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Happy birthday

Twin Falls' First Christian Church celebrates its 100th anniversary.

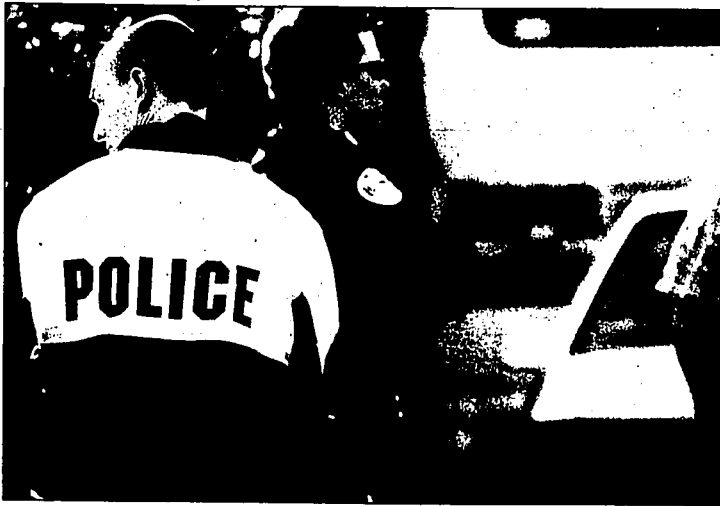
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Staffing down, but not out



Officer Gregg Lockwood, one of the seven new officers in training with the Twin Falls Police Department, stands guard Thursday as Officer Justin Hendrickson speaks with a man who reported a domestic disturbance.

As officers leave, testing of new applicants begins

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Police Department has lost nearly 20 percent of its officers in the past year, a situation that has led the department to temporarily cancel traffic patrols and discontinue providing resource officers to local schools.

Intensive recruiting has filled the gaps in the police roster, but the department is still short of qualified and experienced officers.

"Yes, we've lost some good people, but that doesn't mean we have trouble retaining good officers," said City Manager Tom Courtney. "We have a very strong group of dedicated officers who will guide us through this."

Courtney said the turnover rate is higher than usual for city employees, but is not symptomatic of problems in the department, nor is there a single root cause. Eleven officers have left the department since December for reasons ranging from acceptance of new jobs

Three officers head to Boise

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls last week lost three experienced officers who accepted jobs with the Boise Police Department.

City Manager Tom Courtney declined to release the names of the officers, citing personnel confidentiality rules, but confirmed that the three were released from employment because it was determined they did not provide a continuing benefit to the department.

"The people who resigned are no longer with us, but we have not fired anyone," he said.

elsewhere, dismissals, retirement and medical problems.

Nonetheless, the department will be fully staffed at 58 officers in early December when a new recruit from Bosnia comes on board, said Police Chief Jim Munn.

Meanwhile, an attorney representing the three officers — Tom Fleming, Brad Vickhammer and Cory Bammert — told *The Times-News* on Thursday that court action may be taken against the city.

"My clients never resigned, never submitted their resignations and were terminated in violation of city policy," said Ketchum attorney Cynthia Woolley.

Four officers, including Detective Chad Whittington and Fleming, Vickhammer and Bammert, recently accepted jobs in Boise with start dates in early December.

Courtney said the loss of the

four new positions will be added to the roster on Jan. 1, but city officials have allowed Munn to fill those positions earlier because of the amount of training a new recruit must go through before being allowed to patrol alone.

With authorized staffing at 62, the organization is as follows: one chief, three captains, eight staff sergeants, five sergeants, one lieutenant, nine detectives and 35 rank-and-file officers.

The department also has 30 "non-sworn" or civilian employees, including records clerks, communications specialists, community services staff and secretaries.

Munn said intensified recruiting efforts are paying off. He said more than 60 applicants will be taking employment tests within the next week.

"We've seen a lot of good candidates for these positions," he said.

According to Capt. Brian Pike, it takes from 25 to 27 weeks of training before a new recruit is allowed to work alone. Ten weeks training are required at the Post Academy in Meridian, followed by another 15 weeks on-the-job training with experienced officers.

Of the 57 officers on the roster, eight are in training. **Please see POLICE, Page A2**

District responds to suit

School officials deny allegations of wrongdoing

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District responded to a class action lawsuit that was filed on behalf of the Twin Falls Education Association (TFEA) and four teachers alleging — among other things — that the district violated teacher contract bargaining procedures and failed to pay advancement salaries to teachers.

The 27-page response came in the form of two separate documents — one that responded to the lawsuit, and another requesting specific names of board members, four teachers and the superintendent be dismissed from the lawsuit.

According to the TFEA lawsuit filed on Oct. 18, the district "has engaged in numerous instances of bad faith bargaining, including, unilaterally imposing terms and conditions of employment concerning health insurance while bargaining is still ongoing, circumventing the TFEA and engaging in direct dealing with school district employees."

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NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** On Oct. 18, the Twin Falls Education Association filed a class action lawsuit against the Twin Falls School Board, its individual members and the superintendent.

■ **The latest:** The Twin Falls School District filed its response to the education association's lawsuit stating that it denies allegations of wrongdoing. The board also requested that individual names be removed from the lawsuit, and both parties be approved as an organization.

■ **What's next:** If neither side seeks to settle the lawsuit outside of court, the class action lawsuit to 50th District Court. District court judges are assigned to civil actions with claims exceeding \$10,000.

Mechanic convicted of killing

Abduction of 11-year-old was caught on tape

The Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — The grainy images captured by a car wash's security camera were chiding a burly, tattooed man in a mechanics uniform grabs the wrist of an 11-year-old girl walking home from a friend's house and leads her away. Carlie Brucia's half-naked body turned up several days later outside a church.



hursars concluded Thursday that a former mechanic was the man in the video images, which were broadcast nationwide during the search for Carlie's killer. After deliberating five hours, they Joseph Smith, 39, of kidnapping, raping and strangling the girl. Prosecutors built their case on the footage, the testimony of Smith's friends and co-workers who said they recognized Smith in the video, DNA and hair-analysis evidence, and the word of the defendant's brother, who said Smith confessed.

Smith, who did not take the stand, showed no emotion when the verdict was read. The jury will return for the sentencing phase on Nov. 28.



Joseph Smith, left, looks down as he sits with his attorney, Adam Tebrague, during Smith's murder trial Thursday in Sarasota, Fla. Smith was convicted of kidnapping, raping and killing 11-year-old Carlie Brucia.

read, and the girl's father, Joe Brucia, nodded when each of the three convictions was announced. As he left court, he said only that he was happy with the verdict.

"I can never hold her again. Where's the closure?" Schorpen said outside the courthouse. "I've lost one of the most precious things to me in my life because of an animal, a disgusting, perverted animal."

Congressman calls for immediate withdrawal

Former war supporter changes position in tangle testimony

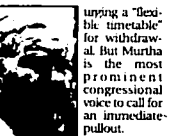
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — A Democratic congressman who is a Vietnam veteran and friend to military commanders shook up the debate over the Iraq war Thursday by reversing course and emotionally denouncing the war as he called for the immediate withdrawal of all American troops.

The tearful appeal of Pennsylvania Rep. John Murtha, who originally voted for the war, added to the sense that Congress is at war over the war as lawmakers traded angry words with one another and White House officials about the nation's policy toward Iraq.

"It is time for a change in direction," said Murtha, a decorated Marine who saw ground combat in Vietnam. "Our military is suffering. The future of our country is at risk ... It is evident that continued military action in Iraq is not in the best interest of the United States of America, the Iraq people or the Persian Gulf region."

Members of Congress from both parties have begun challenging the administration's conduct of the war in recent weeks, and many Democrats are



Murtha is a decorated Marine.

a sober voice on military matters and the top Democrat on the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee added to the stir his comments caused on Capitol Hill.

In Busan, South Korea, White House Spokesman Scott McClellan said Murtha's announcement is "baffling" and compared his position to that of liberal filmmaker Michael Moore and the "extreme liberal wing of the Democratic party."

"The eye of an historic democratic election in Iraq is not the time to surrender to the terrorists," McClellan said. "After seeing his statement, we remain baffled — nowhere does he explain how withdrawing from Iraq makes America safer."

On Capitol Hill, Republicans wasted little time firing back. In a blistering response, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., accused Murtha and the rest of the House Democrats of adopting a "cut and run" policy and

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Early fog is again possible, otherwise today will be mostly sunny and dry. High in the upper 40s. Tonight: Mostly clear skies and brisk temperatures. Lows in the middle 20s. Tomorrow: A low degree warmer and mostly sunny. High in the middle 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cool with areas of early fog, otherwise mostly sunny and dry. High in the middle to upper 40s. Tonight: Mostly clear skies and cold. Lows in the lower 20s. Tomorrow: Mild temperatures and mostly sunny skies. High near 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Valley fog is again likely this morning but higher elevations will be mostly clear. The chance of snow showers is very small over the next several days. Highs will continue to be cool.

BOISE Light winds, mild temperatures and mostly sunny skies will make for very nice weather conditions through the weekend. Do watch out for areas of dense fog during late at night and early in the day.

NORTHERN LITAH D.Y. breezy and mostly sunny conditions are likely today, tomorrow and Sunday. It will not be until next week that showers could return.

Weather Forecaster: Kevin L. Shroyer, Low 17, High 47. Valley fog is again likely this morning but higher elevations will be mostly clear. The chance of snow showers is very small over the next several days. Highs will continue to be cool.

OREGON BURNERIFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "It's tough to generalize when you're outside your own back yard."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset.

Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Table with 2 columns: Saturday, Sunday. Includes moonrise and moonset times.

U.V. INDEX

Low. Highest UV index recorded for the more than 100 stations reported.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists various Idaho cities and their forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists various national cities and their forecasts.

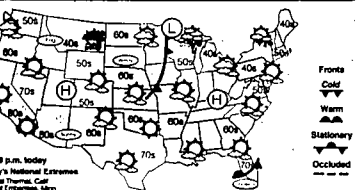
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Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists various world cities and their forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists various Canadian cities and their forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Best of the Blog

Lawsuit

Continued from A1. In the response, the district admits carrying out many of the actions the TFEA alleges were in violation of bargaining procedures, but the district denies the actions violated bargaining procedure. One such area that the district denies any wrongdoing is the TFEA's allegation that the district failed to abide by a tentative agreement over health and dental care. "I don't know why it was brought into the lawsuit because a tentative agreement is just that, tentative," said Twin Falls School District Superintendent Willy Dobbs. "If we were to take a tentative agreement and make it active, it could be considered a unilateral decision." TFEA Chairman Steve Hoy said that (in the past) a tentative agreement was considered to be a long-standing decision. "I would say it's about 80 percent of the lawsuits," Hoy said. "And really, if they paid the steps and schedules this whole lawsuit would probably go away."

Magie Valley Education is a Web Log - also known as a Blog - that promotes discussion among area educators, parents and students. Those who wish to comment can remain anonymous or speak on the record. Best of the Blog is this week's latest discussion on Magie Valley Education. Visit Magie Valley Education at http://www.magievalley.com/blog/

Continued from A1. The response included e-mail communications between Dobbs and Hoy, as well as a copy of Dobbs' Sept. 25 guest editorial letter to The Times-News and an e-mail sent by Dobbs to district employees explaining a contract proposal - which all serve as exhibits in the response to the lawsuit. The response was filed two days after the 20-day deadline set by state requirements for the defendant to respond; however, Dobbs said the district's attorney had filed a request to extend the deadline. "It's really important that we don't lose our focus," Dobbs said. "Which, at this point, is to settle negotiations. We have been - and will remain - open to negotiations in order to reach a settlement." Hoy agreed that negotiations need to continue, and he did say that both sides have agreed to sit down again on Dec. 5 and discuss negotiations. "The fact-finding and the lawsuit are not going to settle the contract," Hoy said. "That's why we need to continue negotiations." Joshua Palmer can be reached at jpalmer@magievalley.com.

Corrections

Tour ends at Gooding Bed and Breakfast. The Times-News regrets the error.

Fiddling Friends will play for dance in Buhl

Due to incorrect information provided to the newspaper, the name of the band playing for a dance in Buhl was wrong in Thursday's TNT. Fiddling Friends will play from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Moose Hall, 1101 Main St. T.

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Murtha

Continued from A1. "I like guys who've never been there that criticize us who've been there," Murtha said. "I like that. I like guys who get five demerits and never been there and send people to war, and then don't like to hear suggestions about what needs to be done." The unveiling of so much bitter criticism in such a short time coincides with a seismic shift in the polls. Bush's approval ratings are at an all-time low, and polls show voters are deeply unhappy about how the war is being handled and skeptical of its prospects for success. American deaths in Iraq recently topped the 2,000 mark, which focused renewed attention on the human cost. Democrats had been hesitant to question the U.S. policy in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion of the country, but they are now under the microscope of undermining the troops' morale. Until recently, they had taken an indirect approach, urging the administration to spend more time getting to the military, such as body armor, but refraining from leveling broader warnings. Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., the first Senate Democrat to call for a timetable to bring home the troops, praised Murtha on Thursday for standing up to the administration. "The administration's continuing efforts to change the subject and attack those who question their 'what the course' mentality are simply irresponsible," Feingold said. "The administration must spend more time getting our Iraq and national security policies straight and less time attacking those who question the deeply flawed course we are on." The starting pay for new recruits is higher in Twin Falls than southwestern Pennsylvania since 1974, voted for the original resolution to go to war with Iraq.

But his worries began early in the effort, and last year he said the Pentagon had to provide more troops and more resources for the war or it would be "unwinnable." For two and a half years, Murtha said, he has been concerned about the plan for Iraq. He said he discussed those concerns with administration officials and the public. "The main reason for going to war has been discredited," said Murtha, meaning both Southern Hussein apparently had no chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. He also said he had concluded that the presence of U.S. troops was actually impeding progress in Iraq. "Our troops have become the primary target of the insurgency," Murtha said. "They are being killed by U.S. forces and we have become a catalyst for violence." As he spoke to reporters, Murtha frequently checked back to describing his weekly visits to Walter Reed Army Medical Center as a big part of why he was taking such a controversial stand. He said he visited one young man who had lost both hands and was blind by fire. "I was praising him, saying how proud we were of him and how much we appreciate his service to the country. Anything I can do for you?" His mother said, "Get him a Purple Heart." "I said, 'What do you mean, get him a Purple Heart?'" Murtha recounted. "Because he had been injured by friendly fire, the military had said he did not qualify for the honor. "I met with the commandant. I said, 'If you don't give him a Purple Heart, I'll give him one of mine.'" Murtha said. "And they gave him a Purple Heart."

Departures

Continued from A1. Officers is unfortunate, but is not indicative of an epidemic loss of Twin Falls policemen to other jurisdictions. Nationwide though, competition for police officers is becoming more intense. "Police officers are in high demand right now, not just here but across the nation," Courtney said. According to USA Today, police recruits are in demand nationwide, and some jurisdictions are adding new perks and benefits to help fill their ranks.

Police

Continued from A1. The department is still able to provide staffing for regular patrols. The minimum number required varies with time of day. At least four patrol officers are on duty each day from 3 a.m. to 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to 3 a.m., at least five patrol officers are required to be on duty. On Fridays and Saturdays from 6 p.m. until 3 a.m., seven officers are required to be on patrol.

Benefits to help fill their ranks. Police Chief Jim Munn said he's not concerned about losing more officers to Boise. "We cannot compete dollar for dollar, benefit for benefit, with the city of Boise, but what we can do is provide a quality place to work," he said. "This is the only place I want to be a police officer," said Munn, a 25-year veteran in Twin Falls. The starting pay for new recruits is higher in Twin Falls than Boise. Beginning officers in Twin Falls earn \$34,284 annually, while according to the city of Boise Web site, beginning officers start at \$33,540. More experienced officers in Boise earn slightly more money. Annual pay for a sergeant in Boise can be as high as \$64,224. Compared with \$63,800 in Twin Falls. Boise does offer increased pay for shift work - 3 percent more for swing shift and 5 percent more for night shift - plus more shift pay not available in Twin Falls and signing bonuses up to \$5,000. Munn said the department will likely increase minimum patrol staffing when additional experienced officers become available. He expects the department to be staffed with experienced officers by early next summer. "I think we're getting there," he said. "I'm really encouraged by the quality of the applicants we're getting."

Bush, Putin meet for talks in Asia

BUSAN, South Korea (AP) — Though their political relationship is strained, President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin are trying to speak with one voice about the war on terror and the campaign to stop North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

The two leaders were meeting Friday, apparently still odds over how to address Iran's nuclear programs and with long-running differences over the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and U.S. concern that Russia is retreating from democracy.

Far from home, Bush was on the defensive about Democrats' criticism that he had misled the nation about the need to go to war in Iraq.

He said at a news conference Thursday that it was "patriotic as heck to disagree with the president." But he added, "What bothers me is when people are irresponsibly using their positions and playing politics. That's exactly what is taking place in America."

Friday's meeting was the fifth between Bush and Putin this year, following talks in Moscow, Washington; Bratislava, Slovakia, and Glenageary, Scotland. Despite their disputes, they're on a first-name basis and emphasize their friendship, which was strengthened when Putin stepped forward and supported Bush after the terrorist attacks of



President George W. Bush touches hands with Jiji Sunim during a group photo with members of a Korean traditional slingers during his visit to the Bulguksa Temple on Thursday in Gyeongju, South Korea.

Sept. 11, 2001.

Bush and Putin were meeting in a hotel suite before the opening of the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. The White House said the key topics would be Iran, North Korea, terrorism, trade,

Moscow's goal of joining the World Trade Organization by the end of the year and development in Russia.

Bush met with Southeast Asia leaders to underscore U.S. interest in the region, one of the battlegrounds in the fight against terrorists. Bush was interested in asking the leaders to exert their influence on the military junta in Myanmar, which Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said was "one of the worst regimes in the world" for its record on human rights and free speech.

Putin has refused to support Bush in the president's eagerness to go to the U.N. Security Council with suspicions Iran is trying to build a nuclear arsenal. Over U.S. objections, Russia is building a nuclear reactor for a power plant in Iran, an \$800 million project the United States fears could be used to help develop nuclear arms.

Putin says that he shares the U.S. goal of an Iran without nuclear arms but that he has been assured Tehran has no ambitions for developing a nuclear weapon and instead wants its program for civilian energy use alone.

Bush and Putin have generally agreed on a need to avert the spread of nuclear weapons technology to other nations, including North Korea.

Occupation official charged in Iraqi kickback scheme

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. occupation officials gave a man with a federal fraud conviction control of millions of dollars for Iraqi reconstruction. Now the man is charged with accepting kickbacks to steer contracts to a businessman.

Robert J. Stein Jr., 50, of Fayetteville, N.C., used some of the kickback money to make a restitution payment for his earlier conviction and his wife used some to pay federal taxes, according to a federal affidavit.

Stein faces conspiracy, money laundering, wire fraud and other charges stemming from his alleged role in helping Philip H. Bloom, a U.S. citizen who has lived in Romania for many years, get contracts in Iraq worth more than \$13 million, federal authorities said Thursday.

Prosecutors say Bloom, 65, paid kickbacks of more than \$20,000 to Stein and others. Bloom has been charged with conspiracy and money laundering stemming from an investigation that Justice Department officials say could result in additional charges against others.

Stein, who worked for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and his wife bought real estate, cars, jewelry and home improvements with the money, according to federal affidavits made public Wednesday and

Iraq will investigate reports of torture.

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Thursday. He and other CPA officials allegedly helped rig bids for Bloom and three companies he controlled for contracts to do work in Al-Hillah and Karbala, two cities 50 to 60 miles south of Baghdad.

Bloom was arrested Sunday at New Jersey's Newark International Airport, while Stein was arrested Monday in Fayetteville, authorities said. They are being held in federal custody, pending hearings in U.S. District Court in Washington next week.

Robert A. Minz, Bloom's lawyer, said he is reviewing the allegations against his client and had no comment. Stein was represented by a federal public defender in a brief appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Fayetteville. Elizabeth Luck, a spokeswoman for the public defender's office, declined to comment on Stein's case.

Stein was the comptroller and funding officer for the CPAs South Central Region.

Stein was convicted in 1976 for defrauding a financial institution. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eight months in prison and three years of supervised release.

House rejects cuts to school, health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans suffered a startling setback in the House on Thursday, losing a vote on cutting spending for education and health care programs. A broader budget-cutting blueprint targeting the poor, college students and farmers also was in danger.

Both bills are part of a campaign by Republican leaders to tarnish their party's budget-cutting credentials as they try to reduce a deficit swelled by spending on the Iraq war and Hurricane Katrina. In both cases, GOP moderates balked.

The 224-209 vote against a \$602 billion spending bill for health, education and labor programs disrupted plans by the Republican leaders to finish work on 11 spending bills that would pay for government operations and freeze many agency budgets through next September.

Democrats were unanimous in opposing that one-year appropriations bill. "It betrays our nation's values and its future," said House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md. "It is neither compassionate, conservative nor wise."

States will get to experiment in the progress of students

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a federal experiment, up to 10 states will be allowed to change how they measure yearly student progress, the cornerstone of President Bush's education law. The Associated Press has learned.

The latest shift in enforcement of the No Child Left Behind law to be announced Friday, is significant politically. Frustrated states have been pleading for permission to try this "growth model," which may make it easier for them to meet their goals and avoid penalties.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings plans to let states apply for the right to measure how much progress individual students make over time, as they move between grades.

Currently, schools are judged based on how today's students compare to last year's students in math and reading — such as fourth-graders in 2005 versus fourth-graders in 2004.

Many state leaders don't like comparing two different groups of kids because there's no regard given to changes in population or credit given for kids who make gains but fall short.

Still, even the states that win approval to fundamentally change how they measure

progress must do more than show growth. They will still have to get all children up to par in reading and math by 2014, as the law mandates, and show consistent gains along the way.

"We're open to new ideas, but we're not taking our eye off the ball," Spellings said in comments she planned to deliver Friday to state school chiefs gathering in Richmond, Va.

The Education Department, eager to show it is not weakening the law, will require states to take many steps before they can qualify for the "growth" option.

States must have data systems to track individual students, close achievement gaps between whites and minorities, and prove they have at least one year of baseline testing.

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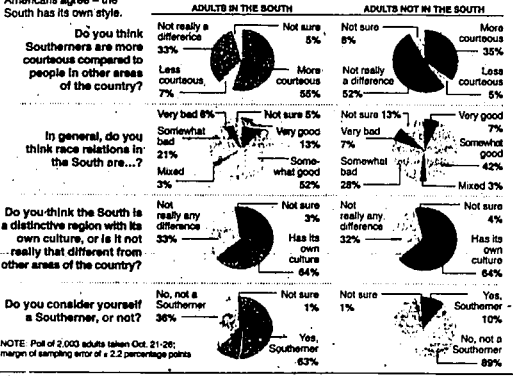
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South calls on a culture of its own

Southerners tend to think they have better manners than the rest of the country, but a majority of Americans agree — the South has its own style.



Philbin will host New Year's Eve bash

NEW YORK (AP) — Regis Philbin, normally reserved for mornings, will stay up late to host the New Year's Eve countdown on Fox.

Philbin will host the network's "New Year's Eve Live" telecast Dec. 31 (9 p.m. MST), from New York's Time Square, Fox announced.

"I'm very happy to be asked to welcome in the New Year on TV," Philbin said in a statement. "It's a once-a-year, one-of-a-kind show, and it's an honor to wish the country a Happy New Year."

Last year on ABC, the 74-year-old Philbin stood in for Dick Clark, who had suffered a stroke.

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South in flux, and so is notion of what it means to be 'Southern'

CARY, N.C. (AP) — The joke around here is that this town's name is really an acronym for "Containment Area for Relocated Yankees."

As far as Vernon Yates is concerned, they haven't been contained well enough.

Nearly surrounded by pricey subdivisions, the cinderblock Yates Grocery and Farm Supply sells neither anymore. As if things weren't bad enough, style maven Martha Stewart has chosen this Raleigh suburb to build a signature neighborhood of houses designed after her homes in Maline and New York.

shows them identifying themselves as "Southern" even more often than whites do.

"The South is a region of irony," says Bill Ferris, co-editor of the Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. "It's both un-American and deeply American."

New York City-born Bob Petrolino has lived in Raleigh for 30 years and has heard his share of snide remarks about "damned Yankees." When the local paper recently ran a land-fill story with the headline "N.C. set to become Yankee dump,"

he fired off an angry letter wondering when we'd finally get beyond the Civil War references.

"I find a lot of people who are still fighting that war," the 71-year-old IBM retiree told the AP. "They still have that chip on their shoulder, like, 'Hey, we would have been better off if you'd never come here.'"

About a third of the Southern residents responding to the AP poll say they were born outside the region. But of those born in and living in the South, only 77 percent choose to call themselves Southern.

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"It's all gone," Yates, pausing for another spit of tobacco juice, says of the Southern town of his youth. "Everything is completely different from what it used to be."

Things are indeed changing in the South. And so is the notion of what it means to be Southern.

In this most maligned and mused-upon of American regions, the term conjures a sort of images. Magnolias, front porch swings and sweet tea for some; football, stock cars and fried chicken for others; lynchings, burning crosses and civil rights marches for still others.

We've had the Solid South, the Old South and the New South.

But are we heading toward a "No South"?

As the South's population booms — projected to comprise 40 percent of the nation's population by 2030 — a new Associated Press-Ipsos poll finds that the percentage of people in the region identifying themselves as "Southerners" is slowly shrinking.

The AP-Ipsos poll conducted this past month found 63 percent of people living in the region identified themselves as Southerners. That mirrors a trend from a University of North Carolina analysis of polling data that found a 7 percent decline on the same Southern identity question between 1991 to 2001, to 70 percent.

"Does it mean that being a Southerner no longer has any meaning? I don't think it does," says Larry Griffin, a sociologist at North Carolina who analyzed the AP polling data. "It just has a very different kind of meaning."

Are the qualities that have long been ascribed to the South really true anymore? Are Southerners really more hospitable than other Americans? Does family really count for more down South? Are depth of faith, loyalty to home, reverence for history and sense of place identifiable "Southern" traits?

The South has become "sort of like a lifestyle, rather than an identity anymore," James Cobb, author of the newly published "Away Down South: A History of Southern Identity," would argue. "The things now we would base Southern distinctiveness on are so ethereal."

And sometimes contradictory. In a region that once tried to break away from the Union, people are generally considered more patriotic than the rest of Americans: in a place where blacks were oppressed for hun-

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U.S. warns Iraqi authorities

America wants to keep Shiite militias out of security services

BAHGDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraq government has promised to investigate detention facilities across the country to ensure prisoners are not tortured, the United States said Thursday, sharply warning Iraqi officials against allowing Shiite militias a role in the security services following allegations of torture of Sunni Arabs.

The Interior Minister, who is in charge of the facilities and security forces, said torture claims were exaggerated.

Secular rhetoric sharpened Iraq's Shiite U.S. troops found up to 173 unacknowledged detainees, some showing signs of torture — in an Interior Ministry building in the capital's Jadhay district. Most were believed to be Sunni Arabs, the main group in the insurgency.

A leader of a major Sunni party, Tariq al-Hashimi, told Iraq's Shariyah television that his group had submitted 50 complaints of prisoner abuse to the government. "We did not receive a timely response."

Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, a Shiite, brushed aside the complaints, denied sectarian bias and claimed that "every time" al-Hashimi has differences with him "he exerts pressure on me through the U.S. Embassy."

"I reject torture and I will punish those who perform torture," Jabr said. "No one is beheaded, no one was killed" — a clear reference to the beheadings of foreign and Iraqi hostages by insurgents, including al-Qaida's Iraq wing.

He also said "those who are supporting terrorism are making the exaggerations" about torture and that only seven detainees showed signs of abuse.

"I have cancelled the Interior Minister's office as a place of execution," Jabr said. "Let him come to show me if there is an execution place in this shelter."

A Voice of America reporter on its Web site Thursday said Jabr's remarks about the number of abused prisoners contradicted what it witnessed Monday night, when U.S. troops moved the detainees to a new Ministry of Interior detention center to the American-run Abu Ghraib prison for medical care.

At least a third of the detainees "appeared severely emaciated and many showed cuts and bruises on their faces, arms and legs," Voice of America reported, adding that authorities took one man out of the facility on a stretcher because he was unable to walk.

Jabr said that prisoner was a Shiite who suffered from polio and had been arrested after helping Sunni extremists detonate a roadside bomb, according to the VOA report.

In a statement Thursday, the U.S. Embassy said Iraqi authorities had given assurances they will investigate the conditions of the detainees found Sunday night and "undertake measures to ensure that no Ministry of Interior detainees would be subject to abuse anywhere in Iraq."

"Detainee abuse is not and will not be tolerated by either the Iraqi government" or by U.S.-led forces, the embassy said. It said the government agreed to a six-point plan for ensuring accountability for abuse claims, but did not give details.

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Anti-war activist found guilty of protesting without permit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq war protester Cindy Sheehan and 25 other peace activists were found guilty Thursday of protesting without a permit near the White House.

They were each ordered to pay \$75 in fines and court costs, but Sheehan's lawyer said he plans to appeal the verdict.

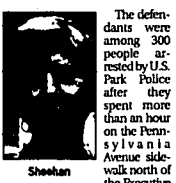
"We weren't demonstrating," Sheehan told reporters after the trial.

All the defendants contended they were trying to deliver petitions to the White House calling for an end to the war in Iraq on Sept. 26, but found no one willing to accept them.

All the petitions were rejected like every request I have made of the president has been rejected," Sheehan said.

Sheehan, 46, of Berkeley, Calif., has testified repeatedly to meet with President Bush since her 24-year-old son, Casey, was killed in Iraq last year. She spent several weeks near the president's Crawford, Texas, ranch this summer, and plans to return there Thanksgiving week.

"I absolutely believe he has an obligation to meet with me," Sheehan said.



Sheehan

The defendants were among 300 people arrested by U.S. Park Police after they spent more than an hour on the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk north of the Executive Mansion. While some sat on the sidewalk, others chanted and sang songs. They were taken into custody after refusing police orders to leave.

"The actions they were taking were designed to attract attention," said U.S. District Magistrate Judge Alan Kay.

A federal regulation prohibits demonstrations without a required permit outside the White House by groups larger than 25 people.

"They were consciously violating the law for publicizing their case," Kay said.

Sheehan said she plans to take her peace activist message to Europe next month with stops in London and Madrid.

Soldier says he falsely implicated platoon leader in killing of Iraqis

FORT RILEY, Kan. (AP) — A soldier convicted of murdering unarmed Iraqis testified Thursday that he falsely implicated his platoon leader in one of the slayings so that he could get a lighter prison sentence.

The startling testimony came at a military hearing to determine whether 2nd Lt. Erick I. Anderson should be court-martialed on murder charges.

Pvt. Michael Williams said, contrary to his earlier statements, that the Iraqi victim was already dead when Anderson arrived, and that Anderson never gave any order to kill him.

"I just felt that pressure of getting a life sentence instead of 25 years," Williams said. "It's just a lot of my fear."

On Wednesday, an Army investigator testified that Williams implicated his platoon leader only after his prison sentence was reduced to 25 years from life.

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EDITORIAL

Twin Falls County takes valid shot for gun shows

Twin Falls County commissioners hit the target on Wednesday, voting unanimously to allow gun trade shows and exhibitions at the county fairgrounds.

Their decision makes a practical change in policy that will bring more profit to the county. If there's a good location for hosting a gun show, the county fairgrounds are it.

Many county residents were probably unaware of regulations banning the use of dangerous weapons at fairgrounds, including firearms, rifles, knives and hand darts. Those prohibitions even caught county fair officials by surprise.

The county law amendment opens the doors for these shows, while still providing sufficient levels of safety. Each request for a trade show or exhibition will need to go through the county sheriff's office. Sheriff Wayne Tousey was open to the shows, while offering some caution for any event where alcohol is served.

That sounds more than reasonable, as does the prohibition of a gun trade show during another event — especially the fair. If guns and alcohol don't go well together, guns, target pigs, carnies and the Zipper are a bad mix as well.

Twin Falls County could capture a healthy stream of revenue on gun trade shows, especially after the Twin Falls hotel that was hosting gun shows went out of business. Officials at Expo Idaho, the venue which hosts the Western Idaho Fair in Boise, say gun shows are a sound money maker.

"They are common, we have about four a year," said media representative Kathleen Keubler. "There are two organizations that alternate shows, and they're responsible for attendance and booths. [The shows] do well because they come back each year and they're sure to have their best."

Officials have long wanted to make the fairgrounds a popular venue on a year-long basis. The new rules for gun shows could make it more possible.

Jihadists make silent, deadly minority

JERUSALEM —

We are so bombarded with news of terrorism that we don't even notice anymore when a fundamental line has been crossed. The last few weeks were one of those times.

The state of the Muslim holy month, Ramadan, a Sunni Muslim suicide bomber walked into a mosque in Hillia, Iraq, and blew himself up in the middle of a funeral.

Just after the close of Ramadan, a Sunni Muslim suicide bomber walked into the Hudson SAS Hotel in Amman, Jordan, and blew himself up in the middle of a wedding reception.



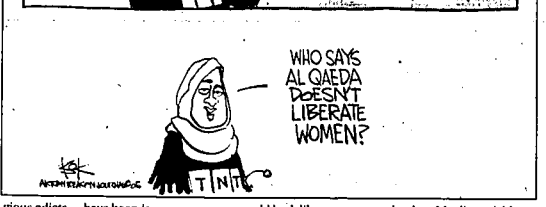
THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Terrorists willing to blow themselves up at funerals and weddings of their own faith are individuals who have become completely disconnected from humanity. They feel no moral restraints. And this is the real threat to the Sunni Muslim world today: There is no controlling moral authority. Any event can be a target: funerals, weddings, anything. Maybe next week, jihadists will blow up a maternity ward.

Yes, there is a civil war going on in the Sunni Muslim world today, a civil war between jihadist fundamentalists on one side and a generally moderate majority on the other. There's just one problem — only one side is really fighting this civil war: the jihadists.

The Sunni Muslim majority has been largely passive. Oh, yes, the Sunni Arab regimes arrest these jihadists when they center rarely attack the underlying intolerant Islamist ideas these jihadists propagate, namely that Christians, Jews, Shites and non-Muslims are not Sunni Muslims and can be attacked.

How many fatwas — reli-



gious edicts — have been issued condemning the Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who has already murdered hundreds of Shiite Muslims and others? Not many.

It was heartening to see Jordanians take to the streets to condemn the triple suicide bombings in their capital by the al-Zarqawi terrorists. That's rare. And King Abdullah of Jordan has been one of the few Arab leaders actually willing to take on the jihadists on the ideological-religious level, sponsoring an intra-Muslim dialogue for just that purpose.

But it was also disappointing to listen to other Jordanian and Arab voices saying that they believe Israelis were behind the attacks in Amman, or telling the bombers: If you want to bomb someone, bomb the "occupiers" — code for Americans and Israelis. Why us?

But here's the protest call the world needs to hear from the Sunni Arab street: "Why anyone?"

Suicide bombing is an abomination. It is sick. You cannot blame a terrorist from suicide bombers. Imagine what your national

museum would look like: "Here's Ahmed — he blew up 52 Muslims at a wedding." "Here's Muhammad — he blew up 25 Shiites at a funeral."

Why don't more people in the Sunni world speak out against the Sunni Arabs doing this? In part, it's because feelings of powerlessness and humiliation are rife in Sunni Arab society, so there is some grudging respect for suicide bombers who are ready to give their lives to resist outsiders of the authoritarian regimes that Arabs blame for keeping them there.

It's also because the Sunni silent majority isn't all that upset when suicide bombers blow up Jews, Christians or Shiites civilians. The Saudi press often extols such suicide bombers as "martyrs" or "the resistance."

Since the societies tolerated such barbarism against civilians when it was used against others, the Sunni terrorists apparently figured it was just fine to use such tactics against their Sunni foes, too.

I am sure al-Zarqawi is mystified today by the protests against him in Jordan. He must be asking, "What's the fuss? After all, no one protested re-

cently when Muslim suicide bombers butchered Shiites in Iraq or Ahmeds in Pakistan or Christian tourists in Indonesia or Jews in Israel or Hindus in New Delhi."

The Sunni world would do well to reread the famous poem by the Rev. Martin Niemöller, a German pastor imprisoned in World War II. "First they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and I didn't speak up because I was not."

A civilization that does not delegitimize suicide bombing against any innocent civilian is itself committing suicide. And that is exactly what the Sunni Muslim world is doing when it does not consistently teach its children that suicide bombing against civilians is always wrong — and that all we engage in it do not go to heaven, but straight to hell.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

Fill out those surveys

It's hard to match the empowering act of voting at the polls. But filling out the Twin Falls city survey may be a close second.

City officials have mailed more than 3,500 random surveys to city residents for the annual Twin Falls Community survey. They even boosted the number this year to reflect population growth. If you found one in your mailbox, don't waste this golden opportunity to give your two-cents' worth. But they must be sent by Nov. 23.

"That is the one thing that drives our strategic plan for the next two years," said Mayor

Glenda Dwight about the survey. "There is a lot of thought put into appropriate questions."

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Twin Falls

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Don't ever cede control of the Internet

Despite what we learned in kindergarten, sharing is not always the right thing to do.

And competence ranks ahead of generosity on the hierarchy of qualities that make the world go 'round.

That's why the United States need not play nice this coming week when many in the international community suggest we give up administrative control of the Internet.

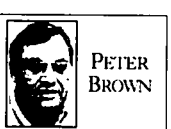
Just because other nations say fairness demands the United States give an international group, perhaps the United Nations, control of cyberspace, is no reason to comply.

What's fair? The United States — the Pentagon, not Al Gore as the world's number one — built and nurtured the Internet. In the real world that equates with ownership.

There are times to accede to international opinion, and there are times to become the Ugly American because to comply would compromise U.S. interests.

There may be the Internet over to a world body risks killing the goose that laid the golden egg. The Internet is the most important business and communication tool in the world. It has revolutionized the way we shop, converse and learn.

The Internet has been the key catalyst in shrinking the globe. In the wrong hands, however, it could be a tool for



PETER BROWN

political manipulation.

Today, it is simply a loosely managed "information highway" open to everyone, the essence of laissez-faire, free-market capitalism.

There is bipartisan support in Congress for telling the rest of the world to take a hike.

Even the New York Times editorial page, which rarely misses a chance to denounce the Bush administration's unilateralism, sees the light on this one.

But a coalition that includes supposedly friendly allies like the European Union and those for whom anti-Americanism is a core value, like Iran, are demanding the United States turn over control.

They think the United Nations would be better equipped to do the job because it would reflect international values. Translation: Give them some leverage.

That is both true and a major reason why turning it over is a bad idea, much like the effort

some years back by UNESCO to license journalists.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan denies he wants to seize control, but talks about the "need for change" in Internet governance.

The coalition will make its point at an international meeting in Tunis from Sunday through Tuesday, where Internet governance will be discussed.

The United States will tell them to take a hike.

But when the usual suspects start complaining about American arrogance, unwillingness to be responsible part of the international community, you will pardon me if I brag.

The Internet was built by the Pentagon and used by academics for years before it caught on as a worldwide center of business and communication.

An obscure nonprofit group based in California, but with a board of directors from around the world, administers the Internet. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers was created by the U.S. Commerce Department in 1998 and keeps track of Internet addresses worldwide.

Other than that, I can't say it is known to the nerds, does very little to regulate the Net.

That's why the Internet has grown to become the most important invention since fire.

Because the Internet was created by Americans, it shares our values of openness, free-

dom and capitalism.

Imagine if some world group got control and decided what could and could not be shared on the Internet and who would be allowed access. Perhaps it would decide that some products, or ideas, were not permissible, as is the case with state-run television in some societies.

Don't laugh; that's the reality of the Internet in China and some parts of the world even now, without any say in its governance.

Think of the U.N.'s Human Rights Commission, with members such as Cuba, Libya, China and Sudan dominating it, much like the fox would like to guard the henhouse.

What's the worst that could happen if the United States refuses to share Internet control?

Those nations could set up their own Internet and compete for traffic with what we know as the World Wide Web. That would be the right way to get what they want — providing a better product, so people could decide which one to patronize.

Of course, not even they believe they can do that, which is why they are trying to steal it politically.

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Twin Falls teachers had to play by new rules

Many times, the Twin Falls School District has made the statement that paying the teachers their increments and years of experience is a choice. Idaho code §33-515 is very clear that is not a choice, but let's go ahead and pretend that its statement is correct.

Now let's ask the question, "Why was the choice made to not pay the teachers?" The teachers and the patrons of the Twin Falls School District de-

served to have this question answered. From our side of the fence, it feels like that choice was made to punish the teachers for expecting more than the crumbs that have been offered to us. It feels like the district made the decision to play the game of hard ball with the teachers.

So when the district decided to change the game, is it any wonder that the teachers are mad to play by its new rules? All teachers want to get back to the bargaining table and get these issues settled. We want a

fair and equitable salary. We want to be treated with respect. I don't think that those are unreasonable expectations.

LORRI HAZEN
Twin Falls

(Editor's Note: Lorri Hazen teaches 4th grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls.)

LETTERS

to the central point. That is, that evolution is a scientific concept, which is most appropriately taught in a science classroom of a state-run, secular school. Intelligent design is a faith-based concept, which should be taught in a religious classroom. It is a long-established principle that the two should remain separate. Let's state gain the power to declare religious doctrine and intrude on beliefs and practices within private religious settings.
KACE O'CONNOR
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LETTER

Local interests have no priority with Sempra

On its Web site (www.sempra.com) Sempra Energy has a section listing and explaining its nine overarching corporate values. The first of these is, "We relentlessly pursue superior profitability and growth to increase shareholder value." Nowhere in those nine values is there mention of the localities where their plants are located, the locals who live there or the health of the environment.

Elsewhere, Sempra's Web site does include an environmental policy which says, "Sempra Energy believes in treating the earth's resources with respect," and "We are committed to protecting and conserving the environment and the health of ... the diverse communities in which we operate."

The Delta, Utah, plant which Sempra says is like the one they wish to build here reported to the Environmental Protection Agency that, in 1999, it released into the air 28,261 tons of nitrogen oxides, 3,690 tons of sulfur dioxide, 1,312 tons of carbon monoxide, 220 tons of volatile organic compounds, 1,693 tons of particulate less than 2.5 micrometers, 1,943 tons of particulates less than 10 mi-

crograms, 1.67 tons of ammonia, and 179,610 pounds of other hazardous air pollutants. In 2003, it released 223 pounds of mercury into the air. The initial unit Sempra wishes to build here will be one-third as large as the Delta plant, but one-third of these self-reported amounts is a stunning amount of emissions into our air.

Sempra Energy and the citizens of the Magic Valley need to ask whether strip mining hundreds of thousands of tons of coal a year, shipping it by rail to Jerome and burning it to make electricity to be sold on the open market, with the release of these greenhouse gases and toxins, constitute "treating the earth's resources with respect" and protecting the environment and health of the area, or rather are evidence of a relentless pursuit of superior profitability.

Conservation and renewable sources of energy are much more responsible alternatives to building such plants. Renewable energy sources may not even be more costly, since the cost of coal and transportation is rising. In any case, not just the cost of electricity, but the costs resulting from the air pollution to health and environment must be taken into account.
REV HUGH FEISS
 Jerome



LETTERS

Same standard should apply on height limits

Is the City Council going to give the developer who wanted to put a hotel on the canyon rim or Val-Mart the same OK to go beyond the height limit that it gave the Mormon Church? The hotel wouldn't take away from the canyon view any more than all the eateries that are already there. The view was ruined when all the land was developed.

If you let one go past the limit on building, you have to let the rest. In Sacramento, they said no building could be taller than the Capitol building, and now you can't even see the Capitol. The damage has already been done.

I have nothing against the Mormon Church; you just have to be fair to everyone.
STANLEY ENGELKING
 Twin Falls

Idahoans were duped on INL consolidation

Idahoans may be partially responsible for allowing the Bush administration to produce new nuclear weapons. It appears that federal plans made as far back as 2003 set the stage to transfer plutonium-238 production facilities from the Los Alamos National Laboratory to the Idaho National Laboratory. This move was made under the guise of a need to consolidate Pu-238. The rhetoric that many people used to support the fact arguments for consolidation was based on maintaining a facility away from areas of large population, the removal of the terrorism threat posed by nuclear materials being seized during interstate transportation, and the use of an already existing nuclear reactor at the INL.

The good people of Idaho (and the greater U.S. population) appear to have been lied to by the federal government. Just last week, Congress passed a \$30.5 billion energy and water appropriations bill for the 2006 fiscal year. In the conference report on H.R. 2419 (the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act 2006), a quote was made that, "The conferees recognize the need to free up floor space in IA-55 for pit production, and direct the Department (of Energy) to develop a strategy to relocate expeditiously the mission for Pu-238 processing from Los Alamos to the INL." Technical Area-55 contains Los Alamos's main plutonium processing and manufacturing facilities. A nuclear "pit," or trigger, is the plutonium core of a nuclear weapon that provides the initial atomic detonation that then starts the immense thermonuclear blast.

The people of Idaho were

never informed that the consolidation of Pu-238 to the INL was to aid in the production of nuclear weapons. In fact, the DOE, in response to specific questions regarding this issue, dismissed the idea and stated that the INL had no ties to aiding in the manufacturing of nuclear weapons. It makes little sense to continue the creation of nuclear weapons.

In a world where small terrorist cells seem to be those that are inflicting the most devastation, a nuclear bomb has no place. This recent revelation adds just another reason to oppose the consolidation of plutonium-238 to the Idaho National Laboratory.
CRAIG WOLFROM
 Halley

Sempra should push its cleaner technology

Last week, Florida Power and Light's coal-fired power plant proposal was rejected unanimously by St. Lucie County commissioners, because it did not offer state-of-the-art pollution controls.

Citizens, the Department of Defense and energy companies like Sempra are aware that advanced clean coal technology is on the threshold of development throughout the nation. The technology is called Integrated Cofiring Combined Cycle with polygeneration, and Sempra's less advanced pulverized coal power plant should be

reconfigured to take advantage of this.

Clean coal technology removes, without burning, a great deal of the offensive content that coal burning releases into the environment. The coal is gasified and products such as ultra-clean fuel and fertilizer can be produced in addition to electricity.

The products from polygeneration technology are far more valuable than the production of electricity alone. Why then is Sempra interested in burning coal only for electricity when much of the industry is well beyond this limited focus, applying IGCC polygeneration to planned projects this size — and larger?

Why propose to spend \$1 billion and not maximize the return of invested capital by being as productive and clean as possible? I am perplexed by the business model Sempra is representing when the opportunity exists for it to make an even bigger contribution to the region by doing IGCC polygeneration of fertilizers and ultra-clean fuels in addition to electricity. The price of Sempra's 600-megawatt project is the

same as one that would do so much more for Idaho and our environment using clean coal technology.

I encourage you to hold Sempra's proposed plant to the highest industry standards and insist on the cleanest coal technology available. Integrated Cofiring Combined Cycle with polygeneration is clearly in the best interests of Idaho and the country.
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SPORTSQUOTE

You're only doing this because you're a Jeff Gordon fan.

NASCAR driver Kurt Busch to the arresting officer in a police report about his DWI stop in Avondale, Ariz.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What did former USC quarterback Paul McDonald have in common with Arnold Tucker, Army's quarterback in the mid-1940s?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College
MEN'S BASKETBALL
Arctic Circle
Tourament at CSI
Scottsdale College at CSI, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CSI at Central Arizona, Coolidge, Ariz., 6 p.m.
High School
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Boise at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Aberdeen, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Bliss at Lighthouse Christian, 7:30 p.m.
American Falls at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Butte County, 7:30 p.m.
Wood River at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TFHS football banquet Monday

TWIN FALLS — All Twin Falls High School varsity and junior varsity football players and parents are invited to the Twin Falls football team and family banquet on Monday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Please contact coach Brock Berryhill at 733-6551 for more information.

Charity volleyball touney announced

FILER — A co-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the Filer Kids program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School Gym. The entry fee is \$80 per team and a new toy from each team member. A-B-C-D divisions will be available. For more information, contact Pam Petrela at 324-0354 or 404-6014.

Cross country team still open

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA Team Idaho Track and Field Club has openings for those interested in competing in upcoming cross country events this fall and winter. For more information, please contact head coach Curtis Assay at 543-5939.

Jerome boosters move meeting to Dec. 5

JEROME — 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 — 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 3-7 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. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, contact the department at 736-2265.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Each handed off to two Heisman Trophy winners in the same backfield — McDonald to Charles White and Marcus Allen, Tucker to Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard.

CSI 78

WAUBONSEE 47

Eagles erase Chiefs

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Talent has never been the question — motivation has. The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team took a big stride in erasing the questions about their lack of effort during their season's first three games with a solid 78-47 win over Waubonsee Community College (Ill.) during Thursday night's opening day of the 2005 Arctic Circle Tournament at the CSI Gymnasium. The 3-1 Golden Eagles pumped up the defensive intensity, forcing 27 Chiefs turnovers and finally getting out into the open-ended transition game they prefer playing.

"We were really hungry tonight," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "We wanted the opportunity to get back and play and show everybody what we've been working on. I was very very pleased with how we came out and responded after the layoff and how I challenged the team."

After taking a 36-21 lead at the half, the Eagles broke the game open with 820 remaining. Steve Neal's rebound of Waubonsee guard Nate Wolff's miss ignited a CSI fast break that sophomore Travis Gabbidon finished with an emphatic two-handed dunk. The story was the same the next time downcourt, as Chiefs guard Jarrett Starwood's miss was turned into another break, this time Jemaine Calvin to Steve Neal for the one-handed tomahawk. All told, the Eagles would reel off a 22-5 run before the 5-foot-11 Calvin got in for an one-

Arctic Circle Tournament
Friday's games
Peninsula CC vs. Waubonsee CC, 5:30 p.m.
CSI vs. Scottsdale CC, 7:30 p.m.

That's the team I want us to be," Peery said. "I want us to be as passionate and aggressive and get out and guard people. That was a lot closer to the team that I want us to look like." After back spasms hindered his performance two weekends ago, Gabbidon broke out for a game-high 24 points, 11 rebounds, and four assists. Gabbidon was one of many Eagles players that played more inspired ball, leading off CSI's defensive intensity to garner a number of easy buckets.

"I just starts from the get-go," Gabbidon said. "You come out and play hard, and that's all it takes. You play hard and good things happen." Among those good things for the Eagles were 16 steals and a .531 shooting percentage in the second half. The Eagles also got improved play from beely centers Michal Galin and Bray Milson. Combined, the two shot 3-for-6 from the free-throw line, making up for sophomore Zaryron Fere's 3-point night on only 1-of-6 shooting.

The Chiefs were led by hustling post Mike Leonard's 14 points and eight rebounds, while Starwood finished with 11 points. CSI starting point guard Darrell Jenkins continued his strong play, finishing with 11 points and nine assists to only two turnovers. Calvin sparked the Eagles off the bench with six points and six steals, as did Neal who finished with 14 points and eight rebounds.

"It's nice, especially after the other two wins," Gabbidon said. "We didn't block them like this tonight, it came hard, but we came hard. That was a key."

The Pro Look All Stars filled in for Peninsula Community College (Wash.) after Peninsula was told by the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges that they couldn't start play until Friday. The All Stars beat the Scottsdale Artichokes, 96-81.



Golden Eagles sophomore forward Travis Gabbidon slam dunks the ball Thursday during the first half of their 2005 Arctic Circle Tournament game at the CSI Gymnasium.

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Busch regrets actions in Arizona

The Associated Press

MEANS — A repentant Kurt Busch says he regrets becoming "argumentative" with an officer during a traffic stop last week in Phoenix, but insists that alcohol played no part in his actions. "When I was asked by the officer if I had been drinking, I explained to them I had one drink during dinner, but I was certainly not intoxicated," Busch said in an exclusive telephone interview with The Associated Press from his Charlotte, N.C., office.

The reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion was pulled over for driving 60 mph in a 45 mph zone, swerving to avoid a car and running a stop sign last Friday night on his way back to Phoenix International Raceway. He said he was returning from dinner with his fiancée.

The police report said the deputy smelled alcohol on Busch, and the driver became belligerent. "We're only doing this because you're a Jeff Gordon fan," Busch was quoted as saying to the officer in the police report, released earlier Thursday in Phoenix.

He was eventually issued a misdemeanor citation for reckless driving. "I admit I became a bit argumentative with the officer when he continuously insisted that I submit to a field sobriety test and a breath test, which I ultimately did," Busch said. "I later learned my (preliminary breathalyzer) reading was .017. That's consistent with an individual my size having one drink. That's brought us to this point."

"I regret that my actions, including saying some disrespectful things to the officer, made the situation worse. I have apologized for this and I want to reiterate that my apology to the officer is to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department."

The officer, responding to Busch's comment about Gordon, said he did not follow NASCAR and is a fan of neither Gordon nor Busch. He



Kurt Busch gestures in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Sept. 10.

Eventually called a supervisor to the scene. According to the police report, Busch called the deputies "a joke," crowded an officer and asked "Do you know who I am?" at various points while he was detained.

"I resent him making derogatory remarks about our sheriff," said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

Even though an official alcohol breath machine

Idaho State men look to surprise prognosticators

By Mark Uptak Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — They are the consensus pick to finish last in the conference among both the coaches and the media but before you dismiss any chance for the Idaho State University Bengals to have a decent season in men's basketball, you need to consider the following:

The return of one of the most athletic players in the league in guard David Schroeder coming back from his third torn ACL since high school. The 6-7 forward is the grandson of former World Middleweight Champion Gene Fullmer.

He has the same attitude that his grandfather had in the ring. — 6-7 forward is the grandson of former World Middleweight Champion Gene Fullmer.

He has the same attitude that his grandfather had in the ring. He's aggressive, willing to take punishment and willing to dish it out while fighting for rebounds. The Bengals 9-18 season last year 0-11 Big Sky can be attributed to injuries and the uncertainty of when you will win the road. They went 1-11 outside of Reed City while in the Big Sky. A stat that had a lot to do with the change for them to be competitive. Assuming they stay healthy, Reed looks like they finally have the depth to compete over the course of a full season. "This is the most talented roster, 1-13, that we have had since I've been in the program," said eighth-year head coach Doug Oliver. Some talented newcomers are going to be asked to play a part from the beginning. Tim Henry for example, is a transfer from Wyoming. The 6-6 forward can also give Idaho State an edge. Scrum option to go along with the experience of last year's Schroeder, Mil- ben and Kingham. The aforementioned Winters is expected to help shore up a part from the beginning. Tim that of rebounding which killed them last season. Opponents grabbed 141 more boards last year. Please see BRUIINS, Page B5

Bruins look to knock off Boise

By Brad Guilo Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Perhaps we downplayed the Twin Falls girls basketball team prior to the season. Perhaps they'll be better than first thought. Perhaps they just jumped up on a few mediocre nonconference teams.

"We're looking forward to the game to see how good we are," Bruins head coach Joe B. Shepard said on Tuesday.

Defending Class 5A state champion Boise High is coming to town. This week's media poll ranks Boise No. 1 and Twin Falls No. 4. That's all. And it's been rumored that this large team can call.

"We have to use our quickness against them," Shepard said.

'This will win us games'

In practice, the Bruins worked on passing and pass-defense, as well as rebounding, keeping those tall posts in mind.

Shooting has also been a concern. Of the three games played, the Bruins 0-11 have lapsed in shooting and scoring. Against Madison, the Bruins made 27 baskets, went 2-for-10 at the line with nine 3-pointers for 65 points. Against Mountain View, Twin Falls netted 23, 8-of-9 from the line, an improvement and five 3-for-5. In the loss in Meridian, they made only 14, regressed in free throws, 5-for-16, and made fewer from outside (three) for a mere 36.

Helping to light up the 30' arc senior guard Nolan Rogers and junior guard Randi Fischer.

But Shepard has stressed free throw shooting to his Broncos, telling the team, "This will win us games."

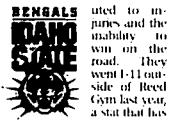
Mind over muscle?

The age-old question of whether a small, quick team can beat a dominant, large team is never fully answered. It mostly depends on whether teams can play to their full potential. It will depend on mental preparation.

"You either do it or you don't," Bruins assistant coach Steve Irons told the team during practice this week.

But will Boise be as much of a

Please see BRUIINS, Page B5



SPORTS

Bengals try to knock off Colts

Two years ago, Kansas City went into Cincinnati with a 9-0 record and left 0-14.

So the Bengals have some experience at what they face Sunday when Indianapolis, the AFC's only undefeated team, comes to town.

At 0-0, the Colts are at the point where members of the 1972 Dolphins, the last team to go through a season without a loss, start watching.

And for a third, the Bengals are still young and brash, treating a win over Indianapolis as an end in itself instead of seeing it as part of a larger picture.

And Marvin Lewis seems to have reached Chad Johnson.

Still, the Bengals do seem more excited about the prospect of knocking off the Colts than Indianapolis seems to be about the potential of an unbeat season.

The picks Tampa Bay (plus 6) at Atlanta: The Falcons should be angry after an awful loss to Green Bay. It won't matter this



Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Johnson runs for a 75-yard touchdown after catching a pass from Carson Palmer in the first quarter against the Minnesota Vikings, Sept. 18, in Cincinnati.

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CSI women prevail in Arizona

MESA, Ariz. — Twin Falls' Amy Bravold turned a 3-point play with 4:02 remaining to put the CSI women back up by 11 points Thursday in a 70-52 win over Mesa (AP) College.

CSI (4-0) pulled ahead by 11 midway through the first half over the fifth-ranked Thunderbirds of the NCAA Division II ranks.

"Well, we just kept battling," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "We played hard. We rebounded really well, out-rebounding them 53-31 on the boards."

Despite struggles from the field and the line, the 4-0 Eagles were able to beat Mesa on sheer defense, putting up 31 shots to the Thunderbirds' 49.

The sophomore guard Kellie Olson, the granddaughter of University of Arizona coaching legend Lute Olson, finished with 15 points to lead the Thunderbirds.

High School Girls basketball Camas County 37, Castleford 31.

Local sports

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Shoshone downs Hagerman

SHOSHONE — Lacking in both experience and depth, the Hagerman Pirates knew they were going to control the pace against Shoshone.

"We got to work on a few things that we haven't gotten to work on," said Shoshone coach Jim Chapman, whose team moved to 2-0 on the season.

Shoshone's Kyli Astle responded on the ensuing possession with a 3-pointer of her own to make a 1-0 run on the quarter to a 13-1 lead after the first quarter and a 21-11 advantage at the half.

Indian junior Kori Bingham put up a team-high 12 points while the Vandals were going 3-for-5 at the charity stripe.

That was our goal," said Pitterates coach Lyanna Axelson.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sophomore Tarean Green almost doubled his career high with 23 points and Florida beat No. 19 Wake Forest.

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for, our kids feed off that. Kevon Dalton added consecutive baskets before Elsensohn's game-changing play.

Elsensohn's play was part of a 13-0 run in the final period for Burley, which gave the Bobcats the lead for good.

The offense began to click for Burley in the third period, as it played a 15-7 advantage in the period to pull even, entering the final period, McKenzie Baker scored all seven of her points in the third to help lead the Bobcat rally.

McKee Baker finished the night with 18 points for Burley, while Dalton and Nicole Tolman added eight points each.

Burley (2-0) will play at Declo Saturday night.

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

Table with NBA Eastern Conference and Western Conference standings, listing teams like Philadelphia, Detroit, and Los Angeles.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing: Nextel Cup, final practice for Ford 400, SPEED, 4 p.m.
Boxing: Chad Dawson (18-0-0), vs. Ian Gardner (19-2-0), for vacant NABO super middleweight championship.
Basketball: Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, third place game, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

Table with NFL Week 13 scores, listing teams like Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Baltimore with their respective scores.

Table with NHL Week 24 scores, listing teams like Montreal, Pittsburgh, and New York Rangers.

Nalbandian joins Federer in semifinals
SIANGHAI, China — David Nalbandian joined top-ranked Roger Federer in the Tennis Masters Cup semifinals, with each using a different approach to his last round robin match Thursday.
Nalbandian breezed to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ivan Ljubicic in 67 minutes, serving out of love in the last game.

Court rules for Vikings in Stringer widow's suit
ST. PAUL, Minn. — The widow of Iremaker Corey Stringer bit another, probably final legal roadblock Thursday when the Minnesota Supreme Court refused to let her pursue a wrongful death lawsuit against the Vikings and several employees.
Stringer was killed in a plane crash in 2002. The Supreme Court's 4-2 decision — Justice Alan Page, a former Viking, recused himself — exhausted Keith Stringer's avenues in state court.

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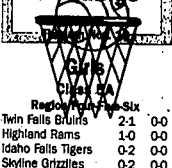
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Basketball Standings



Region I

Twin Falls Bulls	2-1	0-0
Highland Rams	1-0	0-0
Idaho Falls Tigers	0-2	0-0
Skyline Grizzlies	0-2	0-0

Class 4A

Great Basin Conference West

Burley Bobcats	1-1	0-0
Jerome Tigers	1-0	0-0
Wid River Wolverines	0-1	0-0
Minico Spartans	1-3	0-0

Great Basin Conference East

Century D Backs	2-0	0-0
Preston Indians	1-1	0-0
Pocatello Indians	0-1	0-0

Class 3A

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

Gooding Senators	2-0	0-0
Kimberly Bulldogs	1-0	0-0
Filer Wildcats	1-1	0-0
Idaho Falls	1-1	0-0
Buhl Indians	0-2	0-0

Class 2A

Canyon Conference

Valley Vikings	1-1	0-0
Glenns Ferry Pilots	0-1	0-0
Wendell Trojans	0-1	0-0

Class 1A

Magic Valley Northside Conference

Dietrich Blue Devils	3-0	0-0
Shoshone Indians	1-0	0-0
Richfield Tigers	1-1	0-0
Carey Panthers	1-0	0-0
Camas Co Mushers	1-0	0-0
Com Sch Cuthberts	0-0	0-0

Magic Valley Southside Conference

Oakley Hornets	1-1	0-0
Raft River Trojans	1-1	0-0
Lighthouse Chr Lions	1-1	0-0
Castletford Wolves	0-1	0-0
Hagerman Pirates	0-2	0-0
Hansen Huskies	0-0	0-0
Martaugh Red Devils	0-0-0	0-0

Independent

T.F. Christian Warriors	0-1	ISDB (I.V. schedule)	0-0
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Media Poll

Records through Tuesday, Class 5A

1. Boise (5) 30	84
2. Borah (3) 20	78
3. Centennial 3-0	44
4. Twin Falls 2-0	24
5. Coeur d'Alene 1-1	18

Others receiving votes — Eagle, Highland, Lake City, Skyline.

Class 4A

1. Vallivue (6) 20	64
2. Blackfoot (1) 1-0	52
3. Bonnetville (2)	50
4. Century	49
5. Minico	16

Others receiving votes — Bishop Kelly, Burlington, Emmett, Hillcrest, Lakeland, Moscow, Rigby, Skyview.

Class 3A

1. Shelley (6) 0-0	84
2. Middleton (1) 1-0	66
3. Richfield (2)	42
4. Bonners Ferry 0-0	22
5. Pnest River 0-0	14

Others receiving votes — American Falls, Declo, Gooding, Salmon, Snake River.

Class 2A

1. Grangeville (7) 1-0	84
2. Burte County (2) 1-0	66
3. Firth 1-0	46
4. Newport 0-0	36
5. Nampa Christian	18

Class 1A

1. Shoshone (8) 0-0	88
2. Rimrock (1) 0-0	62
3. Lapwai	34
4. Richfield 1-0	24
5. The Wellace	22
Kendrick	22

Others receiving votes — Carey, Dietrich, Genesee, Mackay.

Voters this week

Craig Craker, Nampa Press Tribune; Jonathan Drew, KTRF AM, Twin Falls; Johnna Espinoza, Idaho Statesman; Eric Larsen, Twin Falls Times-News; Greg Lee, Idaho Statesman-Review; Mark Nellie, Coeur d'Alene Press; Joe Paisley, Twin Falls Times-News; Brad Riddell, Pocatello Journal; Mitch Worthington, Idaho Falls Post-Register.

Centralia loves its Orphans



Centralia High School players from left, Tommy Bryan, Joey Parker, Jeremy 'Gus' Moss, Kory Smith and Matt Covington celebrate their third place win in the 62nd Annual Centralia Holiday Tournament in December 2004 at the school's A.L. Trout Gymnasium in Centralia, Ill.

Illinois town has the nation's winningest prep basketball program

CENTRALIA, Ill. (AP) — Amid all the boasting by locals that the boys at the high school have won more basketball games than anyone else in the country, Olen "Butch" Border is serious when he says he'll go to his grave heralding that program and its odd little mascot.

Around here, Centralia High's Orphans are family. So much so that Border, a retired railroad worker, already has chosen his tombstone that bears the Orphans' logo — looking much like a basketball-dribbling Dennis the Menace — and is red, one of the team's colors.

The Orphans, whose program dates to 1906, lead the nation in victories with 1,969, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations that keeps the national prep sports record books.

Basketball has been the constant in this struggling 14,000-resident city about 70 miles east of St. Louis. Many of the oil wells and coal mines that once helped this town flourish long ago died out, so some big area factories are shuttered relics and the city's downtown is a collection of vacant storefronts.

Through it all, this community in America's breadbasket has clung to its hoops.

"Basketball is the glue that keeps Centralia together," said the 62-year-old Border.

It's been that way since a guy named Arthur Trout came along while coaching the Orphans from 1915 to 1951. That went 809-334, a 708 winning percentage — and won state titles in 1918, 1922 and 1942. His teams advanced six times to the

Bruins

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juggernaut as last season? The Bruins graduated all of their guards and only return two starters from last year's championship team.

Plus, former head coach Harry Angelos moved on to Eagle. But new head coach Kim Brydges will track three 6-foot-plus girls against the competition.

Seniors Maggie Burkett (6-2) and Kristin Henning (6-2) and junior Katie Clegg (6-4) should handle the post spots well.

The Bruins are a fairly young

team, and perhaps just need the reps. Shepard said that something to remember is to review these techniques with the younger girls and be patient.

The question of youth may be negligible as Twin Falls boasts youngsters Ashley Irons (5-6 guard), Kelsey Jardine (5-7 forward) and Nikki Tate (5-8 post) as players with varsity experience.

Younger girls like sophomore Amber Petersen and freshman Megan Birt will need to mature fast.

But brace your wait. While there are few returners on both

squads, Twin Falls must step up to win.

Leading scorer Jardine (13.7 points per game) has no doubt found the key to beating the Braves.

"We have to hustle and defend — especially against the tall girls," she said.

"Can small and quick can beat large and strong."

Tonight, we'll see.

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Mushers' McLam off to fast start

By Nathaniel Garrabrant
Times-News writer

Beth McLam



Michelle of the Mice

FAIRFIELD — Maybe fitness guru Jack LaLanne was on to something when he said that warm ups are bunk.

Case in point would be Camas County senior Beth McLam, who went about to waste any time easing into the basketball season fresh after garnering all-conference honors in volleyball for the third straight year.

In her Mushers' season opener against Castletford last Saturday, the 5-6 point guard dropped a game-high 21 points on the Wolves. It would've been a big performance for any player in any game, but it becomes huge when considering that McLam's production accounted for more than two-thirds of Camas County's scoring in the 31-26 victory.

"I felt pretty good. I was just hot. I was making a lot of stuff," she said. "I want to have a really good game. I'm glad I could start it that way. I just wanted to start right off the bat, just like that."

Draining four 3-pointers on nine attempts could help but serve as a springboard for her four-year varsity player who averaged 15.5 points per game last season.

"She's been carrying the team for years, in terms of the shooting," said head coach and father Matt McLam. "She's been high-point every year since she was a freshman."

Her team is counting on more of the same this time around. The Mushers enjoy one of the state's most competitive conferences, the Magic Valley Northside, in which resides defending state champion Shoshone as well as perennially strong Dietrich, Richfield, and Carey teams.

"I like to think of it as a privilege to be on the team, because not everyone can face state teams, state champi-

onship teams. It really helps me if I want to go on or anything. Because they're the toughest players. So it's helping me have to stay aggressive. Especially if teams double team me. It's really making me a lot better."

The level of competition isn't the only factor in McLam's development.

"It's really a matter of having some ability, but recognizing you've also got to work for it," said coach McLam. "Because she does work very hard. It's one of the things we've taught all along. If it's worth doing, it's worth working hard for. She's got a lot of athletic ability. If it's worth having that ability, it's worth working with it."

She does.

McLam has participated in several summer Northwest Basketball Camps, receiving best defensive player honorific camp two years ago in Lake Ore, Ore. In addition, she recently completed the rigorous Air Alert Vertical Jump Program, boosting her vertical leap to 26 inches.

But there is a lot more to Beth McLam than all-conference numbers and vertical jumper.

She also boasts a strong academic and activities resume, which includes a 4.0 grade point average and a host of awards for English, art, math, and piano.

And that isn't bunk.

Shoshone, Gooding meet once again on hardwood

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

Magic Valley SPORTS WEEK

TWIN FALLS — It's a rematch, sort of.

The Shoshone girls basketball team travels to Gooding on Tuesday in what would be considered a rematch of sorts for a different kind of ball and net used in the game.

This northside, hardwood rivalry transcends basketball as well as the rivalry on both squads participate in volleyball.

"Gooding's a good rival for us," Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman said. "Our girls feel it's a good rivalry."

Seniors coach Chris Comstock doesn't seem too preoccupied with the Indians.

"The (rivalry) probably carries over," he said. "But we use these kind of games to get ready for conference."

As Gooding plays a few games between tonight and Tuesday, Comstock said they were focusing on Shoshone until Tuesday.

Rivalries aside, Gooding won't count out Shoshone on the court.

"We've got a threat to us from all spots," Comstock said. "It'll be a challenge for us."

Gooding has senior point guard Brittanee Toone and senior post Katie Garerin, which Chapman calls a double threat.

"A big post and a good outside shooter like that stretches out the defense," he said. "We're concerned about stopping both girls."

In anticipation of that plan, Comstock said the Senators will need to get the ball inside as much as possible.

"We've got to try to pound it in there," he said. "We need to attack the basket and get the easy shots."

body. "She's only 5-9, but she plays bigger because of her leaping ability," Chapman said. "She shoots, and she's tough on rebound."

"Also, the Indians have a handful of good players like guards Kallie Axelson, Hailey Harris, Kon Bingham and wing Kyli Aasko."

"We're well-balanced this year," Chapman said. "Varsity tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m."

This week's sports picks

(Times reflects approximate variety stars.)

FRIDAY

Girls basketball, 7:30 p.m. Bluffs at Lighthouse Christian. Richfield travels to Butte County.

SATURDAY

Class 5A nonconference football. Richfield (Boise) plays at Twin Falls at noon. Declo hosts Barley for a nonconference game at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Dietrich, Hansen at Richfield boys basketball jamboree, 6 p.m.

Richfield will host a IA jamboree with Dietrich and Hansen.

TUESDAY

Girls basketball, 7:30 p.m. Richfield visits Camas County for a Magic Valley Northside Conference game. Great Basin East team Century hosts Twin Falls IA Magic Valley Southside Hagerman plays at Northside Dietrich in a rematch of Tuesday's game.

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State football championships

Friday Class 5A	Holt Arena, 4 p.m.
Meridian vs. Highland	Class 1A Division II
Bronco Stadium, 6:30 p.m.	Horseshoe Bend vs. Mackay
Class 4A	Bronco Stadium, 10 a.m.
Bishop Kelly vs. Pocatello	Saturday
Holt Arena, 7 p.m.	Class 2A
Class 3A	Firth vs. Kamiah
Weiser vs. Shelley	Kibbie Dome, 2 p.m.

Parry's Power Guide

Noland Parry is a football enthusiast from Utah.

State championships	Home team in CAPS Rating Diff. Rating	Underdog	Firth	Kamiah
Class 5A	Meridian 86.1	Highland	Garden Valley 51.5	2.0
Class 4A	Bishop Kelly 90.5	Pocatello	MacKay 46.4	3.8
Class 3A	Weiser 62.6	Shelley	42.9	2.6
Class 2A			40.3	
Class 1A			39.8	
			39.8	83.0
			Percent	
			Final regular season record:	402-126
				76.1 percent

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Please send updated season statistics and standings to ngarrabrandt@magicvalley.com.

KG gets support in win



Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett goes up for two as he is fouled by Washington Wizards' Caron Butler in the second quarter Thursday, in Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett's play drew nearly as much attention as his pregame criticism of Minnesota Timberwolves vice president Kevin McHale.

Garnett had 25 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists to lead Minnesota to a 109-98 victory over the Washington Wizards on Thursday night.

"He dominates in the first three quarters and in the fourth quarter, everybody pays attention to him and he finds everybody else," Gilbert Arenas said. "That's why he's No. 1 in the world."

Wally Szczerbiak scored 17 points, and Richie Frahm and Troy Hudson added 16.

"It took a little load off me," said Garnett, of his teammates' scoring.

Garnett then handled questions about his pregame comment on TNT that last year McHale "wanted in his heart to coach, but he didn't want the responsibility of being a coach."

McHale took over for the fired Flip Saunders halfway through a disappointing season, filled with player bickering and lackluster performances.

"Kevin has a very, very high basketball IQ," Garnett said after the game. "But managing egos and things, I don't think he wants to do that."

McHale said he knows Gar-

nett was frustrated with last season, in which the Wolves failed to make the playoffs for the first time in eight seasons.

"I hope he wants to be here," McHale said after the game. "There's a lot of uneasiness in the changes we've made."

One of major changes was hiring Dwane Casey, and Garnett made sure to say that he thinks the coach has the team on the right track. Garnett did not express any unhappiness with being in Minnesota.

"There has been one negative thing about KG," Casey said in response to the pregame comments. "I love the guy."

Six Timberwolves players scored in double figures as Minnesota snapped a two-game losing streak.

Arenas had 33 points and Caron Butler added 15 for Washington, which has lost two straight. The Wizards had five players in double figures, but no one could prevent Garnett from filling up the stat sheet.

After building a 15-point lead, Minnesota let Washington back in the game in the third quarter. But two hustle plays and Frahm's shooting, restored the Wolves' double-digit lead midway through the fourth.

Mavericks 87, Hawks 78
DALLAS — Howard had 25 points and five blocked shots, and Dirk Nowitzki added 20 points and 13 rebounds, helping the Dallas Mavericks beat Atlanta 87-78 Thursday

night and extend the Hawks' season-opening losing streak to eight games.

Keith Van Horn added 14 points for the Mavericks, who improved to 3-0 at home and 6-2 overall.

Zaza Pachulia led the Hawks with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Atlanta and the Toronto Raptors are the league's only winless teams — both at 0-8.

Joe Johnson scored 18 points, and Al Harrington added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta.

Dallas held a 65-57 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Hawks got within 81-77 on Johnson's three-point play with 2:12 left, but the Mavericks finished with a 6-1 run over the final 1:36 to seal the victory.

Atlanta grabbed a 16-11 first-quarter lead, taking advantage of Dallas' lowest-scoring quarter of the season. The Mavericks missed 15 of 20 shot from the field in the opening quarter, and Nowitzki went scoreless in 10:51 of the first quarter before getting nine in the second quarter.

Dallas played better defense at the urging of coach Avery Johnson, holding Atlanta to 7-for-20 shooting in the second quarter, and the Mavericks led 40-33 at the break.

The Mavericks were without scoring guard Doug Christie, who went to his home in Seattle earlier in the day to have his sore right ankle examined by his personal physician.

Woods one stroke back

MIYAZAKI, Japan (AP) — Defending champion Tiger Woods shot a 5-under 65 Thursday,

trailing leader David Duval by one stroke after the first round of the Dunlop Phoenix. Woods birdied his first hole, the par-4 10th, and then added five more birdies against a lone bogey at the par-70 Phoenix Country Club.

"I'm very pleased," said Woods. "I hit the ball well today and it's exciting to strike the ball that well and consistently. I hit the ball better today than I did for the past two weeks."

Duval, who also teed off from the 10th hole, put together four birdies in a row starting on the par-3 17th on his way to a 64 that included eight birdies and a bogey.

"I played well," Duval said. "I've been playing well for about a month now but just haven't been scoring well. I'm well

aware of how I've played over the past few years but I've worked hard and it's good to start a tournament not behind the 8-ball."

Jim Furyk shot a 67 and was three strokes back along with Japan's Tomohiro Kondo. Duval, the world's former No. 1 player, has made the cut only once this year at the Texas Open in September. His only major victory was at the British Open in 2001.

It was an impressive start for the 34-year-old Duval, who won here in 2001 but has struggled with injuries since. He led Woods by three strokes before back-to-back bogeys on the fifth and sixth holes.

England leads World Cup with 13-under 59

VILAMOURA, Portugal — Luke Donald and David Howell combined for a 13-under 59 Thursday to give defending

champion England the lead after the first round of the World Cup.

Battle between Creamer and Sorenstam develops

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Paula Creamer wasn't about to give Annika Sorenstam an inch. The season-ending ADT Championship got off to a rocky start Thursday when the top two players on the LPGA Tour got into a tense dispute on the 18th fairway over where Sorenstam should have taken a drop from the hazard.

After a debate that lasted so long it was almost too dark to finish at Trump International, the ruling ultimately went Sorenstam's way. She was allowed to go to a ball drop instead of returning to the tee, although she still made double bogey and fell out of a tie for the lead.

I-See-Won Han led with a 5-under 67 that essentially went unnoticed.

ISU women open season tonight

By Mark Liptak Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — For head coach Jon Newlee, anything has got to be better health — wise then last season. How bad did the injury bug get the Bengals in 2004-2005? Try this back at one point in the season ISU was down to six healthy bodies including the team manager.

The role of team leader probably factors in on sophomore center Natalie Doma. The 6-3 conference freshman of the year averaged 11.4 points and 5.8 rebounds last season.

Another impact player could be guard Andrea Lightfoot. Lightfoot played in 28 games for Nebraska before transferring and sitting out last year per NCAA regulations.

Certainly she's caught Newlee's attention. "She is the type of player that has a great effect on the team,"

they have to figure out a way to replace forward Molly Hays. ISU's do everything better for the past few seasons. Hays averaged 15 points, almost eight rebounds and almost 10 steals per game. She was the toughness that held the team together during the trying times. The incoming class includes two junior college transfers and four recruits.

Among the clubs facing ISU this time around will be Washington, Utah State, Idaho and Oregon. They also head to Hawaii to play in the Rainbow Wahine Classic.

ISU will have 15 home games this season as Newlee and company look to make it three straight appearances in the Big Sky Conference postseason tournament.

Newlee said.

Other players to watch include Chelsey Chambers, the team's only senior with experience and All Gorny a name familiar to Bengal fans since she played four years of volleyball. She has one more remaining year of eligibility and decided to make the transition to the basketball side of the hardwood.

Idaho State opened the season with low exhibition wins giving the club some momentum heading into the regular part of the campaign.

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ISU

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ISU opens the season Friday night at Kansas which will be the toughest part of the non-conference slate. They also have traditional rivals Boise State, Idaho and Utah State on the

schedule before heading into conference play. One item in Idaho State's favor this year is that three of the last four conference games are at home where they had a winning record.

Granted a lot of us' mark the outlook for the Bengals but if just one or two things break right for them, they could secure a spot in the conference postseason tournament come early March.

Maple Leafs win third straight

BOSTON (AP) — Eric Lindros had a goal and an assist, and Mikael Tellqvist made 31 saves to lift the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 4-1 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

Toronto has won three straight for the first time this season and scored two power-play goals.

Lindros and Mats Sundin broke open a 1-1 game in the third period when they scored two minutes apart. Dary Tucker made it 4-1 with 5:27 left. Nik Antropov added a goal for the Maple Leafs.

Libister scored for Boston, which lost its fourth straight and fell to 1-7-1 against Northeast Division rivals. Bruins captain Joe Thornton went scoreless for the first time in nine games.

Hurricanes 5, Rangers 1

RALEIGH, N.C. — Kevin Adams scored his first three goals of the season for his first career hat trick. Eric Staal added his 13th before leaving with an injury and Carolina beat New York.

Martin Gerber made 28 saves as the Hurricanes (14-3-1) won for the 11th time in 12 games and extended the best start in franchise history.

Justin Williams had a goal, and Radim Vrbata added a pair of assists.

Michael Nylander had the only goal for New York, who won the first three games of its five-game trip before dropping the final two to Toronto and Carolina.

Staal went to the locker room in the third period with a bruised back.

Sabres 8, Capitals 5

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Taylor Pyatt recorded his second career hat trick, and Brian Campbell had two goals to help Buffalo beat Washington.

Alex Kotlák, Dmitri Kalinin and Tim Connolly also scored for the Sabres, who won their third straight at home and second overall.

Rookie standout Alexander Ovechkin had a goal and an assist, and Chris Clark, Andrew Cassels, Brian Sutherby and Ben Clymer also scored for the Capitals, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Lightning 3, Islanders 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Martin St. Louis scored a tiebreaking, rebound goal with 1:43 left, leading Tampa Bay past New York.

St. Louis was back in the lineup less than a week after breaking a bone near the tip of his left ring finger. It was first thought that St. Louis, who sat out two games, would miss two-to-four weeks.

Tampa Bay has won two of three after a six-game losing streak.

Alexei Yashin had a goal and an assist for the Islanders, who had won two in a row to make three straight. Robert Nilsson put New York ahead 1-0 at 5:35 of the first.

The Lightning tied it at 1 on Ruslan Fedotenko's goal with 1:28 left in the first and Brad Richards gave Tampa Bay a 2-1 lead on a second-period goal.

Senators 4, Panthers 1

OTTAWA — Daniel Alfredson scored power-play goals 20 seconds apart midway through the third period and Ottawa extended Florida's season-high losing streak to 10 games.

Dany Heatley assisted on Alfredson's 10th goal — his second of the game — to extend his point streak to 17 games.

Dominik Hasek made 31 saves, and Bryan Smolinski also scored for Ottawa, which trailed 1-0 through two periods. Antoine Vermette scored to give Ottawa a 4-1 lead.

Florida captain Ilya Nikonov scored his sixth of the season 15:43 in. The Panthers are 0-7-3 during the team's longest losing streak since a club-record, 13-game slide in 1998.

The game marked Florida coach Jacques Lemaire's return to Ottawa. Martin, who coached the Senators from 1995-2004, had a 341-255-96 regular-season record.



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Brawl in Auburn Hills lives in infamy

By Larry Lago
Associated Press writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Millions of dollars were lost, reputations were tainted and the NBA was shaken on Nov. 19, 2004, when the Indiana Pacers, Detroit Pistons and fans were involved in perhaps the worst brawl in U.S. sports history.

A year later, the ugly series of events and the aftermath are being rebroadcast and dissected.

NBA commissioner David Stern hopes lessons were learned.

"No. 1, players can't go into the stands. They need to leave that to security and not get into vigilantism," Stern said in an interview this week with The Associated Press. "No. 2, fans have to be held accountable because they can't do anything they want just by virtue of buying a ticket. No. 3, we need to continue to review and update our procedures on security and crowd control."

Several players and fans lost control during a five-minute stretch on an unforgiving night at The Palace in suburban Detroit. Pistons chief executive Tom Wilson apologized but it is the perfect storm.

It all started when Indiana's Ron Artest fouled Detroit's Ben Wallace with 45.9 seconds left in a game that was essentially over with the Pacers leading by 15. Wallace responded with a two-handed shove to Artest's chin, leading to several minutes of pushing and Artest lying on the scorer's table.

Just when the confrontation appeared to be over, a fan hit Wallace with a cup filled with an icy beverage and the volatile player bolted into the stands in a rage, followed by fist-swinging teammate Stephen Jackson.

Arrested and released, Jermaine O'Neal later suggested fans on the court, and when the Pacers finally were able to get off the court, they were pelted with beer, popcorn and other debris.

The startling scene included



In this video framegrab shown during a news conference, in Pontiac, Mich., on Dec. 8, 2004, by Oakland County (Mich.) prosecutors, spectator John Green, center with baseball cap, holds Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest during a fight between fans and several Indiana players, at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., Nov. 19, 2004.

the scary — a fan hurling a chair — and the surreal — Indiana's Jamal Tinsley wielding a TV camera over his head — as TV cameras captured the chaos.

Stern's response was swift and strong.

Two days later, Artest was suspended for the rest of the season — 73 games, plus the playoffs — in a move that cost him almost \$5 million.

"I think any person on the street would have done the same thing," Artest said last month. "I just learned that if somebody on the stands throws something at you, don't do anything back or you'll get suspended."

Overall, nine players were suspended. They lost nearly \$10 million in salary.

Wallace was suspended for six games, and one of his brothers was among eight fans charged with playing a part in the melee.

"It's hard to say, I wouldn't do this again, or I wouldn't do that," because in a similar situation, you don't know how you'll react," Wallace said. "It was a unique situation with so many things that happened so fast."

The NBA wasn't the only entity to dish out punishment.

Artest, Jackson, O'Neal and teammates Anthony Johnson and David Harrison were sentenced to a year of probation after pleading no contest to misdemeanor assault charges. They also were ordered to perform community service and pay fines.

For some of the players, the legal battle is not over yet. A spectator who was punched on the court, Charlie Haddad, is suing O'Neal, Johnson and the Pacers. Haddad's attorney, Larry Charfoos, said depositions from the players are expected in December or January and the case could go to court in August 2006.

"Charlie got decked by O'Neal with the punch seen around the world and he's still disabled and under medical attention," Charfoos said. "Charlie pleaded no contest to being on the court and his sentence of two years probation was worse than the players who punched him, which I still don't understand."

Criminal cases are pending for John Green, the fan accused of

Aftermath

- The NBA suspends Artest (for the rest of the season), Jackson (30 games), O'Neal (25), Wallace (six), Indiana's Anthony Johnson (five), Reggie Miller (one), Detroit's Chauncey Billups (one), Elden Campbell (one) and Derrick Coleman (one).
- Authorities say fan John Green threw the cup that ignited the Artest.
- Artest, Jackson, Harrison and Johnson are charged with one count each of assault and battery. O'Neal is charged with two counts of assault and battery. Eight fans, including Wallace's brother, David, are charged for their roles in the brawl.
- An arbitrator reduces O'Neal's suspension from 25 to 15 games.
- Fans Charlie Haddad and Alvin Shackelford Jr. plead no contest to charges of walking on the court during the brawl and are sentenced to probation and community service.
- The brawl inspires an episode of NBC's fictional "Law & Order."
- Spectators David Wallace, for misdemeanor assault and battery, and Jeremy Hasky, for throwing objects at a perform-

- ance or sporting event, are sentenced to probation and community service.
- The start of Indiana's next game in Detroit is delayed by 1 hour, 25 minutes because of a telephoned threat that there is a bomb in the Pacers' locker room.
- Bryant Jackson, accused of throwing a chair, pleads no contest to one count of felony assault and one count of misdemeanor assault and battery and is later sentenced to two years probation.
- The five Pacers plead no contest to misdemeanor assault and battery charges and are sentenced to a year of probation and community service.
- Attorney Larry Charfoos, who represents Haddad, says O'Neal, Johnson and the Pacers are being sued by his client. Charfoos says the civil case will start with depositions this winter and is expected to head to court next summer.
- Other lawsuits are filed against the Pacers, including one by a Palace security guard.
- Charges against three fans, including Green, are pending.

locking the cup that ignited the fracas, as well as spectators William Paulson and John Ackerman. David Wallace, one of Ben Wallace's brothers, was sentenced to a year of probation and community service for punching Pacers in the stands.

"I just got caught up in the heat of the moment," David Wallace said in a telephone interview from Selma, Ala. "When you don't have time to think about something, there's not always a thought process involved."

When Detroit hosted the Boston Celtics on Tuesday, Phil Creglow, a 24-year-old fan from Lansing, was sitting close to the spot from where the cup was tossed.

"When you buy a ticket, I think

you have the right to heckle these millionaires, but you cross the line when you start throwing stuff," Creglow said.

In the wake of the brawl, Wilson said the NBA mandated teams add one uniformed police officer near the court, putting three of them between players and fans.

"We learned that the impossible is possible, so we have to be prepared for the worst," Wilson said.

Ben Wallace said earlier this week he didn't know the one-year anniversary of the brawl would be Saturday, but the reminder didn't annoy him.

"We know it's not going to disappear, because people will probably bring it up and talk about it for a long time," he said.

Waiver wire yields a few gems

There's plenty to be learned from Green Bay fifth-stringer Samkon Gado's three-touchdown game, beyond the obvious lesson about coming adversity and overestimating Atlanta's run defense.

As fantasy football players swoon attempts to snap up the obscure rookie can attest, Gado is proof that you must keep an eye on the scrap heap all season long.

While everybody was jumping all over free agents early on, by now many teams have abandoned the waiver wire. But you have to keep up because there are still all sorts of gems out there.

There are the unheard-of gambles and injury fill-ins such as Gado, Jonathan Wells of Houston and the Jaguars' Greg Jones and Ernest Wilford.

And there are some high draft picks who may still amount to something after getting cut by frustrated owners. I personally picked up the Saints' Joe Horn and the Texans' Domonique Davis this way, and I am about to boot Baltimore's Jamal Lewis and his endless supply of 44-yard games.

Perhaps the best collection of free agents is out there for fantasy keeper leagues, which allow you to hang onto some players for next year. Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper, Kansas City's Priest Holmes, Green Bay's Ahman Green and New Orleans' Deuce McAllister stand out as the growing list of injured stars worth snagging with an eye toward 2006.

As you pluck through this week's waiver-wire leftovers, here's a look at players to start this week, some to avoid and a few long shots who may pan out.

QUARTERBACKS: A SAFE BET
St. Louis' Marc Bulger returned from injury last week and shook off the rust with a 300-yard game. He could improve on that against a Cardinals secondary that actually made Joe Harrington look good.

• Green Bay's Brett Favre has two touchdowns and seven interceptions in his last three games, but none of those was against the Vikings. He went for 315 yards and two scores at Minnesota a month ago, and he had seven scores against the Vikings in two regular-season games last year.

• Jacksonville's Byron Leftwich hasn't come close to 300 yards this season and has just one touchdown in three of his last four games, but he faces a Tennessee pass defense that has

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John McFarland

given up an NFL-high 18 TD passes.

• Kansas City's Trent Green looked horrible in his last game, with no TDs, three interceptions, and six sacks. Those things just don't happen to quarterbacks playing the Texans.

• Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck could have a really big game day against the 49ers who, despite their lack of talent, really seem to be trying to stop the run.

TAKE A SHOT
• Arizona's Kurt Warner showed last week that against a shabby defense he still has 300-plus yards in him. Plus, he'll be a sentimental favorite returning to St. Louis, where he won a Super Bowl. (Somewhere, Dick Vermeil will certainly be crying.)

BACK AWAY SLOWLY AND KICK YOUR FEET
• Please, in the name of Tim Couch, don't start these guys:

• The struggling Eagles' offense already was causing fantasy football hennas, so it should be even more painful with Mike McNabb replacing Donovan McNabb.

• Bench San Diego's Drew Brees because he'll be spending most of his day handing the ball to LaDainian Tomlinson against Buffalo's 31st-ranked run defense.

• Michael Vick's stats actually have resembled an NFL quarterback's the past few weeks, but he faces a Bucs defense that has allowed an NFL-low five TD passes.

RUNNING BACKS:
• ALL DAY LONG
Washington's Clinton Portis finally is starting to live up to expectations, with five touchdowns and two 100-yard games in his last four. He should continue against Oakland's mediocre defense.

• The Rams' Stephen Jackson should catch a lot of passes and find plenty of running room against the Cardinals, who have given up a league-high 13 rushing TDs.

• Don't fret about Carolina's Stephen Davis having a tough matchup against the Bears' rugged defense. Nine of his 12 touchdowns have been of the 1-yard variety, and even Chicago's top-ranked defense is vulnerable to those.

• The Broncos' Mike Anderson and/or Tatum Bell should do well against the train wreck that is the Jets. New York can't stop the run (135.5 yards a

game) and should turn the ball over plenty at Denver.

• Reuben Droughns finally scored for the Browns and piled up some decent yardage against the Steelers, so he should fare well against Miami. Plus, you have to figure the coaches would rather run him than Trent Diller throw it.

RED FLAGS
• All Chicago runners are banged up except third-stringer Adrian Peterson. He can light up the 49ers, but he is a less-than-stellar starter, and he's the Panthers' No. 2 run defense.

• Mewelde Moore, again starting for Minnesota against the Packers, should improve on Michael Bennett's 16-yard day last week. But probably not by much, considering the offense's predictable lack last week.

• Even the Falcons' porous run defense is enough reason to think Cadillac Williams or Michael Pittman will stop going for 2 yards a carry.

WIDE RECEIVERS: THROW HIM THE DARN BALL
• Tampa Bay's Joey Galloway has become Mr. Automatic and should continue against the Falcons. He has a touchdown in four straight games, and his seven sacks this year are already his most in a season since he had 10 in 1998.

• The Saints' Joe Horn hasn't done squat this year, but the defending champion Patriots have become truly lousy against the pass. They rank 31st in yards allowed, and they've given up a league-high 18 touchdowns.

• The Rams' Tom Holt looked like he was still getting his bearings after returning from an injury last week. He should feel much better when he sees the Cardinals' secondary.

• Where did all the Mosses go? Washington's Santana hasn't scored in three weeks, and Oakland's Randy hasn't had 100 yards in five weeks. Both should bounce back in Washington performance.

SHOW HIM THE DARN BENCH
• Philadelphia's Reggie Brown has 15 yards receiving last week and seemed to have 15 drops, but other than that he's falling in nicely for Terrell Owens.

• Harrington has enough trouble throwing to his own receivers, and now finding Detroit's Roy Williams will be even more difficult with Dallas' Roy Williams helping in coverage.

• It probably is too much to expect Buffalo's Lee Evans to score two weeks in a row.

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Shirtless Guy collars attention

He becomes a legend on campus

Los Angeles Times

ORANGE, Calif. — The legend of the Shirtless Guy was born little more than a year ago when student Jacob Authier decided to go topless at Chapman University.

By wearing nothing above the waist each day except wrap-around sunglasses and black paint on his nipples, Authier has given the small private university in Orange County one of its first campus characters.

Authier's half-nakedness has inspired the second most popular online group at Chapman — the Club Dedicated to the Fellow Without a Shirt. With 509 members, it ranks behind only the George Bush Is Not My Homeboy club in popularity.

The junior film major's muscled chest and back have been rented out for student political campaign slogans at a birthday wish at just \$1 per message.

And students eagerly await holidays, when the Shirtless Guy usually comes through with something special.

For St. Patrick's Day, he colored his nipples emerald green. And on Valentine's Day, he had a heart scratched with a pocket-knife on his chest and wings on his back — body art that alarmed school administrators enough to get the Shirtless Guy an appointment with the dean of students.

"I've just wanted to make sure I was OK," Authier said.

At a fraternity Halloween party this year, one of the students dressed up as the Shirtless Guy.

Authier, 20, says his evolution from regular guy to Shirtless Guy was gradual. He said that while growing up in Coalinga, Calif., where his father taught middle school while his mother stayed home, he rarely wore shirts indoors because he didn't like feeling constricted.

When he arrived at Chapman two years ago, he flirted with the idea of losing his shirt, but for most of the year he wore a black hooded cloak instead.

By last fall, he decided to go the distance — the full half-moony, so to speak.

"The idea just kind of stuck," said Authier, who lives on campus with his brother Josiah, 19, a sophomore. "And that's when people started to notice."

Sophomore Regina Aleto, 19, said she was so intrigued by the Shirtless Guy that in February



Nobody turns a head as Jacob Authier sits in Rabbi Mark Miller's Hebrew Studies class.

she started the online Club Dedicated to the Fellow Without a Shirt, available to Chapman students. The group posts Shirtless Guy sightings and debates his general hotness.

"I was wondering if anyone else thought this guy was weird too," she said. "Turns out that everyone at school was obsessed with him."

Though shy and polite in private conversations, on campus the Shirtless Guy can be an intimidating figure with his straight-ahead stare, black shades, long chin beard that grows from his jaw like two dark lightning bolts, black nipples, body scarring and natural teardrops.

"I've talked to him just once," Aleto said. "I said, 'Hey, I'm the girl to start the club.' He said, 'Oh, cool.' He shook my hand. He was nice about it, but that was about it."

Michael Koheler, a 2005 Chapman graduate, said students have embraced the idea of the Shirtless Guy because the 5,100-student liberal arts uni-

versity doesn't typically manufacture campus characters.

"Chapman's a pretty small school, and we don't have a lot of weirdos like a lot of schools," said Koheler, who for two years attended the 30,000-student University of Iowa, an institution he said had plenty of oddballs. "In comparison, the Shirtless Guy is pretty tame."

He wears nothing above the waist each day except wrap-around sunglasses and black paint on his nipples.

Earlier this year, Koheler posted a message to members of the online fan club crediting Authier for changing his life.

"I think if it weren't for the Shirtless Guy," Koheler confessed, "I never would have had the courage to unbutton the second-to-the-top button on my shirt and walk around showing a little chest hair."

In class, Authier said his professors ask that he put on a shirt, which he does. Some, including Paul McCradden, who teaches screenwriting, even ask him to button it up.

"Maybe it's just me, but I find it distracting and slightly disruptive," McCradden said. "I was actually going to bring a T-shirt for him to wear this week if he did not have a shirt of his own."

Other professors, such as Rabbi Mark Miller, haven't enforced a classroom dress code because students seemed unbothered by the Shirtless Guy.

"I think I was more concerned that he wore dark sunglasses," Miller said.

He said Authier had been "unfailingly polite and respectful" in class.

"He reminds me of something I think about when I attend Bob Dylan concerts," Miller said. "He's definitely moving to the beat of the song — but it's not the song that's being played at that moment."

Escaped convict caught; search continues for another

FORT MADISON, Iowa (AP) — A convicted murderer who escaped from an Iowa prison this week by using a homemade grappling hook to scale a 30-foot limestone wall was captured Thursday in Illinois. A large inmate remained at large.

Martin Moon, 34, was caught after he was found sleeping in a stolen car in the town of Chester, near an Illinois prison. He told investigators he was on his way to Tennessee but gave no reason, authorities said.

Moon and Robert Joseph Legendre, 27, broke out of the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison on Monday night. Authorities said the two used the homemade hook, along with a tape lashed to front upholstery materials taken from the prison furniture shop. They went over an unguarded section of wall and somehow got around a wire that is supposed to activate an alarm when touched.

Based on Moon's account, police believe Moon and Legendre immediately split. A nationwide search was under way for Legendre, who was in prison for attempted murder.

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NATION

Search for hurricane victims continues

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. BERNARD PARISH, La. — Whirling over the Louisiana marshland in a Bell 206 Long Ranger helicopter, Capt. Jimmy Bartholomae searched for grim clues early Thursday: Cows gathered in a circle, for instance.

If they face outward, it probably means one is going high and the herd is protecting her. But if they face inward, well, that could be mean something worse.

"They tend to gather around the remains of dead things," Bartholomae said. "Might be worth taking a look."

Nearly three months after Hurricane Katrina struck much of Louisiana is focused on rebuilding and on identifying the almost 1,100 already recovered dead. But Bartholomae and other sheriff's officers in this devastated parish are still searching for victims undiscovered.

So far, the parish has 123 confirmed dead, but up to 30 parish residents remain missing. Some of those already may be in the state morgue, not yet identified, but others may be among the bodies residents said they saw being swept into the marshland through a broken levee after the storm.

"We know we haven't found those bodies yet," Bartholomae said. "We're not expecting to find them in big numbers, but each and every one matters. Their relatives come to us and asked if we know anything about their loved ones."

Some residents returning last week to their ravaged homes found the bodies of missing loved ones still inside, prompting Sheriff Jack Stephens to criticize state authorities for not doing a more complete search in heavily damaged areas.

But the most difficult bodies to find will be any that were carried by 14- to 18-foot floodwaters into the marshes that occupy about 75 percent of the parish's 444 square miles. Shrimp and fishing boats, barges and other floating wharves were shoved into the marshes from miles away. Bodies may have been washed there, too, the officers say.

Possible Tamiflu role in deaths to get scrutiny

Newsday

Japanese health officials have reported a dozen pediatric deaths that may be linked to Tamiflu, which is used to reduce symptoms of influenza and its duration.

The drug has been available for children over 1 year old since 2000 and no deaths have been reported here. The drug was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in adults in 1999. More than 31.5 million people worldwide have taken the medicine, which is usually given twice a day for 5 days. Studies show it lessens time spent sick by about 1.5 days.

Friday, as part of a scheduled session at the Food and Drug Administration, the makers of Tamiflu — Hoffman-La Roche — will address the data that has been collected on its use in young people. The reporting of the child deaths in Japan will also be discussed, as will other potential adverse events.

Dr. Joseph H. Hoffman, head of the pharmaceutical development, virology and transplantation group, is expected to deliver the results and to say, according to company spokesman Al Wasilewski, that the company does not believe "that any of these fatalities are associated with Tamiflu."

At this point, FDA spokeswoman Susan Hays agreed that "we can't make causal associations between the drug and these events."

In Japan, 116 million people have taken Tamiflu at the first signs of influenza, which itself kills between 250,000 and 500,000 people worldwide each year. Many of the children who die while on Tamiflu have a host of medical complications that could have contributed or caused their deaths, Wasilewski said.

Katrina now takes the form of a nasty cough

By Jean Prescott
Knight Ridder News Service

BILOXI, Miss. — Hack, whoof, hack, hack, wheeze — something's in the air from Alabama to Louisiana, and a lot of us are having difficulty with it.

Dr. Vincent Pisciotta calls it Katrina Cough, Katrina Crud — the condition is real, he said, and the current environ-

ment is to blame.

Pisciotta is an ear, nose and throat specialist with practices in Gulfport and Biloxi, and he said he and his associates are seeing lots of people with coughs these days.

"What generates a cough is always a question," he said, "but it's a combination of things."

There is a viral thing going around (unrelated to Katrina) that's affecting people's nasal

secretions, but something else is all this Shiecrook work.

Wallboard dust is in the air, and that combined with allergies and all the other irritants is an invitation to sinusitis.

"It's not toxic, and it isn't going to kill you," Pisciotta said, "but with all of this, the body is generating more secretions. That means more postnasal drip." And that means more coughing.

"If you think about it, it doesn't take a lot to make you cough. Inhale just a crumb from your toast, and it will make you cough your brains out," coughing being one of our body's ways of protecting itself.

What can a person do about it?

"Guifnessin," Pisciotta said, "or Mucinex." The former is the only active ingredient found in plain old Robiussin, but, he

added, "You need about 800 mg a few times a day, so the Mucinex is probably a better choice. And if you don't have high blood pressure or prostate problems, Sudafed can help. It also wouldn't hurt to sleep with a humidifier and air cleaner at night."

If your clear nasal discharge becomes colored or you begin to run a fever, that changes things.



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YOUR WEEKEND



Vote for Pedro

- **What:** The Latter-day Saints Student Association at the College of Southern Idaho will sponsor a Napoleon Dynamite movie. Come dressed as your favorite character from the movie "Napoleon Dynamite."
- **Where:** LDS Church, 667 Harrison St., Twin Falls.
- **When:** Today, 9 p.m. to midnight.
- **How much:** It's free and the public is welcome.

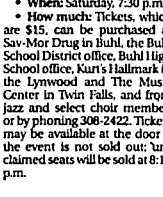


Listen to the music

- **What:** The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will open its concert season.
- **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley.
- **When:** Today, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$15 for families, are available at Welch Music and Book Plaza in Burley and the Book Store in Rupert. Season passes are available for \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$6 for students and \$30 for families.

Brother act

- **What:** The Standards will perform a benefit concert for the Buhl High School jazz and select choirs.
- **Where:** Buhl High School auditorium.
- **When:** Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$15, can be purchased at Saw-Mor Drug in Buhl, the Buhl School District office, Buhl High School office, Kurt's Hallmark in the Lynnwood and The Music Center in Twin Falls, and from jazz and select choir members, or by phoning 308-2422. Tickets may be available at the door if the event is not sold out; unclaimed seats will be sold at 8:15 p.m.



Close harmonies

- **What:** The Magichords barbershop harmony group will present its 40th annual showcase, featuring Metropolis from Los Angeles.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- **When:** Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10, are available at Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, at D.L. Evans Bank in Jerome and Washington Federal Savings Bank in Jerome, at Saw-Mor Drug in Buhl, or from any Magichords member.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of normal
Salmon	158%	19%
Big Wood	148%	17%
Little Wood	114%	12%
Big Lost	134%	15%
Little Lost	116%	18%
Herrys/Fort/Teton	143%	17%
Upper Snake Basin	127%	17%
Oakley	149%	12%
Salmon Falls	104%	19%

As of Nov. 17

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. **% of normal of basin snowpack.

NO CONTRACT

Buhl district says there is not enough money to grant bonus

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — One step forward — two steps back.
It's the awkward dance played out time and again between teachers and the school district when trying to find the right balance between wants and needs — and what the district says it can afford.

Buhl Education Association President Susie Jones explained that they thought the contract, including a 1.5 percent pay increase, was finalized after an approval from board

negotiators.
"We feel that it was a bad faith bargain," Jones said.
Board Chairman Ken McDonald explained that even though an approval was given for the contract, it still had to get the final nod by the board.
"We don't know where we are now. I guess we have to go back to mediation or fact-finding," McDonald said. "It isn't that the board is saying the teachers aren't doing their job well, it's just that the district can't afford the increase."
According to Jones, the BEA isn't asking much.

"It only amounts to about \$50,000 for all of the teachers combined," Jones said.
BEA represents 83 faculty members with an average yearly salary of \$37,557. That amounts to an increase in an individual pay of \$500 per year.
However, as McDonald pointed out, "That money has to come from the existing general fund. It isn't reimbursed through the state. Teachers are already given a raise."
According to an Idaho state education Web site (www3.state.id.us), state mandated pay increase is based on

the experience and educational level held by the teacher. The scale tops out with 13 years of experience and master's degree plus the level of education.
Most of Buhl's educators are already maxed-out and deserve a raise, noted Jones.
McDonald contends that if they are granted the bonus this year — and in subsequent years — the general fund will dry out completely.
"The cost of everything is going up and our last year's end cash balance dropped \$100,000 and it is going to drop again," he said. "Once it is gone the tax-

payers are going to have to be asked for money."
McDonald couldn't comment on whether a smaller bonus would be considered.
The one thing the board and association can agree on is that it's back to the drawing board from here. "We have a fact-finder coming in December," she said. "They will be going through the district's budget and looking for where funds are available."
Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

AFTER HOURS



Visitors at Wells Fargo Bank in downtown Twin Falls enjoy food and beverages Thursday evening during the Twin Falls Chamber's Business After Hours event. Historic Downtown Twin Falls is sponsoring several holiday events this year, including Santa on Dec. 2, 10 and 17 and the Festival of Lights parade on Dec. 2.

Teen found alive but cold after night lost in desert

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

RUPERT — An all-night search in the desert north of Rupert ended on a happy note Thursday morning after a Rupert youth, lost since Wednesday evening, was found alive and well.
Search and rescue teams from Mindoka and Lincoln counties, as well as numerous police and emergency crews combed the desert north of Kimmama Butte all night Wednesday looking for the boy who was found early Thursday morning, according to Mindoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson.
Caleb Morrison, 17, of Rupert, went out to the Kimmama

Butte area Wednesday afternoon hunting with his father, Steve Morrison. The teen was trailing an elk and was last seen by his father heading into the desert at about dusk.
At about 1:30 a.m., after the boy failed to return to the vehicle, Steve Morrison alerted emergency officials who called out Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue and Lincoln County Search and Rescue. Heyburn Police Chief George Warrell also responded with his search and rescue K-9 partner, Falko.
Shortly before dawn, Twin Falls Life Flight joined the search with infrared search equipment.
"We've had some real good support from searchers out here all night long," Halverson

said. "It's a happy ending. The boy is OK, just cold."
At about 7 a.m., searchers reported seeing a thin column of smoke and began to make their way toward the Shale Butte area, 15 miles north of Kimmama Butte Fire Station, Halverson said.
At approximately 8 a.m., officials radioed that the youth had been seen and rescuers were making their way through craters and rocky terrain toward him. They were able to make verbal contact with Morrison, who told them he was OK, but very cold.
Crews reached the boy at about 9 a.m. and reunited him with his father after emergency medical officials checked his condition, Halverson said.

Appointment of McClain fills Buhl City Council

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Pam McClain says she is honored to be a new member of the Buhl City Council.
Mayor Barbara Gietzen swore her in during Monday night's Council meeting, filling the vacancy created by the unfortunate death of longtime Council member, Chuck Geska.
A very committed service minded individual, Geska held a position on the City Council for 14 years.
"They are very big shoes to fill," McClain said. "I am ready

to honor that Mayor Gietzen asked me to serve."
McClain is not new to making decisions and finding time to attend meetings. She has served on the Buhl School Board for years and has in the past held the position as board chair. She doesn't believe that serving both will cause any conflict.
"The only time that I ever saw any city issues commingling with school matters was with the building of the new high school," McClain said. "I think that this will give me a well rounded approach and allow me to see the other side of the story."
Please see BUHL, Page C5

Albion vote draws mixed reaction

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

ALBION — Residents in Albion have mixed feelings about the city's new leaders.
No wonder, because the election itself produced some mixed results.
Some residents are elated to see new people in office who are progressive and willing to lead this small rural Cassia County town into a more progressive future.
Others are concerned that too much could change with the new administration.
But the city's new mayor, Don Bowden, has vowed to listen.

Even people who live in the valley, but are outside the city and ineligible to vote, were vocal about the results.
Kathryn Banner said although she could not vote because she lives outside the city limits, she is very much affected by the election results.
She said the results gave the city a little bit of everything — some progressive thinkers and those who may be reticent about change.
"I'm pleased with the results, but I was saddened by the attitudes of many in the valley during the campaign," Banner said.
"We actually had politics

going here in our valley and I wish some people would grow up," she said. "I feel bad about some of the peoples' attitudes." Janeal Adams, who does live in the city limits, said the vote went pretty much the way she and her husband, Robert, wanted.
"We were impressed with (Dwight) Jenkins' thoughts, and it was a toss up with the mayoral candidates as far as we were concerned," she said. "I guess we're happy. We'll just have to see what this outcome will bring."
Verlene Powell said she was disappointed her son-in-law, Please see ALBION, Page C5

Home town: Castledorf/Buhl.
• **Local family:** Father, Jeff Burkhalter, Buhl; mother, Toni Wilson, Buhl; sisters April (Kirk) (Burkhalter) Loomis, Missi Burkhalter and Heather Burkhalter, all of Buhl; and nephews, Austin and Thistin of Buhl.
• **Service, date of enlistment:** U.S. Army, July 2003.
• **Rank, task:** Specialist, administration.
• **Additional information:** Left for Iraq in November 2005.



Teassa Burkhalter
• Age: 20.

To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Iraq and Afghanistan, please call Times-News clerk Jani Whited at 735-3278 or e-mail jwhited@magvalley.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

Joy Erwin Riedeman
TWIN FALLS — Joy Erwin Riedeman, 96, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at Bridgeway Estates.
Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Joab Hernandez
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Joab Hernandez, a 36-year-old resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, from injuries received in a vehicular accident in Oneida County.
A visitation and funeral for family and friends will be held from 3 until 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. S. Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
Burial will take place at San Joaquin Cemetery in Guadalajara, Mexico. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Louie Arellano
BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. — Louie Arellano, 69, of Bullhead City, Ariz., formerly of Glenns Ferry, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005.
A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel.

Wilda Kimber
BURLEY — Wilda Kimber, an 81-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.
A funeral will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Grouse Creek Chapel, with Bishop Blaine Tanner officiating. Burial will be in the Grouse Creek Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 to 11:45 a.m. before the funeral on Saturday at the church.
Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Marie K. Brown Messersmith
KIMBERLY — Marie K. Brown Messersmith, 85, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at her home in Kimberly, Idaho.
A funeral for Marie will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. With Pastor Greg Lindsay officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunset

Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, at the funeral home.

Lucille Naylor
BURLEY — Lucille Naylor, 93, of Burley, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at Park View Care Center in Burley, Idaho.
Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

William Edward Pederson Sr.
JEROME — William Edward Pederson Sr., 67, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005 at his home in Jerome, Idaho.
Arrangements will be made by Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

Jim Leavitt
TWIN FALLS — Jim Leavitt,

54, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at his home.
Arrangements will be made by Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Philip Eugene Mulconery
HANSEN — Philip Eugene Mulconery, 80, of Hansen, died late Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Zada M. DuBois
TWIN FALLS — Zada M. DuBois, 98, of Twin Falls, died Thursday morning, Nov. 17, 2005, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.



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SERVICES

Esther Minerva O'Dell of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Juan Lamas Jr. of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. Viewing one hour before the service at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Mayo Don 'Smoky' Kelso of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. today in the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Carlos M. Castillo of Twin Falls, Mass at 2 p.m. today at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Mountain Home (Rost Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel).

June L. Stepanovich, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Columbiana (Secedely-Mong & Beck Funeral Home).

Olin Keith Gifford of Boise, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Helen F. Sneddon of Ileyburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Mertle Leazer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today in Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Willma A. Olson of Fergus Falls, Minn., visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. today with the family present from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and a 7 p.m. public prayer service at Olson Funeral Home. Visitation will resume one hour before the service at the church. Service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls.

Eva Rose Robertson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Beulah Alberta Robertson Bowen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Pella Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church.

Lillie E. Quillet of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

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Senators may delay Patriot Act reauthorization

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan group of senators told congressional leaders Thursday they will try to block reauthorization of the Patriot Act to protest the elimination of Senate-pushed protections against "unnecessary and intrusive government surveillance" in a House-Senate compromise.



Craig

"If further changes are not made, we will work to stop this bill from becoming law," GOP Sens. Larry Craig, John Sununu and Lisa Murkowski and Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin, Russ Feingold and Ken Salazar said in a letter to the Senate Judiciary and Intelligence committees.

This came a day after House-Senate negotiators crafted a tentative compromise to make most provisions of the existing law permanent, and set new seven-year sunsets for rules on

wiretapping, obtaining business records under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and new standards for monitoring "lone wolf" terrorists who may be operating independent of a foreign agent; or power.

Congress is facing two deadlines: lawmakers want to leave before the end of the week for Thanksgiving, and more than a dozen provisions of the Patriot Act expire at the end of the year. If Congress doesn't renew them,

The Republican-controlled House hopes to approve the compromise on Friday, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., told senators Thursday they will have to address the legislation "before we leave."

But Feingold, D-Wis., the only senator to vote against the original Patriot Act in 2001, said the compromise's opponents have several different tactics they can use to stop the bill in the Senate.

"I've let my colleagues know that I intend to take as many of those options as I can in order to try to get this bill redone," Feingold said Thursday. "They said, 'I understand; but I don't know whether that means they're going to change the bill or whether they want to just go through this whole process.'"

The six senators — Feingold;

Craig, R-Idaho; Durbin, D-Ill.; Sununu, R-N.H.; Salazar, D-Colo.; and Murkowski, R-Alaska — were the sponsors of legislation earlier this year that would have tempered the powers of the Patriot Act, the post-Sept. 11 law that expanded the government's surveillance and prosecutorial powers.

They complained that the House-Senate compromise now being considered takes back some civil liberty protections that senators had agreed to, including changing a Senate requirement that the government inform the targets of a "sneak and peek" search warrant within seven to 30 days.

"Sneak and peek" search warrants allow police to conduct secret searches of people's homes or businesses and inform them later.

Would-be developer vows to use pig farm as revenge

RATHDRUM (AP) — A Rathdrum developer has threatened to make a big stink after the Kootenai County Commission denied his request to rezone property he owns at the edge of town for a professional building.

Specifically, Steve Nagel plans to park a pig farm on the site, with hundreds of squealing porkers greeting visitors to the northern Idaho town.

"Now maybe when I go to negotiate with these people I'll get a little better response," Nagel told The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

But county and city officials doubt that Nagel will follow through, noting that threats to go into the hog business have become planning dispute clichés.

"That's the first thing they say: 'I'm going to put a pig farm on it,'" Rathdrum Mayor Brian Steete said. "I think it's a common statement."

Nagel, an insurance agent, wants to build a professional building on his county land for his insurance company and a few other businesses. The County Commission denied the request Nov. 3 because Rathdrum officials opposed the

zoning change and would prefer to annex the land into the city so it could have sewer and water service.

Nagel doesn't want to be in the city because he would have to pay an estimated \$300,000 to extend a sewer line a half-mile and a water line a mile under railroad tracks to the property.

He also said the city shouldn't be able to sway planning decisions of the county. In protest, he plans to raise breeder hogs on the property, a use that's already allowed.

County officials said they have had an agreement to discuss zoning issues with the city since the early 1990s. Commission Chairman Gus Johnson said the commission postponed its decision 30 days to give Nagel time to ask Rathdrum for an annexation timeline and how long it would take the city to bring sewer and water to the property.

But Nagel didn't show up to the Nov. 3 meeting, so the commission denied the request.

But Nagel, a Rathdrum native, said the pig farm, which he calls "Makin' Bacon Ranch," is no bluff, and that he's negotiating a contract to buy hogs from southern Idaho.

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Ex-airman sentenced to 40 years

MOUNTAIN HOME — A former Mountain Home airman has been sentenced to serve up to 40 years in prison for killing his wife.

Fourth District Judge Michael McLaughlin ruled Wednesday that 34-year-old Jon Valen must serve 20 years of that sentence before being eligible for parole, KTVB-TV reported.

Valen, a former senior airman at Mountain Home Air Force Base, pleaded guilty Sept. 19 to second-degree murder in the death of Jodi Lynn Valen, 37, in exchange for Valen's guilty plea, Elmore County Prosecutor Kristina Schindele dropped charges of arson and animal cruelty.

The couple had been married just three months when Jodi Lynn Valen was killed.

Investigators said she was stabbed more than 100 times and the couple's home set afire March 5.

Jury: Police shooting of teen was justifiable

BOISE (AP) — The fatal shooting of a teen last year by a Boise police officer was justifiable homicide, an Ada County coroner's inquest jury decided Thursday.

The six-member jury deliberated for less than three hours before reaching a unanimous verdict. The jurors found that Officer Andrew S. Johnson was justified in using lethal force last year against 16-year-old Matthew Jones, who was holding a rifle and bayonet.

Rox Blackburn, the lawyer representing Jones' family, said officials' handling of the inquest posed a "real danger."

"Officers responding to an emergency like this know that if they use excessive force, they will not be held accountable by this prosecutor or this coroner, and that is the danger," Blackburn told KTVB-Boise.

Police were summoned to Jones' north Boise home on Dec. 18, 2004, by a 911 call from his father, Bruce Jones. The fa-

ther told dispatchers that his son had reacted violently upon learning that he would be admitted to a drug treatment center, stabbing the walls of the family home with a bayonet attached to an unloaded, antique military rifle.

Police said that the teen lunged at Johnson from some bushes in front of the family home. Johnson said the bayonet pierced his shirt, poking him in the back, and that he felt he had no way to stop the attack except by shooting.

But Bruce Jones, citing a tape of the 911 call, claimed Johnson fired without ever warning his son to drop the weapon and that the two were several feet apart — too far for the teen to have poked the officer's uniform. Jones also said he believed the evidence may have been tampered with, because there was no shellcock dust from the walls on the weapon when it was displayed at a post-shooting news conference.

Buhl

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City issues that McClain is eager to start work on is the wastewater and water system repairs projects. "I have the same concerns that citizens do," she said. "With fees increasing that will affect everyone, it is important that we fix the problem right the first time."

Mayor Barbara Gietzen is sure that she will help with a smooth transition as the Council is preparing for a mayoral shift, in January, Chuck Sheridan will be sworn in as

the new mayor of Buhl.

"The focus now is to get the Council prepared for a new mayor and to continue working on the pressing matters the city is facing," Gietzen said. "But I'm on speed-dial if there is any problem."

The Council also swore in junior council member Stephanie Ahlm.

Ahlm is a Buhl High School sophomore that volunteered for the position, a few years ago the Council decided to create the position to get more high school

students involved in local affairs.

"We want their ideas and input," Gietzen said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to see how things work." Ahlm is eager to return for more meetings and learning about the arsenic issue.

"I have been keeping up with the arsenic, but there is so much to learn," she said.

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_200@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Albion

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Michael Gailey, was defeated in the mayor's race.

"It's not so much that Mike lost, but our trying to send a warning fell on some deaf ears," Powell said.

"We were hoping for more women to get on the council because the council meetings with the men had been so disruptive and non-cooperative."

Many residents declined to comment, saying they had to live in the community, or implying dissatisfaction but being unwilling to talk about it.

So it will be interesting to see which, if any, of Albion's problems are solved with, and by, the new administration.

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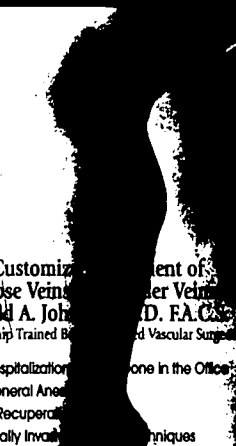
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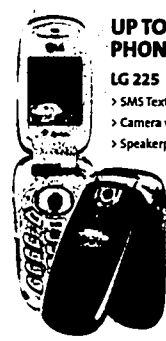
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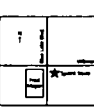
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DECOMPOSING PUMPKIN



Ashley and Darrin Lindeman stand with their daughter, Lacey, 2, behind a decomposing Halloween pumpkin on the front porch railing at their home Monday in Delphos, Ohio. The Lindemans carved and displayed the pumpkin 17 days ago.

Big lake is big feat

SOUTH JORDAN, Utah (AP) — Building a lake is a big undertaking: 35 million cubic feet of earth dug up and hauled away, 25 thousand tons of rock brought down from the hillsides, 250 million gallons of water pumped from points five miles away — and farther.

Then there's the ecosystem planning, the engineering feats, bridge-building and water-filtering and, oh, while you're at it, make it look nice. That's just Phase 1 of Oquirrh Lake, a new man-made lake at Kennecott Land's Daybreak community. When all three phases are finished around 2010, water will cover 85 acres, stretch almost a mile at its longest point and have an island in the middle with about 160 homes. It will be surrounded by five miles of jogging and hiking trails. There will be a marina and slips for sailboats and for people who want to go fishing.

This week, water began spilling into the lake, pumped north in canals from Utah Lake, under water rights Kennecott has long used for its mining operations. Phase 1 will be full well, almost full within about 45 days and ready for visitors next spring.

"It struck me the other day that there really aren't any lakes in the Salt Lake Valley," Kennecott Land spokeswoman Jana Kettering said.

Including the lake's surface area and the surrounding trails and wetlands, the lake will make up 160 acres of the approximately 1,250 acres of open space planned for Daybreak.

When nature creates a lake, all the particulars happen naturally. The habitat works itself out, and ecosystems follow suit. The streams and rivers that fill the lake also help keep it clean and circulating. But when humans build a lake, it all must be planned out.

First, you dig a hole. The 35 million cubic feet of earth to be hauled away will be used to build road base and other structural needs for Daybreak.

Right now, that big hole has been dug for the first phase of the lake 35 acres at the lake's southeast end. It appears now to be filled with rocks and dirt and channels thrown in haphazardly. But everything is where it is for a reason.

Workers are hauling 25,000 tons of rock from Kennecott Utah Copper's mines in the

Oquirrh Mountains to build shoreline and fish habitat. Throughout the lake, at depths specifically selected for different varieties of fish, rocks are piled up to create comfortable places for trout, small-mouth bass and blue gills to hide. The lake will have an average depth of eight feet, with the deepest areas of 16 feet to accommodate trout.

The aquatic inhabitants were carefully selected with the help of Craig Johnson, a Utah State University professor. Fish species were chosen so there will be top-feeders to eat insect larvae, middle-feeders to eat swimming larvae and bottom-feeders to fight algae.

There are two bands of shoreline rock. The lower band will be under water and will protect the underwater plant life. The first phase will be filled to 3 feet below full this fall so plants can have time to establish before the lake covers them in the spring.

The upper layer of rocks will be the actual shoreline. The lake's shore will be mostly rocky to discourage swimming. Though the water will be filtered to 4-foot clarity, a level clean enough for swimming, Daybreak officials don't want the lake to be used for that, said Kennecott's director of land development, Greg Rasmussen.

Instead, there will be room-motorized boating, fishing and lots of places to hike or just sit back and watch the water. Waterfalls and a reflection pool will act as an aesthetic way to control the water's level. And water pumped from the canals will be diverted into natural streams that will fill the lake.

But those streams won't provide enough circulation to keep the water from becoming stagnant and dirty. So at points throughout the lake's bottom, small purple aeration systems, much like the systems used in fish aquariums in homes, will filter, circulate and clean the water based on a computerized monitoring system.

Along the edges of the lake, wetlands are being built to help keep the water clean. Rasmussen said the lake's location would make it a natural place for run-off to end up, but storm water is one of the biggest threats to a lake's health. So while the wetlands will appear to be part of the lake system, they will be hydrologically separate.

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Prison officials launch public-relations attack on death row inmate

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — As murderer and Crips co-founder Stanley Tookie Williams tries to stave off execution next month, California prison officials have launched an unusual counterattack against the notion that he has redeemed himself behind bars.

The Corrections Department earlier this month posted a press release on its Web site about the upcoming execution, detailing Williams' crimes and asserting that he has been a gang leader while on death row at San Quentin Prison.

San Quentin spokesman Verne Crittendon, speaking on behalf of the department, went further in an interview last week, saying he suspects Williams is orchestrating gangland crimes from his cell.

"I just don't know that his heart is changed," Crittendon said.

Williams, 51, has been behind bars since 1979, when he shot and killed four people during two robberies in Los Angeles. He has been on death row since 1981 and is set to die by injection Dec. 13 in what could be the biggest death-row cause celebrity in California since capital punishment was reinstated in 1978.

He and a childhood friend founded the Crips in 1971 in Los Angeles, and the gangs followed, the gang did battle with its main rival, the Bloods, for territory and control of the drug trade, leaving hundreds dead. Hundreds of offshoots and covey gangs with thousands of members have emerged across the nation.

Williams' supporters contend he has made amends for his crimes, and they are pleading with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to spare his life.

In prison, Williams has gained international acclaim for writing children's books about the dangers of gang life. He has been nominated repeatedly for the Nobel Peace Prize.

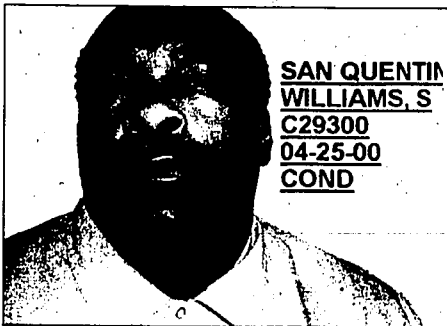
"In truth, anyone can nominate anyone." And he has attracted a cadre of celebrity supporters including Jamie Foxx, who played Williams in a TV movie, "M.A.S.H." actor Mike Farrell and rapper Snoop Dogg, who is scheduled to appear at a rally Saturday outside the prison.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's office is expected to respond to Williams' clemency request this week. But Los Angeles Police Department spokesman April Harding said there is no evidence of any illegal gang activity on Williams' part.

"None," she said. "His name doesn't come up."

Williams supporters called the prison system's allegations ridiculous.

"What troubles me about the devaluing of Stan's work and its impact on many low-income youngsters ... is they're saying, 'We don't care if Stanley Tookie Williams could help another 5,000, 10,000 or 100,000,'" said Barbara Bencel, the inmate's spokeswoman.



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Provided by the California Department of Corrections, Stanley Tookie Williams is seen in an April 25, 2000 photo.

In his 2004 memoir, "Blue Rage, Black Redemption," Williams said that his gangster life ended in 1992, and that he knew prison officials "would try at every turn to discredit me."

State Sen. Gloria Romero, a Los Angeles Democrat, called the Corrections Department's allegations an effort to malign Williams and an abuse of power.

"I do see it as a very serious offense and one that is intended to help the governor make up his mind," she said. Schwarzenegger, who has not spared anyone's life on death row, has not said whether he will schedule a clemency hearing.

On its Web site, the Corrections Department said of Williams: "By 1994, having firmly entrenched himself as the leader of the Crips at San Quentin, he wielded his power as his lieutenants and other minions were dispatched to carry out his objectives." The paragraph was removed a day after it was posted following a call from The Associated Press.

Daniel Vasquez, who was warden at San Quentin from 1983 to 1993 and wrote a letter supporting clemency for the last death row inmate executed, said he had never seen such an inflammatory statement in a press release from the prison.

"It's like they're trying to drum

up business for death row," he said.

But Crittendon, who has worked at the prison nearly 30 years and regularly deals with Williams, said Williams has refused to formally renounce his gang membership and submit, to "debriefing" — that is, inform on his old friends. Crittendon also cited Williams' willingness to share an exercise yard with Crips and his unusually large prison bank account. And he said Williams' younger son is in a trouble-making Crips member in prison for murder.

"A son always will say one thing to you while the whole time he has another agenda," the San Quentin spokesman said. "I'm concerned that possibly this marketing that's going on ... leads the public to hear the worst, but not to see that sleight of hand."

In August 2004, a committee

of prison officials noted Williams' prior gang activity but said it had not seen any recent gang involvement, according to a report cited by Beene. The committee commended Williams for his positive steps in the past 10 years.

In his book, Williams addressed nearly all of Crittendon's accusations, saying that informing on gang members would "rip my dignity out of my chest," that he gets along with everyone in the yard, and that his son is trying to change his ways.

As for his bank account, Crittendon said that while other high-profile inmates such as Scott Peterson usually get \$10 or \$20 checks, Williams receives checks for \$500 or \$1,000 at a time, but Beene said people who appreciate Williams' work send him money.

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More than 50 guns found in teen suspect's home

LITIZ, Pa. (AP) — Police seized 54 guns from the home of an 18-year-old man charged with killing his girlfriend's parents in a shooting in the state with her, according to court documents filed Thursday.

Warwick Township police removed the collection of rifles, shotguns, handguns and ammunition Sunday from the home where suspect David Ludwig lived with his parents. The search occurred as police were still trying to find him and 14-



Ludwig police captured him following a chase.

year-old Kara Beth Borden. Ludwig was being held without bail on murder and kidnapping charges after being flown back to Pennsylvania on Tuesday from Indiana, where he was captured.

Police allege Ludwig shot Michael and Cathryn Borden on Sunday at their home in Lititz following an argument over his relationship with Kara. The two had been dating, apparently secretly, according to friends and witnesses.

Ludwig was arrested Monday after crashing his parents' car into a tree in Belleville, Ind., about 600 miles from the murder scene, during a police chase. Neither Ludwig nor the girl, who has not been charged, was in-

jured in the crash.

Investigators have said they are treating Kara Borden as a victim but that the investigation is continuing.

Ludwig's parents, Gregory and Jane Ludwig, issued a statement Wednesday expressing their sorrow over the slaying but have not spoken publicly. They have not returned multiple phone messages seeking comment.

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Fossilized dung tells the story: The most prominent plant-eating dinosaurs were digesting different varieties of grass between 65 million and 71 million years ago, researchers report Friday in the journal Science.

The earliest grass fossils ever found were about 55 million years old — from the post-dinosaur era.

It's a big surprise for scientists, who had never really looked for evidence of grass in dino diets before. After all, grass fossils aside, these sauropods — the behemoths with the long necks and tails and small heads — didn't have the special kind of teeth needed to grind up abrasive blades.

"Most people would not have fathomed that they would eat grasses," noted lead researcher Caroline Stromberg of the Swedish Museum of Natural History.



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JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual fundraising dinner and auction today at the El Comodoro banquet hall, 143 Main Ave. W.

Santa Claus and a helper will make a special appearance. Photos with Santa will be taken for those who wish.

A social hour with entertainment, free wine tasting by Carmela Ferry of Glens Ferry, and a no-host bar will be from 6 to 7 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

The auction, which features a variety of items including home decor, overnight stays at local resorts and more, begins at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Hearings on Delta pilots' pay continue

NEW YORK — Lawyers for Delta Air Lines Inc. and its pilots union were in U.S. Bankruptcy Court a second day Thursday, continuing a hearing over whether Delta can unilaterally impose wage and benefit cuts on more than 6,000 pilots. A ruling was considered unlikely before the Thanksgiving holiday, however.

Thursday's session primarily dealt with the scheduling of pilots and their work environment, with Delta's director of crew resources, David Watson, giving U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Prudence Carter Beaty a primer on airline operations and training.

Faced with rising fuel costs and stiff competition from low-fare competitors, Delta is seeking to slash \$325 million from its collective bargaining agreement with its pilots, saying the money is needed to keep its operations running. The Air Line Pilots Association, which has offered \$90.7 million in concessions, has threatened to strike if the court sides with Delta.

If the court approves the cuts, they would be on top of \$1 billion in annual concessions the pilots agreed to in a five-year deal reached in 2004. That deal included a 32.5 percent pay cut and has been held up by the union as a sign of their willingness to negotiate.

NBC will put movies, TV shows online

NBC Universal said it will make available movies including "Ray" and "Meet the Fockers" and TV shows over the Internet for a fee.

The company said it has agreed to license content to WorldMedia, operator of a peer-to-peer networking service that currently has music tracks from four major labels.

"NBC Universal has a long history of embracing technology to better service our viewers," said Bob Wright, vice chairman of NBC.

WorldMedia said files downloaded from the PeerImpact.com Web site will be available for viewing for 24 hours after purchase. A spokeswoman said pricing has not yet been determined. It is hoped the first programming will be available for download early next year.

Google stock gaining even more steam

Google stock broke through the \$400 price level for the first time Thursday amid optimism about a surge in online advertising during the holiday season and continuing projections for rapid, long-term growth.

The search engine giant went public at \$85-a-share in August 2004 has continually exceeded Wall Street forecasts for profits.

At the new level over \$400, Google's stock price has risen to \$117.7 billion makes the Silicon Valley firm worth tens of billions of dollars more than the combined value of Internet titans Amazon.com and Yahoo.

The shares of Yahoo, Google's biggest rival, also hit a new 52-week high Thursday.

Analysts have announced new price targets for Google stock as high as \$450-a-share. The company's ability to generate billions of dollars in cash, in addition to rapid search volume, is an underlying factor that explains the extraordinary rise in its stock price.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Study: Living wage jobs tough to nab

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — There's a wide gap between the number of job seekers and the number of open jobs in the Pacific Northwest that pay a living wage, according to a new study by a coalition of social justice groups.

The regional analysis, released by the Northwest

Federation of Community Organizations on Thursday, found that the economy in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana is failing to create enough living wage jobs for those looking for work. In Idaho, 29 percent of available jobs don't pay enough to adequately support a single person without children, the study found, and 78 percent of open and available jobs don't pay enough to adequately support

a single adult with two children. "That's not too surprising. In terms of what it takes to support a household in Idaho, it's not something that can be done with one wage-earner," said John Church, a visiting economics professor at Boise State University who was not involved in the study. "A lot of jobs don't pay exceptionally well in Idaho, so it takes two people

working, sometimes a job and a half each, to keep up." The study found that the gap between available jobs paying a living wage and the number of job seekers is largest when it comes to single adults supporting two children. There are eight such adults for every living-wage job opening in Idaho, the study found, and 23 such adults for each living wage job opening in Oregon. The ratio in

Montana is 14 to 1, compared to 12 to 1 in Washington. The federation used 2004 data from agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and state labor and industry statistics to come up with the figures. The number of job seekers in the jobs currently available in each of

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GETTING CREATIVE



DISH City Mayor Bill Merritt, left, stands with Michael Neuman, president of Dish Network, after unveiling a DISH City Limit sign Wednesday in DISH City, Texas. The city of Clark, Texas, renamed itself DISH for a decade. Across the nation, small communities are being courted by large corporations who say renaming a town provides the sort of marketing buzz that can't be bought in a television ad.

Town renamed DISH as part of marketing strategy

The Associated Press

DISH, Texas — Back in the 1950s, Hot Springs, N.M., was renamed Truth or Consequences, N.M., after a popular quiz show. During the dot-com boom of 2000, Halfway, Ore. agreed to become Half.com for a year.

This week, Clark, Texas, morphed into DISH in exchange for a decade of free satellite television from the DISH Network for the town's 55 homes. Residents in Santa, Idaho, meanwhile are weighing the pros and cons of changing to SecretSanta.com, Idaho.

Across the nation, small communities are being courted by large corporations who say renaming a town provides a marketing buzz that can't be bought in television ads. Though some worry about corporate America's increasing influence in local government, many towns seem eager to accept.

In a deal unanimously approved Tuesday by the two-member town council, Clark agreed to become DISH permanently, effective immediately. It's part of an advertising campaign for Fargo, Colo.-based EchoStar Communications Corp., which operates the DISH Network satellite TV system.

The company pegged the deal at about \$4,500 per home in the rural patch of ranch land, which is about a half



Chris Doane with Dish Network assembles a dish outside DISH town hall Wednesday.

hour's drive north of Dallas-Fort Worth. Beyond the lure of free TV service for the 125 residents, the renaming is a way for the town to attract businesses and

residents, said Mayor Bill Merritt, who courted EchoStar to make it the town.

"We really look at this as kind of a rebirth for our community," Merritt said. "We

want everybody to come here." The town was founded in June 2000 by L.E. Clark, who sharply criticized the renaming.

"I don't especially like it," said Clark, who lost to Merritt in May's mayoral election. "I worked my butt off a little over a year getting it incorporated."

Other towns also have accepted such corporate offers. In 2000, Halfway, Ore., became Half.com for a year in an agreement that put \$100,000 in the town coffers and a new computer lab in the school.

"Though the name is back to Halfway, the town still has signs that read 'Welcome to Half.com, the World's First Dot-com City.'"

"It was a good experience," said Mayor Marvin Burggraf, who served as mayor after the decision had already been approved. "It was kind of fun. You look back on it and it's good thoughts."

In an age of pervasive advertising that many people try to ignore, such stunts are a good way to grab the public's attention, said Mark Hughes, chief executive of Buzzmarketing and the former Half.com executive who devised the Oregon deal.

"Word of mouth is the most powerful form of communication and marketing out there," Hughes said in a telephone interview from Santa, Idaho, where he's leading the effort to rename that town SecretSanta.com.

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Housing growth slows in October

By Sandra Fleishman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Home construction in October fell 5.6 percent, the biggest dip since a 17.7 percent decline in March, and building permits, a sign of future activity, dropped by the most in six years, according to government data released Thursday.

The Commerce Department report was further evidence that rising mortgage rates and accelerating prices have begun to chill a market that's been at a record pace for four years. While several housing experts said the numbers confirm that the boom has likely peaked, industry economists have noted that the pace had been unsustainable, leading the Federal Reserve to try to tamp down the "truth" by raising short-term interest rates eight consecutive times in the past 16 months. After straggling off the Fed's hikes for a time, mortgage rates have jumped for nine straight weeks, with 30-year fixed-rate loans averaging 6.37 percent this week, up slightly from last week's average of 6.46 percent, according to Freddie Mac. A year ago, a 30-year loan averaged 4.89 percent.

Current mortgage rates vary all, though, are still below the 1990s average of about 8 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, and 6 percent for a one-year ARM, Freddie Mac chief economist Frank Nothaft said.

The drop in housing starts was double what analysts had been expecting. Construction starts fell at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.01 million units in October, down 5.6 percent from a revised September estimate of 2.13 million, and down 2.2 percent from 2.06 million units in October 2004.

The slowdown in starts was in both single-family housing and multi-family construction and occurred in all regions of the country.

Permits dropped 6.7 percent to an annual rate of 2.07 million units, led by a 10.6 percent drop in the West. The dip was the biggest since a 17.7 percent drop in September 1999, when permits fell from 16.7 million in August to 15.5 million.

"I think there is now a mounting evidence that the housing market peaked somewhere in the third quarter," David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, said Thursday. "The survey of builder confidence which came out yesterday, was down a lot. ... It was the biggest drop since the first survey after 9/11."

Canadian media tycoon indicted on fraud charges

By Frank Ahrens
The Washington Post

Disgraced international press tycoon Conrad M. Black, who stepped down as head of his media empire in 2004 amid charges that he and other executives looted the company, was indicted on 11 counts of wire and mail fraud in Chicago Thursday.

U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald said the high-living Canadian — who renounced his citizenship in 2001 to accept a British lordship —

helped steal \$51.8 million from Hollinger International Inc., which at one point had owned the Chicago Sun-Times, Jerusalem Post and the London Telegraph, as well as a majority of Canada's English-language papers.

Fitzgerald issued an arrest warrant for Black, 61, whose whereabouts are unknown. He faces up to 40 years in prison and \$5 million in fines if convicted on all charges. Fitzgerald said he would seek Black's extradition if he does not turn himself in.

"Officers and directors of publicly traded companies who steer shareholders' money into their pockets should not be to the board of directors to get permission to do so," Fitzgerald said in a statement.

The indictment charges that the insiders at Hollinger — all the way to the top of the corporate ladder — whose job it was to safeguard the shareholders, made it their job to steal and conceal.

A 2004 Hollinger investigation found that Black and other top company officials pocket-

ed more than \$400 million in company money over seven years, rigging over what was labeled a "corporate kleptocracy."

The report said Black and his wife trebled the Hollinger corporate jet as a private shuttle between cities, such as Chicago and Toronto, and vacation spots.

They took frequent trips to Palm Springs, Calif., and one 33-hour round trip to the Palestinian island of Bora Bora, which cost the company \$530,000, the report said. It also

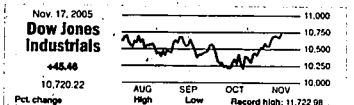
said Black charged the company \$400,000 to refurbish a Rolls-Royce \$100,000 to throw a birthday party for his wife and \$8 million to buy memorabilia of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, about whom Black wrote a book.

Also indicted Thursday were former Hollinger chief financial officer John A. Boulter, executive vice president Peter Y. Atkinson and general counsel Mark S. Blyden, as well as Ravelston Corp., a Canadian holding company controlled by Black.

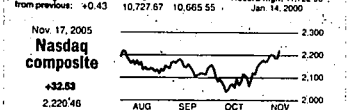
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Stocks climb on upbeat news

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks surged higher Thursday after new data soothed inflation concerns and the price of oil tumbled to its lowest level in five months.



Wall Street embraced a report that the manufacturing sector expanded at a slower pace in November. The report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, showed that prices in the region's manufacturing sector were steady or falling.



Earlier industrial output data cheered investors. Output from manufacturing, mines and utilities rose a healthy 0.9 percent last month as refineries and natural gas platforms began production again after widespread shutdowns caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 45.46, or 0.43 percent, to 11,729.98. The Nasdaq Composite rose 23.22, or 0.46 percent, to 5,048.62.

A lot of uncertainties have been removed, said Alexander Paris, economist and market analyst for Chicago-based Barrington Research. Questions about the economic impact of the hurricanes appear settled, as does the effect on corporate earnings and the issue of who will lead the Federal Reserve.

Traders remain bullish on the fourth-quarter rally people are looking for. A ter going up three weeks in a row, going sideways would be a bear sign.

Falling prices also boosted stocks. A barrel of light crude settled at \$56.34, down \$1.54 on the New York Mercantile Exchange and its lowest level since June 15.

General Motors Corp. rose \$1.34 to \$22.63 after hitting an 18-year low Wednesday. News reports that GM CEO Rick Wagoner posted a letter on the company's internal Web site assuring employees that GM's finances are sound lifted the stock, which has been falling on worries that the United Auto Workers could strike at Detroit.

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Drug companies step up flu efforts

Star-shaped spice could be key against avian flu strain

By Kathleen Kerr Newsday

The race to prevent a bird flu pandemic is on — several experimental vaccines and a drug made from a licorice-flavored cooking spice have snagged key roles.

As the perceived threat of a pandemic intensifies, pharmaceutical companies are stepping up efforts to stave off the disease.

And star spice — a fragrant, star-shaped spice used to flavor foods and liqueurs — has taken center stage.

Chinese star anise — a seed pod resembling a star or starfish when cut — comes from an Asian tree and is the key ingredient in Tamiflu, a flu medication made by Roche AG, the Swiss pharmaceutical giant.

Some scientists believe Tamiflu — ordinarily used to treat symptoms of seasonal flu — could help minimize effects of the H5N1 strain in avian flu infections in people. Health experts have said a bird flu pandemic could claim millions of lives worldwide.

There is a limited supply of the flavorful spice pods used to make Tamiflu and that means Roche can only increase production so far in an effort to combat bird flu.

Although several companies in other countries, such as Taiwan, have said they are equipped to make their own versions of Tamiflu, that raises patent and safety issues which have not been settled. And Roche has questioned whether making a small portion of Tamiflu copays can translate safely into large-scale production.

Still, Roche hopes to be able to step up annual production of Tamiflu to 10 million capsules per

treatment — by 2007. Roche says it has a network of 12 outside suppliers that can perform various parts of the process.

Especially in the U.S., wholesale price for Tamiflu is \$61.28 per 10-capsule pack; it sells between \$80 and \$90. Roche is changing developed countries that want to stockpile Tamiflu at about \$17.50 per pack while underdeveloped countries pay about \$14.

But even with its cut-rate "pandemic prices," Roche officials said the company's 2005 sales of Tamiflu through September were \$653.2 million — up 200 percent from \$212.2 million in 2004.

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Several weeks ago Roche stopped delivering Tamiflu to drugstores because of concerns that people were hoarding it and that there would be a shortage for this year's regular flu season.

MacLusk said Roche will start releasing more Tamiflu as the flu season takes hold.

As Roche pumps up its Tamiflu production, a vaccine manufacturer, Chiron Corp. of California and Sanofi Pasteur of Pennsylvania are pursuing ways to make vaccines that might help prevent people from even getting bird flu. Offici

At Chiron, the company's Marburg, Germany, plant, researchers are exploring a faster, more efficient way to make their virus cells — instead of the traditional chicken eggs that

take six to nine months to produce a vaccine.

If the new method works for regular flu vaccine, it might work for an avian influenza vaccine, too. But changing to cell-based vaccine manufacturing could cost companies billions of dollars.

"In Europe, we expect to file for approval next year for a regular vaccine produced in cell cultures," Chiron spokeswoman Allison Marquis said last week.

Meanwhile, the federal government has agreed to pay Chiron \$62.5 million for a bulk supply of an experimental bird flu vaccine that could help fend off the H5N1 strain.

Marquis said the vaccine would be delivered to the government in early 2006 and would equal several million doses. She said the number of doses is unclear because it is not yet known how much would be needed to inoculate one person against bird flu.

Chiron has been working on its avian flu vaccine since 1997. Marquis said. She said certain additives might be used to increase the vaccine's effectiveness so batches can be stretched to treat more people.

Dr. Paul Offit, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Pennsylvania, says it could be 20 years before a pandemic occurs.

It's that far away, today's experimental vaccines would lose their shelf life. Offit said producing experimental flu vaccines today will help the government and pharmaceutical companies learn how to make them more efficiently in the future.

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Be sensitive and responsive, Gemini

IF NOV. 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The feel-good planet, Jupiter, travels through your sign this year. Expect to improve many areas of your life and receive ample rewards for your good deeds. Take precautions with your health before February and March roll around. Those are months when responsibilities could pile up and you should avoid making credit purchases.

Finding a new home may be possible this year but avoid making major transitions with either a job or living arrangements during August. Next October, reap the benefits for your hard work and set the west course for the future while success is guaranteed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Trying to get your way today could be like swimming through a sea of syrup. Tempers could seethe if situations frustrate your desires. Escape from tedium with a loved one late tonight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Being headstrong won't win you any prizes. Slow down and be thorough about taking care of past obligations. Romantic relationships will move to take center stage late this evening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be sensitive and responsive to others. Hidden animosities can make some interactions exas-

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

perating, but the celestial conditions greatly improve later this evening and seductions are possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rise above conflict with poise and confidence. Looming deadlines and frustrations may have others frothing at the mouth but you can keep your cool. Attend late-night love fests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do the best you can. If a small snafu occurs, don't feel guilty or accept the blame. Red tape could entangle new projects begun now. Amorous activity is highlighted late night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Business deadlines can cause a headache. Ignore the background noise of negativity and do the best you can. Happy hour might not be very happy, but romance takes center stage late night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wait it out. Your special someone may have a pile of homework to deal with or be too tired to wine and dine you. Take care of necessities and plan on a romantic rendezvous

late this evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Incompatibility with other unforeseen obstructions may lead to loss of aggravation. Don't start anything new - instead, concentrate on tying up loose ends so you can party later tonight.

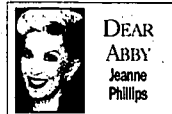
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Nail down the details. Others have high standards and even higher expectations of efficiency. Don't put on your party hat until late this evening when romantic activity is highlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid confrontations and conflicts with others. A small measured pace might aggravate those who are anxious to take action. Late this evening the stars spell out passionate meetings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your leverage. Put some muscle into your work and take care of all the aggravating details. Save some energy for love, as late night romantic interludes are entirely possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your cheerful attitude can help dissolve impasses and soothe flaring tempers. Last-minute details can seem overwhelming to those in charge. Love and affection blossom late in the evening.

Zookeeper cringes at parents passing misinformation to kids



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

in his mid-50s. "Andre" and I have an 8-year-old daughter together, and he has three grown sons I helped him raise over the last 30 years.

My problem is I feel deep inside that I'm missing out on what is supposed to be my "real" life. I know I was meant to have more children, but Andre had a vasectomy and doesn't want any more. I would like to return to college and get my degree, but Andre doesn't support that, either. I'd like to work with children or in a helping profession; Andre refuses to listen.

I have tried to ignore my feelings. I have been to counselors, and on and off anti-depressants for years. I don't think I love my husband anymore, and I feel in my heart that this marriage isn't healthy for me or our child. But I can't leave because of our daughter. (Not to mention that Andre tells me all the time how much he loves me.)

Although I'm at what point is it OK to make a decision you know will hurt someone else just for yourself?

—UNHAPPY IN NEBRASKA

DEAR UNHAPPY: Because counseling and medication haven't helped, the time is now, while your husband can still find a woman whose values are more similar to his own than yours are.

DEAR ABBY: I work at a large zoo, in the children's zoo department. I cannot count the number of times I have heard parents out of ignorance or impatience, lie to their child about the animals they are observing.

In an enclosure with several species of animal, for example, they will tell their child that pygmy species (smaller than non-pygmy when full-grown) are actually babies of large animals. I have also seen them give incorrect information about animal behavior, diet and habitat.

I want to ask these parents for something: Respect your child enough to admit that you sometimes don't know the answer to their question. If you don't know the answer, ask a keeper. We are usually on hand to never mind talking about the animals we love and interact with daily. We enjoy showing people how amazing and fulfilling these animals can be, and it pains us to hear parents provide misinformation to children.

—A KEEPER IN THE EAST

DEAR KEEPER: You have nothing to be proud of. My assistant, Sherry, who is a docent at the Los Angeles Zoo, informs me that your complaint is all too common among staff at zoos.

It does a child's grave disservice to give them, or her misinformation. Children are little vessels. If you fill their

heads with nonsense, they'll pour it forth at a later date — embarrassing themselves in front of friends or in the classroom, where they feel like idiots when it's pointed out that they are wrong.

It seems that one of the most common phrases in the English language for people to utter is "I don't know." Perhaps that's because they are afraid it will make them appear stupid, so they try to fill the vacuum by saying something — a mistake. A more constructive approach is to say, "I don't know, but I'll help you get the answer," especially when talking to a child. Nobody knows everything, and learning is most fun when it's a shared endeavor.

Zoos were created for the purpose of education, conversation, recreation and research. When visiting a zoo, if you have a question, you should ask a zookeeper or a docent. If one is provided.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman, married to a man

Boetie Bailey By Mort Walker

1. I'll be gone two days. Can you handle things here?
2. THE WASHER? THE DRYER?
3. SURE, DO I LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT?
4. ONE QUICK QUESTION
5. WHERE ARE THE WASHER AND THE DRYER?

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1. I know I said to take you out tonight, honey, but here really wants me to go bowling.
2. THAT'S FINE, DEAR. IN FACT I'VE BEEN WANTING TO CHECK OUT THAT NEW EXCLUSIVE BOUTIQUE THAT JUST OPENED AT THE MALL, ANYWAY.
3. SHOOT, I CAN GO BOWLING ANYTIME.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

1. THIS REMINDS ME OF WHEN WE WERE DATING, GLADYS!
2. IF YOU COULD GO BACK, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE?
3. YOU!

Garfield By Jim Davis

1. PEOPLE WITH PETS TEND TO LIVE LONGER.
2. THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.
3. BOW, TAMPER WITH A GUY'S BRAKES, JUST ONCE AND YOU'RE MARKED FOR LIFE!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1. THE MEDICINE DIDN'T HELP MY BACK, DR. ZOOK!
2. I STILL CAN'T STRAIGHTEN UP!
3. DR. ZOOK SENT ME...
4. MUMPHREYS IS SENDING YOU TO A SPECIALIST...

Hi and Lo By Chance Browne

1. TODAY'S GIRLS ARE NOT CONTENT TO ROOT FOR THE GUYS!
2. OUR CHEERLEADERS CHEER FOR THEMSELVES.
3. WE ARE THE GREATEST!

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

1. SO I'M IN THE GROCERY STORE WITH MY MOM...
2. THIS LADY ASKS ME HOW OLD I AM... I TELL HER I'M A HUNDRED AND FIFTY...
3. EVERY TIME I RIDE ON THE BACK OF MY MOM'S BICYCLE I AGE TWENTY YEARS!

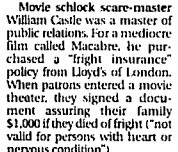
The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

1. WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HUSBAND'S HANDS FOLDED OR JOINED IN PRAYER?
2. HOW ABOUT SOMETHING MORE NATURAL?
3. WE COULD CRIMP HIS FINGERS AROUND THE REMOTE.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

1. WHAT DO YOU THINK, DENNIS? WILL YOUR DAD LIKE THIS ONE?
2. ARE YOU KIDDING? IT'S NOT EVEN HIS SIZE.
3. "I don't think PJ was quite done with his nap."

'Fright insurance' for scary flick



WILLIAM CASTLE'S FRIGHT INSURANCE
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Movie schlock scare-master William Castle was a master of public relations. For a medicine film called Macabre, he purchased a "fright insurance" policy from Lloyd's of London.

When patrons entered a movie theater, they signed a document assuring their family \$1,000 if they died of fright (not valid for persons with heart or nervous condition).

This day in history: Legend has it that Nov. 18, 1307, was the day that William Tell was forced to shoot an apple from his son's head.

As far as we know, the ancient Egyptians had the earliest forms of birth control. One popular method from 1800 B.C. was a mixture of honey and crocodile dung.

Maybe you've heard someone once called as "milk toast." There really is a food called milktoast, and like many foods with funny names (e.g., bangers, load in a hole, spotted dick), it's a British concoction.

It's pretty much what the name implies — you cover a piece of toast with milk in a bowl. A dash of salt pepper and a pat of butter round out the meal.

The praying mantis gets all the attention because of its ostentatious piety, but there are about 1,800 other species of mantis equally beloved by God.

Thomas Jefferson's sister, Elizabeth, reportedly died after spending two days in a ditch. The 29-year-old presidential sibling apparently thought it was the safest place to stay after a massive earthquake struck Virginia.

It's a small world: Gen.

Robert E. Lee's father-in-law was George Washington Parke Custis, who was the adopted son of George Washington.

"Mill" means "thousand," none of the millipedes have even 100 legs. Centipedes at least are a little more accurately named — some species actually approach 100 in their leg count, a few actually surpass it.

Winona Horowitz's parents chose her first name from Winona, Minn. The town where she was born. Years later she decided "Horowitz" wouldn't cut it as a show biz name, so she riffed through her father's record collection for inspiration.

A record by rockers Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels caught her eye, and that's how the actress became Winona Ryder.

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Dog, lion, giraffe on zoo buffet

BANGKOK, Thailand — VIP guests will be the grand opening for the night safari zoo in northern Thailand will not only get to see exotic animals — they'll also get to taste them.

The Chiang Mai Night Safari Zoo will open officially on New Year's Day, with the "Exotic Buffet" for the event including tiger, lion, elephant and giraffe, said project director Polprasert Suraswadi.

"VIP guests who pay \$4500 bait (\$110 for the buffet will have the privilege of tasting an exotic menu, ranging from dog meat (Thailand's Sakthon Nakhon province) to lion meat from Africa," he said.

Critics have lambasted the idea, saying it will encourage wildlife trafficking in a country and region notorious for smuggling endangered species for unproven traditional medicinal benefits.

'Good People' wear shirts to ward off marksmen

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The mayor's comment that recent shootings shouldn't make "good people" fear violence has spawned a new T-shirt slogan.

"Don't Shoot, I'm One of the Good People of Williamsport," say the shirts going off the shelf for \$10 at Cady's News Stand.

"Good people shouldn't be afraid," Mayor Mary B. Wolf had told the Williamsport Sun-Gazette after a rash of October shootings. "If you're a good person and you're not doing drugs, walk with confidence."

The comments prompted some indignant letters to the newspaper, and the ire of at least one city councilman.

Cady's owner Edwin Stu Congdon — often a critic of city government, partly over downtown construction he said has hurt his business — saw a chance for a humorous jab.

He designed the T-shirts with

Odds & ends

a hands-up silhouette and said customers have been amused.

"It brings a little joy to people's hearts," Congdon said. "It's a marketing thing. I'm trying to make a little bit of the city since they've hurt me."

Rod Stewart's daughter, reality series star to wed

NEW YORK — Kimberly Stewart will wed Talan Torner, one of the stars of the MTV reality series "Laguna Beach."

Stewart, the 26-year-old daughter of singer Rod Stewart, and Torner, 19, are engaged. The couple's marriage was reported Thursday.

Torner's spokesman, Jack Ketyovian, confirmed the couple's plans to the magazine.

They announced their surprise engagement Wednesday at a Los Angeles party for Microsoft's Xbox. Stewart flashed a 5-carat diamond engagement ring, according to People.

Cop's choice of apparel could cost him his job

LUCKNOW, India — A male police officer who appeared on television in a yellow dress with dark red lipstick and matching nail polish could lose his job, officials said.

State officials ordered a probe into the behavior of Devenraj Kumar Panda, an inspector general in the Uttar Pradesh state police, authorities said Tuesday.

Panda, 57, who believes himself to be the reincarnation of a lady consort of the Hindu avatar Lord Krishna, claims he is merely exercising his freedom of religion. But his wife, who is suing him, says he is no woman at heart — just a womanizer.

"It is normal at home or when he is chatting on the Internet. He behaves (this way) to get into the company of other women, whom he calls friends," his wife, Veena, told The Associated Press.

Panda's cross-dressing came to his superiors' attention after he appeared in court on Saturday in full drag and gave interviews to several local TV channels.

A local court ordered Panda on Saturday to pay his wife \$155 a month in support after she demanded he to move out of their home.

Wall of money put up for grabs, goes quickly

LONDON — A score of south Londoners picked up some extra cash Wednesday morning when a real estate developer gave away five pound notes.

Real estate developer Oakmayne Properties put the 306 notes, each worth about \$8.65, on a poster attached to the side of a building.

"I saw cameras and the wall covered in money and stopped to see what was going on. I'm very lucky because normally I go to the other bus stop," said Henry Tauba, who walked away with about \$225.

What started as one man on a ladder pulling the bills off the poster and calmly handing them away five pound notes, stretched hands soon dissolved into a small mob pulling the poster off the wall and grabbing for money.

Some ended up with only half of a five-pound note, but about 20 people hurried off to work with fistfuls of instant cash.

Chris Arnold of BLAC Incentive Advertising, an agency working with Oakmayne, said the stunt was designed to "draw people's attention to the value of this area."

—compiled from wire reports

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DOUBLE VICTIMS



Jenah Benzanfour, 16, nests herself in the arms of her guardian, Manoubia Khalil, left, during a Nov. 7 interview at her home in a housing project of Saint-Denis, a suburb north of Paris. In France's rough neighborhoods, not only do women suffer from racism, unemployment and deprivation; they also endure daily harassment and even violence in their own communities.

Young women endure sexism and violence, as well as racism

SAINT-DENIS, France (AP) — Fifteen-year-old Rawa risks verbal abuse — or worse — every time she leaves her house wearing jeans. Jenah was thrown out of the family home at 11, became a drug dealer at 13, and was raped by a relative a year later.

If young men in France's poor housing projects — scenes of three weeks of nightly arson and unrest — have it rough, girls often have it worse. Not only do they suffer from racism, unemployment and deprivation, they also endure daily harassment and even violence in their own communities.

"Women are double victims, of social and sexual discrimination as well as violence," said Fadela Amara, founder of "Ni Putes, Ni Soumises" (Neither a Whore nor a Submissive), a group fighting to improve the lot of Muslim women and girls in impoverished French neighborhoods.

The plight of girls and women in the high-rise housing projects indicates that while racial discrimination may keep immigrants and their offspring on the margins of French society, that may not be the whole picture.

Some people in France's mostly Muslim North and Sub-Saharan African immigrant communities have resisted accepting Western values and the French way of life — making it harder for them to thrive. Polygamous households, while uncommon, can also be a barrier to integration.

Often from conservative backgrounds, many parents find it hard to shake off taboos. They expect their French-born daughters to remain virgins until marriage and refuse to allow them to marry non-Muslims.

And girls are often forced into marriages they do not want, said Amara.

"There's an identity crisis here," said Sonia Imoul, who works with troubled teens in Seine-Saint-Denis, a district northeast of Paris where the rioting — now abated — erupted Oct. 27. "It is very tough when you are stuck midway between France and Algeria or Morocco."

Some activists say the influence of radical Islamic preachers is partly to blame for how men treat women.

An Algerian Muslim prayer leader, Abdelkader Bouziane, was convicted last year in the southeastern city of Lyon and handed a six-year suspended sentence for publicly justifying beating an adulterous wife. He was deported to Algeria in October 2004.

Physical violence — including gang rapes — has been widely reported against girls and young women of North African origin.

Amara notes a pattern of unemployed immigrant fathers losing authority to sons who bring in money by dealing drugs, stealing or who have adopted radical Islam. Girls in such families are often exposed to violence and exploitation or to religious repression, she said.

Samira Bellil's 2002 book "Dans l'Enfer des Tourmentes"

(In Gang-Rape Hell) gave France a rare firsthand, graphic account of the troubles women face, including her own experience of gang rape.

"Your reputation is important in the projects," wrote Bellil, who died of stomach cancer in 2003 at age 31. "It follows you everywhere. A girl can be branded easy or a little slut even if she does nothing wrong."

“Women are double victims, of social and sexual discrimination as well as violence.”

— Fadela Amara, founder of group fighting to improve prospects of French women

19-year-old Sohanne Denziane. Her ex-boyfriend doused her with gasoline and set her on fire for breaking up with him.

Some girls have taken to wearing Islamic head coverings as protection against violence. But then they face pressures from the French state, which has banned veils and other religious symbols from schools to uphold the country's secular principles — and to quell Islamic fundamentalism. Authorities argue that girls should be empowered to cast off veils that are sometimes forced on them by their parents.

But Imoul says parents are in denial, because most of the girls in the projects date, have sex and smoke marijuana. Sometimes, parents push

their children into the mean streets.

Jenah Benzanfour was 11 when her mother threw her out of the house because she was getting into trouble at school and with police for stealing and threatening her teacher with a knife.

At 13, she started selling out of the house because she was getting into trouble at school and with police for stealing and threatening her teacher with a knife.

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Last month, Imoul happened to be driving by as Jenah was being beaten by a girl before onlooking neighbors. The social worker dragged Jenah away, took her to a clinic and then to the local police station.

Police were unsympathetic. "They made fun of me, as if to say 'Why do you care, this girl is a loser,'" said Imoul. They told her she would be wasting their time because Jenah had "a bad record, bad history."

Jenah, now 16, is living with a family in a building across from her mother. She says she has stopped selling drugs and stealing and only now can reflect on her previous troubles.

"I hated the world," she said. "I had rage against everyone."

For her part, 15-year-old Rawa Khalil doesn't leave home after dark, though daytime can be harrowing, too, with boys on the street calling her "whore."

Her mother, Manoubia, 37, had been a victim of domestic violence at the hands of her drug-dealing ex-husband. But now she is treated with contempt because she is no longer married.

"We have no father," Rawa said, "no one to protect us."



A man attaches posters of a Sunni politician in Tikrit, Iraq, on Thursday. In Saddam Hussein's hometown, dozens of political groups are competing in the Dec. 15 parliamentary election.

Election fever abounds in Saddam's hometown

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — On the streets of Saddam Hussein's hometown, young men were hanging campaign posters Thursday, some even reaching out to members of the jailed dictator's banned political party.

Dozens of political groups in this city of 200,000 are competing in next month's national election, and turnout through the heavily Sunni Arab province is expected to be high.

The activity in Tikrit is a marked contrast to the Jan. 30 parliamentary elections, which most Sunni Arabs boycotted. Their absence from the polls enabled Shiites and Kurds to win an overwhelming majority in the National Assembly, worsening sectarian tensions.

The United States hopes a big turnout will encourage Sunni Arabs to abandon the insurgency in favor of politics, hastening the day the U.S. and other international troops can go home.

But local politicians complain the province that includes Tikrit got shorthanded on the number of parliamentary seats up for grabs. They fear that will reduce the voice of the Sunnis in the new legislature.

"We would like to confirm that we intend, with God's help, to get involved in the political process to the widest extent that achieves the best representation for the people of the province. Gov. Hamad Hamdoun Shihayy took dozens of politicians gathered at his office Thursday.

Hours later, posters promoting the candidacy of Saleh al-Mutlaq — one of the Sunni Arabs who helped draft the new constitution — were popping up on the streets of Tikrit, about 80 miles north of Baghdad.

One banner showed some political groups extending a hand to Baath Party members. "Vote for us and we promise we will end de-Baathification," the banner read — referring to the purging of former party members from the bureaucracy and public life.

Many Sunni Arabs now agree the January boycott was a mistake. This time, Sunni politicians are complaining that Shiite-led security services are trying to prevent them from voting through a campaign of arrests and intimidation amid allegations of torture and maltreatment at an Interior Ministry detention center in Baghdad.

On Thursday, however, the talk was not of voter intimidation or torture allegations. The main complaint from local politicians was that the province's 1.1 million people — the vast majority of them Sunni Arabs — are going to get swindled out of their fair share of National Assembly seats under the current election law.

In the last election, the whole of the country was considered a single constituency in which voters from the Turkish border in the north to the frontiers with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in the south all voted for the same candidates.

That system — along with the Sunni boycott — limited the number of Sunni Arabs elected to the assembly. Shiites make up about 60 percent of Iraq's 27 million people.

To redress the imbalance, parliament amended the law so that each of the 18 provinces will have a specific number of seats depending on the number of eligible voters.

The total number of seats to be selected nationwide under this formula is 230, with the remaining 45 seats allocated according to how many votes a party gets across the country. Officials believe this will enable parties representing small minorities such as Christians, Yazidis and Sabians to win representation.

Saudi teacher sentenced for blasphemy

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi high-school chemistry teacher accused of discussing religion with his students has been sentenced to 750 lashes and 40 months in prison for blasphemy, officials said Thursday.

The court ruling was condemned by human rights activists, who said Muhammad Salamah al-Harbi was being imprisoned for having an "open discussion" with students.

Al-Harbi was convicted of questioning and ridiculing Islam, discussing the Bible and defending Jews, judicial officials said Thursday on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Prosecutors acted after a complaint by students and al-Harbi's fellow teachers, officials said.

Ruling party wins seats in round of Egypt election

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt's ruling party won 112 seats in the first stage of the country's parliamentary elections, or about 70 percent of those available, according to final results announced Thursday.

Announcing the results, Justice Minister Mahmoud Abu el-Leil also confirmed that the banned Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's most powerful Islamic fundamentalist group, more than doubled its presence in parliament, winning 34 seats.

The ruling National Democratic Party acquired 112 seats out of the 164 contested seats in the first round, which entailed an initial vote Nov. 9 then a run-off Tuesday. Independents got 13 seats and three opposition parties won five seats — two each to the centrist Wafd and leftist Tagammu parties and one to the centrist Ghad party.

The second round is to be held Sunday, followed by a final one Dec. 1, to determine the remainder of the 454-member parliament. Each stage is held in a different part of the country.

The NDP holds about 80 percent of seats in the current legislature and is expected to maintain its domination of the body. But the Brotherhood's strong showing has surprised many and boosts its claims for becoming a legitimate political party, a step the government has long rejected.

Its representation could rise in the upcoming rounds. The Brotherhood, which was founded in 1928 and banned since 1954, holds 15 seats in the outgoing body. Its members run as independents, though their posters bear the Muslim Brotherhood name and slogan.

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THE DUI HOKEYPOKEY

Officials, scientist are in a clumsy dance over field sobriety tests

The Washington Post

Stand up!
Heels together. Toes out. Hands at your sides. Raise the leg of your choice in front of you, six inches off the ground, leg straight, toe pointed. Keep your eyes on your raised toe and begin counting aloud from 1,001 until I say stop.

One thousand one. One thousand two...

Some dark night on the side of the road, police lights flashing in your peripheral vision, your freedom may depend on how well you do this.

Did you sway? Raise your arms for balance? Hop, or put your foot down? If you did any two, an officer will conclude you're 65 percent accurate, as stipulated in a state law that encourages use of inebriation diagnostics, that you may be too drunk to drive.

Did you bend your leg? Stare straight ahead? Instead of at your foot? Been too soon? Officers are taught that people under the influence of alcohol don't follow directions well.

This is the one-leg stand — OLS in cop-speak. It is one of the three scientifically researched standardized field sobriety tests, blessed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, that officers call "the holy grail" and use on the roadside to help them decide whether to make a drunk "arrest."

The NHTSA says officers using scores from all three tests will be 91 percent accurate in making an arrest. But in a case that ended up making news nationwide, an officer in Washington arrested attorney Debra Bolton after determining that she'd failed all three. Bolton, who had a glass of alcohol with dinner, not only disagreed and challenged the charges until they were dropped in August.

The NHTSA says the most accurate of the three is the "horizontal gaze nystagmus test," or "jerking eyeball" test. An officer holds a penlight or small flashlight before you and asks

you to track it visually from side to side. If you've drunk too much, your eyeballs will begin shaking about 45 degrees from center.

The two other tests, the one-leg stand and the walk and turn (nine steps forward and back on a straight line), are "divided attention" tests that require both mental concentration and physical coordination. The one-leg stand has its skeptics and its court challenges, but the test is "casily performed by most unimpaired people," the NHTSA says.

Before the one-leg stand, police officers were on their own. Some threw coins on the ground and ordered that only nickels or quarters be picked up. They would have a driver do a task such as one finger to his nose. Recite the alphabet without singing. Count backward from 100 by threes. Trace a paper maze. Rapidly tap a telegraph key. Some gave tongue twisters such as "Methodist, Episcopal, sophisticated statistics." Texas Rangers just chatted for a bit before making a judgment call.

Chuck Hayes, a state trooper for 30 years in Oregon, remembers fellow officers putting their flashlights on the ground and telling drivers to run around the flashlights.

"How are you going to tell if a person is impaired that way?" asked Hayes, now a field sobriety test trainer for the National Transportation Association of Chiefs of Police. "There was just some weird, weird stuff."

So in 1975, the NHTSA requested proposals to develop a valid, standardized test battery easy to use on the side of the road. Marcelline Burns and her colleagues at the nonprofit Southern California Research Institute in Los Angeles got the job.

Burns, 77, is a research psychologist who calls herself the "grandma guru" of the standardized field sobriety tests. She's had a long career developing them, testifying in courts nationwide as an expert witness and training police officers

to use them correctly.

Her group recruited 238 subjects from the local unemployment office — anyone over 21 with a driver's license and who admitted to imbibing a few — and paid them \$3 a day. Subjects came to the lab, starting at 8 a.m. and were "dosed" with either a placebo of orange juice or a screwdriver. They were then led to small rooms where 10 California police officers waited. The officers administered six different sobriety tests, then made a determination on the subject's blood alcohol content and whether they would make an arrest.

Burns' final report, "Psychophysical Tests for DWI Arrest," was published in 1977. She wrote that while all six tests were "useful to alcohol — meaning that drunk subjects tended to perform worse than sober ones — the "best" tests were the three now in use today.

Burns did not test the drunk subjects when sober to see how well they could balance on one leg naturally.

"The evidence that it's an easy task comes from the placebo people," she said. "They could do it fine."

Here's a bar chart from her study that shows that men, ages 22 to 49, were men.

One could argue the placebo people didn't look much like America.

So hundreds of thousands of drivers have been arrested — on the basis of a 30-year-old study that, critics argue, has never been published in a peer-reviewed, scientific journal, never tested on a large scale with a control group and, perhaps more astonishing, has nothing to do with actual impairment from alcohol. Burns, by phone, admits upfront that the tests are designed only to gauge blood alcohol content, not whether you're a menace to the public.

Burns insists that the average person should be able to balance on one leg for 30 seconds.

She can. She practices the one-leg stand every few weeks.

Consider how imbalanced we are. Forty percent of Americans will at some point in their lifetime experience a balance disorder, and dizziness and vertigo are the third leading cause of doctor visits, behind lower back pain and headaches, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Research indicates that the older you get, starting at about age 50, the less likely you will be able to stand on one leg for very long, and the more likely you will be to fall. It's anybody's guess as to the "normal" ability to balance.

"The human equilibrium is a very complex system," said Richard Gans, founder and director of the American Institute of Balance in Florida. "Some people refer to it as the sixth sense, and that doesn't mean I see dead people."

The body must use three different systems to balance: the vestibular system that works like "finely tuned gyroscopes" in each inner ear, the visual system and the skeletal system, particularly the muscles, joints and tendons in the lower half of the body.

Ever had encephalitis, meningitis, shingles, chicken pox, ear infections, cardiovascular problems, numbness or tingling in the extremities, or migraines? You may be unable to balance. Diabetes? You may not be able to feel your feet well enough to balance.

Hayes, the trainer, said officers are taught to ask about injuries or medical problems. "A lot of the American public just has a tough time with balance, period," he said. "If an officer sees that, and if there weren't any clues on the other two tests, that's a no-brainer. This person is not impaired."

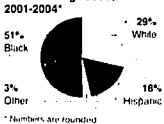
But how many other officers would make the same call?

"I can't say that's why training is so important."

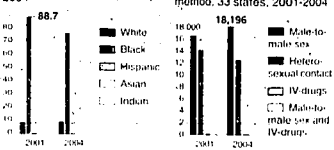
HIV cases down among blacks

An HIV study based on data from 33 states, with name-based reporting systems, shows falling rates among blacks. The decline may be tied to overlapping drops in diagnoses among injection drug users and heterosexuals.

New HIV diagnoses, 2001-2004



Diagnosis Rate Per 100,000 population, by race/ethnicity in 33 states, 2001-2004



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC: HIV diagnosis rate decreasing in minorities

ATLANTA (AP) — The rate of newly reported HIV cases among blacks has been dropping by about 5 percent a year since 2001, the government said Thursday. But blacks are still eight times more likely than whites to be diagnosed with the AIDS virus.

The racial disparities remain severe, said Irsa Lee, an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The falling rate among blacks seems to be tied to overlapping drops in diagnoses among injection drug users and heterosexuals, CDC researchers said.

The study was based on 2001-04 data from 33 states that have name-based reporting systems for HIV. Health officials do not know which diagnoses represent new infections and which ones were infections people had 10 years but had just discovered.

The CDC found that overall diagnoses in the 33 states decreased slightly, from 11,207 cases in 2001 to 10,607 in 2004. The rate fell from 22.9 cases per 100,000 people in 2001 to 20.7 per 100,000 in 2004.

The decline was more pronounced among blacks, the rate dropped from 181.7 per 100,000 in 2001 to 76.4 in 2004. Among whites, the rate rose slightly from 18.1 to 19.9.

At least part of the decline among blacks appears to be tied to a 9 percent annual decline in diagnoses among injection drug users, who can get the virus from contaminated needles. More than half of the drug users were black, Lee said.

The decline is also linked to a 4 percent decline in diagnoses among heterosexuals. About 60 percent of the heterosexuals diagnosed with HIV were black.

Diagnoses among men who have sex with men remained roughly stable from 2001 to 2004 but climbed 10 percent between 2001 and 2004. But one fifth for men of all races, CDC officials said. But they could not explain the recent increase.

In New York, needle-exchange programs helped explain declining HIV infection rates, said State Health Department spokesman Lene Postel. New York introduced needle-exchange in 1992, and 111,000 people have participated, she said.

Nation grapples with insuring for massive catastrophes

The Associated Press

As New Orleans antiquities dealer Bill Rau labors to rebuild his business after Hurricane Katrina, he's finding that getting insurance again may be one of his biggest obstacles.

Even as he negotiates with 14 insurance adjusters over damages to his property, Rau worries that he won't be able to get affordable coverage for his shop on Royal Street, a block from the Bourbon Street bars and cafes. He's been able to get property and casualty insurance coverage only until Jan. 1, and doesn't expect his carrier to renew the policy.

"I think what's going to happen is that a number of insurance companies are going to pull out," Rau said. "Those that don't are going to be so ridiculously expensive that most businesses won't be able to afford the coverage."

Insurers' willingness to provide coverage is pivotal to how well New Orleans and other areas recover from the devastation wrought by Katrina and the hurricanes that followed. But some insurers intent on limiting future losses are considering pulling out of the Gulf Coast or reducing the number of customers they serve, just as insurers have done in Florida over the past decade.

It's an issue with implications well beyond hurricane regions — no part of the nation is exempt from the possibility of a financially devastating catastrophe, whether it be a terror attack or a killer storm.

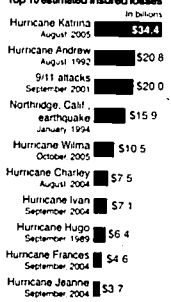
Businesses and homeowners across the country are already feeling the impact of the insurance industry's problems, including higher premiums and deductibles while insurers receive hundreds of billions of dollars in losses from this year's storms. Longer-term, the question is whether the insurance industry can continue to absorb such massive losses without some federal guarantees, or state reinsurance pools.

It's a serious concern because insurance is critical to the functioning of the economy.

"If you can't get insurance,

Torrent of losses

Six of the top ten most expensive catastrophes for the insurance industry in the past two years have been hurricanes.



SOURCE: ISO Property Claims Service AP

you can't borrow money, you can't build inventory, you can't protect your workers, you can't exist," said Mark Drennon, president and chief executive of Greater New Orleans Inc., the city's economic development group.

There are a handful of specialized disaster insurance programs available. For example, the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., prompted Congress to enact the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, which would provide funds to the insurance industry if there are devastating terror attacks in the future. But the TRIA program expires at year's end, and several congressional committees are debating terms for its renewal.

When it comes to natural disasters, there are programs such as the National Flood Insurance and the California earthquake coverage, but no comprehensive backup to deal with mega-catastrophes.

To be sure, the U.S. insurance industry is not poor. The industry had a surplus of about \$100 billion before Katrina struck — but Eric Sussar, president and chief executive of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America trade group, said this year's storms could wipe out one-fifth of that. He added that estimates of the potential damage caused by a massive earthquake in San Francisco indicate it "is not beyond the realm of possibility that it would be a \$400 billion catastrophe," the equivalent of the industry's total surplus.

Insurers are divided on whether the industry can — or should — shoulder the risk.

Craig Boulton, whose company Boulton Associates Inc. in Salt Lake City, writes flood, landslide and earthquake insurance, said he and other private companies should be able to handle natural disaster coverage.

But to do so, policies must be able to rebuild the risk of potential disasters and coupled with solid building and land-use codes designed to mitigate catastrophic damage. He doesn't believe that's been the case in hurricanes' prone areas.

"They haven't been charging those people enough money," Boulton said. "In effect, you and I have been subsidizing people who live in Florida and the Gulf Coast. Our premiums go up so they can rebuild their homes every nine years."

State insurance commissioners, however, said the risk system isn't working. Disputes over policy coverage and delays in payouts are slowing rebuilding in New Orleans and other areas, making the region more dependent on federal emergency aid and reconstruction money. Aid it remains unclear whether homeowners and businesses will be able to buy adequate coverage if they do rebuild.

California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, who hosted a meeting in San Francisco last week to discuss creation of a national catastrophic insurance program, argues that massive disasters "cannot effectively be dealt with by existing insurance policies or federal emergency aid."

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Hu: China will contribute to global peace

Chinese president takes center stage at Asian forum

Busan, South Korea (AP) — Chinese President Hu Jintao took center stage at a Pacific Rim forum Thursday, offering assurances there is nothing to fear from his fast-developing country and emphasizing that China has great potential to contribute to world peace.

"Facts have proved that China's development will not stand in the way of anyone, nor will it pose any threat to anyone," Hu said in a speech to a gathering of chief executives. "Instead, it will only do good to peace, stability and prosperity in the world."

Hu came to this bustling port city for the annual summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, where he, President Bush and 19 other leaders plan to address threats like terrorism, stalled global trade talks and the potential for a flu pandemic that experts say could kill millions of people.

The focus of APEC's weeklong meetings shifted to the business summit, an annual event on the sidelines of the leaders' gathering, as government delegates took a break from official meetings a day after trade and foreign ministers signed off on a statement to be handed to leaders.

Hu said China has emerged a major engine of world growth, turning the strides it has made in recent years. He read off a slew of statistics, such as his country's 9.1 percent economic



Chinese President Hu Jintao, left, is greeted by South Korea's SK Chairman Choi Tae Won before he delivers a keynote speech during the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit on Thursday in Busan, South Korea.

growth last year and the doubling of its foreign trade from just three years ago.

Along with China's astonishing economic growth — averaging about 9 percent over the past decade — have come concerns that major increases in military spending mean the world's most populous country is becoming a superpower.

Hu discounted such fears, saying China remains a "developing country." "The Chinese nation always loves peace," he said. "China will firmly adhere to the road of peaceful development."

The business meeting, which heard speeches from several national leaders, came a day after ministers from the 21-member group reached agreement on supporting the World Trade Organization's current round of trade talks and other topics, including ways to tackle the newest regional threat: bird flu.

The need to respond to bird flu gained urgency as leaders began arriving for the summit, when China confirmed its first human cases of the virus, including at least one death. "Nontraditional security issues, such as terrorism, financial risks and natural disasters, are posing a threat to the

very existence and development of mankind," Hu said in his speech. He didn't mention bird flu.

Bush is expected to make the risk of bird flu sparking a global human flu pandemic one of the main issues of the leaders' summit Friday and Saturday, along with terrorism. The leaders are also expected to issue a statement supporting the global trade talks.

Hopes of advancing the WTO's trade liberalization goals at a ministerial meeting next month in Hong Kong have soured because of disputes over agriculture and other issues, which recent talks in Europe have failed to resolve.

Businesses are increasingly worried about the impact on their work forces and bottom line of the spread of bird flu, which has killed millions of chickens and other fowl as well as at least 64 people in Asia.

"We do not view the possibility of avian flu as an Asian issue, we view it as a global issue," said Robert B. Morse, Asia Pacific chief of corporate and investment banking for Citigroup.

Concerns about a pandemic came on top of those spurred by terrorism fears and a spate of major disasters over the past year, including the Indian Ocean tsunami, the South Asia earthquake and Hurricane Katrina.

"We cannot even begin to imagine the number of people who would be killed," Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said of a possible pandemic. "The impact on our economies would be catastrophic. None of us can afford this."

Former Rwandan mayor pleads guilty to charges related to genocide

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) — A former Rwandan mayor accused of participating in the killing of several thousand people who had sought refuge in a church pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of murder and extermination related to the 1994 genocide of more than half a million Rwandans.

Paul Bisengimana changed his previous plea of not guilty after striking a deal with prosecutors under which they dropped 10 other charges. Those charges included genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, direct incitement to commit genocide, crimes

against humanity including murder, rape, torture and other inhumane acts and violations of the Geneva Conventions.

The former mayor of Gikoro was charged by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda with having organized and participated in the killing of several thousand people who sought refuge in a church in his town near Rwanda's capital, Kigali.

Bisengimana was a member of the extremist government from Rwanda's Hutu ethnic majority. That administration orchestrated the slaughter of more than 500,000 people, most of them minority Tutsis.

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Today's pirates are organized, well-armed

The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The pirates audacious enough to raid an oil tanker off Iraq — where the U.S. military patrols — were anything but the stuff of romance and legend.

The three boarded armed with machine guns and knives, according to a recent report by a shipping industry agency that tracks piracy. They took up two crew members and tied three others hostage before ransacking the master's cabin and escaping with the ship safe.

Piracy is happening with a disturbing frequency in the 21st century, as evidenced by incidents recorded by the International Maritime Bureau, a watchdog that is part of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The locations are exotic — the Southern China Sea, the Malacca Strait, off southwest India's Port of Cochin. The pirates range from thugs armed with machetes and armed bars to apparently sophisticated bands.

Arild Wegener, director of the Norwegian Shipowners Association, noted a slight decline in incidents this year compared to last, but said "pirates seem to apply more violence and be more ruthless in their behavior."

"Kidnapping has become more prominent," Wegener added. "The pirates are also better equipped."

It's not just major shippers who are at risk, said Klaus Hympehandl, a German yachtsman who maintains a piracy information clearing-house on the Web and has written a book chronicling attacks on private yachts.

"When he sailed around the world in 1986, Hympehandl's only worry was the weather. Now, he cautions yachtsmen to check the security situation along their route before they set out."

"The situation has changed completely," he said, blaming in part an increase in the equipped boats, many of which are now used for cash and gear.

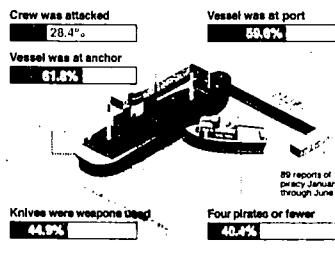
The 1,800-mile coast of Somalia, most popular politician, had effective government since warlords ousted a dictatorship in 1991 and then turned on each other, has emerged as one of the most popular areas for ships. Somali pirates have a growing reputation as well-organized, trained fighters with



The cruise ship Seabourn Spirit, shown in Mahila Islands Seychelles, was attacked by pirates near Somalia recently. Regular patrols of Somalia's waters by navies from neighboring countries may be the easiest way to deal with the lawless country's increasingly daring pirates, who no longer just target fishing vessels.

A profile of pirate attacks

Piracy is not just the stuff of folklore. Well over a hundred ships were boarded by robbers this year. Most were at port or anchor, often with fewer than four pirates boarding ship.



SOURCE: International Maritime Organization

knowledge of the sea — perhaps remnants of the country's navy or coast guard.

Somali pirates are not only attacking near shore but more than 200 miles into the Indian Ocean, said John Muidi, the U.N. International Maritime Organization's regional coordinator for eastern Africa.

One of the boldest attacks was on Nov. 5. Two boats full of pirates approached the Seabourn Spirit, a cruise ship carrying Western tourists, about 100 miles off Somalia and fired rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles.

The Seabourn crew used a weapon that directs ear-splitting noise at attackers, then sped away. None of the passengers,

most of them Americans, was hurt, but one member of the 161-person crew was injured by shrapnel.

The next day, a cargo ship in the area also was fired on with rocket launchers and machine guns. It sped away.

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crew came to his offices seeking news.

"I tell them we have to be patient, people are working on it and we have to hope they will be released soon," he said. "You can see tears in their eyes when they come and talk to us."

In its most recent worldwide report on piracy, the International Maritime Bureau reported fewer attacks overall for the first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period last year. But there were trouble spots, it said, citing Indonesia and Somalia, an increase in serious attacks off Somalia — 25 in the last six months — followed a quiet spell of nearly two years.

Mohamed Gedi, head of a transitional government struggling to impose order in Somalia, last month called on neighboring countries to send warships to patrol his coast, Africa's longest.

Countries in the region say they realize the problem is serious but that they have not yet succeeded how to respond. Kenya, heavily involved in attempts to stabilize Somalia, would likely bear the brunt of the duties. Internal political crises elsewhere in the region, such as in Ethiopia, could pose problems.

An international force to combat piracy off Somalia will be discussed by the 166-member International Maritime Organization at its annual meeting next week in London, Muidi said.

Spies "have to be tackled by people who are also armed like them" or more or better than them, he added.

Los Angeles Times

Archaeologists excavating the ruined Guatemala city of Cancun have found the remains of what they believe is one of the pivotal events in the collapse of the Maya civilization — the desperate defense of the once-thriving trading center against the ritual execution of at least 45 members of its royal court.

An enemy as yet unknown not wiped out the royal dynasty about A.D. 800 but also systematically eliminated religious and cultural artifacts as well — in effect, killing the city and leaving it abandoned to the elements, archaeologists announced Wednesday.

After this event, cities in the western Maya lowlands in Guatemala were abandoned, most within 20 to 30 years, the researchers said. The displaced populations moved to the East and North, where they eventually depleted local resources and faded away.

"This was a critical historical moment, like the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in World War I," said archaeologist Arthur A. Demarest of Vanderbilt University, whose team discovered the charnel house this summer. "It set off the domino chain of the collapse of the Maya civilization."

Added archaeologist David Freidel of Southern Methodist University: "This is an effort not to try to subordinate the royal court to an overlord, but to absolutely wipe it out. It's a remarkable and very poignant case of the kind of violence that marks the collapse of the Maya civilization."

It might have been a nobles' revolt, or a peasants' revolt or an outside attack, added Freidel, who was not involved in the discovery. "We just don't know."

But the city's occupants clearly were aware of the impending disaster.

Demarest and his team found a system of hastily constructed unfinished stone and wooden palisade walls that showed a desperate attempt to defend Cancun from attack.

Speared, scattered throughout the city are abandoned construction sites and skeletons with markings of spear and ax wounds bear witness to the intensity of the battle and the finality of the defeat.

"Clearly, these defenses failed," Demarest said. The Maya dominated Central America for more than 1,500 years, from well before the birth of Christ to late in the first millennium. They established a complex network of kingdoms dominated by "city-states," building large cities with palaces and pyramids throughout the region, reaching a peak in the Classic period from A.D. 300 to 900.

Then, they disappeared.

The mysterious nature of that collapse has captivated at least two generations of scholars, provoking theories including environmental despoliation, drought and vicious warfare. Even the time frame is the subject of debate, with some arguing for a sudden collapse within a few short years and others arguing for 2 1/2 centuries.

The new discovery "supports Demarest's view that the Classic Maya civilization collapsed by endemic warfare," said archaeologist Heather Killip of Louisiana State University.

"The massacre is one of those rare events in archeology where an event is frozen in time," she said.

The site of Cancun, which is at the headwaters of the Pasion River, has been known for more than a century, but it was generally regarded as an insignificant outpost until five years ago, when Demarest's team discovered a 170-room, three-story palace sprawling over an area the size of six football fields.

The palace was surrounded by workshops for jade, obsidian, pyrite and other precious goods.

Excavations over the last five years showed that it was an unusually wealthy city because of proximity to other cities throughout the empire with goods necessary for maintaining control over the common people.

The city's kings maintained their influential position over four centuries through a series of treaties, intermarriages and diplomatic missions without engaging in warfare.

"They were not the greatest or most powerful dynasty, but they were the cleverest," Demarest said.

The dynasty reached its peak during the 50-year reign of Taj Chan Ahk, III, San Max, reigned for only about five years before the attack that ended the city's existence.

Demarest's team was just finishing their dig for the summer when Guatemalan archaeologists Sylvia Alcarado and Tomas Barrientos, tracing a system of water channels through the city, stumbled on a 90-square-meter area filled with mud, directly in front of the palace.

When they began digging in it, Demarest said, they found bones, bones and bones and more bones than I have ever seen."

Bones tend to degrade quickly in the jungle, but the mud of the cistern helped preserve them.

"This is the strangest... find I have ever made," he said.

With their season nearly finished, the signing of the Guatemala Peace Accords, the FAEG excavated the mass graves of thousands of Guatemalan villagers killed in civil wars genocide. They have also been sent to Bosnia, Kosovo, Rwanda and Afghanistan to investigate other massacres for war crimes trials.

"This was a war crimes scene," said Demarest, whose excavation was funded by the National Geographic Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Under the direction of Guatemalan archaeologists Freddy Percecril and Jose Susanna — both former seasons of Demarest — the team found the remains of 31 people in the cistern. The bodies were those of men, women and children, including two pregnant women.

Israel election may postpone peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his main political rivals agreed Thursday to hold elections early next year, a decision likely to freeze any plans to capitalize on Israel's Gaza withdrawal to restart Middle East peace talks.

Sharon, who remains Israel's most popular politician, has resisted moving up the election scheduled for next November but changed his mind after the Labor Party threatened to bolt the coalition, putting the survival of his government in doubt.

A series of urgent election-related meetings on Thursday overshadowed a fresh, hard-won agreement reached two days earlier on reopening the vital Gaza-Egypt crossing, illustrating that until a new government is in place, Israeli leaders will be concentrating on domestic politics instead of peace-making.

Palastinians, too, are heading into an election season, with parliamentary balloting set for Jan. 25, featuring candidates from the Islamic militant group Hamas for the first time, mounting a serious challenge to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

There had been hopes that the pullout from the Gaza Strip would jump-start efforts toward a full peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians, but the intervening weeks were dominated by haggling over the

border crossing — an issue directly resolved with the direct intervention of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

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Perez and Sharon met Thursday and agreed to move up the election, but Perez had privately visited the Islamic militant group Hamas for the first time, mounting a serious challenge to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

Joseph Lipid, head of the opposition Shini Party, met with Sharon late Thursday and said they agreed on a March ballot.

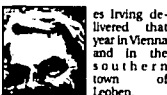
"On the one hand, we want to shorten the process, but on the other, we have to give time to prepare for elections, and so we agreed they would be in March," Lipid told The Associated Press.

Sharon's spokesman Asaf Shariv said only that the prime minister wanted to hold elections as soon as possible. The move might allow Sharon to consult with other political parties on possible election dates before a scheduled parliament vote on Monday on dissolving the government, Shariv said.

Historian David Irving arrested on Holocaust denial charges

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Right-wing British historian David Irving, who once famously said that Adolf Hitler knew nothing about the systematic slaughter of 6 million Jews, has been arrested in Austria on a warrant accusing him of denying the Holocaust.

Irving, 67, was detained Nov. 16 in the southern province of Styria on a warrant issued in 1989 under Austrian laws making Holocaust denial a crime, police Maj. Rudolf Gollia, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry said Thursday.



Irving

Irving delivered to a court in Vienna and they said he had been invited "by courageous students to address an ancient university association." Despite precautions taken by

Irving, he was arrested by police who allegedly learned of his visit "by wiretaps or intercepting e-mails," the statement alleged. It said that en route to Austria, Irving had privately visited German playwright Rolf Hochhuth, a friend he had not seen in 20 years.

Hochhuth has gained notoriety for plays criticizing the Allies' bombing campaigns during World War II as war crimes and characterizing Winston Churchill as a war criminal. Earlier this year, Hochhuth was criticized for defending Irving as "an honorable man" and insisting he was not a Holocaust denier.

Austrian authorities had no immediate comment on the supporters' statement.

The Britain-based Holocaust Educational Trust congratulated Austrian authorities on the arrest. Trust chairman Lord Grieve Janner, noting that Britain has no such laws that make denying the Holocaust a crime, praised the Austrians for "doing what the law should but does not permit."

"I hope this will lead to a successful prosecution," Janner said.

Irving in the past has spread allegations of fleeing anti-Semitic and racist ideas. He

is the author of nearly 30 books, including "Hitler's War," which challenges the extent of the Holocaust.

Besides his assertion that Hitler knew nothing about the Holocaust, he also has been quoted as saying there was "not one shred of evidence" that the Nazis carried out their "Final Solution" on such a scale.

The historian had said he does not deny that Jews were killed by the Nazis, but he challenged the number and manner of Jewish concentration camp deaths.

He has questioned the use of large-scale gas chambers to exterminate the Jews and has claimed that the numbers of those who perished are far lower than those generally accepted. He also contends that most Jews who died at Auschwitz did so from diseases like typhus, not gas poisoning.

Irving remained in custody Thursday at a prison in Graz, 120 miles south of Vienna, the Austrian State Agency reported, although that could not be confirmed.

If formally charged, tried and convicted, he could face up to 20 years in prison, Otto Schneider of the public prosecutor's office.

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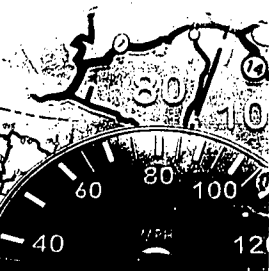
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2006 HONDA ODYSSEY

Money magazine's 'Best Minivan'

By Ann M. Job
The Associated Press

The Honda Odyssey minivan has many accolades, ranging from Money magazine's "Best Minivan" for 2005 to "recommended buy" of Consumer Reports.

But these days, perhaps the most notable achievement for Honda's sizable, seven- to eight-passenger family vehicle is the Odyssey's ranking as the most fuel-efficient minivan in the country.

Indeed, with its standard V6 mated to a five-speed automatic transmission, the 2006 Odyssey is rated at 20 miles a gallon in city driving and 28 mpg on the highway, the Environmental Protection Agency statistics show.

On a record pace for sales this year, the Odyssey with generous interior room and storage space as well as a host of amenities, is a pleasant surprise for American families concerned about gasoline prices and fuel consumption.

It's not a bargain-priced minivan, though.

The base 2006 Odyssey LX has a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$25,895. This compares with the 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan, which starts at \$23,745, and the 2006 Toyota Sienna, which starts at \$24,190 for a seven-passenger CE model.

Indeed, the top-of-the-line Odyssey Touring with leather seats, navigation system and rear-seat entertainment system is priced in the luxury-car range at more than \$39,000.

This is higher than the 2006 Chrysler Town & Country Limited minivan, which for years had been the highest-priced minivan with lots of luxury and comfort features.

The 2006 Town & Country Limited now carries a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$36,465.

The Odyssey wasn't the fuel-economy leader in minivans until the 2005 model year, after the vehicle was extensively revamped.

Besides improved comfort and convenience features and a novel interior-quieting technology, the Odyssey added variable cylinder management to its 240-horsepower, 3.5-liter V6.

This allows the engine to automatically deactivate three of the six engine cylinders when the van is cruising, such as when it's on a flat stretch of highway.

In essence, at times like this, the Odyssey can run on just three cylinders, reducing its use of unleaded regular gasoline vis-à-vis the traditional full V6 mode.

Drivers aren't likely to notice when the change occurs.

In fact, in the test Odyssey, the only indication I had of the three-cylinder mode was when the bright green letters "eco" popped up in the instrument panel. There was no surging of lost power and no shuddering or hesitation as the V6



Honda's Odyssey earns honors in a number of categories, including most fuel-efficient minivan in the country.

2006 Honda Odyssey Touring by the Numbers

TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel-drive, seven-passenger minivan.
ENGINE: 3.5-liter, single overhead cam V6 with VTEC.
MILEAGE: 20 mpg (city), 28 mpg (highway).
TOP SPEED: NA.

Price: The base price is \$25,345 for base LX; \$28,395 for EX with cloth seats; \$30,795 for EX with leather seats; \$36,595 for Touring with leather seats. **AS TESTED:** \$37,145.

LENGTH: 201 inches.
WHEELBASE: 118.1 inches.
CURB WEIGHT: 4,655 pounds.

BUILT AT: Lincoln, Ala.
OPTIONS: None.
DESTINATION CHARGE: \$550.

disengaged and re-engaged the cylinders.

At other times, the peak torque of 240 foot-pounds at 4,500 rpm in the test Odyssey Touring model was enough to get this heavy — more than 4,300-pound — van feeling like it was sprinting through traffic or get around other vehicles.

The Odyssey's performance numbers are commendable. In comparison, the 3.3-liter V6 in Toyota's Sienna generates 215 horsepower and 222 foot-pounds of torque at 3,600 rpm. The top-level, 3.8-liter V6 in the Dodge Grand Caravan produces 205 horsepower and 240 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

By the way, the government's second-best fuel economy rating for a minivan goes to the 2006 Dodge Caravan, which is listed at 20/26 mpg.

But the Caravan, which is a short-wheelbase version of the more popular Dodge Grand Caravan, is a smaller, more lightweight van with a less powerful, four-cylinder engine than the Odyssey.

Every 2006 Odyssey comes standard with a full complement of safety features, including curtain airbags for all three rows of passengers, front-side air bags, anti-lock brakes, stability control and

traction control.

This leads to more accolades for this van. The Odyssey is a Best Pick of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in frontal crash testing and earns the top, five-star rating in both frontal and side crash tests by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Odyssey's rollover rating is four out of five stars.

But unlike the Toyota Sienna, the Odyssey does not offer all-wheel drive.

The Odyssey's outer styling is rather plain and blockish. I saw several drivers in cars darting to get around the test Odyssey because they evidently didn't want to get stuck behind this van and not be able to see around it.

But for people inside, the ride in this front-wheel-drive, nearly 17-foot-long van is comfortable.

There's a good amount of cushioning over bumps, and the power rack-and-pinion steering has a mainstream feel so the van doesn't make abrupt, scary movements.

It's easy to get into and out of the Odyssey, thanks to a low floor height. But riders sit up some from the pavement for a better view over cars ahead.

Early Odyssey buyers may recall that Honda was the first to pioneer third-row seats that flip and fold down easily into a cavity in the floor at the back of the

vehicle.

The Odyssey also has power roll-down windows in its sliding side doors, which are unusual in this segment. These windows provide plentiful fresh air to riders in the back — he they youngsters or the family dog.

The Odyssey also was the first minivan in this country with a rifty, fold-away center console tray between the front seats.

This is a high-tech minivan. The optional navigation system has a large, 8-inch display screen that sits high on the dashboard for convenient viewing.

There's voice recognition software, so a driver can give some verbal commands to find and set locations.

The Odyssey's interior quiet can be akin to that in a luxury car, thanks to noise-cancellation technology that's included in some upscale models. Basically, "anti-noise" that balances out engine noise is broadcast through the Odyssey's audio system speakers, thus canceling out incoming engine noise. No other minivan has this.

I just wish Honda could engineer its sliding side doors as well.

In the test Odyssey, they annoyed me with their slow open-and-close motions, and when I tried to help them along by manually yanking on the

The Odyssey is a Best Pick of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in frontal crash testing and earns the top, five-star rating in both frontal and side crash tests by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Odyssey's rollover rating is four out of five stars.

door handles, they resisted my efforts.

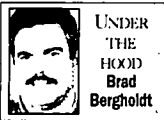
There were four safety recalls of the redesigned 2005 Odyssey, which is an unusually high number for a Honda in one year. They included 203 Hondas, including some Odysseys, that were recalled for a steering column that could have been improperly assembled, resulting in a loss of driver control.

Another 85,154 Odysseys were recalled, the NHTSA said, because front airbags sensors could have been improperly sealed, allowing water to impair their operation.

Downshifting can save gas and brakes

Q. When you recommend anticipating and coasting to a stop, should this be done in neutral or in gear? Also, on a related note, what about downshifting while decelerating?

I am currently driving a new Dodge Magnum with the automatic transmission that has this neat shifting arrangement that lets you select one gear up or down with the flick of a wrist. It's pretty slick, but I wonder about two things. Does downshifting on the way to a stop save gas as well as saving the brakes? Or does it just wear out the transmission?



UNDER THE HOOD: Brad Bergholdt

And what about going up long grades? Isn't it better to select a lower gear and keep it in that gear rather than letting the tranny "hunt" back and forth? And here's just one more. This car has a 160-hp engine with the ability to turn off half of the cylinders when they're not needed. I think it would be a great idea if there was a light that went on whenever these cylinders were off.

— Dave Simpson, Moreno Valley, Calif.

A. Those are a lot of good questions, Dave. When coasting to stop, a vehicle should be left in gear at all times. Engine compression provides a mild holdback effect, increasing vehicle control and reducing brake effort. Fuel-injected engines typically turn off the injectors while coasting, so the increased engine RPM while remaining in gear doesn't adversely affect fuel economy.

Downshifting is appropriate if additional holdback is needed on downgrades, but in my opinion it's best to use the brakes during normal level-ground stops. They're cheaper to replace than the transmission.

When climbing hills, most recent automatic transmissions — actually their control computers — employ artificial intelligence to anticipate the road ahead, so they don't conduct hunt between gears as did their mechanical predecessors. As a continued yet varied climb lies ahead, human intervention, such as dropping a gear in advance, might still spare a few unnecessary shifts and provide a bit of additional torque.

Cylinder deactivation is becoming more common on some vehicles, thanks to clever valve-control mechanisms and computer controls.

Apparently DaimlerChrysler has done a great job transitioning in and out of cylinder deactivation if an indicator light is needed to detect it. I agree a light would be of interest to encourage one to enter this mode.

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HONDA '00 Accord EX, exc. cond., sunroof, tinted windows, 84K mi. \$5,500. 208-543-5060

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1010 Autos

FORD '91 Focus, AT, fully loaded, 87K miles. \$9,550. Call 208-413-8929

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PONTIAC '91 Grand Prix, taking bids. Call 208-324-3800 for more information.

PONTIAC '96 Grand SE, 2 door, 5 spd, 4.9 liter, 28 mpg. \$3,750. Call 208-220-3338

SUBARU '93 Legacy, 4 door sedan, AT, front wheel drive. Good condition. \$2,000/offer. Call 208-736-2480

SUBARU '98 Outback, 32K miles. \$10,000. Can't drive anymore! Call 208-736-2538

SUZUKI '98 Esteem, 4 door, 5 spd, alloy wheels, CD. \$3,000. 40 W 208-532-4644

VW '01 Beetle, AC, sun roof, leather, alloy wheels, CD. \$3,789. Call 208-532-4644

VW '01 Passat GLX, PW, roof, every option. Clean car. \$14,733. Only \$14,733. Call 732-8099 or 734-3800

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VW '01 Passat, 4 Motion GLX, loaded, 12K miles. 736-0871.

VW '03 Jetta, TDI, 55K miles, sun roof, sport tires & windshield. \$17,500. 308-8940.

WARNING
When purchasing a vehicle, make sure that the title is in the name of the seller. Under Idaho motor vehicle code a vehicle cannot be sold unless the title is in the name of the seller. (exception: Idaho licensed dealer)

The seller shall provide the new purchaser a signed bill of sale showing the following: full description of the vehicle, vehicle identification number, amount, amount, paid and name(s) of the new purchaser. The bill of sale must be signed by the seller and show actual mileage at the time of sale and state any questions please contact your local assessor's office.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Salle Carway
Last known address: 251 Ramgate, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.
Your possessions will be sold at public auction for non-payment of rent after Friday, November 14, 2003 at 10:00 AM, prior to 11/18/2003 is required to retain your goods.
The VAULT Storage
736-9919

PUBLISH: November 11 and 18, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that Oregon Title Storage, 471 South Park Avenue, Twin Falls, ID, has deposited the contents of the following units: Debbie Caughman, Unit C-16, last known address is 208 Orchard Drive West, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Charles Shaw, Unit G24, last known address is P.O. Box 597, Stoneval, OK 74871

PUBLISH: November 11 and 18, 2005

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Thursday, the 1st day of December, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., in the office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles Johnson of Johnson Title, a duly authorized member of the automatic sale provisions of the deed, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent lawful money of the United States of America, all payments due pursuant to a deed of trust to Idaho Title Section 45-1506(19), the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:
LOC. 2 OF SOUTHWEST PARK ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF TS, PAGE 18.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 (Idaho Code), as amended, the Trustee is bound to sell according to the County Assessor's office, and address of 181 Sidney, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Plaintiff's notice to creditors, as Beneficiary of the deed of trust of U.S. Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. 362, the original sale was discontinued because of the Chapter 13 bankruptcy case of Jacob and Yvonne Ray, Idaho Code 45-1506(A) this sale is rescheduled and will be conducted as allowed by the expiration or termination of the effect of the stay by recent sale of the property to the bankruptcy trustee.
The Trustee shall not be liable for any claims or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the deed of trust executed by JACOB RAY, JR. and YVONNE RAY, as Grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., an Idaho Corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of American General Finance, Inc., an American General Financial Corporation, as Beneficiary of the deed of Trust as dated January 26, 2001 and recorded on January 29, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001-001355 in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
ANY AND ALL GRANTORS ARE COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(19A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATIVE IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
Please be advised that the original default information, as shown, has been entered due to the Chapter 13 Bankruptcy. The defaults for which this sale is to be made are presently:
a) the arrear and future make the monthly payments of \$719.22 for over sixteen (16) months in the amount of \$11,778.55 prior to October 25, 2005; plus all future accruing payments, interest, property taxes, costs, attorney's fees and court costs;
b) a second Deed of Trust in favor of Beneficial Mortgage Company of Idaho dated July 30, 2002 given to secure indebtedness of \$21,895.56 and any other amounts advanced, recorded on August 6, 2002 as Instrument No. 2002-0105 in Case CV-03-014111M; and
c) a first Deed of Trust in favor of Trustee Alliance Title & Escrow Corporation for Beneficial Mortgage Company of Idaho,
d) the deed of assignment from Jacob Ray, Jr. and Yvonne R. Ray, husband and wife, to Trustee Alliance Title & Escrow Corporation for Beneficial Mortgage Company of Idaho,
e) the deed of assignment from Jacob Ray, Jr. and Yvonne R. Ray, husband and wife, in the amount of \$1,339.73 and recorded on September 2, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003-0085 in Case CV-03-014111M; and
f) the real property taxes are delinquent for the year 2004 in the total amount of \$747.44.
The Trustee is secured by said Deed of Trust so providing, the Beneficiary of said Deed of Trust, declared all amounts secured by said Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, and that the balance due and owing upon the Deed of Trust is SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND NO/100 (\$65,295.55) plus interest at the variable contract rate of 13.47 percent for each and every day after September 14, 2003 accumulating on said principal amount at the rate of 32.99 percent per day, for each and every day not paid in full, plus accruing late fees, costs, and attorney's fees until paid.
DATED this 26th day of October 2005.
Successor Trustee

PUBLISH: November 4, 11 and 18, 2005

ADVERTISMENT FOR BID
Sealed proposals will be received by the State of Idaho, Department of Parks and Recreation, 5657 Warm Springs Ave., Boise, Idaho, 83716 or the State of Idaho, Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0065 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, December 5, 2005 for BROKEN WHEEL CAMPGROUND RENOVATION AND OBSERVATORY PLAZA, BRUNEAU DUNES STATE PARK, Owyhee County, Idaho. The project consists of construction of camp ground extensions and living pads within the Sagebrush Loop and the Bitterbrush Loop along with the construction of an automatic irrigation system in and around the Sagebrush Loop including modifications and upgrades to the existing pumping plant. Also included in the Base Bid is the removal of the existing electrical distribution system and construction of a new distribution system including electrical pedestals and related equipment within the Sagebrush Loop.
The Bid alternates include construction of the observatory plaza which includes the construction of concrete, seal walls, lighting, minor landscaping, and existing irrigation system modifications, construction of camp ground four extensions and living pads within the Cheatsburg Loop along with chip seating of the camp ground four extensions, electrical grading and upgrading of the existing distribution system and construction of a new distribution system including electrical pedestals and related equipment within the Sagebrush Loop.
All Base bid items work shall be completed by March 1, 2006, with liquidated damages of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day.
Bruneau Dunes State Park is open daily nearly 7 minutes from Mountain Home, ID on Highway 78 of State Highway 51.
A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount bid is required to be bid on this project.
Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination starting on November 21, 2005, at the following locations:
Boise Headquarters
5657 Warm Springs Avenue
Boise, Idaho 83716
Twin Falls Plans Room
124 Blue Lakes Blvd S, Ste 6
Twin Falls, ID 83401
Associated General Contractors
994 John Adams Parkway
Idaho Falls, ID 83403
Associated General Contractors
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Boise, Idaho 83716
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Questions regarding this advertisement may be directed to Mr. Richard D. Reed, OPR Staff Engineer at the Boise Headquarters, (208) 334-4400, Ext. 251.
Robert L. Menden, Director
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
1801 West 15th day of November, 2005.
PUBLISH: November 18 and 19, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are what you right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper prints and publishes public notices and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

CASE NO. CV 2005-256
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
FREDERICK FRANKLIN SWANER
as FRED SWANER.
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

ABOVE-SIGNED is presented to Linda Sue Tucker, personal representative of the estate of FREDERICK FRANKLIN SWANER, or lived with the Court.
Dated this 2nd day of November, 2005
Linda Sue Tucker
111 Lighting West Ranch Road
Waxhoe Valley, NV 89704.

PUBLISH: November 11, 18 and 25, 2005

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

CASE NO. CV 04-617
SUMMONS
CARD CREDIT AFFILIATES, L.L.C.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CAREN L. WOODY,
Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTY. YOU MUST ANSWER BY ENTERING JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU FILE WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELONGING TO YOU.
TO: CAREN L. WOODY

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, you must appear in court and must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to respond to the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires completion of Form (JD-111) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure, and shall include:
1. The title and number of the case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint it must contain a denial of each and every of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your attorney's mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of making or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the District Court at:
DATED this 19th day of October, 2004
By: Clerk of the DISTRICT COURT

PUBLISH: November 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 2005

1018 Lost and Found

FOUND dog, 11/18 in Jerome, SW side of town. Call 208-539-2570 to identify.

FOUND dog, large adult male, in Accona area. Call 208-342-1392 to identify.

FAX YOUR CLASSIFIED AD
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FORD '00 Explorer XLT, #1837 \$15,989. 25K miles. Call 208-734-9909

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FORD '02 Explorer Sport Utility, V6, 4 door, auto, AC, PW, PL, tilt wheel, cruise, CD, ABS, \$13,875

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FORD '02 Expedition, exc. cond., new tires \$12,900. 208-780-3823 or 208-543-9025

FORD '97 Expedition, 4x4, V6, 110,000 miles. Call 208-282-0811

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MEDIUM #20
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-15.

200 Employment
CLERICAL
Receptionist needed for busy office in Woodville. Full time position, salary DOE, benefits offered. Must have experience in AR, along with strong computer and organizational skills. Please mail resume to: Mgr., P.O. Box 565, Wendell, ID 83355.

CLERICAL
Trucking Company looking for Clerical Help. Send resume to: Gitter, Inc., PO Box 564, Jerome, ID 83338, Attn: Greg.

CONSTRUCTION
Experienced framers, year-round work. Call 208-424-4283.

CONSTRUCTION
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DRIVER
FLATBED DELIVERY
3P Delivery is looking for a professional contract driver for delivery and customer service for our major account in the Twin Falls area. Individual must have a strong work ethic and excellent customer service skills, flexibility must. CDL A required, will operate a tractor with a 35' flatbed trailer. Mottet experience also helpful. Very competitive wage with potential bonus based on volume, safety, and high customer service survey scores. No resumes needed, just call. For more information, please call Scott @ 801-330-4630 or email swood@3pdelivery.com

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Gem State Drywall is looking for a CDL Driver/Stocker to deliver and stock drywall to jobs sites in southern Idaho. Job requires heavy lifting, many benefits. Drug free and background check required. \$16 hr. Call 732-0386 for appointment.

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101 Lost and Found
Wearing black lab wearing red collar on south 12th St., Rupert Nov. 12, 436-5226.

FOUND Mountain bike near Livestock Commission. Call to identify after 6pm 734-4172

FOUND Red dog, black and white, wearing two-tone collar and choke chain. Near Kenyon Road. Call 208-410-3953 or 212-0839

FOUND Schnauzer male, neutered, gray/white. At The 911 Call Center in Jerome. Call 208-324-2375.

FOUND Springs Spaniel female, at the Maverick in Jerome. Please call to identify 208-324-0128.

LOST cash box on Saturday afternoon with cash, check and harmonica. Lost behind the Methodist Church after the Bizarre. Please return to REWARD 733-8218

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Asking Questions
Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone. Absolutely NO SALES!!! Strictly research, \$7.00 to \$9.00/hour. Casual work environment. Flexible evening, day, and wknd hrs. 15-30 hours/week. Great part-time job second job. Close to CSI campus. For more information Call 208-733-0804 *****

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101 Lost and Found
FOUND puppy in the area of 18th & Normal, Burley. Call to identify. 208-786-8500.

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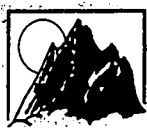
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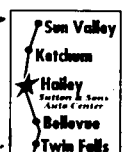
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Someone who enjoys the things I enjoy, like country western music, blue jeans, horseback riding, spending time with kids and grand kids. I'm laid back, out spoken and independent. Holister 0582581 @ 705983

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DWF 29, NS, new to area, loves road trips, camping, sports activities. Looking to meet a motivated man, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. Holister 0580734 @ drea

BORED IN TWIN FALLS

SWF 48, looking for someone who knows how to treat a lady. I like camping, walking, fishing, gardening, movies, romance, DVD's, hot tubbing, country bars. T. Outdug, seeking SWM 34-48, 37-55. Holister 0577998 @ Scoop00unny57

INTERESTING & INTERESTED

SWF 50, well read, active, gardening like day hikes, hot springs, picnics, movies, your cooking and conversation. Seeking 40-55, non-smoker. Burley 0578256 @ kary543

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

TIME FOR US TO MINGLE

Attractive SWM 49, 5'11", marriage-minded, NS, appreciates nature, dogs, simple pleasures of life, seeks SWF 30-51, who is a classic, slender, compassionate, spontaneous. Kids ok. Haley 0588781

HOW ABOUT ME?

SWM (2) hard working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship-relationship. Murtagh 05743399

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

SWM 28, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton 0585141

NOT THE SAME OLD...

Song and dance SWM 36, father of 5, Scorpio, NS, enjoys dining out, playing drums, and barbecuing. Seeking woman, 20-29, NS, for possible LTR. Kimberly 05810606

TIRED OF GAMES, ETC?

SWM 39, very romantic, like to cuddle and give massages, do not lie, cheat, or play games. I enjoy the outdoors, listening/playing music, going out. Seeking SF, 18-45. Holister 0584717 @ twinfallsman83301

ONE WOMAN MAN

SWM 58, 5'9", 150lbs, clean-cut, NS, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. 0581957

LOOKING!

SWM 53, kid-at-heart, laid-back, enjoys drives in the mountains, thunder storms, fishing, hunting, gardening, slow dancing. V Seeking SF, 40-55, NS, to share my interests together. Rogerson 0540938 @ wlyfe

BURLEY MAN

SHM 21, Leo, NS, loves to fish, camp, play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, to have fun with. Burley 0585454

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

SWM 54, enjoys outdoors, hikes, bike riding, exercises, doing fun things. Seeking SF, 47-57, to share same activities. Holister 0584758 @ onherweg

A BLAST TO BE AROUND

SWM 36, likes rodeos, sports, loves to make people smile, would like to meet similar SF, 24-38, who is independent, attractive, and smart. 0575151

DISNEYLAND DAD

Male, 32, 6'1", 170lbs, fairly attractive, very busy, with 2 sons, seeks woman, 18-25, for dating or more. Fairholt 05781403

MAKE IT HAPPEN

SWM 21, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, NS, seeks WF, 18-50, NS, just as a friend. Cury 0576692

LET'S HANG OUT

SWM 20, looking for SF, 18-24, who enjoys walks, outdoors, snowboarding, video games, dancing, eating out, and trying new things! Holister 0584787 @ klu9686

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SM 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, NS, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Holister 0582640

AVAILABLE 4 U

SWM 51'07", NS, 150lbs, self-employed, easygoing, outdoors type, low baggage, seeks SF, 40-52. Call me we may have something in common. Appleton 0532547

TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

SWM 43, likes country music, camping, nature, laughing, joking around. Having a good time. I love my son, my country and my flag. Seeking SF, 25-35. Holister 0577506 @ Draier

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W, 6'2", 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet time, share fishing, fishing, possibly better. Seeking WF, 35-55, for dating, hopefully leading to LTR. Holister 0582632

WORTH A TRY

SHM 28, father of 2, likes dancing, riding, fun, walks, family times. Seeking child-friendly lady who likes camping, nights out, good talks and fun, share lasting friendship, possibly better. Gooding 0584918

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE FEMALE

SHM 41, father of one, enjoys dancing, riding, good conversation, seeks attractive SF, 30-35, w/great personality, who is not afraid to speak her mind. Holister 0582776 @ Garp0000

SEKS PRETTY CF

WM 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my classic car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls 0585693

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Simple easygoing, affectionate SWM 45, likes fishing, hunting, snuggling, laughter, BBQs. Seeking similar lady to share friendship, fun, social times, possible LTR. Holister 05818128

LOVER, NOT A FIGHTER

SM 20, has kids but not one I want them, enjoys sports, outdoors, i want drives, seeking pretty lady, 25-35, to be one with me. Seeking SWF, 25-35, @ bitgstrapr402003

PRETTY OPEN

Kind-hearted WM 29, 5'7", 160lbs, brown hair, 21, NS, enjoys fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-30. Burley 0584385

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS

SM 32, hard-working, active, enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, snowmobiling, simple times. Seeking similar child-friendly gentleman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairholt 0574231

MR. WONDERFUL

Easygoing SWM 19, tall, handsome, dark complexioned, enjoys working out, seeking easygoing SF, 18-19, who will treat me with respect and open. Appleton 05745020 @ J_town_tiger

MAYBE IT'S YOU

Easygoing good-hearted, affectionate SM 28, 7'0", long brown hair, nice smile, 179lbs, likes fitness, camping, fishing, Seeking kind, open-minded, down-to-earth lady with interests. Burley 05767893

LET'S HAVE FUN!!

I love outdoors, love camping, fishing, golf, bowling, or just a ride in the mountains in the country side. I can be comfortable with the kitchen cooking, a gourmet meal. Appleton 05785132 @ artfarm06

WORTH A CALL

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19 Tangle up
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23 Massachusetts cape
24 Liberty, for one direction
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8 Lat pass
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11 Lay waste to
12 Run in neutral
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