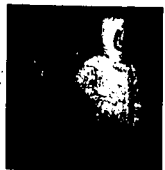


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Leaving the farm

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READING INTO THE FUTURE



Above, Lincoln Elementary School second-grader Madison Bell whispers sentence structures Tuesday to Caden Wiley. Students whispering to each other is a teaching method that ensures all students are engaged during the 90-minute instructional time. Top, Lincoln Elementary School second-grade teacher Katie Brand leads her students through an Open Court Reading lesson.

Is Open Court Reading worth its price?

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When the Twin Falls School District implemented three years ago the highest-rated — and highest-priced — reading program in the nation, it unwittingly opened a contentious chapter in the district's history. Some people questioned the program's effectiveness in the classroom; others said it was scientifically proven to be the best.

The story of Open Court Reading is complex and controversial. Some teachers regard the reading program as nothing more than a Fortune 500 company's attempt at education — Open Court Reading is published by textbook conglomerate SRA/McGraw-Hill. And some parents regard it as too much money for too few results.

The school district stands by the reading program, saying it is scientifically proven to be the best reading instruction for students in elementary and mid-

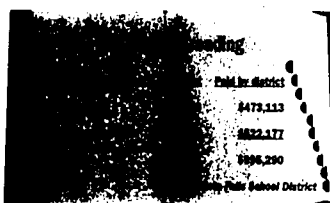
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Idalia Mejia listens during an open-book portion of the 90-minute instructional time.

Interested?

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Who pays for the program?

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Nobody denies Open Court Reading is paid for by the Reading First grant — a federal grant given to states and local school districts to eliminate the reading deficit in schools. The grant pays for less than half of the materials cost for kindergarten through sixth-grade.

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'A race against time'

Nobel laureate says nuke disaster risk still looms

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Fifteen years after the end of the Cold War, the risk of nuclear disaster is as great as ever, with terrorists zealously pursuing atomic weapons, chief U.N. nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei said Saturday in accepting the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize.

ElBaradei and the International Atomic Energy Agency he leads received the coveted award in the Norwegian capital for their efforts to control efforts to spread of nuclear weapons — a job ElBaradei nearly lost because of a dispute with the United States over Iran and Iraq.



ElBaradei

"We are in a race against time," the 63-year-old Egyptian said amid efforts to keep nuclear weapons away from terrorists. "In four years, we have completed perhaps 50 percent of the work. But this is not fast enough."

To escape self-destruction, the world must make atomic weapons as much of a taboo as slavery or genocide, ElBaradei said in his acceptance speech. It has been 60 years since the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, yet the world is still deeply concerned over nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea.

The Bush administration has bridled at ElBaradei's positions on the nuclear threat posed by Iran and Iraq and unsuccessfully lobbied to block his appointment to a third and final four-year term this year.

ElBaradei and the IAEA locked horns with Washington in the run-up to the 2003 Iraq war by challenging U.S. claims that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction. No such weapons were ever found.

More recently, ElBaradei's refusal to back U.S. assertions that Iran has a covert nuclear weapons program hardened opposition to him within the Bush administration.

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Sunnis likely to push for withdrawal timetable after election

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's election may determine more than who runs the country; Also at stake is a possible timetable for U.S. troops to

leave the country. If there is a big Sunni Arab turnout on Thursday, that could spur calls for a timetable to be announced — even though Iraqis on the whole are as divided as Americans over

how to handle the contentious issue. Many Sunni Arab candidates have called on the Americans to accept a timetable, despite President Bush's refusal to do so. And they are likely to press

that demand when the new parliament convenes — especially if they win a sizeable bloc of 50-60 seats in the 274-member assembly.

"We support and demand a timetable," said Khalaf al-Bayan,

head of the Sunni-run National Dialogue Council. "If this is achieved, I think the problems in the country will be reduced, because the main source of

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7 days, reasons to read

Festive fashion



New school

Twin Falls district unveils plans for second high school.

Christmas creativity

Six of Magic Valley's touching trees.

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Kings of rock

The most popular rock band in the world, is coming to Salt Lake City.

Thursday



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Friday

Saturday

Advent traditions

They abound.

Ice or no ice

The number of Twin Falls County fender-benders boggles the mind.

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Another cool, variably cloudy December day. Highs, 20s.
Tonight: Continued dry and quiet. Lows, lower to mid teens.
Tomorrow: A hito warmer, but still below average. Highs, 20s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Chilly with a few clouds. Highs, 20s
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Tomorrow: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Highs near 30

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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Tuesday hold money for light snow.
NORTHERN MOUNTAIN
Weather will be quiet. A
rather weak moisture
warmed cold front could
bring a few flurries to the
mountains Tuesday.
BOISE
Variably cloudy skies will round out
the week. Late Monday a cold
front will start to move in from the
west. However, we will be lucky to
see any precipitation.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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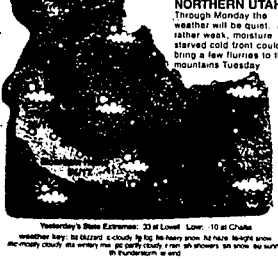
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Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes current and forecast values.

Sunrise and Sunset

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Weather: 50-60°F cloudy; 40-50°F light snow; 40-50°F light snow; 40-50°F light snow; 40-50°F light snow.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Ex-Sen. McCarthy dies at age of 89

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Minnesota Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, whose insurgent campaign toppled a sitting president in 1968 and forced the Democratic Party to take seriously his message against the Vietnam War, died Saturday. He was 89.

Sunnis

to leave in 2006, he says. "And maybe by the end of the year, there would be a significant presence of these forces." Bush has pledged to remove the 160,000 troops as Iraqis become more capable of handling their own defense.

Reading

which card it is. "The sausage card," the second one ready for tonight. "What sound does it make?" Bread asks the class. "Sssssssss," the class says.

Paying

The grant is awarded based on the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. In the Twin Falls School District, Bickel and Oregon Trail Elementary were the first to receive the grant money because of the number of students eligible for aid.

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NATION

Secretary of state's credibility on line in terrorism debate

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is now the public face of the Bush administration's promise to play by the world's rules when it comes to fighting terrorism. So if they're broken, her credibility abroad, and perhaps at home, could be at stake.

Throughout Europe, there is suspicion and anger over reports of secret CIA interrogation centers and transport flights for suspected terrorists.

It explains why Rice during her trip to Europe last week, tapped some of the good will she has built up over nearly a year of intensive travel and outreach.

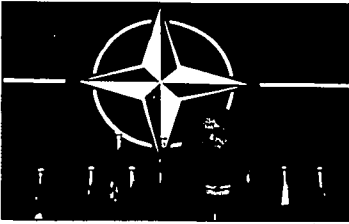
Rice met with government leaders nervous about what the United States may be doing on European soil. The Europeans also were aware that their constituents often take a dim view of the administration's policies on human rights and civil liberties.

At a NATO meeting Thursday, European leaders said Rice satisfied many of their concerns, even as several officials complained their continued disagreement with Washington.

Rice assured allies that the U.S. does not condone or practice torture or interrogation practices that look very much like torture. She said no European airport or airspace was used to move suspected terrorists to places where they might be tortured.

Rice may be the only U.S. figure who could, as NATO Secretary-General Jaap De Hoop Scheffer said, clear the air in Europe. She used her first overseas trip as secretary in February, to court Europeans angered by the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and mistrustful of her boss, President Bush.

That and other work paid off as European leaders offered public support for Rice last week, even if backing from the public and press in Europe was in question.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice listens to questions during a news conference Thursday after a meeting of NATO foreign ministers at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Writing in Britain's *The Independent*, columnist Mary Dejevsky said Rice got a free pass.

"Europe's foreign ministers rolled over, stuck their heads in the air and allowed Ms. Rice to tickle their stomachs," she wrote.

She noted De Hoop Scheffer's assertion that "you will not see this discussion continuing."

"To which the only reasonable response should be: Why on earth not?" Dejevsky asked.

Europeans are as skeptical as they were two years ago, or perhaps more so, because of the CIA reports, said Robin Niblett, director of the Europe Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. They distance for Bush and Vice President Cheney has not abated, he said.

"I think her personal credibility has been tarnished or at least blunted in with the negative impressions that they have of the president and vice president," Niblett said.

To get a sense of the level of mistrust of U.S. intentions, consider that it took the chief U.S. diplomat to state what sounds basic to Americans — that it U.S. policy is to abide by international treaties and U.S. laws.

It is also unusual for the secretary of state to be the public voice for policies carried out by

the military, CIA and the Justice Department.

You Rice had no real choice. "In this case it became a topic of great interest in Europe, so it became in part a foreign policy issue with which she had to deal," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. "Part of her job is to speak about U.S. obligations and how we comply."

Neither he nor Rice directly answered whether Rice's stock would fall with her counterparts if there were other incidents such as the abuse of detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. "Will there be abuses of policy? That is entirely possible," Rice said at a NATO press conference Thursday. "Just because you are a democracy, it doesn't mean that you're perfect."

She pledged investigations and punishments if there were violations, and said democracies such as the U.S. are obliged to live by the rules they set for others.

"Around the world we are talking to people about the importance of the rule of law, and so we have to also live under the rule of law," she said.

Rice's four-nation European tour was arranged before reports that the CIA ran secret European jails to house and potentially mistreat terrorism suspects broke in the press last month.

U.S. conducts drill to test readiness

WASHINGTON (AP) — After role-playing an outbreak of pandemic flu, federal officials said Saturday that saving lives and containing the economic damage will require more planning in local communities and increased production of vaccines and medications.

"This is a time for us to be informing but not inflaming. It's a time for us to inspire preparation but not panic," Health and Human Services Secretary Mike

Leavitt told reporters at the White House. About 20 Cabinet secretaries and government officials spent four hours testing the government's readiness for any flu outbreak.

"We have time to become the first generation, literally, in the history of man to do something to be prepared for a pandemic," Leavitt said.

President Bush's homeland security advisor, Fran Townsend said that in the little time left before lawmakers adjourn for the year, Congress should approve the \$7.1 billion in emergency flu preparedness funds that the president has requested.

But the prospects for the request are not clear, as conservatives in the House oppose rubber-stamping it without finding spending cuts elsewhere in the budget. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has advocated for the money.

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An old windmill is covered in frost early Friday near the Dubuque Regional Airport, in Dubuque, Iowa. The low temperature there Friday was minus one. The low in Twin Falls was 0, according to the National Weather Service.

Many baby boomers support kids, and parents

By Darryl Fears
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As they step closer to old age, baby boomers — that enormous group of Americans born between 1946 and 1964 — say they are reaching deeper into their pockets to care for elderly parents and offspring in their twenties who are struggling to launch their own lives, according to a study released Thursday by the Pew Research Center.

Even as they approach retirement, the 75 million surviving boomers, who make up a quarter of the nation's population, remain in the "sandwich" years and a larger percentage than in the past are helping their parents and their adult children financially.

According to the study, boomers are still feeling good: Nine in 10 said they are either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with their lives, and a third said they will enjoy old age more than their parents did. More than half — 55 percent — said that they either "expect to live comfortably" in retirement or will be able to "meet expenses with a little left over," the study found.

But before they reach that point, they will pay great sums of money to help parents through one of the most vulnerable phase of their lives, and children who have jobs but do not earn enough to cover student loans, rents, mortgages or even car insurance.

"My kids are both moved out, but we're still providing 50 percent of their financial responsibility for them, just sending money," said Kim Gillingham, 45, who lives in Glencoe, Pa., with her husband, Randy.

The couple, married 26 years, have a 23-year-old daughter and a 20-year-old son.

"They're not able to pay rent and car insurance and stuff like that," Gillingham said. "Those ... things are so expensive. We have them on our policies to prevent them from having to pay outrageous prices."

Like many boomers, age 41 to 59, Gillingham, a licensed practical nurse, said it is natural to give a little more than she gets at this stage in her life.

Her parents, both 65, are "financially OK" and in good health, but she said she is prepared to act if they become ill. The sacrifice, she said, would not hurt her retirement plans.

"We're good. My husband has figured out how to work this," Gillingham said. "We have money taken out of our accounts automatically. We have IRAs, 401(k)s. The house will be paid off when we retire. I'm very content. I'm very happy with what we have."

Those good feelings may not cross racial lines. In a 2004 study, Duke University sociology professors found that black baby boomers were "no better off relative to whites than their grandparents" were in terms of income. They earned about 66 percent of what white Americans made.

But in general, baby boomers feel comfortable enough to take on a substantial amount of family responsibility, well more than half of the respondents in the Pew study said an elderly parent is living with them and 66 percent said they paid for a child to attend college.

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Zoo animals make special requests on tree

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (AP) — What do you get a European black vulture that has everything?

Something dead, probably, but if you're squeamish, check with the Riverside Zoological Society of Scottsbluff.

The society has set up a "Special Wishes Tree" at the zoo's gift store. Its decorations have pictures of zoo animals on one side, a special request on the other.

"Pick your favorite furry, scaly

or feathered zoo resident and find out what they would enjoy receiving during the winter season," said Zoo Director Joe Clawson.

Among the requests: For chimps — spices, peanut

butter, sugar-free Jell-O or pudding, blankets or towels.

For birds — canned pet food, frozen shrimp, bird toys.

For bison and zebra — push-broom heads to use as rubbing stations.

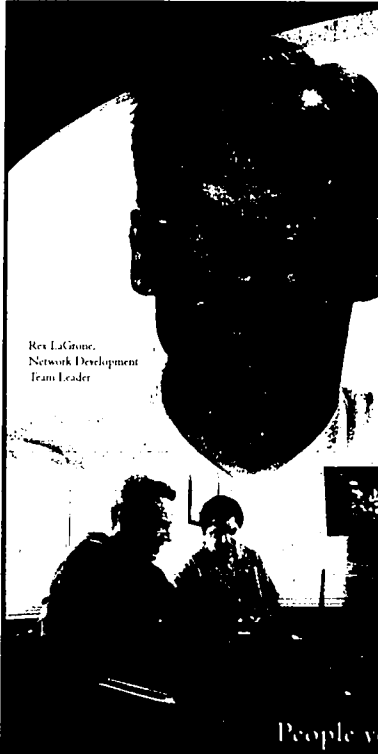
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Think we've got it bad? Historians say past eras were worse

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Terrorist attacks, a war in Iraq and natural disasters aren't so bad compared to other tough times in America's past, from the Revolutionary War to the Cold War, history professors say.

Asked to compare eight difficult periods of the nation's history, 46 percent of the 354 professors who responded to a nationwide survey agreed the current era was the least trying. The Civil War, 55 percent said,

was the toughest.

Researchers at the Siena Research Institute of Siena College came up with the survey after hearing students comment they felt today's era was one of the most trying in America's history. "It's an issue of perspective," said Thomas Kelly, a professor emeritus of history and American studies at Siena who helped conduct the survey, which was released Thursday.

"With very few exceptions

most generations have confronted enormous kinds of problems and have to greater or lesser degrees coped," he said.

Next to the Civil War—which threatened the nation's very existence and cost the lives of more than 600,000 people—the poll found the Revolutionary War and the Great Depression to be the most trying, followed by Vietnam and the Cultural Revolution, World

War II, the Cold War, World War I and today.

Kristina Hicks, 20, a Siena junior, said that while it's true most of today's Americans have not had to sacrifice like previous generations did, she disagrees with the poll's findings.

"I definitely think today is one of most trying times," she said. "When I read about things like 9/11 and the war in Iraq in textbooks, it doesn't actually portray the whole picture of

what happened."

Dan Reisman, a 21-year-old Siena senior, ranks the current era in the middle, saying the destruction of the World Trade Center changed his world view.

"I never thought we were under threat until I saw 9/11," he said. "It was very shocking. Times are definitely more dangerous now. Terrorism is constantly getting worse."

2001 terrorist attacks was felt especially hard by today's college students, who were in their early or middle teenage years at the time.

"For young people, life is very visual," Kelly said. "There are few things as visual as the twin towers falling." The survey was mailed to each of the roughly 2,500 American colleges and universities with a history department, Kelly said.

New guidelines mean less chemo for cancer patients

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—For years, doctors have known exactly what to do with breast cancer patients like Eva Ossorio: Poison them.

Blasting women with toxic chemicals was considered the best way to save their lives. The bigger the cancer or the more it had spread, the more vile liquid droplets were pumped into their veins to try to kill it.

But there's been a sea change in the last year.

Guidelines recently adopted in Europe and similar ones unveiled this weekend at a conference in Texas will result in far fewer women getting chemotherapy in the future.

The new advice calls for choosing a treatment based on each woman's particular type of tumor.

"In the past, we made all decisions based on how big the tumor was and whether the lymph nodes were involved. If you had a lot of cancer, you got treated one way, and if you had a little cancer, you got treated another way," said Dr. Eric Winer of the Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston.

Under the new rules, hormone status—whether a tumor's growth depends on estrogen or progesterone—becomes the single most important factor in picking treatment.

It is why Ossorio, a 62-year-old nurse in San Antonio, last week was started on a hormone blocker rather than the chemo she formerly would have been given for her relatively large tumor. She was relieved.

"I don't care if I die tomorrow, I decided I didn't want chemotherapy," she said.

Women have reasons to dread it. Chemo is a sledgehammer, killing all rapidly dividing cells whether they are out-of-control cancerous ones or healthy ones that naturally grow quickly, like those lining the mouth and stomach. That's why chemo causes hair loss, nausea and mouth sores.

But the worst part is, it only helps about 15 percent of those who get it after the usual surgery to remove their tumors. Roughly 25 percent get worse despite chemo. A whopping 60 percent would have been fine with hormones alone.

"For the vast majority of patients, we probably overreact," said Dr. William Gradishar of Northwestern University in Chicago.

"It's not that chemotherapy is not of value, it's that the value is smaller in women with hormone-driven disease," said Dr. Robert Carlson, a Stanford University physician who led the U.S. guideline-writing group. "We're trying to determine if the benefit is so small that we should not be recommending chemotherapy."


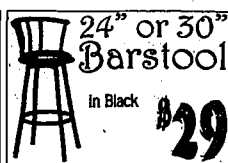




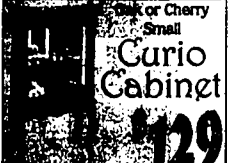



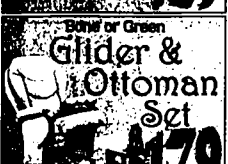




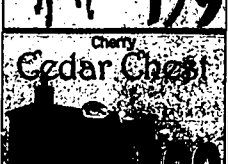


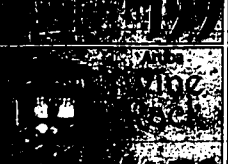



Several developments in recent years help doctors pick who really needs it.

First is the realization that breast cancers have different causes, arise from different types of cells, are driven by different genes, and tend to be different in women before or after menopause.

"Breast cancer must be understood as an umbrella of diseases," said Dr. Antonio Wolff of Johns Hopkins Medical Institute in Baltimore. For example, three-fourths of postmenopausal women have tumors fueled by estrogen, called ER-positive disease. Drugs that block this hormone, like tamoxifen and a newer class of medications called aromatase inhibitors, work against those cancers—whether they have spread to lymph nodes or not.

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Four U.S. soldiers die in attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents killed four American soldiers in separate attacks Saturday as violence marks a five days ahead of national elections. U.S. officials announced the release of 238 detainees but said the move was unrelated to demands by kidnappers for Abu Christian pirote activists to free all prisoners.

Two of the soldiers were killed by small arms fire southwest of the capital, the U.S. command said. The others died in a roadside bombing in Baghdad's Sunni neighborhood of Azamiyyah and by small arms fire north of the city, according to the command.

The U.S. military also said an American soldier was killed and 11 others wounded Friday in a suicide car bombing in the Abu Ghraib district of western Baghdad.

That brought to at least 2,140 the number of U.S. military members who have died since the war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Concern mounted over the fate of the four activists as a deadline set by kidnappers threatening to kill them passed on Saturday. The Interior Min-

istry said it had no information about the hostages, and various emissaries sent from Canada and Britain showed no sign they had established contact with the kidnappers.

The previously unknown Swords of Righteousness Brigade seized the activists two weeks ago. It first set a Thursday deadline but then extended it until Saturday, without giving a precise hour.

The four are Norman Kemmer, 74, of London; Tom Fox, 54, of Clear Brook, Va.; and Canadians James Loney, 41, and Harneet Singh Sooden, 32.

Sunni Arab clerics used their main weekly religious service Friday to plead for the hostages' lives because of their humanitarian work and condemnation of the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

U.S. and British officials have expressed concern for the lives

of the captives but made clear they would not bow to the kidnappers' demands.

On Saturday, U.S. officials said they had released 238 security detainees held by the multinational forces. However, such releases are common and arranged weeks in advance.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Liz Calton said the release was not in response to the kidnappers' demands.

101st Airborne will stay out of sight during Iraqi elections

SHAQRA, Iraq (AP) — With a mixed reaction at their side, soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division have spent weeks on dusty village streets ahead of next week's Iraqi election. Patrols have collected information on polling sites in case an emergency arises and ensured safekeeping of the nation's ballots.

But when polls open Thursday, the Americans will be miles away.

Soldiers of the 101st Airborne, stationed in predominantly Sunni Arab areas of north-central Iraq, will maintain a distance of at least one mile from polls during voting. That will avoid creating the impression the Americans are controlling and influencing the process.

"We need to put a wholly Iraqi face on this election," said Capt. James Turner, a troop commander in the division's 33rd Cavalry Regiment.

Much is at stake in the elections, both for Iraq and for the U.S.-led coalition. Voters will select a parliament to serve for a full four-year term and name the first fully constitutional government of Iraq since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's rule in 2003.

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NATION

DOD orders Army to find chemical dumpsites

Knight Ridder News Service

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — The military is plowing through old records to find any and all information on the Army's ocean dumping of chemical weapons decades ago, a high priority effort to determine where they all are located and what danger they pose today.

The Army hopes to finish its records search by the end of March, said Addison Davis, an assistant secretary of the Army. "What we're conducting right now is probably the most comprehensive search on records that has ever been done," he said. "Our goal is to compile the best, most comprehensive, up-to-date information possible."

An order from the highest levels of the Pentagon has gone out to all branches of the military to search for all ocean dumping records, not just of chemical weapons but of conventional ordnance as well, Davis said.

The Army is most interested in discovering where it dumped all its chemical weapons covering sea from World War I until 1970, when the practice was halted.

Officials want to know exactly where they are located and what type of chemical weapons are and how many are in each dumpsite.

Then the Army will be better able to assess the risk each site poses to fishermen or the environment, Davis said.

The records search was prompted by a Daily Press investigation published in October based on never-before released Army reports covering 1944 to 1970 that revealed the military dumped at least 64 million pounds of chemical weapons into the ocean in dozens of locations that virtually cover the country.

The dumpsites mostly containing mustard and nerve gases and some radioactive waste are off the coasts of at least 11 states. Additional dumpsites are off the coast of 16 other countries. The sites were created when the U.S. Army dumped its overseas stockpiles of chemical weapons at the close of World War II.

The Army knows where only half the dumpsites off the U.S. coast are, because the known surviving records are vague and others have been destroyed.

More dumpsites likely exist, because the Army only now is reviewing chemical weapons dumping in the World War I era, when it was common to throw the weapons over the side of ships in relatively shallow water.

Some scientific evidence suggests the weapons may be slowly leaking after decades of saltwater corrosion.



President Ronald Reagan comforts family members of Fort Campbell soldiers killed in a Dec. 12, 1985, plane crash near Gander, Newfoundland, Canada, at a memorial service at Fort Campbell, Ky. A plane carrying 248 soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division home from a peacekeeping mission in the Sinai crashed in Canada. Monday will mark the 20th anniversary of the crash.

BITTERSWEET HOLIDAY

Families remember pre-Christmas crash in Canada that killed 248 from the 101st Airborne Division

By Ryan Lanz
Associated Press writer

The words still turn Malinda Parris' stomach 20 years later: "No survivors."

She first heard them when she was preparing to welcome her husband home for the holidays from a peacekeeping mission in Egypt. She had decorated the house, baked wildly to fill the kitchen with his favorite foods and was dressing to go to a homecoming ceremony at Fort Campbell, Ky.

All that stopped when she saw the news on television. A plane carrying her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Rudy Parris, a helicopter pilot, and 247 other soldiers of the Army's 101st Airborne Division had crashed and burned in Canada.

It was two weeks before Christmas. "It wasn't a gradual let down. It was like jumping out of a helicopter or airplane. The fall was endless," said Parris of Herndon, Ky., just outside Fort Campbell. "To go from that peak to the depths of hell was more than devastating."

The peacetime crash still resonates as the Army prepares to honor the soldiers with military and civil memorial ceremonies Monday. The 101st also is grieving new deaths in Iraq — 19 Fort Campbell soldiers were killed in November.

The Arrow Air DC-8 crashed seconds after taking off on Dec. 12, 1985, from Gander International Airport in Newfoundland, where it had refueled for the final leg of its

return to Fort Campbell. Eight civilian flight crew members also died. It is among the worst aircraft disasters in Canadian history.

Most of the soldiers on the plane were with the division's 502nd Infantry Regiment, returning from a six-month deployment to Egypt, where they had been stationed in the Sinai to ensure compliance with the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Retired Lt. Gen. Hubert Smith, then commander of division support, recalls sweating with the returning soldiers' families in a gymnasium for the homecoming.

People were excited, smiling and laughing. Many wives had spoken with their husbands by phone just hours before.

Then came news of the crash. "We used to dying in battle," said Smith, of Clarksville, Tenn. "But to lose that number of people in peacetime, it was a waste."

President Reagan consoled families at a memorial service days later.

Letters flooded in from strangers across the country. "It was like they had been hit in the stomach with a baseball bat. It was just terrible. And I'm talking about people who didn't know any of them," said Ted Crozier, a retired Army colonel who was then mayor of Clarksville.

The day of the crash was the beginning of a "funeral that virtually went on to a year," says George Heath, who was a division

public affairs officer at Fort Campbell.

Billboards in nearby communities lamented the loss for months while the division held a seemingly endless series of memorial services. Memorials were dedicated at Fort Campbell and Gander, along with a park and monument in nearby Hopkinsville, Ky.

The crash won't be forgotten soon, says Heath. "It will be all right by me if it is a day that lives in infamy," he said.

An investigation completed three years later by the Canadian Air Safety Board and the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board determined that ice on the wings and excess cargo had compromised the plane during its takeoff from Gander. Not everyone was satisfied; among other things, there had been questions among the families about the possibility of terrorism, since the crash occurred while kidnapped Americans were being held in Lebanon.

An insurance carrier for Arrow Air paid out millions of dollars in out-of-court settlements.

While it took years to find closure, Malinda Parris 61, is remarried now — to another Fort Campbell soldier, who is preparing to leave for Iraq.

She said the bitterness that followed Rudy's death has subsided.

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EDITORIAL

Legislature must rein in habit of closed meetings

On Jan. 9, the same day Idaho's Legislature convenes in Boise for the 2006 session, the Idaho Supreme Court will also weigh arguments of when legislators can do business behind closed doors.

Regardless of what justices say in that case, legislators know closed meetings are going far. One legislative leader says tighter rules are needed to protect a citizen interest group.

The Common interest, a moderate political citizen interest group founded last year by Twin Falls native and former Harvard government professor Keith Allred, conducted a 700-person survey that draws some weaving distinctions on closed legislative meetings.

Ninety-five percent disagreed with the Legislature's ability to close a committee meeting for whatever reason under a two-thirds vote. The state Senate voted to create that rule last winter, sparking the lawsuit from the Idaho Press Club.

But 60 percent of the participants said some closed legislative committees are justified, in cases involving pending litigation, employee discipline hearings, security matters or discussions involving interest exempt from public record laws.

Survey participants opposed closing meetings to discuss real estate or discipline of a legislator. Last winter's ethics hearing on Sen. Jack Noble could have been closed, but legislators were urged to the public to see the whole process.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, like most of the Legislature, is willing to see how the state's high court rules. But even if the Supreme Court doesn't side with the Press Club, he's ready to tighten closed meetings.

"We need to have a hard, fast rule," Newcomb said. "Basically, my view is that all meetings should be open, with the exception of caucuses, and you can have executive sessions for com-

mittee meetings when there's legal counsel involved."

The legal counsel argument actually sticks. Two years ago a fuss was made when legislators closed a Resource Committee meeting with parties of the Nez Perce water agreement. Criticism was harsh, but it was a state judge that sent those discussions into closed quarters.

But those instances are rare. What we are seeing now with the Senate's committee rule is the potential for more closed meetings in a state controlled primarily by one political party.

Earlier this year, 4th District Judge Kathryn Sticken ruled the Idaho Constitution only requires open meetings for the full Legislature, but not with legislative committees.

That reasoning is almost impossible to swallow. The floor of the Legislature is merely the stage of state government. The committees are the real sweatshops. They include public hearings and committee votes to determine which bills move forward.

Shunning the public in those circles is closed government, plain and simple.

Newcomb also defends the use of the caucuses, which allow members to blow steam and prioritize goals in closed quarters. Newcomb says vote counts are not taken in caucuses, but they do help clear up riffraff and move the session along faster.

Maybe so, but the problem is when legislators start calling for caucuses in smaller circles. Last month, House Republicans on the interim committee for public employee budgets broke into a caucus. Newcomb is not pleased. He reminded them of House policy that "no committee, standing or interim, have a session in which a subcommittee meets behind closed doors."

Idahoans are better off with a definitive high court ruling that defends openness at the committee level. If the justices rule otherwise, legislators will lose favor in the court of public opinion if they continue the trend of close meetings.

Our view: Idaho judges and legislators need to tighten the definition and use of closed meetings in the Legislature.

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

Objections galore in Saddam trial

Of all the mistakes that the Bush administration has committed in Iraq, none is as gratuitous and self-inflicted as the bungling of the trial of Saddam Hussein. Although Saddam deserves to be shot like a dog — or, same thing, like the Ceausescus — we nonetheless decided to give him a trial. First, to demonstrate the moral superiority of this new Iraq as it struggles to live by the rule of law. Second, and even more important, to bear witness.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

War crimes trials are, above all and always, for educational purposes. This one was for the world to see an experience and recoil from the catalog of Saddam's crimes, and to demonstrate the justice of a war that stripped this man and his gang of their monstrous and murderous power.

There has not looked out that way. Instead of Saddam's crimes being on trial, he has succeeded in putting the new regime on trial. The lead story of every court session has been his demeanor, his defiance, his imperiousness. The evidence brought against him by his hapless victims — testimony mangled in translation and electronic misalteration — made the back pages at best.

"This has become a platform for Saddam to show himself as a caged lion when really he was a mouse in a hole," said Vice President Ghazwan. "I don't know who is the genius who is producing this farce. It is a political process. It is a comedy show."

There hasn't been much judicial incompetence since Judge Ito and the O.J. trial. We can excuse the Iraqis, who are new to all this and justifiably terrified of retribution, but we can't excuse the Bush administration that had Saddam in



custody for two years, and had even longer to think about putting on a trial that would not become a star turn for a defeated enemy.

Why have we given him control of the stage set? We all remember the picture of him pulled out of his spider hole. That should be the Saddam we put on trial, dressed with every appearance, he dresses more regally, emerging from conversing to ordinary prisoner to dictator on temporary leave. Now he carries on as legitimate and imperious head of state. He plays the benign father of his country, calling the judge "son," then threatens the judge's life. Saddam shouts, defies, brandishes a Koran. The judge keeps telling him he's out of order. He disobeys with impunity, the guards daring not to intervene.

What kind of message does that send to Iraqis who have been endlessly told that Saddam and his regime were finished? "The performance has heartened his followers," says The Washington Post's Doug Struck from Baghdad. "In Iraq, a large crowd of demonstrators chanted their

loyalty on Tuesday. Several marchers said they were emboldened by his courtroom bravado."

This is absurd. If anything, Saddam should be brought in prison garb, perhaps in shackles, just for effect. And why was he given control of the script? Saddam shouts, interrupts and does his Mussolini histrionics. Instead of the press being behind a glass wall, it is Saddam who should be, better still, placed in a glass booth, like Eichmann, like some isolated specimen of degrading humanity, symbolically and physically cut off from the world of normal human values.

Instead, he struts. And we are witness to a political test of wills between the new Iraq represented by an inexperienced and incompetent judicial system and the would-be tyrant-for-life defiantly raising once again the banner of Baathism, on a worldwide stage afforded him by us.

Until now, the Baathists who constitute the bulk of this Sunni insurgency had no symbolic presence, no political platform, no visible leadership. We have now given that to

them, gratis.

Both President Bush and his opponents in Congress are incessantly talking about "benchmarks" to guide any U.S. withdrawal from Iraq. But there is one benchmark that is always left unspoken: We cannot leave until Saddam is dead, executed for his crimes. No one will say it but everyone knows it as long as he is alive and well-dressed, every Iraqi will have to wonder what will happen to him and his family if Saddam returns. Only Saddam's death will assure them that he will not return.

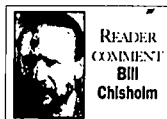
Which is why the lateness of this trial is such a tragedy. And why its bungling is such a danger. Our only hope, as always with Saddam, is that he desists from his arrogance and stupidity. He has stupidly walked out of his own trial. This is our opportunity. He should not be allowed back certainly not without a glass booth. Only Saddam can save us from our own incompetence. We should let him.

Charles Krauthammer's e-mail address is letters@charleskrauthammer.com

Protest is all about 'cumulative effect'

"With the evidence presented in this case, if one does not take into account the cumulative effect, then in reality one is not attributing much substance to the legal requirement of the local public interest." Judge Barry Wood in remanding the matter of the K&W Dairy water transfer back to the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

To ignore the cumulative effect of the safety and welfare, the inalienable rights of all citizens. That is exactly what the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Judge Butler and the Supreme court did in this matter. They ignored Judge Wood's admonition to fully assess the "cumulative effect," the "cumulative impact" of the already 96,000 permitted animals in two adjoining townships in southern Gooding County that includes the site of K&W Dairy.



READER COMMENT: Bill Chisholm

After IDWR first approved the water transfer, Judge Wood looked at the evidence and sent it back to IDWR for further consideration with the above clarification. At a second hearing, we brought forth witnesses that live near the K&W location. These witnesses testified as to the adverse impacts on their health, the enjoyment and value of their property, their quality of life, the adverse impacts on recreational experiences in the area, on the perception of visitors to the area and on economic development. All negative impacts on the local public interest caused by existing operations. After that hearing, the water transfer to the dairy was denied. It was determined not to be in the local public interest. That procedural fact was the basis of the Supreme Court's decision.

K&W then petitioned the director of IDWR to present additional evidence. That petition was granted and a third hearing was held on just the odor issue. They brought forth witnesses that said the K&W Dairy was going to be a model operation, but they could not quantify what that meant. They had done no ambient air studies, so they had no base line. They did not have an odor control plan to address the issue of cumulative impact. One of their witnesses, Mary Patton, Dairy Bureau chief at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, said he didn't know how to address the issue. Dr. Ron Shuff, another supposed odor expert, when asked what he would do if he lived in the area answered, "I'd buy some cows."

An odor problem already existed in the area. This odor expert's solution is to bring in more cows. The hearing officer reversed himself yet again and approved the water transfer. We sought another judicial review stating IDWR's failure to follow Judge Wood's directive on "cumulative effect." Judge John

Butler, like the hearing officer, ignored the cumulative effect issue, said nothing about it in his decision upholding the hearing officer. The Supreme Court, too, ignored the issue, though it was the key issue in the case. It is not mentioned in the decision, though it was discussed quite extensively in our briefs and before the court.

Despite Judge Wood's directive, the issue is simply ignored.

Failing to take responsibility for the decisions and the impacts of what has gone on before is like focusing simply on the weight of the straw that broke the camel's back and purposefully ignoring the impact of all the straws that had been loaded on before. There are limits; there are impacts. IDWR, Judge Butler and the Supreme Court failed to uphold the law. That is why I am refusing to pay the costs as ordered by the court.

Bill Chisholm of Buhl is an environmental activist and was a litigant in the water transfer lawsuit against K&W Dairy.

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Phone scammer gains access to private info

A new scam, to me anyway, occurred yesterday (Dec. 2). The phone call came from the "National Verification Bureau." They had my name, address, phone number and my bank and my account number and stated that they had been informed that my account was probably compromised and made public. They promised to see that this information, if I would verify their data, would be cancelled. When I told them I was suspicious and declined their offer for additional information (in a package), the supervisor who called himself "John Wagner" hung up. There is no 800 number for the National Verification Bureau. Note that every check we write carries the bank and account numbers. My bank says to open a new account, which I

will do. These scam artists sure are busy!
DANIEL DECKER
Halley

Reference to Bush Jr. throws reader off

Mr. Rowland, an editor is absolutely right! Your article was right on target and the first "George W. Bush, Jr." After that you had a credibility problem because there is no person having served in the presidency of the United States named George W. Bush Jr. It's true. George H.W. Bush was our 41st president and George W. Bush is our present and 43rd president. No junior here. May I suggest further search and more fact-finding in the future and a lot less speculation and party-line dribble.
BOB JACKSON
Twin Falls

It's time to show some compassion to needy

The dictionary states rational means consistent with a based on reason; logical. Well, logic can be easily twisted to justify any given agenda while compassion can't. If it is logical to pass bills that impose on the needs of the poor while making the rich richer? Maybe. Would this be considered compassionate? Only the true insanity would concur. How is it that bankruptcy is a punishable crime when someone struggling can't afford to pay off their children's medical bills? However, chief executive officers can take millions from companies, then file for bankruptcy without punishment?

Write to us

The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. Letters may be brought to our Twin Falls or Burley offices; mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; faxed to (208) 734-5533; or e-mailed to letters@mag.cvalley.com. In the last letter I responded to a "compassionate conservatism" stated that if you need financial help in this country, you should be kicked out of it. With the exception of maybe a few, compassionate conservatism appears to be a "King Richard" complex. Your compassion extends only as

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far as your buddy list of the elite. Concern for the less fortunate is only insanity to the corrupt. What would you do if one of your children got horribly sick and went to the doctor multiple times? Then, this mother that makes only around \$15,000 per year (probably hard to most Republicans) loses her job due to big corporate layoffs. It would be hard enough to pay off \$20,000 in medical bills with her job, but now she's lost that job, too. How many "compassionate conservatives" are snickering right now? Would you call this laziness? I wonder where the world capitalist comes from. I think it means selfish people that capitalize on their gains, misfortunes for their own gain. I

think the world liberal is just a term that selfish people use to try and spin things so they look better. You mock people who work off than you just to make yourself feel better about your own life. If someone has more compassion and a bigger heart than you, just call them another evil liberal. There, that makes you feel better.

Would you have called Mother Theresa an insane liberal? If Jesus Christ was alive today, he would be mocked and labeled a "bleeding-heart liberal." I think people should quit focusing on Christ's death and more on his teachings. Or maybe I'm just insane. In this rathouse, if you're not insane coming out, you probably are going out.
JAMES GLANDON JR.
TWIN FALLS

OPINION

Consider what the term "liberal" really means

Max Covington could have avoided "thinking" had he capitalized his offensive paragraphs into one sentence such as: "Liberalism really is an oxymoron."

According to the dictionary, liberal means "suitable for a free man," and "willing to respect and accept behavior or opinions different from one's own." What revolutionary thoughts!

We are born in varying circumstances, not all have the same opportunity. If we completely destroy all social programs, it will be easier to elect rich, ethically bankrupt morons to lead our country to hell. Why should we spend money to assist those with much natural talent but little opportunity. Obviously, wealth is the only standard of worthiness.

Look around and see what happens when big business and government collude in concerning money. It never ceases to amaze me how ignorant certain people are about helping the downtrodden yet have no problem with the billions shoveled into coffers already overflowing, many with ill-gotten gains.

I'm curious, Max. What do you propose to do about animals who indulge in intentional homicide? (Unnatural beasts!) I'll bet if Jesus had noticed that when he visited, He would have killed them all. But you probably own a gun, Max. You can kill them too.

Liberals do not consider the abortion option with glee and announcements. So what if a child is born into an impossible situation? He or she can join the service and be killed in order to honor the service of those already killed, thus illustrating the real difference between pro-birth and pro-life. And forget about legislating over-the-counter morning after pills. They are just mini-abortions, whether the person is pregnant or not.

One I would hope that human beings could figure out that organized religion does not necessarily meet everyone's needs. Many of my favorite novels are strongly attacked to various religions, but there are those who prefer to decide for themselves what they believe instead of adopting the dogma of others. Dogmas which, by the way, have been responsible for untold atrocities throughout history.

Sorry, Max, as disappointed as I am with most of the Democratic leadership today, your irrational description describes neither the leaders of the party nor the majority of Democrats. I can only deduce that you "think" we blindly follow, much as those who still support GOP principles of graft, malfeasance, murder, corruption, treason, lies, assassination, money laundering.

SHARON METCALF
Gooding

Maureen Dowd is good for a good laugh

Maureen Dowd's opinions don't make it to the top floor, but she does give us a lift. A good laugh is a healthy way to start the day.

My guess: The Times-News keeps Ms. Dowd on the Opinion page to appease the brain-dead and/or she pays Lee plenty to keep her out of the comics section.

KYLE HARSHBARGER
Twin Falls

Safety reminders can protect senior citizens

After reading Mr. Crump's splendid article on page 1, I decided to list some safety reminders for seniors, many of which I learned the hard way.

1. Don't rush. Speed is detrimental to judgment and balance.
2. Ask the driver of the car to

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park in a dry, non-slick area if possible.

3. The luxury of a tub bath in soapy, hot water may not be worth the risk of getting in and out of the tub.

4. Have a night light of some kind. We leave the hall light on and the bedroom door slightly open.

5. Avoid sitting on low, soft chairs. Getting up is no fun.

6. Always accept a helping hand.

7. Have a control plan for taking your medicine. Your pharmacist can help.

8. Think positively. Today is the only day that counts. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow may be worse.

9. Alcohol drinks and some medicine taken together may have dire results. Ask your doctor or pharmacist.

10. Heavy lifting is a no-no.

11. Use a cane or walker for stability.

12. The time to quit driving your car may be now.

13. Any ladder is too high.

14. Railings on the steps to outside doors are invaluable.

15. You can't have too many grab bars in the bathroom.

16. If strength permits, join an exercise group taught by Jan Nutter. She is super.

17. If you are sitting in your favorite easy chair and feeling drowsy, don't hold a cup of hot coffee. I have had difficulty remembering this advice.

18. Avoid walking on ice or packed snow.

19. Know the symptoms of an impending stroke or heart attack.

20. Don't insert anything in your ear smaller than your elbow.

21. Pray and have a companion before crossing Blue Lakes.

22. If you want to avoid a task, take advantage of your age.

KEN REID
Twin Falls

Semptra's jobs would come at great cost

When I list pros and cons for the proposed Semptra facility, it is clear that those of us living in this area downstream and downwind have everything to lose. At best, all we stand to gain is a compromised quality of life.

Representatives of Semptra might propose pros as being power, jobs and revenues.

Some cons are Idaho is not in need of additional power. Our power costs would not go down! As a shareholder of Idaho Power, I understand that on a good flow year, we have excess power that is sold to other states such as California. We are fortunate to have water power that is clean and efficient to be produced. Why should we settle for anything less? Every thing generated by a coal-fired facility would be extra to our needs and would be sent out of state.

The few potential jobs would come at too great a cost. Fifty train loads of coal a day, the residue of which would end up in our air, water and soil; loss of huge amounts of water used in producing coal-fire energy, a fact especially alarming in a time of drought and while our aquifers are being depleted for "high priority" use.

My grandfather, the late Ralph Hulme, told me that when he moved to Hagerman as a child from Soda Springs in 1910, "The Snake River was so clean you could lay down anywhere and take a drink."

Environmental Protection Agency regulations for mercury is zero tolerance; notwithstanding, our water already contains a substantial amount of mercury. A coal-fired plant would raise these levels. Government health and safety regulations provide minimal protection. We can't expect to be sheltered from damaging elements simply because of Semptra's meeting these requirements. Are we naive enough to believe that if a coal-fired plant were to

be allowed, we would not live in smog, that mercury would not find its way into our drinking water?

As to revenues, taxes paid to the state of Idaho would hardly be worth it. Do we choose to sell our birthright for a mess of pottage?

Let them consider sites nearer coal sources and closer to where the power generated will be going.

Let us band together to preserve our resources by saying no to a coal-fired plant. Please contact those responsible for making this critical decision and let them know how against it you are!

KATHI MEYERS
Twin Falls

Don't take the 'merry' out of Christmas

Greetings to all; this is the season.

I am moved to write on a subject that concerns me. Why are people trying to take the "merry" out of Christmas?

For generations, Christmas has celebrated the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the most special time of the year.

I will not accept that, all of a sudden, it is politically correct to wish people "happy holidays." I had an idea passed to me that I would like to share with others: How about everyone placing a Merry Christmas sign out for all to see.

Place a Merry Christmas sign in your window at home and in the window of your office.

Place a Merry Christmas magnet on your car right beside your yellow ribbon. Take a true vow of faith and place Christ back as the center of the season.

I would encourage local sign companies to make Merry Christmas signs and distribute them all over the Magic Valley. Maybe some of the copy companies could print some flyers or make some magnets with Merry Christmas signs out to everyone. It would be a worthwhile cause for anyone who would be willing to get involved.

1. For one, refuse to shop at stores that will not acknowledge Merry Christmas but instead find it politically correct to wish people happy holidays.

I encourage everyone to join the fight to protest against God being removed from every thing. And to the atheist groups of America, I will keep you in my daily prayers because you need it!

I plan to shout it from the roof top: Merry Christmas to all! And a very happy birthday to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Join together to send a loud, clear message to our young people: Give our future generation a life to look forward to. Put the merry back in Christmas.

Standing united on this very important subject, together we can make a difference as to what is happening in our society.

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Air marshals come under scrutiny

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — They train for accuracy with paint-ball guns inside mock airline cabins. They use bullets designed to stop and expand in flesh to minimize damage to an aircraft.

And they can look like Grateful Dead groupies or supermodels.

The Federal Air Marshal Service sends thousands of armed undercover agents into the skies each day. But now the service is facing more scrutiny than ever after marshals shot a Miami, Fla., man to death Wednesday at Miami International Airport.

Miami-Dade police are investigating the shooting, the first by marshals since before the terror attacks of 2001.

But it's not the first time the program has come under scrutiny.

Federal reports released since the program's rapid expansion after the Sept. 11 attacks found background checks of agents were often too lenient, discipline problems existed among marshals and firearms testing was often inconsistent.

Now, the training regimens are in the cross hairs as critics analyze the frantic moment that led up to the marshals' firing on 44-year-old Rigoberto Alvaraz on the jetway outside an American Airlines flight bound for Orlando.

However, air-marshal service spokesman Dave Adams said the marshals acted appropriately in line with their training.

Marshals are trained to watch passengers at the gate before they board, keeping an eye on who congregates with whom and who could be capable of hijacking a plane, said one air marshal who insisted on anonymity because they generally are not allowed to speak to the media.

In flight, marshals say, they use common police sense, watching travelers' hands and whether groups gather near the bathrooms.

"If someone is going to attack, you watch the hands," the air marshal said. "That's what they use."

Air marshals are trained in military-style tactics and especially door interdiction. In an incident unless it escalates, the marshal said.

"Unless the situation is out of control, we never come out from underneath," he said. "It could be a diversion" to unmask marshals so terrorists can unfold their real plan later, he said.

Marshals typically go through two phases of training, including courses on cockpit familiarization, emergency evacuation and advanced marksmanship at a facility in Atlantic City, N.J., according to federal reports.

Adams said marshals also are trained in a course called "Managing Abnormal Behavior," which deals with mental illness among other issues.

With an emphasis on firearms training, marshals run through scenarios in mock aircraft cabins, using paint guns to assess their accuracy, said Leroy Thompson, who says he has trained air marshals in the United States and internationally and wrote a manual on counterterrorism called "The Counter-Insurgency Manual."

The marshals use bullets designed to stop once they penetrate a body, lessening the risk that other passengers would be hurt or the structure of the cabin damaged.

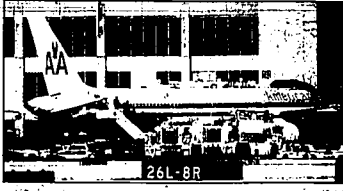
They work in teams of at least two. For a while, marshals were expected to wear helmets and ties, but they thought that compromised their covert status and now again wear street clothes.

Thompson said he knew one marshal who often dressed as though he was headed to a Grateful Dead show, while a female agent could dress like a model or a "frumpy housewife."

Marshals have "as much or more firearms training than any other federal agent," Thompson said.

When the marshal who insisted on anonymity said most incidents involving passengers concern those with mental disorders or who exhibit "bad" behavior, such as drunkenness or mixing medication with alcohol.

Since the program began a large-scale expansion in 2001 from 50 marshals to today's thousands, its administration has shifted among agencies at least four times, including from the Transportation Security Administration to Immigration and Customs Enforcement



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and that the program was failing to track and follow up incidents that compromised marshals' anonymity.

The latter problem was addressed, but it is unclear how TSA will keep qualified marshals on the job.

An August 2004 report by the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general found the program experienced several problems.

In 2002, flight marshals were cited for instances of improper flight conduct, lost or stolen equipment including weapons, failed training and sleeping on duty, according to the report.

But the marshal service disputes some of those findings, and marshals say their performance since Sept. 11 has been good.

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Comedian Richard Pryor dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Richard Pryor, the groundbreaking comedian whose profane personal insights into race relations and modern life made him one of Hollywood's biggest stars, died of a heart attack Saturday. He was 65.

Pryor died shortly before 8 a.m. after being taken to a hospital from his home in the San Fernando Valley, said his business manager, Karen Finch. He had been ill for years with multiple sclerosis, a degenerative disease of the nervous system.

Music producer Quincy Jones described Pryor as a true pioneer of his art.

"He was the Charlie Parker of comedy, a master of telling the truth that influenced every comedian that came after him,"



Pryor

Jones said in a statement. "The legacy that he leaves will forever be with us."

Pryor lived dangerously close to the edge, both on stage and off.

He was regarded early in his career as one of the most four-mouthed comics in the business, but he gained a wide following for his universal and frequently personal routines. After nearly losing his life in 1980 when he caught on fire while freestyling cocaine, he incorporated the ordeal into his later routines.

His audacious style influenced generations of stand-up artists, from Eddie Murphy and Chris Rock to Robin Williams and David Letterman, among others.

A series of hit comedies and concert films in the '70s and '80s helped make Pryor one of the highest paid stars in Hollywood, and he was one of the first black performers to have enough leverage to cut his own deals. In 1983, he signed a \$40 million, five-year contract with Columbia Pictures.

His films included "Str Crack," "Silver Streak," "Which Way Is Up?" and "Richard Pryor Live on the Sunset Strip."

Throughout his career, Pryor focused on racial inequality, often joking as the host of the

Academy Awards in 1977 that "Harry Belafonte and Sidney Poitier were the only black members of the Academy."

Pryor once marveled "that I live in racist America and I'm uneducated, yet a lot of people love me and like what I do, and I can make a living from it. You can't do much better than that."

But he battled drug and alcohol addictions for years, most notably when he suffered severe burns over 50 percent of his body while freestyling at his home. An admitted "junkie" at the time, Pryor spent six weeks recovering from the burns and much longer from his addictions.

He battled multiple sclerosis throughout the '90s.

Clearwater and Snake dredging will begin

LEWISTON (AP) — Parts of the lower Snake and Clearwater rivers will be dredged for the first time in seven years starting next week.

The National Wildlife Federation and other environmental groups agreed not to sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the dredging work in exchange for a promise that the Corps will perform a long-term study of sediment problems in the river.

The agreement is part of a settlement reached after the groups sued and successfully blocked dredging work planned for the winters of 2004 and 2005.

Congress has mandated that the Corps of Engineers maintain a 14-foot shipping channel, but parts of the channel are as shallow as 8 feet in some places.

That has prevented the port and barge operators from filling barges to capacity. Last spring two barges got stuck.

"We won't have to contend with that for a couple of years," said Arvid Lyons, general manager of Lewis-Clark Terminal at the Port of Lewiston, told the Lewiston Tribune. "We carry a ton of them full. We won't have a worry about light loading them."

The Manson Construction Company of Seattle plans to dredge about 400,000 cubic yards of sand and silt from the shipping channels under a \$5.1 million contract from the Corps of Engineers. The work is set to begin Thursday and finish by the end of March.

The company will use a clamshell dredge with a hinged bucket used to scoop the sediment. Jack Sands, Corps of Engineers' project manager at Walla Walla, said hydraulic, submerged pipe dredges could not be used.

"We are not allowed to use that because of environmental concerns and endangered species," he said. "They don't want it sucking up endangered salmon."

The dredged sediment will be carried by barge about 23 miles down river to Noxway Canyon, where it will be used to create shallow-water rearing habitat for juvenile salmon and steelhead.

"We are taking essentially a mid-depth area and bringing it up to a shallow depth so it's better habitat," Sands said.

Friend sees boy's cancer in photos

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — To most people who viewed it, the Moore family photo album was like any other, filled with pictures of young Jake Moore and his baby brother, Jared.

But a month ago, a family friend flipping through the album noticed a tiny detail — Jake's right eye often reflected white light in flash photos instead of the normal, red-eye effect.

"She used to work for an eye doctor," Jake's dad, Jason Moore, told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "She said we needed to have it looked at."

Jake's mom, Shannon Moore, took Jake to an optometrist who confirmed something was wrong. Jake was suffering from retinoblastoma, an eye cancer that affects one out of every 10,000 children, according to the American Optometric Association.

Without treatment, the cancer is almost always fatal. But early diagnosis and aggressive treatment can boost survival rates to over 90 percent. When



Jake Moore

Jake's cancer was discovered, he already had two advanced tumors.

"We were terrified about what we were up against," Jason Moore said. "We were a wreck and he

was sensing that. We decided to be strong."

Jason and Shannon Moore were left with a tough decision — they had to decide whether to try to save his eye, or have it completely removed.

If doctors tried to save the eye by freezing the tumors, his vision may still have been damaged and he would have had to undergo chemotherapy and radiation. The Moores chose to have the doctors remove Jake's eye, reducing the chance that the cancer would come back.

The surgery was done at Deaconess Medical Center in

Spokane, Wash. The doctors think they got all the cancer, Jason Moore said. But the Moores still must wait another several weeks for genetic tests to see if Jake is susceptible to other cancers. The retinoblastoma could also return in the other eye.

"As of now, there's no chemo, but it's hard to breathe easy," Jason Moore said.

So far, Jake seems to be adapting well. It's back home, quick to share toys and show off his dad's old trailers to visitors. He will have to learn how to gauge depth and distance, and will grow up with a prosthetic eye and safety glasses to protect his healthy eye from injury.

"It does grieve for the eye," Jason Moore said. "It knows it's missing and says he's sad. We're still trying to figure out how to explain it to him."

Now, when Shannon Moore flips through a photo album, the occasional whitish-green reflection in Jake's eye stands out.

"It seems so obvious when we know what to look for," she said.

Feds strike deal in case of missing teen

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal prosecutors have cut a plea deal with one of five men charged with helping to kidnap a grand jury about a disappearance of Utah County teenager Kiplyn Davis.

Scott Brunson, 28, is expected to appear in U.S. District Court next Thursday and plead guilty to some of the six counts filed against him. He is accused of offering a false alibi to someone who confessed to having a hand in Davis' death.

Bydatch would not detail the plea agreement prosecutors have offered Brunson, who is scheduled for a trial Jan. 23.

Davis, 15, has not been seen since May 2, 1995 and prosecutors believe the Spanish Fork High School student was killed.

No homicide charges have been filed against any of the five defendants and won't be filed by federal attorneys. That decision lies with the Utah County Attorney's Office, which has said they will let the federal cases play out before filing any charges.

In April, Brunson was the first of five men indicted in the Davis case. It was the first break in the mystery of Davis' disappearance in 10 years. Federal investigators say there are many people who know what happened to the 15-year-old but have taken part in a decade-long conspiracy of silence either willingly or through fear.

Also changed in the case are Timmy Brent Olsen, Garry Blackmore, Christopher Neal

Jeppson and David Rucker Leifson.

Olsen, 28, is scheduled for trial on Jan. 3. Prosecutors say he denied telling others he was responsible for Davis' disappearance.

Blackmore, 25, has a Jan. 17 trial date. He is charged with lying about whether he and an unnamed person ever sought help from a third person to move a woman's body to a better hiding place. The Moores chose to have the doctors remove Jake's eye, reducing the chance that the cancer would come back.

Jeppson, 28, was indicted in October with four counts of making false statements to the FBI and five counts of committing perjury before a grand jury. Prosecutors say he lied about his whereabouts on the day Davis disappeared.

On Nov. 14, Leifson, 28, was

the last of the five to be indicted. He is charged with lying to the grand jury when he said he never committed Olsen to recant an allegation that he was the last person seen with Davis the day she disappeared.

It's possible Brunson's guilty plea could be followed by others.

Bydatch said federal prosecutors to offer "opportunities for complete and candid conversations" to anyone connected to the case.

Davis' father, Richard Davis, hopes next week's change of plea, which he called a blow to the conspiracy against his daughter, will prompt others to come forward.

"All we can do is hope," he said.

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War-bound mom tries to find ways to reassure her children

By Matthew D. Laplanté
The Salt Lake Tribune

OGDEN, Utah — Kate Hull kneels on the floor in the middle of a colorful chain, several times her own length, spinning on her knee as she counts the paper links.

"Twenty-one ..." she counts, "22."

Distracted, for a moment, as her family's month-old kitten bats at one of the links, she sighs and begins again. "One ...," she says, frustration tarring the newly tall, "Two ..."

Ultimately, she will come to 60 — one link for each day her mother expects to be in Iraq as a member of the 419th Fighter Wing based at Hill Air Force Base.

As war tours go, two months is not a particularly lengthy deployment. But on this November day — with just three days to go before her mother leaves — the chain seems so very long.

The 8-year-old looks up, her flecked cheeks flush, her eyes pleading.

"I don't want you to go," she tells her mother.

Lynne Hull looks down at the girl to whom she's passed on the straight blonde hair and mischievous smile.

"I don't want to go, either," she says.

For hundreds of thousands of military children, the war is more than a conflict in another land. It is the force that pulls away their parents — potential lifelines.

There are no hard and fast rules for preparing children for a parent's deployment. Experts and experienced service members simply emphasize communication.

But the balance between openness and overkill can be difficult to find. And while a child's worries can sometimes be mitigated, they cannot be eliminated.

Wars don't wait for children to grow older. And deployments can be scheduled around birthdays, baptisms or Christmas.

Or soccer games.

On the day before Thanksgiving, Lynne Hull is sitting on the edge of her bleacher seat, one son to each side, cheering as Kate's indoor soccer team struggles to muster its first win of the season. At the moment, the Top Dogs — who haven't so much as tied a game yet — have a one-goal advantage.

Five-year-old Josh buries his head into his mother's yellow sweat shirt. His 10-year-old brother, Dan, alternates his attention between the game and a hand-held Nintendo.

In the final weeks before the deployment, Lynne has tried, best she can, to keep her children's lives as normal as possible. Attending school, church and soccer games re-

lax-key means keeping an im-



Lynne Hull assists her 5-year-old son, Josh, last month as they made a paper chain with one link for each day she expects to be in Iraq as a member of the 419th Fighter Wing based at Hill Air Force Base.

pending deployment a secret for as long as possible, so their children don't have time to fret.

Miller advises the opposite.

"I recommend keeping a child informed," she says. "It's best to keep them in the loop from the get-go."

"Secrets are bad," Miller says, because children are often more astute than parents assume. Mixing there is a secret — but not knowing what it is — can do much more to worry a child.

Sally Miller says, parents shouldn't feel obliged to tell their children everything.

"I wouldn't be totally honest about the dangers," she says. "I would just explain that it is a little bit dangerous, but not thing would be to say, you know, as long as you're home praying for me, I feel like I'm going to return and be fine."

Opening the door a little, though, can mean parents may have to answer questions they do not feel comfortable with.

Though the city nearby has been the site of many bombings and some firefights, Hill Air Base itself is a relatively safe place. Still, the sound of warning sirens, indicating the impending arrival of mortar, is not uncommon at the sprawling camp. There have been deaths.

Lynne Hull understands that,

while she can promise her children that she'll do everything she can to remain safe, she can't make any truthful guarantees.

Even her youngest child, 5 years old with a head of curly blond hair, seems to understand that.

"What happens if you die?" Josh asks his mother on the day before her departure. "Will we get a new mom?"

Cautiously, Lynne asks the boy what kind of mother he would like. "One who doesn't go to Iraq," he responds.

Even for strangers, war can be an ever-present reality. So 7-year-old Tyler and 5-year-old Maycie Madsen often have questions about the war in Iraq when they come home from school.

"As much as we try to shelter them, some people have conversations and don't pay attention to the little cues that are listening," says Kami Madsen, whose husband, Troy, is in Ramadi, Iraq, with the Utah-based 222nd Field Artillery.

"Sometimes one of the kids in class will say something ... and then they'll come home and ask me about it," Kami says.

Knowing they couldn't keep their children completely sheltered from the harsh realities of war, Donna Mae and Cody Workman decided to ensure the kids were given a tool to understand why God was putting himself at risk.

"The way we addressed it was that Dad was going on a mission," says Donna Mae, whose husband also is in the 222nd.

"We're a pretty religious family and so we told them that this was Dad's mission and this is where Heavenly Father needed him."

Each night, when they pray for their father, 6-year-old Derek and 4-year-old Aspen also pray that he succeeded in his mission.

"They pray for the Iraqi people every night and for the Iraqi children," she says. "They know he's in Iraq, but they also know he is helping people and that's how I try to keep it in their little minds."

The Madsen children track their father's progress on a large map that hangs in the family's dining room. Each evening, the Workman kids listen to a digital recording of their dad reading a bedtime story.

Miller, the Hill family resource manager, applauds both efforts. Planning ahead of time, on ways to provide connections with children help keep young minds at ease, she says.

For the Hull children, the connection will be made each time they walk in or out of their front door, next to which hang the colorful paper chains they made before their mother left.

As the days go by, the chains will get shorter.

Until then, Lynne Hull says, "I'll leave them in God's hands."

Clinton to co-sponsor flag bill

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Sen. Bob Bennett has a new ally in his fight to make it a crime to deface the U.S. flag: Sen. Hillary Clinton.

The New York Democrat and former First Lady has signed on as a co-sponsor of the Republican Bennett's bill. It would allow the government to fine or imprison someone who intentionally defaces or destroys the flag.

Clinton spokesman Philippe Reines says Clinton's backing comes "after talking with veterans who want the flag protected."

"Burning or destroying an American flag is a despicable act that disrespects the sacrifices of our brave veterans and soldiers who fought to protect the very freedom of speech that flag burners exploit," she said in June. "I find this abhorrent and will endeavor to make sure our laws reflect this."

The American Legion this week blasted Clinton for sponsoring Bennett's bill instead of a constitutional amendment proposed by U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

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Outgoing interior assistant: Some Easterners unrealistic

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The urbanization of America has helped politicize the environment, leaving many city dwellers with romanticized and often unrealistic views about wildlife and natural resources in the West, according to an outgoing federal executive who oversaw hundreds of millions of acres of public land.

Rebecca W. Watson, who resigned earlier this month as an assistant secretary of the interior to take a job with a Denver law firm, said her four years at the Interior Department exposed her to a growing number



of Easterners and others who apply "false perspectives" to conflicts over federal land management.

"If you are an urbanite and don't have any familiarity or have not been out in the West or read about issues and gained a deeper understanding about natural resources and the West, you might have some ideas about it

that don't hold up to reality," she said in an interview.

Some "have a Disneyland view of animals, might think all bears are cuddly, instead of respecting a bear or wolf for what it is," she told The Associated Press.

"Folks who live in the West and deal with wildlife on their own terms perhaps have a more realistic perspective than folks who don't have that opportunity," said Watson, who grew up in Chicago but has lived mostly in the West since she moved to Denver to complete her college work.

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Earth's magnetic pole shifts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Earth's north magnetic pole is drifting from North America at such a clip that it could end up in Siberia in the next 50 years, scientists said Thursday.

Despite accelerated movement over the past century, the possibility that Earth's fading magnetic field will collapse or that the magnetic poles will flip is remote. But the shift could mean that Alaska may no longer be able to see the high-altitude shimmering displays of colorful lights called the aurora borealis, or northern lights.

Scientists have long known that magnetic poles migrate and in rare cases, swap places. But exactly why this happens is a mystery.

This may be part of a normal oscillation and it will eventually migrate back toward Canada, said Joseph Stoner, a paleomagnetist at Oregon State University.

Results were presented Thursday at an American Geophysical Union meeting.

Previous studies have shown that the strength of the Earth's protective magnetic shield has decreased 10 percent over the past 150 years. During the same period, the north magnetic pole wandered about 685 miles out into the Arctic, according to a new analysis by Stoner.

The magnetic pole's movement has accelerated in the last century, compared to fairly steady movement in the previous four centuries, the Oregon researchers said.

At the present rate, the north magnetic pole could swing out of northern Canada into Siberia. If that happens, Alaska could lose its northern lights, which occur when charged particles, streaming away from the sun interact with different gases in Earth's atmosphere.

Earth's magnetic poles are different from its geographic poles, which indicate the rotation axis around which it spins. The invisible magnetic field is formed by liquid, molten iron spinning in the Earth's core.



Irish flair

Girl is first Idahoan in dance competition

By Bill Roberts
Idaho Statesman

BOISE — Jeannie Bibby's feet fly.

She leaps, kicks, taps and pivots. She can dance a jig — several types, in fact, including the slip jig and the treble jig — and a hornpipe.

And in July, those dancing feet will take this 12-year-old to the North American Irish Dance Championships in San Diego.

Jeannie is believed to be the first Idahoan to make it to the national level with her Irish dancing.

And while that is exciting, the thing she seems to enjoy most is just the dancing. "Everything just stops," she said. "I think about the dancing."

The seventh-grader at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Boise began Irish dancing about four years ago. Her mother, who is of Irish descent, signed her up. Ann Bibby said she thought it would be a way for Jeannie to understand a bit of her heritage and "something to burn off energy."

But it was much more. Jeannie seemed to take to the dancing. She's part of the Teran Irish Dancers, a group of kids ages 5 to 17 who meet in West Boise.

"They bring in a certified Irish dance teacher from Chicago two days a month for instruction. A student teacher helps the rest of the month. Jeannie also practices at home — sometimes seven days a week."

Irish dancing is part aerobic workout. Jeannie zips around the room, going up on her toes or slanting her heels against the plywood dance floor that takes up much of a room in her



Top, Jeannie Bibby, 12, demonstrates her traditional Irish hard-shoe dance techniques in an upstairs bedroom her family converted into a dance studio Nov. 29, in Boise. Above, Jeannie Bibby dances on a used dance floor her father purchased from another Irish dancer.

house. All the while, Irish songs — hundreds of years old and heavy with the strains of a fiddle — play in the background.

Jeannie acknowledges that she's grown a bit weary of Irish music, even though she loves the dance. When she's not moving her feet to Irish melodies, she likes to listen to the hip-hop group Black-eyed Peas.

Dancing has had a secondary benefit: It helps her in track, her favorite sport. Dancing built her stamina and has improved her stride. "I'm a lot faster now," she said.

Jeannie competed against 124 kids who were 12 or 13 years old in San Francisco earlier this month for a shot at the national competition. She placed 23 in the solo dance category.

Virginia man arraigned on counts from three attacks in Oregon

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — A 28-year-old Virginia college student was ordered held without bail Friday on federal charges he was part of a group of radical environmentalists who toppled a high tension electric line and firebombed a lumber mill office and a tree farm.

Dressed in jail fatigues and shackled around the ankles, Santlitas "Jack" Meyerhoff, a student at Piedmont Community College in Charlottesville, Va., re-

sponded in a quiet voice, "Yes, your honor," when asked if he understood the 17 counts of arson, conspiracy and destruction of property that could send him to jail for life. About 5-foot-6 and 140 pounds, Meyerhoff was clean-shaven with short brown hair.

Meyerhoff was one of six people arrested in five states on federal charges they took part in a series of attacks in Oregon and Washington dating back from 1998 to 2001.

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Iran to make nuclear fuel, despite wide opposition

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will enrich uranium and produce nuclear fuel domestically despite international efforts to curb its atomic program, the nation's nuclear chief said Saturday, drawing criticism from the United States.

Gholamreza Aghazadeh, head of the Atomic Organization of Iran, also described a European offer to shift Iran's contentious nuclear enrichment program to Russia as "flawed," adding that Moscow hasn't even approached Tehran about the idea.

Meanwhile, state-run television announced that nuclear talks with Europe — aimed at ensuring Iran's nuclear program cannot produce weapons — will resume Dec. 21 in Vienna, Austria. Talks broke off in August after Tehran restarted uranium conversion, a precursor to producing weapons.

Iran is standing its ground amid international pressure to cut back on its nuclear activities, particularly uranium enrichment, which can produce material for use in warheads or fuel for nuclear plants to generate electricity.

Iran, one of the world's largest uranium producers, maintains its program is for producing power.

Despite Iranian denials, the U.S. claims Iran is trying to build weapons and is pushing for Iran to be hauled to the U.N. Security Council, where it could face economic sanctions for violating nuclear arms control treaty.

China blames 'instigators' for deadly siege in southern village

BEIJING (AP) — China on Saturday blamed a deadly confrontation between authorities and demonstrators in a village near Hong Kong on "a few instigators" who organized an attack on a wind power plant, prompting police to open fire.

China said in its first official comments on Tuesday's confrontation that three villagers were killed. Residents, however, said as many as 20 people were killed.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency said police opened fire on villagers in Dongzhou, a village in Guangdong province, after a mob formed a blockade on the road and began throwing explosives at officers. Three villagers were killed and eight were wounded. Xinhua said, quoting the Information Office of the neighboring city of Shenzhen.

However, residents told The Associated Press that as many as 20 people were killed when police opened fire on a crowd of thousands protesting against inadequate compensation offered by the government for land to be used for the new power plant. Villagers said dozens of people were missing.

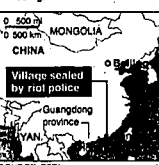
A Hong Kong newspaper quoted villagers accusing Chinese officials of trying to cover up the killings.

It says the deadliest known use of force by Chinese authorities against civilians since security troops opened fire on pro-democracy demonstrators at Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989, killing hundreds and perhaps thousands. Although police often use tear gas and truncheons to disperse demonstrators, it is extremely rare for them to fire into a crowd.

The clash in Dongzhou also

Deadly protests

Authorities shot and killed up to 20 demonstrators in Dongzhou, China, and many remain missing.



Hong Kong's South China Morning Post newspaper Saturday quoted Dongzhou villagers as saying authorities were trying to cover up the killings by offering families money to give up the bodies of the dead.

"They offered us a sum but said we would have to give up the body," an unidentified relative of one slain villager, 31-year-old Wei Lin, was quoted as saying. "We are not going to agree."

Hong Kong reverted to Chinese control in 1997, but the former British colony maintains a high degree of press freedom. Its proximity to Dongzhou gives local reporters good access to events there.

One woman in the village told The Associated Press by telephone that police were holding some bodies of dead protesters and refusing relatives' pleas to give them back.

Another villager, who identified himself only by his last name, Chong, said many of the victims' families had gone to a local police station seeking compensation for the deaths but had been turned away.

None of the villagers wanted to be identified, fearing official retaliation.

Residents said they remained under siege, with authorities surrounding the village and refusing to let anyone leave. On Friday, residents said troops armed with guns and shields were searching for the protest organizers.

Before Saturday's report, state media had not mentioned the incident in Dongzhou and both provincial and local governments repeatedly refused to comment. Telephone calls to the local police station went unanswered.

Police opened fire after the villagers began to throw explosives at police and one of the instigators threatened to blow up the power plant. Xinhua said.

Ex-cop sentenced in cardinal's death

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (AP) — A court has sentenced a former police commander to 40 years in prison in the 1993 shooting death of a Roman Catholic cardinal at the Guadalajara airport, officials said Friday. The court said Humberto Rodriguez Baniuelos was part of a gang of gunmen that riddled Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo with bullets while he was sitting in his car at the airport.

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More than 150 nations agree to negotiate greenhouse gas reduction

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — More than 150 nations agreed Saturday to launch formal talks on mandatory, post-2012 reductions in greenhouse-gas emissions that will exclude an unwilling United States.

For its part, the Bush administration, which rejects the emissions cutbacks of the current Kyoto Protocol, accepted only a watered-down proposal to enter an exploratory global "dialogue" on future steps to combat climate change. That proposal specifically rules out negotiations leading to new commitments.

The parallel tracks represented the result of the first of two-week U.N. conference on global warming, doing little to close the climate gap between Washington on one side, and Japan and other supporters of the Kyoto Protocol on the other.

"These countries are willing to take the leadership," Swiss President Bramm Fischer said of the Kyoto nations. "But they are not able to solve the problem. We need the support of the United States — but also of the big emerging countries," a reference to China and other poorer industrializing nations not obligated under Kyoto.

But the Canadian conference president, Environment Minister Stephen Harper, said the decisions taken here amounted to "a map for the future, the Montreal Action Plan, the MAP."

The Montreal meeting was the first of the annual climate conferences since the Kyoto Protocol took effect last February, mandating cutbacks in emissions of carbon dioxide and five other gases by 2012 in 35 industrialized countries.

A broad scientific consensus agrees that these gases accumulating in the atmosphere, byproducts of automobiles, engines, power plants and other fossil fuel-burning industries, contributed significantly to the past century's global temperature rise of 1 degree Fahrenheit. Continued warming is melting glaciers worldwide, shrinking the Arctic ice cap and heating up the oceans, raising sea levels, scientists say. They predict major climate disruptions in coming decades.

Former President Clinton, a Kyoto supporter, appeared at the Montreal meeting on its final day and urged nations to unite to confront the threat.

The United States is the

world's biggest greenhouse-gas emitter, and Clinton's vice president, Al Gore, was instrumental in negotiating the treaty protocol introduced in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, a pact the Senate subsequently refused to ratify.

When Bush rejected Kyoto outright after taking office in 2001, he said its mandatory energy cuts would harm the U.S. economy, and he complained that major developing countries were not covered.

The protocol's language required its 157 member nations at this point to begin talks on deeper emissions cuts for the next phase, which begins when Kyoto expires in 2012.

In days of negotiation, the Kyoto nations settled on a plan whereby a working group would begin developing post-2012 proposals. The agreement set no deadline for completing that work, except to say it should be done early enough to ensure that no gap develops after 2012.

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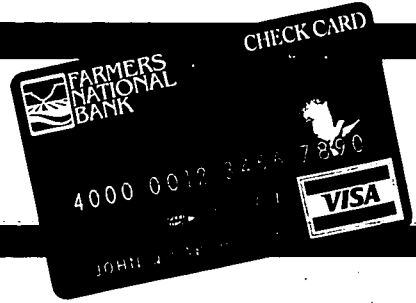
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WORLD

Polish premier announces probe into alleged CIA jails

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's prime minister said Saturday he has ordered an investigation into whether the CIA ran secret prisons for terror suspects in the country — an allegation the government repeatedly has denied.

Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz said a "detailed" probe would be conducted to "check if there is any proof that such an event took place in our country. It is necessary to finally close the issue because it could be dangerous to Poland."

Marcinkiewicz's spokesman, Konrad Ciesiolkiewicz, said he did not know who would carry out the investigation.

More than a half-dozen investigations are under way into whether European countries may have hosted secret U.S. run prisons in which al-Qaida suspects were allegedly tortured, and whether European airports and airspace were used for alleged CIA flights transporting prisoners to countries where torture is practiced.



Marcinkiewicz

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said the United States acts within the law and argued that Europeans are safer because of tough U.S. tactics. She refused to discuss intelligence operations or address questions about clandestine CIA detention centers.

Poland's outgoing President Aleksander Kwasniewski reiterated this week that "there are no such prisons or such prisoners on Polish territory." On Nov. 28, he said there "never have been" such jails in Poland.

But the Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza reported Saturday that Gulfstream airplanes belonging to either the CIA or FBI landed at least five times at the Szczytno-Szymany airport in northeastern Poland since

December 2002.

Reports last month that a CIA Boeing 737 landed at the same airport on Sept. 22, 2003, launched much of the speculation of how Poland has cooperated with the CIA.

Quoting unidentified former airport employees, the paper said Saturday the planes remained on the runway and did not refuel. Only border control officials and mini vans approached the aircrafts. One former employee said the vans were from nearby Kieljazy, the site of a training school for Poland's intelligence services.

A former chief of Poland's intelligence agency, Zbigniew Siemietkowski, told the newspaper that Poland and American spies had cooperated "intensely" since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"It would be entirely normal if Americans landed in Mazury," Siemietkowski said, referring to the region where both the airport and intelligence school are located.

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Jet carrying children home for holidays crashes in Nigeria

At least 103 killed

PORT HARCOURT, Nigeria (AP) — A Nigerian jetliner carrying 110 people, most of them schoolchildren heading home for Christmas, crashed in stormy weather Saturday while landing in this delta oil port, and at least 103 people were killed, officials said.

Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority spokesman Sam Adunloye said early reports indicated that seven people survived the crash of the Sosoliso Airlines' McDonnell Douglas DC-9, which left the capital, Abuja.

"They were breathing and were taken to the hospital. They are responding to treatment," he said. He did not say if the survivors were passengers or crew members.

The crash was Nigeria's second airplane accident in seven weeks — raising questions about air safety in Africa's most populous nation.

An airport worker said burned bodies lay across the landing area after the plane broke into pieces.

"The place where I'm standing now is scattered with corpses," the worker said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Francis family members at the airport said the plane was carrying 75 pupils heading home from Abuja for the Christmas holidays.

Adunloye said there was stormy weather around the airport at the time of the crash and witnesses reported seeing lightning flashes as the plane approached the runway.

Nigerian-owned Sosoliso Airlines was established in 1994. It began scheduled flights as a domestic airline in July 2000 and now flies to six Nigerian cities, according to its Web site.

Information Minister Frank Nwaka said Sosoliso had a reputation for being efficient and reliable.

"To my knowledge they haven't had any incidents since they started their operation," Nwaka said. "So this has come as a surprise, a very big surprise."

He added: "It's a very terrible situation and very sad."

Nigerian airports have come under criticism in recent months following a string of near-misses, and an incident in which an Air France passenger jet crashed into a herd of cows on the runway at Port Harcourt.

International airlines also briefly suspended flights at Lagos' international airport because of holes in the runway.

In October, an Abuja-bound Boeing 737-200 crashed after taking off from the airport at Lagos, Nigeria's biggest city, killing 117 people on board the Bellview Airlines flight.

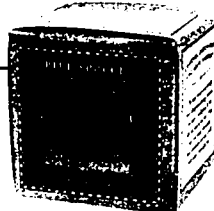
The cause of that crash is unknown, but U.S. investigators sent to help with the investigation ruled out terrorism, an official at Nigeria's Aviation Ministry said last month.

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Bennie Gerald Chatburn

ALBION — Bennie Gerald Chatburn, a 71-year-old resident of Albion, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Bennie was born Dec. 11, 1933, to John Benjamin and Zella Ada Handy Chatburn, in the family home in Albion, Idaho, where he lived his entire life. Bennie was the youngest of seven children. He was a lifelong cattle rancher and a stockholder in the Chatburn Brothers Ranches in Albion.



Bennie attended elementary school at the Albion State Normal School grade school and graduated from the Albion High School in 1951, a member of his class. He then attended Idaho State College, Boise Junior College and graduated from the College of Idaho (Albertson College) in 1956, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

In 1962, Bennie won a National Science Foundation Scholarship at the University of Idaho to teach for five years at Declo High School and two years at Burley Junior High School. He was always eager to go the second mile for his students and was very well liked, respected and always prepared to help them succeed.

not surprising that he was one of the original directors of the Cassia County Historical Society. In fact, the Historical Society was organized in his front parlor.

Bennie was an excellent rag-time and honky-tonk pianist, but loved to play the classics as well. In college, he had his own dance band and all the nieces and nephews felt cheated, when they visited if he didn't play for them, especially the "Twelfth Street Rag."

As a Master Gardener, he secured from all over the United States, seeds to plant for all types of varieties of vegetables and flowers. Bennie also ran a tree nursery for several years where he grew and sold trees.

Bennie is survived by his brothers, Ace, Joe and Dean; his sister, Frances Field; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Vard and Arthur.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion.

For many years, Bennie was a member of the Albion City Council and was the Albion city clerk-treasurer for 20 years, retiring from municipal service in 2001. Several years ago, he received the 50-year Golden Sheath Grange Award for continuous Grange membership. Always active in the Cassia Masonic Lodge No. 14 AF & AM, after the lodge closed in Albion, he became a member of the Paul Masonic Lodge.

Especially interested in local history, Bennie was somewhat of an amateur historian, so it is

Lloyd Knox Reed

FILER — Lloyd Knox Reed, 76, of Filer, Idaho, passed away suddenly in his home in Filer on Dec. 6, 2005.



Lloyd was born Sept. 13, 1929, the son of Audra and Lela Ann Reed. He grew up and attended school through the eighth grade at Maroa, then went onto high school in Filer. He then attended two years of college at the University of Idaho. On Nov. 23, 1949, in Elko, Nev., Lloyd married his first wife, Mary Deline Hansen. Together they had two children, Christy Deline and Cathyan. Mary was killed in an automobile accident on Sept. 26, 1955, on Cathy's third birthday. Lloyd married Barbara Faye Piery on Jan. 30, 1957, in Buhl, Idaho. They had one child, Shirley Irene. Barbara passed away on Dec. 31, 2004.

Lloyd was an avid sports enthusiast. He snow skied from 1941-1998; water skied from 1952-1988, was the first Idaho jumper to jump 100 feet, and held the jump record of 126 feet for the state of Idaho for 13 years. He loved sailing and owned a 22-foot Catalina and then a 25-foot Catalina sailboat from 1989-2000. He and Barbara sailed in the San Juan Islands, Mexico, and the Atlantic Ocean from Miami to

Bimini. They went on seven barefoot Windjammer Cruises in the Caribbean. He also spent four winters with Barbara in Barn, Calif., in their Snowbird fifth-wheel. He and Barbara also traveled extensively in the United States.

Lloyd was a lifelong member of the IPO Elks and was past exalted ruler from 1970-1971 and past district deputy of the Elks from 1978-1979.

Lloyd was a farmer all of his life. He worked hard and provided well for his family. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be greatly missed.

Surviving Lloyd are his three daughters, Shirley (Kelly) Lee of Filer, Idaho, Cathyan (Christie) Jones of Oregon and Charly (Blaine) Ray of California; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His parents, Audra and Lela; his wife of almost five years, Mary; and his wife of almost 48 years, Barbara, preceded him in death.

At his request, no services will be held. Lloyd and Barbara's cremated remains will be scattered together in a private place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Crematory of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Marilyne B. Sherbourne

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Marilyne B. Sherbourne of Walnut Creek peacefully entered heaven surrounded by her loving children, Bill and Debbie, and daughter-in-law, Kathy, on Dec. 4, 2005. She was 73 years old.



Marilyne was born and raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, where she attended First Christian Church. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1944 and attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. She married high school sweetheart Bill Dinsley in 1945. They moved to Berkeley, Calif., the following year. They were married 13 years and had two children, Bill and Debbie. In 1964, she was married to Harry (Bill) Sherbourne of Walnut Creek and adopted his children, Mark and Shelby. Together they had David. The Sherbournes were long-time residents of Round Hill Country Club in Alamo and Dollar Point in Tahoe City.

She is preceded in death by parents, William and Thelma Brooks, and brother, Bill Brooks. Marilyne is survived by her five children whom she loved deeply, son, Bill Dinsley and wife, Kathy, of Chino Hills, Calif.; daughter, Debbie (Dinsley) Bernard and husband, Bill,

of Roseville, Calif.; son, David Sherbourne of Tahoe City, Calif.; son, Mark Sherbourne and wife, Bonnie, of Ilhnes, Ore.; and daughter, Shelby (Sherbourne) Arwine and husband, Bob, of Las Vegas, Nev. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Kristen, Mark, Lauren, Christopher, Kaiti, Jesse, Kindal, Tyler, Ryan and Sarah; and great grandchildren, Kevin, Corrie and Jessica.

She was very active at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville until she took a fall which resulted in a broken back one year ago. Over the years

since high school, she has been involved in many civic and community organizations, including Soroptimist's Club, Lawyer's Wives, Walnut Creek Civic Center, teacher's aide at Tahoe Lake Elementary School, San Ramon Valley Republican Women's Club and Federated Women to name a few. She was a founding member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill.

A celebration of her faith in Christ and her beautiful life that touched so many hearts will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado Road, Danville, Calif.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stephens Ministry at Community Presbyterian Church of Danville. Marilyne wished to be cremated and her ashes will be spread over Mt. Diablo. Hill's Walnut Creek Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Our family would like to express deepest gratitude to the nurses at John Muir ICU, Dr. Sonia Bhatia and Dr. Valerie Schneider for their excellent medical care and compassion, and also to Carol Tatum and Dorothy Gans. May God bless each of you richly.

SERVICES

Martha A. Waddell of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Gregory L. Mauss, formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the LDS Chapel (Klein Funeral Home, Klein, Texas).

John William Fleck of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Letha M. Glingerich of Bruneau, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Bruneau American Legion Hall in Bruneau.

Bruneau (Host Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel).

Dorothy Benton of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Eastside Baptist Church on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 2159 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, from noon until time of the service Tuesday at the church.

John Arthur Shaw of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Jan. 2, 2006, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl.

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DEATH NOTICES

Alice J. Hernandez
TWIN FALLS — Alice J. Hernandez, 75, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.

The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls with Father John Koelsch celebrating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until time of the rosary Friday at the funeral chapel.

A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Dustin Paul McCollum
KIMBERLY — Dustin Paul McCollum, 10, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Edward Clark
TWIN FALLS — Edward Clark, 53, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Pearl Davis
RICHFIELD — Pearl Davis, 79, of Richfield, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Shoshone.

Maurice Guerry Jr.
CASTLEFORD — Maurice Guerry Jr., 75, of Castleford, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.


Martin Kittridge
TWIN FALLS — Martin Kittridge, 76, of Twin Falls, died

Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, of cancer. Cremation will be arranged by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. A private memorial service will be held in the summer at the Kittridge cabin in Garden Valley. A complete obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

We wish to thank all the wonderful people who cared & shared with us in the passing of Steven Cutright. Your expressions of concern in their many forms — phone calls, cards, prayers, & especially the tasty food. They were all very much appreciated.

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Ernest H. Theener

FILER — Ernest Henry Theener was released from the bondage of a long illness at the family home, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005.

Ernest was the son of parents, John Ferdinand Theener and Emma Relecher Theener. He was born Jan. 14, 1921, in a pre-war shack located south of Filer, Idaho. Their permanent home was erected in 1924. Born and reared here, he lived, farmed and died in the same location. He always loved to farm and relished the summer trips to Alturas Lake with his family. He attended Elmwood Elementary School and Filer High School. During World War II, he joined the United States Navy serving aboard the USS Breton, an escort carrier, in the South Pacific and Japan.

He was a 55-year member of the American Legion. He was also a lifelong farmer and rancher who loved the land. He was one of those people who constructed the materials to equip the ever kindergartens in the Filer American Legion building. He served and was loved by the teenage boys who attended his Sunday school sessions. He especially enjoyed being involved in the early years of the Dilettante productions. He was active in the scouting activities of his sons.

Ernie and Claire Walcott, oldest daughter of Clarence Walcott and Faye R. Johnson Walcott, were married Sunday, Oct. 24, 1943, at the Buhl Christian Church. Their sons, Ronald Ernest, Gerald Ernest and Mark Ernest, were born and grew up on the family farm.

He is survived by his wife, Claire; his sons, Ron and Owen of Arcadia, Utah, Gorry and



Kurtis L. Franck

IDAHO FALLS — Kurtis Lee Franck, 5 days old, died Dec. 9, 2005, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City of complications of premature birth.

He was born Dec. 4, 2005, in Idaho Falls, the son of Kevin Lee Franck and Amber Lynn Farmer Franck.

Survivors include his parents of Idaho Falls and formerly of

Twin Falls; grandparents, Robert and Linda Farmer of Idaho Falls and Glen and Lorna Franck of Idaho Falls; and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by a sister, McKenna Lynn Franck.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at the Idaho Falls LDS West Side Center, 2040 Brentwood Drive

in Idaho Falls, with Bishop Kerry Holmgren of the Mountain View LDS Ward officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home, 825 E. 17th St. in Idaho Falls, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at Annis-Little Butte Cemetery in Annis, Idaho.



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Elva Lucille Kindred

TWIN FALLS — Elva Lucille Kindred, age 93, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at her home.

She was born Dec. 24, 1911, at Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Jesse and Susie Cottam Sides. As a child, she moved with her family to the Magic Valley. On Dec. 24, 1935, at Burley, she married Raymond Kindred who passed away in 1991. Elva loved to garden and do yard work as she and her husband, Raymond, made a home together.

Survivors include her children, Betty Lockerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, Benny L. (Tony) Kindred of Stevensville, Mont., and Larry and Lesie (Debbie) Kindred, both of Kimberly, Idaho, 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, brother, Donald Sides and sister, Lyla Simerly.

A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" with Theresa Sullivan and



Jeanie Wright officiating. Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, also at the mortuary. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

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OBITUARIES

Everett Dorsey

PAUL — Everett Dorsey, an 89-year-old resident of Paul, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

He was born Oct. 9, 1916, in Hindsville, Ark., the son of Lincoln and Myrtle McChristian Dorsey. He married Bessie Reiter on June 25, 1934, in Yates Center, Kan. Everett was a good mechanic and worked more than 20 years at Massey Ferguson in Paul, where he installed and repaired combines and hay-balers. He enjoyed the outdoors and especially liked to fish.

Dad devoted his entire life to the care and nurturing of his family. He dearly loved all of the little grandchildren, especially the babies.

He was a member of the Paul United Methodist Church.

He is survived by six children, Christine (Bill) Drew of Heyburn, Delmer Dorsey of Burley, Dolores Meriwether of San Diego, Calif., Merlin



Dorsey of Brookings, Ore., Colleen Stullberg of Twin Falls and Terry (Connie) Dorsey of Bountiful, Utah; one sister, Pauline Koch of Caldwell; three brothers, Vernon Dorsey of Seattle, Wash., Gene Dorsey of Nampa and Dean Dorsey of Caldwell; two sisters-in-law, Mary Jones of Burley and Ethel Beckmon of Iola, Kan.; two

brothers-in-law, John Reiter of Colony, Kan., and Forest Reiter, also living in Kansas; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 71 years, Bessie; one son, Floyd Dorsey; two brothers, Edward Dorsey and Charles Dorsey; and two sisters, Georgia Roberts and Nellie Obendorf.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., with Pastor Elaine Steele officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Paul United Methodist Church in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

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Harold Irbin Wilson

GOODING — Harold Irbin "Da" Wilson passed away Dec. 9, 2005, at his home in Gooding, Idaho. A real gentleman has passed on. He was deeply loved by his family and will be greatly missed.

Harold was born July 12, 1932, in Richland, Ore., to Victor O. and Mary B. Wilson. Harold was raised by very loving parents, along with seven other children, during "the best time in the history of the World. From candles to TV, space travel and who knows." His "mountains of memories take me to the far back country of Idaho and Oregon where few white men had traveled in 1930, along with my mother and beloved Uncle Ed who assisted my father in his work. What a wonderful life I lived."

In 1959, he married Susan Beaty in San Mateo, Calif. Harold and Susan have two children, Karen (David) Smith of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Daniel (Tracy) Wilson of Menden, Nev.

Harold served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 through 1956. He worked for Pacific Telephone, Mountain Bell, and US West from 1956 to 1990.

Harold was an artist, an inventor, and a collector of unique artifacts. He obtained a patent in 1995 for a four-point-level. Harold taught himself guitar, mandolin and fiddle, and attended Old Time Fiddlers festivals. He enjoyed camping with family and friends and was an expert RVer, spending his winters in Ajo, Ariz., where he and Susan rode back-country trails in their dune buggy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Fred, Lester and Edward, and sisters, Erma Guyer and Lois Britton.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, and his children, Karen and Dan; his grandchildren, K.C. (Deborah) Pagnaga of Boise and Ryan Pagnaga of Seattle, Lindsay Smith, Brian Smith and Danielle Smith, all of Idaho Falls; and great-grandchildren, Jessica and Olivia. He is also survived by his brother, Jason White Bird, Idaho, and his sister, Anita Smith of Grangeville, Idaho.

At Harold's request, there will not be a service at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials can be made to the Idaho Old-Time Fiddlers Association Inc., 2263 Lemhi Road, Tendoy, ID 83468.

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Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Sweet and sour chicken
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Pappadum pizza
Thursday: Ham dinner
Friday: Cheeseburgers

BUHL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Doughnuts
Wednesday: Hot soups and gravy
Thursday: Veggies
Friday: Breakfast pizza

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.
Monday: French toast sticks
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Churros
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Eggs
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Taco or corn dog
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Pizza or cheese square
Friday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily
Monday: Muffins
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Biscuits
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch Menu

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Salad bar and milk served daily
Monday: Hamburger steak
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cheeseburgers
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Christmas dinner

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Choice of milk every day
Monday: Egg McMuffin
Tuesday: Grilled cheese
Wednesday: Turkey and gravy over noodles
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Italian sausage pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Baked ham

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Pizza pocket
Wednesday: Chicken wrap
Thursday: Cheeseburgers
Friday: Ball sandwich

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OBITUARY



Christopher Jon Keller

TWIN FALLS — Christopher Jon Keller, 57, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born July 9, 1948, in Sacramento, Calif. He was a Vietnam veteran and served in the Navy from 1968 to 1972. He worked in title insurance and at one time owned his own computer driving, computers, golf and, most of all, his family. On Oct. 1, 1994, he married Debbie Knowles in Twin Falls, Idaho. He had an aunt, Helma Davis, a brother, Mike (Denny) Keller, and a niece, Denise Keller of Sacramento. He had four children, Jon Keller and Lisa (Bryan) Fear of Sacramento, Sara Keller of Grass Valley, Calif., and Ryan Keller of Arcata, Calif. He was also the proud grandpa of Lindsay and Emily Haar. His former wife, Cheryl, and his parents, Bill and Dorothy Keller, preceded him in death. He spent the last 11 years of his life as an active community member in Twin Falls and was happily married to Debbie Keller. He died peacefully surrounded by his family and close friends. A memorial service will be held at noon Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Crematory, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Blackfoot mayor job to become part-time

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Mike Virtue says he hopes to have his new full-time job as Blackfoot's mayor turned into a part-time position by the end of his first year. Virtue won the position in a runoff with current Mayor R. Scott Reese last week. During his campaign, he pushed for the city to return to a part-time mayor by hiring a full-time business manager. "I still believe that a full-time business manager would complement a part-time mayor," Virtue said. Virtue said he'll begin looking for a business manager next summer, after he has acclimated himself to his new position. The new manager would earn between \$60,000 and \$70,000 a year, he said. Blackfoot's mayor position became full-time four years ago.

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Lunches

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Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily
Monday: Malted chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Grilled chicken and bacon
Thursday: Grilled chicken sandwich
Friday: Christmas dinner

MINDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choice of milk and fruit served daily
Monday: Muffin and fruit
Tuesday: Yogurt and trail mix or cereal
Wednesday: Breakfast cookie
Thursday: Ham and turkey
Friday: Bacon hot potter
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: Hot chili taco

MINDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Monday: French toast sticks or granola crackers and yogurt
Tuesday: Hashbrowns
Wednesday: Toasted tart or granola bar
Thursday: Ham and cheese potter or breakfast cookie
Friday: Breakfast bacon
Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich or baked potatoes
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Corn dogs
Friday: Macaroni and cheese or hot chili taco

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily
Friday: Breakfast served daily fruit and salad bar served daily at lunch
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Popovers
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: Turkey gravy and potatoes
Friday: Christmas lunch, family web one

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Monday: Milk served daily
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Breakfast breakfast
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Milk served daily
Tuesday: Popovers
Wednesday: Hot Italian sub
Thursday: Malted chicken sandwich
Friday: Pizza
Christmas dinner

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: Hot dog
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Natchos

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast breakfast
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Turkey and noodles
Wednesday: French bread pizza
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Christmas dinner

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily
Lunch: The high school has a choice of many lunch, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, two bar on Wednesday and potato bar on Friday. Menu items menu varies every day.
Monday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Tuesday: Rib-b-bee sandwich
Wednesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Christmas dinner

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily
Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Chicken noodle
Wednesday: Open menu
Thursday: Cheese pizza
Friday: Hot chili taco wrap
Friday: Turkey dinner

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Hot chili taco
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Tacos
Thursday: Belgian waffles
Friday: Chili

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salads, fruit and milk served daily
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Ham and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
Thursday: Potatoes with turkey gravy
Friday: Cereal

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
Friday: Christmas dinner

GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. The lunch choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Lunchables
Tuesday: Chicken burger
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Gravy chicken salad
Friday: Turkey noodle soup

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes and sausage
Wednesday: Cereal or oatmeal
Thursday: Breakfast cookie
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Wednesday: Turkey in gravy or mashed potatoes
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Lasagna

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Muffins
Thursday: Lasagna meat
Friday: Hashbrowns
Lunch menu
Monday: Salad bar and choice of milk served daily
Tuesday: Beef burrito or hot pot sandwich
Wednesday: Grilled ham and cheese
Thursday: Corn dog
Friday: Kid's nachos
Friday: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Popovers
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: Christmas dinner
Friday: Spaghetti

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Turkey sandwich
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Spaghetti

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Hot chili chicken
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Soft taco
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Breakfast

Utahns to have another chance to comment on nuke storage site

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal Bureau of Land Management plans to ask Utahns to comment on a proposed temporary nuclear waste dump in the state's Skull Valley. A move that opponents of the project hope could lead the agency to block access to the site.
The BLM must sign off on rights of way needed to access the storage site on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation, about 50 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. The agency took public comments on the proposal several years ago.
This week, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, argued to the Interior Department that the government should ask for new public input because it had not considered the terrorist target posed by such an aboveground storage facility. He also said new information showed Private Fuel Storage — the coalition of utilities applying to build it — was crumbling.
The new round of comments and information about PFS's financial stability could lead the BLM to block the rights of way, according to Hatch's office.
No one from the Interior Department, which oversees the Bureau of Land Management, was immediately available for comment Friday night.
Hatch declared the BLM decision a victory, and said Friday he would urge Utah residents to write in to oppose the project.

Crump

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NTSB: Reverse thrusters weren't working properly

CHICAGO (AP) — The reverse thrusters that should have slowed a Southwest Airlines jetliner before it slid off a runway at Midway Airport and into the street didn't immediately kick in when the pilots tried to deploy them, federal investigators said Saturday after interviewing the crew.

How much of a role that braking equipment played in Thursday's deadly accident wasn't immediately clear, though, and the investigation is continuing.

The plane's flight attendants told investigators that the Boeing 737 didn't appear to slow after it touched down at Midway in a snowstorm Thursday, said Robert Benzion, the National Transportation Safety Board's investigator in charge.

"They all said it was a smooth landing but they could sense a lack of deceleration," Benzion said.

He said the pilots told investigators they began applying

the brakes manually as soon as they noticed that the plane wasn't slowing properly. The plane, with 98 passengers aboard, slid through a fence and into street traffic, where it killed a six-year-old boy in a car.

Because of the blowing snow, none of the air traffic controllers actually saw the plane land, but more than 10 cameras have been identified that could provide additional information, including details about the runway conditions, Benzion said.

On Saturday, workers used a crane with a sling to lift the damaged airliner off the city street and into a hangar for further inspections.

Southwest said the captain piloting Thursday's flight has been with the airline for more than 10 years, and the first officer has flown with Southwest for 25 years. It was the first fatal crash in the airline's 35-year history.

Officials implicate 'Sopranos' actor

NEW YORK (AP) — A young police officer dying from a bullet to his chest shot two burglars early Saturday, one of them identified as an actor who played a mafia mobster on "The Sopranos."

The wounded suspects were quickly captured. Investigators identified one as Lillo Brancato Jr., an actor who got his break in the Robert De Niro-directed film "A Bronx Tale" in 1993, and played doomed mob wannabe Matt Bevilacqua during the 1999-2000 season of "The Sopranos."

Brancato, 29, of Yonkers, was also arrested in June for alleged heroin possession.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said the actor and another man were breaking into a vacant home when Officer Daniel Enchautegui, who had just finished a late-night shift, heard the sound of smashing glass next door.

Enchautegui was off duty and in his street clothes, but he alerted his landlord and dialed 911 to report a possible burglary in progress. Then he grabbed his badge and a gun and went out to investigate.

His landlord heard Enchautegui shout, "Police! Don't move!" followed by a burst of gunfire, Kelly said. Enchautegui, 29, collapsed in the driveway of his home in the Bronx borough and died shortly afterward.

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While most of the NFL runs the West Coast offense, they're running the Roberto Duran offense: no Moss.

— Jim Armstrong of the Denver Post

TRIVIA
QUESTION:
Who finished second to USC quarterback Matt Leinart in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2004?
...answer below

IN BRIEF
Gooding girls hold fund-raiser

GOODING — The Gooding High School girls basketball program is selling fruit gift packs as a fund-raiser until Wednesday, Dec. 14. A pack of Red delicious apples cost \$13. Fuji apples \$15 and oranges \$10. A mix of pears, apples and oranges costs \$15. Call coach Chris Comstock at 934-4831 or a player with any questions.

Jerome Rec offers hoops tourney
JEHOME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold a basketball tournament for girls in grades 7-8 and boys in grade 6 on Jan. 6-7. The deadline to register is Dec. 30. For more information call Rick at 320-2349.

CSI hosts winter hoops camp
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold their winter junior basketball camp December 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

The camp is open to boys and girls grades K-8 and the registration fee is \$90. Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, a CSI poster, and an open ticket to any of the Eagles' remaining home games. The camp will be led by the CSI coaching staffs and players, and will provide participants the opportunity to interact with their favorite Golden Eagles players. For more information, call men's head coach Barrett Peery at 732-6496, women's head coach Randy Rogers at 732-6480, or athletics office manager Christi Ure at 732-6486.

CSI offers winter baseball camp
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is holding its 23rd annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, Dec. 27-29. The camp will be held inside the 70,000 square foot Expo Center located on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

Instruction covers hitting, pitching, catching, infield/outfield skills and base running. CSI's staff combined with present and former professional players will provide a great learning experience to the participants. To receive an application or more information, visit the Web site at http://www.csi.edu/Sports/Athletics/baseball_camp.htm or call Skip Walker at 732-6650 or 734-6285.

Semi-pro league needs players, coaches
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Giants semi-pro baseball team needs players for the upcoming North West Triple B season next April. The Twin Falls Dragons and Burley Cats need coaches and players. Call Carlos at 212-4044 or sign up.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Oklahoma freshman running back Adrian Peterson.

CSI 74, NORTH IDAHO 68, OT
Eagles take thriller

CSI knocks NIC from the ranks of the unbeaten

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The "O-ver-rat-ed" champs that filled the CSI gymnasium Saturday night may have missed the mark. The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team made its case that it is underrated and should be back in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I basketball poll and atop the list of Scenic West Athletic Conference favorites after a thrilling 74-68 overtime win over the No. 13 North Idaho College Cardinals.

Sophomore leadership and a commitment to stop the Cardinals' perimeter game were key for the 10-2 Eagles, who improved to 3-0 in SWAC play. "You know, we found a way to win," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "We found a way to get into overtime, which we shouldn't have done, but we found a way to win."

The road to said win took a dramatic turn in the Eagles' favor with 1:29 left in overtime. With a 69-66 lead and the ball, CSI sophomore point guard Jermaine Calvin drew the NIC defense in with his dribble penetration and found Travis Gabbidon streaking down the baseline for a monster two-handed slam and the fourth foul on NIC standout Darrin Nagle.

Gabbidon missed the ensuing free-throw, but with the CSI crowd already in full throat, the Eagles carried their momentum to the finish. Zarrion Ferrell hit two free throws, Calvin put in 1-of-2, and the Eagles kept Nagle out of the scoreboard for the overtime period for the win.

"It was fun," Gabbidon said. "It was a lot of excitement and it meant a lot to everybody that the crowd put us on their backs and hearts. It felt good."

CSI's sophomore trio of Gabbidon, Ferrell, and Reggie Larry clearly led the way. Each played over 40 minutes. Gabbidon finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Larry added 20 and 10, and Ferrell 19 and 10, respectively.

The trio also took their turns defending Nagle and NIC standouts Mac Hopson, and Frank Clair. Nagle and Hopson finished tied for a team-high 14 points, while Clair, last week's SWAC player of the week, was held to only seven points and two rebounds. "I told the guys it's no secret what we expect from them and we needed them to lead this team," Peery said.

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Sophomore guard Zarrion Ferrell of CSI makes a basket for the Golden Eagles Saturday night against the North Idaho College of the CSI gymnasium in Twin Falls.

CSI 95, NORTH IDAHO 76
CSI clips Cards

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jelena Williams went off in the first half. Maria Moore went off in the second, and the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team is headed off to their two-week break with a 3-0 Scenic West Athletic Conference record. The Eagles dispatched the 8-5 North Idaho College Cardinals 95-76 Saturday night in the CSI Gymnasium behind Williams' scorching hot first-half shooting and an 18-point second-half outburst from Moore.

Those efforts, plus a 43-39 rebounding advantage kept the 10-2 (3-0) Eagles in control of the pivotal SWAC matchup, especially after the break. "I think our intensity and pressure finally got to them," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "They looked to be a tired team out there at the end."

After foul trouble held

Moore to four first-half points, the freshman guard took the initiative in the second, scoring 18 of her 22 points and keeping the CSI attack on the move. With the North Idaho defense squarely set on keeping Williams off the board, Moore's points, and the rebounding efforts of Williams and Ashley Thompson proved to be the difference. "We had to keep running," Moore said. "We needed to stay up, rebound, and keep attacking the basket."

The active Williams finished tying her career high with 27 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, helping negate a 19-point night by NIC standout Sara Dencheyne and 17 from Caitlin Courchaine.

"She gets in little runs where she feels good with her offense and her shooting," Rogers said. "What I was really happy with was her 13 rebounds, though. She's been down and I've been

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Bush runs off with Heisman

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Reggie Bush left the competition far, far behind — as usual. Southern California's incomparable junior tailback won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide as college football's best player Saturday night over Texas quarterback Vince Young and USC quarterback Matt Leinart, last year's winner.

Flashing uncanny acceleration and ability to change direction, Bush has conjured up memories of Gale Sayers, drawn comparisons to Marshall Faulk, Barry Sanders and Tony Dorsett, and is the favorite to be the No. 1 pick in April's NFL draft. "Oh man, this is amazing," Bush said, a row of former winners lining the stage behind him. "It's truly an honor to be elected to this fraternity. I've been in college for three years and it's the first time I've been invited into a fraternity."

Bush received 2,541 points to finish 933 points ahead of Young, with Leinart a distant third.

The 784 first-place votes received by Bush

was the second-most in Heisman history, topped only by USC's O.J. Simpson, who had 855 in 1968. Bush was first in all six regions and appeared on 99 percent of the ballots, also a Heisman record.

Bush and Leinart will be the first Heisman winners to play in a college game together when USC goes for a third straight national title against Texas in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4.

When Bush's name was announced, he bent over in his chair and clasped his hands. When he reached the podium, he let out a big sigh. He must have been the only one in doubt about the outcome.

This year's Heisman race appeared tight for much of the season, with Bush making a big statement in mid-October against Notre Dame. He ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns in South Bend, and provided the final push Leinart needed to score the winning TD in the closing seconds of a classic 34-31 victory.

But Bush was relatively low-key after the Notre Dame game and Young seemed to Please see HEISMAN, Page C4



Southern California tailback Reggie Bush stands behind the Heisman Trophy after being announced the winner of the award Saturday in New York.

Fantasy meets reality in infamous Week 14

ORLANDO, Fla. — This Sunday is circled on millions of calendars from Biltho to Buenos Aires, and it's not just because it's Teri Garr's birthday. No, as so many of you know, it is the start of Week 14 in the NFL — which is the first week of Fantasy Football playoffs.

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Jerry Greene

Nothing is more important. Nothing. Keeping that in mind, we will tell you who will win each of these games as always, because we know how much that means to you. But we will also give you the Fantasy Stud from each game. I'm guessing this may be of interest to the ladies, too. Something for everyone. That's our motto.

LAST WEEK: All we gave you were winners (well, except for the four losers) as we were a robust 12-4 (130-62 for season, a fine 677 percentage) and a brilliant 11-5 against the spread (92-5 for season, way over 500 now).

Jaguars can scare Colts, but can they win?

Indianapolis (12-0) at Jacksonville (9-3) — Colts favored by 7.5. Stud: Colt WR Marvin Harrison. Is this it? Is this when it happens? Do the Colts lose now? Ye...Ye...No. But it's close: Colts by just 6.

Tampa Bay (8) at Carolina (9-3) — Panthers favored by 5.5. Stud: Panthers WR Steve Smith. You just won't accept the destructive capability of the Carolina QB. The team has allowed 58 points in the past six weeks, including the 34-14 thrashing of the Bucs in Tampa. Read my lips, Bucs fans: "Out of the league." Panthers by conservatism.

Miami (5-7) at San Diego (8-4) — Chargers favored by 13.5. Stud: Chargers QB Drew Brees. Listen to Fish Coach Nick Saban after a comeback win over Buffalo: "I'm happy. I'm as happy as I've been for a long time." Golly, that's nice. Too bad the season didn't end then. Time to wail up and smell the napalm. Chargers by 24.

Chicago (9-3) at Pittsburgh (7-5) — Steelers favored by 6.5. Stud: There isn't one. Offensively, this game is stuidess. In fact, try imagining this Super Bowl showdown — Peyton Manning vs. Kyle Orton. Compelling, right? So in a Kyle-Wants-To-Go-To-The-Super-Bowl-Use-Special, da Bears by 3.

Cleveland (4-8) at Cincinnati (6-4) — Bengals favored by 12.5. Stud: Bengals RB Rudi Tombs. The Bengals' coach, Romeo Crennel if he was starting QB Trent Dilfer or Charlie Frye, and Romeo said: "I'm going to wait on that guy because I know you guys come from a lot of angles." Romeo, read Romeo, you're losing it. Bengals by 15.

Houston (1-11) at Tennessee (3-9) — Titans favored by 7. Stud: Titans QB Steve McNair (if no body parts fall off). Seriously, no kidding around, can anyone explain why this game being played is a show of hands? Anyone? I didn't think so. Titans by 10.

New England (7-5) at Buffalo (4-8) — Patriots favored by 3.5. Stud: Bills RB Willis McCafee. We picked Willis McCafee because we like his attitude. After that dreadful loss in Miami, Willis said: "I'm over 1,000 yards. That's my highlight of the year. It's out of my mind." See — a team guy, willing to carry the load. What's not to like? In a Watch-Willis-Run Upset Special, Bills by 1.

Oakland (4-8) at the East Rutherford field (2-10) — Raiders favored by 3. Stud: Raiders RB LaMont Jordan. (What? You were expecting QB Jason Campbell? The man who got the football just like you should treat that still brother him. LaMont: "It was a terrible feeling, like dropping an infant." OK, LaMont, you've got to treat that football just like you should treat a baby — score a touchdown. Please see PICKS, Page C5

SPORTS



Grand Valley State players hold up the NCAA Division II trophy after defeating Northwest Missouri State, 21-17, Saturday in Florence, Ala.

Lakers prevail in D-II

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Brandon Langston caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from Cullen Finnelly in the final minutes to lead Grand Valley State to a 21-17 victory over Northwest Missouri State in the Division II championship game on Saturday.

The Lakers then came up with a key defensive stop after Northwest Missouri moved to the 3-yard line as the game ended. Grand Valley won its third title in four seasons.

After a sack left the Bears with fourth-and-15 from the 21 with 1 second left, Josh Lamberson rolled right and hit Raphael Robinson inside the 5 on the opposite side of the field. Robinson spun it, but Tommy Miller and Joe Ballard brought him down at the 3 to end the 82-yard drive.

Grand Valley (13-0) also won titles in 2002 and 2003. Northwest Missouri (11-4) was the first team to win four straight road playoff games, but lost for the first time in three championship game appearances.

Finnelly moved Grand Valley 82 yards after taking over midway through the fourth quarter. He converted three third-down plays on the drive. On third-and-4, he hit Langston on a slant pattern, and the receiver raced 35 yards for a score with 4:25 to play.

Lamberson and the Bears nearly pulled out a second straight game-winning drive at Braly Municipal Field. They made the championship game with Robinson's only touchdown catch of the season, a 3-yarder with 23 seconds left to beat North Alabama.

This time, he was stopped short.

Lamberson completed five consecutive passes to move the Bears downfield. They made it to the 17 but he was chased out of bounds by Rusty Steinbach and Justin Ulberg for a loss on third down with a second remaining.

Northwest Missouri used its last timeout to set up the final play. Grand Valley was wide open briefly, but the defense swarmed after the ball and kept him out of the end zone.

Lamberson set a championship game record for completions, going 33-of-49 for 325 yards and a touchdown. Tight end Mike Peterson had career-highs of nine catches for 150 yards, including a 61-yarder and a 30-yard touchdown.

WIS.-WHITEWATER 58, Wesley 6

WHITEWATER Wis. — Justin Jacobs threw for 168 yards and three touchdowns to Derek Stanley, helping Wisconsin (14-0) advance to the NCAA Division III national championship game with a 58-

6 victory over Wesley on Saturday with a key defensive stop after Wesley (12-2) began the game on its 1-yard line. Then, on the first play from scrimmage, Whitewater's Robb Widuch tackled Kevin Nelson in the end zone for a safety 11 seconds into the game.

Jacobs threw a 13-yard pass to tight end Pete Schmitt to put Whitewater up 9-0 at 8:55 of the first quarter. Nearly 3 minutes later, defensive back Kyle Johnson intercepted Chris Warrick's pass and returned it 18 yards for the score, making it 16-0.

Jacobs hit junior wideout Derek Stanley with a pass from 18 yards out to make it 23-0 just 7 seconds into the second quarter.

Jacobs, who completed 10 of 23 passes, connected with Stanley again, this time for 47 yards with 10:39 left in the second quarter.

Senior defensive back Vic Wipperfurth ended Wesley's next possession with an interception, returning the ball to Wesley's 39. Three plays later Justin Beaver ran in from 13 yards out to make it 37-0 at half-time.

BOONE, N.C. — Backup quarterback Trey Elder scored on a 13-yard run with about 2 minutes left to give Appalachian State a 29-23 victory over Furman on Saturday in the Division I-AA semifinals.

Elder replaced injured starter Richie Williams in the first quarter and finished 12-for-17 for 165 yards. He threw for another touchdown to help the Mountaineers (11-3) reach the championship game for the first time. They play Northern Iowa next Friday in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Paladins (11-3) had one late chance. Quarterback Ingho Martin was hit by defensive end Jason Hunter and fumbled, with Appalachian State's Omar Byrom picking up the loose ball and returning it all the way to the end zone with 13 seconds left.

The Mountaineers simply ran

with a 50-42 victory.

If there was still any doubt Bush was best, he dispelled it against UCLA, running for 260 yards and two touchdowns in a 66-19 victory. Only the lopsided score kept Bush from being deemed even more damage.

As the Trojans completed another perfect regular season, it seemed a foregone conclusion that Bush would become the fifth USC tailback to win the Heisman, following Mike Garrett, Simpson, Charles White

and Marcus Allen.

The 200-pounder from Spring Valley, Calif., just outside of San Diego, ran for 1,658 yards this season, a dizzying average of 169 yards per carry, while leading the nation in all-purpose yards with 217.9 per game. USC now has produced seven Heisman winners, matching the record held by Notre Dame, and unprecedented three in four years, starting with quarterback Carson Palmer in 2002.

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Flyers win in Forsberg's return

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Branko Radivojevic scored the tiebreaking goal with 53 seconds left in the third period, leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Saturday.

Peter Forsberg returned to the lineup with a goal and assist after missing six games with a groin strain.

Todd White and Nick Schultz scored for Minnesota, which has lost five of six.

streak at home.

Hunter won it on the final shot of the shootout after Rick DiPietro stopped Edmonton's Ryan Smyth.

Fernando Pisani and Chris Pronger scored for the Oilers. 7-2 in their last 11 games. Jussi Markkanen stopped 23 shots.

Zenon Konopka, Ruslan Salei, Jonathan Hedstrom and Rob Niedermayer also scored and Jean-Sebastien Giguere stopped 21 shots for Anaheim, which had gone 0-3-1 in Montreal since a 5-4 win on March 21, 1998.

Kings 3, Panthers 1

LOS ANGELES — Pavel Demitra had a power-play goal in the first period and a short-handed goal in the second, leading Los Angeles over Florida.

Michael Cammalleri also scored and Mathieu Garon made 35 saves for the Kings, who totaled more than two goals for the first time in a span of seven games. They are 16-4 when getting at least three.

Penguins 4, Avalanche 3

PITTSBURGH — Mark Recchi, stalled for weeks in one of the longest slumps of his career, had a goal and an assist, and Pittsburgh Penguins ended its six-game losing streak by holding off Colorado.

Despite goals by Milan Hejduk, Dan Hjalte and rookie Marek Svatos, the Avalanche stayed perfect four times they've played on successive nights — each time they were the first game and lost the second.

Recchi began the game with a minus-20, the worst mark of the NHL's 749 players this season. He had two assists in 10 games and only one in 14.

Stars 2, Maple Leafs 1

TORONTO — Jon Klemm and Jere Lehtinen scored first-period goals, and Marty Turco made 19 saves to lead Dallas to its fifth straight victory.

Former Stars goalie Ed Belfour failed in his fourth attempt to move into second place on the NHL career wins list, and Dallas won for the 10th time in 11 games.

Mighty Ducks 5, Canadiens 3

MONTREAL — Petr Sykora had a goal and an assist, and Andy McDonald and Ilemu Scullacane each had two assists, leading Anaheim to their first win in Montreal in seven years.

Lightning 4, Predators 3

TAMPA, Fla. — Dave Andreychuk snapped an 18-game scoring drought with a power-play goal, and John Grahame set a team record with his ninth consecutive win as Tampa Bay beat Nashville.

Andreychuk is the NHL's career power-play goal leader with 272. He has 637 goals overall, but just three this season.

Game made 13 saves in breaking the old Lightning mark set by Nikolai Khabibulin.

Maglc 94, Nuggets 83

ORLANDO, Fla. — DeShawn Stevenson scored 18 points, including several key run-sparking jumpers, and Dwight Howard had 17 points and 14 rebounds for the Magic.

Bucks 111, Cavaliers 106

MILWAUKEE — LeBron James scored an NBA season-high 52 points, but JJ Redd tied his career high with 24 and Michael Redd added 23 to help the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-106 on Saturday night.

The 20-year-old James was 19-for-29 from the floor, including 5-of-9 shooting from 3-point range, and 9-for-10 from the line. He fell four points short of his career high of 56 set in a loss to Toronto on March 20.

Kobe Bryant had the previous NBA high this season of 46 points in the Los Angeles Lakers in an overtime game against New Jersey on Nov. 27.

James, who entered the game averaging 28 points, became the first Cavaliers player to have five consecutive games of 30 or more points. Mike Mitchell scored at least 30 points in four straight games from March 1-9, 1991.

Andrew Bogut had a career-high 21 points.

Bulls 118, Wizards 111

WASHINGTON — Chris Duhon scored all of his 24 points in the second half. Kirk Hinrich had 22 points, 13 assists and seven rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls rallied from a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Pacers 80, Grizzlies 66

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal had 20 points and 14 rebounds. Stephen Jackson added 16 points and Jeff Foster gave Indiana a lift with nine points and 10 rebounds.

Shane Battier led Memphis with 13 points.

Hawks deny Spurs their best-ever start

ATLANTA (AP) — The NBA's longest losing streak and second-longest winning streak came to an unlikely end Saturday night when the Atlanta Hawks beat San Antonio 94-84 to deny the Spurs their best 20-game start in franchise history.

The Hawks snapped their seven-game losing streak, winning for only the third time this season and the first time since Nov. 25.

The Spurs saw their six-game winning streak end.

The defending NBA champion Spurs (16-4) were denied their first 17-3 start. They also were 16-4 after 20 games last season.

Mavericks 103, Celtics 94

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Devin Harris added 19 points and the Dallas Mavericks stretched their winning streak to five games with a 103-94 victory over the Boston Celtics on Saturday night.

Adrian Griffin added 11 points and 10 rebounds, and Marquis Daniels had 15 points for the Mavericks, who've won 12 of the last 14 meetings with the Celtics.

Paul Pierce led Boston with 20 points. Al Jefferson added 21 points and 12 rebounds, and Ricky Davis had 20 points for

7ers 107, Nets 95

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — NBA scoring leader Allen Iverson had 42 points and 12 assists and Kyle Korver added 25 points on 10-for-11 shooting for Philadelphia.

Purple Raiders 157, D-II title game

ALLIANCE, Ohio — Nate Kmic had 48 carries for 160 yards and Mount Union advanced to the NCAA Division III national championship game with a 19-7 win over Flou on Saturday.

The Purple Raiders (13-1) held the Profs to minus-1 yard rushing, advancing to the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl for the eighth time in the last 10 years.

In the title game, Mount Union will face Wisconsin-Whitewater — which defeated Wesley 58-6 on Saturday.

Mike Jorris threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Kmic in the second quarter to give Mount Union a 7-0 lead. Kmic then scored on a 7-yard run with 5:20 left in the first half to make it 14-0. The freshman's run finished off a 10-play, 76-yard drive.

Joe Rankin completed 14 of 33 passes for 177 yards with two interceptions for Bosan (11-2). Phil Silica had four catches for 91 yards.

Rankin scored on a 1-yard TD run to cut the lead to 14-7 in the third period, but the Profs couldn't get any closer. Mike Zimmerman kicked a 25-yard field goal and the Purple Raiders recorded a safety in the fourth period to provide the final margin.

Jorris finished 17-of-29 for 178 yards with an interception for Mount Union, which is seeking its eighth national championship and first since 2002.

Division I-AA playoffs

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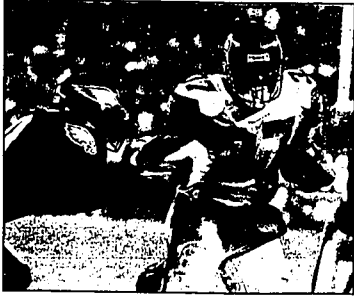
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Philadelphia Eagles safety Brian Dawkins, left, keeps Seattle Seahawks' Shaun Alexander (37) from the endzone on a first quarter sweep last Monday in Philadelphia.

49ers in the way of Seahawks' bigger goals

SEATTLE (AP) — Last week, Mike Holmgren, a maestro of motivation, challenged his young Seattle defense.

It was a more intrinsic challenge than what the defense faced the previous two weeks, when the New York Giants rolled up 490 yards and San Francisco rallied for two fourth-quarter touchdowns against it.

Essentially, Holmgren told his young defenders Philadelphia's dynamo Brian Westbrook would embarrass them on national television if they didn't play harder. The coach had thought his youngest players had "hit the wall a little bit."

"I had one linebacker come up to me after that, and he said, 'Coach, I didn't appreciate your comments after practice.' And I said, 'That's too bad. You never played against this young man before.'"

"So he said, 'I guess I have to show you.'"

The Seahawks did. The unit with two rookie linebackers among five starters having three years or less of NFL experience produced a 42-0 pounding of Westbrook and his flopping Eagles. It was the largest shutout rout in the 36-season history of Monday Night Football. It was also a startling sign that the key to Seattle's playoff charge was rising at the right time.

So how does Holmgren challenge his 10-2 NFC West champions for Sunday's home game against lowly San Francisco (2-10), a team they have beaten five straight times?

With the pursuit of becoming a conference top seed and having full home-field advantage for the first time in the franchise's 30-year history.



Niners at Seahawks
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Seattle leads Chicago and Carolina by one game atop the NFC, with unbeaten Indianapolis the only winning team left on its schedule.

The Seahawks are attempting to win their team-record ninth straight game and go undefeated within their division for the first time. But those are mere stepping stones to loftier goals.

"The next goal we want to achieve, if possible, is to get home-field advantage and the first-round bye," Holmgren said.

Playoff games in Seattle would be a big deal, and not just because there have only been four, none beyond the wildcard round.

The Seahawks are 20-3 at Qwest Field since December 2002. The raucous crowd inside the 67,000-seat, open-air stadium during the last home game contributed to the Giants' astounding 11 false-start penalties.

"Home-field advantage with our crowd and our crowd noise, it's going to be hard to stop us," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said.

As if the 49ers needed any more difficulties, they have lost 10 of 11 games. They have nine players on injured reserve.

It's frustrating, leading receiver Brandon Lloyd said. "And it's tiring to say you're frustrated for 12 weeks now."

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Picks

Continued from C1

down and then spike it. Raiders by 8.

• St. Louis (5-7) at Minnesota (7-5) — Vikings favored by 7. Stud: Vikes QB Brad Johnson (I). OK, I'm man enough to admit it — the Vikings are scaring me. Is that Mike Tice on the sidelines or Coach Faust, if you li majors get my drift? Devallish Vikings by 13.

• East Rutherford Giants (8-4) at Philadelphia (5-7) — Giants favored by 8. Stud: Frosty the Snowman. I can't talk about the Eagles. It's like describing a four-month train wreck. Giants by 10.

• San Francisco (2-10) at Seattle (10-2) — Seaturkeys favored by 16. Stud: Shaun "MVP" Alexander. Here's the self-assessment of 49ers rookie QB Alex Smith: "Things have slowed down for me. It's given me a chance to make throws I know I'm able to make." Right on, Alex, such as those three passes that were intercepted in one half last week. Want to go for four? Seaturkeys by 20 (and shouldn't I stop calling them Seaturkeys?)

• Washington (6-8) at Arizona (4-8) — Washington favored by 3.5. Stud: Washington RB Clinton Portis. You have to be a Fantasy Football fanatic to care about this Washington by 10.

• Baltimore (4-8) at Denver (9-3) — Broncos favored by 14. Stud: Broncos QB Jake Plumm.

mer. It's hardly my place to tell Ravens Coach Brian Billick how to run his team. Hey, the man won a Super Bowl. But I am really beginning to think he should at least consider using a quarterback next year. Just a thought. Broncos by 17.

• Kansas City (8-4) at Dallas (7-5) — Cowboys favored by 3. Stud: Chiefs RB Larry Johnson. Cowpokes Coach Bill Parcells was asked whether his team could win its last four games. "Are you a mathematician?" growled Parcells. Probably not, Bill, but none of us had to stay at a Holiday Inn Express to know you are in deep do-do. In a What's-That-I-Stepped-In Upset Special, Chiefs by 6.

• Detroit (4-8) at Green Bay (2-10) on Sunday night — Favve Apologists favored by 5. Stud: Apologist RB Samkon Gado. Don't tell me that ESPN's Chris Berman has lost all his moxie. While showing footage of a Detroit security guard taking down the fan with the "Fire (Matt) Miller" sign last week, Berman said: "Best tackle the Lions made this year." One more.

Cheerleaders were throwing Lions T-shirts into the stands — and the fans were throwing them back. Apologists by just 3.

• New Orleans (3-9) at Atlanta (5-9) on Monday night — Falcons favored by 10.5. Stud: Falcons RB Warrick Dunn. See? It's games like this that killed MNF: Falcons by 14.

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Some players nearing the end

For the past 10 seasons, 265 yards is usually something Curtis Martin could accomplish in two games.



ON FOOTBALL
Dave Goldberg

This season, playing on a 2-10 team that has scored only one touchdown in a month, Martin's only goal is to do it in the four games the New York Jets have left. That would make him the first NFL running back ever to start his career with 11 consecutive 1,000-yard seasons.

That's a big accomplishment for him personally, and it would be no great accomplishment for the football team and for the guys that are on this team, coach Herman Edwards said a week ago, talking about goals for a team with very few tangible ones — except a high draft pick that his fans hope will net Reggie Bush as Martin's successor.

Martin, an unsung star despite a career spent primarily in the nation's largest media market, is one of a number of standout players whose careers seem to be winding down this season.

That's already happened for Marshall Faulk, the 2000 MVP, who has just 150 yards rushing for the Rams this season, playing behind Steven Jackson.

Also think Brett Favre and Steve McNair, Jerome Bettis, Ray Lewis, Troy Vincent, Rodney Harrison, Bryant Young, Zach Thomas, Jonathan Ogden. And of course, that guy known simply as "T.O.," sitting right now somewhere in limbo, which in his case probably means Mooresboro, N.J., or Atlanta.

That list includes three MVPs (Favre, McNair and Faulk) and a two-time defensive player of the year.

It doesn't necessarily mean that all will retire or that some might not even return to All-Pro form. Some, especially those with big salaries and/or contracts on rebuilding teams, could end up elsewhere.

Lewis, for example, is only 30 and could bounce back from his second injury-riddled season in four years. Think Michael Strahan, another former defensive player of the year, who at 34 is having one of his best seasons after missing the second half of last year with a torn pectoral muscle.

But also remember that players, even great ones, can decline quickly in a brutal game.

Here's look at a few standout players who could be nearing the end.

• **Brett Favre, QB, Green Bay.** The guy doesn't know pain. And he doesn't know surrender. He's started a record for the position 217 straight games, playing with a broken thumb, torn muscles, illness, personal life whatever. Now he's on a 2-10 team without his top running backs or receivers and an offensive line that can't block anyone.

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• **Ray Lewis, LB, Baltimore.** He's been the back, probably as fierce as ever. If not quite as much, that's not necessarily his fault. He's lost to injury can be a problem.

• **Zach Thomas, LB, Miami.** 32. See Ray Lewis.

• **Bryant Young, DE, San Francisco.** A defensive player for most of his career and the last player remaining from the '94 champions, he was having an outstanding season until injuring a knee. He never, he might go somewhere else, and who knows? See Michael Strahan.

• **Jonathan Ogden, OT, Baltimore.** Not old for an offensive lineman. But getting banged up more and his big contract. If Ravens start major rebuilding, might be better off on a contender.

• **Ovens, WR, Philadelphia (sort of).** 32. You want him? You got him. He'll be cut because no one will trade for potential trouble on a million roster spots.

• **Jerry Jones, DE, Baltimore.** He's in Dallas, but the Titans want. The Raiders would take him, but Randy Moss doesn't want him. Atlanta needs him, but Greg Knapp, the offensive coordinator, was one of his whipping boys in San Francisco. They, Matt Millen drafted WRs Chavis Rogers, Roy Williams and Mike Williams in the first round the last three years. Maybe T.O. would like it in Detroit with another former sparring mate, Jeff Garcia.

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Bucs-Panthers features a key battle

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Folos Stovall got it. It was a call repeated often — three times in five plays, actually — the last time Kenyatta Walker faced the Carolina Panthers.



There have won five straight meetings.

Game of the Week
Walker gets lured into silly penalties and careless mistakes, and Carolina's star defensive end capitalizes every time.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Chris Simms (2) gets sacked by Carolina Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers during the second quarter on Nov. 6 in Tampa, Fla.

Walker is keeping his thoughts on Peppers to himself, refusing this week to answer any questions about their rivalry. He answered everything thrown his way with either a "No comment" or a sarcastic "Merry Christmas."

So if the Bucs (6-4) have any chance of beating the Panthers (9-3) in Sunday's key NFC South matchup, Walker must get Peppers out of his head.

Furious about Walker's alleged cheap shots — and a chop block earlier in the game that ended the career of Panthers teammate Kavika Pittman — Peppers called Walker a dirty player and accused him of poking at his eyes and swinging at his head.

"It's a credit to him for hanging in there and not letting one bad game or one bad situation ruin his whole season," Peppers said in Charlotte. Peppers confronted the issue, head-on and said there was no lingering animosity between the two.

Peppers was ready in there during the last meeting, a 34-13 Carolina victory, when Walker had three false starts in a span of five plays to kill a Bucs drive. Walker also failed to block well in the running game and yielded two of Carolina's five sacks, both to Peppers.

Walker shrugged it off, claiming the problem was Peppers' lack of production.

"The teams are rivals, but it's not bad blood, no hatred on my end. I can't speak to his," Peppers said. "I've been playing him the past couple games and everything's been fine. All that stuff that happened has been squashed."

Walker said he was a false starting or what was going through his head because I don't know," Peppers said. "Me, I worry about myself more than anything. I get into my opponent's head."

Walker said: "This job is to get a sack. It's overtime, and he still ain't smelled it. You'd be mad, too."

Peppers, along with fellow defensive end Rucker, are both hobbled this week with injuries. Carolina Panthers will need them to put the same pressure on quarterback Chris Simms that they did in their first meeting, when they combined for four of Carolina's five sacks.

Win would make Ravens' season, hurt Broncos'

DENVER (AP) — The stretch run is under way in the NFL, the time of year where some teams play for the playoffs and others play for their jobs.



Ravens' linebacker Terrell Suggs, right, is held back by the Houston Texans quarterback David Carr, left, during the first half last Sunday in Baltimore.

When they meet Sunday, the Denver Broncos (9-3) will be the team thinking about the Super Bowl and the Baltimore Ravens (4-8) will be trying to salvage something from a salvage game week.

The Ravens were a trendy Super Bowl pick to start the season. Injuries and poor play at quarterback helped put an end to that. Coach Brian Billick's job security is uncertain and even he has conceded he can't wait for the season to end.

It's a different season, a different team," Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister said. "But still, the confidence we have to go play Denver doesn't waver one bit."

The Broncos are 14-point favorites in the NFL this week, although there is some other talking history in this series to point out.

The news was bad, but for the first part of the season the Vikings were even worse. A team that some picked to play in the Super Bowl started was going nowhere fast when it lost quarterback Daunte Culpepper in a blowout loss to Carolina and fell 9-5.

Even with two interceptions last week, Jake Plummer is having a career year, with 15 TDs and six interceptions in the most even-keeled season of his career.

"I think every man in this locker room wants to play football," defensive lineman Terrell Suggs said. "If they didn't, they wouldn't be here."

The only consolation for the Vikings was that more attention was being paid to reports of sex and debauchery involving players on the bench than the loss of the way the team was playing on the field.

The Broncos have found not two, but three backs who can carry the ball. "A three-headed monster," as Suggs called it — although coach Mike Shanahan said he'll probably have to scale it back to two this week. Turns out, there really aren't enough guys available to keep Mike Anderson, Terrell Bell and Ron Dayne all involved.

The Broncos, meanwhile, lost to Kansas City last week and had their only bye week in Oakland — all four 4-4 records.

Amazingly enough, they've done it behind backup Brad Johnson, who was supposed to serve merely as a caretaker at quarterback while the Vikings played out the season amid dwindling crowds and dwindling interest in the Metrodome.

The defense had been playing great, although some miscosmopolitan in the secondary cost the Broncos in their 31-27 loss to the Chiefs last week.

"I'd rather be in our position, to play for what we're playing for," defensive lineman Ebenezer Ekuban said.

Johnson won't remind anyone of Peyton Manning, but he's been a steady influence on an offense that couldn't stop coughing up the ball. While Culpepper threw 12 interceptions in seven games, Johnson has only thrown the ball twice to someone with a different uniform.

"We are playing smarter, but the main thing is the guys stuck together and they believed in me," he was telling, when, with us are not a bad football team," Teague said.

The subject was hard times, and what a football team can do to overcome them. Teague, like most football coaches, prefers the fire-the-warehouse, us-against-the-world approach to adversity.

It was bad," linebacker Sam Covart said. "You turn on the TV and saw everything that was being said. It was bad."

It helps that the Vikings have been playing bad teams. Before a game against Minnesota in a Super Bowl pick, remember that two of the wins came against the pathetic Detroit Lions, and two others came against the Packers and Browns, a team I was telling you remember the Vikings have beaten in the streak is the New York Giants, and they did that without scoring an offensive touchdown.

"I have always preached that we are family," Teague said. "That is important because families go through hard times. There is nothing ever easy about being a family."

Minnesota Gie, meet Minnesota Vice.

The Vikings should get another one against the Rams, and could find themselves with a chance to win the NFC North in the final game of the regular season at home against Chicago.

Not when your family is this dysfunctional, it isn't.

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That's pretty heavy stuff for a team that only a few weeks ago seemed on the verge of packing it in.

When the Vikings are a family, but it's not this exactly Father Knows Best.

Minnesota Gie, meet Minnesota Vice.

And so far it makes for one happy family in Minneapolis.

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Vasher earns rep as 'The Interceptor'

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Nathan Vasher's got one eye on the receiver he's covering. Out of the corner of the other, he's trying to pick up a football in the middle of his concentration field.

That's really quick. He's got 12 picks in two years. It takes guys a long time to get that. So yeah I think that's pretty fast development for a cornerback. I've seen defensive backs coach Perry Fewell.

With vision, preparation, a feel for the game and a knack for knowing where the ball is headed, Vasher has played an integral role in helping the Chicago Bears develop into the league's top-rated defense.

"It's basically the same game and I've been doing it for a long time," Vasher said of his easy transition with the Steelers.

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Lemieux will not play at Olympics

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh owner captain Mario Lemieux won't play for Canada in the Winter Olympics following his latest medical scare, and he's got what he considers the perfect replacement in mind: Penguins rookie star Sidney Crosby.

Lemieux, talking publicly Saturday for the first time since being hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat last week, told Team Canada executive director Wayne Gretzky several days ago he wouldn't play in the Turin Olympics in February.

"With the way I have been playing so far and with the young guys we have coming up in Canada, I think the best thing to do is to go with the young guys, the young stars," Lemieux, who singled out Crosby, Carolina's Eric Staal and Ottawa's Jason Spezza as players who should be chosen.

Gretzky is expected to attend the Avalanche-Penguins game Saturday night in part to watch Crosby, the 18-year-old forward

and No. 1 draft pick who is averaging more than a point a game. The 40-year-old Lemieux was debating whether to reprise his 2002 role as Team Canada's captain even before rushing to the hospital Wednesday with a rapid heartbeat. After being monitored for nearly a day, he was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, a condition common in athletes treated with medication that is not expected to end his career or alter his life.

Making an unexpected visit Saturday to the Penguins' game day practice, Lemieux said he hopes to be back on the ice within a week and doesn't expect to be out of the Penguins' lineup long.

Lemieux called Wednesday's practice-day episode in which he became lightheaded and his heart began racing "scary," and he was relieved to learn his problem is fairly common.

Lemieux's heart scare was the latest in a series of medical problems for the Hall of Famer

and No. 7 NHL career scorer. He survived a bout with cancer in 1993 that occurred during one of his best seasons, when he won a scoring title despite being out a month for Hodgkin's disease treatments. He also missed about two-thirds of the Penguins' 1990-91 Stanley Cup championship season after developing a rare bone disease following back surgery.

This latest problem frightened Lemieux because the bursts of rapid heartbeat would occur randomly, and doctors could not determine their cause or prescribe any medication until he could be monitored for an extended period. When he missed two games in a six-day span, team officials said he had the stomach flu.

Lemieux has another stress test scheduled Monday, partly so doctors can determine the proper dosage of his medication. Once that occurs, Lemieux expects to resume practicing and playing fairly quickly.

Crosby should be worried about matchup with U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Eddie Johnson was sweating, and it had nothing to do with the opponents the United States had drawn for next year's World Cup.

One of the brash young American soccer players, he watched Friday's draw in a gym, where he was working out as he rehabilitates from a toe injury that sidelined him for most of this year. He wasn't fazed when the United States wound up in a group with Italy.

"I don't think it's a team as strong as they've been in the past," he said. "Italian soccer isn't as good as it used to be."

Don't be too surprised if Italians have tears in their timonias after they play the Americans on June 17.

When the United States gets to Germany next year, it opens against the Czech Republic on June 12, plays the Italians five days later and closes the first round against Ghana on June 22. After reaching the quarterfinals in 2002, the Americans have a difficult but not impossible path to the second round, where they could wind up playing defending champion Brazil.

Johnson, a 21-year-old forward who scored eight goals in his first eight games with the national team, exemplifies the attitude of an American team that believes it can beat anyone.

Back in 1990, when the United States reached the World Cup for the first time in 40 years, it drew Czechoslovakia, Italy and Austria as first-round opponents in Italy. Bob Gansler, then the U.S. coach, didn't think his team had much of a chance against the Azzurri, as the Italian team is known.

"One can always dream," Gansler said the day of that draw, "but that's exactly what that would be. To beat them would be monumental."

That U.S. team was booted off the field, losing those three games 5-1, 1-0 and 2-1, scores closer than the games really were.

But the Italian national team has struggled these days, not even making the second round of last year's European Championship, and Italy's Serie A top domestic league is dominated by two teams filled with foreigners, Juventus and AC Milan. Only recently have young players such as Luca Toni and Alberto Gilardino been brought in.

With the Czech Republic, the Americans catch a break. Jan Koller, the 6-foot-6 forward whose nine goals were second in qualifying, might miss the tournament because of a knee injury. If he plays, he will be coming off a lengthy layoff. Still, the Czechs will cause trouble for the U.S. team — they have strong offensive players in Pavel Nedved, Tomas Rosicky, Milan Baros and Vladimir Smicer.

A Ghana, known as the Black Stars, has tough-tackling Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien, among the five finalists for African player of the year.

Sixteen years later, the Americans have progressed so much that their current coach Bruce Arena said, "I think we're capable of playing with any team in the world."

Clint Dempsey, a 22-year-old midfielder, recorded the draw in Nagardoches, Texas, and didn't know the Americans' opponents until he got home and watched. He is pushing himself

to get ready. "I've got to crawl before I can walk," he said. "I'm just trying to get on the team. That's my main

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page D-11.

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communication and
presentation skills.
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side sales experience is
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Full time Sales and
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South Idaho Press
has an opening for a
Classified Sales
Representative.
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pkg commission,
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-Minimum exp: 45 wpm.
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computer skills
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-Ability to handle
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work in a high em-
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while managing
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tience and profes-
sionism while
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Full-time position
requires bachelors
degree, experience and
two years facility man-
agement experi-
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products. Must have
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Workplace

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ing an aggressive, self-
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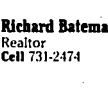
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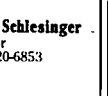
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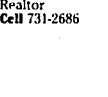
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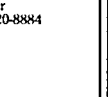
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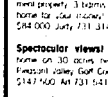
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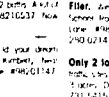
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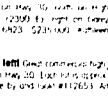
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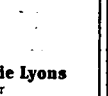
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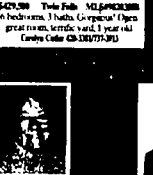
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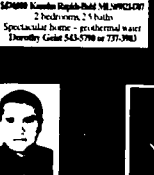
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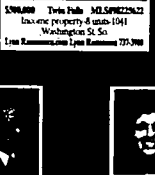
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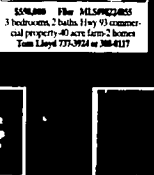
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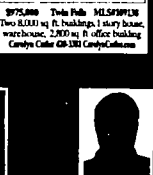
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE
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Dear Mr. Wolff: Is it right to play "system on" in response to a no-trump overall, using the same methods you use to respond to a no-trump opening bid? If not, what would you recommend?

those who would assume it to be 12-14 points unless you tell them. Any time you make a conventional call, or a natural call with an unexpected meaning, it can hardly do any harm to alert your opponents to what they means.

ANSWER: I'm a huge fan of KISS (keep it simple, stupid!). Yes, there may be minor modifications one can make to improve on the opponents have bid a suit, but trust me, it is not worth this. This is because of the accidents that ordinary mortals will suffer if they use two different methods.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Where is the best place to learn about bridge on the Internet?

ANSWER: It depends a little on what you want to find out. But if you are interested in seeing how the experts play, I suggest you go to www.bridgebase.com. If you want to learn bridge, maybe try the ACBL Web site (www.acbl.org). To discuss problems and ask for advice, the discussion group rec.games.bridge may be the best forum.

Class Maitor, Great Falls, Mont.

ANSWER: There is truly no right answer here — only successful ones. I would not feel like passing because of my short spades, and double has three successful outcomes (partner bidding a red suit or passing) while only one unfortunate one. I go for the double, but could easily be persuaded to opt for either bidding three hearts or perhaps passing.

Dear Mr. Wolff: After your partner pre-empted, should a new suit be forcing? I had the following nice hand when I heard my partner open two hearts. I received criticism from all the other players at the table for bidding three clubs with K-2, 7-3, A-J-10, A-Q-9-7-4-2.

Dear Mr. Wolff: In fourth seat with both sides vulnerable I heard my LHO open two spades, passed around to me. Should I have passed, doubled, or overcalled, looking at A-10-2. ♠ A-J-9-4-3, ♦ A-J-10-3, ♣ Q-4.

Golden Silence, Fayetteville, N.C.

ANSWER: Yes, you should. The meaning will be unexpected to

Dear Mr. Wolff: If he play an opening bid of one no-trump to show 12-14 points, when you rebid one no-trump to show 15-17 points, should you alert it?

ANSWER: Yes, you should. The meaning will be unexpected to

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Leaving the farm



Above, Tami Chandler talks with her eldest son, Tony, at her home in Wendell before a recent auction at the family farm. Tami's husband, Kent, died in June in a farming accident. Top, the late Kent Chandler's farming equipment waits to be sold at auction.

Times News readers first met the Chandlers in October when reporter Karma Fitzgerald and photographer Ashley Smith profiled several farm families making it through harvest after losing a loved one.



Tami jokes with two of her sons, Derek, 17, left, and Jaseen, 15, at the dinner table at their home in Wendell the night before the family's farm auction.



Preston Koehn, left, and his uncle Jim Glasbrecht, both of Brunson, listen to an auctioneer call bids at the Chandler farm.

Bound by faith and fertile soil, the Chandler family begins to heal

WENDELL — They were lined row by row. Tractors, discs, cultivators, trucks. Like headstones consecrating Kent Chandler's years of toil, sweat and dreams.

But unlike headstones, these memorials would move — to other places in the hands of other farmers.

When Chandler was crushed by a beet cultivator last June, his family suffered the loss of a spouse and parent, brother and son. But beyond that, his death was a turning point.

On Nov. 29, his equipment — collected over decades dedicated to the land — was sold. The fields on which he planted parts of his soul are in someone else's name. His family is moving on.

"It's been a tough day," said Robyn Hope, Chandler's sister. "It makes it all so final."

As members of the Chandler family watched the auctioneers slowly move through the alfalfa field where the equipment was displayed, a few tears welled up. They hit their lips. They choked on emotion. This was not what they had planned.

Chandler's of the next generation say they can't make a living on the family farm. So, like countless other farms across Magic Valley, this land and equipment were sold to the highest bidder. Whether it's because of death, retirement or dwindling profit margins, farm families and the communities that sur-

round them must forge new futures as the face of agriculture changes.

But the Chandlers put God in the center of their lives. This death was part of his plan. While they miss the beaming smile and bright blue eyes, the separation is only temporary. Kent still lives to them.

His widow, Tami Chandler, was shaken but smiling on sale day, greeting crowds of neighbors and potential buyers. Her smile was warm against brisk morning wind. But the auction wasn't easy.

"It's like selling my husband," she said. "This is what he loved."

New roles

Loni Chandler is very much a traditional farm wife. For years she has kept a large garden, preserving the harvest in glass jars. She is a scratch cook who whips up a daily batch of cookies. Meals are prepared in a cast iron skillet.

"Along together pulls families together," she said, pulling on an apron. "It's becoming a lost art."

She said Kent wanted her to be home, raising their seven kids and managing their home life. It's a role she learned from her mother and mother-in-law. Lit-

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my husband.
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”

— Tami Chandler

tle things like dishes the plates before they're served are not signs of subservience, but of importance.

"It's how you show love," Tami said.

Morning is a special time in her home. They gather for prayer and scriptures. That was important to Kent, and though the dynamics have changed, the quiet moments before anyone leaves the house are still essential for getting the day off to a good start.

The two sons at home, 15-year old Jaseen and 17-year-old Derek, miss interacting with Dad — the way he challenged them to strengthen their testimony. His guidance. His presence.

Family time is different now.

"Now there's only three of us," Jaseen said. "It feels emptier. You know he's still there. He still does inspire us in some ways. You can feel his there. But it's just weird. (His death) is always there. It

doesn't go away."

The boys and their older brothers have started stepping into their father's roles. Jaseen, the comic relief, cares for his mother's emotional health, making her smile and laugh when she needs it. Derek is the man of the house. He hung the Christmas lights, according to the plan he and his dad discussed last year. He handles household repairs.

Older brother Gary Chandler said he and his siblings feel an extra burden these days.

"Mom has a lot to deal with. She can't even be the same person she was, and she has more to do," said Gary, a student at Brigham Young University-Idaho. "But it's not the same. All of us put together could still not do half the things he did."

Eldest son Tony Chandler, who lives in Ivan Falls with his wife and family, has become the patriarch in many ways. He takes his younger brothers fishing, hunting — making sure they bag their first deer — just as his dad would have done.

At the farm auction, though, Tony was the broken-hearted son of a proud farmer.

"This equipment is all part of him," he said, swallowing hard. "I look at it and remember when he bought it. That 12-row beet planter over there, he was real proud of that."

"He took great pride in this," Tony said, gesturing toward the equipment. "I hope
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FAMILY LIFE

Bundle up for the Geminid meteor shower Tuesday

There's no doubt that the most famous meteor shower is the Perseids, which arrive in early August each year. But if they didn't arrive during cold weather, December's Geminids would probably get more attention.

Chinese observers first recorded the Perseids in the first century A.D. While the showers' strength has varied over the centuries, in recent decades a peak rate of about 80 per hour is typical.

The Geminids, on the other hand, seem to have appeared continuously as a weak shower in the 1960s. Since that time, they've grown steadily stronger.



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

new often topping 100 meteors per hour.

Furthermore, the Geminids' peak is a broad one, typically producing good shows for several days before maximum activity. And unlike most meteor showers which peak after midnight (when the part of the Earth we're on is turning its

Unlike most meteor showers, which peak after midnight, the Geminids' shower appears throughout the evening hours.

the oncoming stream of meteoric particles), the Geminids' parent meteor stream is nearly perpendicular to the Earth's orbit, so the shower appears throughout the evening hours.

Perhaps the most unusual feature of the Geminids is their origin. The Perseids and other annual showers are the offspring of comets, whose periodic passage around the

sun liberates the tiny rocky particles we see burning up in the atmosphere as meteor showers. But it wasn't until 1983 that the Geminids' parent body was found to be not a comet but an asteroid, called Phaethon. Phaethon may be a burned-out comet with an icy core surrounded by a thick mantle of rocky particles.

If you're inclined to brave the

cold and watch this year's Geminids, the peak falls this Tuesday night around 9 p.m. The meteors will appear to emanate from the eastern sky. Unfortunately the full moon falls just 36 hours after the Geminids' peak this year, meaning that all but the brightest meteors will be washed out by bright moonlight.

Next week: *The universe on your desktop.*

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herriot Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Mercury: ESE, very low; Jupiter: SE, low; Saturn: WSW, mid-sky; One hour after sunset: Venus: SW, very low; Mars: ESE, mid-sky; Moon: Full moon 9:15 a.m. Thursday. Extremely close to Mars 10 p.m. tonight.
- Other data: Geminid meteor shower peaks 9 p.m. Tuesday.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for 61 and under 12.
Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bagatelle Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menu:
Monday: Chili dogs, green beans, green salad, brownies
Tuesday: Chicken claw mein with noodles, Chinese vegetables, Chinese salad, fortune cookie, bowl of fruit
Wednesday: Meatloaf or liver, potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit salad, bread, cake
Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, cornbread, green salad, dessert
Friday: Baked potato bar

Activities:
Monday: M.V. Bridge Club
Monday: Quilting
Monday: Bridge
Exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Wednesday: Medicare D
Wednesday: ELKS Cards
Exercise class
Foot clinic
Jackpot trip, 3 p.m.
Thursday: Medicare D
Center puzzles
Light tour, 6 p.m.
Friday: Blood pressure
Quilting
Center bingo
Christmas bags
Saturday: Center closed.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Menu:
Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Soup and sandwich Tuesday: Chicken a la King, noodles, peas, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Beef stew, biscuits, green salad, fruit, Jell-O
Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, roll, birthday cake
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.: \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under age 60, and \$3 for those age 12 and younger
Monday: Evening cards, 6 to 9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Jackpot trip, leave center at 3:30 p.m., leave jackpot at 10

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

Menu:
Monday: Baked meatloaf, creamed potatoes, corn niblets, three-bean salad, sliced bread, brownies
Tuesday: Vegetable soup, cornbread, honey, fruit salad
Wednesday: Christmas dinner, roast beef, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, peanuts, hot rolls, feed sheet cake
Activities:
Monday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Christmas dinner, noon
Filer Elementary School sings Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menu:
Monday: Beef stew, fruit, cookies, biscuits
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit medley, brownies, garlic bread
Wednesday: Chicken strips, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, pineapple upside-down cake
Thursday: French dip sandwich, baked potato, mixed vegetables, green salad, fruit, gingerbread
Friday: Ham, raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, fruit salad, bread pudding
Activities:
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early Bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Commission for the blind, 1 p.m.
Friday: Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Susan Brown sings at Christmas dinner

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for others; adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.
Menu:
Monday: Pizza, carrot salad, pudding, sugar cookies
Wednesday: Cheeseburger, coleslaw, pears, oatmeal pineapple bars
Friday: Birthday dinner, meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, juice, ice cream, cake
Activities:
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menu:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, peas, cottage cheese, apricots, bread, brownies
Tuesday: Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, peas
Wednesday: Baked trout, au gratin potatoes, beets, cornbread, pumpkin treats and peaches
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, Jell-O rolls, Texas sheet cake
Friday: Leftovers
Activities:
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Putlick in Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Leftover smorgasbord, noon
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for others; adults and \$2 for children under 12.
Menu:
Monday: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert
Friday: Potato bar, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert
Activities:
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Holiday light trip, 4 p.m.

Friday: Christmas light trip in Hansen, 2:30 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Menu:
Monday: Potluck
Tuesday: Chicken casserole, broccoli, fruit crisp, salad, bread
Thursday: Pork chops with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, winter mix vegetables, peach crisp, bread
Activities:
Sunday: Medicare help, 1 to 4 p.m.
Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.
Fiddlers
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday party, 2 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cards, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Breakfast with Santa

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailcy
Menu:
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, zucchini, coleslaw, pineapple chunks, brownies
Wednesday: Beef stew, pear, lettuce and cheese salad, biscuits, orange pound cake
Thursday: Turkey and ham, stuffing, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberries, apple cornmeal salad, stuffed celery, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and pecan pie
Friday: Oven-fried cod fillet or chicken, cornbread with cream-style corn, green peas, carrot/raisin salad, apple pie, ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Shopping trip, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Red Haters, 11 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.
Menu:
Tuesday: Chili, salad, fruit, vegetables, cornbread, dessert
Wednesday: Casserole, fruit, vegetables, bread, dessert
Friday: Ham, yams, scalloped potatoes, green Jell-O salad, dinner rolls, pies
Activities:
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Low-impact exercise class, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class, 10 to 8 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Art class, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.

Christmas dinner and party

Mlinidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Menu:
Monday: Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, rolls, pudding
Tuesday: Hot dogs, french fries, potato salad, brownies
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy
Thursday: Chef's salad, Texas toast, fruit salad, cheesecake
Friday: Smorgasbord
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menu:
Monday: Meatballs, pasta, vegetables, fruit cup, strawberry shortcake
Tuesday: Ham and beans, cornbread, strawberry rhubarb crisp
Wednesday: Birthday anniversary dinner
Thursday: Quiche, potato patties, fruit, baby carrots, cranberries
Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes, peas, roll, fruit cup, caramel brownies
Activities:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Eyeglass adjustment
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure by Highland Estates
Tuesday: All play pool
Woodcarving class, 8:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All play pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Pinochle, 5 p.m.
Woodcarving, 5 p.m.
Friday: All play pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

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Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
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Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
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Leaving the farm

Text by Karma Metzler Fitzgerald Photography by Ashley Smith
Continued from E1



Almost a week after the auction at the farm, members of the Chandler family listen to Tami read a story from a magazine published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during a 'family home evening' gathering at Rulon Chandler's home Monday.



Tami Chandler is consoled by her sister-in-law, Robyn Hope, left, as she looks at the family's farm equipment minutes before the auction begins.



Above, before the sun rises on auction day, Tami takes time for a run, which she says helps her to deal with stress. Right, Tami talks with a family friend on the telephone the evening before the auction. A photo of her late husband, Kent, rests on the counter.



Chandler

Continued from E1

somebody appreciates it as much as she did."

For Robyn Hope and her husband, Doyle, Kent Chandler's death meant answering some difficult questions. Doyle and Kent, brothers-in-law, were also friends and partners who worked together nearly every hour every day. In the first few weeks after the accident, Doyle said, he wanted to sell everything right then.

"Then I thought I'd be away from the hurt," he said. "But I had to farm. You just get through it."

When Lami decided to sell her portion of the farm, Doyle and Robyn had to figure out what to do — continue farming or get out.

"For them, the answer came quickly. Farm."

"It's just part of you," said Robyn. "There's nowhere we'd rather raise our family. We couldn't bear the thought of leaving."

But first, the couple helped Lami close the farming chapter in her own life. Doyle prepared each piece of equipment for the sale and had to stop sometimes, just walk away. The pain of losing a friend, family member and the farm was too much.

"Every piece has a memory ... sentimental value. It hurts, but it's all just worldly stuff," he said. "Now I can get on with my life."

Faith and family

But for other relatives leaving the farming life, religious faith provides continuity in a time of change.

The Chandlers are Mormon — members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They say families are at the heart of the church. A family that prays together, stays together. Cory Chandler explained his father has work to do in heaven, and when Cory and other family members "accomplish our mission on earth" they will meet again. He said time spent praying together



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— Rulon Chandler

was an essential part of growing up in the Chandler household. It was something his father led.

"He always taught us to believe in Jesus Christ and to read the scriptures," Cory said. "In that aspect he's had a bigger impact on me than anybody. Because of that I can cope with his death a lot better."

The Chandlers kneel in prayer before their evening meal. It is a precious time that Lami protects.

"Every scripture I read has a whole new meaning," Lami said. "It's much

more real than it was before."

Lami isn't dwelling on her loss. She sees the death of her husband and the sale of the farm as tests of her testimony, but not the end of her world.

"When something like this happens, you feel pain. But there are others that feel pain their whole lives," she said. "I have everything."

Lami said one scripture from the Book of Mormon has come to mean a great deal to her in the past six months. "And no tongue can speak, neither can the hearts of men conceive so great and marvelous things as we both saw and heard Jesus speak, and no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls at the time we heard him pray for us unto the Father."

The words, she said, fill her heart. Lami said she does break down from time to time but has found ways of coping. She's a runner and finds solace in the rhythmic pace of her path around the fields near home. She weeps makeup more often now, to fight feelings of vulnerability. Shopping, something never a priority before, has become a way to heal and bond with her daughters and friends.

But now and then, something will remind her grief is real. Like an advertisement for a local farm store. "I don't have a farmer anymore," she said. And paused in thought.

Generations

When Kent died, Rulon Chandler lost his only son. Rulon said at least four generations of Chandlers have farmed, and he was disappointed when none of Kent and Lami's children wanted to return to the family profession.

"It's something that I've always enjoyed so much," he said. "But it's impossible to get into unless they can get help from someone. You can't possibly go out and borrow the money to start farming and pay it off in a lifetime." When Rulon was in high school in

1941, he raised a crop of red beans that sold for \$10 per hundredweight. Now, he's getting only about double for the same crop, but expenses have multiplied many times.

"What's depressing to me is that the margin of profit is getting so thin, it's taken the joy out of farming," he said.

Rulon helped Kent get started in farming, and now he'll do the same for son-in-law Doyle. Rulon has rented his farm to Doyle, who will farm it with him.

When Rulon was in fifth grade, his father started growing sugar beets. Rulon chose the same crop when he began farming. Kent grew beets, as well; he was working on a beet cultivator when the tractor's hydraulics failed last June and killed him. For 60 years it's been the crop the Chandlers could depend on.

"It's kind of discouraging to think it's come to an end," Rulon said. "No one in the Chandler line to carry on."

Though they're leaving the fields, the younger Chandlers will take farming values with them — optimism, collaboration and hard work toward a goal. Faith, family responsibility. "I loved growing up on a farm," Cory said. "But by the time I was in high school, I knew I was probably done working on the farm."

His generation will miss out on what Rulon and Kent knew: That there is something spiritual about working the land. That a family is irrevocably bound by faith and fertile fields.

The miracle of growing crops is something," Rulon Chandler said. "To plant a little seed. To see it mature and increase 100 times fold. You're so grateful for the water and the sunshine. To live here in this free land and be able to enjoy the blessing of this earth."

Rulon's grandchildren will have to find miracles elsewhere, away from the fields they've called home.

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FAMILY LIFE

Mom dates clergyman while dad is in prison

DEAR ABBY: My father went to prison five years ago, and my mother has been taking care of my brother and sister. I'm older and out of the house.

I recently came across some shocking information. Mom has been going on dates with a clergy member who has been sending her text messages saying things like "I can't stop thinking about you," etc. I also found out she has a profile on a couple of Internet dating sites and has been coming home later than usual after going out "for drinks with friends" after work. When I confronted her, she first denied it, then got caught in a lie. She refuses to accept responsibility, insisting "it wasn't a date," although this claim expressed romantic feelings for her.



DEAR ABBY
Joanne Phillips

My father knows nothing about this while he languishes in a cell for what could be another five or six years. Should I tell him? I also do not know if I should confront this clergyman because I find his actions despicable.

How can I explain to my mother that what she's doing is wrong? When I try to talk to her in a mature way, she says things like, "I can't hear you." Any advice you can offer would be appreciated.

DISILLUSIONED SON IN MEXICO

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Please don't waste your breath trying to shame your mother into good behavior because it won't work. She knows what she's doing is wrong, and that's why she is practicing "selective deafness" when you try to reason with her.

As tempting as it might be, I see absolutely nothing to be gained by telling your father. The news will only make him unhappy and more frustrated than he already is.

If you would like to say a few well-chosen words to the clergyman who is dallying with your mother, you're certainly within your rights to do so. While you're at it, let him know you have proof. That ought to dampen his ardor.

As for the pain you are feeling, it's natural that you would act in this way. So please consider having some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist who can listen, guide you and help you make sure that this doesn't have an impact on your future relationships with women. Trust this, it will help.

DEAR ABBY: I recently learned that my neighbor's son offered my 14-year-old marijuana, and my son refused. (The two boys are close in age.) I heard all about it from my 12-year-old daughter. When I asked my son about it, he admitted it happened. I have no reason to doubt his story, and I hope he maintains his strength and resolve during the years to come. I am extremely proud of him.

My question is, should I confront the neighbor boy about it, or should I let his parents know what I learned? Of course, the third option is to mind my own business. Eventually, they'll discover what's going on and deal with it on their own — and no friction will be created between two otherwise great neighbors.

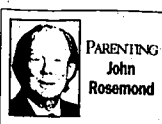
— PROUD PAPA IN TORRANCE, CALIF.

DEAR PROUD PAPA: You are in a position to do your "great neighbor" a favor. If the "three" were on the other foot, wouldn't you want to know your son was headed for trouble? If the answer is yes, apply the Golden Rule. However, when you tell these parents what they need to know, I strongly recommend that you not brag about how "proud" you are that your son refused the offer. Pride goeth before a fall.

Three-year-old's behavior should be under control

Question: Our 5-year-old daughter and our next-door neighbor's 3-year-old daughter play together a good amount of time. The problem is that their child has not been taught to share and will pinch, bite, slap and kick our daughter if she tries to play with one of her toys. In fact, if our daughter takes one of her own toys outside, and the 3-year-old gets hold of one of them, it's the same story. Sometimes, my daughter ends up crying because she's so frustrated.

Meanwhile, even if the child's parents see what's going on, they do nothing. They seem to think it's cute and have told me she'll outgrow it. Up to this point, I've told our daughter to let the child have her way, but it's getting out of control. Should I tell her to be just as aggressive in return?



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Answer: The first thing that comes to my mind is the old adage, "two wrongs do not make a right." No, I would not teach your daughter that it is right to strike back at a younger child. She has every right to protect herself from this child's assaults, but hitting back is not the ethical thing to do in this situation.

Unfortunately, the behavior in question may not get better any time soon and may well

worsen, especially given parents who excuse their disciplinary laziness by invoking the popular but largely mistaken notion that their daughter will "outgrow" her antisocial tendencies.

Toddler behaviors — tantrums, aggression, defiance, non-sharing — should be pretty much under control by a child's third birthday. The longer parents allow them free rein, the more strength and persistence they acquire. Children outgrow things like fear of the dark, shyness and clumsiness. They do not simply outgrow being mean and narcissistic.

In days gone by, before American parents swallowed the bogus notion that a child who did not show clear signs of emerging from toddlerhood by age 3 was afflicted with a neuro-

logical disorder, this child would have been called an undisciplined brat. As you've already witnessed, brats are prone to heaping abuse upon their children. You've also witnessed that a kind-hearted 5-year-old may be no match for a mean, narcissistic 3-year-old brat. Playing with this child has got to be more stressful than fun for your daughter. The logical solution is to suspend the relationship indefinitely.

"But John," you might say, "that would possibly cause a major rift between ourselves and our neighbors!"

Well, there's a price to pay for everything: a downside to every solution.

As such, you need to weigh whether it is better that your daughter continue to pay the price of your inaction, or better

that you pay the price for action you take to protect her. Besides, you can do this in a way that minimizes the possibility of a rift. Simply tell your neighbors about the "age chemistry" between the two girls. Doesn't seem to be working very well at the moment, and you've decided to suspend the relationship for a year or so until the girls are better able to get along. You can add that perhaps a prolonged period of absence from one another will "make their hearts grow fonder." By avoiding the impression that the problem is their daughter's behavior, you leave the door open for a future reconciliation.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

Capricorn, this may be a bad day to ask for concessions

IF DEC 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may lose your sense of purpose between March and August. Because you're highly sensitive to atmospheres on many levels it is important to surround yourself with people who are a positive influence and to be sure your home remains bright and cheerful. Use this time to strengthen your physical self through swimming, yoga or other exercise. Good luck and helpful circumstances can change your life for the better in July. In September you may be required to keep your nose to the grindstone. But if you work very hard you may receive some beneficial rewards and recognition in October. While good fortune smiles on you it is possible to make permanent improvements and beneficial changes.



HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a short trip. Avoid sentimental conversations about the past that may recall unpleasant associations. You will make the best impression by letting actions speak louder than words.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Live a little. Enjoying the good things in life could be in the cards, but you might ruffle some feathers if you take others for granted or let them do all the work. Be sure to do your fair share.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Surprises may be in the stars. A

significant other might brighten your day with something totally out of the ordinary. Be poised to roll with the punches if a few minor upsets change your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put some muscle behind important tasks. Quell romantic impulses and amorous notions in the middle of the day that could disrupt your progress. The love lights burn brighter tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fend for yourself. If things need to be done it is better to handle them immediately and know they are done rather asking others to take charge. Someone might let you down at the last minute.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Fads and the latest what'sit may attract your attention, but an impetuous brainstorm could

rock the boat. Don't put a very solid relationship in jeopardy by insisting on a change or commitment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you don't ask for favors, others won't have to say no. Stick to the facts and don't get caught up in sentimental journeys that lead nowhere. Togetherness may lead to bliss later tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Prove how solid and reliable you are. Where significant relationships are concerned this isn't the time to throw the dice. Doubts will disappear later this evening when tenderness prevails.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Sidestep potentially awkward situations by standing on your own two feet and not relying on the good will of others.

Boldness can be charming. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** This may be a poor day to ask for favors or concessions from others. Because you have your own doubts you aren't likely to get your way. Your charm isn't up to snuff until late evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Doubting Thomas may knock you out. Beware of impulsive behavior as it may cause others to feel insecure or distrustful. Apprehensions are washed away this evening in a gust of affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Ignore those urges to jump and don't ask "How high?" Interruptions and surprises could be by your door. Siftle impulsive behavior as it may cause others to feel insecure or distrustful. Apprehensions are washed away this evening in a gust of affection. ties display heightened harmony.

One litter could have multiple fathers

Soon, small puppies or kittens will be wiggling inside holiday packages, and the world's largest ad hoc chain of pet adoption centers, the Wal-Mart parking lot, will be filled with puppies and kittens of every description.

While some are purebred litters, or litters where "the dad sires your pups," others are identified, many times the female cat goes catting around or the neighborhood dog 10 houses down (he's call him "tramp") breaks loose and pays his new girlfriend (we'll call her Lady) a romantic visit. Unfortunately, "tramp" is not the only dog-ian, as a lot of his neighborhood buddies have been there as well.

The result? A female dog or cat can be pregnant by more than one male at the same time.

Dogs and cats produce several pups per cycle and have litters of offspring. If the female mates with more than one male, some



THE BOND
Marty Becker

eggs may be fertilized by one father and another by a different one. The sperm from each male are just swimming toward the eggs as fast as they can, and the first one to reach egg is the genetic gold medal winner.

Each offspring will then share the genetic characteristics of the parents, so you might have a long-haired and short-haired cat in the same litter, or a litter of dogs with completely different shaped ears, eye colors or coat coloration.

Even the name we call dogs of mixed heritage has changed. When I was a young boy on the

farm in southern Idaho, or first started practicing as a veterinarian, we called them Heinz 57s or mutts. Now we refer to them as canine-cocktails or party pups.

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ENGAGEMENTS

GARN-DSCHAACK

BURLEY — Val and Ann Garn of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Garn, to Tyler Gary Dschaak, son of Michael and Kerrie Dschaak of Burley.

Garn is a 2004 graduate of Burley High School and attends BYU-Idaho, majoring in accounting.

Dschaak is a 2002 graduate of Declo High School and attends BYU-Idaho, majoring in biology. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Santiago, Chile.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 17, in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Burley LDS Institute.



Tyler Dschaak and Sheri Garn

STEWART-SHANNON

HAGERMAN — Greg and Sherrice Stewart of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann Stewart, to Craig Shannon, son of Dan and Sharon Shannon of Gilbert, Ariz. Stewart is a graduate of Hagerman High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in exercise science.

Shannon is a graduate of Highland High School in Gilbert and is pursuing a degree in psychology. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 17, in the Logan LDS temple. An open house will be held in their honor from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, at the LDS Church at 1430 N. Driftwood Drive, Gilbert.



Cynthia Stewart and Craig Shannon

ANNIVERSARIES

THE McCOYS

TWIN FALLS — Robert "Bob" and Rose Marie McCoy of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary and her 80th birthday. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. The event is hosted by Steve and Jo McJay.

Robert W. McCoy and Rose Marie Wilson were married Dec. 16, 1945, in Twin Falls. After he completed three years in the Marine Corps.

They have lived most of their lives in and around Twin Falls. They have been mostly farm oriented, ran combines for 18 years, and have built three homes in Twin Falls. He also worked for Veltex Fertilizer Oil Co. and Gen



Bob and Rose Marie McCoy

THE MARTENSES

TWIN FALLS — Herman and Irma Martens of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at their home at 270 Camotada Ave. in Twin Falls.

Herman Martens and Irma Schwarz were married Dec. 26, 1945, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden.

They lived on a farm southwest of Eden until December 1995 and then moved to Twin Falls.

He farmed until 1986. After his retirement, he has enjoyed woodworking as a hobby. She was a homemaker and helped on the farm.

They have been active in Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden, where he held several offices and she was active in Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Good Shepherd. They transferred to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls.

The event is hosted by their children, Donna (Richard) Ames of Mandan, N.D., Lorene (Roger)



Herman and Irma Martens

Schneider of Buhl, Sharon (Leroy) Bolmer of Meridian and Bonnie (Doug) Harper of Boise. The couple has 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

THE MAUGHANS

RUPERT — Ralph and Lejune Maughan will be honored at an open house for their 65th wedding anniversary and his 90th birthday. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at their home at 376 N. 400 E. in Rupert (by Arcequia).

Ralph Maughan and Lejune Forsgren were married Oct. 12, 1940. At the time, they were students at the Utah Agricultural College (now Utah State University), where he later graduated with a degree in agriculture. They were separated for a number of years as he served in the Pacific during World War II. They made their home in Idaho in 1954, earning as entrepreneurs in the farming business. As veterans and with the luck of the draw, they were awarded a homestead on Rupert's new north side. They raised seven children on their farm south of Minidoka.

He has been a farmer, newspaper reporter, poet and author. His books reflect his hobbies of geology, history and genealogy. Since retiring from farming, he enjoys a second career as a journalist, writing weekly columns and special features for local newspapers.



Ralph and Lejune Maughan

They have been active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all their lives. They have seven children, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

ANDERSON-GRIMM

RUPERT — Lindsay Anderson and Brian Grimm were married Dec. 10 in the Logan LDS temple.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Johanna Anderson of Hazelton.

The groom is the son of Dale and Becky Grimm of Rupert.

The bride is a graduate of Minico High School and Idaho State University.

The groom is a graduate of Minico High School and will attend St. Verhaak Aviation Academy. He is employed at Hamilton Outfitters in Fredonia.



Brian and Lindsay Grimm

A reception was to be held at their honor Dec. 10 at Carquest Special Event Center in Burley.

BOARD MOMS



Surfing requires cardiovascular conditioning, upper body strength for paddling and core strength for stability.

Surfing mothers get a workout — and some quiet

By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Chani Demello walked into a surf shop last year looking for some brand identity. She found T-shirts and stickers for surfer chicks and surfer girls, but nothing that "represented me as a mom," she said.

So Demello, a mother of two from nearby Seal Beach, crafted her own brand, complete with T-shirts and bumper stickers, and gave it a name: Moms on Boards. She recruited fellow wave-catching mothers — women in their 30s and 40s who use the words "stoked" and "awesome" without sarcasm or apology.

It's not endless summer they seek, just a few hours of exercise and uninterrupted "me" time carved from a schedule crammed with schlepping kids, running errands, preparing meals and, in some cases, holding down jobs.

A handful of Moms on Boards gathered on a recent chilly Friday at 8:30 a.m. — half an hour past kid drop-off time — in the parking lot of an Orange County beach. The sky was gray as sidewalk concrete, but the oppressive gloom couldn't dampen their enthusiasm as they traded their sweats and jeans for wetsuits.

The petite Demello, 34, pulled her longboard out of a rusty white van decorated with the Moms on Boards logo and other surf stickers.

She crossed the sand with the others, laughing and chatting, surfboards tucked under their arms or propped on their heads.

She slid into the Pacific and paddled up. Soon she was standing up on the board, catching one wave after another, confidently maneuvering the mild swells that topped out at about 3 feet.

For two hours, the women strolled on boxes, catching waves or sitting on their surfboards talking. A pod of dolphins swam around them, checking them out.

Moms on Boards has 50 or so in its roster, about 20 of whom are local. The rest, scattered around California and across



Moms on Boards members stretch before surfing, a sport they say is physically demanding but also benefits them mentally and spiritually.



Moms on Boards organizer Chani Demello, right, gets ready for some waves at Bolsa Chica State Beach in Huntington Beach, Calif., with Karen Shattalin, left, and Candace Iwami.

the country, stay in touch via e-mail and phone calls. The group has a Web site, www.momsonboards.com, and annual dues of \$25.

It's not the first such club encouraging uncommon athletic pursuits for mothers. There's the International Society of Skateboarding Moms, started by Barb Odanaka of Laguna Beach, and mothers are among members of WakeChicks, a Texas-based group that pro-

Demello and the others explained what the sport demands physically, they expressed what it gives them mentally and spiritually — making it apparent that the elements are inseparable.

"I could go to the gym and feel really good afterward, but there's nothing like going out in the water and having a really good day surfing," Candace Iwami said. The 38-year-old mother of three from Seal Beach started surfing a couple of years ago. "You're on this whole day."

The camaraderie, too, keeps these women coming back. The conversations center on kids and school, but can segue to anything going on in their lives, Iwami said. "You think about all the things you have to do — and should you really be doing that here?"

It requires cardiovascular conditioning, upper body strength for paddling and pushing up on the board, strong quads for standing in a squat position, and core strength for stability.

But in the same breath that

Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by e-mail to momsmag@valley.com. If e-

mailed, the photo needs to be sent in .jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

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Members of the Responsiveness-to-Intervention team at Acequia Elementary School discuss plans and focus for the program. From left are Loretta Crockett, Charlene Smith, Julie Poszyll, Suzette Miller, Linda Matthews and Tammy Young. Not pictured are Jeri Allen and Terry Fennell.

Acequia school team receives honor for work with children

By Trena Tegan
For The Times-News

ACEQUIA — Acequia Elementary School is one of only 19 schools in the United States to receive accreditation from the National Research Center on Learning Disabilities as an exemplary Responsiveness-to-Intervention site.

Responsiveness-to-Intervention is a process for meeting student needs without dwelling upon their disabilities. It is intervention and results focused — expending resources, energies and skills of collaborative teams upon problem-solving solutions that work for the student, participants say.

The program is proactive and preventative in that it attempts to catch student concerns early

within the general education setting.

A group of educators at Acequia Elementary collaborates weekly and holds monthly meetings to discuss students and concerns, participants say. The first step is to discuss any concerns with the child themselves. Once it is determined that a child will benefit from the program, the parents are brought in and become part of the team working to help the child overcome or work with his learning disability.

"The important thing is to focus on the child's strengths," says Suzette Miller, the school principal.

The school focuses on early detection beginning in kindergarten. Teachers work to identify any problems ranging

from letter recognition to not holding a pencil correctly when writing.

"Each case is unique," says Loretta Crockett, the English as a second language teacher and member of the school's team.

The children apparently enjoy working in the program as well. "You know it's successful when the child comes back for more," Crockett says.

Crockett recently traveled to the Responsiveness-to-Intervention Symposium in Kansas City, Mo., where participants worked with advocates, instructional staff, researchers and state-level education officials on the identification process project ideas and helps.

Trena Tegan is a writer with the South Idaho Press.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Alli Stastny and Elle Stastny, twin daughters of Bella and M. Shane Stastny of Murtaugh, were born Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005.

Casey Matthew Fullenwider, son of Stephanie Murrie and Joshua Matthew Fullenwider of Filer, was born Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005.

Elizaez Anthony Esquivel, son of Laura Nicole Pardey of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005.

Adriana Rose Webb, daughter of Anneliz Mojcaquez Perez of Bullh, was born Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005.

Merrick Tanner Johns, son of Amy Elaine and Marcus Johns of Jerome, was born Monday, Nov. 28, 2005.

Alza Grace Powlis, daughter of Becky and Jonathon Alan Powlis of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005.

Paul Eugene Fries III, son of Brenda Lou and Paul Eugene Fries Jr. of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005.

To announce a birth
Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
Jami Whitford
The Community Page
The Times-News
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Or fax to: 734-5538.
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More information?
Call Jami at 735-3278

Koffer of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005.

Connor Thomas Capps, son of Amanda Sue and Timothy Michael Capps of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 2, 2005.

Adelade Fluckiger, daughter of April Leen and Donnell Fluckiger of Jerome was born Friday, Dec. 2, 2005.

Logan Edward Krohn, son of Carolyn Jeannette and Adam Edward Krohn of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Candelaria Rehen Hernandez, daughter of Robert Rey and Erendina Hernandez of Burley, was born Monday, Nov. 28, 2005.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Emili Elizabeth Schroeder, daughter of Shelli and Jeffrey Schroeder of Fairfield, was born Monday, Nov. 28, 2005.



Laura Johnson and Kayla Bailey enjoy crafts with the children of deployed soldiers while the soldier's wives enjoy a Valentine's dinner. The two teens were honored for their service to the community.

Blaine Co. youth earn service award

HALLJEY — In 2002, President Bush issued a challenge to Americans to dedicate at least two years or 4,000 hours of service during their lifetime.

Kayla Bailey of Carey, along with Justin Boyle, Corbin Mirzaid and Laura Johnson, all of Bellevue, have committed more than 650 hours of service to their community, and this fall, they each received a pin, certificate and letter signed by President Bush recognizing their dedication, according to Kathi Kimball with the University of Idaho Extension office in Hallje.

Kayla Bailey received the gold level award for more than 250 hours of service in 2005. Kayla

is a student at Carey High School and active in school sports and 4-H. In 2005, she served as a counselor at three separate camps, worked with the Junior Master Gardener Program, and participated in the Buggy Night Out at the Sawtooth Botanical Gardens. Jim Eskin memorial and several other events.

Laura Johnson received the silver level award for her work remodeling the Blaine County 4-H Fair Building and Jim Eskin memorial. She also contributed to the Buggy Night Out, 4-H camp, Operation Military Kids and 4-H activities. In all, more than 175 hours was spent in service to Blaine County in 2005.

The bronze level award was presented to Justin Boyle, who gave 160 hours of service. He developed and taught a class for the College of Southern Idaho's summer college for kids program, and served as camp counselor at 4-H camp and Wildlife Day Camp in 2005.

Corbin Mirzaid accepted the bronze level award for his service as a camp counselor at 4-H camp and 4-H FTO camp. He has taught workshops at 4-H camp for three years, and the Environmental Resource Center staff at another camp. Corbin is also active in sports at Wood River High School and spent his summer working at the Rec Center.

SERVICE NEWS

Local man completes naval training in Illinois

Navy Seaman Recruit Elijah R. Ficus, son of Michelle L. Call of Twin Falls, and Leland A. Ficus of Twin Falls, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Ficus is a 2005 graduate of Bullh High School.

Burley man finishes U.S. Navy training

Navy Seaman Recruit Benjamin T. Dayley, son of Lisa D. and Darrell G. Dayley of Burley, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Dayley completed a variety of training, which in-

cluded classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. Aircraft safety was also placed on physical fitness.

Dayley is a 2001 graduate of Burley High School of Burley, Idaho.

Officer conducts military strikes while in Iraq

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Douglas R. Peterson, son of Janet L. Peterson of Elko, Nev. and Dennis E. Peterson of Elko, conducted strikes on a known Improvised Explosive Device (IED) production facility northeast of Baghdad during a scheduled deployment, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

IEDs have been a threat to coalition ground forces since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, according to the military. Since their arrival, Roosevelt-based aircraft have provided close air support to coalition troops in the vicinities of Al Hillah, Al Mansuriyah, Baquba, Basrah, Kirkuk, Machin, Mosul and Fall Arja. They will continue to escort convoys, patrol oil pipelines and protect new construction.

Peterson's unit is operating in the Persian Gulf in support of maritime security operations.

Peterson is a 1998 graduate of Elko High School of Elko, Nev. and joined the Navy in June 1999.

Singles square dance club holds elections

JEROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall.

Electron night will be held and dancers with last names beginning in A through G should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Wally at 733-4098 or Vera Young at 734-4647.

AARP holds driver safety courses this month

The American Association of Retired Federal Persons is holding driver safety courses this month.

The first course will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Rupert Fire Station, 701 E.W.

The second course will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Senior Annex at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave.

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

The classes are geared for anyone age 60 and older. Students do not have to belong to AARP and no driving is involved. Idaho law requires

insurance companies to give a discount to anyone age 65 and older who completes the course.

For more information, call Charlie at 733-9680.

T.F. Senior Center takes bus to Jackpot

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Center is having a jackpot trip on Wednesday.

The bus will leave the center at 8 p.m. and leave Barons' 93 Club at 9 p.m.

The cost is \$9 per person. For more information, call 734-0581.

Kimberly Public Library adds new books

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books to its shelves.

Christian fiction: "The Christkind's Gift" by Kathleen Morgan, "Eye of the Beholder" and "A Stirred of Evidence" by Kathy Herten, "Catherine Wheels" by Leif E. Peterson, "The Maverick" by Lori Copeland, "Intimidation" by Wanda L. Dyson, "Once Upon a Christmas" and "Sundays Morning" by Lauraine Snelling, "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" by Gary E. Parker, and "A Christ-

mas Promise" and "The Christmas Angel" by Thomas Kinkadee.

Adult non-fiction: "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey, "Idaho Wildlife Viewing Guide," editor Aimee L. Pope, "Christmas Crafts" by Lily MacLeod, "The Encyclopedia of Medicinal Plants" by Andrew Cheswallier, "Chicken Soup for the Horse Lover's Soul" by Jack Canfield, "Blood Stains" by Patricia Springer; and "100 Crafts Under \$10" by Susan Banker.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

Annual Procrastinator's sale coming up in Filer

FILER — The second annual Procrastinator's Sale will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, at 219 Main St.

Admission is free. Arts and crafts by local designers will be sold. The event is sponsored by the Lion's Gate Gallery.

Santa Claus visits Burley library on Friday

BURLEY — Santa will visit the Burley Public Library, 1300 Mill Ave., for story hour on Friday.

He will arrive from the North Pole at 10:30 a.m. and read stories to all pre-school children.

For more information, call 878-7708.

Philharmonic orchestra performs concert

BURLEY — The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park St.

Tickets are available in advance from Welch Music and Book Plaza in Burley and the Book Store in Rupert. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$2 for seniors, and \$1 for families.

Filer Senior Haven holds Christmas party

FILER — The Filer Senior Haven is holding a Christmas party at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Filer Senior Haven, 222 Main St.

Guests are asked to bring a white elephant for a man, a woman and spend no more than \$5.

Filer Elementary School students will also sing Christmas carols.

For more information, call 326-4608.

West End announces events for Christmas

PAUL — The West End Fire

and Rescue personnel are having several events during the holidays.

Santa Claus will ride through town on a fire truck, giving out Christmas candy to everyone at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The fire department is having its annual Christmas tree burn and hot dog roast at noon Jan. 1.

The annual firemen's ball will be held Feb. 4 at the American Legion Hall, a breakfast will follow. Tickets can be purchased from any fireman or at the door for \$5 each. This is the firemen's only fundraiser of the year.

NARFE holds holiday meeting Monday

TWIN FALLS — The local chapter 1959 National Association of Retired and Employed Federal Employees is holding its holiday meeting at 1:30 a.m. Monday at the Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road.

The program will include the youth choir from the Twin Falls Christian Academy and staff members from the senators and representatives offices will be there. Installation of the new NARFE officers will be held and members are asked to bring donations for the Salvation Army.

The meetings are open to retired or currently employed federal employees and include information regarding income, benefit changes and more.

CRMC holds Lights for Life Ceremony

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center's Intermountain Health Care Hospice will hold its annual Lights for Life Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday in the foyer of Cassia Regional, 1501 Hilland Ave.

Jaque Lee and Friends, with guest Stephanie Lucas, will perform. The ceremony is a remembrance of loved ones who have died or someone people would like to honor. Individuals, families and businesses can make tax-deductible donations to purchase an ornament in the name of their loved one. Donations will help provide funding for volunteer training, patient medication, clothing, transportation and other critical services.

The event is open to the public. Donations can be sent to: MC Hospice, Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave., Suite D, Burley, ID 83318.



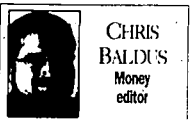
Mike Fisher

Second Everton store a prototype

The Everton Mattress and Furniture Gallery that opened Oct. 15 along Pole Line Road is the company's store of the future, said Mark Evans, retail sales manager.

It's Everton's 10th store and is the model being used in the remodeling and expanding of Everton's store in Meridian. The Pole Line store is 12,000 square feet. The Meridian store is growing from 3,000 to 10,000 square feet and should be finished in early 2006, Evans said. But the key is not necessarily the size. The stores are giving more emphasis to Berkeley and BenchCraft furniture. The sofas, love seats, recliners and other furniture fill most of the Pole Line showroom.

"This store specializes in mattresses and living room and family room furniture," said Evans.



CHRIS BALDUS
Money
editor

And living rooms are changing with the advent of home theater systems. When you have a 60-inch plasma television, you might want to set up differently, so a section of the store is dedicated to home theater seating, of which Berkeley is the leading manufacturer, he said.

This new concept will arrive at Everton's stores in Pocatello and Helena and Bozeman, Mont., within the next 18 months, said Chris Sanders, vice president of sales and marketing.

Its original Twin Falls store on Second Avenue is going to become a "kind of a clearance operation," selling overstock and oddball pieces, for example, he said.

The company's other stores are in Boise, Nampa, Idaho Falls and Medford, Ore.

The Pole Line store, whose manager Michael Waldron recently moved here from Anchorage, Alaska, has full-time employees, and like the rest of the company will need more, said Sanders. The overall company has grown to more than 100 employees, he said.

Everton moved its factory and corporate headquarters from Twin Falls' Old Towne to Elder last year to accommodate this growth.

Central Idaho's town is scheduled to open a week from this Friday at its first Magic Valley location, 1764 Hillmore St., Twin Falls, said Barry Vaughan, regional manager. The store will have five full-time employees, he said.

The company, which has three other stores in Idaho and one in Oregon, plans to open 20 more locations in the next five years, he said, adding that it's considering Buerhi.

Central IFO started as a television repair shop in Ontario, Ore. in 1977, according to its Web site, www.centralfire.com. Its merchandise includes furniture, electronics and appliances. The Twin Falls location is undergoing \$130,000 in remodeling, according to the building permit issued by Twin Falls.

Jake and Jane Rice, owners of Elm Tsch Inn and Wild Rice Catering, delivered a holiday cooking demonstration Saturday at the Festival of Bees at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. The session was a new attraction at the festival, which is a benefit for the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Summit National Bank opened Nov. 28 on Main Street in Carey, Idaho. It's a full-service bank that also offers Internet banking. Its formal grand opening will be Jan. 19-20. The bank was founded in 1984 as Hulet National Bank. After opening branches in Ten Sleep, Wyo., and Bangs, Wyo., Clarence and Brian Elkin, the father-and-son team with controlling interest, changed the name. The bank also opened a branch in Mackay, Idaho, in October. Its grand opening is Jan. 16-19.

Mike McBride is building a 6,000-square-foot warehouse at 2354 Eldridge Ave. in hopes of finding a tenant that needs storage space with a 16-foot ceiling. He's leased out warehouse space before, and said "It seems there is a real need for (storage) space for small businesses."

According to his building permit, it's a 247,820 project being done by Kalfbeck Construction.

Times-News Business Editor Chris Baldus can be reached at cbaldus@magicvalley.com or 735-3259.

KIOSK CULTURE



Alisa Radmall poses for portrait at the Calender Club Kiosk Thursday at the Magic Valley mall in Twin Falls. Radmall says she enjoys working at the kiosk during the holiday seasons.

Employees in the mall's middle vary like their products

By Chris Baldus
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — So, how many varieties of Mopomop are there now?

"There's Simpsons and NASCAR and dogs," she starts. "Baseball, football, Star Wars."

Short answer: a lot.

Alisa Radmall of Twin Falls knows. The long answer because she's selling them from a kiosk at Magic Valley Mall.

Actually, it's kind of like she has two kiosks. On one side she has about 200 games.

"I haven't played them all, but I read all of them so I can explain them."

On the other, she has more than 500 calendars. Animals and Thomas Kinead print wall calendars are big sellers.

"The prints are really expensive, so everybody buys the calendars so they can hang the pictures in their homes."

The Magic Valley Mall has about 20 kiosks running down the center of its hallways. Among their wares are cell

phones, blown-glass figurines of dolphins, pogroms and the like, coffee, baby jewelry, siddled leather bracelets, bikini sunglasses, children's portraits, and lamps. Their sales people vary as well.

Radmall, a mother of three children, works at kiosks only during the holiday seasons. But for Xan Goringe, who is selling decorative lamps, it's part of a lifestyle that has carried him to at least six states.

It breaks up the routine of being a stay-at-home mom and brings in extra Christmas dollars, said Radmall. She's been working at kiosks for six years now for business owners Kelle and Jim Vanho.

Generally, she works from November to December, but this year will stretch into January because of the calendars. She's in the Calender Club kiosk just outside the arcade.

She spent her first five years at the Magic Valley Collectibles, selling things like water globes and figurines.

"You have to be people-oriented — outgoing, without

Might surprise you

On sales of calendars with alluring models:

"We've had a lot of women buy them, actually, for their husbands or dads."

— Alisa Radmall, saleswoman

Scooter racer
Xan Goringe was the 2001 amateur national champion for the International Go Ped Association. He then broke an arm in his first professional motorized scooter race. He tripe an arm again, years later, in his last professional race, he said.

being overly aggressive," she said.

She'll chat with the mall's morning walkers, after she takes down the tarp that wraps

up her store. And she easily talks NHL. She sells those calendars too.

"The guys can be a little surprised that a woman knows about football," she said.

By luncheon, high schoolers fill the food court. Like them, she's working on a school-day clock. Her day ends as the schools do, so she is home with her children. She and her husband have three children — boys, ages 8 and 2, and a girl, 5.

Goringe, 21, a competitive skateboarder, motorized scooter racer, golfer and skier, had his own skate shop when he was a 14-year-old freshman in high school. He still owns it, renting space in his parent's home decor store, Under the Rainbow, in a Nampa mall. It's later, in his last professional race, he said.

He's been up and down California, to Texas, Arizona, Utah and Washington, selling everything from cell phones to sunglasses to wooden puzzles. He spent a few months away from retail last year to do hurricane cleanup work in

Florida. Today, he's selling decorative lamps at the Under the Rainbow kiosk in Magic Valley Mall.

"My parents started with wooden picture frames when they were in their 20s in California," he said. They did a lot of fair sales, eventually opening Under the Rainbow and expanding with kiosks throughout Idaho. They've also sold sports equipment, knives, cell phones and sunglasses, among other things.

Goringe, who spent the summer in Twin Falls selling sunglasses after buying that business, with kiosks in seven malls, from his parents, switched over to the lamps this holiday season. He tells his employees that to succeed at a kiosk, you can't let yourself get bored. You need to be upbeat, keep a smile on your face and say hello much more than the average person, he said.

"I talk to everybody that comes through the mall so I probably say it a couple

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Bill clears path for biking, walking

The \$286 billion highway transportation bill signed by President Bush in August dedicates \$4.5 billion to bicycling and walking projects.

Funding in transportation bill for bicycling and walking

\$2.3 billion Bicycling and pedestrian information source for the public.	\$259 million Recreational trails Supports construction of paved and unpaved trails.	\$2.5 billion Transportation enhancements Includes construction projects, primarily trails.
\$100 million Non-motorized pilot program Four corridors to get funds to create walking and biking networks.	\$612 million Safe routes to schools New program to make it safer for children to walk and bike to school.	\$1.0 billion High-priority projects Designated funding for bicycling and walking.

SOURCE: American Bikes

Cycling lobby wields greater clout in Congress

By Seth Sutel
Associated Press writer

Darwin Handman, the 72-year-old mayor of Columbia, Mo., is as hard-core as cycling advocates come. Every day he rides a bike to work that is 20 years old — older than many of the University of Missouri students who live in the city's neighborhoods.

Handman, who has worked on cycling issues for many of his 11 years as mayor, now has an embarrassment of riches — helping to figure out how to spend \$25 million in federal money over the next five years

to improve bicycling and walking routes in his community.

Some critics note that Columbia and the other three areas chosen for the experimental program all have powerful friends in Congress. But other big jumps in bicycle-related spending in this year's bill seem to indicate that the bicycling industry is becoming more effective in its lobbying efforts in Washington.

Tim Blumenthal, executive director of an industry group called Bikes Belong, estimates

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Horse-meat rule changes could lead to trouble for ranchers

By Dawn House
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Rancher Tim Munns joined in a standing ovation for Sen. Orrin Hatch — but later followed the Republican lawmaker into the hallway to push for help in fighting a law farmers say will cut into profits in an industry already pressed for cash.

"Senator Hatch needs more education on this one," said Munns at the conclusion of the Utah Cattlemen's Association Convention, last week at the Sheraton Hotel.

Hatch had voted for the 2006 agriculture appropriations bill that contained an amendment to stop the slaughter of horses in the United States and their exportation for human consumption elsewhere.

The "slaughter" measure, which passed by a vote of 69-28, is similar to a House amendment that passed in June 2004.

Hatch spoke about the Iraqi war, terrorism, drugs and the



Bob Bennett walks a black Angus bull at the Utah State Fairgrounds for the Annual Bull show and auction in November in Salt Lake. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, voted for the 2006 agriculture appropriations bill that contained an amendment to stop the slaughter of horses in the United States and their exportation for human consumption elsewhere. The amendment is a big worry for the agriculture industry because it bars taxpayer dollars for food-safety inspections of horse-processing plants, which could stop the way for ranchers to have to pay for other pecking-plant inspections that now are borne by the federal government, said Rancher Tim Munns a past president of the state cattlemen's group.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Glanbia workers

TWIN FALLS — Glanbia Foods Inc. announced several new hires:

• **Jon Truesdale** as business development manager responsible for product innovation, development and customer relations. He brings 20 years of experience to this position. He holds a bachelor's degree from York College in Pennsylvania and a master's degree in administration from San Diego State University.

• **John Morris** as logistics manager for Glanbia's Idaho and New Mexico operations, where will oversee freight contracts and pricing activities and will be responsible for coordinating with Glanbia Ireland on daily haulage activities, logistical efficiencies and cost management activities. He brings 30 years of experience to this role. He has a bachelor's degree in business from Western New York University.

• **Loretta Crook** as a food technologist. She will review research and development applications for Glanbia's Idaho operations, operate and oversee the use of Glanbia's pilot plant equipment, and create sample prototypes for customers. She earned a bachelor's degree in food science from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in food science and technology from Iowa State University.

• **Brad J. Wilson**, as manager of human resources. He will be responsible for numerous human resources activities including: conducting salaried-exempt level recruitment; overseeing hourly employment recruiting and processing; managing college relations; offering and providing general support to plant management on employee relations issues; developing, implementing and communicating human resource policies, practices and procedures to employees and management; and handling EEO and AA reporting and administration. Wilson holds a master's degree in management and human resources from Utah State University.

• **Shaylee K. Wondrick** as managerial accountant. She will be responsible for reviewing management accounts and preparing weekly financial and production reports associated with those accounts. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Boise State University.

Don Maler

JEROME — DL Evans Bank announced **Don Maler** was appointed to the position of agricultural and commercial loan officer for the Jerome Branch of DL Evans Bank, 980 S. Lincoln.

Maler joined DL Evans Bank in 2000 as an agricultural field representative. He graduated from Minico High School in Rupert and has completed courses in accounting, economics and computers at the College of Southern Idaho. He was born and raised on the family farm in Rupert and worked for Maler Brothers Farms before moving to Kimberly in 1977, where he and his wife farmed and ranched for 28 years. He understands all aspects of agricultural production

and is still actively involved in his 400-acre farm.

Maler is a member of the Kimberly Lions Club, Magic Valley Chapter of the American Society of Farm Appraisers and Rural Appraisers and the Twin Falls Chamber Agri-Business Committee. He enjoys being involved in the local agricultural organizations and keeping in touch with the agricultural community.

Bob Hunt

TWIN FALLS — Professional Truck Driving School announced **Bob Hunt** completed the three-week truck-driving course and graduated Nov. 7. He received a Class A commercial driver's license and will be working for Werner Enterprises.



Bob Hunt

Michael Waldron

TWIN FALLS — Michael Waldron is the manager of the newly created **Everton Mattress and Furniture Gallery**, store, 347 Hole Line Road (formerly View Alaska, where he headed up the Lazy Boy Gallery operation. He has more than a decade of furniture retail experience and has received numerous awards and achievements during his tenure as a specialty furniture store manager. He and his wife, Janelle, will live in Twin Falls.



Michael Waldron



Lisa Donnelly



Nancy Koonce

Accountants

TWIN FALLS — Lisa Donnelly, Nancy Koonce, Tam Bond and Dawn Blair, all of Leforge, Braga & Donnelly, Chartered, welcomed the Steeter Group 2006 QuickBooks Consultants Conference in Las Vegas, Nev.

The conference included a one-day Intuit Academy presenting the new QuickBooks 2006.

Richard Craddock

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Bank welcomed **Richard Craddock** to the position of vice president and commercial loan officer. He moved to Twin Falls from Riverton, Wyo., where he was vice president of lending for Wyoming National Bank. He graduated from the South Dakota State University agricultural business program and enjoys hunting, fishing and traveling.



Richard Craddock

Idaho's snowpack starts off well

BURLEY — Irrigators across southern Idaho can take cheer from winter storms in late November that brought snow to the mountains.

As of Dec. 7, snowpacks in key watersheds averaged 115 to 120 percent of average for that date. That translates into 1 to 1.5 inches of snow water equivalent ahead of average, said Mike Beus, a hydrologist with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley.

"We're off to a good start but the storms have got to continue," Beus said, adding the snowpack is only about a quarter of what will be needed on April 1 to provide adequate irrigation water supplies.

The weather outlook through the middle of December showed very dry with little chance of snow. That's not good news.

"We're five to seven days ahead of where we were last year, and we're catching up quickly," Beus said.

Each day that passes without new snow in the mountains drops the snowpack.



Winter storms are putting Idaho's snowpack ahead of average.

Idaho meat production plunges from last year

BOISE — Idaho's commercial red meat production is down 40 percent from about the same time last year. October numbers show total production at 24 million pounds, a significant drop compared to last year's 40.1 million lb. but only a slight dip

from September's 25.2 million pounds, reports the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

The sizeable reduction is due to the closure of the meat processing plant in Nampa in August, said IASS Deputy Director Tom Kurtz.

"Since there aren't that many plants to begin with, when one closes, it is going to have an impact, especially locally," he said, adding the Nampa plant was one of two of Idaho's 17 processing facilities to close.

Though the 40 percent reduction might be significant in Idaho, Kurtz said the drop is not a factor in national production. "Idaho is a small player in the arena of meat processing when you look nationwide," he said.

USDA increases allowed foreign sugar imports

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's decision to allow another 450,000 tons of foreign cane sugar imports into the United States has apparently had little impact on prices, sugar officials said.

The Dec. 2 move aims to compensate for reductions in sugar production caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana, and Hurricane Wilma in Florida and related transportation problems, the agency said.

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, *Life Enterprise's* local report on agriculture.

The change increases allowable duty-free imports to 1.65 million tons, said the USDA, which regulates sales to ensure adequate returns to farmers, rather than pay subsidies under the sugar program.

Mark Duffin, executive director of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, said he had hoped the agency would hold off longer to see how well U.S. cane fields rebounded from the hurricanes.

"Hopefully they're not over-compensating," Duffin said.

Rural leaders: Policy shifting to rural policy

DES MOINES — Could the United States be approaching a day in which "rural" policy is more important than "farm" policy?

It's a question some farm leaders are starting to ask. The man who heads USDA's efforts in that area says such a paradigm shift could be in the works.

Tom Dorr, under secretary of USDA's Rural Development agency, spoke during the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting here this past week.

He said rural policy is growing more important with each passing year. "The fact is that today 96 percent of the income in rural America comes from nonfarm sources," Dorr said.

Of course, many of those non-farm sources may be connected to agriculture. But, the point is: Providing those jobs and other items — such as health insurance, good schools, rural roads and better Internet access — might soon be more important than the level of commodity payments for many rural, residents.

MILESTONES



Wlenhoff Drug Testing, owned by Colleen Wlenhoff, opened in October at 624 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The opening was celebrated recently with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. Pictured left to right are Lori Gidney and Doug Burrow. Wlenhoff Drug Testing can be reached at 732-0260.

Doctor holds open house for naturopathic clinic

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Jed Adamson announced the opening of his clinic — The Intermountain Institute of Natural Health — in November at 1031 Eastland Drive, Suite 2. Adamson is a naturopathic physician, acupuncturist, and massage school director. He has been in practice for more than 15 years in other parts of Idaho and Utah. Before becoming a naturopath, Adamson worked on various emergency medical technician ambulance crews for 20 years and taught EMT courses for the state of Idaho. The staff includes office manager and receptionist Anita Adamson, massage therapist Christie Boscovitch, and a bilingual registered nurse trained in live blood analysis and who is available for help with Spanish interpretation needs. An open house will be held Jan. 18, 2006, at the clinic. Everyone is invited.

Tips N Toes by Cari moves to new location

TWIN FALLS — Tips N Toes by Cari moved to a new location in November and is now open inside the Attitude Salon, 415 Addison (next to H & R Block). The business was formerly located inside the Total Look Salon in Buhl. Owner Cari Raybourn-Shepherd is a graduate of Adrian College in Turlock, Calif. She has been in the nail industry for 20 years. Tips N Toes can be reached at 733-2599 or 539-4329.



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Shilo Inns donated \$10,000 to the United Service Organization's "Operation Phone Home," which is a campaign for Americans to purchase prepaid phone cards for distribution to the men and women of the armed forces serving abroad so they can call home and visit with their family, friends and loved ones over the holidays.

"On behalf of my family and the 1,500 Shilo Inn employees and their families, we thank all the veterans and today's military personnel — the guardians of freedom — for their continued service to preserving our liberty and freedom," said Mark Hemstreet, owner of Shilo Inns. "With the help of USO's Operation Phone Home, it is our hope

that every man and woman currently defending our nation gets the opportunity to call home this Christmas. Shilo Inns has 42 properties throughout the western United States and more than 200 affiliate hotels throughout the United States, Canada, and Hawaii, including one in Twin Falls.

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Horse

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 appropriations bill but said little on the slaughter amendment during his keynote speech at the end of the three-day convention recently.

But why deprive others of horse meat that is as much an important high-protein food source as beef or chicken is for Americans, asked Munns, who is past president of the state cattlemen's group.

The amendment is a big worry for the agriculture industry because it bars taxpayer dollars for food-safety inspections of horse-processing plants, which could open the way for ranchers to have to pay for other packing-plant inspections that now are borne by the federal government, said Munns.

Congress has paid for safety inspectors at meat-processing plants since 1906, when author Upton Sinclair caused a public furor after describing filthy conditions at packing plants and the health threat they posed to consumers.

The problem is that Americans see the horse-slaughter issue as eating Scabille, the famous Depression-era racehorse, said Jay Trullit, lobbyist for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, who sports a bumper sticker on his car that reads, "If God didn't intend for us to eat meat, why is it so tasty?"

"We lost the philosophical argument about what is a safe, wholesome product that can be consumed by human beings," he said, adding that the amendment is of great concern to ranchers, whether or not they own horses.

Rancher Ron Christensen of Stirling said many Americans have become so disconnected from the land that they cannot understand farming or ranching. "We all love our horses," he said, "and we also understand that their life cycle is one of the components of life."

Joe Hill, who ranches in Kaysville, said farmers are forced to feed their worn-out

On the Net

National Cattlemen's Beef Association: <http://www.beef.org>
 Thoroughbred Retirement Association: <http://www.trfinc.org>

horses until they drop in the fields, when buzzards feed on them or they're buried.

"And there's so many wild horses out there that there's no grass for our cattle to graze on or any place to send our horses when they die," he said. "Why are (people) depriving us of our ability to manage our animals?"

The number of horses slaughtered in America has declined over the past 20 years, peaking at nearly 350,000 annually in the late 1980s and declining in 2002 to a record low of 42,000. And in Japan, the largest Asian consumer of imported horse meat, the decline is even more pronounced, said a 65-page report by the Thoroughbred Retirement Association, which asserts that human consumption of horse meat is not a valid argument for slaughtering horses.

In fact, the American horse slaughter business is in serious trouble, concluded the 2002 report, and the two slaughterhouses in Texas are owned by foreign interests.

The horse-slaughter measure is set to expire this time next year, but on its heels is the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, which would permanently ban the practice.

The measures come at a time when ranchers are struggling to pay energy bills. Earlier this month, ranchers heard a Hatch aide say that high energy prices are the salvation for the nation because the added cash is an incentive for oil companies to drill more wells and develop alternative forms of energy.

Farmers, who are paying more for gasoline than they harvested in wheat, said they hope the profits pay for development rather than ending up in executives' pockets.

Bikes

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 that the total amount of money devoted to cycling and pedestrian projects could amount to \$4.5 billion, up sharply from \$2.5 billion spent under in the previous transportation law.

That's still only 1.6 percent of the total spending of \$295 billion covered in the bill, but Blumenthal said that support for cycling programs is steadily growing in Washington, especially as people become more concerned about rising gasoline prices, traffic congestion, childhood obesity and finding ways to exercise more.

"This is a very, very positive time for bicycling in this country," Blumenthal said. "A lot of things are coming together."

Three years ago Bikes Belong joined forces with an array of nonprofit cycling advocacy groups to create America Bikes, an umbrella organization that presses the case for pro-cycling and walking policies in Washington.

Randy Neufeld, president of America Bikes, said the organization scored a major victory in 2003 when it organized a grassroots campaign through its membership organizations, such as the League of American Bicyclists, to oppose a congressional effort to remove certain kinds of federal funding for bike projects.

Now that the group has won new federal funding for bike-related projects, its efforts will turn to implementing the new programs — such as funds to establish safe walking and cycling routes to school for kids — at the state and local level.

"There has been lobbying efforts on transportation bills in the past, but this time we really got our act together," Neufeld said.

It didn't hurt the cycling lobby that President Bush has become an avid rider himself in recent years after having to give up run-



Meyer Darwin Hindman, 72, rides his bike Sunday along the HP Trail in Columbia, Mo. Columbia has been selected to receive \$125 million to make improvements to encourage bicycling and walking.

ning due to pain in his knees.

Bush has invited reporters, visiting officials and celebrities — including seven-time Tour de France champion and fellow Texas Lance Armstrong — to go mountain biking at his ranch in Crawford, Texas. Bush also announced John Burke, the president of Trek Bicycle Corp., to serve on the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Stephen Madden, the editor of Bicycling Magazine, said Bush told him before a ride that his newfound love of cycling was "absolutely" a factor behind his decision to approve the big jump in bike-related spending

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ways to measure the success of the programs.
 Earl Blumenauer, a Representative from Oregon and another vocal advocate of cycling issues in Congress, said it was important for local organizations and transportation agencies to follow through now that federal money has been put in the pipeline.

Barbara McCann, who consults for America Bikes, said that promoting bike paths and other projects can be a tough sell in areas where people are used to getting around in cars.
 Many state departments of transportation "were founded to build highways, and for some of them, looking at integrating bicycling and walking is a new thing," McCann said.

"When people made plans for roads, they mistakenly made plans for only the automobile," said Hindman, the mayor of Columbia. "The strategy of just building more and more lanes is proving to be counterproductive in reducing congestion, he said."

For Hindman, building a network of cycling and walking paths lacing through his city has been a longtime goal that may finally come to pass with the new funding.

"We've been working on this for some time," he said.

Kiosk

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 hundred times" he said. "I say hi to everybody. Even by saying hello it can get their attention to come and look at our toys... and you meet friends too."

The decorative glass panels of the touch lamps are the product's draw. The big sellers are those panels with light-houses and angels.

He's single and at end of the day, he'll go to the bar to watch Monday Night Football and play pool with friends at his house.

He'll probably be back on the

road by March.

"I like moving around to different places and in February or March I'm planning to move, hopefully, to Hawaii."

He's not certain, however, what he'll do there.

"I'm going to try to find a retailer, that's what I'm good at," he said. "But I've got enough confidence I can get a job where ever I go. I can survive anywhere."

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TRAFFIC:

The new frontier GPS industry says it's headed in the right direction

By Meredith Cohn The Baltimore Sun

The most common phrases uttered in a car this year, according to a recent insurance company survey, were "Are we there yet," "Do you know where you are going?" and "You missed the turn."

That's probably comforting news to the makers and sellers of GPS units who believe this holiday season will propel their technology further into the consumer mainstream.

"This will be the first season it's heated," said Ted Garner, a spokesman for Garmin International Inc., a major GPS manufacturer.

The Garmin and others say their surveys show traffic information is the most coveted advance sought from GPS units.

The Consumer Electronics Association reports that 2004 factory-to-retailer sales of all kinds of electronic devices totaled \$113 billion in 2004.

The traffic information is beamed from suppliers that collect it from a series of roadside sensors, government sources, airplanes and other sources.

One such supplier, Traffic.com, expects the service to be available to more than 50 metro areas by the end of next year.

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TORTILLAS - THE NEW WHITE BREAD?

By Karen Robinson-Jacobs The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Two Jewish guys from Hollywood are shipping flavored tortillas to Mexico.

Tortilla makers in Sweden are coming to the United States to let us in on a new trend with growing demand at home.

And earlier this year, a business associate of real estate entrepreneur Roger Staubach began cranking out nearly 4 million tortillas a day from a converted clothing factory in Dallas.

The tortilla, which has been a staple in Mexican homes for thousands of years, is swimming in the mainstream now.

Sales were estimated to be more than \$5.3 billion in 2004, up 20 percent from 2003.

Experts attribute some of the growth to the nation's rapidly expanding Hispanic population.

Still others point to the popularity of flavored sandwich "wraps" and rapidly growing markets such as New Berlin, Wis., and Boise, Idaho, as evidence that the tortilla has crossed a cultural bridge and shows no signs of turning back.

"The fastest growth part is the non-Hispanic market," said Rudy Guerra Jr., president of Dallas-based Rudy's Tortillas and a third-generation tortilla maker.

"It's not just a Hispanic food now."

The development has economic implications for Texas, home to more than 150 tortilla mills, including two of the nation's largest.

Mission Foods, owned by Grupo Maseca's Gruma Corp. of Mexico, is in Irving, Bimbo Bakeries USA, maker of the La Rosa tortilla line, is in Fort Worth.

Rising sales are attracting new companies with multimillion-dollar plants into an arena long populated by mom-and-pop shops.

"The industry is not used to a corporate form and structure. I've set up here with a CEO, COO, CFO," said John Sommerhald, chief executive of Dallas-based Lobo Tortilla Factory, which counts one Hispanic among its C-suite

officers. "We're trying to bring a corporate management style that you don't find pervasive across the industry."

Lobo Tortilla Factory was launched in January. It was fueled largely by a \$2.5 million equity investment from Brett Landes, who owns more than 70 percent of the company.

Landes is a principal in Staubach Capital Partners, part of the Staubach Co.

At first, Lobo was running two production lines. Now it's up to seven, with a head on new customers that would ramp up production even more.

Rudy's, too, is expanding. The need to boost production, and perhaps go after markets in Europe, inspired Guerra to invest \$3.5 million in equipment and \$3 million to buy a 104,000-square-foot plant one block from his current location on Regal Row in Dallas.

When the new facility is ready early next year, Rudy's will have 10 tortilla lines — machines that handle production from dough to bagged product. The lines will run around the clock, turning out 15 million tortillas a day.

Guerra said while walking the floor at the recent tortilla industry Association conference in Grapevine, Texas.

There's a point where you can't get any more business without the equipment," he said. "It's a tortilla bagger whirring softly in the background. This is our opportunity to go to a larger type of customer — a national, even a global customer."

About half of Guerra's sales are in Lobo tortillas. But that side of the business is growing faster than corn, he said, guessing that's partly due to the ability to add flavors.

He said it also may be due to the flour tortilla's similarity to white bread — an affinity with implications for the makers of white bread.

For seven decades, white bread reigned supreme as the undisputed starch of choice on U.S. tables. But as the nation grew more health-conscious — white bread began to look well, a little too white-bread.

Now the Hispanic-fueled growth of traditional tortillas

and the broader market's taste for flavored and low-fat varieties are taking a bite out of white bread sales.

For the 52 weeks ended Oct. 8, mass merchandisers sold \$1.95 billion in prepackaged white bread, not counting sales at Wal-Mart, smaller grocers and bakeries, according to A.C. Nielsen.

That's nearly double the \$1 billion in tortilla sales at those stores in the same period — but the trajectories are headed in opposite directions.

White bread sales are off 16 percent from \$2.3 billion in 2001, and tortilla sales are up 23 percent from \$811 million in 2001, Nielsen figures show.

"The tortilla association, based in Addison, Texas, argues that those figures underestimate the true retail market because so many tortillas are sold at small ethnic shops not tracked by services such as Nielsen."

Kirk O'Donnell, vice president for education at the American Institute of Baking in Manhattan, Kan., said that while bread has gotten a bump rap from consumers who see it as overly processed and fattening.

Tortillas are perceived to be healthier than white bread, he said they can be higher in fat, he said.

But O'Donnell conceded that tortillas can be a better fit than white bread with consumer grab-and-go eating patterns — an attribute that has opened up a world of possibilities.

"Though flavored tortillas are a higher price, restaurateurs and snack makers across the globe are embracing sun-dried tomato, spinach and habanero-flavored tortillas to repackaging traditional sandwiches and salads as wraps."

"Chefs get to be creative with the product," said Guerra, who estimates that flavored tortillas account for up to 10 percent of Rudy's four tortilla sales. He predicts that will be 15 percent within a year.

"Wraps often command a higher price, restaurateurs and traditional burritos, he said. "Maybe we think we're eating better if it's called a wrap and not a burrito."

Health-conscious consumers have been a major marketing focus for Tamaro's Gourmet Tortillas, the Hollywood, Calif.-based company that began selling flavored flour tortillas nationally in 1997.

The company says that up to 93 percent of the ingredients in its tortillas, which come in 21 varieties, are organic. (Preservatives were added to lengthen shelf life.)

About 75 percent of sales are to retailers outside Hispanic areas, said vice president Brian Jacobs, son of Herman Jacobs, who purchased Tamaro's in 1995.

"We're selling very few Hispanic-based retail outlets," Jacobs said. "We really haven't targeted that demographic."

"When the company began to market its nontraditional tortillas in the late 1990s, Jacobs felt some resistance.

"I can't say that it's because I have white skin, but it's possible, especially when we would present to a Latin grocery store," he said. "The impression I got was, 'What have these 1995 Californians come up with?'"

It was in the mid-1990s that the tortilla made the leap from the Mexican diet to the deli.

The word wrap helped push the momentum for flavored tortillas, Jacobs said. Wraps were associated with a variety of ingredients, from Thai food to baby greens, making the introduction of flavored versions less of a stretch.

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The Associated Press

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Stay Near Go Far

Yahoo Inc. intends to begin offering Internet phone service

By Yuki Noguchi The Washington Post

Yahoo Inc. is joining a growing field of companies offering phone calls between a computer and a traditional phone, ramping up competition in an arena that is starting to expand beyond just voice communications.

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Developing the digital classroom

Gradeschoolers learn reading, writing and arithmetic on handhelds

By Garance Burke
Associated Press writer

OLATHE, Kan. — Aesop's fables came beaming across the classroom and landed in Eva Hernandez's Palm handheld.

On the bottom floor of Ridgeway Elementary School, she sat scrolling, using her stylus to navigate through through "The Fleas and the Honeypot."

"Humm," said the 11-year-old. "I think I can animate the fleas."

Eva, a sixth grader, is part of a new generation of kids using handhelds to read, write, do math, take pictures of the human eye or research Egyptian hieroglyphics — all as a regular part of their curriculum.

As school districts search ways to engage students already accustomed to instant messaging and interactive video games, they're buying up the kind of tech tools once reserved for resetting corporate executives.

Educational sales of personal digital assistants, laptop computers and handheld remote controls called "clickers" are ballooning nationwide. Last year, a survey by Quality Education Data Inc. found that 28 percent of U.S. school districts offered handhelds for student and teacher use. One of every four computers purchased by schools was a laptop.

One of the frontrunners was Yankton High School in South Dakota, which adopted Palm handhelds in 2001 and found they improved students' grades.

Electronic learning has become so popular that one school in Arizona went test-book-free this year. Instead equipping its students with laptops. Seventeen schools outside Eugene, Ore., now use handhelds on most science field trips.

Eva Hernandez's district has spent \$1.84 million to build "smart classrooms" with electronic interactive whiteboards, handheld computers, DVD-VHS players, high-definition sound and video systems and wireless keyboards and mice, all of which connect to the teacher's desktop computer. High schoolers use their Palms to write college applications and work through calculus problems. Nine-year-olds routinely "beam" in their homework, making the district a poster child for the digital classroom.

For Eric Johnson, who directs educational sales for Palm Inc., the manufacturer of Eva's Zire 71 model, public schools represent a \$300 million market. And as schools purchase handhelds, dozens of spin-off industries are



Jessica Nassett has a number of high-tech devices, from a ceiling-mounted LCD projector to Palm Pilots for every student, to help while teaching her fourth-grade class at Ridgeway Elementary School in Olathe, Kan., Nov. 22.

racing to integrate themselves into teachers' lesson plans.

Ridgeway Elementary, which sits in a squat building on the edge of this booming Kansas City suburb, bought Zire 71 and Zire 72 models for the fourth and sixth grades. Aside from their basic functions, the handhelds boast color screens, digital cameras, Internet capabilities and MP3 players. They can be easily hooked up to wireless keyboards.

Eva's teacher, Regan Veach, was one of the first in Kansas to embrace handhelds and now trains educators across the state.

Veach touts a new generation of educational software that makes the devices worthwhile. Using a drawing and graphics application called TealPaint, students can animate their versions of Aesop's tales to transform a fable into a digital

flipbook. Another program, Inspiration, lets students create clickable "mindmaps" to diagram ideas before they start writing. While Quizler gives children instant feedback on multiple-choice tests.

Veach's instructional process illustrates just how crucial the handhelds have become to everyday learning in Olathe schools.

First, she downloaded Aesop's fables from a free online site and reformatted it using a program called eBookstudio that crunches it into a format the handhelds can read.

That left Eva and her classmates fidgeting with anticipation. Then, once Veach "synced" her Palm to her desktop and "beamed" the fables from student to student, excitement spilled through the room.

"My speed, he was like freaked out because he didn't

get to use (the device)," said Alejandro Najera 11, as he selected colors from a rainbow template on his 3-inch screen. "Now whenever I go home, he's like, 'What did you do with the Palms today?'"

Next was an exercise with the "clickers." Handheld remotes that Veach uses to gauge students' progress. As pupils took a quiz to instantly test their understanding of Greek mythology, Veach got out a wireless whiteboard to write up the day's homework.

The day's assignments — 90 minutes of reading and a few multiplication exercises — were then wirelessly projected onto a roll-down screen at the front of the classroom and onto her desktop. The kids copied those notes down on paper — in the sixth grade, they're not allowed to take the handhelds home.



Sixth-grade teacher Regan Veach, left, helps 11-year-old Abble Olyford with a class assignment on her Palm Pilot at Ridgeway Elementary School in Olathe, Kan., Nov. 22. This is the third year that Veach has used Palm Pilots in her classroom.

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Studies show that when used regularly, such media-rich instructional tools can work well to assist student performance.

But some worry that while children may learn to beam in their papers, this generation of "digital natives" could come up short in learning basic math, science and English.

"Despite the fact that we have spent gazillions of dollars in schools on technology, it's still just a leap of faith that kids are better educated because of that," said Robin Raskin, the founder and former editor of FamilyPC magazine. "Students need to have some opportunity to digest material orally, like reading a book from end to end. A tiny screen might stop you from being an analytic thinker 'cause you just can't see enough of a thing at once."

Ridgeway's principal, Kelly Raiston, is aware that technology won't erase the difficulties faced by her students, over half of whom come from low-income families.

Last year, she spent just 1 out of her annual \$63,000

budget for handhelds; the district has spent at least \$952,000 to equip 4,000 students with the devices in the last four school years.

"The overall achievement is rising and the Palms have been a piece in keeping our kids engaged," said Raiston.

In the beginning, Palm Inc.'s early marketing efforts to K-12 classrooms and in supporting the development of educational applications gave it an edge over competitors.

But as handhelds gain expansion ports to add peripherals and built-in infrared e-mail and Internet capabilities, Windows-based "Pocket PC" handhelds such as Hewlett-Packard Co.'s HP42, Dell Inc.'s Axim and Toshiba Corp.'s Pocket PCs have started gaining ground.

Companies like Durham, N.C.-based Motrichy Inc., a mobile content provider that sells books repackaged for several different handheld formats, stand to gain. The Olathe district purchased Motrichy's classic collection and saved thousands of dollars on printed books.

But for Georgia Ross, who teaches special education math at Indian Trail Junior High in Olathe, the handhelds offer a way to reach students who struggle with traditional instruction methods.

"I don't know if it's that they feel cool or they're just jazzed about the technology," Ross said. "But having some of those bells and whistles make the kind of information they really need to learn exciting."

Kinko's founder won't duplicate usual advice

By Victor Gormez
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A lot of entrepreneurs dream of launching a business built around their hobbies or favorite pastimes. Big mistake, says Paul Orfalea.

"If you like to eat, don't go into restaurants," said Orfalea, the founder of the Kinko's copy chain. "Then you have to go to restaurants. I used to like to bowl. Now I own a bowling alley, and I hate bowling."

This fall, Orfalea is promoting his new book: *Copy This! Lessons from a Hyperactive Dyslexic Who Turned a Bright Idea into One of America's Best Companies*.

"Hyperactive dyslexic" is as good a description as any for Orfalea, who yanks off his tie at

the first opportunity during a recent interview. He then proceeds to chat efforlessly about everything from the state of public schools to his lack of interest in technology.

But Orfalea said that restless attitude is part of what made him so successful.

"You have to have three things in balance: work, love and play," he said. "Like a tripod. So if you're an addictive personality or if you like certitude, don't go into business for yourself."

"But my definition of business is not like other people's definition," he added. "My definition of business is making money while you're sleeping, because if you have to make money by working, that means you are an employee."

"If you think you own your

own business, but it only works when you put in the hours or the business can't live without you... well, you aren't in business for yourself — you have a job."

Not is immersing yourself in the technical details of your product a prerequisite for success.

But staying nimble is — he recommends that small-business owners scrap and rewrite their business plans every few months.

Orfalea founded Kinko's in 1970 but said he still has no idea how a copy machine works. He has never used e-mail and reads, at best, at a fifth-grade level. The chain is now called FedEx Kinko's and is based in Dallas.

"My job was going from store to store to store to find out

what people were doing right," he said. "In every store, there was something people were doing that was novel or creative."

Orfalea knew he had to rely on capable managers.

"Would you hire an incompetent guy like me?" he said. "But... I knew how to hold other people accountable."

Orfalea, too, prospective employees out for beers to see how they behaved, asked if they enjoyed visiting their parents and posed a question he knew the applicant would be unable to answer.

"Those three things were the ones I relied on the most," he said. "How they handled themselves while drinking, if they got along with their parents and if they would say 'I don't know' in an interview."

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Those in the poll had at least \$75,000 in investable assets.

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Asset allocation — It's avoiding having all your eggs in one basket

The Associated Press

You're a moderately savvy investor, stuffing your 401(k) and conversant about Roth IRAs particulars. Now ponder the term asset allocation. Drawing any blanks?

If so, you're not alone. Plenty of folks are either unsure of what the term means for their investment portfolios or its importance. If they do, according to a telephone survey of

affluent investors.

Asked to grade themselves on how well they understand the concept of asset allocation, 26 percent gave themselves an "A" and 41 percent suggested a "B." But in the same poll, nearly a third (30 percent) said they don't have an approach for allocating assets and rebalancing their portfolios.

What's more, a full quarter said they believe the term is just an industry buzz word.

To clarify, asset allocation means having a strategy to divide your money into a variety of investment areas, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, cash, mutual funds, annuities, etc., the proverbial antidote to having all your eggs in a single basket. It's an effort, assessing your goals and time frame, and then deciding which types of instruments are most suitable to your situation.

"In this era of investor aware-

ness and empowerment, many investors can take the asset allocation talk," said Ranji Nagaswami, vice chairman and chief investment officer at AllianceBernstein, the money-management company that commissioned the summary survey of 1,000 people. "Getting them to translate their words into deeds is proving more problematic."

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AFTER THE HURRICANE

Rebuilding depends on who will pick up the tab

By Matt Crenson
Associated Press writer

Three months after Hurricane Katrina, we know that damage is enormous. We know that it will cost billions of dollars to rebuild New Orleans and the rest of the Gulf Coast.

What we don't know is where the money will come from.

Louisiana's congressional delegation introduced legislation in September calling for a \$212 billion federally funded rebuilding effort. Fiscal conservatives scotched the proposal.

Even a more modest request for \$32 billion to strengthen Louisiana's flood defenses so they could withstand a Category 5 hurricane — the current standard is Category 3 — has drawn a tepid response from the Bush administration.

"Hopefully that decision will be made sooner rather than later," said Donald Powell, the White House's top hurricane reconstruction official, during a recent trip to Louisiana.

Only the federal government has pockets deep enough to pay for a massive reconstruction effort. But there is a significant difference of opinion over whether — and if so, how — the government should raise the money.

"This kind of major public works project has to be a state and federal partnership," said Andy Koppin, executive director of the Louisiana Recovery Authority, which was created by governor Kathleen Blanco to advance the state's reconstruction.

As an example, Koppin points to the coastal public works project in U.S. history — Boston's Big Dig. The \$14.6 billion, 14-year effort buried 7.8 miles of elevated highway in downtown Boston. The federal government pitched in just over \$8.5 billion for the project, which was plagued by corruption and cost overruns.

The federal government will have to cover a much larger share of the cost for Louisiana's reconstruction, however, both because the total will be multiples of the Big Dig's cost, and because the state and New Orleans are in the red.

At a recent special legislative session, state legislators grappled with a \$1 billion budget deficit by cutting health care services and funding for public colleges. And with more than a million of its residents scattered to the winds, the state will continue to have a difficult time raising revenue.

In September, Bill Clinton advocated increased taxes to pay for Katrina reconstruction and the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But President Bush has vowed not to raise taxes, or even to roll back the tax cuts he made during his first term in office.

There needs to be a vision at the federal level — a vision for what the city of New Orleans is going to look like and what's going to happen to the 600,000 households that have been displaced," said Matt Fellows, a senior research associate at the Brookings Institution.

Fellows advocates enlisting the department of Housing and Urban Development in the effort to find more permanent homes for the hundreds of thousands of families displaced by Katrina. Even three months after the storm, the Federal Emergency Management Agency had 50,000 families are living in hotel rooms paid for by the government. Another 10,000 families from Louisiana and 10,000 from Mississippi are living in house trailers or mobile homes.

State and local officials insist that residents and business owners are unlikely to come back to New Orleans and many other Gulf Coast communities without a significant federal investment in flood protection and reconstruction. But what is the government's responsibility to people who have chosen to live in one of the country's most flood-prone areas?



Natalie Wright, a volunteer, paints the Alice Harjo elementary school on Dec. 3 in New Orleans, La. Tulane University's community service department and students are helping to clean local schools damaged by Hurricane Katrina.



A rail road track with new gravel is photographed Nov. 18 in Wave-land, Miss. The rails, ties and safety devices still need replacement from the ravages of Hurricane Katrina.



Unidentified workers on Tuesday repair a roof damaged by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

The federal government has already committed \$62 billion to the Hurricane Katrina relief and reconstruction effort, and spent about one-third of that so far. Absent an increase in taxes or cuts in other federal programs, that money is being added to the federal deficit.

That means people who live on a mountain in the middle of the desert are sharing the cost of rebuilding coastal city below sea level, said Robert P. Harvisig, a senior vice president and chief economist at the Insurance Information Institute. It also means that today's children and their children will ultimately shoulder the burden of paying to rebuild the Gulf Coast.

It isn't fair that taxpayers in safer areas have to subsidize those who choose to live in more hazardous locales, said Veronique de Rugy, a research fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

She warns that too much fed-

eral support for disaster victims will foster a sense of complacency. People will have no incentive to purchase flood insurance or hurricane-proof their homes if they believe that the federal government will step in and bail them out after a disaster.

"At some level it makes sense that the federal government should help, but there should be a lesson," de Rugy said. "People who have behaved in a completely irresponsible way by not taking any insurance should lose something."

A number of fiscal conservatives have compiled lists of federal programs that could be cut to compensate for the \$62 billion already committed to Katrina relief and reconstruction.

Scholars Steve Sivinski and Chris Edwards of the libertarian Cato Institute suggest taking the knife to farm subsidies (\$21.1 billion), energy research and subsidies (\$2.6 billion), community development grants

nomial means of exporting grain. But they also direct sediment that used to settle in the coastal wetlands of Louisiana out into the Gulf of Mexico. Without a regular supply of mud, the coastal wetlands have gradually been devoured by waves and rising sea levels.

The Louisiana coast has lost up to 40 square miles of marsh annually in recent decades. Because wetlands partially absorb storm surges, that has made southern Louisiana even more vulnerable to hurricanes.

Louisiana also provides the nation with oil and natural gas, which keeps the cost of those fuels down by limiting the amount that must be imported. But pipelines, drilling rigs and refineries take their toll on the local environment by damaging wetlands and causing pollution. In addition, pumping oil out of subterranean formations causes them to compress, which makes the ground sink even lower.

"Louisiana has sacrificed its coastline so those people in North Dakota can have fuel oil, so they can drive their vehicles," said Craig Colten, a geographer at Louisiana State University. Several pieces of legislation have been submitted to Congress that would give Louisiana and other coastal states a cut of the federal tax revenue from offshore oil production. Under current rules Washington gives states half of the revenue it collects from drilling on federal lands, but that applies only to onshore oil wells. If the policy were extended to offshore production Louisiana could earn \$2.5 billion to \$3.5 billion annually.

"That provides a very appropriate source to pay for this," Koppin said.

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Cell phones becoming like remote controls for our lives

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Forget voice calls. They're oh so retro. That cell phone in your pocket is well on its way to becoming a remote control for you.

"Smart" handsets are already being used by bus executives to retrieve important documents from office computers halfway across the globe. They're handling e-mail, programming set-top boxes and keeping an eye on the home surveillance system.

Tourists lost in some foreign capital are now using GPS-equipped cell phone get their bearings using on-screen maps. Commuters crossing town can tap into the same tools to avoid traffic jams and arrive at a mid-journey.

Millions of Japanese already use their handsets as digital wallets.

"The phone is rapidly becoming a window to the world," said Rob Enderle of the IDC Enderle Group research firm. "In many ways it's becoming a replacement for the PC."

Cell phones have far outpaced personal digital assistants as the electronic device favored by consumers — 187.7 million people, or 65.4 percent of the U.S. population, own cell phones, according to the Yankee Group, which has stopped tracking sales of handheld computers that lack cellular connectivity, calling them irrelevant.

Software makers, keenly mindful of the trend, are coming up with new ways to lend mobile handsets some of the prime functions of a personal computer.

Phones that double and triple as digital music players, personal organizers and cameras are just the beginning.

A number of mobile applications making their debut at the DEMOfall conference, a showcase of tech innovations that began in September in Huntington Beach, Calif., pointed the way to a world where the cell phone is a key to greater efficiency.

One such program comes from EasyReach, a Campbell, Calif.-based startup that is jumping into the remote document-retrieval space.

EasyReach founder John Stossel says it's the best software that enables users of smartphones such as Palm Inc.'s Treo, which boast computer-like operating systems, to search their PCs by keyword. Punch a few more buttons and EasyReach users can e-mail retrieved documents to whatever address they choose.

In addition, EasyReach enables a user to search multiple desktop PCs on which EasyReach's software has been installed.

Services such as pcAnywhere and GoToMyPC allow a user to control a PC remotely, but most offer PC-to-PC access only. Other software packages try to give handheld users virtual control of their PC, but that can be unwieldy, says Stossel. Since most handhelds already efficiently display document and e-mail lists, trying to replicate the PC's interface on a handheld doesn't make sense, Stossel said. "Why try to squeeze a 19-inch screen onto a 3-inch display?" said Stossel. "What do you want? Files and e-mails. Let's get them and be done with it."

The software works on any mobile device equipped with an Internet browser — regardless of the operating system, and a native application is available for the BlackBerry. It was researched by Research In Motion Inc. And while many competi-

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tor's products only work on Palm handhelds or Java-enabled phones. EasyReach says its software is designed to support the devices of any wireless carrier worldwide.

Some companies are betting that people will use their PCs as a sort of home base for content that can be accessed anytime, anywhere, through a mobile phone.

Software created by Orb Networks Inc., based in Emeryville, turns the PC into a personal network server that can stream video files and music to handheld devices.

"We think the reason you invested in broadband is so everything you own is available to you at any time," said Ian McCarthy, vice president of product marketing at Orb, which was founded in 2004. "You have a blurring of the lines between the stuff at home and stuff in your hand."

Orb also recently launched TiVo Anywhere, which lets handheld users watch their TiVo shows as well as program their TiVo set-top boxes from their smartphone.

Avenue, a Palo Alto startup founded in 2004 and backed by Motorola Corp., intends to challenge Orb on both fronts, said spokesman David Trescott.

Starting next week, Avenue will match Orb's network server functions and soon thereafter will launch a service bringing TiVo to smartphones, said Trescott, whose company is a DEMO alum.

Several companies have developed smartphone applications that leverage Global Positioning System technology, which pinpoint locations anywhere on Earth through satellite triangulation.

Last March, MapQuest and Nextel Communications launched the "Find Me" Service, which uses MapQuest's digital maps, on GPS-enabled mobile phones.

At the DEMO conference, MapQuest is expected to announce a similar service for the BlackBerry.

A rival company, Destination Technologies Inc., is unveiling software for GPS-enabled smartphones and handhelds that automatically updates a route based on the device user's location.

The Destination platform, which has been available in Europe for more than two years, also allows friends and colleagues to spot each other's locations on a map in relation to their ultimate destination and send directions via instant message.

Destination also includes a real-time traffic-monitoring feature. Few U.S. companies aggregate traffic information but this is expected to change soon.

"We're going to automate it," said Jeff Kukowski, senior vice president of marketing. "Your printed directions from Yahoo or Google can't tell you how to get back on route."

The Destination software takes the user's GPS location information and compares it to the planned route. Miss a turn, and the software offers

up a revised route. Adoption of all these new smartphone functions isn't widespread yet, probably because phone carriers such as Verizon, Cingular and Sprint make it difficult for customers to obtain services the carriers can't closely control and profit from, analysts say.

But smartphone makers are encouraging software companies to keep developing new applications that can drive sales, says Kevin Burden, program manager of Mobile Devices at research firm IDC. "The makers are lawyers looking for a nice hook because the phones come at such a premium price tag," Burden said. "To sell these things, they have to offer more than a phone and e-mail."

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It's not the bad boss; it's not the money; it's the job itself

The Associated Press

It's almost the height of career blasphemy in our go-go, career-more, climb-the-ladder corporate world: Quitting your job just because you're unhappy with it. Say what? In this day and age?

Yet plenty of people do just that, with feelings about the work the biggest factor when people leave voluntarily, according to research of employee attitudes conducted for several years by Strota Consulting LLC, based in Purchase, N.Y.

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