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SMOKED OUT?



Eddie Chappell, who owned the Bowldrome for 40 years, rolls a frame Monday in Twin Falls. Chappell is battling cancer, which his doctor says stems from being exposed to second-hand smoke over the years at the bowling alley.

More anti-smoking legislation likely

By Chris Baldus
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Eddie Chappell didn't give much thought to the cigarette smoke when he took his first job in the bowling business. A college kid in Provo, Utah, he worked as a pin chaser. He loved the game. He loved the people. He found his path, and it brought him to Twin Falls.

He ran the Bowldrome for 40 years, working seven days a week, 16 hours a day, he said. "I was ... sort of unaware to what was happening to me," the 67-year-old said Monday. "Then I was diagnosed with bladder cancer three to four

years ago. A doctor in Twin Falls assured me that if I had not been in second-hand smoke all my life, that would not have happened."

When he heard two state lawmakers are now proposing to ban smoking in bowling alleys, he said that's a pretty good idea.

"(Smokers) have a right to smoke, but not to inflict it on other people," he said. Sen. Brent Hill, Helmsburg, and Rep. Bob Ring, Caldwell, are planning to introduce a bill that would ban smoking in bowling alleys, extending a statewide prohibition on public places that Hill won in 2004.

In 2004, Hill opted to leave bowling alleys out, wagering it would be easier to fend off opposition if his bill was crafted more narrowly to apply to businesses such as restaurants. With his law now a year old, Hill and Ring now aim to oust smokers from one of their first refuges. Bowling alleys are among the few spots in Idaho that haven't been required to designate special areas for people to light up.

Hill isn't counting on a fight. For his 2004 bill, members of the state House and Senate voted nearly two-to-one in favor of the ban. Bars would still be exempted from the smoking ban, accord-

ing to their proposal. Hill is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which forbids smoking among its members.

Ring's a retired medical doctor from Caldwell. At Bowldrome, smoking is allowed except during high school bowling and junior leagues, said Dennis Seckel, who bought it from Chappell in August. He's already watched tournament organizers wrestle with the issue and stepped in at one senior tournament, banning smoking because of an "approval" by bowlers who thought it was supposed to be a non-smoking area.

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Contract lawsuit grows more complicated

T.F. school district asks judge to dismiss all but one complaint

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District may be setting precedent for other Idaho school districts by asking a district judge to dismiss all but one of the Twin Falls Education Association's complaints in its class-action lawsuit.

On Wednesday, the Twin Falls School District filed a motion for partial summary judgment, which asks District Judge Barry Wood to dismiss all allegations that the district is withholding employee pay increases — one of the many details in teacher contracts — while both parties are in negotiations. The district says the entire contract must be settled before any part of it can be put into effect.

Whatever the judge's decision, it may set an example for future legal decisions if teacher unions demand pay increases while contracts are being negotiated.

"I think it's setting precedent," said Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs. "It may, perhaps, be

asserting questions for all districts in the state." On Oct. 18, the district will present its motion to dismiss its complaints.

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is asking the court to dismiss five of the six complaints in the lawsuit alleging the district is illegally withholding employee pay increases.

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with the IFEA's request for information. The other five complaints allege the district is unlawfully withholding salary increases.

The school district hopes to dismiss all but the first complaint addressing inappropriate bargaining procedures — which it denies.

The IFEA alleges the district has already received the money to pay teachers for salary increases, but Dobbs disagrees with the allegation. When asked if the district had received the money, Dobbs said, "I would have to say no, because the majority of it comes in February based on reports that we submit in October."

The district hopes a 1980 Supreme Court case will prevail that it cannot pay salary increases during negotiations.

In a 1980 Idaho Supreme Court case, the district argued that it cannot pay salary increases during negotiations. See page **LAWUIT**, Page A2

Experts recommend new technique for performing CPR

American Heart Association urges doubling amount of compressions

The Associated Press

DALLAS — "Push hard, push fast" next time you give CPR to someone having cardiac arrest, say new, simpler guidelines in a radical departure from past advice. Putting the emphasis on chest compressions instead of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, the American Heart Association now urges people to give 30 compressions — instead of 15 — for every two rescue breaths. "Basically, the more times someone pushes on the chest, the better off the patient is," said Dr. Michael Sayre, an Ohio State University emergency medicine professor who helped develop the guidelines announced Monday. "We have made things sim-

ple," he said. "Push hard on the person's chest and push fast."

The streamlined guidelines should make it easier for people to learn CPR. Earlier rules were different for adults and for children and called on untrained rescuers to stop pushing the chest periodically to check for signs of circulation. Now, the advice is the same for all ages — 30 compressions — and you don't have to stop to check for improvement. What's important is to keep the blood flowing.

Studies have shown that blood circulation increases with each chest compression and it must be built back up after an interruption. When you're doing 30 of those compressions, then you're giving more circulation

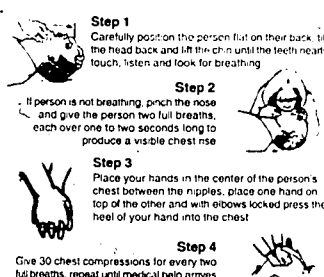
throughout the body and the brain," said Jennifer Khonsari of Texas CPR Training. She said the new advice makes sense.

Sudden cardiac arrest — when the heart suddenly stops beating — can occur after a heart attack or as a result of electrical problems. It's most often caused by an abnormal heart rhythm. The person experiencing it collapses, is unresponsive to gentle shaking and stops normal breathing. More than 300,000 Americans die from it each year. About 75 percent to 80 percent of all cardiac arrests outside a hospital happen at home, and effective CPR can double a victim's chance of survival.

"The most common reason many people die from cardiac arrest is no one nearby knows CPR," Sayre said. "But the bystander that witnesses a collapse, the main danger is inaction." More than 9 out of 10 cardiac arrests can be reversed. See page **CPR**, Page A2

Guidelines urge more compressions

Revised guidelines on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation advise giving 30 chest compressions — instead of 15 — for every two rescue breaths.



Source: University of Michigan Health System

Pump prices falling

By Chris Baldus
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gasoline selling for under \$2 per gallon has been spotted in the Magic Valley. At least two stations on Blue Lakes Boulevard North advertised \$1.98 on Monday afternoon. Others are expected to follow suit.

"I'm sure there's a big smile on most people's faces," said Dan Wilkie, owner of Oasis Stop n Go stations throughout the region. "There's no mistaking it."

Lower gas prices also mean retailers pay lower credit card fees, which are a percentage of each sale, he said. "The people who really make money on high gas prices are credit card companies," he said.

Idaho has seen its average gasoline prices drop by about 75 cents in the past month, and Dave Carlson of the Idaho AAA chapter. The statewide average Monday was \$2.22, which is about 20 cents higher than last year at this time, he said. The national average Monday was \$2.15 per gallon.

Idaho's gas is usually more expensive than the national average because of geographic isolation and fewer refineries serving the area, he said.

"We don't have the history of other locals with multiple refineries and shelter access to be said," he said. "We expect 7 to 10 cents' higher prices."

About a month ago, however, the difference between the national and state averages was close to 20 cents, but today's 7 cents, he said.

The recent price drop has a lot to do with the price of crude oil. The Associated Press reports that oil futures dropped by about \$1 Monday to below \$50 per barrel after reports that winter weather will not be as bad as predicted. Inventories and driver demand also play a role. "If driver demand always drops in the fall of the year," Wilkie said.

"We believe driver demand went down quite steadily when gas hit \$4," said Carlson. Whether that demand will rebound is the question now.

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Monday's prices

Averages	
Idaho	\$2.22
Montana	\$2.20
Texas	\$2.35
Oregon	\$2.33
Utah	\$2.15
Washington	\$2.38
Wyoming	\$2.21
National average	\$2.15

Source: www.fuelprice.com, 11/29/05

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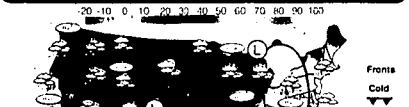
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Canadian forecast table for cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

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Today: Cloudy with a rain and snow mix developing. Highs upper 30s.

Tonight: A rain and snow mix expected. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and chilly with a stiff breeze developing. Highs 30s.

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Today: Breezy and cloudy with periods of rain and, or snow developing. Highs upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Cold and snowing at times today and long light to moderate accumulations are expected. Roads likely to be slick and snow covered.

BOISE

Breezy and cold today with a mix of rain and snow showers developing. Roads are likely to be slippery.

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Cold and windy with periods of snow likely. Motorists should be prepared for poor road conditions and areas of blowing snow.

Gregg Middlekauff's quote of the day: 'Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement.'

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COFFEE CUPPER

Professional tasters often dip into hundreds of cups daily.

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — A professional cupper, Lasslotte Eckhoff takes her vocation seriously. She eschews anything that might imbalance her senses as she samples up to 300 cups of coffee each day.



Lasslotte Eckhoff sniffs and tastes samples of the brew at the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival in Keauhou, Hawaii. Eckhoff is known as a cupper, or coffee taster.

This is the top title for Kona coffee. 'This is a very good way for them to see where they are.' The only region in the United States to grow a substantial amount of coffee is the Kona coffee belt located above the western shore of Hawaii's Big Island.

It's also good news for Kama's farmers. 'This is for the farmers who can sell their coffee through a fourth generation coffee farmer.' They get to talk to cuppers about what's wrong with the coffee and how to improve the process.

CPR

Continued from A1. arrest victims die before they get to the hospital, the heart association estimates. 'The bottom line is we think more people need to learn CPR,' said Mary Fran Hazinski.

cardiac arrest patients to about 90 degrees Fahrenheit for 12 to 24 hours. Two significant studies have shown that practice can improve survival and brain function for those who are comatose after initial resuscitation.

Saddam lashes out during trial

Defendants complain of death threats

By Richard Boudreau
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A combative Saddam Hussein lectured the judge and lashed out at his treatment by American "occupiers" as his murder trial resumed Monday and then adjourned for a week to allow a co-defendant to replace a murdered lawyer.

The televised hearing lasted less than three hours but was long on drama. One of the seven co-defendants claimed that doctors were injecting him with poison. A third demanded treatment for cancer.

Throughout the second day of proceedings, Saddam took notes on a legal pad and at times interrupted lead judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin. When Amin came back from a recess, Saddam refused to stand until the judge administered him to do so.

Chief Prosecutor Jaafar Moussawi followed with the bench to start calling witnesses to the crime — the murders of 146 people — following the 1996 assassination attempt on Saddam in the village of Dujiat. It is the first of at least a dozen cases for which the former leader could be tried by the Iraqi High Tribunal.

But after hearing videotaped testimony from just one witness, Amin adjourned the trial until next Monday to give former Vice President Tahya Yassin Ramadan time to find new counsel.

One of Ramadan's lawyers was killed and another was wounded in a drive-by shooting in the Iraqi capital three weeks ago, and on Monday he rejected a court-appointed substitute.

Some issues have weighed on the trial since its inaugural session, on Oct. 19, ended with a 40-day recess. The defense team shunned the court after the attack on Ramadan's attorneys.

Two hours before Monday's session, a mortar landed harmlessly in the fortified Green Zone where Saddam's old Baath Party headquarters has been turned into a courtroom. Reporters and others entering the building had to undergo multiple inspections, including



Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein speaks to Presiding Judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin as his trial resumed Monday in Baghdad.

360-degree body scans. On Sunday, police in the northern city of Kirkuk arrested 10 Sunni Arab men allegedly planning to assassinate the court's chief investigative judge, Raed Jaha, on the orders of an associate of Saddam's.

The trial has proven a divisive undertaking in Iraq, with Shiite Muslims and Kurds who were the main victims of Saddam's repression and Sunni Arabs who benefited from his rule who are pitted against each other. Hundreds of people in Dujiat, a mostly Shiite village, demonstrated Monday in favor of Saddam's conviction and execution, while Sunnis in Tikrit, his hometown, rallied in his favor.

Defense lawyers contended that the tribunal founded under a U.S. occupation decree and recognized only last month by Iraq's interim National Assembly, is illegal under a Geneva Convention statute forbidding occupying powers from creating courts.

To help make that case, the defense team brought forth U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and former Qatari Justice Minister Najib Naoum to court

Monday as advisers. They were shown on TV but their Iraqi defense colleagues were not — a move apparently aimed at protecting the Iraqi attorneys from attacks.

Naoum tried to read a written challenge to the court's legitimacy and a statement from Clark about security. The judge cut him off, saying those issues would be addressed later.

Saddam came ready to test the judge and provided much of the theatrics, as he did on the trial's first day.

Wearing a dark gray suit and white open-collared shirt and cradling a Quran under his right arm, the deposed leader swaggered into the room behind the other defendants six minutes after a hail of bad shouted his name. To those around him, he cheerfully uttered a traditional Arabic greeting, "Peace be upon the people of peace." During a break, he joked with guards.

When the judge asked him to sign papers giving Clark and Naoum power of attorney, the former president seized the moment to deliver a Quranic verse and a litany of protest.

At times, Saddam acted as if

he were still president, voicing controlled outrage over what he perceived as indignating slights. "They brought me here and I was handcuffed," he complained to the judge. "They cannot bring the defendant in handcuffs."

The 68-year-old defendant said he had been obliged by "foreign guards" to walk up four flights of stairs because of a broken elevator.

"I will tell the police about this," the judge said in the firm but polite tone he had maintained during several tirades by Saddam on the first day of the trial.

"I don't want you to tell them," Saddam bellowed. "Order them! You are Iraqi. You have sovereignty. They are in your country. They are invaders. They are occupiers."

The only witness heard Monday was Wadah Issam Sheik, an intelligence officer who was sent to Dujiat in 1992 to investigate the attempt on the president's life. Sheik, 54, died of lung cancer last month, four days after court officials had videotaped his testimony in a Baghdad hospital.

The video showed him seated in a wheelchair and attached to intravenous tubes and a heart monitor. As a video played steadily on a courtroom screen, the judge read out the dying man's testimony. From the number of bullet casings at the scene, Sheik calculated that no more than 12 people had been involved in the assassination attempt; yet about 400 people were arrested and put in a detention center run by him.

Sheik said he received no instructions from Saddam, and noted that the killings occurred later, at other facilities. Co-defendant Harzaan Ibrahim Hasan, the president's half brother and intelligence chief, was the one directly giving the orders, the witness said.

But he noted that Saddam had awarded decorations to intelligence officers who took part in the killings.

After a lunch break, the defense took the offensive.

Defendant Avad Hamed Jundani, the chief of Saddam's revolutionary court, shouted that "someone who is here inside this courtroom" had threatened to kill him. Mohammed Ali Azzawi, a Baath Party official in Dujiat, wiped tears from his eyes and said he had been "injected with two poisons." Hasan declared that for three weeks the court had been ignoring his appeals to be hospitalized for cancer in his spine.

"This is indirect murder," he said. Defense lawyers asked for an adjournment of at least a month. They got a week.

Former U.S. attorney general joins defense

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — High-profile American lawyer Ramsey Clark came to the aid of Saddam Hussein on Monday, formally joining his team of attorneys. But while the former U.S. attorney general may have found the ultimate platform for his vehement opposition to the Iraq war, legal experts were divided over whether his participation would hurt or help the deposed dictator's case.

The 77-year-old Clark has long been a champion of controversial causes and has had a roster of notorious clients, including a leader of a Rwandan genocide, former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Clark, who met with Saddam briefly before the 2003 U.S. invasion, has for months played an advisory role in the ousted dictator's defense on murder charges.

Based on the Dallas native's past performances in high-profile trials, legal observers say he'll almost certainly avoid addressing the specific allegations against Saddam and instead will try to turn the proceedings into a forum for airing his grievances against U.S. foreign policy.

In a Jan. 24 opinion piece he wrote for the Los Angeles Times, Clark said he was willing to take up Saddam's case because the court trying him "was illegitimate in its conception — the creation of an illegal occupying power that demonized Saddam Hussein and destroyed the government it now intends to condemn by law."

But in Baghdad on Monday, Clark limited his criticism of the trial to less lofty matters. In a written statement, he urged the Iraqi High Tribunal trying Saddam and his co-defendants to bolster protection for defense attorneys, two of whom have already been shot and one who is a fellow attorney tried to read the statement, a judge cut him off.

Officials of Iraq's government, made up mostly of Saddam's



Clark

longtime enemies, reacted with anger to Clark's presence. They said the fall of Saddam will distract attention from what should be the trial's "main focus — Saddam's alleged crimes against the Iraqi people."

"I guarantee you in Baghdad you will be outside in Iraq — at the courthouse demonstrating against Mr. Clark," Bassem Ridha, an adviser to Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Jalal, told CNN.

"It's here for propaganda," said Ali Dabagh, an Iraqi legislator who was among the few politicians in the courtroom.

"Some legal experts say Clark's gambit may jeopardize Saddam's defense. Michael Scharf, a Case Western University legal scholar who trained lawyers for the trial and runs a blog devoted to the trial, said that for Clark, the question of Saddam's guilt or innocence is moot.

"He doesn't believe Saddam Hussein didn't commit crimes," said Scharf. "But he's so angry that the U.S. started the war without U.N. Security Council authorization that he wants to turn the trial into a bully pulpit in which to indict the Bush administration's foreign policy."

Clark, the son of a U.S. Supreme Court justice, served as U.S. attorney general during the final years of the Lyndon B. Johnson administration. He became an increasingly leftist activist who opposed the war in Vietnam, visiting Communist Hanoi in 1972.

Over the years, he's been a vocal opponent of U.S. foreign policy and military intervention.

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Foreign pilgrims are among the latest victims of Iraq violence

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents continued a campaign against non-Iraqis on Monday, killing three foreign pilgrims just days after kidnapping four Western aid workers.

Gummen also shot dead two journalists with the state-owned al-Iraqiya television station as they left a restaurant in western Baghdad after lunchtime. Five restaurant employees were wounded in the attack.

The driver of Baghdad Mayor Yarah Adnan Hamza was also killed in a drive-by shooting, and his separate incidents officials of two Sunni Arab political groups were killed Monday, according to police and news agencies.

U.S. and Iraqi officials had issued a warning in the Sunni-led insurgency in days aimed at discouraging participation in Dec. 15 parliamentary elections. After largely boycotting Jan. 30 elections, Sunni Arabs have begun to take

part enthusiastically in the upcoming vote.

The Shiite Muslim pilgrims who were attacked Monday — some of whom were Britons of South Asian descent — were heading in a minivan from the capital Monday morning to the shrine cities of Najaf and Karbala, where they were ambushed by gunmen just south of the capital. Three members of the party, including a woman, were wounded. They were treated in a downtown Baghdad hospital but later moved.

Authorities were tight-lipped, meanwhile, about the four kidnapped Westerners, who included an American, two Canadians and a Briton. They work for an aid organization that opposed the American-led invasion of Iraq. An official of the organization reached by telephone asked that the group's name not be published for fear of further endangering the hostages' lives.

Diplomats and security officials in Iraq typically prefer to quietly contact kidnappers and work sources to gain the release of hostages.

"The best strategy is to keep it low key until the initial contacts are made," an official of the group.

One of the kidnap victims was identified over the weekend by his wife as Norman Kember, a prominent activist from northwest London.

More than 200 foreign nationals have been kidnapped by insurgents and criminal gangs since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003. Kidnaped journalists and aid workers have often been released unharmed. But insurgents killed Irish-born Margaret Hassan, the local head of Care International, after she was captured by insurgents a year ago.

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LOVERS & CORRUPTION

Booming Chinese economy has spawned new wave of mistresses

By Don Lee
Los Angeles Times

SHANGHAI, China — Li Xin knelt in a hotel room here, wearing polka dot boxer shorts and a grimace on his face. The deputy mayor of Jining, in Shandong Province, was pleading with his lover not to report him to authorities.

But in the end, the 51-year-old Li was exposed and sentenced to life in jail. His crimes: accepting more than \$500,000 in bribes, which he used to support at least four mistresses in the cities of Jining, Shanghai and Shenzhen.

Li's transgressions were minor compared to other public officials. A top prosecutor in Henan province was recently stripped of his post and Communist Party membership after investigators alleged that he embezzled \$2 million to support his lavish lifestyle — and seven mistresses.

"Everyone is saying, 'Behind every corrupt official, there must be at least one mistress,'" says Li Xinde, an anti-corruption activist who researched Li's case and posted the incriminating photo on his Web site.

China's economic boom has led to a revival of the two-thousand-year-old tradition of "golden canaries," so called because like the showcase birds, mistresses here are often pampered, housed in love nests and taken out at the pleasures of their "masters."

Cubines were status symbols in Imperial China. After the communists took power, they sought to root out such bourgeois evils, even as Chairman Mao Tse-tung is said to have kept a harem of peasant women into his old age.

Now, mistresses have become a must-have for party officials, bureaucrats and businessmen.

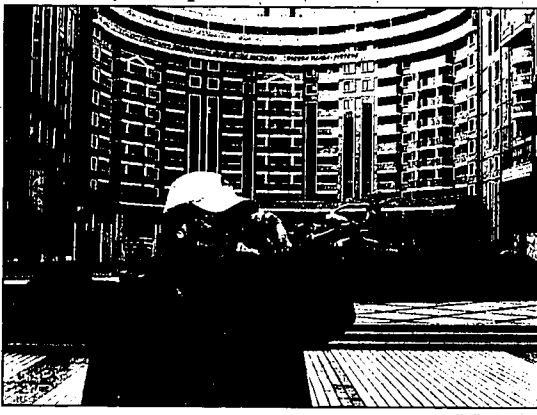
"We are in a commodity economy," says retired Shanghai University sociologist Lu Dalin. "Work, technology, love, beauty, power — it's all tradable."

So-called "concubine villages" have sprung up in places where lotharios seek "second wives" in comfort and seclusion — are now spread across the nation, in booming cities such as Dongguan, Chengdu and Shanghai. So common is the practice that it has spawned an industry of private detectives snooping on cheating husbands and their paramours.

One such agency, called Debang, based in the western city of Chengdu, underscores how first wives are fighting back. Debang was started by divorced women with one goal: to help desperate housewives ferret out their double- and triple-timing husbands and make them pay for their indiscretions.

Debang wouldn't comment, but informed people say the company has expanded into several cities and grown from a staff of 16 to more than 100.

The mistress boom is contributing to a surge in divorces — and fierce battles over prop-



Wei Wujun, a detective known for his prowess for uncovering relationships between men and their mistresses, stands in front of a "concubine village" in Shanghai.

“
If a government official has a mistress, there must be some corruption.”

— Sun Youjun, private investigator

erty when relationships collapse. Not long ago, Beijing amended the country's marriage law to make men who indulge in mistresses pay heavy penalties and to give their spouses greater rights in separations.

Now, local governments are starting to take action. This spring the city of Nanjing issued an order for all public officials to register their extramarital relationships. In Guangzhou, the prosperous city on the southeast coast, a major university issued stern warnings to coeds about having affairs and wrecking marriages. And last month state media reported that Hainan Province stipulated that party members who keep mistresses or bear illegitimate children would be expelled.

Government leaders worry that philandering could also have detrimental effects on China's economy and the credibility of the Communist Party.

State-run banks and agencies have lost billions of dollars to embezzlement and fraud, many at the hands of officials seeking money to support their "golden canaries." In a review of 102 corruption cases in several Guangdong Province cities a few years ago, every one involved an illicit affair.

"If a government official has a mistress, there must be some

corruption," says Sun Youjun, a private investigator in Shanghai. "Visits to high-end hotels are not easy with officials' incomes. Like most bureaucrats, Li Xin's paycheck was no more than a few hundred dollars a month. But as vice mayor for a city of 8 million that's a regional industrial and rail center, it wasn't hard for Li to boost his income. He collected bribes from more than 40 businesses in exchange for helping them with land deals, commodity sales and construction projects.

Li had a penchant for drinking, people familiar with the case said, and he showered his ladies with expensive gifts and even sheltered some of them in homes.

Li met his match in Li Yuchun, the woman who took the photo of him begging in the hotel room. The two started out as lovers, according to some accounts, and then became business partners.

Li Yuchun exposed him after she learned he was laundering money. After she blew the whistle, she was also sent to jail this summer for five years for harboring a criminal, her brother — a sentence that drew public outcry over the risks of exposing corrupt government officials.

She was so enraged at her prosecution that in the courtroom, she bit her finger and with the blood scrawled on paper: "This is revenge," according to her lawyer, Jin Xuekong.

"She has a very strong spirit," he said.

Li wouldn't talk about his client's relationship with the former vice mayor.

As in most cases involving corruption, government officials refused to comment. But in Chinese Internet chat rooms, some called Li Yuchun a "hero mistress."

In Chinese society, the practice of keeping concubines is thought to date back to the Ch'in Dynasty more than 2,000 years ago, when Confucianism took hold and women were considered inferior.

An entire set of protocols developed on the relationship between men, their spouses and so-called "little wives," or concubines. One rule specified how often a man was to have sex with his concubine (every five days).

In subsequent dynasties, concubines were sometimes traded for other things or sold or rented to traveling businessmen. Men regarded mistresses as markers of wealth and their elite status in society.

For mistresses, their value and rank largely depended on whether they were able to produce a son and their dealings with other concubines, a complex relationship that was captured in the haunting 1991 Chinese movie, "Raise the Red Lantern."

Wei Wujun, known in China as the "Misses Killer" because of his prowess for uncovering illicit relations, blames extramarital relationships on post-revolutionary China's "spiritual vacuum."

Last year, some 14 million married couples in China split up, a 21 percent jump from 2003. Overall, China's divorce rate, or the number of breakups divided by marriages, now hovers at about 20 percent, a five-fold increase since the nation began economic reforms more than two decades ago.

Mao gave the Chinese ideology, Wei said, but materialism is now their god. And many people with power and money are never satisfied, he said.

"Their little government can do to stop it," said Wei, taking a deep drag on a cigarette in front of a gaudy apartment complex, known as a "concubine village" in Shanghai's high-end Gubei district.



Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin pauses as he addresses his caucus after his liberal minority government was defeated in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill by the opposition parties in a vote of no-confidence Monday.

Canadian government toppled by opposition

TORONTO (AP) — A corruption scandal forced a vote of no-confidence Monday that toppled Prime Minister Paul Martin's minority government, triggering an unusual election campaign during the Christmas holidays.

Canada's three opposition parties, which control a majority in Parliament, voted against Martin's government, claiming his Liberal Party no longer has the moral authority to lead the nation.

The loss means an election for all 308 seats in the lower House of Commons, likely on Jan. 23. Martin and his Cabinet would continue to govern until then.

Opposition leaders last week called for the no-confidence vote after Martin rejected their demands to dissolve Parliament in January and hold early elections in February. Monday's vote follows a flurry of spending announcements in Ottawa last week, with the government trying to advance its agenda ahead of its demise.

Martin is expected to dissolve the House of Commons.

The Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper joined with the New Democratic and Bloc Quebecois parties to bring down the government — prompting the first Christmas and winter campaign in 100 years.

Christian Canada in 26 years. Recent polls have given the Liberals a slight lead over the Conservatives, with the New Democrats in third place.

Harper would become prime minister if the Conservatives receive the most seats in Parliament. He favors tax cuts and opposed Martin's successful bill to legalize same-sex marriage throughout Canada.

The opposition is banking on the public's disgust with a corruption scandal involving the misuse of funds targeted for a national unity program in Quebec.



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Congressman admits he took bribes

California lawmaker resigns after pleading guilty to charges

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Randy "Duke" Cunningham became an ace Navy fighter pilot in Vietnam, downing five enemy aircraft and surviving being shot down by a surface-to-air missile.

He later parlayed those military heroics into eight terms in Congress, where he became known for his interest in defense issues.

On Monday, Cunningham recalled his Vietnam days as he admitted taking millions of dollars in bribes in exchange for funneling government business to defense contractors. He learned during the war, he said, that men are judged by their response to adversity.

"In my life, I have had great joy and great sorrow. And now I know great shame," a tearful Cunningham said after pleading guilty to federal charges and resigning. "I can't undo what I have done but I can atone."

Cunningham, 63, said the next step is to face the consequences of my action like a man. He could get up to 10 years in prison for conspiracy to conceal bribery, fraud and tax evasion.

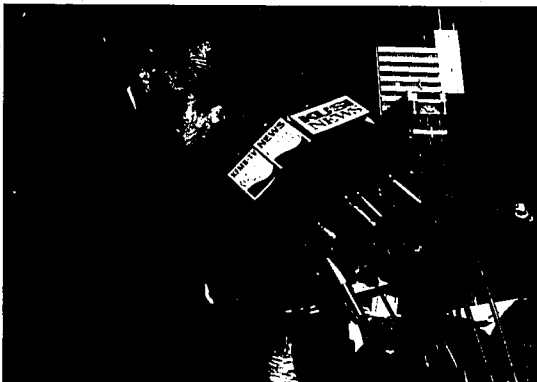
Cunningham, a member of a House Appropriations subcommittee that controls defense money, admitted taking \$2.4 million in bribes, mostly from defense contractors who then secured contracts worth tens of millions of dollars.

Prosecutors did not identify the defense contractors by name.

Cunningham was allowed to remain free while he awaits sentencing, scheduled for Feb. 27. He also agreed to forfeit his mansion, more than \$15 million in cash, and antiques and rugs.

The case grew out of an investigation into the sale of Cunningham's home in Del Mar, a seaside suburb north of San Diego, to a defense contractor at an inflated price.

The congressman had already announced in July — after the investigation became public — that he would not seek re-



Republican Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, of California, wipes away tears while making a statement outside the federal courthouse in San Diego on Monday. Cunningham resigned after pleading guilty to bribery and admitting he took \$2.4 million to steer defense contracts to conspirators using his leadership position on a congressional subcommittee.

election next year. But until he entered his plea, he insisted he had done nothing wrong.

Cunningham's plea came amid a series of GOP scandals. It led Tom DeLay of Texas had to step down as majority leader after he was indicted in a campaign finance case, a stock sale by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is being looked at by regulators, and Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff was indicted in the CIA leak case.

Cunningham was known on Capitol Hill for his interest in defense issues, and his occasional outbursts.

In court documents, prosecutors said the bribes were paid in a variety of forms, including checks totaling more than \$1 million, cash, antiques, rugs, furniture, yacht club fees and vacations.

Among other things, prosecutors said, Cunningham was given \$1.025 million to pay down the mortgage on a Rancho Santa Fe mansion that he bought with proceeds from the Del Mar sale, \$130,500 to buy a Rolls-Royce and \$2,081 for his daughter's graduation party at a

Washington hotel.

"He did the worst thing an elected official can do — he enriched himself through his position and violated the trust of those who put him there," U.S. Attorney Carol Lam said.

The case began when authorities started investigating Cunningham's sale of his Del Mar house to defense contractor Mitchell Wade for \$1,675,000. Wade sold the house nearly a year later for \$975,000 — a loss of \$700,000 in a hot real estate market.

In addition to buying Cunningham's home at an inflated price, Wade let him live rent-free on Wade's yacht, the Duke Stair, at a yacht club. Wade's company, MZM Inc., also donated generously to Cunningham's campaigns.

Around the same time, MZM was winning defense contracts.

MZM does classified intelligence work for the military. It had \$65.5 million of contracts for intelligence-related defense work in fiscal 2004, ranking No. 38 on the Pentagon's list. The company has established a presence in Iraq, fielding a small

team of interpreters shortly after the invasion.

Although prosecutors did not name Cunningham's four co-conspirators, details in the plea documents, including business addresses and occupations, make clear that Wade was one of them.

The documents indicate another conspirator was Brent Wilkes, an associate of Wade's who headed a defense contracting company called ADCS Inc. that also provided campaign cash and favors to Cunningham while reaping valuable contracts.

Another co-conspirator appears to be Thomas Kontogiannis, a New York developer. Cunningham interceded with prosecutors on Kontogiannis' behalf when he had legal troubles, and a mortgage company run by relatives of Kontogiannis helped Cunningham finance a condo in Virginia and his house in Rancho Santa Fe.

Attorneys for Wilkes and Kontogiannis' attorney did not return a call.

Bush calls for changes on immigration policy

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — President Bush said Monday he wants to crack down on those who enter the country illegally, but also give out more visas to foreigners with jobs, a dual plan he hopes will appease the social conservatives and business leaders who are his core supporters.

"The American people should not have to choose between a weakening society and a lawful society," Bush said from the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base about an hour from the Mexican border. "We can have both at the same time."

The toughly issue of immigration has divided lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he will bring up the issue early next year. The House hopes to tackle some border security measures before adjourning for the year, but little time remains and it has other issues on its plate.

Bush also was pitching his plan in Arizona and Texas on Tuesday, two border states that are home to GOP senators who have been vocal on the need to change immigration laws but who aren't entirely sold on Bush's vision.

The idea for temporary work visas is called in Congress, Bush said he does not support amnesty for illegal immigrants, but he wants to give workers a way to earn an honest living doing jobs that other Americans are unwilling to do and issue more green cards.

"Listen, there's a lot of opinion on this proposal," Bush



Bush said, "I understand that," but people in this debate must recognize that we will not be able to effectively enforce our immigration laws until we create a temporary worker program.

Earlier in Tucson, Bush spoke to a supportive audience that included border patrol agents and military troops. He was flanked by two black Customs and Border Protection helicopters and giant green and yellow signs that said "Protecting America's Borders."

He said he is providing border agents with cutting-edge technology like overhead surveillance drones and infrared cameras, while at the same time constructing simple physical barriers to entry.

The president's push on border security and immigration comes a month after Bush signed a \$12 billion homeland security bill for 2006 that contains large increases for border protection, including 1,000 additional Border Patrol agents.

Under Bush's plan, unaccompanied immigrants would be allowed to get three-year work visas. They could extend that for an additional three years, but would then have to return to their home countries for a year to apply for a new work permit.

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Public school reopens in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — After two years of living in a tent, Coleman was at last delivering his children Monday to one of New Orleans' best public schools — thanks in large part to a catastrophe.

It took Hurricane Katrina to get my children in a good public school in Orleans Parish," Coleman said as he and his wife escorted their son and daughter into Benjamin Franklin Elementary.

On Monday, Franklin Elementary became the first regular public school in New Orleans to reopen since Katrina devastated the city on Aug. 29.

Before the storm, Franklin was a magnet school with selective enrollment for children with an aptitude for math and science. But now, Franklin is open to anyone in the city who wants to attend.

Welcome signs hung over the door and in the hallways as students began trickling into the three-story brick building in the Uptown section that was largely spared by the storm. The building has a capacity of 550, but only 210 students were registered and only about 120 showed up.

For the students, the day opened with a breakfast of granola bars, canned peaches and fruit juice in the cafeteria, where Sabina Puri, a teacher in the school's gifted program, had a

tearful reunion with first-grader Michael Bankston. She had taught him in kindergarten last year; he was reading at third-grade level and she had not heard from him since his family evacuated.

"He started crying and I started crying," Puri said, wiping away a tear as she sat next to Michael.

Some private schools in New Orleans began reopening in October, but to public schools had opened, with the exception of two charter schools that are outside the local board's control.

Franklin's opening was both a hopeful sign for the city's recovery and a sign of the difficult road ahead in re-populating the city.

At least 10 public schools are expected to open in the coming weeks. Only about 4,000 to 5,000 students are expected to

come back during the current school year, out of a pre-Katrina public school enrollment of close to 60,000.

Franklin is among only about a dozen schools still under control of the Orleans Parish School Board. Most of the others were taken over by the state recently because of years of mismanagement, waste and corruption.

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EDITORIAL

Brackett must learn the ropes in difficult session

The Magic Valley got a new legislative last week. Bert Brackett, a rancher from Three Creek, was tabbed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to replace Rep. Doug Jones, the Filer Republican who left the Legislature for a new job in Hawaii.

Kempthorne picked Brackett over Benny Blick and Jim Patrick to represent western Twin Falls County and all of Owyhee County. After committee assignments are made in December, Brackett will assume his post officially when the session opens Jan. 9.

The honeymoon period, however, will be exceptionally short. The 2006 session is growing into a perfect storm with a number of political elements swirling into a massive front.

The basics include property tax reform, education spending, eminent domain, water shortages, overcrowding prisons and now Medicaid reform added to the list. It's also an election year, which means campaigns will follow the end of the session.

Yet Brackett appears to be well prepared for the baptism by fire. He brings a strong resume with deep Idaho roots, an understanding of the local economy, and many years of public service.

Brackett's family line in Idaho actually predates statehood. Since his family helped settle the rangelanded Southwest of Twin Falls back in 1870. He graduated from Hagerman High and University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in animal science, then did graduate work at Oklahoma State University.

Brackett was a 14-year member of Three Creek School Board and is the current chairman of the Idaho

Rangeland Resource Commission, a five-member state group that teaches the public about food and ag production.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, would do well to keep Brackett in the same committees that Jones served.

White Jones was irreplaceable as chairman of the House Ag Affairs committee. Brackett's voice will be needed in that same group.

A seat in the House Resources Committee would likewise be a nod to southern Idaho's water needs.

Brackett has thick ties to the cattle industry, including a stint as president of the Idaho Cattle Association, and has wrangled with Western Watersheds Group in the past over grazing and livestock issues. Some may expect Brackett to depart from the moderate pitch Jones gave in many ag issues, especially dairy order regulation.

But Brackett appears to sound the right ideas as he starts out. "Dairies are an important part of the community and economy," he said. "But they've got to be good neighbors too. Dairies have been a contentious issue but I think progress has been made in part due to Doug's leadership. I think we're headed in the right direction, but it's not solved by any means."

Constituents in District 23 know that too well. But the dairy industry has much to gain, and more to lose, if a scientific and fair-minded solution is not crafted quickly.

Losing a chairmanship is difficult for the Magic Valley, especially as Idaho's population shifts toward other areas.

Brackett's lengthy experience, however, should go a long way to serve our region in the Legislature.

If Iraq is Vietnam, the lesson is ...

The cliché that those who fail to heed the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them is in vogue more than ever these days, especially as the public sours on Iraq. Neither the circumstances, the enemy nor the stakes in Iraq parallel Vietnam. But, like that war, the current one is declining in popularity with the American people as time passes and casualties mount.

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Yet Democrats see the similarity creating a no-lose situation for them. They would be wise, however, to think more deeply about the Vietnam War precedent before assuming it will return them to power.

They did lead the anti-Vietnam War movement and forced a U.S. pullout. Since then, however, they paid a heavy price at the ballot box. The anti-war fervor of that era so branded them as a political party that many Americans still feel uncomfortable trusting Democrats with the national defense.

That image has been largely responsible for the party's inability to win the White House, except for Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, in the years since.

The view that Democrats are squishy on defense could be reinforced if the partisan division over the Iraq war solidifies against the party. Iraq becomes an internally divisive issue within the Democratic Party as their primary contests turn on candidates' positions on the war.

It is almost inevitable, given the voters who dominate Democratic presidential and congressional primaries, that anti-war candidates will win such battles. Already Sen. Russel Fein- gold of Wisconsin plans to seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008 based on a platform of opposition to the Iraq war, branding himself 2002's anti-war authorizing President Bush to proceed.

Most of the other major potential candidates — including Sens. Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Joe Biden — voted to give Bush such power. In the late 1960s, Democrats in Congress and the party apparatus were the first to turn on the war in Vietnam, even



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against a president of their own party. In fact, they eventually forced the withdrawal of U.S. troops by President Richard Nixon, the Republican who succeeded Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson.

The struggle against the Vietnam War is one that many Democrats today consider their finest hour since the New Deal.

However, it is worth remembering that the Vietnam experience led to the capture of the Democratic Party, which had been the ruling national political dynasty since Franklin D. Roosevelt, by activists who cut their teeth on the anti-war front.

Today, they and their political progeny remain in control of the Democratic Party, and any national analysis of the ensuing period has to acknowledge just how bad for the party's fortunes that run has been.

This change in Democratic political culture — remember, in 1961 John F. Kennedy said Americans would bear any burden to fight communism — led to a perception that the Democrats were, to

be polite, reflexively averse to using the military to advance national interests.

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Carter beat the rap in 1976 because he was a former naval officer, not to mention benefiting from Watergate's huge anti-GOP political tidalwind. Clinton came to power in 1992 when the collapse of the Soviet Union took the issue of national security off the front burner.

But 9-11 changed that, as shown by last year's presidential election in which Democrat John Kerry's record as a naval officer in Vietnam was thought a key plus. Yet post-election polls showed that even with his war record, wannabe commander-in-chief Kerry was regarded warily by most Americans.

It is doubtful even that Americans still support Bush's Iraq policy. The erosion of public support for the war is obvious. Moreover, divisions over the

war could split the GOP too, although history and the shape of the party's coalition make that less likely than among the Democrats.

Moreover, there are many Democrats who have learned the lesson of history. Sen. Clinton is a likely 2008 presidential candidate, for instance, has quickly distanced herself from the most radical anti-war forces.

And, thankfully, we don't have anti-war types rooting for a U.S. defeat, as with Vietnam. So there is no unified Democratic Party position on the war — except that some lawmakers want to begin withdrawal sooner and more definitively than do others.

The unknown is whether, in their place, Democrats will opt to revive their heavy anti-war days, wrongly assuming that what is bad for Bush translates into good news for them in the coming elections. Perhaps, but that may involve serious wishful thinking.

After all, Bush will not be on the ballot again. And even if his role in the Iraq war remains unpopular when voters go to the polls next year and in 2008, that doesn't mean that they will automatically back Democrats — especially if they continue to be seen as the non-defense party.

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Moral turpitude ain't what it used to be

What a funny world. Where once it was scandalous to be unmarried and pregnant, now it is scandalous to disapprove of another's being unmarried and pregnant.

The latest episode in these morally confused times occurred in New York recently when a Roman Catholic school fired a teacher because she is single and pregnant. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn claims that teacher Kathleen Parker violated "the tenets of Catholic morality" and thus could not be employed by the school.

For her part, McCusker claims she was discriminated against, and on Monday filed a wrongful dismissal complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. McCusker, 26, a well-respected teacher, according to the school's own principal, said in a statement that she didn't understand how a religion that prides itself on being forgiving and on valuing life could fire her for deciding to have a baby.

Implicit in that statement is that McCusker obviously decided not to have an abortion, a result that would have been far more grievous to the Catholic Church.

So what's the answer? Do schools have any say-so when it comes to how teachers conduct themselves in their private lives? Do parents have a right to voice objections when a teacher's private behavior contradicts the moral values they're trying to teach at home? My immediate parental reaction to both questions is "but of course." Then more



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reasoned thought reveals the meanness of such issues. At the same time I don't want teachers advocating behaviors that are potentially harmful, my other reaction is: This is nobody's business. A person's sex life shouldn't be held up for public scrutiny and, as the discrimination suit points out, such policies unfairly target women.

Ultimately, these concerns will be determined by courts along legal rather than moral lines. But the moral questions beg open debate in a culture that increasingly denies the importance of marriage as a prerequisite to childbearing.

McCusker isn't the first such case and, given our out-of-wedlock birthing trends, it won't be the last. Earlier this year, a kindergarten teacher at a private Christian elementary school in Berrien Springs, Mich., was placed on paid administrative leave until her contract expired in June because she got pregnant before she got married.

The teacher in that case, Christine Johnson, did marry, but not until she was two months pregnant. Officials of the Seventh-day Adventist school said teachers are expected to be "a positive spiritual example for our congregations and youth," and let her go.

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The movie's plot thickens the stew when a do-gooder teacher picks up a hitchhiker, who later raps her at knife point and imprisons her. School officials assume "moral turpitude" and fire her.

The teacher, a victim who is also unaccountably stupid (when the hitchhiker fails to get another ride after she lets him out — in the rain just beyond her motel room — she invites him in, fights back and wins).

Moral of the story: Judge not lest you be judged. Before I pled you, please forgive this brief intermission for a public service announcement on behalf of all teachers, especially women: Do not pick up hitchhikers. Do not let them in your motel room.

In other observations, we note that if unwed maternity is going to be a criterion for teachers, we're going to have to start hiring more men. At last count, one-third of all children in this country are born to unwed mothers. In the African American community, the number is almost 70 percent. If we were to discriminate on the basis of unwed pregnancy, we might just have a teacher shortage.

The larger moral issue, meanwhile, isn't that yet another young lady didn't get the marry-first memo, but that the culture-at-large has decided fathers are unnecessary.

When we celebrate single motherhood, as we have since Murphy Brown made out-of-wedlock birth a plan option for busy women, we can hardly pry us in disapproval when the next generation doesn't know any better.

Look around at cultural signposts, from television to movies to magazines, and you see a consistent message that men are nonessential to the next generation's reproductive prettiness.

I wouldn't worry so much that children might infer a premarital sexual liaison between teacher and boyfriend. Far more offensive and morally dangerous is the cultural patricide taking place in America today. "Killing dad" may not be a crime, but it is surely a sin.

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Big store, little town Bush blunders play into jihadists' claims

MIDDLEFIELD, Ohio — If you've seen the anti-Wal-Mart documentary playing at churches and colleges and union halls, you have learned about the people here in Amish farm country who couldn't stop Wal-Mart from ruining their simple way of life.



JOHN TIERNEY

The film, "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price," focuses on H&I Hardware, a family-owned business in this small town in northeastern Ohio. Its anguished owner explains that he needs a loan to survive, but the bank has refused him because Wal-Mart's pending arrival has depressed the value of his property.

He shows a rack of booklets being distributed by an Amish customer. "How Wal-Mart is Destroying America." But there is no stopping the giant. The film shows a headline, "Wal-Mart Descends on Middlefield," followed by bulldozers in action.

Accompanied by the mournful wangs of a guitar, H&I slowly goes out of business. An Amish horse and buggy is shown passing the moribund store, followed by images of empty shelves and the lights being turned off.

It's a sad story. But it's not exactly the one you hear if you talk to the Amish customers now shopping at Middlefield Hardware, the new store in the same building where H&I operated. They will tell you the new store is a big improvement over the old one.

The store was opened last month by Jay Negin, a local resident who bought the building despite the new Wal-Mart. He told me that the building's appraisal value, rather than being hurt by Wal-Mart's opening in May, is higher now than it was last year.

He scoffed at the notion that Wal-Mart put his predecessors out of business, as did some former employees and customers of the old store. They told me that the business had been floundering for years because of management mistakes. It actually closed three months before Wal-Mart opened, a fact not made clear in the documentary.

The former owner, Jon Hunter, while insisting to me that Wal-Mart had hurt his prospects, also said that he had been losing customers well before Wal-Mart because he had made bad decisions and couldn't afford to keep his shelves stocked.

The new hardware store is doing fine, Negin told me. "Am I concerned about Wal-Mart?" he asked. "Not really. If you're a struggling business, they can hurt you. But as long as you listen to your customers and give them the products and service they need, they'll stay loyal."

It's hardly the only optimist in Middlefield. John Bruening, an optician who appeared in the documentary fretting about Wal-Mart, got so much unexpected new business that he has decided to open a new store.

When I mentioned these convenient facts to the filmmaker, Robert Greenwald, he

acknowledged he might not have chosen the best examples of Wal-Mart's victims. He urged me to look at the "macro" issues — at the overall revenue lost by local merchants and the other social costs of Wal-Mart. I'll grant him that some businesses do suffer because of Wal-Mart. And yes, there are larger issues, like Wal-Mart's wages and benefits, that are worth considering in another column.

But as long as we're in the town that Greenwald chose as a symbol of Wal-Mart's oppression, let's consider some of the macro effects here.

There still may be Amish activists passing out booklets against Wal-Mart, but they seemed to be vastly outnumbered by the Amish who tie their horses to the posts outside the new Wal-Mart.

"I wasn't too happy about Wal-Mart coming," said Ada Schlabach, who was browsing through the plain-colored fabrics that Wal-Mart stocked for Amish customers. "I didn't know what it would do to the community — it would make it more civilized. But I was surprised. It's kind of nice now. I like shopping here."

Ben Yoder, an Amish carpenter who is 24, was there with two of his four children. "We get all our diapers and wipes here because it's cheaper than anywhere else," he said. He and most of the Amish shoppers said the Wal-Mart was especially welcomed because they could reach it by horse, unlike the one more than 20 miles away.

"Wal-Mart isn't really a big issue with our people," said Eli Miller, who runs a sawmill. "At first some were upset because they were scared by something new. But now they like being able to get everything here — your name brand, your off brand, all in one place. I think of it as simple shopping."

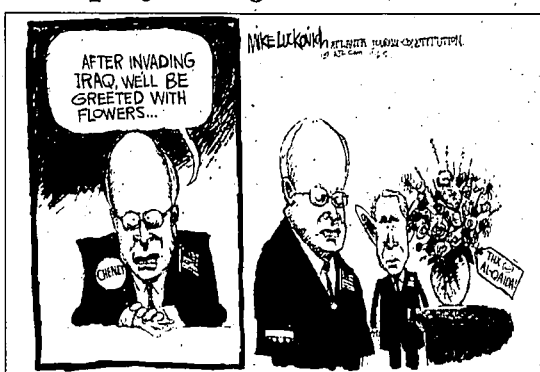
From the people who brought you Saddam Hussein's mushroom cloud and the secret Iraqi-Qaida alliance comes a new specter to trouble our sleep: jihadist Iraq.

In a speech this week at the American Enterprise Institute, Vice President Dick Cheney used this nightmare vision to lash those, such as Rep. John D. Dingens, who have argued that it is time to begin withdrawing U.S. forces. "Iraq

is part of a larger plan of imposing Islamic radicalism across the broader Middle East, making Iraq a terrorist haven and a staging ground for attacks against other nations," Cheney said. "In light of the commitments our country has made, and given the stated intentions of the enemy, those who advocate a sudden withdrawal from Iraq should answer a few simple questions: Would the United States and other free nations be better off or worse off with (Abu Musab) al-Zarqawi, (Osama) bin Laden and (Ayman) al-Zawahiri in control of Iraq? Would we be safer or less safe with Iraq ruled by men intent on the destruction of our country?"

The suggestion that a jihadist takeover in Iraq would follow a U.S. withdrawal verges on preposterous. It is the latest in a parade of straw men dispatched to scare up support for wreathed and failed policies.

There is no question that the jihadists would like to seize a country as a base for wider operations. But they have nowhere near the capacity to achieve this in Iraq. Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq and other radical Islamist groups have bloodied Iraqi government and the Shiite population. The jihadist groups lack the heavy weapons and the manpower that would be required to seize control of Baghdad, the capital,



to capture and hold large tracts of territory that are occupied by hostile Shiites and Kurds who outnumber Sunnis four to one, or to run the country.

The insurgents might remain a formidable force by evading those who tried to hunt them down — as they have done with U.S. and Iraqi forces — but they could not conceivably prevail in the full-scale battles that the takeover of Iraq would entail. Only with the rapid influx of tens of thousands of fighters from outside Iraq could jihadists win control of the country. That scenario is farfetched.

Make no mistake: Much of western Iraq is and will remain a terrorist sanctuary. But neither U.S. forces nor Shiite-dominated Iraqi military units will be able to do much that against an enemy that has excellent early warning and the capacity to slip away. It will be years before an Iraqi intelligence service can root out these networks.

The real threat is civil war. But here too it is not clear how much the U.S. can do to prevent it. If the Shiites and Kurds do not annihilate the grievances of Iraqi Sunnis, civil war is probable. Keeping U.S. forces in Iraq in such circum-

stances would at best delay the inevitable.

There is a rich irony to the administration's argument about a jihadist Iraq. In the run-up to the war, the Bush team repeatedly underestimated the danger radical Islamists posed to U.S. plans for Iraq. The Pentagon, for example, knew well before the invasion of Iraq that al-Zarqawi was in the country, traveling far and wide to prepare for the insurgency he planned to mount once the United States invaded.

Moreover, the administration had ample intelligence that the toxin ricin was being produced at al-Zarqawi's base camp in the Kurdish enclave in northern Iraq — outside the reach of Saddam's government.

The military drew up plans for an attack. But the administration declined to strike for reasons that remain unclear. Later, it portrayed al-Zarqawi as the key link between Saddam and al-Qaida. We now know that was false.

Now the administration holds up al-Zarqawi as the ultimate threat. Opponents of near-term withdrawal of U.S. forces say there will be a surge in attacks against American troops as they begin to depart.

To be sure, the insurgents will want to make it seem that we were drawn out. But the level of attacks in many categories — especially suicide bombings — has grown enormously without any drawdown.

By blundering in Iraq, the Bush administration has played right into two jihadist claims: First, that we are determined to occupy Muslim countries, steal their wealth and destroy their faith; and second, that we are a paper tiger that cannot accept casualties. By staying in Iraq, we confirm the former for many Muslims around the world and stoke recruitment and radicalization. By leaving, we confirm the latter, thereby encouraging jihadists.

Our departure from Iraq needs to be orderly and serve our own interests. How long it takes should be, unlike our occupation of the country, carefully planned. It should not be precipitated by the threat of some imagined catastrophe.

Daniel Benjamin served on the National Security Council staff from 1994 to 1999. He is co-author of "The Next Attack: The Failure of the War on Terror and a Strategy for Getting It Right."

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NASA unveils tiny new satellites

The Baltimore Sun

Scientists at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center on Monday unveiled new satellites that may well represent the future of space science — they're about the size of a microwave oven.

The agency's \$130 million Space Technology 5 mission will test three micro-satellites designed to measure the earth's magnetic

field, track the solar storms that batter it and serve as prototypes for probes that can predict solar hurricanes the way forecasters now predict the weather on earth.

In February a single rocket will launch the micro-satellites into polar orbits, up to 2,800 miles high, where they will take measurements for 90 days before eventually burning up. The mission, planned since 1999, will test

the miniaturized monitoring and communications technology that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration hopes to use for years to come in instruments ranging from weather satellites to space telescopes.

"The first priority is validating the technology we've developed," said Candace Carlisle, the mission's deputy project manager. Carlisle said the satellites' diminutive

size is what sets them apart from other probes — smaller devices mean smaller, more efficient payloads, she said.

"The ultimate goal is to send dozens of such satellites into space, at a cost of \$1.5 million each, to keep an eye out for solar storms. "We want to show that these small systems can do useful science," she said. "We think that's where the future is."

Everything on ST5 is as small as possible, with equipment squeezed down to as little as 25 percent of its normal size, Carlisle said.













NASA hopes the probes will eventually warn us earlier and minimize the threats posed by solar hurricanes, which can disrupt radio communications and knock out Global Position systems and power grids.

"Avoid The Kitchen Week" At Swensen's

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

This idea that the Colts need to lose a game so they can concentrate on winning a Super Bowl is like me saying I think I'll just go ahead and get another divorce so I can focus on my next marriage and really make it work.

- Fox's Terry Bradshaw on the Indianapolis Colts' quest for an undefeated season.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which college football team holds the record for most consecutive victories?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School BOYS BASKETBALL**
Hagerman at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Billis at TF Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
Castledale at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
Oakley at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Gooding, 7 p.m.
Jerome at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Preston at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
Filer at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.
- Community School at Carey, 7:30 p.m.**
Lighthouse Christian at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls Christian at ISDB, 7:30 p.m.
Wendell at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Camas County at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Tetraugh at Castledale, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Mackay, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Boys hoops begin today

TWIN FALLS — Some of the area high school boys basketball play tonight. See the schedule above for details.

Season previews for each classification will be published beginning Wednesday with Twin Falls, followed by the 3A and 2A teams on Thursday and 4A and 1A on Friday.

Any of the 1A head coaches who haven't sent in their questionnaires, rosters, and schedules are asked to do so by fax at 734-5538 as soon as possible.

Fuchs cards ace

JEROME — Eddie Fuchs scored a hole in one on No. 7 at the Jerome Country Club Thanksgiving Day, using a pitching wedge from 150 yards out. Witnesses were Nick Schlader, Kevin Stroschein and Jacob Fuhs.

P&R boys basketball registration continues

TWIN FALLS — Registration is still being accepted for the boys' basketball program for players in grades 3-7. The season begins Jan. 14 and runs through Feb. 25. Teams will be divided by school and grade.

The registration fee is from \$12-20 depending on whether or not the player needs a jersey. A late fee of \$10 will be added after Nov. 30.

Volunteer coaches are also needed. For more information, contact the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Oklahoma Sooners, coached by Bud Wilkinson, won 47 straight games from 1953 to 1957.

Underwater hockey catches on.

By Joe Kay
Associated Press writer

CINCINNATI — The blue team has a breakthrough. An attacker with the puck races up the left side, closing in for an uncontested shot on goal.

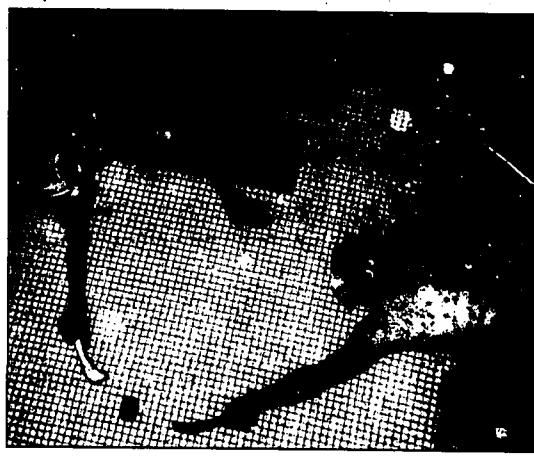
Katie Rademacher can't let this happen. With long brown hair blowing from her white headgear, the high school junior pumps her legs and regains strategic position, forcing the attacker into the corner. Then she swipes the puck with her clipped, white stick and passes it out.

The threat is over. Only one thing left to do: Come up for air. With a few kicks of her black fins, Rademacher reaches the churning surface, blows a frothy spray from her yellow snorkel, takes a gulp of air and heads back down, looking for that orange puck at the bottom of the commotion.

There are no complaints about soft ice in underwater hockey, a version of the sport that includes goals and sticks but puts a premium on holding your breath.

"It's really easy once you get the hang of it," said Rademacher, a junior who plays on Roger Bacon High School's club team. The out-of-the-mainstream sport has a steady following across the United States and

Hockey flippers?



Members of the Roger Bacon High School Underwater Hockey Team junior Anthony Hamingway, top left, fights for the puck with Adam Meisman in the St. Xavier University pool in Cincinnati Nov. 8.

They hand the Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger his first road defeat; he was 9-0, but couldn't do much in his first game back after missing three weeks because of knee surgery.

The Colts also set a franchise record with a 10th straight home win in earning their 400th victory, combining the years in Baltimore and Indianapolis.

"It keeps spreading," said Carol Rose, president of the Underwater Society of America that oversees the sport. "It's not speedy and it doesn't happen overnight. But it's growing and growing against the odds."

The first challenge is making people aware of the sport. The second is to get them to stop chattering.

Wittekind, a history teacher at Roger Bacon who also coaches the school's club and the U.S. junior team. "A lot of people are going to sit there and say, 'You're kidding' or, 'What's next, underwater basketball weaving?'"

Wittekind was introduced to the sport when he went for a swim one day while working on his degree at Ohio State. Another graduate student invited him

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Lions fire Mariucci

The Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions fired coach Steve Mariucci on Monday after a five-year, 100-game tenure as the team's noted defensive coordinator.

Mariucci's record with the Lions was 15-28. His 2003 hiring was hailed by fans and media alike, but he was not able to turn around a team that has won one playoff game since 1957.

"It's hard for me to stand up here in this position because Steve is a friend," said Jauch, who had a 45-7 record as head coach of the Bears from 1999-2003.

After Detroit lost 27-7 to the Atlanta Falcons on Thanksgiving, Jauch fell to 4-7, reports said that the team was considering firing Mariucci. When Mariucci was not let go over the weekend, some thought his job was over for the final five games of the regular season.

"We started off this season with high expectations. I believed this was a roster that was capable of making a playoff run," team president Matt Millen said at an afternoon news conference. "We have not lived up to our expectations. We have not underachieved as a football team."

The Lions have lost four of five games since a solid start with them atop the NFC North with an 11-5 record in September. Jauch has collapsed on and off the field with players failing to produce and some bickering with one another, and questioning the coach's strategy.

Mariucci has more than two years remaining on the \$25 million contract he signed in 2001. The Michigan native came to Detroit from San Francisco, where he was 60-41 over six seasons.

Mariucci was cut some slack in the past because the team he inherited was ranked by many as one of the worst in the league, but expectations were high heading into his third season.

Chaney: no regrets for PA scolding

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — John Chaney's racy, booming angry voice usually can be heard by fans in the cheap seats when he comes out his way to the field as a turnover or sloppy play.

When he commanded the public address microphone to spell his team's fans, Chaney's message was loud and clear to all. Stupid actions have consequences, and there are few things more reckless than throwing an object on the court. After Marley "dink" emphatically dunk in the final minute put the finishing touches on Lemples' 73-56 win over Miami on Sunday, an object was tossed on the court, temporarily halting play and drawing the ire of Chaney — whose outrageous comments and antics in the past have made him a focus of criticism.

The 71-year-old coach walked to the scorer's table, grabbed the mike and told the fans it wasn't Temple's way to be seen as "idiot."

"To endanger the lives of these kids is not our way," he said to a hushed crowd. "Always remember, stupid is forever. You can't change stupidity. So if somebody's stupid, let them be stupid. We're not going to make them recognize that we do not allow that here at Temple."

Chaney said Monday he missed his public stunts because he was concerned about the safety of the players and he's grown tired of the increasingly bad behavior in all levels of sports.

"Our fans are normally good fans, very good fans," Chaney said. "We've gotten good reports on our fans for years. But it's a particular time when all of us should be responsible for making sure we guide the young people and make them understand what's right."

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Colts shellack Steelers

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts annihilation of the Pittsburgh Steelers as championship challengers as if they'll never be beaten.

Now the Pittsburgh Steelers and their quarterback Ben Roethlisberger his first road defeat; he was 9-0, but couldn't do much in his first game back after missing three weeks because of knee surgery.

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On this night, he began another Colts run, hitting Harrison behind the Taylor just 1:44 into the game.

Pittsburgh's Jeff Reed missed seven-game slide in this series dating to 1984. Manning hurdled his New England jinx on a Monday night at the beginning of November, and he got his first career victory over Pittsburgh to finish off the month.

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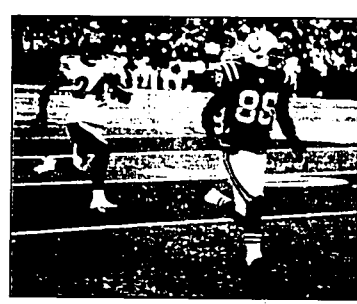
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Pittsburgh's Jeff Reed missed



Indianapolis Colts receiver Marvin Harrison, right, outruns Pittsburgh Steelers defender the Taylor for a 80-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage during the first quarter in Indianapolis Monday.

Colts' kicker Mike Vanderjagt made a 48-yarder later in the period, and hit a 44-yarder on the final play of the half after Mike Doss' interception and a 15-yard personal foul on Pittsburgh's Jeff Hartung during the runback.

Steelers coach Bill Cowher made a strange, seemingly desperate decision to open the second half with an onside kick. It backfired, and Manning concluded a 47-yard drive with a 12-yard 1D pass to Bryan Fletcher.

Not the start Bode Miller planned

Any list of the most memorable quotes by a U.S. skier begins with Billy Johnson. Two decades ago at the Sarajevo Games, soon after he became the first American man in Olympic history to win an alpine event, someone asked Johnson what his gold medal was worth.

"Millions," he replied without hesitation. "We're talking millions."

Johnson cashed in and his career went pretty much straight downhill from there. It became a cautionary tale and then a made-for-TV movie about what happens when athletes take the money and run out of desire. It's worth recalling as Bode Miller, America's latest, greatest Alpine hope, sets off in earnest on a mission that many expect to peak with his coronation at the Winter Games in Turin three months from now.

Like Johnson, Miller came from outside the skiing establishment and rarely mines words. Last winter, he won the first three races on the calendar and went on to become the U.S. skier in 22 years to win the World Cup overall title. Over the



JIM LITKE

weekend, though, Miller finished 22nd in the downhill and 18th in super-G, and conceded afterward he hadn't poured all of himself into either event.

"Last year I finalized a lot of the things that meant something to me as far as the sport goes, and now," he said, "I'm doing it for maybe not the best reasons."

Like most of the things Miller says for public consumption, it's hard to know how much he believes and how much he is designed to get a rise out of his elders. Unconventional doesn't begin to describe the outspoken 28-year-old champion. Miller was regarded as an overnight sensation when the spotlight found him in 2002, after winning two Olympic silvers at Salt Lake City, but he's been remarkably workmanlike ever since.

Counting the weekend's races at Lake Louise, Alberta, Miller has made a remarkable 117 consecutive starts — almost 100 more than the next-longest streak. And yet, it wasn't until last month, at the World Cup kickoff race in Austria, that Miller ever committed to skiing in the Winter Games. And even then, he used the announcement as an opportunity to push to his long-standing campaign for relaxed doping rules in skiing.

Then he laid down back-to-back clunkers in the races, and dismissed the slip-ups this way: "I haven't done it in a bunch of years. It was nice to know I'm still fallible. I wasn't as amped up as I could be."

But he still bristles the way his attitude were adapted from snowboarding and are now embraced by many in the Alpine establishment.

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"I was portrayed as unsophisticated, raised in a shack, unschooled, a lost savage in a Please see LITKE, Page B2

SPORTS

Magic nip Celtics

Murtaugh mashes Musersers

BOSTON (AP) — James Nelson scored nine of his 16 points in the final 9:52 and Dwight Howard blocked Mark Blount's potential game-tying shot with 12 seconds left Monday night, helping the Orlando Magic beat the Boston Celtics 87-83 for their fourth straight win.

Steve Francis led the Magic with 19 points and DeShawn Stevenson with 11. Howard had a double-double, with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Ricky Davis led the Celtics with 22 points, and Paul Pierce had 16 points and 13 rebounds. Orlando led 83-81 when Blount took a pass in the lane, but Howard got a piece of it, before the shot could be released. Hedo Turkoglu hit two free throws with 9.3 seconds left, stretching Orlando's lead to 85-81. After Davis hit a jumper, Turkoglu hit two more from the line with 4.8 seconds left to seal it.



Orlando Magic forward/guard James Nelson goes to the hoop as Boston Celtics Mark Blount defends during the first half of NBA game in Boston Monday.

Stephen Marbury scored 19 points to lead the Knicks, who have lost four of their last six.

The Heat took the lead for good after Wade's basket put them ahead 10-8 with 6:24 remaining in the first quarter. Posey had three 3s in the second quarter to help the Heat take a 65-39 halftime lead.

His final act of the game gave Miami its biggest lead at 82-53.

Jefferson had 24 as New Jersey cruised over short-handed Denver, which added star Carmelo Anthony to its ever-growing list of injuries.

Kenyon Martin scored 26 points against his former team before being ejected with 65 seconds left.

Anthony sprained his left ankle early into the game and the Nets built a 55-40 half-time lead, then held off the scrappy, injury-riddled Nuggets on their way to their second straight road win that evened their record at 7-7.

Nets 101, Nuggets 92

DENVER — Vince Carter scored 25 points and Richard

Collins said.

"There was an odor of alcohol, and there was a plastic cup sitting in the center console and an open bottle of liquor," Collins said.

LeGree agreed to a blood-alcohol test and registered a level of 0.14, Galloway said. The legal limit in Kentucky is 0.08.

LeGree was released Saturday after posting \$500 bond and was to appear in Campbell County District Court on Tues-

day. He does not have a listed phone number and did not return a message left for him at the university.

His resignation leaves interim coach Andy Kennedy even more short-handed as he steers the program through a transition season. Huggins was ousted in August after 16 seasons in Cincinnati, losing a power struggle with a school president who didn't like the program's image.

The Times-News

MURTAUGH — The Murtaugh Red Devils girls basketball team got just what it needed Monday — a non-conference win heading into today's Magaly Valley Southside Conference showdown with the Castleford Wolves.

The Red Devils held Canas County's Beth McLam to 12 points with a box-and-one defense during Monday's 36-27 home win.

With McLam held in check, the Musersers scored only five points in the first half, and trailed 25-14 after three quarters.

"The girls did an excellent job," Murtaugh head coach Clayton Nebeker said. "We played a box-and-one on Beth and shut her out. She just didn't get the ball."

Murtaugh senior post Druce Tolman did get the ball though, to the tune of 12 points, 17 rebounds, and three blocks. Kristen Elliott added 16 points to pace the 1-1 Red Devils. The Musersers' Stacy Roberts finished with a team-high 13 points.

"We needed this, especially with conference coming," Nebeker said. "It was huge to get this scheduled, because we

needed it."

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Local sports

Rimrock 47, Glens Ferry 27

GLENN'S FERRY — A flat start for the Glens Ferry Pilots led to a 32-7 halftime deficit en route to a 47-27 nonconference loss to Rimrock Monday evening at home.

"We just started off really flat and slow," said Pilots coach Keith McLone. "We just couldn't capitalize on their turnovers and they just got in a rhythm all of a sudden. But we held our own."

"We never quit. I was proud of my girls for that." Alshia Crane and Ashlea Gramkow each put up a team-high seven points for Glens Ferry.

The Pilots (2-4) play tonight at Parma.

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Boys basketball

Camas County 61, Twin Falls Christian 26

TWIN FALLS — The Camas County Musersers started their bid for a return trip to the Class 1A state tournament with a 61-26 victory over host Twin Falls Christian Academy Monday night in Twin Falls. Musersers players Logan Vile and Chase Lee both put in 18 points, while Trevor Dalin added 12. The 0-1 Warriors were led by Caleb Bolyards' 10 points, while Jesse and Stephen Killinger — the other two players to score for TCFA — both added eight.

"We had the opening game jitters and kind of blanked out the stuff they knew how to do," TCFA head coach Dan Johnson said. "We had a rough half, but we picked it up in the second and got a lot better."

The Warriors host the Bears of Bliss tonight.

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Mavericks 93, Raptors 91

TORONTO — Jason Terry hit a running layup at the buzzer, leading Dallas over Toronto.

With 2 seconds left on the clock, Marquis Daniels inbounded to Terry, who ran into the lane and tossed a light shot over the arms of Chris Bosh as time expired.

Terry finished with 26 points, and Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points — 13 in the fourth quarter — and 11 rebounds to help Dallas win its fourth straight road game and beat the Raptors for the fourth straight time. Devin Harris scored 16 points, and Erick Dampier chipped in 11 rebounds.

Heat 107, Knicks 94

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 33, James Posey had 19 — including five 3-pointers — and Jason Williams added 18 to help Miami snap its two-game losing streak and beat New York for the fifth straight time.

Alonzo Mourning led a franchise record with nine blocks, marking the mark he achieved five previous times.

UC assistant resigns after DUI

CINCINNATI (AP) — An assistant basketball coach at the University of Cincinnati resigned Monday after a second arrest on drunken driving charges, the latest blow to a program still reeling from Bob Huggins' ouster.

LeGree was arrested around 2 a.m. Saturday in Newport, Ky. Police found him asleep at the wheel of his car at a light with his foot on the brake. Newport officer Tom

Collins said.

"There was an odor of alcohol, and there was a plastic cup sitting in the center console and an open bottle of liquor," Collins said.

LeGree agreed to a blood-alcohol test and registered a level of 0.14, Galloway said. The legal limit in Kentucky is 0.08.

LeGree was released Saturday after posting \$500 bond and was to appear in Campbell County District Court on Tues-

day. He does not have a listed phone number and did not return a message left for him at the university.

His resignation leaves interim coach Andy Kennedy even more short-handed as he steers the program through a transition season. Huggins was ousted in August after 16 seasons in Cincinnati, losing a power struggle with a school president who didn't like the program's image.

Rose's eligibility expires; Gooden and Hershiser on Hall ballot

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Rose's eligibility for the baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot expired Monday when the 2006 candidates were announced, a group that includes Cy Young Award winners Orel Hershiser and Dwight Gooden.

Albert Belle, Will Clark and Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen were among 14 first-time candidates on the 29-man ballot. Bruce Sutter is the holder who came closest to election, falling 43 votes shy last year.

Following an investigation of his gambling, Rose agreed in August 1989 to a lifetime ban. The Hall's board of directors voted unanimously in February 2001 that anyone on the permanently ineligible list couldn't appear on the BBWAA ballot.

appeared to falter after he admitted in his 2004 autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Seven Without Bases," that he bet on the Cincinnati Reds while managing the team in the late 1980s.

First-year candidates include pitchers Rick Aguilera, Alex Fernandez, Doug Jones and John Wetteland and infielders Gary DiSarcina, Gary Gattis, Gregg Jefferies, Hal Morris and Walt Weiss.

In joint election, a player must be selected on 75 percent or more of the ballots. Sutter was on 66.7 percent of the ballots last year, followed by Jim Rice (59.3), Rich Gossage (55.2) and Andre Dawson (52.3). Gooden was the NL rookie of the year season in 1984 and won the Cy Young the following year after going 23-4 with a 1.53 ERA. Hershiser was the Cy Young in 1988, when he pitched a record 195 consecutive scoreless innings during the regular season, then was selected MVP of the

NL championship series and the World Series.

Belle led the AL in RBIs three times and finished a 295-batting average, 381 homers and 1,239 RBIs. Clark had a 303-career average, 284 homers and 1,205 RBIs.

Guillen was AL Rookie of the Year in 1985.

Reporters who have been in the BBWAA for 10 or more consecutive years are eligible to vote, and the totals will be announced Jan. 10.

Maple Leafs down Panthers

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Ed Belfour has saved to move into a tie for second place in the NHL's career victory list, and Bryan McCabe scored on a 5-on-3 power play midway through the third period in the Toronto Maple Leafs' 2-1 win over the Florida Panthers on Monday night.

The 40-year-old Belfour has 447 victories to match Terry Sawchuk for second place on the list.

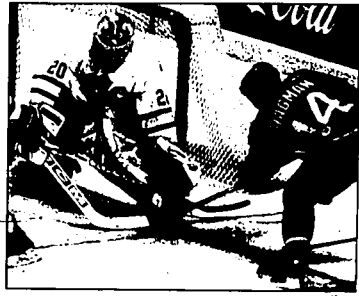
Patrick Roy is the leader with 550.

McCabe's slap shot from just above the right circle beat Roberto Luongo to the high stick side at 10:18 of the third with Florida's Gary Roberts and Iurii Kolnik in the penalty box.

It was McCabe's 10th goal, adding to his league-leading points total (33) for defenseman.

Stephen Weiss' power-play goal tied the score 1-1 with 1:33 left in the second period.

Weiss followed up rebound of Lukas Krajcovic's shot and put the puck past Belfour for his seventh goal, Joe Nieuwendyk.



Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Ed Belfour blocks a shot by Florida Panthers' Niklas Hagman (24) in the second period Monday.

who sat out Saturday's loss at Atlanta, assisted on the goal.

Darcy Tucker gave the Maple Leafs a 1-0 lead with his ninth goal at 1:59 of the second period. Positioned all alone to Luongo's left, Tucker put home

a pass that deflected off Jeff O'Neill's stick.

Tucker, who missed the Maple Leafs' previous two games following the birth of his son, has scored in three of his last four games.

No. 11 Gators devour Alabama State

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Laurean Green scored 18 points, Corey Brewer added 17 points and No. 11 Florida beat Alabama State 87-60 on Monday night.

The Gators, unranked in the pre-season college basketball poll, are off to their best start in coach Billy Donovan's 10 years. Florida last started 6-0 in 1984-85.

After losing their top three scorers and having four sophomores and a junior on the starting lineup, the Gators have been one of the biggest surprises in the country.

But Alabama State (11-5) hardly proved to be much of an obstacle.

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He was 14-of-14 in the second half Friday night against Florida State.

LaMarquis Blake had 16 points and Cedric Mitchell added 13 for the Hornets. Leading scorer Akem Claiborn, who entered the game averaging 16.2 points, finished with six after spending much of the night in foul trouble.

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Scolding

Chaney has a history of insufferable antics, most notably threatening to kill Massachusetts coach John Calipari during a post-game news conference in 1994.

pointed out the fan or fans responsible.

modern world. That's not nice," Miller said in a recent interview, and not true.

Flippers

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To play, and he quickly got hooked.

After Wittekind was hired at Roger Bacon in 1984, he set up the only high school underwater hockey club in the country, a coed team that attracts students with a broad range of interests.

Some come from sports backgrounds, but not all. Rademacher, never had played sports. A friend signed her up for the team, she went to one practice and loved it.

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There is no goal to protect in the 10-foot-wide goal. A coated lead puck is passed and shot with 12-inch wooden sticks held in gloved hands. Unlike hockey, no physical contact is frowned upon. There are two 15-minute halves.

"I didn't do sports at all," said Rademacher, who plays claret in the school band. "I tried this out, and it was amazing."

British divers are credited with inventing the game in the mid-1950s to keep in shape during the winter. The rules are simple.

leave the water rolling, back from the surface. It looks like a freestyle frenzy.

"At a championship game at the water, the water literally boils," Rose said. "There is so much action with the fins, the pool is churning, it's just absolutely phenomenal to watch."

Also, there are financial obstacles that prevent the sport from growing faster. There is limited and expensive, and equipment can cost more than \$1,000.

The most attractive part for players is the camaraderie and the challenge of playing a game that's unique.

"For me, it was just something completely different," said Andy Kalk, a freestyle diver who plays on an adult team in Cincinnati. "It wasn't like every other sport."

Researchers confirm problems in youth sports

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A study of youth sports found evidence of cheating, taunting, even intentionally trying to hurt an opponent.

And the bad behavior was limited to the kids. Some coaches admitted yelling at athletes — even verbally abusing them, and some players said they were struck.

The study was conducted by researchers at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, and at Notre Dame. It involved 883 athletes ages 9 to 15, along with 189 parents and 61 coaches. Results will be published Thursday in the Journal of Research in Character Education.

"There has been a hot debate in the news media about the

overall quality of youth sport programs, but incredibly little research to support backers or detractors," said David Shields, an education professor at Missouri-St. Louis and one of the authors of the study. This study supports some of the views of each.

Among the findings:

- Nearly one in 10 young athletes admitted cheating.
- 13 percent said they've tried to hurt an opponent.
- 31 percent had argued with an official.
- 13 percent had made fun of a less-skilled teammate.
- 27 percent had acted like "bad sports."
- "Even more disturbing is the number of coaches whose behavior fosters unhealthy climates," said Brenda Brede-

meier, another author and associate professor of education at Missouri-St. Louis.

Seven percent of coaches encouraged athletes to cheat, and 8 percent encouraged their athletes to hurt an opponent, the young athletes told researchers. No coaches admitted either encouraging cheating or injury.

But more than one-third of coaches said they yelled at players for making mistakes, and one-fifth made fun of a team member.

Four percent of athletes said their coaches had hit, kicked or slapped them.

"If our sample is representative of the larger youth sport population, this finding would suggest that there are nearly 2 million kids being physically abused by their coaches each year," Shields said.

Thirteen percent of parents said they had angrily criticized their child's performance.

John Engel, vice president of youth development for the National Alliance for Youth Sports in West Palm Beach, Fla., which advocates positive and safe youth sports, said the findings support other research as well as feedback he receives.

"There's so much emphasis put on competition," Engel said. "The recreation has been taken out of recreational sports. These are results of putting so much pressure on kids."

Despite the drawbacks, the study found that most participants enjoy playing sports, and most parents believe the coaches do a good job, researchers said.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Adult basketball league rosters due soon

TWIN FALLS — Rosters for the men's and women's basketball leagues teams are due to the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Dept. office by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. Those teams wishing to participate in either program will need to have both the fees and rosters submitted by the deadline in order to guarantee a spot in the league. The fee is \$300 for 13 games in the men's division and \$417.50 for 10 games in the women's division. A double elimination tournament is included. Season play begins the week of January 2. Please call the LE Parks and Recreation Office at 743-2265 for a registration packet or more information.

"I gave him my views on that subject and I also said I would not put myself in front of the team," Delgado said. "The Mets have a policy that every body should stand for 'God Bless America' and I will be there. I will not cause any distractions to the ballclub."

While playing for the Toronto Blue Jays and then with the Florida Marlins last year, Delgado avoided standing on the field when "God Bless America" was played, staying in the dugout, runway or clubhouse.

"The reason why I didn't stand for 'God Bless America' was because I didn't like the way they did 'God Bless America' and 9-11 to me in Iraq, in baseball," he said when he joined the Marlins in January.

Wilpon said the matter had been discussed during negotiations when Delgado was a free agent over the 2003 season. Wilpon said Delgado promised to follow whatever policy was set by manager Willie Randolph.

"The agreement was: if Willie and the Mets have rules, he will follow the team rule," Wilpon said Monday. "It's not going to put himself before the team. So he's going to have his own preliminary views, which he's going to keep to himself."

Wagner and Mets reach preliminary agreement

NEW YORK — Ace closer Billy Wagner and the New York Mets reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a \$13 million, four-year contract.

Wagner, considered by many the top reliever on the free-agent market, signed 30 games for the Philadelphia Phillies last season and is a four-time All-Star.

He will receive \$10.5 million each of the next four seasons, a high-ranking baseball official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been finalized. "We know the deal is in place, which is likely to take place Tuesday, before the agreement can be completed."

The Mets have an \$8 million club option for 2010, \$1 million buyout. It exercised, the deal would be worth \$50 million over five seasons.

New York reached the agreement on the same day it introduced slugger Carlos Delgado, acquired last week in a trade with the Florida Marlins.

Wagner went 4-3 with a 1.51 ERA and 67 strikeouts in 75 appearances, a high for a reliever last season.

BSU accepts invitation to MPC Computers Bowl

BOISE — Boise State on Monday accepted an invitation to appear in the MPC Computers Bowl Dec. 28 in Boise, the fourth appearance by the Broncos in the nine-year history of the bowl.

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Kickoff for the 2005 MPC Computers Bowl will be at 2:30 p.m. (MST). The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

McNabb has surgery for sports hernia

PHILADELPHIA — Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb had season-ending surgery Monday for a sports hernia.

Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said McNabb will be "off his feet" for three weeks. Dr. William Meyers operated at Hahnemann Hospital.

"He thought it went well," Reid said. "He felt good about it."

McNabb, a five-time Pro Bowl player, was shut down after nine games and placed on injured reserve last week. He passed for 2,507 yards, 16 TDs, nine interceptions and had a passer rating of 85.0 this season.

The Eagles also are playing without five other starters — All-Pro wide receiver Terrell Owens (suspended/decided), All-Pro cornerback Lito Sheppard (thumb back), Pro Bowl tackle Larry Thomas (back), center Hank Fraley (shoulder) and wideout Todd Pinkston (leg).

Delgado will stand for 'God Bless America'

NEW YORK — Now that he's been traded to the New York Mets, Carlos Delgado says he is willing to stand on the field during the playing of "God Bless America."

After putting on a Mets jersey at a Shea Stadium news conference Monday, Delgado said he spoke about his annual protest with New York chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon.

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

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 - Men, Wisconsin at Wake Forest, ESPN 5 p.m.
 - Purdue at Florida St., ESPN2 5:30 p.m.
 - Illinois at North Carolina, ESPN 7 p.m.
 - Miami at Michigan, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.
- Hockey**
 - Boston at New Jersey, OLN 5:30 p.m.

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Phoenix Suns	L	98	101

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Merck plans to cut 7,000 jobs

PHILADELPHIA — Merck & Co. Inc. said Monday it will cut 7,000 jobs and close five plants worldwide, the biggest layoff in its history and a sign of deepening retrenchment across the drug industry.

The closings and job cuts, amounting to 11 percent of its nearly 63,000 employees, are expected to save Merck between \$3.5 billion and \$4 billion between 2006 and 2010, or about 5 percent of its estimated expenses.

The reduction fell short of Wall Street expectations, but executives emphasized it was just the first phase of a cost-cutting plan that also includes restructuring the marketing and research divisions.

The direct reasons given for the move were Merck's expected loss next year of \$2 billion in patent-protected sales of its blockbuster cholesterol drug Zocor and legal costs surrounding its recalled pain-reliever Vioxx.

SpaceX's rocket launch rescheduled

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The maiden flight of a new rocket designed to dramatically slash the cost of sending satellites into orbit has been rescheduled for mid-December after the maiden launch was scrubbed Saturday because of technical glitches.

Space Exploration Technologies Corp., also known as SpaceX, a Redding, Calif., rocket maker founded by Silicon Valley entrepreneur Elon Musk, hopes to shake up the aerospace industry with its Falcon 1 rocket. The craft is designed to cost a fraction of the current generation of satellite launchers.

Musk said Monday that the inaugural mission was scrubbed about 10 minutes before launch because of problems with a liquid oxygen tank and an onboard computer. The rocket is carrying a small satellite built by Air Force Academy cadets and funded by the Pentagon. An exact date for the next attempt is not set.

Seasonal flu returns to cruise ships

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — An outbreak of gastrointestinal illness aboard a luxury Caribbean International cruise ship last week may signal the return of a seasonal virus that for the past several years has been confined to the cruise industry as well as other crowded places.

About 8.5 percent of the passengers and 1.7 percent of the crew aboard the Splendor of the Seas fell ill during the course of a 14-day cruise from Barcelona, Spain. The ship finished its cruise in Galveston, Texas, on Saturday.

The cause of the illness hasn't been determined yet. While bacteria in food and water supplies was once the chief source of gastrointestinal illness on ships, since 2002 viruses have become a more frequent cause. Of 16 ill outbreaks on cruise ships in 2005, 11 have been traced to noroviruses by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. These viruses are passed by person-to-person contact and lead to 48 to 72 hours of diarrhea and vomiting.

Regulators OK merger of newspaper chains

WASHINGTON — In a move uniting two major all-union newspaper chains, government antitrust regulators have cleared the pending merger of New Times Media with Village Voice Media Inc. The Federal Trade Commission posted a notice on its Web site that it had ended its investigation of the merger. New York-based Village Voice Media owns six weekly urban newspapers, while New Times Newspapers of Phoenix owns 11.

Justice Department officials also approved the deal. The companies now have the green light to form a merged company with papers boasting a national circulation of 1.8 million.

— compiled from wire reports

Experts: Sick workers should stay home

By Molly Selvin
Los Angeles Times

Employers have long worried about workers who call in sick so they can play or watch TV. Now some experts say companies should pay attention to the flip side of that problem: employees who show up feverish and sneezing.

They even have a word for this behavior, which can hurt productivity just as absenteeism does: "presenteeism."

While the worry isn't new, it has gained momentum with fears of a bird-flu pandemic. Should the disease mutate into a strain that passes from person to person, public health officials say it could thrive in offices.

"I wish employers would

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If you have five days of sick leave and on the sixth day, disciplinary action is taken, people don't want to take that chance.
”

— Tulay Turan, analyst

make it possible for sick employees to stay home," said Dr. Jonathan Fielding, public health director for Los Angeles County. "Certainly from a public health standpoint that makes sense."

Yeah, right, many workers say. In the real world, calling in

sick is often not an option.

"We're in an environment where they just need the bodies to keep things going," said Candace Greene, who oversees substitute teachers for the Los Angeles Unified School District. And if you do take a sick day, "you pay for it in attitude when

you come back the next day." Even highly paid employees may not get any slack, precisely because they are highly paid, said Dana Cephas, a Los Angeles labor and employment lawyer.

"A partner can't call a client and say, 'I can't get what you want today, because my key attorney is sick,'" he said. "Employees say, 'We're paying you \$100,000 or \$200,000 — you don't get sick.'"

Many workers cannot afford to call in sick. The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 42 percent of all workers in private industry are not entitled to sick time.

Even if they do have paid leave, low-wage workers may not want to take it. Cephas said

his father, a janitor, never took a sick day — because he was paid for his unused leave at the end of each year and "we needed the money."

Recent surveys suggest many employees feel the same. Ninety percent of workers polled last year by LifeCare, a Connecticut firm that provides counseling and information services to employees, said they had come to work sick.

Another recent survey found that employees are increasingly aware of the problem. CCH Inc.

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MARKDOWN SEASON



Clarisse Cristofomo rushes ahead of the crowd Friday morning at Puyallup, Washington's South Hill Wal-Mart to grab one of the 32 HP Laptop PCs that were on sale. Later she was standing in a vacant grocery aisle and trying to catch her breath. "I'm still shaking, I've never done this before," she said.

How much discounting will retailers resort to?

The Associated Press

Now that the Thanksgiving weekend is over, how much will shoppers see in the way of markdowns — and how soon?

Monday started the quiet time for the holiday season at the nation's traditional retailers, and it was also the official start to the holiday period for online merchants. With fewer shoppers in the stores, many nervous merchants will be tempted to start extreme discounts early, beyond the markdowns already planned for the season.

"My sense is that stores will take stock of how the weekend went and see how the first week progresses," said Ken Ivkovic, president of Retail Metrics LLC, a research firm in Swampscott, Mass. "If the traffic drops off a cliff, then stores will have to be more proactive. There were some clear lessons from last weekend. If you have bargains, then shoppers will flock to your store. If not, they will be more reluctant."

Amid an improving but still challenging economy, many retailers offered discounts over the weekend that were even more aggressive than at the start of last year's holiday season. But overall, the weekend's results were sluggish, according to ShopperTrak RCT Corp., which monitors sales at more than 45,000 retail outlets and reported that sales for Friday and Saturday combined fell 0.5 percent from the same period a year ago.

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— John Morris, retail analyst

The big winners were discounters including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and electronics chains, which attracted shoppers in the early morning hours Friday with discounted digital cameras and TVs. Mid-price stores like J.C. Penney Co. Inc. and Kohl's Corp., which also piled shoppers with early openings and big discounts on sweaters, pulled in the crowds as well. But plenty of other mall-based apparel stores were left behind, except for teen stores such as Abercrombie & Fitch Co., which has been able to attract a loyal following without having to resort to such measures.

Meanwhile, in cyberspace, free shipping and heavier price cutting that started early in November has helped lure shoppers, said Heather Dougherty, an analyst at Nielsen/NielsenRatings, an In-

ternet research firm. According to consumer research firm. According to Spent Networks Inc., consumers spent \$305 million online Friday, up 22 percent from \$250 million a year earlier. But Monday was seen as the real beginning of the online shopping season, and so retailers were offering even better deals. For example, Barnes.com, which allows users to earn cash back on purchases at more than 800 online stores, is offering double rebates on purchases at select sites.

The comes appeared to be working according to early reports, online sales were robust Monday. Amazon.com Inc. reported 1 million items ordered from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., compared with 600,000 items during the same time Sunday.

At traditional stores, consumers probably shouldn't expect any big deals on consumer electronics within the next week or two because that merchandise category did well during the weekend, said John Morris, an analyst at Harris Nesbitt. But he believes mall-based apparel stores, which have been struggling, will discount clothing beyond what was already planned.

Analysts consider Gap Inc., Limited Brands Inc. and Ann Taylor Stores Corp. likely candidates for big markdowns. Shoppers could see prices on jeans and cashmere sweaters, which have been languishing, reduced anywhere

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Home sales dip, but prices still on the rise

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of previously owned homes fell by 2.7 percent in October as the housing market continues to signal that the boom of the past five years is ringing more hollow these days.

The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of existing homes and condominiums declined by 2.7 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.09 million units. The decline would have been an even larger 3.2 percent without a spurt in sales in areas where people displaced by the Gulf Coast hurricanes have moved.

The decline in sales pushed the number of unsold homes to 2.87 million, the highest level in more than 19 years. It would take 4.9 months to deplete that inventory level at the current sales pace.

Even with the decline in sales, the median price of an existing home sold last month rose by 16.6 percent to \$218,000 compared to the median — or midpoint — price in October 2004.

"This signals that the housing sector has likely passed its peak. The boom is winding down and awaiting an expansion," said David Lereah, chief economist for the Realtors.

The weakness in existing home sales followed an earlier report that construction of new homes and apartments fell by 5.6 percent in October, the biggest setback in seven months. Applications for new building permits, a good sign of future activity, fell by 6.7 percent, the biggest decline in six years.

The 2.7 percent drop in sales of existing homes would have been a larger 3.2 percent decline without a boost in sales from people relocating after hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast. The boost in sales outside of the hurricane areas offset declines in cities hardest hit by the storms.

Sales surged by 83 percent in Baton Rouge, La.; 32 percent in Mobile, Ala.; and 14 percent in Houston, by contrast, sales were down 42 percent in New Orleans and 44 percent in Beaumont, Texas.

Lereah predicted that housing activity would cool further in coming months if, as expected, the Federal Reserve keeps pushing interest rates higher to combat rising inflation pressures that have been triggered by a surge in energy prices.

Impact of stiff competition from low-fare competitors.

If the court approves Delta's proposed cuts, they would be on top of \$1 billion in annual concessions 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.

Delta, which filed for Chapter 11 on Sept. 14, has recorded losses of more than \$11 billion since January 2001 and over that period has announced it would cut up to 33,000 jobs.

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WORLD'S LARGEST WINE COMPANY

World's largest wine company makes 'final offer' in takeover. ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Constellation Brands Inc., the world's biggest wine company, said Monday it was making its final hostile takeover bid for Canadian winemaker Vinco International Inc. by more than 6 percent to \$1 billion but said the Vinco board had rejected an even higher offer.

While encouraged by Constellation's revised proposals, Vinco's management rejected them as inadequate. Constellation called its latest bid of \$2.19 a share, or 33 Canadian dollars, in cash as its "best and final offer." It is a 20 percent premium over Vinco's closing share price on the Toronto Stock Exchange on Sept. 8, the day before Constellation first proposed an acquisition.

SICK

Continued from B4. The Illinois-based human-resources information firm that conducted the poll said 48 percent of employers last summer said presentism is a problem in their companies — up from 39 percent in 2004. Employers face a dilemma: They fear some workers might slack off if it's too easy to stay home.

Don't want you to come to work when you're sick," said Carol Dyer, human resources director at West Los Angeles-based Public Communications Services, an 80-person company that provides maintenance services in prisons. "But, on the other hand, we expect you to come to work. If it's a mild cold — well, it's like, tough it out."

While such exact figures are unavailable, some human resources consultants say companies are reducing the number of sick days they provide, with five per year becoming more common. Moreover, a growing number of blocks employees from accumulating unused sick days from one year to the next.

This may explain rising presentism rates because a bad cold combined with a child's bout of bronchitis can quickly drain an employee's sick-leave account, said CCI analyst Tully Turan.

"You have five days of sick leave and on the sixth day, disciplinary action is taken, people are forced to call in sick," he said. "That's not fair."

UCLA Business school professor David Lewin said cutting presentism will depend on the example that employers themselves are setting when they are sick. "Eventually employees have to ask: Do I want people to be as sick?" he said. "If they are, then the answer is going to be more than yes."

SHOPPING

Continued from B4. From 40 percent to 50 percent at these stores in the next two weeks, Morris said. "They [department stores] will need to speak the language of the consumer," he said.

Perkins said that how deep the overall discounting will be this season will depend on the impact of Wal-Mart, which stumbled in the 2004 holiday season but did not cut prices over the weekend. The big retailer's recent upgrade of its fashion, home furnishings and electronic merchandise is forcing rivals to keep up.

"Wal-Mart is going to keep pressure on all the competitors to stay promotional," he said. That could hurt fourth-quarter earnings. Perkins estimates that retail sales growth for the 137 merchants he tracks is up 12.7 percent so far this year, compared to 8.6 percent a year ago. But after the holiday season, that rate could slip to 6 percent, if stores are forced to slash prices more than planned.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Group will rally

Sempra opposition

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls community group that opposes the proposed Sempra coal-fired plant will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the City Council chambers, Third Avenue East and Idaho Street East.

The agenda lists information about the effects of the proposed plant, particularly on the air and water, and on people, livestock, crops, fish and birds.

Legislation for an Idaho state shingle law, a joint powers agreement between the area counties and allowing the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to regulate Sempra-type power plants will be discussed.

For more information, call David Mead, media committee member, at 753-4678.

Jerome welcomes

soldiers home for good

JEROME — The city of Jerome and the Jerome Chapter of Commerce are inviting the community to come welcome home soldiers of the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team.

Soldiers are home for good following a tour of Iraq.

It's just an opportunity to shake hands with those who fought for our country and to say thanks for all they've done for us," said Elizabeth Thomas, executive director of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. "Anyone and everyone is welcome to come."

Friends, family seek

donations for plaque

JEROME — Friends and neighbors of Staff Sgt. Ivan Alarcón are raising money for a plaque dedicated to the soldier to place at Jerome High School.

Alarcón, with the Army's 47th Quartermaster Company, was killed Nov. 12 in Tikrit, Iraq, when the Humvee he was riding in rolled during combat operations. He was 23 years old.

Money left over after buying the plaque will be donated to the Alarcón family to help them with expenses, said Bev MacFae, a friend of the family. Donations can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank. For more information, call MacFae at 324-7198.

Event today aims

help veterans get jobs

TWIN FALLS — An open house to honor veterans will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Idaho Commerce & Labor office, 771 N. College Road.

The event will include during the day a Veteran Day include resume assistance, interviewing assistance, job search information, labor market information, veteran benefits, education training and starting a business in Idaho. Refreshments will be provided.

Pet lovers needed

TWIN FALLS — Are you a dog or cat lover? Do you want your pet at Christmas? Do you wrap their gifts and put them under the Christmas tree? Do you take your dog or cat to get his or her picture taken with Santa? If so, *The Times-News* wants to hear from you for a special holiday story. Please call reporter Sandy Miller at 735-3265 or e-mail her at smillers@magicvalley.com.

Snowpack

levels

Watershed	Nov. 28	Nov. 21
Salmon	112%	21%
Big Wood	105%	19%
Little Wood	84%	18%
Big Lost	97%	17%
Little Lost	87%	16%
Henry's Fork/OT	104%	20%
Upper Snake Basin	96%	20%
Colony	104%	18%
Salmon Falls	104%	17%

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

†A 30-year average of basins, while the above is for this basin.

Court upholds dairy's water rights

Opponent ponders jail time in protest

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — A Magic Valley environmentalist is threatening acts of civil disobedience following an Idaho Supreme Court decision to uphold a Gooding County dairy's water right transfer.

For six years, Bill Chisholm of Bull and Lee Halper of Jerome have fought dairyman Adrian Boer's attempts to transfer water rights for his K&W Dairy near the Snake River Canyon.

The long-standing dispute appeared to be over when the Idaho Supreme Court issued its opinion on Friday agreeing with the rulings of both a lower court and the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the

agency that first granted the transfer in 2003.

Yet, Chisholm isn't letting go of the case that easily.

Instead, he's fighting the court's order to pay the costs involved in the case — even if it means being held in contempt, Chisholm and Halper are not being asked to pay attorney's fees, only miscellaneous filing and copying fees.

"Give me justice or give me jail," Chisholm wrote in a response to the court's decision.

In his response, Chisholm says he finds not only the court but also Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the "big dogs and lackeys" of the state Legislature "in contempt" for failing to protect the rights of residents.

Halper and Chisholm opposed Boer's transfer, citing the local public interest provision in Idaho water law. Water Resources initially sided with the two. In 2003, the case eventually led to the Idaho Legislature striking the public interest standard, although Boer still found his request subject to that provision.

"From the outset, the Boer family has been committed to building the finest dairy possible, and to being a good neighbor," said Chris Meyer, the dairyman's attorney.

In writing of the court's unanimous decision, Justice Roger Burdick said Halper and Chisholm tried to make the dairy's odor the only issue of local public interest. The Water Resources hearing officer, however, assessed the odor issue in

conjunction with a variety of other factors including "the effect of the dairy on the economy of the area, the effect on recreation, fish and wildlife resources" as well as air, water and waste standards, Burdick wrote.

During the six-year process, Boer agreed to make changes in his waste management program to reduce odors. Because Boer has operated dairies in the region for over 20 years without complaints, Meyer found Halper and Chisholm's protests "incredible."

"I only hope that in the future, those who want to attack the dairy industry train their sights on the problems that need to be solved, not on good people like the Boers who are working so hard to solve them," Meyer said.

What's Tracker

■ **Last we know:** A district court judge affirmed a water right transfer granted by the state to Adrian Boer for his 6,600 annual unit dairy in Gooding County near the Snake River Canyon. The Idaho Supreme Court heard the case on appeal.

■ **The latest:** Boer's water transfer stands following the Idaho Supreme Court's recent ruling.

■ **What's next:** One of the residents involved in the appeal says he will not pay for costs in the case and challenged the court to hold him in contempt.

SECRETS OF LONGEVITY



Bessie Bailey, 92, jokes with her friend Lyons 'Pete' Woody, 94, at the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center. The two have been good friends since meeting in 1956, and say the secret to living a long life is staying active.

Friends help each other stay youthful

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — She enjoys helping other people.

— He can point you to the best Magic Valley fishing spots.

If you're looking for the secret to a long, healthy life, you could flip through the pages of the latest copy of National Geographic and read the tales of 80-, 90- and 100-year-olds around the world.

Or, you could pay a visit to Bessie Bailey, 92, and Lyons "Pete" Woody, 94, in the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center.

The two met in Simerly's grocery store in 1956.

"That was a lucky day," Woody says. And there have been many lucky days since then. Bailey began taking care of Woody at his home in Hagerman in 2000. Over the past few months, separate incidents landed the two in different

rehabilitation centers.

"They moved me from Gooding so I can take care of her," Woody says.

Regardless of who is taking care of whom these days, the two seem to make the best of the situation. Sitting side by side after November morning, Woody and Bailey break into occasional song, trade jokes and laugh a lot.

But, when it comes to their recovery, there's not messing around.

Both are serious about getting better and getting out of the rehab center, says Tom McCom, their physical therapist.

From her spot next to Woody, Bailey offers a high kick as a demonstration of her physical capabilities.

Yet, for Bailey that's peanuts; just last year, she logged 1,000 miles on her stationary bicycle — a gift she received on her 90th birthday.

"I miss that bicycle," she says.

It's not surprising, then, to hear that Bailey told McCom recently that she feels like she's still in her 40s, not her 90s.

"It's been quite a life," she says. "I don't feel old. And, Pete don't feel old either."

Woody, who used to wade the young men his daughter brought home in high school, is also anxious to show his abilities, often offering to drop and do push-ups, McCom says.

And Woody doesn't shy away from telling one story of his athleticism: the 1941 Hagerman High School basketball team. Woody played left forward and his team "whooped everyone in the state of Idaho."

However, some questionable refereeing led to the team's loss in the championship game — a loss Woody continued to dispute more than 70 years later.

But, Woody still has his fishing to keep the retired farmer and former construction worker occupied.

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RUPERT — Law enforcement officers on both sides of the Snake River will soon be sporting new department patches on their uniforms.

The Rupert Police Department will debut its new patch on Dec. 31 at the city's centennial celebration countdown, Police Chief Randy White said.

White introduced the new patch last week, explaining that it was a city effort that included Mayor Audrey Neivehr, several police officers and other city employees.

The patch depicts the Rupert Square gazebo and 1906, when the city was founded.

In addition to the new patch, which will remain on uniforms after the centennial year ends, the police also will

also commemorate the year-long celebration planned in Rupert.

In Burley, the Cassia County Sheriff's Department also is taking on a new look with its uniform patches.

Undersheriff Gary Bristol designed the patch, using the county seal as a centerpiece.

The patch has a new shape and will be much more visible with the bright colors of the seal incorporated in the center.

Sheriff Jim Higness said the county plans to replace the patches over a period of time to save money.

"We'll change over to the new patch slowly, as officers require new uniforms shirts and jackets," Higness said.

"So both patches will be seen over the next several months."

Departments update shoulder patch designs

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

Wear a special centennial badge in 2006 to commemorate the city's centennial.

"The officers will place these badges on their uniforms at midnight Dec. 31 and will wear them until 2007," White said.

"At that time, we will go back to our regular badges and the officers will be allowed to keep the commemorative badge as a souvenir."

The special badge shows the Wilson Theater in the background behind the badge's star.

White said the new patch was designed because the old one has been used for a number of years and, with the centennial coming, he and other city administrators felt it was a good time to bring in something that would make the uniforms look sharper and

also commemorate the year-long celebration planned in Rupert.

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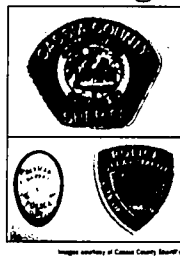
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Top, Cassia County will gradually phase in this new shoulder patch for the sheriff's department. The city of Rupert has adopted this shoulder patch for police officers.

Idaho will spend \$6M on voting machines

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho will spend a \$6 million federal allowance on new voting machines so more blind and disabled voters can cast their ballots independently, rather than having to rely on help from volunteers or family members.

Idaho is buying 932 touch-screen machines from Omaha, Neb.-based Election Systems and Software. There will be at least one for each of the state's 763 polling sites, plus backups placed in county courthouses for absentee balloting before election day.

With the machines impending arrival, county officials are expressing some concern over long-term storage and maintenance costs that so far haven't been funded by 2002's Help America Vote Act.

Prompted by the 2000 Election System's Florida making the disputed presidential race between George W. Bush and Al Gore, Congress passed the law to fund states with antiquated voting machines and rely on help from volunteers or family members.

The biggest advance? Not Jim Hirst, the deputy secretary of state, in an interview with The Associated Press. "For those with disabilities problems, instead of having to fill in an oval or punch a card, they can just tap the screen."

Touching machines include a heartbeat that "pull and grip" attachment that would allow voters who cannot use their hands to make choices by themselves. Each machine will produce a paper ballot ready to be posted by voters in a ballot can.

The state's \$6 million contract with Election Systems and Software covers three years of maintenance and software costs for each machine.

Starting in 2009, however, Idaho's 44 counties must cover the costs themselves, Hirst said.

According to figures provided to the secretary of state by the company, it would cost \$90 per machine in maintenance every year, as well as a \$500 annual software licensing fee for each county and \$25,000 yearly software costs for each machine.

Altogether, Idaho counties would face new costs totaling \$334,000, or about 17 percent of the \$2 million price tag of the primary and general elections in 2004.

For Ada County, the state's most populous, its placement of 115 machines could result in annual costs as high as \$4,000 — not including storage.

County Clerk Dave Navarro, teaching by telephone in Boise, said he'd pay \$10,000 next year to a private company to store the machines in a temperature-controlled environment, with the rate rising to \$32,000 the following year.

"That's what I'm most concerned about right now," Navarro said. "You can't just put these machines in a closet."

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OBITUARIES

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Barbara R. Irwin



TWIN FALLS — Barbara R. Irwin, age 90, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005, at Bridgeview Care Center.

She was born in Italy, Idaho, on June 6, 1915, to Robert and Lena Horne. On Dec. 8, 1938, Barbara married Larry Irwin in Halsey, Idaho, where they started their lives together. They moved to northern California for a short time, before moving back to the farm in Kimberly, Idaho, where they would make their home until Larry's death in 1975. Barbara continued to live on the farm until just two years ago when she moved to Bridgeview Care Center. Her life was full with caring for her family and many others who needed her help over the years, whether it was a ride to church, baking cookies for a church function, or paying regular visits to the nursing home. Barbara was always willing to give a helping hand.

Barbara was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, her church Group 5 and was a regular volunteer at the church thrift store. She also received the Honorary Life

Membership of Presbyterian Women for her service to the church and the community. She was a 50-year member of Chapter D, PEO, the Amigos Club, Music Club and the Jerome Women's Golf Association. She enjoyed golfing and lunching with her many special friends.

Barbara's daughters were her pride and joy and she loved their regular "girls" trips and family gatherings, which would include the sons-in-law and her grandchildren.

She is survived by her

daughters and sons-in-law Alan (Jerry) Shively of Idaho Falls, Carol (Garry) Standley of Redmond, Ore., Susan Lackey (Randy Reed) of San Jose, Calif., and Sharon (Richard) Allen of Pasadena, Calif.; grandchildren Lori, Greg, Scott, Todd and Justin; and great-grandchildren, Katie, Lindsey, Ryan, Connor and Ruby Ann. She is also survived by her sister, Wilma Bulter, Huley, Idaho, and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Jo Ann Irwin of Kimberly, Idaho, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at the Twin Fall Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Al Fry officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or The Bridgeview Bus Fund Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Ramona Lois Henderson Davidson



TWIN FALLS — Ramona Lois Henderson Davidson was born on June 10, 1923 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Lois Edith Slack Henderson and Edward Alexander Henderson. She was the eldest of four children. They lived in Hansen, Idaho, where her father farmed until about 1936 when they moved to Nyssa, Ore., to follow her father's dream of having a homestead. Ramona graduated from high school and went on to Eastern Oregon College, working and paying her own way. She went to Eugene, Ore., for the most of her education. She met Gerald Alden Davidson, whom she married in Nyssa, Ore., on Oct. 16, 1945. Eventually, she graduated with a teaching degree from Eastern Oregon College.

Ramona and Jerry had three children, Rebecca, James and Larry. Ramona taught grade school in Toledo, Ore., when the children were very small. About 1952, they moved briefly to the Los Angeles area where Jerry taught high school and then to San Diego County where Ramona was a great stay-at-home mom. Jerry taught high school math. In the late 1960s Ramona returned to San Diego State College where she got a master's degree, specializing in special education in Twin Falls and then Buhl for about 17 years before retiring. During the summers, Ramona and Jerry would spend time in Oregon, where they worked for the Forest Service to supplement Jerry's teaching salary during the school year. In the remote mountains of Oregon, they had no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing. What a special treat it was for Ramona when the

Forest Ranger brought a gas-powered washing machine so she would not have to wash clothes on a wash board. As Labor Day approached, back they would go to San Diego with paved roads, lots of traffic and lights that turned on with a light switch. At every opportunity, they took the children camping to museums, to an observatory, to tour Navy battleships and submarines.

Ramona never hesitated to wake the family at 5 a.m. to hear about events like the launch of Sputnik. In 1972, Jerry and Ramona moved permanently to Idaho.

When I think of Ramona, I think of her pioneer spirit, never afraid to do that which was difficult. Upon coming home from college one summer, the lumber purchased for herself was stolen one night so she built it out of an old chicken coop. She was fiercely independent. She loved to cook and was a master bread maker. When she raised chickens, they were the size of small turkeys. She was an excellent gardener. She had her own wood shop and was known for her picture frames and her counted cross stitch she filled

them with. She loved history and was a voracious reader. She loved animals from the baby lambs she had as a child to the cat and dog she had in her later years.

Ramona served her community as a member of Kivans and was honored to be awarded Kivanian of the Year. She loved to serve her family, especially around holidays with beautiful banquets. She took special pride that her children succeeded personally and vocationally, cheered their education on, and bragged far more that she should have.

Ramona passed away 26 Nov. 2005 in Buhl, Idaho, at the age of 82 after a seizure-related accident.

Ramona is predeceased in death by her parents; her husband, Gerald Davidson; two sisters, Corinne Henderson and Darlene Henderson Ford; and her brother, Glen Henderson.

She is survived by her three children, Rebecca Egbert (Kendall), James Davidson (Wade) and Larry Davidson (Mickey); two sisters, Winona Robbins (Meridian) and Barbara Holloway (Robert); a brother-in-law, Walter Ford; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Wood Henderson; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Ramona was a wonderful Mom, Grandma, sister and aunt. We miss her very much.

Very special thanks to Larry and Rebecca Davidson and Barbara Holloway for the many love-filled hours spent helping fill Ramona's needs and keeping her independent.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2005, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl. No public viewing will be held.

Barbara Ellen Treat Powell Houk



BOISE — Enriched by the love of family, Barbara Houk, 72, of Boise, passed away peacefully at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005.

Friends may call to visit with the family from 5 until 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, at Bellevue Funeral Chapel. A funeral will take place immediately after the viewing at 6 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Barbara was born to Bernice Mac Treat and Joseph Hubbard Treat in Longmont, Colo., on June 30, 1933, and was raised in the Magic Valley. She married Richard (Dick) Powell in 1951 and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1952. Richard and Barbara later moved to Ontario, Ore., where the family operated the Ontario Meat Co. for many years. They divorced in 1974.

After moving to Boise in 1981, Barbara began her career with Preco Inc. She held her job and for 23 years was a dedicated employee. She just didn't understand why everyone wasn't excited to start their day at 4 a.m.! Her enjoyment

at work also came from the many friends she made at Preco. After retiring in 2003, Barbara just recently returned to her "family" for some part-time fun.

Barbara loved country western music, dancing, bowling, bingo and occasional trips to Jackpot with family and friends, but truly the light of her life was her son, Richard and his family. Whether it was camping, fishing, boating, enjoying family backyard games, evening card games, or shopping with her granddaughters, time spent with her family was the highlight of any day.

Her granddaughters, Andrea and Georgia, were an immeasurable source of joy and pride and were cheered on by their grandma at every sporting event, school program and church choir concert. The girls were blessed to be able to enjoy special "grandma time" and the family will treasure years of wonderful memories.

Barbara is survived by her son, Richard Jr. and his wife, Diane; granddaughters, Andrea and Georgia of Boise; grandsons, Brent of Boise; and sisters, Beverly Lash of Kuna and Charlotte Ash of Filer. Her loving family also includes more than 30 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Darlene Anderson, and Della Boura.

The family would like to thank the nursing care and staff at St. Alphonsus for their care and compassion; in particular, Bobbie in ICU, and Christy, Mike and Troy in CCU who helped the family during this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society.

OBITUARIES

Michael 'Mike' Haven Fustos



TWIN FALLS — Michael "Mike" Haven Fustos, 30, of Twin Falls and former Port Orchard, Wash., resident, passed away suddenly Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at his home.

He was born Dec. 29, 1974, in Bremerton, Wash., the son of Mary Erickson and Roger Fustos. He was the youngest of four children.

He graduated from South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, Wash., in 1993. He entered the U.S. Army in 1994 serving in Germany. He was honorably discharged, on Jan. 24, 2003. He married Julia Jaegerman of Port Orchard, Wash., in Twin Falls.

They have a daughter, Alexis Michelle born in Bremerton, Wash., in 1998. Julia and Michael were together for 11 months.

They moved to Twin Falls in 2000. Mike worked for Southern Idaho Firefighter Trucking in

Jerome and Twin Falls. Mike had a favorite cousin whom he shared his life with, Heather Fahy of Gig Harbor, Wash.

He loved his chocolate lab "Jesse" and enjoyed duck hunting with his best friend Tim and "Jesse." He loved Adam Sandler movies and playing pranks and

spending time on his computer. Mike is survived by his wife, Julia; daughter, Alexis; his dad and stepmom, Roger and Vivian Fustos; his mother, Mary Erickson; one sister, Teresa Fite (Brian) Cunningham; one brother, Ron (Melissa) Fustos; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Verda; and his stepdad, George Erickson.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 824 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Donations for the family and services can be made to: Washington Mutual Bank, Benefvolent Account for Julia Fustos, Acct. #1960800613.

Marjorie Alice Perkins



HEROME — Marjorie Alice Perkins, 82, of Jerome, passed away Nov. 26, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

She was born Oct. 27, 1923, in Beatrice, Neb., the daughter of William and Myrtle Cook.

Caring for others was a high point in her life. She proved that by becoming a nurse and working in the nursing industry. Marjorie enjoyed sewing, gardening and caring for her plants.

She was an avid collector and also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always had a brilliant smile when around her grandchildren.

Surviving are her children, Roger (Judy) Satterlee of

Downey, Calif.; Ronald Satterlee of McClung, Mo.; Richard Satterlee of Anchorage, Alaska; Robert Satterlee of San Diego, Calif.; and Eleanor (James) Cobble of Jerome, Idaho; sister, Mrs. Eleanor Lumetta of Buena Vista, Colo.; along with 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her brothers, Bernard, Clod, Hamon, Vernon and Harold and a sister, Eileen.

A memorial service for Marjorie will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at the Landmark Baptist Church, 100 E. D St. in Jerome. Cremation was under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Tymarie Faith Smith

CHUBBUCK — Tymarie Faith Smith, our little newborn angel, returned to the loving arms of her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, 2005.

Tymarie is survived by her parents, Jeff and Melanie Smith; three brothers, Brandon, Justin and Tanner; and one sister, Alyssa, all of Chubbuck, Idaho; her maternal grandparents, Beth and Steven Fickelhorn, Twin Falls, Idaho; paternal grandparents, Alan and Peggy Smith, Winchester, Idaho; great-grandparents, Buford and Ellen Smith Pyette, Idaho; and Robert Zoller, Clarkson, Wash.

Tymarie is also survived by several cousins, aunts and uncles.

A graveside service and interment will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Idaho Falls, Idaho, under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

The family would especially like to thank Dr. Martin Ludwig for his compassionate care and support, as well as Judy and Allyson from Partmed Medical Center Labor and Delivery Department.

While only with us for a short time, Tymarie will be greatly missed and we love her very much.

DEATH NOTICES

Vernon George Weaver Jr.
BUHL — Vernon George Weaver Jr., 55, of Buhl, died Nov. 26, 2005, in Buhl. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Joseph Thomas Malina
TWIN FALLS — Joseph Thomas Malina, 65, of Twin Falls, died Nov. 28, 2005, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Ramon George Steele
HAGERMAN — Ramon George Steele, 66, a resident of Hagerman, Idaho, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, at Memorial County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be made by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

John R. Nuckols
HANSEN — John R. Nuckols, 52, of Hansen, Idaho, died Nov. 26, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Lawmakers consider tougher mine rules

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's Board of Land Commissioners and Environmental Quality Board have approved new rules that would help protect Idaho taxpayers from having to pay cleanup costs if a mining company goes bankrupt.

The rules were prompted by a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies to build two open pits about 70 miles northeast of Boise near the historic town of Atlanta, where it says it can mine more than 500,000 ounces of gold.

The company would use a cyanide leaching process involving arsenic to recover the gold.

Low levels of arsenic in water can cause cancer, skin problems, blood diseases and other ailments, according to the World Health Organization.

The area where the mine is planned eventually drains into the Boise River, which serves a

population of 500,000 who depend on the river for part of their water supply, recreation and irrigation of crops.

The new rules now go to the Idaho Legislature, which convenes in January for final approval. The rules apply to mines that use cyanide to leach gold out of ore, increasing the bond from \$100,000 to the actual estimated cost to close the mine. The rules were put together by representatives of the mining industry, environmentalists and state regulators.

"It's tough but we're not complaining," Jack Lyman, the lobbyist for the Idaho Mining Association, told The Idaho Statesman. "I've always argued that, 'Tell me what the rules are and we'll meet them.' What we don't want to do is to encourage a company to come to Idaho and invest, then change the rules."

The new rules shift the re-

sponsibility for cyanide mine bonding from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Idaho Department of Lands, which already handles reclamation bonding.

"This is not the wholesale reform we thought was needed, but it's a step in the right direction," said Justin Hayes, Idaho Conservation League program director, who helped write the legislation and the rules.

The rules are stricter than the mining industry expected, but will likely reduce political pressure for a ban on mines using the cyanide leaching process. Similar bans were twice approved by Montana voters.

Denise Mills, deputy director of the Idaho Department of Lands, came to Idaho from Montana, where mining company bankruptcies forced Montana taxpayers to pay millions of dollars to clean up and close gold mines that used cyanide.

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"I'm a pretty good fisherman," he said.

The Hagerman area where Woody grew up and lived his entire life used to be the greatest place in the world to fish, he says. Today, Magic Reservoir is a dead lake and there's plenty of big bass for the catching in Anderson.

"Makes my mouth water" — Bailey says. "You're water," he says.

Woody and Bailey used to take his dog, Tiger, with them on fishing trips. Bailey gets so

ticked thinking about the way the dog used to climb trees that she has to stop talking.

"I called him Tiger because he used to jump on me," she says. "I didn't have him very well trained, did I?" Woody says to Bailey.

The two are making plans to go on fishing trips together next summer — just as they have done every summer since they met.

Planning for the future, being engaged in the present and staying positive all seem to play a part in Bailey and Woody's

longevity, McCain says. "They both have this zest for life," he says.

Bailey, on the other hand, offers her own secrets to long life: get plenty of rest; eat good, healthy food; and exercise regularly.

And, Bailey says, shaking her shoulders as if she were doing a little jig on the dance floor, "I just keep going!"

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Voting

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them in a basement. You can't just put them in the corner of the courthouse."

Across America, some counties are arguing that Congress has passed a law without taking long-term expenses into account.

The National Association of Counties said it's now collecting data about costs that exceed the federal government's contribution in hopes of eventually securing more money for local governments.

"The long-term costs were undervalued at the time," said Alyson McLaughlin, a lobbyist for the county organization in Washington, D.C. "We're attempting to tally the actual costs and go back to them after the fact, to show them this is an enormous unfunded mandate on state and local governments."

Meanwhile, advocates for Idaho's disabled community say the new machines will help thousands of state residents exercise their constitutional right to a secret ballot. In 2003, more than 3 percent of the state population, or 44,230 residents, received benefits from the Social Security Administration because of disabilities or blindness.

In a 2005 survey of 500 disabled Idaho residents conducted by Boise State University, the Idaho State Independent Living Council, a group that promotes disability rights, more than 70 percent said they voted in the last election.

Nearly 10 percent of them said the existing voting system — without the electronic voting machines — didn't accommodate their needs.

The new machines make voting a lot more accessible, said Kelly Buckland, the State Independent Living Council's executive director. "They'll help people with mobility problems vote as well. They're just easier to use than those punch card machines."

Even with the machines, volunteers will still be available to help those voters who want help. Secretary of State Ben

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Helping out history

Volunteers lend hand at museum

By Jami Whited
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Looking back at artifacts they used and some they've held on to bring smiles to Twin Falls County Museum volunteers, as well as a sense of nostalgia to visitors.

"I love hearing the stories," said Darleen Porter, museum administrator. "I try to keep notes and share stories with everyone who comes in." Porter said she has about nine volunteers visit two working every shift, morning and afternoon. Two of her longtime volunteers, Alice Tracy and Elnora Jennings, work on Thursday morning and say they love history.

For Tracy, the work brings back beloved memories.

In 1949 and 1950, she lived near a railroad in Nevada and her small family didn't have plumbing and electricity. She remembered using washboards during the extremely cold winter and the passing trains were like lullabies to her young daughter.

In other buildings on the museum property are displays with



Twin Falls County Museum volunteers Alice Tracy, left, and Elnora Jennings research old newspapers at the museum.

equipment for a tack shed and carpenter and haberdashery. The volunteers set up displays, offer suggestions, take people on tours and work as a team.

"They really care about preserving the history of Twin," Porter said.

Preserving history is important to the volunteers, but, as Jennings put it, "I wanted to

wear out, not sit out sitting in a chair."

She volunteered at the senior center and visitor center before coming to the museum. She has kept washboards, butter chum-

bers, kerosene lamps and many more tools of yesteryear.

"I'm an antique and they are, too," she said.

And there are plenty of antiques at the museum.

Want to check out history?

The Twin Falls County Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, or by appointment. The museum is located 3 miles west of Twin Falls on Highway 30. There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted. To become a volunteer, call 735-4675 or visit the museum.

Cash registers, guns, photographs, wanted posters, clothing of all kinds and much, much more is on display at the building. In storage is a mail truck, wagons, steam engine and old gas pumps. There is even a coffee maker that used to be in an old hotel, that was a hospital and is now a post office.

Even the sagebrush is old.

The oldest item is probably a 1940 fire engine truck.

Volunteers are needed to help clean and display the items. Sometimes, Eagle Scouts and people from the work release detention center help out, too.

"We don't have a lot of customers," Jennings said. "A lot of people were born and raised here and never stopped in."

"I wish more people would get interested," Tracy added. "I'd like help our kids in the future."

Club recognizes young people

JEROME — The Jerome Optimist Club and Jerome Rotary Club recognized young people with the 2005 Youth Appreciation awards.

One-hundred and seven children were honored at a ceremony held Nov. 16 at Central Elementary School.

Co-chairmen of the project were Sheri Mitchell and Angie Brude.

Optimist President Wayne Bohm and Rotary President John Lothspiech attended the event. Judge Thomas H. Borresen presented each child with a Certificate of Achievement and a \$10 gift card from Wal-Mart.

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HOLIDAY CRAFTS



The women of Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, will hold their annual bazaar from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, from left, Judy Cutler, Linda Cuff, Clara Lutz and Dolly Draw show some raffle items. There will also be booths for crafts, homemade candy, baked goods and white elephant Christmas items. Chill, cinnamon rolls, baked potato, tea, nachos, assorted pies and coffee, tea and punch will be served. Raffle tickets are available at the bazaar and from church members for \$1 per ticket or six for \$5.

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SERVICE NEWS

Local man's son deployed to GTO

Navy Seaman Jarrod C. Miller has been deployed to the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to serve as a member of Joint Task Force-GTMO, a joint military operation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Miller has served in the military for two years. He is the son

of Marti Eichman of Fresno, Calif., and Chuck G. Miller of Twin Falls.

Twin Falls Marine completes basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Jonathan Cull, son of Bruce L. and Duane E. Platt of Twin Falls, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.,

designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Shoshone man completes Navy training

Navy Seaman Recruit Ryan J. Tippett, son of Virginia S. and Craig S. Tippett of Shoshone, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gooding homes on display for Xmas tour

GOODING — The third annual Christmas Home Tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 for ages 10 and older.

Local homes decorated for the holidays will be toured. Tickets, which are \$5, come with maps, and people can start at any home they choose. Refreshments and door prizes will be available.

Tickets can be purchased at Phil's Flowers, Coyote Joe's, Wilson Bates or the College of Southern Idaho Northside Center in Gooding. Proceeds will benefit the Gooding County Historical Society.

Marine Legion holds craft show in December

HAGERMAN — The American Legion Auxiliary craft show will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Legion Hall, 281 N. State St.

There is no admission fee. Handmade Christmas decorations, ornaments, stocking stuffers and gifts will be available. There will be a raffle with prizes from the vendors and auxiliary members. Food and drinks will be sold.

Woodworking show, auction takes place

TWIN FALLS — The Christmas making/woodworking show and auction will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10 for viewing

Washington Street

Proceeds will benefit the Christmas for Kids program. Turkeys, hams and gift certificates will be awarded. Shoot cards and guarantee cards will be available. The event is designed for all age groups and abilities.

For more information, call the gun club at 734-0639.

and bidding in the Tuck Allen room at the Herrert Center at 315 Falls Ave.

Table service will be furnished and drawings for secret pals for 2006 will be held. Roll call will be "What is your favorite pet and why?"

At the Nov. 1 meeting, 12 members were present and thanked secret pals for cards. Roll call was household hint and the group elected new officers. They are: President, Connie Smith; vice president, Betty Sifer; secretary/treasurer, Marie Webb; and reporter, Rose Marie Crawford. The white elephant was won by Crawford.

Newspaper writes about first holidays in America

TWIN FALLS — Times-News writer Karna Fitzgerald is working on a story about people spending their first holiday in the United States and about the joys and hardships of being away from their homeland during the Christmas season.

Call Fitzgerald at 735-3238 or send an e-mail to kfitzgerald@magvalley.com.

Mary Time Club meets for potluck on Dec. 6

TWIN FALLS — The Mary Time Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 6 for a potluck at Connie Smith's home with hostess Dorothy Stroud.

Each member should bring a covered dish, three and one-half dozen cookies for an exchange and a gift for their secret pal. Canned food will be collected to give to the needy.



The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will hold the "Skate, Shirts and Trucker Hats" activity for teens.

Center invites teens to skate, hats, shirts event

KEITHUM — Partnering with Youth Adult Connections, the Sun Valley Center for the Arts is continuing its series of "teen nights for Blaine County Teenagers. Shirts and Trucker Hats" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the HOB, Community Campus in Hager-

man. The cost is \$8, plus \$7.50 for food. Chef Kirk Martin, author of "Cooking on the Wild Side" and owner of the Snake River Grill, will share big game recipes.

"Gingerbread Cookies" will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Bull Middle School, Room 109, 217 Seventh N. Cookies will be cut out and dressed up.

"Cookie Exchange" will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Bull High School Home Ec Room, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$4 and two dozen cookies. Participants should bring their recipe and two dozen of one kind of cookie and they will go home with a variety of cookies.

in popularity. Participants can watch Tony Hawk's "Secret Skate Park Tour" which features the Hailey Skate Park, while creating their own skate gear.

Teens can design their own work or use the available templates to create printed t-shirts and trucker hats. All supplies are provided.

For more information on this program or upcoming programs, call the Sun Valley Center for the Arts at 208-726-9491 or visit the Web site, www.sunvalleycenter.org.

Buhl Community Ed offers variety of classes

BUHL — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association is offering several courses in December.

"Makeup for all Occasions" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Bull High School Library, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$8. Participants will learn to highlight and shade facial features, how to apply daytime makeup and evening looks. Students must bring their makeup and a mirror.

"Cooking on the Wild Side" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Snake River Grill, 611 Frog's Landing in Hager-

man. The cost is \$8, plus \$7.50 for food. Chef Kirk Martin, author of "Cooking on the Wild Side" and owner of the Snake River Grill, will share big game recipes.

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Payments must be received before the start date of each class. Checks may be made to Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association and sent to the organization at Bull Middle School, Buhl, ID 83316.

Turkey Fun Shoot benefits holidays for kids

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Gun Club will host a Turkey Fun Shoot at 11 a.m. Saturday at the north end of

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OBITUARIES

CSM Donald D. Coté, U.S. Army (retired)

TWIN FALLS — Donald Duane Coté, 76, passed away peacefully Nov. 26, 2005, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born Dec. 30, 1928, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to parents Mabel Glans and Raymond Coté. When Don was very young, his parents divorced and Don lived in North Dakota with his mother and stepfather, Bill Steele. His father married Margaret, and lived in Long Beach, Calif. Don was raised in Toga, Ilay and Grenora, N.D., with his five stepbrothers and sisters. His family farmed and owned and operated the Brush Lake Resort on the Montana, North Dakota border. It was his work in his early years that taught him the value of hard work and the value of a dollar. Don graduated from high school in 1947 at the age of 17. He played basketball for the Grenora Gophers state championship team. After graduation, he spent the summer with his father in Alaska working on a floating cannery. He enlisted in the army and spent most of his active duty in Italy and then moved to Twin Falls in the winter of 1949. Don began working as a painting contractor for Stuart Brothers' painting in 1949 where he became a master of his trade, painting exclusively with 6-inch paint brushes. He became self-employed in 1967 as Don Painting. In 1977 he opened and operated Don Coté Professional Paint, selling that



business to Columbia Paint in 1984. He worked for Columbia for four months and then returned to a limited painting business for the next several years. Don's business success came from hard work, long hours and his eternally conservative nature. Don belonged to the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club for years. He was an expert marksman and earned many records that he held for years. His true passion in life came from his military service. He joined the army reserve and retired with 33 years of service and the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the first person in Idaho to achieve that rank. Don married the love of his life, Joyce Hurd on May 2, 1954. Together they formed a true partnership. They created a life and family together and both

took great effort to see that the other was happy and content. They owned and managed two 4-plexes for 20 years. Everything they did was to benefit each other and their family. Don and Joyce were always completely dedicated to each other for 52 years. Don is survived by his wife, Joyce; and his three daughters, Colene Terry Hansen of Portland, Ore., Donna Regua of Irwin Falls and Tonya (Sgt. Evan Wilkinson) of Mountain Home Air Force Base; his stepmother, Margaret Coté of Laguna Woods, Calif.; and two half sisters, Michelle Shoemaker of Arlington, Va., and Ranele Coté of Villa Park, Calif.; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Regardless of his title, daddy, grandpa or Uncle Don, if you came to see him you heard a good joke and a story or two and came away with a smile and a big bag of candy.

Don was preceded in death by his mother, stepfather and father, one stepbrother and four stepisters. A funeral will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Chapel and the family will be present to greet friends from 4 until 5 p.m.

Raymond A. Hahn

BUHL — Raymond A. Hahn, 71, passed away at the Los Alamos Medical Center in Los Alamos, N.M., on Nov. 26, 2005, of an aortic aneurysm.

Raymond was born Feb. 28, 1934, in Buhl, Idaho. He attended schools at Fairview, St. John's Lutheran School and graduated from Buhl High School.

He also attended the College of Southern Idaho. Ray farmed south of Buhl until his retirement in 1996.

As a member of the 116th Idaho National Guard, Ray attended training schools in Kentucky, Texas and Oklahoma and fulfilled a dream of flying

He flew F19s and helicopters while in the National Guard. He resigned as a captain after 11 years of service. Surviving Raymond is his wife of 71 years, Gwen; his daughters, Christine (Eric) Fern of Los Alamos, N.M., and Brenda (Robert) Caughey of Troutdale, Ore.; sons, Ron (Linda) Hahn of Buhl, Idaho, Carl Hahn of Troutdale, Ore., and Douglas (JoAnn) Hahn of Boise, Idaho. Raymond left seven grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

He also left his brothers, Arvid, Earl and Ugan and a sister, DeLoris Theatre, as well as

many nieces and nephews. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Olga Hahn and his granddaughter, Amanda Fern.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl, Idaho. Memorial gifts may be given to the American Heart Association or to a charity of your choice.

Raymond was blessed with a loving family and many caring friends.

We will miss your sparkling eyes and your ready smile. Fly high and soar with the wind.

Cleon W. Durfee



ALMO — Cleon Wilson Durfee, an 87-year-old third generation resident of Almo, peacefully passed away on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005, at Almidoka Memorial Hospital. Cleon was born April 28, 1918, in Almo, Idaho, the son of Lacy Eugene and Keturah Bronson Durfee. He received his education in Almo and married Opal Jones on Dec. 29, 1937, in Almo, where they spent their lifetime together. Cleon achieved many things in his life. He was a government trapper, worked for the WPA and worked on various ranches in the valley until he acquired his own ranch. He also spent several years as a government surveyor. After he sold his ranch, he was the Almo School bus driver for 23 years. Cleon worked for the Forest Service and spent nine years as the fire dispatcher at Mount Harrison Lookout. Cleon enjoyed his horses, dancing and practical jokes, but his greatest joy was his family. He is survived by five daughters, Barlene (Ole) Erickson of Albion, Jerry Hatfield of Rupert, Judy (Clair) Leifer of Elba, Joyce Wetenkamp of Carson City, Nev., and Helen (David) Knott of Declo; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren;

seven great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Neil Ricks Durfee of Almo; and one sister, Colleen Joyce Thomas of Meridian.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Opal; three daughters, Janice, Sharon Lee and Jill; two stillborn sons; a grandson, Corey Wetenkamp; and twin great-grandsons, Rusty and Ryan Hairston.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at the Almo Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Kent Durfee officiating. Burial will be in Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Bismussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

The family expresses their heartfelt appreciation to Minidoka Memorial Hospital and staff for their compassionate care shown to Cleon.

Enrollment drops in Boise schools

BOISE (AP) — Enrollment in the Boise School District dropped by 465 students this year, more than double what school officials had predicted.

The steep decline almost certainly means the district will cut teaching positions through attrition for the 2006-2007 school year, as it had to do for this year, said Stan Olson, district superintendent.

Some low-enrollment classes could also face scrutiny, as they did this year when the district combined sparsely enrolled Latin classes at four high schools into Latin classes at two schools.

Enrollment in Boise schools has steadily declined since the mid-1990s, when the student population peaked at 27,000. It is now at 25,267. Meridian, now the state's largest school district, has steadily grown to nearly 30,000.

State funding for schools, which helps pay for books, teacher salaries and other expenses, is based on enrollment. The declining enrollment and rising expenses in health insurance, special education and other areas have forced the Boise district to lower its budget by nearly \$1 million and 46 po-

sitions for this school year.

The district is working to stem enrollment declines by improving school offerings.

"It's addressing wants and needs," Olson said. "I think that what will kill us is standing still."

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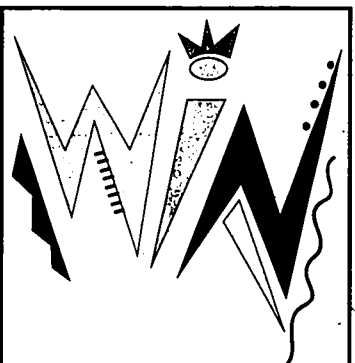
CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — Hikers who set out to cut a Christmas tree on Cedar Mountain found a decomposed body, and the Iron County sheriff's office is investigating the death as suspicious.

Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower said the body, which has not been identified, was found

on Saturday and appeared to have been there at least a year. He said a firearm was located near the body.

It is the second suspicious death investigation for local authorities in a week. On Nov. 21, the Cedar City Fire Department found the body of Daniel Lee Kelly, 28, in a burning car just south of town.

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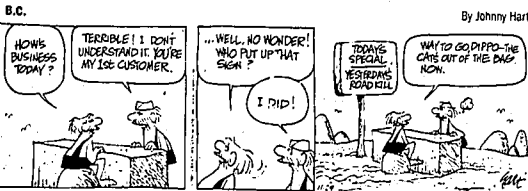
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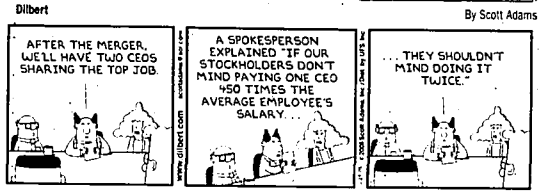
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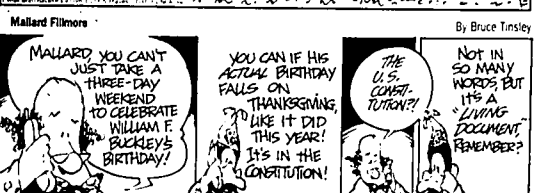
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Mind your own business, Aries

IF NOV. 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Expect the unexpected while revolutionary Uranus sends its cosmic rays towards your sector of the zodiac between now and mid-January. Your viewpoints may shift and what was important to you last year may be replaced by something excitingly different. In late January and in June it is crucial that you take care of obligations and toe the line with bosses or other authority figures. Don't take on credit card debt or overextend yourself in those months. In January and February you can take the high road or the low road, so leave selfish desires behind and do the right thing. Next August there's a chance for a blissfully romantic vacation with a mate or a fated meeting with a thrilling new love interest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Mind your own business. Spend time attending to your own finances and work rather than meddling in public affairs. Giving in to a temporary emotional downturn could tarnish your halo.

AURUS (April 20-May 20): Row, row, row your boat. The harder you pull, the sooner you will make your dreams come true. Someone close could give you a hand with the rudder while you fall through this day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Others might drive you in the right direction. Let someone else's enthusiasm push you into active participation — even if you usually prefer to sit on the sidelines or have doubts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't allow your own doubts. There is no reason to worry. Don't be suspicious of others or give in to irrational fears. Banish fleeting gloominess with some physical exercise and work hard to achieve important goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When the bell rings, charge for the door. A few hours of recess-enjoying fresh air and sunshine will do you a world of good. Other people may not have patience with a sedentary lifestyle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Dumb away inner cobwebs. Don't let a backwash of past feelings spoil your day. Actions always speak louder than words, so get out the exercise mat and lead both mind and body of kings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep a lid on hidden worries. It is only natural to be a bit doubtful and cautious, but fleeting obstacles will quickly disap-

pear. Some physical exercise will drive inner demons away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Past experiences don't necessarily need to be repeated. Spend a little extra to get good quality. Focus on impression in the future rather than dwelling over hunches and transgressions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take pride in what you do. You can be successful at anything that makes you happy, so stick to activities that bring a smile to your face. Don't let cash disappear through over-kill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be discouraged if you meet up with a few grumpy people on your travels today. Overcome apathy and recharge your batteries by engaging in sports or stretching your muscles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Misunderstandings are only a temporary distraction. You may give the wrong impression if you try to cover up something in public. The straightforward approach works the best.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): For a small part of the day, vague fears and uncertainties could put you in a funk. The best antidote for depressed spirits is exercise, so dig out a bicycle, lift some weights or scrub a floor.

Beetle Bailey



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Blonde



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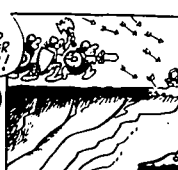
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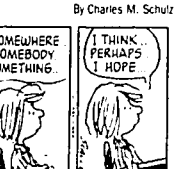
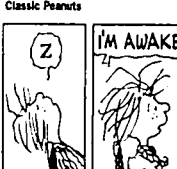
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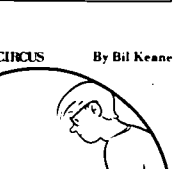
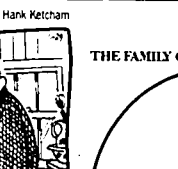
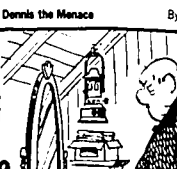
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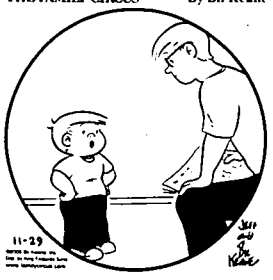
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"I'LL BET YOU USED TO FIT IN THIS MIRROR, HUH, MR. WILSON?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"After how many days can I renegotiate my allowance?"

Questioners are invited to call Abby instead of writing

DEAR READERS: I have happy news. You have been writing to me for years — now you will have a chance to actually talk to me in person! On Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard time — that's 10 a.m. Pacific Standard Time — I'm inviting you to pick up the phone: call me and ask your questions. The toll-free number is (800) 501-7080.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanna Phillips

You can listen to the program by logging on to DearAbbyPlus.com. So join me then, and we'll make it a holiday party to remember!

—Love, Abby

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Andy," and I are being married soon. From the first time that Andy met my friend "Doug," they did not get along.

I've invited you to pick up the phone: call me and ask your questions. The toll-free number is (800) 501-7080.

—Love, Abby

few years, including my parents, are convinced he's gay. As close as I am to him, I can't tell one way or the other. His mannerisms are effeminate, he doesn't involve himself with women, he loves to shop with me and his mother, his taste is exquisite — among other stereotypical "signs." But he has not come out. It's gay, the casual touching is a little odd. If he's straight, I don't want to lose his friendship.

I'm terrified of asking Doug if he's gay. He seems to take offense at the notion, and I don't want to embarrass either one of us. But I need a way to tell him to calm down, without making it seem as if I'm against him now that I'm being married. Can you help me?

—MS. CHAOTIC IN DALLAS
DEAR MS. CHAOTIC: Doug may be so deeply closeted that he isn't even out to himself, so don't ask him. Whether he's gay or straight is beside the point. His manners are terrible. Doug is showing hostility and disrespect to the man you are going to marry.

What you should say to him is that you had hoped you would

be friends for a lifetime, but it's not going to happen if he continues treating Andy this way. Inform him that he owes your fiancée a apology for it's the truth, and that you'd appreciate it if he backed off and kept his hands to himself, because frankly, it's making you uncomfortable. After that, it's his choice as to whether he wants to build bridges or put himself on the outs.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend beats me almost every day. I don't know what to do because he only does it when we're having sex. So far, he has given me a black eye and a bloody nose.

—CONFUSED IN CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND.

DEAR CONFUSED: I'll try. There are people who are unable to achieve sexual satisfaction unless they hurt their partners. These people are called sadists. There are also people who enjoy being punished in this way.

They are called masochists. Unless you are a masochist, and it does not appear that you are, this man is not for you. His behavior could escalate to the point that you could be seriously injured.

My advice is to end the relationship now. If you allow this pattern to continue, you'll need a plastic surgeon to repair the damage.

Expect lots of babies 40 weeks from now

Dark nights, holidays, parties and a spirit of giving — is it any wonder that the month with the highest number of conceptions is December?

This day in history: On Nov. 29, 1982, New York City declared and saw the first Italian opera presented in the United States: Gioacchino Rossini's "Barber of Seville."

Last year, there were 28,000 visits to the emergency room for cheerleading-related injuries.

In California, about 80 percent of new mothers breast-feed their newborns during the first six months of life, about 10 percent make it to the 12-month mark.

Here's one for the records: Famous pirate Sir Henry Morgan called him a pirate in his will because Morgan's will was endorsed by the governor, he said he was a "privateer," not a pirate.



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The jury agreed, awarding him 200 points for a delinquent character.

Some people like the left, some like the right, Jimmy Carter, while president, tried both. He came into the presidency with his hair parted on the right, but left office with his hair parted on the left.

A Wal-Mart spokesman recently admitted that 16 percent of the company's employees have children who are unsuited or on Medicaid.

The Hanna-Barbera animation folks at least had good taste.

If not creativity, they admitted like the four main characters of The Flintstones straight from Jackie Gleason's show, The Honeymooners.

Later, when threatened with lawsuits from Yogi Berra, Hanna-Barbera denied having Yogi Berra on the baseball that-ager but instead said they borrowed his voice and personality from The Honeymooners' Ed Norton character played by Art Carney.

Elfishbury studied the pop-up capacity of more than 2,000 toaster models before coming to the conclusion that the weight for a perfect toaster parts was somewhere close to 1.8 ounces.

The word "elder," as in the down, comes from an early German word meaning "shock."

Jim Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at fatmanager@msn.com

Window models draw mixed reviews

AUGUSTA, Maine — In this town, window shopping is attracting a lot more guys than usual.

A lingerie store called Spellbound is grabbing attention with live models in the windows. Some people have complained, but police say there is nothing illegal about the lingerie models.

"It's taming the whole-some businesses down here," said Carrie Housignot, co-owner of Video Game Exchange. "I think it's selfish, and I think it's morally reprehensible."

Another downtown merchant likes the idea, saying the models are attracting more potential customers to the area.

"It's like a New York thing, it's urban, it's edgy," said Stacy Gervais, owner of Macy's Lullaby Store and a founder of a downtown merchants group. "We need a shock — something that we do that attracts people and gets us remembered."

Spellbound owner Tera Stockford said she has had no trouble finding staffers. She said the young women enjoy strutting their stuff in the shop windows.

Couple wear camouflage outfits for wedding

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Courtney Reynolds always assumed she wouldn't have a traditional wedding.

But even she may have been a little surprised at how non-traditional her wedding turned out to be. Instead of white, she wore camouflage — as did the groom.

Not to mention her husband was 2,000 miles away when the couple said their vows.



Models Tara Mann, Jeff, Jessika Clark, center, and Amanda Richards wave at passersby on Friday from a shop window in downtown Augusta, Maine.

Odds & ends

Reynolds, who wore a white veil along with her uniform.

The couple tied the knot Friday via a teleconference link rather than wait for months. And when it came time to seal their nuptials with a kiss, they both puckered up to a video monitor.

It's all monkey business at monkey banquet

LOPBUR, Thailand — These were no party animals. Almost all the guests were too inebriated to make an appearance, and they ate and ran.

That didn't matter to the tourists who converged in Lopburi on Sunday to watch monkeys eat piles of fruits and vegetables during the 17th annual monkey banquet.

The long-tailed macaques are regarded as disciples of Chan Pho Phakara, a four-armed deity whose likeness is enshrined in the heart of town.

With such status, the monkeys are given free rein. They can be seen stopping peanut shells on street vendors, relieving themselves on curious onlookers and making merry on the electric wires they use as hotspots. A sign at a local park says, "Be aware of monkeys snatching your purse."

But Sunday's festival was a bust. The crowds and noise scared the monkeys off — except for one or two dozen brave ones who stuffed themselves, leaving a terrible mess behind.

—compiled from wire reports

The Times-News:
Your guide to life
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OBITUARIES

E. Duane Wagner and James Murata

DEGLIO — E. Duane Wagner, a 71-year-old Declo resident, passed away Nov. 25, 2005, at Cassia Medical Center.

E. Duane was born July 8, 1934, in Yakima, Wash., the son of Emil D. and John Wagner.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores Wagner of Declo; his daughter, Paige Wagner of Reno, Nev.; granddaughter, Brittany D. Wagner of Tonnipah, Nev.; sister, Joan (Chuck) Hedell of Reno, Nev.; numerous in-laws and his very good friends, Kirk George and Floyd West.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Lindsey Wagner.

James Murata, a 40-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Nov. 25, 2005, at Parked View Care after a long illness. He joined his stepfather, E. Duane Wagner.



James was born Aug. 4, 1957, in Las Vegas, Nev., the son of Dolores and Takashi Murata. He is survived by his mother, Dolores Wagner of Declo. James was preceded in death



by his father. Following E. Duane and James' wishes, there will be no services. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Carl J. Dalos

BUILT — Carl J. Dalos, 83, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, Sunday Nov. 27, 2005.

Carl was born at home, March 3, 1922, to Martin and Gina Dalos in Sheridan County, N.D. He was the sixth of seven children.

Carl was baptized in the Lutheran Church, May 7, 1922, in Butte, N.D.

He grew up on the family farm and went to school in McCloskey, N.D., until moving to Bulld, Idaho, in 1940 and graduating from Bulld High School in 1941.

He volunteered to the Army Air Corp, Oct. 15, 1942, hoping to become a pilot.

Learning that he had no depth perception, he opted to become a mechanic on the B-17 "Flying Fortress."

He earned an E.M. and A.M. rating. In fact, he was able to repair and maintain the crew B-17 airplane as well as the B-24.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army 8th Air Force on Dec. 25, 1945, the



best Christmas gift he ever received.

Carl returned to Bulld and worked for Chick and Amy Reed in the North View area. He met June Reed in 1946 and they were married in Bulld, Idaho, 1947. Carl and June remained married for 58 years. They have one son, John, who was born in August 1956.

In December of 1950, Carl and June purchased a farm in the North View Area where they

still live.

Carl farmed and milked Holstein cows for 25 years, he also worked at the Green Giant during harvest for 17 years. Carl continued to help his son on the farm and irrigated up through the 2005 season. Carl was a life long Lutheran and an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bulld.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, two sisters and a son, Bob Stroud.

He is survived by his wife, June, son, John (Sue) Dalos of Bulld, grandchildren, Cheba, Megan and Tucker; a sister, Grace (Joe) Baumgartner of Wendell; sister-in-law, Echo Dalos of Twin Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 12th and Poplar, Bulld.

A private interment will precede the funeral. A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Bulld.

Gregerson 'Gilbert' Hafen

GALDWELL — G. Gilbert Hafen passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2005, at his home in Caldwell, Idaho.

He was born Oct. 11, 1955, in St. George, Utah, to Gregerson Herbert Hafen and Patricia Ann Dallante Hafen.

Gilbert was raised primarily in the Hagerman valley and attended high school in Hagerman, graduating in 1973. Gilbert excelled academically and went on to study at Bricks College in Redding.

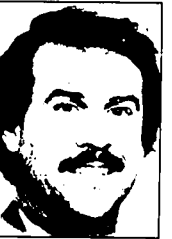
He served as a great mission for the LDS Church in Cadiz, and then resumed his education at the University of Idaho, where he received a bachelor's degree.

Gilbert was then accepted to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., where he earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in May of 1981. He worked in Fairview, Dent in Caldwell while he had practiced for nearly 20 years.

Gilbert married Teresa Rae Bell on June 8, 1980, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

They have four beautiful daughters, Ashley Rae, 11, Nicole Abela, 13, Kelly A. Ann, 10, and Rachelle Jane 8.

Gilbert had many talents and



led a fun loving life. He loved competition and enjoyed numerous sports including basketball, water and snow skiing, tennis and horseback riding.

He also had a great love for music on all levels, whether it was singing, playing the guitar, writing lyrics or dancing with his daughters.

Gilbert was greatly loved by his family and friends and will be fondly remembered for his caring, generous spirit, as well as his many jokes and nicknames.

He served his community as

a member of the Kivans, the ADA and as a member of the LDS Church.

Gilbert leaves behind his loving wife, Teresa; their daughters, Ashley, Nicole, Kelsey and Rachelle; his parents, Gregerson and Patricia Hafen; his sisters, Laurie (Ed) Byington, Juli (Stephen) Mead and Valera (Matt) Farnsworth; his brothers, Rustin (Bobbi) Hafen, John (Annette) Hafen, Hobart (Laverne) Hafen and Rockland (Bobbi) Hafen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Hafen.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 p.m. Tuesday evening at Baker Funeral Chapel, 501 S. Kimball Ave., in Caldwell, and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the service in the Rebel Society Room at the Stake Center.

Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Hagerman Cemetery.

SERVICES

Tred H. Jones of Ivan Falls, funeral at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 S. Main, Ave. W., Ivan Falls (White Mortuary).

Bud Brunson of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Mary Johann Anderson of Heburn, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Lloyd Harold Wiedenmann of Lewiston, Mont., funeral at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Vernon B. Herd of Ivan Falls, funeral at 4 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary, 146 Fourth Ave. E. Visitation one hour before the service at the chapel.

Billie Louise Strickland formerly of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., Gooding; viewing for family and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Norma H. Berke Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 401 S. Center Ave. Friends may call from 9 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at Rustinson Funeral Home, 1501 10th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Donald D. Cote of Ivan Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel. Family will greet friends from 4 until 5 p.m.

"Louise" Heath Engman of Ivan Falls and formerly of Shoshone, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rock Creek Community Church, viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary.

Stella "Sally" Rose Bosworth of Bulld, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Bulld; viewing one hour before the service at the church (Farmer

Funeral Chapel).

Gary Donald Otto of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rose Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Family will greet friends following the service.

Norma L. Voss of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Apostolic House of Prayer. Friends may call one hour before the service Wednesday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Eugene W. Sullivan of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Home and Washington Streets, Kimberly (White Mortuary).

Carol Gardner Judd of Sacramento, Calif., service at 10 a.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6925 Havenhurst Drive, Sacramento; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Harry A. Nauman Funeral Home, 1001 Treppert Blvd., Sacramento.

Boise lures seven officers, seeks more

BOISE (AP) — The Boise Police Department's experiment with a \$5,000 signing bonus has attracted seven experienced officers from other agencies in the state.

The signing bonus has ended, but Boise's department still wants to hire seven more officers to reach the 289 police jobs approved by the City Council.

Of the seven experienced officers just hired, four came from the Twin Falls Police Department, two from the Ada County Sheriff's office, and one from the Moscow Police Department.

Three of the Twin Falls officers reached an out-of-court settlement with their former employer last week.

After getting conditional job offers from Boise they started taking sick leave, for which they were demised because a Twin Falls police captain testified the force couldn't count on them to do their jobs.

Boise police offered the bonus to make the pay more competitive with other agencies.

New hires, including experienced officers, must start at the bottom of the wage scale in Boise. With the signing bonus, experienced officers get \$2,500 in their first month's paycheck and another \$2,500 after six months.

Starting pay for a Boise officer is \$35,286. Starting pay for an Ada County sheriff's deputy with previous experience is \$37,908. Sheriff Gary Haney told The Idaho Statesman.

The two county officers who took the city jobs "had personal reasons they wanted to switch

Immigration strategy draws mixed reviews

Canyon County commissioner says it's not enough

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE — President Bush's new comprehensive immigration plan doesn't do enough to stop Idaho from suffering the effects of illegal immigration, Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez said Monday.

But farmworker advocate Humberto Fuentes, the vice chairman of the national Farmworker Justice Fund, said Bush's guest worker program is what the nation needs to ensure economic success.

Bush's proposal, detailed Monday during a speech in Tucson, Ariz., combines his guest worker plan with increased border security enforcement, in an attempt to satisfy both business supporters and headline illegal immigration opponents.

Though the plan won support from Idaho lawmakers such as U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and Sheila Sorenson, who is running for the 1st District U.S. House seat, it was strongly criticized by Vasquez, one of Sorenson's opponents for the

"I stand with the president and his vision for immigration reform," Craig said in a statement.

"I have long compared immigration reform to a three-legged stool, with the legs being interior enforcement, border security and guest worker reform. The president highlighted the need for each of those today and delivered a message to Congress — we need to move forward comprehensively and not piecemeal this."

Vasquez, perhaps the state's most outspoken illegal immigration opponent, said the only proposal he wants to hear from Bush is one for scaling the border.

"It's an assembly program," Vasquez said of Bush's guest worker plan. "There can be no guest worker program of any kind of guest worker program. All that's going to do is increase the numbers coming across to get here in time for amnesty."

Sorenson, however, said she was glad the president's plan called for making it easier for employers to ensure they are hiring legal workers through a worker verification program in which businesses can verify the Social Security numbers of workers through the Department of Homeland Security.

"The president believes, as I do, that employers can and should be part of the solution," Sorenson said.

"Verification should be mandatory."

Idaho's Hispanic population has grown from nearly 53,000 residents in 1990 to nearly 124,000 in 2004 — making up nearly 9 percent of Idaho residents, according to U.S. Census data.

Nationally, estimated numbers of illegal immigrants range as high as 12 million.

"It's unrealistic to think that 8 or 10 million undocumented workers are just going to pick up and leave," Fuentes said.

"They made a living here, and have families and kids in school. So we need to look at a comprehensive approach, and provide a door — an opportunity to get their legal papers in order."

Vasquez overlooks the economic benefit that undocumented workers bring to the nation, Fuentes said.

"They're paying taxes and working. These workers are not only in the agricultural industry, but also in the construction industry, restaurants, hotel and entertainment," Fuentes said.

"They're people who are only here because they want to better their life. Isn't that the American dream?"

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 T.S. No 05-17302 Doc ID #000693169422005N Title Order No. 5610706 Parcel No. RPK02100A0002A. RPK02100A0003A.
 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, paying in full money of the United States. At the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 03/16/2006 at 10:00am, recognized local laws for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 02/28/2005 as Instrument Number 2005-004242, and executed by Keith L. Gunnell and Kristin C. Gunnell, husband and wife, all as co-mortgagors, to the power of attorney of "GERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following: 1) The following described property located in the County of Blaine, Idaho: All that certain lot 13, located in Block 4 of Carter mill subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book A of plats at page(s) 12, official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-1113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 316 Falmire Drive, Kimberly, ID 83341 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred to that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment of \$1,200.00 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.990% per annum, together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$105,328.29; plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized by the promissory notes secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 11/28/2005 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A., 177 Countryview Way, LAN2-88 Lancaster, CA 90028-1821 Phone: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee Darlene Reist, Assistant Secretary ASAP 734840

PUBLISH: November 29, December 6, 13 and 20, 2005

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 TS No. 05-17108 Doc ID # 00047193642005N Title Order No. 5610693 Parcel No. RPK1517E220750A
 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, paying in full money of the United States. At the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 03/16/2006 at 10:00am, recognized local laws for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 12/27/1999 as Instrument Number 1999-022613, and executed by John H. Woody and Judy J. Woody, as Grantors, in favor of ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following: 1) The following described real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho: The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-1113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 3065 East 3200 North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred to that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.000% per annum, together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$10,914.34, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized by the promissory notes secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 11/28/2005 ReconTrust Company, N.A., 177 Countryview Way, LAN2-88 Lancaster, CA 90028-1821 Phone: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee Darlene Reist, Assistant Secretary ASAP734421

PUBLISH: November 29, December 6, 13 and 20, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
 The Wendell Highway District will be holding a public Open House on November 30, 2005 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the American Legion Hall at 610 West Main Street, Wendell, Idaho. The purpose of the Open House is to present the route for the extension of State Highway 46 of Magic Valley Blvd. at 65 West Main Street, which is required before this highway may be accepted on to the state highway system. For more information, contact Aaron Wart, Project Manager at 206-733-2446

PUBLISH: November 24 and 29, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE
 The December 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. will be held at the Meridian office of Idaho Crop Improvement Association, 65 West Main Street, Suite 150, in Meridian, Idaho on December 8, 2005. The General Meeting will start at 8:00 AM on Dec. 8 and will include the 2005 election of Board Members from Districts 1, 3, 5 & 7. The Board of Directors Meeting will follow at the conclusion of the Membership Meeting and will convene until 5:00 PM.
 /s/ Gregory H. Lowry
 Executive Vice President

PUBLISH: November 25, 28 and 29, 2005

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME
 Case No. CV-2005-798
 ERIKA LYNN GARCIA, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 LIS MANUEL ZAMUDIO-RANGEL, Defendant.
NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may enter judgment against you without further notice unless you respond. Read the information below.
 If you want to defend this lawsuit, you must file a written response (Answer or appropriate Rule 12 I.R.C.P. Motion) to the Complaint at the Court Clerk's office for the above-listed District Court, within 20 days from the service of this Summons.
 If you do not file a written response the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice unless you file a written response.
 The written response must comply with Rule 10 of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and include: your name, mailing address and telephone number; or your attorney's name, mailing address and telephone number; and the file and number of this case.
 If your written response is an Answer, it must state the things you agree with and those you disagree with that are in the Complaint. You must also state any defenses you have.
 You must mail or deliver a copy of your response to the Plaintiff or Plaintiff's attorney and prove that you did.
 To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the District Court.
 If you are considering talking to an attorney, you should do so quickly to protect your legal rights.
 DATED this 11th day of July, 2005

PUBLISH: November 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who want further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.
IMPORTANT
 Please address all legal advertising to:
LEGAL ADVERTISING
 The Times-News
 PO Box 548
 Twin Falls, Idaho
 83303-0548
 e-mail: tvn@magicvalley.com
 Deadline for legal ads 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Tuesday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday, and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 206-735-3324.

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LOST and Found
FOUND (2) chocolate Lab puppies, (1) female, east of Wendell. Call 735-5333
FOUND CD case in West Falls. Call 735-2488 to identify.
FOUND dog, large cream colored, in the Burley. Abernethy's parking lot on 11/20. Call 206-878-6500
FOUND dog, large Apso-Cocker Spaniel mix, 429 E. Main, Burley. Call 206-736-7735
FOUND dog, black, large male in Jerome area. Needs new home but want to know where abouts. Reward. Call 206-733-3992

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LOST and Found
LOST puppy, corner of Heydon and Buchanan, 10 weeks old, brown with black of Wendell. Call 206-736-6757
LOST (1) Golden Retriever, (1) Yorkie on Friday near 3300 East, 3825 N. Genevieve. Reward \$300-9733
LOST cat, 11/19/05, light neutered, adult male, white with black markings. 206-736-6735
LOST dog, Alaskan Husky, light colored, neck markings. 55 lbs 11/12/05 in Jerome. Needs new home but want to know where abouts. Reward. Call 206-733-3992

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LOST and Found
LOST dog, white Poodle, in Buhl. Needs medication. Call 206-308-2712
LOST jeans, 6 mo old female Siamese, no collar and stripe down eye night in MV Ranch subdivision. Call 420-9926
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Lost and Found
LOST old friend at end of ski season, last year. Black North Face women's ski jacket, 13 years old but in good condition. Call 206-734-8349
LOST Siamese cat, dark brown/white, 3 broken little hearts. Reward offered. Microchipped. Call 273-2569 / 948-0025.
REWARD!!!! \$1,000 for the return of my ruby ring taken from residence in the Glensia Ferry. Mail responses to: Box 97498, Co The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

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Personals
ANYONE with information about my brother, Wilbur Gray, Please contact me by phone 406-494-3959 or write me at 2900 Richardson, Burie, MT 59701
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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 weekend hours. 15-30 hours/week. Good part-time job or second job. Close to CSI campus. For more information Call 206-738-2853 or 4014. Apply at: *********

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BOOKKEEPER
 Bookkeeper/HR Must be experienced in general & accrual accounting, financial statements, payroll, quarterly reporting, workers comp, sales tax, excise, and HR. Cougar Mtn software a plus. Wages DOE. Send resume to: **Marilyn Nurseries 2862 Addison Ave. Twin Falls, Idaho**

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 Budget Rent-A-Car. Must be 18 w/ valid driver's license. No phone calls please. Apply in person at Budget Rent-A-Car Twin Falls Airport. Twin Falls, ID. Drug Free Workplace.

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 Class A CDL Concrete Truck Drivers. Experience or willing to train. Excellent benefits. Health insurance and 401k. Apply at: **Keeper Inc. 751 Madrona St. S. Twin Falls, ID. 506 E. ELLIE in Paul. EOE**

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 High school District is taking applications for combined position of Superintendent/Elementary Principal. Applications may be obtained from: **Dr. Russell Jone, KIVA Pkwy, 2505 N. Black Bear Way, Meridian, ID 83642 or wjaghaman112@usd.edu** Deadline Jan. 6, 2006

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Hiring Journeyman with 1 year exp. in residential wiring. Call 731-0664

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Needed for construction company. Diesel engine & large equipment experience. Call 208-934-4510.

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Experienced Mechanic needed at our hay manufacturing facility in Eden. Must be highly knowledgeable in heavy equipment maintenance along with aptitude to work on all types of equipment. Fax resume to the address below. Attn: Teresa 825-9119 or by email resume to tgerard@standley.com

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Full-time Medical Receptionist needed for Bay Jerome Medical Center. Team player with exceptional customer service skills. Experience required. Bilingual a plus. Competitive wage and benefits. Please send resume to Box 92773 c/o The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301

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FINANCIAL

Please resubmit your resumes to hr@panhandlebank.com Local Community Bank is looking for an individual to work w/motivated and seasoned mortgage support staff as a Residential Mortgage Loan Officer. This position would be responsible for developing and maintaining a loan referral network within and outside the real estate industry. This is a great opportunity to work with a leader who wants to make a difference in our community by advancing home ownership and providing sound financial advice. Individuals must have proven of sales and making skills in a high pressure environment. 3 years of experience with various investor products and guidelines is required. If you would like to make a change and make a difference, please send your resume to rlbinsch@panhandlebank.com or call 208-668-1164.

DELIVERY

The Wood River Journal

The Wood River Journal is looking for a responsible Newspaper Carrier to work as an independent contractor delivering newspapers in Sun Valley each Wednesday morning from 8:30-6:30AM. Candidates must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, insurance and must be at least 18 years of age. Compensation is \$60/week. Interested candidates please contact Esther at 208-578-1807 (leave message), or Trey at the Journal office, 208-738-3444. Also, stop by the WRJ office to fill out an application.

PRODUCTION PACKAGING

The Times-News is accepting applications for 2 full-time positions in our Packaging/Production Dept. Mechanical aptitude is essential. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Work evenings and graveyard. Year-round work. Competitive pay.

We offer an excellent benefits package, which includes medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401 (k) retirement, employee stock purchase plan, paid holidays and vacation.

If interested, please fill out an application at the Times-News 132 Fairfield St. W. Attn: Dan Walock www.daniel.walock@lee.net

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MANAGEMENT

Circulation Customer Service Manager

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If interested, please fill out an application at The Times-News 132 Fairfield St W Attn: Trisha Mitchell trmitchell@magicvalley.com

200 Employment

MECHANIC
Basic for dairy. Large truck skills, wage DOE. Send resume to 304 S 230 W, Jerome ID 83338 or call 208-324-4362

NEWSPAPER
State Area Manager The Casper Star-Tribune is seeking a state area manager for the Office area. Successful candidate must reside in or be willing to relocate within this service area. This position supervises all business operations within the assigned area. Must recruit and provide orientation to independent contractor personnel in sales, advertising and circulation. Identify and develop single copy sales. Some overnight travel required. Company car provided and travel expenses are reimbursed. Salary and benefits package. Bonus opportunities available. EOE

To apply, send cover letter and resume by November 30, 2005 to HR@casperstar-tribune.com P.O. Box 82 Casper WY 82602

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Farms/Ranches/Dairies

MAGIC VALLEY EAST:
Dairy sites. Any size. Permits available with Dairy Plan. Hidden Valley Ranch 208-321-1135.

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001 Furnished Homes

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Classified Representatives are available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday
Call our office in Twin Falls
733-0931 ext. 2

002 Unfurnished Homes

BHUL 2 bdrm., 1 bath, full basement, detached garage. No smoking/pets, refs. req. \$475 + dep. Call 208-543-0233

BHUL 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 309 9th Ave. N. No pets. \$550 + deposit. Call 733-3650 or 731-2545

BHUL 3 bedroom, 2 bath, mobile home, no pets, long term, \$500 month + deposit. Call 208-543-8242

002 Unfurnished Homes

JEROME lg 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, house, lg front porch, fireplace, \$500 + 500 dep. Call 208-324-0164.

JEROME nice 3 bdrm, 1 bath, good neighborhood, no pets/ smoking, \$700 + dep. \$218-2788 or 260-0414

KIMBERLY clean & quiet, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, double wide garage, approx. \$465 month. No pets. refs 326-5887

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ACROSS
1 Light Amber
5 Writer touches
9 Smallest amount
14 Tolerate
15 PC symbol
16 Permate
17 Skeleton piece
18 Sicilian spouter
19 Brick ovens
20 Fitting
22 Pleasant quality
24 Graphite
26 Quarry removers
28 Kent's girlfriend
29 Rip van Winkle game
31 Tith amounts
35 Gear teeth
38 Dessert choice
39 Small porch
39 Had a meal
40 Pip-squeaks
42 Genetic material, briefly
43 Casaba or honeydew
45 Napoleon's 1814 address
46 Like the piper of Hamelin
47 Babbles
48 Attorneys' jargon
51 Shred
53 Meals
54 Provided
58 Wager
59 Burn brightly
60 Dynamic leader?
62 Track shape
66 Speed checker
67 Moist, sticky earth
68 Excessively suave
69 Removes wrapping
70 Chart-toppers
71 Scuff

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 70

Monday's Puzzle Solved
RAHS SLOE CAMUS
ALOE HEAL ADAPT
PENETRATE PEDRO
GRAIN CLOSE IN
ARK UNEATEN USE
SHOT ERNIE SPED
AENEAS TORAH
PAGED LON CARAT
NOLAN SERENA
PREY INIGOK KINK
REV RAGONS GEE
ETAGERE ALIEN
TIDES INTERVIEW
TREET TOES ATRA
YESOS ORES SEAS
51 29/05

704 Pets And Pet Supplies
FREE kittens, Siamese cross and gray, to a good home...
FREE kittens, 1136, male & female...
FREE lab cross, chocolate coat...
FREE outdoor cats to a good home...
FREE 10 week old puppies...
FREE puppies: Border collie & Red Heeler...
GERMAN SHEPHERD puppies...
GOLDEN RETRIEVER AKC reg...
GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies...
GROOMING TABLE...
ITALIAN GREYHOUND miniature purebred...
LAB AKC registered puppies...
LAB puppies purebred first shots...
LAB puppies AKC registered black...
SCOTTISH TERRIER puppies...

704 Pets And Pet Supplies
LAB puppies, chocolate Ready 12/12...
LABS 7 beautiful AKC reg puppies...
LABS puppies, 5 wks. AKC reg, yellows and blacks...
MARNIE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD puppies...
MINI DACHSHUNDS (3) males 8 weeks old...
MINI SCHNAUZERS AKC reg...
MINI SCHNAUZERS puppies...
PIT BULLS 2 females \$100 each...
POMERANIAN AKC reg Christmas puppy...
POMERANIAN puppy, 1 male, 1 female...
PUG puppies, fawn or black...
SCOTTISH TERRIER puppies...

JUMBLE
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By Henri Arnold and Mike Argison
KNARC
CANKS
SLAMEY
AERIPT
Answer: THE
(Answers tomorrow)
Jumbles NAVAL ANISE HATUS BRUTAL
Answer: What her husband said when he saw the price of her new wig -- THAT'S UNREAL

704 Pets And Pet Supplies
SHIH TZU AKC reg puppies...
TOY POODLE AKC reg female...
WEST HIGHLAND TERRIERS AKC reg...
YORKIES AKC males \$550...
YORKIES AKC females \$400...
705 Farm Equipment
TRACTOR 35 Ferguson...
TRACTORS Ford BN with loader...
WANTED: Manure spreader...
BUSHEL GRAIN BIN 20,000...
GENERATOR PUMP, diesel 3054 CAT, 600 GPM...
707 Irrigation
DIAPHRAGM PUMP, 1800 rpm...
708 Farm/Ranch Supplies
BALER Caswell 8555 2 string, center line...
FARMALL M with loader...
FREIGHTLINER '92 low profile w/20' box bed...
GRAIN rollers: 9536 PTO corn roller...
709 Appliances
IRRIGATION PIPE 3" and 10" galval...
MAIN LINES 5/8", 4/0 Swing Lines...
THUNDERBIRD wheel lines for sale...
WHEELLINE (7) Wheeler, 12" Thund...
HAY Grain & Feed
GRASS ALFALFA mix...
HAY 3 cuttings, good quality...
HAY 3', bright green, leafy, barn stored...
HAY Alfalfa 1,000 one ton bales...
OAT hay clean, 280 tons...
STRAW clean small bales...
T.S.C Hay Retrieving...
710 AG Business And Service Directory
HORSE SHOING
Cred Wetland...
714 Pastures Wanted
WANTED Farm or lease...
716 HORSE SHOING
Cred Wetland...
718 SATELLITE SYSTEMS
RPS in Jerome...
701 Antiques And Collectibles
BED ornate cast iron and brass double bed...
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800 Appliances
DISHWASHER Brand...
808 Computers
COMPUTERS Refurbished for home...
808 Firewood
COAL Stoker & Lump...
810 Furniture & Carpet
BED Black iron w/ canopy...
BUILDINGS Quality steel...
METAL H.D. galval...
HOT Tub & Pools
WILL TRADE quality masonry...
CLOTHING AND FURS
MINK STOLE...
808 Computers
CUSTOM MADE GAMING SYSTEM
Hardware...
801 Antiques And Collectibles
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm here to help.'" -Ronald Reagan

When the club queen is led against six spades, a perfectly reasonable line is to win and take a spade finesse...

North 11-29-A, South 11-29-B, East 11-29-C, West 11-29-D. Cards: ♠ K 3, ♥ 10 7 3, ♦ 9 8 7 5 2, ♣ Q J 10.

Vulnerable: North-South
Declarer: East
The bidding: South West North East Pass

Opening lead: Club queen
BID WITH THE ACES 11-29-B
South leads: ♠ K 3, ♥ 10 7 3, ♦ 9 8 7 5 2, ♣ Q J 10

With both minor suits eliminated, exit with a spade to force the defense to lead a heart...

ANSWER: Raise to three spades. Your partner has shown a good hand by first doubling...

Sudoku Answers: Grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

114 Lawn And Garden: JOHN DEERE '06, 755, used 10 times, \$600 firm...

116 Miscellaneous For Sale: BABY ITEMS for sale, Expecting a baby?

AIRLINE TICKETS (2) round trip anywhere, South West flies \$400 each...

EXERCISE BICYCLES (1) Ardine \$79.00er, \$100, \$225, \$350

FREE PACE log, 20x30 pallet jack, 210x30 Tabbung, metal 210x33 16lb's...

JEEP '93 Cherokee, '72 18' Low Horse, travel trailer, L. Escalator...

MOVING SALE Bar Stools from Pier 1, Ethan Allen entertainment center...

SANTA FE #8RE, Available Days & Evenings! \$3000.00

SAWS (19) old collection, (25) gas, vice, \$600.00, Miter, hay ice, buck...

SNOW BLOWER new in box, 6 hp, electric start, \$550.00

117 Musical Instruments: PIANO Baldwin baby grand, very nice \$8,500

PIANO Roland KJ4707, digital, inlaid oak, excellent condition...

MARINE AQUARIUM KEEPERS would like to purchase some marine/aquarium...

VARIOUS WOOD WORKING TOOLS, exc condition. Shot shell, hand saw...

WANTED Camera mural, or to fit on a tractor Cat 208-5314-444

WANTED Kewasaku (Traps), Suzuki (K150), Honda (CB750), 1969-1975 Cam-G if not sure...

WANTED Gas pumps, oil gas station items, New metal tires, low miles, excellent con...

WANTED TO BUY any Kawasaki 750 H2, Kawasaki 400 S3 running or not, 206-326-6747

WANTED Honda '94 CR500, exc condition, plus all gear, \$1500.00

Indoor Filter Flea Market December 31st (9am-5pm) @ Lincoln Fairgrounds

282 Wanted To Buy: WANTED to buy Duck PD and goose leg bands...

283 Medical Supplies: CPAP MACHINE RESMED, light weight, carrying case...

284 Guns & Rifles: BENELLI auto Super Black Eagle 28 bar...

285 BASS TRUCKER '85 17 ft, New 60 hp Mercury, new accessories...

286 POOL TABLE Brunswick 5'x9 foot, Brunswick \$2,400

287 ATVs: ARCTIC CAT '02 400i, new metal tires, low miles...

288 Motor Hoses/Rivets: DODGE '77 with many accessories, steps 5, Awesomely big, 3286...

289 Motor Hoses/Rivets: HONDA '94 Civic, all lights, turn signals...

290 Motor Hoses/Rivets: WHEELCOVERS, Full set for '04 Toyota Camry...

291 Motor Hoses/Rivets: ARCTIC CAT '02 400i, new metal tires, low miles...

302 Motorcycles: KAWASAKI '02 KX65 Pro Circuit type and sencer. Rental bars...

303 Snow Mobile: TRAILER 20 ft x 4 ft, 1200 lbs, 4500 lbs, 4500 lbs...

304 Utility Trailers: ROCK STEEL for car haulers, shield for cut haulers, shield for...

305 Boats And Accessories: BASS TRUCKER '85 17 ft, New 60 hp Mercury, new accessories...

306 Campers And Shells: FUSED SHELLS, Fits standard, low prices...

307 Motor Hoses/Rivets: HONDA '94 Civic, all lights, turn signals, org air, liner, 150...

308 Auto Parts And Accessories: ARCTIC CAT '02 400i, new metal tires, low miles...

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906 Snow Vehicles: ARCTIC CAT '95 400, Cam, EFI 580, new motor clutch and more...

907 Travel Trailers: ROCKWOLD '76 18' full travel trailer, full foot, great condition...

908 Utility Trailers: ROCK STEEL for car haulers, shield for cut haulers, shield for...

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915 Motor Hoses/Rivets: ARCTIC CAT '02 400i, new metal tires, low miles...

1000 Antiques And Collectibles: CHEVY '86 Chevrolet SS, runs good. Needs paint. \$3400

1001 Aviation: AERO CLUB members \$2000 Club owns Cessna 182 & Piper 140...

1002 Auto Parts And Accessories: HONDA '94 Civic, all lights, turn signals, org air, liner, 150...

1003 Campers And Shells: FUSED SHELLS, Fits standard, low prices...

1004 Motor Hoses/Rivets: ARCTIC CAT '02 400i, new metal tires, low miles...

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1009 Motor Hoses/Rivets: ARCTIC CAT '02 400i, new metal tires, low miles...

1000 Trucks: DODGE '98 Cummins, exc. condition, 130K miles, \$17,000.00

1001 Trucks: FORD '74 F-250 4x4, 360 with 30,000 miles, no major overhauls, good condition...

1002 Trucks: FORD '84 1/2 ton, 51300 Chevy 59: 1 ton, \$1,700, both in good condition...

1003 Trucks: FORD '98 F-150, long wheelbase, Ford 351 engine, AT, good running, \$1,200

1004 Trucks: FORD '98 F-150, long bed, 6.9L diesel, 4x4, PW, PL, lift, cruise, AC, new 4 wheel disc...

1005 Trucks: FORD '91 4x4, clean truck, 6.9 liter engine, 170K miles, great condition...

1006 Trucks: CHEVROLET '03 2500 4x4 diesel, \$101929A, \$28,888

1007 Trucks: CHEVROLET '04 2500 HD Quad cab, power, V-8, 4x4, cloth, 8,000 miles, \$26,488

1008 Trucks: CHEVROLET '03 Silverado 4x4, 7.5K miles, \$15,900, Call 208-324-7305

1009 Trucks: CHEVY '78 pickup, 79,000 actual miles, exc. mechanical condition, good tires, runs great...

1000 Trucks: FORD '80 4 ton, 4x4, new motor, exc. condition, \$3800.00

1001 Trucks: CHEVY '95 2500, very clean and dependable, Call for details 208-324-2866

1002 Trucks: CHEVY '95 4x4, '94, 57,000, CHEVY '94, 6.9 turbo diesel, \$8,500

1003 Trucks: FORD '04 F-150 super cab, short bed, 58 1/2 ton, 4.6 V6, 4WD, on road pkg, XLT, air conditioning...

1004 Trucks: FORD '99 K1500, short box, 4x4, 5 speed, 4.2L, AC, 97-109 Save Fuel Here!

1005 Trucks: DODGE '98 4x4 Cummins, exc. cond, \$14,000.00

1006 Trucks: DODGE '01 Dakota club cab, 5.9 L/3 liter, AT, 2 WID, SLT, air conditioning...

1007 Trucks: FORD '87 F-150 XLT 4x4 extended cab, runs great, \$7,300

1008 Trucks: DODGE '01 Dakota, quad cab, 44, SLT, \$18,998 #1641, Call 208-733-3900

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1000 Trucks: FORD '95 F-150 long bed, 5.0 liter, 5 speed manual, 4WD, XLT, air conditioning...

1001 Trucks: FORD '93 Ranger, \$1500, Chevy '77, 4x4, \$750, Call 208-324-3500

1002 Trucks: FORD '94 F-150 super cab, short bed, 58 1/2 ton, 4.6 V6, 4WD, on road pkg, XLT, air conditioning...

1003 Trucks: FORD '03 Explorer, 4 door, \$15,000

1004 Trucks: STUDDEN SNOW TIRES came out of Portland, OR, 100% tread, 33's Cooper weather master 205/60 R15

1005 Trucks: TIRES 4 used, 35x12.5, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 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