much you love and care for them, it is what builds a family out of relatives. Nice

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Home tours give multitude of ideas on holiday decorating

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — For those needing inspiration for holiday decorating, there's no shortage of creativity in the Magic Valley. Two home tours offer visitors everything from the elaborate to easy.

In Twin Falls, Dec. 11 Junior Club of the Magic Valley presents its annual Holiday Home Tour. The event runs 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and benefits Camp Rainbow Gold and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Organizer Jennifer Cluff says Junior Club members enjoy painting on the tour and give folks a way to donate to a good cause while enjoying a festive event.

Cluff said one home is decorated in snow men — another features a beautiful Lenox nativity collection. Some of the homes are elaborate and decorated by professionals — others show off the talents of homeowners.

Tickets can be purchased at a number of local businesses or at

the homes featured in the tour. Pre-sold tickets are eligible to win a limousine ride for eight, a trip to Elements Spa and dinner for two the Outback.

In Gooding, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church also hosts a tour. The Dec. 10 event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., wrapping up with a holiday tea at the historic Gooding Hotel. Organizer Carmen Stevens said there is something for everyone on the Christmas House Tour. "Some are

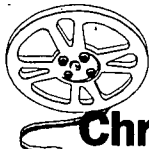
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Sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 10
Call Carmen Stevens 280-0520

new homes, some are farm houses — it's stuff real people can do."

Stevens said the money raised at this year's event will help the Gooding County Historical Society's fund for a new museum being built on the southern end of Gooding.

For more information



By Pat Marconico
Times-Tribune writer

For those who love the movies, the holidays just wouldn't be the same without Jimmy Stewart running through the snow-covered streets and shouting with abandon and joy: "Hello Bedford Falls!"

Or how about Kevin McCallister slapping his face with aftershave and yelling to high heaven?

Not to mention Itzhak and family enjoying a holiday feast of duck (head and all) at a Chinese restaurant.

Needless to say, there is no shortage of movies about Christmas. Some are lovely gifts from Hollywood, others the equivalent of coal in your stocking.

And with all the hectic preparations for the holidays, you're probably thinking, "What! I have no time to watch a movie!"

But this is exactly the right time to stop, relax, take the popcorn string off the tree and put in a video to enjoy the Yuletide on film.

Here are some of the best. "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) — The granddaddy of holiday movies. The story sounds like anything but a holiday tale. George Bailey, played beautifully by Jimmy Stewart, wants adventure and out of Bedford Falls, but is trapped by responsibility and into running his family's struggling savings and loan. Despite a loving wife and family, George has an

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edge of frustration. When things go terribly wrong, he contemplates suicide. But the movie takes a turn when an angel named Clarence gives George the gift of seeing what the town would be like without him. And admit it — can you watch the end and not get teary eyed?

"A Christmas Story" (1983) — This should be rechristened *An Absurd Story* in the 1940s. Ralphie wants a Red Ryder BB gun, but is told at every turn that he will shoot his eye out. This tale captures perfectly a kid's desire for the ultimate gift, not to mention a wonderfully gruff Darren McGavin, the pack of dogs next door and a shapey-legged lamp.

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993) — Tim Burton's stop-action tale of a skeleton who wants to run his own version of Christmas is delightful in an eerie Tim Burton kind of way.

"A Christmas Carol" — There are loads of retellings of the Charles Dickens classic. While a critics favorite is the 1951 film with Alastair Sim — which is quite good — check out the 1984 made-for-TV version with George C. Scott.

"Scrooged" (1988) — Mostly for Bill Murray fans, but still amusing as he plays a selfish TV exec who learns to keep Christmas in his heart, thanks to ghosts that include a crazed tax lawyer and masochistic saint with wings.

"Home Alone" — If you get over how

obnoxious the kid is, this is one cute story as Macaulay Culkin defends his home from inept burglars, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" (1965) — Pugnacious for adults, magical for children and worth watching for Linus' speech on the true meaning of the holidays.

"Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) — Natalie Wood is a cute, but cynical child and Maureen O'Hara is her cute, but cynical mom who meet the real Mrs. Kringle, or not. If Santa is not like how Edmund Gwenn plays him, then he should be:

"Come to the Stable" (1959) — Loretta Young and Celeste Holms are nurses who come to a New England town to build a children's hospital. Subtle and moving.

"Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" (1964) — Nice twist on the familiar tale with the message that there is always a place for nerds. The songs are also pretty singable, too.

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966) — The Jim Carrey movie was bad and trash, but this TV show is simple and fun with Boris Karloff providing the narration.

"Babe in Toyland" (1961) — A trip down memory lane with Aseletha Funicello and Tommy Sands. Dated but still lots of Disney sparkle with a great turn by Ray Bolger as the snappy bad guy. (Don't get me one mired up in the 1986 version with a singing and dancing Keanu Reeves.)

"Die Hard" (1988) — Okay, okay, this one is for adults. So, put the little ones to bed, set up ring and enjoy how Bruce Willis blows things up and saves the day from terrorists — all in time for the holidays.

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Christmas in the capital

By Pam Murphy
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — While the holidays in the Magic Valley are always magical, many folks opt to head out-of-town for a day to visit Idaho's capital city. Christmas in Boise offers twinkly lights and festive window displays and decorations. It feels just like a city should feel during the holidays. Even Ebenezer Scrooge wouldn't stand a chance against all the glitter. Here's a look at just a handful of the events to take in just a few hours west.

Winter Garden Glow, Idaho Botanical Garden
The "mother of all light displays," as dazzling wonderland boasts more than 250,000 lights of all colors artistically arranged throughout nine acres of natural gardens.

"They don't just put the lights up," said Botanical Garden Executive Director Judy Odebrek. "They hand wrap the lights around all the branches. It's an enormous undertaking," she said.

Odebrek said the display opens Thanksgiving night, so people can "come walk off their turkey dinner" as they meander through the acres of dazzling lights. There will be free hot cocoa and cookies which can be enjoyed next to a roaring bon fire. Wine and beer also will be available for a small donation. Santa Claus will be on site December 17 and 18, and again December 21 - 23, and holiday music will play each evening.

The annual display started in 1907 with just 15,000 lights and a little more than 1,200 visitors. Last year the event drew 22,000 visitors. It is the Botanical Garden's major annual fundraiser, and could potentially bring in \$60,000 this year.

Where: 2255 N. Penitentiary Rd.
When: 6 to 9 p.m., Nov. 24 - 27.

For more information

While there's lots to do, here's a short list of a few fun things to get you in the mood for mistletoe. For a more comprehensive list, visit Web sites such as the Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau, <http://www.boise.org/index.cfm>, the Downtown Boise Association, <http://www.downtownboise.org/> or the Boise Chamber of Commerce, <http://www.boisechamber.org/cal/index.htm>.

775 N. 8th Street.
Admission: Free.
More information: Al Ervauga,
853-0678

Holiday Tree Lighting
The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration will be held on Friday, Nov. 25 in the Boise Centre on the Grove in downtown Boise. The event includes the lighting of the community Christmas tree, live music, Christmas caroling, candle lighting, Christmas readings from local celebrities, a coloring contest display and holiday food and beverages. A true community event.
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More information: www.idahobotanicalgarden.org/ or 343-8649.

Botzelek Basque Choir Annual Christmas Concert

For the past 5 years, the Botzelek ("See-off-see-look") Basque Choir has treated visitors to an annual free holiday performance at the beautiful St. John's Cathedral in downtown Boise.

"Many people have told us that this program is what helps kick off the holiday season for them," said choir member Al Ervauga.

Dressed in festive Basque costumes, the 50-member choir sings a wide selection of Basque and English holiday carols and encourages the audience to join in on some of the more familiar tunes. Botzelek, which in Basque means "from the heart," is directed by Twin Falls native Patsy Garcia Head.

Although the concert is free, the choir will accept freewill offerings that they will put toward funding a cultural exchange trip to the Basque country in 2006.

When: 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Where: St. John's Catholic Cathedral.

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Holidays for hire: The slackers guide to making the season festive

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Flipping through radio stations the other day I swear that Amy Grant came through loud and clear singing, "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas."

How can this be? Wasn't it the Fourth of July, like, two weeks ago? With the realization that the leaves have made great progress falling off the trees and that it is way to cold to even resemble summer, butterflies swoop in my tumor.

Christmas is my favorite holiday and right away I think of getting cands sent out, cookies made and listening to my Chipmunks Christmas CD.

However, reality sets in and I think back to last summer. By the time my family got around to getting a tree the selection was quite slim and I'm positive that by

searching the depths of my freezer I can find my holiday ham.

Yet, I am determined that this year is going to be different. I know there has to be an easier way to pulling off the greatest holiday ever.

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Owner Mark Potmesil said their schedule is filling up quickly so recommends an early call.

Once your home is spic and span you'll be ready for your Christmas tree and other home decor.

The Magic Valley Regional

Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees is the perfect place to score a decorated tree, wreath and other items, and you'll be helping a great cause.

The gala takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 30 in the old Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Drive with a silent auction — on all decorated trees, wreaths and holiday decorative items open until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. To make reservations call 737-2480.

Buying and shipping gifts doesn't have to be difficult either. By shopping online all that you have to do is choose the gift and just indicate at checkout that you would also like it gift-wrapped. No more wasting your lunch break waiting in line at the post office!

Check out www.gifts.com, www.target.com or www.walmart.com for an easier alternative to visiting a store.

However, if you do make it out and about for some shopping you can have the gifts wrapped for you.

The Bethel 43 Twin Falls Job's Daughters will be on hand once again this year at the Magic Valley Mall, starting with the day after Thanksgiving.

The group will be located between the Food Court and Macy's on weekdays starting at noon to 9 p.m., and during mall hours on the weekend, through Dec. 9.

Starting on Dec. 10 through Christmas Eve they will be there during mall hours.

"You don't have to purchase the gifts at the mall. We can help you bring them into the mall, wrap them and assist you back to your car," said Guardian Connie Kober. They will wrapping gift small and large with prices starting at just \$1.

While at the mall, stop by Lickory

Farms. They have a great assortment of snacks perfect for a party.

"The beef sticks are always popular. Buy two for \$10.99 and they are a great price, too," Co-Manager Maylene Harding said. Throw some crackers, minis, cheese and cider in your cart and your guests are sure to be pleased and you will be too — they are super easy to serve!

Available at Fred Meyer is a pre-made holiday feast.

They are offering four different dinner menus and run from \$28 to \$50 and serve roughly eight people. Besides dinners the store also has a wide variety of party platters you can whip out during a holiday get together.

Or you can have your event catered.

Blaine Higley with Twin Falls' Yonnie's Catering said, her service will get food together for about \$9-\$18 per person, depending on the menu ordered.

In a hurry in the kitchen?

This dish tastes like it took hours — but is ready in minutes

By Kormo M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — These hectic days make an extra chore of serving something easy for supper. Local restaurant owner D'Oon Peltier has the answer with her Blackened Salmon Salad. It looks like it took hours, but can be ready in minutes.

Ingredients: (this is for a single serving — multiply as needed). Lightly grease an iron skillet and place on heat. Let the skillet get really hot.

Coat an 8 oz. salmon fillet (skin removed) with a thick coat of Cajun spices and a few shots of chili sauce. Peltier recommends Sriracha — an Asian flavoring. Sear the fillet in the hot skillet, locking the moisture and flavor inside. It should take about 4 minutes on each side until the fish flakes.

In the meantime, prepare a bed of mixed greens, chopped tomatoes and fresh mushrooms. Toss with a mixture of a raspberry vinaigrette and honey mustard salad dressings.

Chop a mango, apple and cilantro for about 1/4 cup of a chutney to serve over the salmon. The entire dish takes only about 20 minutes to prepare. Peltier recommends a good Chardonnay for a wine or raspberry iced tea for a nonalcoholic beverage.



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Left, D'Oon Peltier places the finishing touches on the 'blackened salmon salad' Nov. 1, at D'Oon's Restaurant located in old town Twin Falls.

Above, the 'blackened salmon salad' will save you time in the kitchen.

Love

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crafts and nice conversation make a very nice life.

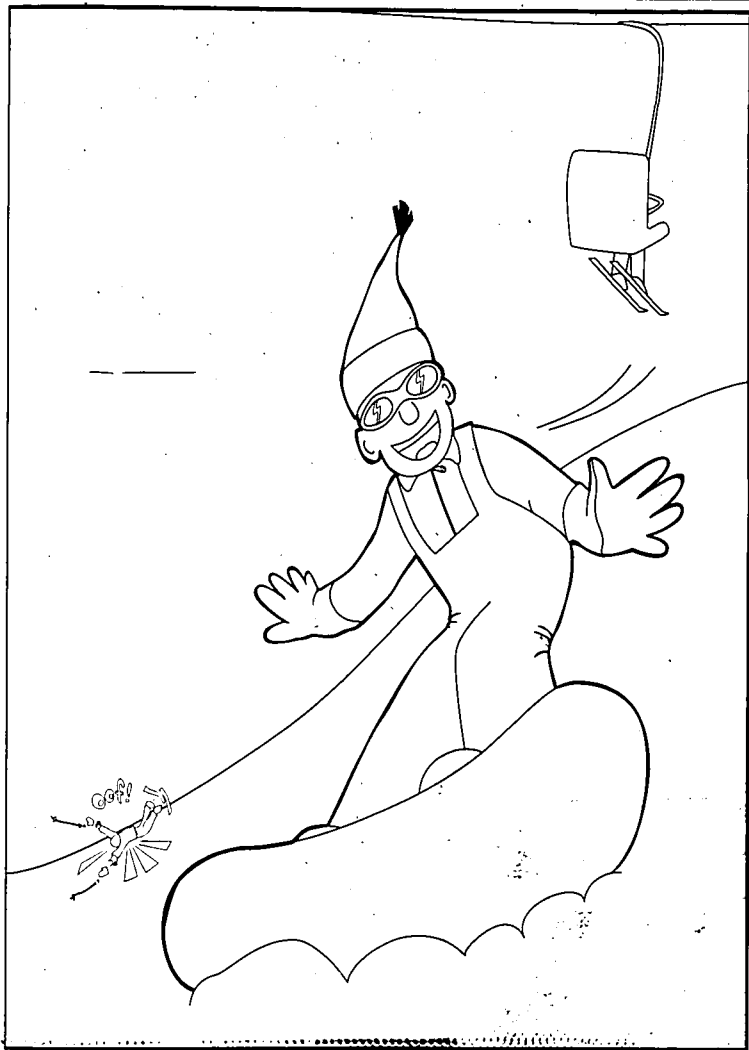
"The biggest thing with all crafts is to share them," Kaufman said. "It makes people happy when they walk into a place and see these things. It doesn't have to be elaborate, but it does make the area feel warmer. It makes people want to be there."

It has helped Jim enjoy his home with Jan, too.

"She sews and I play golf," said Jim, who decided to build their home on a golf course a few decades ago. In exchange, Jan got to pick the view — of both the outside and inside. "She's really talented."

While the home doesn't have special Christmas villages that light up on the mantle, or precious moments figurines, or even a magnet collection, what it does have is a depth to the decor that tells you exactly where you are: in their family home. It's a decorating style that can work in any house, with any color scheme, in any decade.

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BINGO!



Betty Taylor of Buhl has a holiday tradition of playing bingo for Christmas with her grandkids.

Local lady mixes luck and love

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — When Betty Taylor saw her grandkids getting overloaded with presents every year, she decided to throw Christmas to the cards.

Bingo cards, that is. Now, instead of spending countless dollars on more toys for the kids in her life, she lets them play Bingo. It's become more than a game for the Taylor family — it's a tradition.

She spends the year picking up small toys and gifts — rarely spending more than a dollar a piece. She tucks them away in a giant stocking. When the family gathers for their annual Christmas party, she breaks out the Bingo game — she is always the caller — and the kids go for the gifts.

She said the adults often have their own gift exchange, but the kids — the youngest player is 4 — compete for the gifts. It's fun and has the added bonus of keeping the kids occupied while the adults prepare the meal.

"The presents don't make it Christmas," she said. "It's the giving of yourself — everyone sharing together."

Taylor has always been able to get into the spirit of Christmas — finding ways to share her creativity and love with family and friends. Even store bought ornaments get a twist of ribbon or glitter added. It's her way of making sure her loved ones she's been thinking about them.

"The kids look forward to it. It's a part of me," she said. "It's just love in general."

HITTING THE MALLS EARLY



The Times-News file photo.

With 30 minutes remaining until the doors open, Teresa Tvedy, left, says, "Just think 10 minutes," to her friend Debbie VanCasteren, right, as they wait in line to start their Christmas shopping at Sears early Friday morning in 2003. The day after Thanksgiving has regained its status as the biggest shopping day of the year.

Holiday shopping: Virtually painless

By Candace Boltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Lights are up, the temperature is down, and Santa is making appearances. It must be time for holiday shopping.

But getting gifts for everyone on your list can have you sounding more like Scrooge than jolly old Saint Nick if you don't plan ahead. This includes deciding how much you are going to spend on each person, determining if the item must be shipped, and if the item is best picked out in person, or if it can be done online.

Generally, if an item is going to need to be shipped, purchasing from a Web site that provides free shipping is the most cost effective way to go. Web sites like Amazon.com offer free shipping on purchases over \$25, and they provide a plethora of options from magazine subscriptions for popular reads to designer perfume and kitchen appliances. The down side: If you want to take advantage of the free shipping, you must ship it directly to the recipient, which means you never get to physically inspect the item. Most items have clear photos on the web site, but sometimes the details are not immedi-

ately visible. Also, items that are store exclusive—like Style & Co at Macy's or Arizona Jean Company at J.C. Penney's are not available.

The up side: Amazon also offers a "buy it used" option for the really penny conscious. Those who have been burned with bad gifts in the past can even fill out an electronic "wish list" that anyone can access with permission.

But this isn't always the best way to get what you want to give, especially if it is clothing.

"Forty percent of all apparel purchased online is returned," said Shellen Gilliland, marketing director for the Magic Valley Mall. "When you shop in person, you can feel it, touch it, put it on, and a staff member is there to help you find fashion, help you put your purchase together."

The other problem can be time. Shipping can take anywhere from over night to a few weeks. The problem can be compounded when using an Internet auction, like eBay, as you may need to wait for the auction to end before the item can be shipped. And the longer you wait, the long shipping will take.

But, if you know exactly what you are looking for, free shipping is involved, and you have plenty of time for the item to arrive, online may be the best way to go.

For those who need the holiday shopping experience — the Christmas music, the giant red and green decorations and the crowded stores — there are benefits to shopping in person. For one, you see the item first hand, then have it in hand once you've paid for it. And you wouldn't be alone in enjoying the personal shopping — income at the Magic Valley Mall is up 9.5 percent since September, while retailers nationwide are down. If you want to — or have to — shop in person, the Magic Valley Mall might be one of the best places to do it.

"We have some great store managers, they are wonderful at customer service," said Gilliland. "We also have five new stores to fill the empty space that was left in winter 2003."

Holiday shopping can be accomplished from the comfort of your home on the computer, or from visiting stores and taking in the sights. But generally, when it comes to details, clothing or scents like candles and perfume, the giver will probably be less worried if they get to touch, smell and personally inspect the item before purchasing. For other items, like kitchen appliances, accessories like scarves or technology like DVDs or MP3 players, online is a good way to go.

Here's a roundup of upcoming holiday events

November 13
BURLEY — The annual Celebration of Faith will be held at 7 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave.
 The event is free and open to the public. Area churches and congregations will present vocal and instrumental numbers. All churches are invited to participate. Local church's historical collections will also be on display.

November 15
TWIN FALLS — Entry forms for the Georgetown Village Contest, sponsored by the Southern Idaho Learning Center, are due. Professional amateur and quilt design winners will be awarded prizes. There will be a Designer's Lounge award and a silent auction of the professional items with proceeds benefiting the center's scholarships and programs.
 Professionals include: historians, caterers or anyone who is paid to cook or bake. Amateurs are young people ages 12 and younger, age 12 to 17, youth groups, adults and teens, libraries, non-library retail stores or any other commercial business. Quilt designs are tied to quilts, wall hangings and stockings.
 There is no entry fee. Forms are available at Noy's or at the Southern Idaho Learning Center, 564 South Ave. Call 733-3714.

November 18
TWIN FALLS — Items from the Current Catalogue, which includes gifts and cards, will be sold through Nov. 23. This is sponsored by St. Anne's and proceeds will benefit a needy family at Christmas. Call Pinchak at 732-002 or Tama at 324-0486.

FILER — The Artists and Designer's Gift Sale will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19 at 218 Main St. No admission charge.
 Art packages, water color paintings, mixed media, paintings, ceramics, home decorations, jewelry and more handmade goods from local citizens will be sold. Call Tedy Keston at 543-4500.

TWIN FALLS — The Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. at the corner of 1st, 2nd, East and First road leading to Shoshone Falls.

The talent show is open to all ages. The show's proceeds will support Local Hope and there is no charge. All donations are appreciated. Entry forms are available at the church office. Call Marjorie Ann at 320-1133.

HEYBURN — The 13th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at 11th Street, Home Based Home, corner of 21st Street and Albrecht Road.

Gift items for sale will include Christmas, home decor, jewelry, cards, quilts, dolls, ornaments, wall hangings, folk songs and wreaths, painted items, candles, and decorative, books and many items.

BURLEY — The Magic Philanthropic Orchestra fall concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave.

Tickets are available in advance from Wash Mace and Book Plaza in Burley and the Book Store in Burley. Tickets will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$15 for families. Season passes are available for \$12 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$10 for seniors and \$20 for families.
 Guest conductor will be Michael Creely.

TWIN FALLS — Anacostia Episcopal Church will host the Artisan Holiday Show from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19 at the church, 201 Eastland Drive N.
 Admission is \$5 each. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Neighbors in Need and other community projects.

A variety of items, including hand made and painted leather and fine cards, stained and ribbon painted ceramics and handmade toys will be sold. Items include: wood art, pottery, wood pens, painted quilts, ceramics and handmade toys will be sold. Gifts, canned goods and decorative items, and the Cookies for the Poor sale. The drop off will serve homemade soups, a potato bar and homemade pies.

November 18
HANSEN — The noon annual Eastland Producers Banquet will be held at 1 p.m. at the South Idaho Coliseum, 200 Highway 30.
 A good tournament and silent auction will be held. Sign up for the tournament at 1 p.m. with games at 2 p.m. The cost for the tournament is \$5 and a new, unplayed for. The silent auction will be held at 6 p.m. and donations are accepted. Handmade gifts and food will be served at 5 p.m. Call Linda at 425-5166 or Aylee at 425-9000.

JEROME — Cheryl Holiday Bazaar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Best Western Southwest Inn, 2633 S. Lincoln St. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated.
 A buffet, crafts and many other vendors will be available. Bazaar are available for \$10 per table. All proceeds will go to the Kids Christmas Shop with Emergency Personnel. Call Melissa at 324-4000.

TWIN FALLS — The Magnificent Holiday Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Building, 315 Fall Ave. Admission is \$10.

The event will include barbershop singing, Magnificent instrumental performances by Twin Falls, Magnificent Chorus, Glee and Tala, Common Tents, and the Jerome High School Chorus. Tickets are available at the door or from any Magnificent member. Call Jim Fields at 736-2122.

WELLS — The Wells Humaneville Quilt Guild annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Wells High School.

Vendors from Idaho, Utah and Nevada will offer quilts, quilts, candy, door prizes and more. Nov. 18.

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WINTERFEST - This year can be done at Friends in Service Homes. Call Joyce Green at (773) 270-0247.

HAGERMAN - St. Catherine's Church of Human Needs holiday sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at 2410 Miller Ave. The sale features handmade items by low-income artisans from around the world and a partnership between Catholic Relief Services, Fiat Trade and a Greater Call (CSCR) International that promotes economic justice for women artisans and farmers overseas and advances an alternative approach to international trade through the sale of fairly traded handmade and food items.

Proceeds go to church's local Christmas giving program.

November 30
RUPERT - Community 30s Outreach Mission evening Thanksgiving feast will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the mission, 102 Second St. The dinner will be turkey with all the trimmings. A program will also be presented. The event is free and open to everyone. For more information, call 436-4889 or 679-2477.

November 22
JEROME - Maple Valley Resource Center and Potluck will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 and Dec. 20 at the American Legion Hall. The cost is \$2 per person. All spare donors are invited to attend and bring a dish to share. Call Vera at 734-6847 or Nola at 732-8538.

November 23
HANSEN - A free community Thanksgiving dinner will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Haven Assembly of God Church, 311 Second St. E. Call Kim Johnson at 423-6078.

BURLEY - A Thanksgiving eve worship service will be held at 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

TWIN FALLS - A holiday light display will be held from Nov. 23 through Jan. 1 at 2500 E. 3000 N., 1/4 mile south of Curry Crossing. A nativity, holiday and patriotic scenes with annual, holiday and traditional decorations will be on display.

RUPERT - Decoration Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rupert Civic Auditorium, 500 Seventh St.

November 24
RUPERT - A holiday lighting display starting at dark to 10 p.m. Nov. 24 through Dec. 31 will be held at 1st and Linn Drive's home, 233 N. Mountain. Admission is free.

Thousands of Christmas lights and displays and decorations, many handmade, decorate the home and yard.

JEROME - St. Jerome's Church will host a community Thanksgiving feast from 3 to 6 p.m. in the church hall, 218 2nd Ave. E.

Everyone is invited and it is free. There also will be games and music. Transportation is available by calling 280-2543.

HAGERMAN - St. Catherine's Church will host a community Thanksgiving feast from 1 to 3 p.m. in the church hall.

Everyone is welcome. Anyone needs a ride to a home-delivered meal, call questions, call Carey Crow at 324-8624 or 827-4043, or Bette Munkacsy at 827-6178.

November 28
TWIN FALLS - Letters from Santa will be available if requests are received by Dec. 1.

Call Robbin at 732-8332 with the recipient's name, gender, age, how she/he was named and a phone number. The cost is \$2 and a stamped envelope addressed to Robbin must be supplied. Information may be mailed to Santa's Workshop, in care of 331 Kingstomberg Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83421.

Proceeds will help the St. Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi support a needy family at Christmas.

TWIN FALLS - The 18th annual Christmas in the Mountains will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial, 2882 Adair Ave. E. Entertaining with Santa Claus, a live nativity scene, viewing by The Lightbox Press Band and

a live rock display choreographed with music on KZZZ FM 95.1 will start at about 7:30 p.m.

A free photo and coin swap will start at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is a free, unswapped joy for newbies to age 18. Proceeds benefit needy children of the Magic Valley through the HOVET Christmas of Hope program. Parking is available at the K. Mark Crowley Center parking lot with free shuttle service from 5 p.m. Call Sherry Wiggins at 733-2711 or e-mail to them@kmarkcrowley.com.

RUPERT - Christmas City USA events will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Rupert Square.

Santa Claus will light up the square at 7 p.m. and fireworks will be set off at 7:30 p.m. Cost and admission will be \$10 for \$15 each, hot chocolate and coffee are \$5 cents each.

Children can visit Santa, write him a letter, including their name and address, and he will write back.

The event is sponsored by the Rupert Christmas Lighting Committee with all funds going to decorations, lighting and maintenance.

RUPERT - The Carling and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival will be held from Nov. 25 to 28 at the Rupert Civic Center, 500 Seventh St. More than 50 Christmas trees will be on display, along with entertainment, a Tasty Bear Breakfast with meals from Santa, a girls covering luncheon, banner children day and noon, a girl's and more. The theme is Love at Home. For more information, call Patti Hansen at 436-0481, ext. 252.

A seasonal game will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 25 at the Rupert Civic Auditorium, 500 Seventh St. Buy-in are welcome from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Entertainment will be held after the lighting on the square.

A holiday festival will be open to public until 8 p.m. Nov. 27 at Rupert Civic Auditorium with live entertainment. Admission is free.

Church choirs and religious music will be played to the public from noon to 5 p.m.

ELSA - The eighth annual Christmas in the County Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 27 to 28 at the Elva Community Building, the old Rural Society Building, 1180 E. 200 S.

The event will include door prizes, refreshments

and many gift items.

TWIN FALLS - A Christmas for Kids fundraising and food sale will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Outback Steakhouse.

A choice of a turkey or chicken dinner is available for \$12 per person. All proceeds will be used to buy new toys for needy children in the area.

November 28
CELEMS FERTIG - The Twelve Days of Christmas Holiday Feast will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, Admission is 75 cents.

Fluffy and coffee will be available in the morning and lunch will be served at noon by the Three Ladies Senior Center. Fluffy will be held throughout the day and Santa will visit at noon. Local people will perform throughout the day. Proceeds will support the Wherry Summers prescription fund.

Call Lou Strum at 265-7702, Dorothy Nickels at 360-7700 or Pat MacBeth at 360-7318.

TWIN FALLS - A holiday season craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Nov. 27 at the Shrine, 1588 Bluff Street. Admission is free. Local crafters will have items on display.

BURLEY - Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at Potesta Assistant Living, 1919 Main Ave.

The dinner is open to the public. Family members are free with reservations. The public is invited. The cost is \$2 for non-family members.

For more information, call 677-5451.

BURLEY - Santa Claus will arrive aboard a fire engine at noon at Continental Park.

Santa will give each child a small bag. Free movie tickets will be given to children age 10 and younger for the 2 and 4 p.m. showing at 10P at the Burley Theatre. Tickets for anyone older than age 10 will cost \$2.

November 28
RUPERT - A senior social will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and open to the public from noon to 8 p.m. with the entertainment at the Rupert Civic Center, 500 Seventh St.

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November 30

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Festival of Trees Gifts will begin with a social hour at 8 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner and live auction at the former Anderson Lumber Building, 960 Eastland Drive.

A silent auction will be held on all decorated trees, wreaths and designated holiday items. The event is open until 10 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Celtic Fire. Tickets, which are \$100 each, are available by calling 727-5462. Table reservations are available in groups of 10 only.

Auction items include a diamond bracelet, trip to Ireland, Corvett coupe, a motorcycle, an all-terrain vehicle and more.

BURLEY — Advent worship services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. A soup and sandwich supper will be held at 6 p.m. before each service.

BURLEY — The annual Festival of Trees will be held all week.

The gift event will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Shrine River Plaza and include dinner, music and a preview of the trees. A silent auction on the trees will also begin that evening. The theme is "100 years of Christmas." The festival is open to the public Dec. 1 to 3.

Proceding 60 is the Clinical Health Care Foundation and Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance by calling Bev Stone at 878-0080 or Phyllis Hanson at 878-0680.

A special evening for senior citizens and physically challenged for the Festival of Trees will be held at 10 a.m. in room Dec. 1 at the Shrine River Plaza.

The Festival of Trees is self by open to the public from noon to 8 p.m., and will include entertainment, refreshments, baked goods and holiday show in addition to viewing the trees.

The cost is \$17 for adults and 50 cents for children.

The theme is "100 years of Christmas" and the event is sponsored by Clinical Health Care Foundation and Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers.

December 1

BURLEY — Children can write a letter to Santa Claus and bring it to the Burley Public Library, 1300 Main St. Call the library at 878-7708.

December 2

HAGERMAN — The American Legion Auxiliary craft show will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Dec. 2 and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Legion Hall, 281 N. State St. No admission charge.

Handmade Christmas decorations, ornaments, stocking stuffers and gifts will be available. There will be a raffle with prizes from the vendors and membership members. Food and drinks will be sold.

TWIN FALLS — A holiday artist's reception will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Magic Valley Art Council's office, 132 Main Ave. S.

Artwork will be on display at the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft and the Arts Council's Gallery Pavilion. Many pieces will be on display through Jan. 29. Demonstrations by gallery artists, light hour drawings and live holiday music will be featured. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

BLAINE — The Juniper Street Firehouse will be open Dec. 2 and 3 featuring Christmas items, cards, ornaments and more.

From the sleight at Broadway Avenue, take Chase Lake Road, go left north and turn right on Juniper Street. The firehouse is located at the end of the street.

GOODING — The 10th annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Accredited Learning Center, 802 Main St.

No admission charge. Local crafters will have a variety of handmade items for sale. The Wonderful Openers Club will provide lunch. Call Dot Moody at 643-0013 or Judy Erdman at 834-8475.

December 3

RUPERT — Santa will visit children from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at the house on the Rupert Square.

A mailbox will be available for children to send letters to Santa. If they want a return letter, their name and address needs to be included.

TWIN FALLS — The Market Square holiday open houses will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 706 N. College Road.

Free refreshments, a fashion show, discounts on purchases and a tree brunch will be held. Call 735-2762.

HANSEN — The community Christmas tree lighting will be held at 5 p.m. at Ocean Park on Highway 30.

The event includes music, fireworks, free chili.

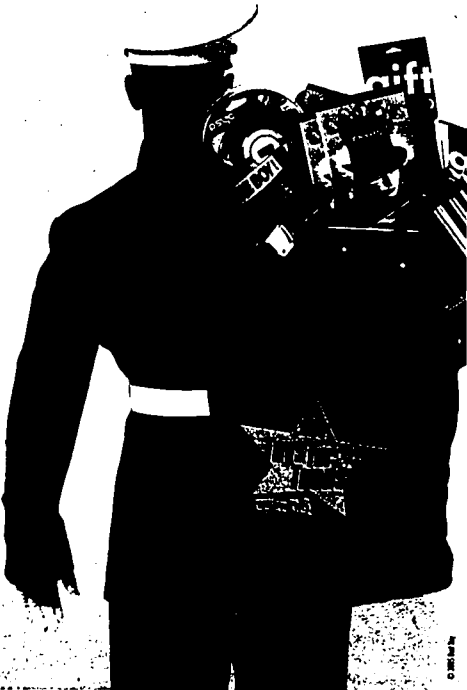
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hot chocolate, coffee and a visit from Santa. There is no cost, but donations to the East End Thrifters are accepted and donors will receive a star to hang on their tree.

TWIN FALLS — The Holiday Memory Tree will be at 7 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park, 2206 Kimberly Road.
Sunset Memorial Park, White Memorial and Reynolds Funeral Chapel are displaying a tree and ornaments to honor the memory of loved ones and members of the memory serving away from home during the holidays.

The cost is \$5 for each ornament. Luminary bags with the names will be delivered and lit during the tree lighting service. All proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley. Duplicate ornaments may be ordered because ornaments placed on the tree in the park will not be returned. Call Courtney at 733-5743 or Karen at 733-0000.

BURLEY — The annual Canned Fern Festival will be held at 10 a.m. at the Century Center. 5. Admission to one of two family farms allowing a one or more cases of food collected will be donated to the Magic Valley Christmas Council. Proceeds from concession sales will go to Coats for Kids.

DAKLEY — The Oakley Valley Arts Council annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 to 4 at the Howard Opera House in Oakley.
The event is free and open to the public. Tickets will be paid to service men and women who are away this holiday season.

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Gun Club Turkey Fan Shoot will be held at 11 a.m. at the north of Washington Street.
Proceeds will benefit the Christmas for Kids program. Turkey, ham and gift certificates will be awarded. Shoot and guarantee cards will be available. The event is designed for all age groups and is free. Call 734-0039.

KIMBERLY — The East End Community Christmas Concert will be held at 6 p.m. at the

Holiday events, cont.

Kimberly Nazarene Church, 600 Polo St. E.
A night of Christmas music will be performed by East End Community churches. The public is welcome to the live event.

TWIN FALLS — The West Star parent's night out will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9 to 5 p.m. Dec. 10.
Head Start will watch children ages 2 and older for \$5 per child or \$15 a family at 250 First Ave. W. Children's meals can be dropped at 250 First Ave. W.

KETCHUM — The Wood River Festival of Trees will be held at the newGale Theatre, 170 Main St.
The festival will begin with a gala from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 8 with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, music and a live auction. The cost is \$25 each.
An alternate holiday gift fair will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public.

An alternate holiday gift fair will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9 with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, music and a live auction. The cost is \$25 each.
An alternate holiday gift fair will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public.
A hot/cold buffet with Santa and a magic show will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 10. The cost is \$7 each. A center surrounded group-house making event will be held from 12:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Dec. 10. The cost is \$5 per child, adults are free.
For reservations or to volunteer, call 788-3468.

GOODING — The Gooding County Medical Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Round Building on 14th Avenue West.
Admission is \$2 for ages 5 and older. A gift opening and silent auction will be held from 9 to 10 p.m. Dec. 8. The cost is \$20 per person.
A hot/cold buffet and magic show will be held at 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 9. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the hospital or the College of Southern Idaho Northwest Center.
A children's workshop and silent Santa will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 10. A poetry demonstration and learning class of holiday recipes will be provided by Jane and Jane Rice of Hageman Dec. 10. Tickets are \$10.
Entertainment will be provided by community

and church choirs from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 11.
Proceeds will go to the Foundation. Call Cyndi Houlihan at 934-5703.

BURLEY — The 4th annual Community Needy Celebration will be held from Dec. 9 to 10 at the Burley West Sales Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parker Ave.
The free event includes a viewing of many items from all over the world, live musical groups, works of art, children's activities and live nativity scenes inside and out.
Senior citizens can come to the event from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and it will be open to the public from 9 p.m. Dec. 9. The event will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 10.
People can bring their nativity sets to the church between 4 and 8 p.m. Dec. 8. Security will be provided.

BURLEY — The Mulcracker will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 8 p.m. Dec. 10 in the King Fox Arts Auditorium.
General seating is \$10 and senior citizens are \$5. Reserved seating may be obtained by calling 678-4117. Reserved preferred seats and patron seats are \$13 and \$15 respectively.

TWIN FALLS — A 2005 cabinet making/hoodworking show and auction will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 8 for viewing. Dec. 9 and 10 for viewing and bidding in the Park Allen room at the Harvest Center.

GOODING — The first annual Christmas Home Tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for everyone ages 10 and over.
Local homes, decorated for the holidays, will be toured. Tables, which are \$5, come with maps and people can start at any home they choose. Drinks, refreshments and door prizes will be available.
Tickets can be purchased at Phyllis Flowers, Cynthia Jahn, Wilson Bates of the College of Southern Idaho Northwest Center in Gooding.

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Projects will benefit the Gooding County Historical Society.

W.F.A. - Bull High School choir will be co-leading the Bull High Light Concert.

Costs and tickets will be served at the Elgin Sweet Center, 200 N. Elgin St., where tickets from the ticket and jazz choir will lead songs. Admission is free.

B.H.S. - The Bull Area Council holiday open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Elgin Sweet Center, 200 N. Elgin St.

Festive decorations, available by regional artists and holiday trees will be available. Admission is free.

J.F.C.M. - The Jerome Branch Center craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 212 First Ave. E.

Handmade crafts and lunch with a potluck will be available. Proceeds will go to the senior center. Call Alice at 234-6642.

TWIN FALLS - **Cal's** Michra, 581 Addison Ave. W., is bringing a hot new Local delivery van to help deliver gifts to the needy. Local delivery vans have donated vans to be raffled during the day. Proceeds will purchase toys for 1000 TFC Christmas for Kids program. Call BUNCH Hel at 728-2003.

December 11

TWIN FALLS - "The Best Christmas Presents" will be held at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 208 Ave. N. No admission charge.

Young people will perform in a skit based on Barbara Hanigan's book.

TWIN FALLS - "Red & Silver Night" will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Assembly of God, 180 1st Ave. N.

Young people will present a virtual red and silver and a live of charge.

TWIN FALLS - The Junior Club 18th annual Christmas luncheon will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the banquet Center Hawthorn Oaks and the Mike-A-Mink Foundation. Tickets are \$8 each. Children and adults ages 8 and older are welcome. Tables are available at Danwells Day Spa and LE Aida Salon. Everyone's Business, Irving Living, Jane Jurig, Kelley Glasgow Center, Kimberly Hummer, Kelly's Pharmacy and Pedersen, Lisa Beth Lee, Red Devils or at any of the homes on tour, Gena and Darlene Jacobs, Joe and Doree Brooks, Sam and Suzanne Holten, Matt and Tammy Hue, Chris and Kaylin Holsten, Ar and Tracy Hobbs, Dwyer and Sherry Hume and Robert and Maryann O'Leary.

Private table drawings will be held for a holiday home tour package, which includes a tour, a gift certificate for the tour for the winner and seven guests. A cash package and dinner for two. Tickets will be purchased by Dec. 2 to be entered into the drawing. Call Andrea Dwyer at 726-7008 or Jennifer O'Leary at 726-0268.

December 12

TWIN FALLS - The Agnes School Christmas program will be held at 7 p.m. at 181 Hawthorn St. Agnes School and child care children will perform. Christmas program free to the public. Call Julie Krey at 724-2852.

December 14

TWIN FALLS - Ballet 18tho performs "The Nutcracker" at 7:00 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 E. Main Ave. Local donors will perform and 50 local children will perform, sing and bow.

Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$14 for adults. Tickets can be purchased by calling 726-6286.

December 15

BURLEY - The Idaho High School Band holiday concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Merizo High School auditorium.

The concert will feature the Merizo High School Concert Band and Jazz Band playing a wide range of holiday music.

BURLEY - Central Regional Medical Center's Inpatient Health Care Hospice will hold its annual Lights for Life Ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Inpatient Center, 1501 Harvard Ave. Julie Lee and Friends, with special guest, Stephanie Lucas, will perform. The ceremony is a remembrance of loved ones who have died or someone people would like to honor. Individuals, families and organizations can make tax-deductible donations to purchase an ornament in the name of

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bel loved one. Donors will help provide funding for volunteer training, patient education, clothing, transportation and other critical needs.

The event is open to the public. Donations can be sent to: SAC Hospice, Central Regional Medical Center, 1501 Harvard Ave., Suite D, Burley, ID 83318.

December 16

JEROME - The Life Church of the Magic Valley is having a "Christmas Through the Ages" at 7 p.m., Dec. 16, 17 and 18 at the Masonic Hall Building at the terminus. The event is free, but donations are accepted.

All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross of Idaho. Tickets are available by calling 234-6878 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There is limited seating, and guests must have a ticket.

FILER - The second annual Procrastinator's Sale will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17 at 212 Main Street.

Admission is free. Arts and crafts by local designers will be sold. The event is sponsored by the Lion's Gate Gallery in Filer.

BURLEY - Santa will visit the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., at 8:30 a.m.

He will arrive from the North Pole at 10:30 a.m. and will read stories to children. This is for pre-school children.

For more information, call 878-7705.

December 18

WENDOL - A Christmas concert and nativity will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 800 N. Idaho.

The church choir will sing traditional Christmas hymns free to the public at 8 p.m. The live Christmas nativity play will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. About 100 seats will be on display.

December 30

BURLEY - The Magic Photomontage Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the King Five Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave.

Tickets are available in advance from: Yeager Music and Book Plaza in Burley and the Book Store in Rupert. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students,

\$2 for seniors and \$7 for families.

December 31

TWIN FALLS - Calvary Chapel's candlelight service will be held at 10 p.m. at the corner of Falls Avenue East and the road to Shoshone Falls. Jamie Thraun will perform at this event.

BURLEY - A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 8 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

December 25

BURLEY - Christmas Day worship services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave.

December 31
BURLEY - The Burley Centennial Celebration Last Night celebration will be held at 8 p.m. at Centennial Park.

The event will include a closing ceremony and the passing of the 100th centennial lighted sign to the Rupert Centennial Committee to help kick off Rupert's centennial celebration.

RUPERT - The opening gala for Rupert's 100-year celebration will start at 7:30 p.m. at Merizo High School.

The cost is \$5 for adults and children age 18 and younger are free. Tickets are available by calling 312-1566 or 438-3662.

The theme is "Back Off to Rupert." A ceremonial procession will be held and dignitaries will be honored. There will be entertainment, dancing to the music, refreshments, a booth offering ceremonial memorabilia and an opening side presentation of historic photos.

Concessions will be held for the best mustache and hat. A singing dance contest is also planned. Lessons are offered to anyone high school age or above. For more information, call 438-5623.

Two hours before the 100-foot backdrop depicting the historic district of Rupert will surround the auditorium. Family entertainment will be held throughout the evening. A balloon drop is planned and an outdoor fireworks display will be held.

Special citations have been sent to the members of Bravo Company who will be honored at the event.

Holiday Fest Dinner & Wine Tasting Social & Live Auction

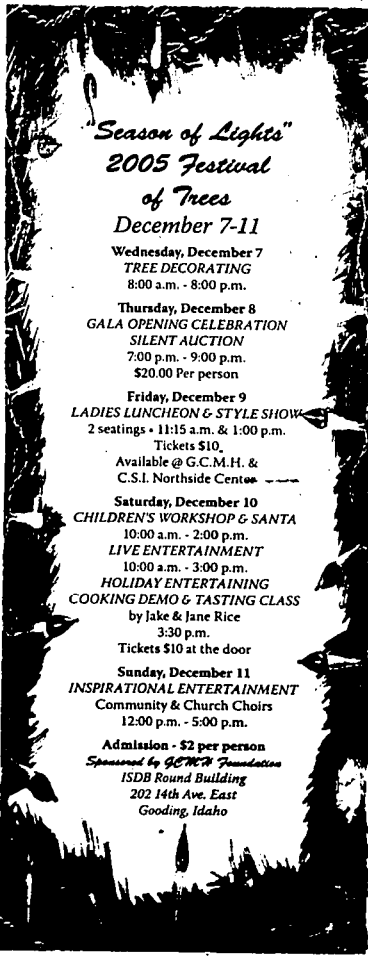
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