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Craig votes to block Patriot Act

Idaho senator joins Democrats in preventing extension of law

The Associated Press and The Times-News

WASHINGTON — In a stinging defeat for President Bush, Senate Democrats blocked passage Friday of a new Patriot Act to combat terrorism at home.

Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig joined Democrats and a handful of Republicans who depicted the measure as a threat to the constitutional liberties of innocent Americans.



Craig

"He doesn't want to sacrifice the freedoms and liberties that our troops are dying to protect," said Craig spokesman Dan Whiting.

Republicans spurned calls for a short-term measure to prevent the year-end expiration of law enforcement powers first enacted in the anxious days after Sept. 11, 2001.

"The president will not sign such an extension," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and lawmakers on each side of the issue blamed the other for congressional gridlock on the issue.

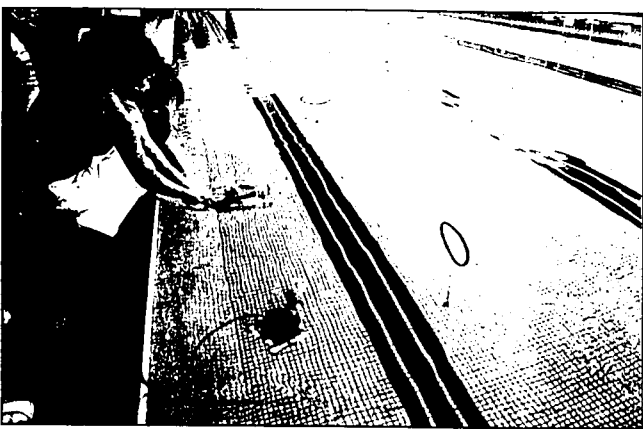
The Senate voted 52-47 to advance a House-passed bill to a final vote, eight short of the 60 needed to overcome the filibuster backed by nearly all Senate Democrats and a handful of the 55 Republicans.

"We need to be more vigilant," agreed Sen. John Sununu, a Republican from New Hampshire, where the state motto is "Live Free or Die." He quoted Benjamin Franklin: "Those that would give up essential liberty in pursuit of a little temporary security deserve neither liberty nor security."

Much of the controversy involved powers granted to law enforcement agencies to gain access to a wealth of personal data, including library and medical records in secret, as medical records in secret, as

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VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY



Dayal Sandoyal, in pink, and Beke Harris of Jo Dodds' seventh-grade class at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School release an underwater robot in the pool Friday at the YMCA in Twin Falls.

Teacher brings deep sea research to the classroom

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She was working on the research vessel Thomas G. Thompson when she thought of a great idea for her students back home. Jo Dodds, who has taught science for 21 years at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, spent three weeks in September with a research crew that was studying thermal vents in the Pacific Ocean with remote operated vehicles (ROVs).

"I thought, 'What better way to reach out to students and help them understand (ROVs) than to have them build them?'" Dodds said.

When she returned to Twin Falls, she applied for grants through the Idaho National Laboratory that would pay for materials, which students could use to build their own vehicles.

The underwater vehicles gave students a hands-on experience with concepts such as buoyancy, propulsion, electrical engineering and teamwork. The students were divided into groups of five or six. Later, the groups were separated into teams that handled individual tasks such as building frames, wiring motors and then putting it all together.

"There is a lot of problem-solving going on," Dodds said Tuesday as students tested weights on their vehicles. "Everything from the placement of the motors to the weight will affect how their ROVs work."

The ROVs had to be close to positive buoyancy — meaning they would neither sink nor float — and the three electric propellers had to move the vehicle left and right, as well as up and down.

In the classroom, the students focused on putting together the ROVs with plastic pipes, floats and an array of electrical items.

"This is kind of a fun deal," said Braden Box, who took a break from construction to answer questions. "It's a way we can learn what Mrs. Dodds learned on her research cruise."

The mini ROVs were tested in the

YMCA swimming pool, where the students had to show their mastery of the controls by maneuvering a clip-stick attached to the underwater vehicle into a small ring on the pool floor.

Some students mastered the controls faster than others, but all of them mastered back seat driving almost immediately.

While Beke Harris liked the three switches that maneuvered the vehicle into position, her teammates yelled directions and suggestions.

In the end, her group declared her the master of the switches — even after the vertical thruster broke.

"I'm just so pleased with these guys," Dodds said. "Just to think they built all the frames, motors and electrical is really something."

Dodds said she will seek funding for next year, so more students can try their hand at building ROVs.

She wants to start an after-school program in which students can build more creative vehicles and enter them in an ROV national championship.

Some Idaho cattle found infected with brucellosis

The Associated Press

ARICO — More than 50 cattle have been slaughtered in eastern Idaho after veterinarians confirmed brucellosis infections, a finding that could cause the state to lose its brucellosis-free status.

Brucellosis can cause abortions in cattle. In rare cases it can be passed to humans, sometimes during contact with slaughtered animals or through consumption of contaminated milk products, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Idaho Department of Agriculture quarantined a ranch in Swan Valley in eastern Idaho in October, department spokesman Wayne Hoffman told the Casper (Wyo.) Star Tribune.

Tests of the herd found eight cattle infected with brucellosis and two other possible infections. All 39 cows, two bulls and several calves were slaughtered.

Officials said that before the quarantine, six animals were sold through livestock markets. They were tracked and one that had gone to a small feedlot was found to be infected with brucellosis. It was slaughtered along with 16 other cattle at the feedlot.

Officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture decide the feedlot is a second infected herd, but the state wants to keep its brucellosis-free status, which Idaho has had since 1991. That would require an intensive surveillance program that includes testing for brucellosis when cattle change ownership.

"We've heard from USDA whether that will qualify as a second herd," said John Chaburn, Idaho's deputy administrator for animal industry information. He also should be counted as one of the first herd."

The infected cattle in the Swan Valley area were on private property and had no fence line contact with other cattle herds, Chaburn said. Officials chose to test an additional 1,000 cattle in the area. None was found with brucellosis.

Chaburn said more tests are planned on other cattle in eastern Idaho, including areas where cattle had contact with elk during the winter. Three years ago, an Idaho cattle herd was found to be infected, which officials attributed to elk.

"All of the epidemiological and laboratory information clearly indicates that brucellosis-infected elk transmitted the disease to the cattle herd," Chaburn said.

Kosher 'awakening' hits stores

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Albertsons hired Yakov Yarmove more than three years ago, the company found a point man to navigate what might seem like an unlikely market for a grocery chain with stores in places like Cheyenne, Wyo., and Evanston, Ill., kosher food.

Group may purchase Albertson's for \$9.6 billion.

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A variety of spices imported from Israel are displayed in the kosher section at an Albertson's store Sunday in Evanston, Ill. Albertsons is just one of many companies around the country competing to get a slice of an approximately \$9 billion kosher industry.

kosher, marketing and operations manager. "Kosher was perceived as scary and foreign. Now it's perceived as chic. I think everybody is realizing that there is an opportunity."

The Idaho-based Albertsons — which may soon have a new owner — is just one of many companies around the country competing to get a lucrative slice of the kosher market.

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Cold weather taking a toll on local homes

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you haven't taken preventive measures to protect your home or business from harsh winter conditions, you may be in for a rude awakening. When temperatures drop below 32 degrees, unprotected pipes along exterior walls, unsealed basements and crawl spaces can cause water to freeze and pipes to break.

It's been 20 years since Twin Falls has had this cold for this long," said Dan Woodard with Reich Plumbing and Heating.

"We're swamped with so many calls that I am averaging 60 hours a week repairing damaged water systems," Woodard said. Some newer homes and businesses are equipped with plastic pipes that don't break as easily as the copper or gal-

Preventive measures

- Poke holes in heating ducts to allow warm air to circulate in crawl spaces.
- Keep water running at a trickle below temperatures drop.
- Wrap pipes with insulation and heating tape.

vanized pipes in older homes, but they can take up to four hours to thaw out because plastic doesn't conduct electricity, so the air around them must be warmed with an electric heater. Copper and galvanized pipes, however, will swell and burst under extreme temperatures. The cost to have a plumber make a hole call is \$100 per hour. Woodard says which can easily translate to hundreds or even thousands.

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NATION

Official: Bush OK'd eavesdropping

Lawmakers call for investigation into allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has personally authorized a secretive eavesdropping program in the United States more than three dozen times since October 2001, a senior intelligence official said Friday night.

The disclosure follows angry demands by lawmakers earlier in the day for congressional inquiries into whether the monitoring by the highly secretive National Security Agency violated civil liberties.

"There is no doubt that this is inappropriate," declared Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He promised hearings early next year.

Bush on Friday refused to discuss whether he had authorized such domestic spying without obtaining warrants from a court, saying that to comment would

be his hands in fighting terrorists.

In a broad defense of the program put forward hours later, however, a senior intelligence official told The Associated Press that the eavesdropping was narrowly designed to go after possible terrorist threats in the United States.

The official said that, since October 2001, the program has been renewed more than three dozen times. Each time, the White House counsel and the attorney general certified the lawfulness of the program, the official said. Bush then signed the authorizations.

During the reviews, government officials have also provided a fresh assessment of the terrorist threat, showing that there is a catastrophic risk to the country or government, the official said.

"Only if those conditions apply do we even begin to think about this," he said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the classified nature of the intelligence operation.

"The president has authorized NSA to fully use its



Bush

resources. Let me underscore this now — consistent with U.S. law and the Constitution — to defend the United States and its citizens," the official said, adding that congressional leaders have also been briefed more than a dozen times.

Senior administration officials asserted the president would do everything in his power to protect the American people while safeguarding civil liberties.

"I will make this point," Bush said in an interview with "The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer."

"That whatever I do to protect the American people — and I have an obligation to do so — that we will uphold the law, and decisions made are made understanding we have an obligation to protect the civil liberties of the American people."

The surveillance, disclosed in Friday's New York Times, is said

to allow the agency to monitor international calls and e-mail messages of people inside the United States. But the paper said the agency would still seek warrants to snoop on purely domestic communications — for example, Americans' calls between New York and California.

"I want to know precisely what they did," Specter said. "How NSA utilized their technical equipment, whose conversations they overheard, how many conversations they overheard, what they did with the material, what purported justification there was."

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., a member of the Judiciary Committee, said, "This shocking revelation ought to send a chill down the spine of every American."

Vice President Dick Cheney and Bush chief of staff Andrew Card went to the Capitol Friday to meet with congressional leaders and the top members of the intelligence committees, who are often briefed on spy agencies' most classified programs. Members and their aides would not discuss the subject of the closed sessions.

Effects of Katrina kids display artwork

ice storm linger

More than 500,000 don't have power

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Widespread damage from a deadly ice storm left more than half a million customers still in the dark Friday night, and utility officials said the electricity might not be fully restored in parts of the Carolinas until Tuesday.

The storm blew through Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia on Thursday and was blamed for hundreds of traffic accidents and at least four deaths. Ice built up on tree limbs, causing them to snap and pull down power lines.

Duke Power, the leading electricity provider in the hard-hit area, said the storm inflicted "extreme structural damage" that kept 536,000 customers in the Carolinas without power Friday evening, down from 683,000 at the height of the storm.

The company urged customers facing extended periods without heat to find another place to stay.

About 7,500 utility technicians were on the job, Duke said.

Power was restored more quickly in Georgia, where the remaining 30,000 homes and businesses still without electricity Friday afternoon were expected to have power by morning.

At least four deaths were reported from the storm as the storm moved up the East Coast. Two men died in Maryland and another died in Georgia after the freeze made driving treacherous. In suburban Charlotte, a 58-year-old man died when a tree buckled from heavy ice and crushed him in his home.

HOUSTON (AP) — The drawings, done mostly in crayon and marker, are full of bleak images — bodies floating, floodwaters ripping loved ones away, children crying red tears. But often they contain glimmers of hope, too, such as a blue sky, a shining sun, a rainbow.

One teen drew a self-portrait in which he wore a shirt that read, "I Survived Katrina."

"It was the first thing I drew," said Reginald Otkins, a 15-year-old from New Orleans. "That was a picture of me telling people I had survived Katrina. To me, the hurricane was a minor setback and people just have to take time and get a little bit of their life back step by step."

Thirty drawings by children who witnessed the horrors of Hurricane Katrina go on display Saturday through Jan. 4 at the Houston public library. The exhibit will then be taken on a national tour to raise money for hurricane victims and promote art therapy.

The art was culled from more than 600 pieces created by children who took shelter in Houston's Astrodome and Reliant Center after Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29.

The collection also features a quilt with more drawings that have been transferred onto cloth and stitched together. Part of the quilt was made with materials gathered from New Orleans after the storm.

The pictures were produced as part of the Katrina's Kids Project, which began on Labor Day when volunteer and stay-at-home mom Johna DiMuzio brought art supplies to give the children at the shelter something to do.



Hurricane Katrina evacuees Joshua Hilton, right, and his brother Reginald Otkins are shown Thursday in Houston with some of their drawings which will be on display.

"The children started coming up and showing me these pictures of these images of the hurricane, of people drowning, things that brought tears to your eyes," DiMuzio said.

After seeing some of the art, she realized it could also help the kids express their emotions. She enlisted a few friends and returned the next day.

The kids drew images of helicopters rescuing people in flooded neighborhoods or stick figures saying, "We need food and water" as they stood in front of the New Orleans Superdome, where evacuees stayed for days under horrible conditions.

"The kids, they don't have a motive, they don't have an agenda," said one of DiMuzio's

friends, Ashley Bryan, 36. "They just put an image out there. It so accurately captures their experience."

One 12-year-old boy used a vivid pencil drawing of flooded homes in his New Orleans neighborhood, the devastated Ninth Ward, to finally tell Bryan that his mother had been swept away by the rushing waters and he was in Houston all alone.

He has since been reunited with his aunt.

"It was through his artwork that he became comfortable enough to tell somebody what was his actual situation," Bryan said. "It is the absolute tool needed to initiate conversation, to begin the therapy process."

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NATION/WORLD

Bush will address nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will address the nation about Iraq on Sunday evening, his first speech from the Oval Office since he announced the beginning of the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

The address at 7 p.m. MST comes on the heels of a two-week, four-speech blitz to build support for a war that a majority of Americans now say was a mistake.

The White House said it was asking television networks for live coverage of the president's address, expected to run less than 20 minutes.

"The Iraqi people have just concluded a historic election, and we now are entering a critical period for our mission in Iraq," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Friday.

In his four speeches, Bush sought to explain his Iraq policy more clearly — conceding that things have not gone as smoothly as he had hoped and emphasizing that much work needs to be done. The speeches brought forth an estimate from the president that 30,000 Iraqis have been killed in the invasion and its bloody aftermath.

Military scales back combat forces in Iraq's Sunni Triangle

The Washington Post

BAQUBAH, Iraq — The U.S. military is scaling back combat forces in regions of Iraq's Sunni Triangle that were once fiercely contested, freeing thousands of troops to shift to other trouble spots or go home without being replaced, according to senior military officials.

The U.S. drawdown in parts of central Iraq is a new and important indicator of commanders' confidence in Iraqi security forces in a region long ravaged by lethal insurgent attacks. In Iraq's east-central Diyala province, for example, the U.S. military expects by next month to have cut the number of troops in combat units by two-thirds — a reduction of about 3,000 troops, according to U.S. commanders here.

"We've already off-ramped a great deal of our combat power," said Col. Steven Salazar, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade, based in Baqubah. "I would anticipate you would see an even greater

Commander looks at possible troop cuts.

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Sinus Misery?



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House rejects calls for withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in as many months, the House rejected calls for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq with a vote Friday that Democrats said was politically driven and designed by Republicans to limit debate on the war.

In a 279-109 vote, the GOP-controlled House approved a resolution saying the chamber is committed "to achieving victory in Iraq" and that setting an "artificial timetable" would be "fundamentally inconsistent with achieving victory."

Democrats voted against the resolution by 108-59, while 32 of them voted "present," a rarely used option that signals neither support nor opposition. That split underlined divisions within the party over alternatives to President Bush's Iraq war policies.

Among Republicans, 220 supported the proposal, none were opposed and two voted "present," while the House's lone independent voted "no."

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Oil drilling an obstacle in completing budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans will work into the weekend in hopes that Congress will be able to wrap up a \$40 billion-plus spending cut plan, through a fight over oil drilling in Alaska remains an obstacle.

The defense budget and the largest of the government's domestic appropriations bills remain unfinished as well.

The end-of-session chaos was dominated by a bid by Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, to attach a plan for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge drilling to a massive defense spending bill for the current year. That legislation blends Pentagon funding and money for the war in Iraq with hurricane relief aid and a scaled-down plan to fight avian flu.

At the same time, a \$602 billion appropriations bill for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education has stalled in the Senate because GOP moderates dislike funding levels for many programs. GOP leaders are considering adding that measure to the ever-growing defense bill.

It remained unclear whether Stevens would succeed in his 25-year quest to open a wildlife refuge along Alaska's North Coast to drilling. The cantankerous Alaskan said he is "pretty close" to getting the votes required to overcome a procedural challenge planned by opponents of drilling in ANWR.

Democrats — who said Stevens was flouting the Senate's rules and traditions in trying to attach the drilling plan to the must-pass defense budget — are mounting a fierce drive in opposition, but they also acknowledge they won't mount a full-blown filibuster.

"We're pulling out all the stops with our people because this is outrageous," said a senior aide to Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The chaos reignited as critical details on the longer-term budget plan — a key piece of the GOP's fall agenda — remained to be worked out.

The bill would take on, for the first time since 1987, the spiraling growth of federal benefit programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and student loan subsidies.

IRS will reduce telephone help hours next spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service will reduce the time that taxpayers can get help through toll-free telephone lines next spring, sharing the operating time by three hours a day.

IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said in an interview that the tax agency needed to absorb cuts in its customer service budget, and the change

will reduce the number of temporary workers typically brought on to handle increased demand during the spring filing season.

"We think this is a mistake. We think this is inappropriate for them to do," she said.

Kelley said the IRS did not hire roughly 400 temporary workers typically brought on to handle increased demand during the spring filing season.

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CHEERS & JEERS

Candidates jump at a chance for P&Z board

CHEERS: To the rise in applicants for Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission. In past years, Twin Falls P&Z selections were as popular as church services at the Super Bowl. But this year, more public notices paid off. The commission had 15 applicants show up vying for 3 positions.

"In the years that all of us have served this was by and far the highest caliber of applicants," said Ryan Horsely, vice chairman of the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission.

While P&Z is an unpaid position, it serves an immensely important purpose in managing the growth and land use of the city. All applicants are applauded for rising to the task.



And while we're at it... JEERS: To the Times-News for giving the impression it was a closed meeting.

In a bit of irony, the Herrett Center posted a sign saying "The Herrett Center is NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at this time. It is RESERVED for the Times-News."

Uhh, not exactly the impression we were aiming for. It should have said the museum and planetarium were not open, but the meeting was open to the public. When you're in for m i n g o r i z e c o n s e r v a t i o n a b o u t the Open Meetings

Law, it's always good to encourage attendance by the public.

CHEERS: To 12-year-old runner Amanda Ward, winner of a national title in cross-country. Ward, a student at O'Leary Junior High, ran away with the 2005 USATF Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships at Bryant University in Rhode Island, last Saturday.

"Windy elements and a field of 653 national competitors didn't phase Ward, who crossed the line with a time of 12 minutes, 8 seconds and 6 tenths of a second on the 3,000-meter course. The championship run ended a stellar cross-country season for Ward. This year she was undefeated in all O'Leary meets and set course records in all but one.

This of course gives her the upper hand in the household—for now. Ward's sister Brittany, a senior at Twin Falls High, owns a number of school and state records in track.

CHEERS: To Sen. Larry Craig, for playing a lead role in killing the back-door rewrite of public mining laws.

Craig used his influence to convince Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., to drop his provision going around the public to reform public-land acquisition laws for mining outfits. Craig advocates changes to the archaic 1872 law, which is outdated for today's mining industry. But attaching that measure to a budget spending bill wasn't the way to do it.

In the end, mining advocates and public land policy wonks came to terms that more discussion is needed to change the law. Give Craig credit for stepping in to expand the debate.

Cheers and jeers is a mix of compliments and quibbles from the week's news. Send your ideas and suggestions to Opinion Editor David Cooper at dcooper@magicvalley.com.

Let's not take 'Kong' too seriously

Is "King Kong" racist? Lots of people say it is. And, if it is, why does the film keep getting remade? What does it say about us if the new "Kong" is a huge hit?



JAMES P. PINKERTON

Any movie that features white people falling off to the Third World to capture a giant ape and carry it back to the West for exploitation is going to be seen as a metaphor for colonialism and racism. That was true for the original in 1933 and for the two remakes: the campy one in 1966, and the latest, directed by Peter Jackson. In addition, a "Kong" wannabe, "Mighty Joe Young," has been made twice. Movie reviewer David Edelstein, writing in Slate.com, notes the "implicit racism of 'King Kong'—the implication that Kong stands for the black man brought in chains from a dark island (full of murderous primitive pagans) and with a penchant for skinny white blondes." Indeed, a Google search using the words "King Kong racism" yielded 49,400 hits.

Comparing the new film with the original, The Washington Post's Stephen Lee noted, "It remains a parable of exploitation, cultural self-importance, the arrogance of the West, all issues that were obvious in the original but unexamined; they remain unexamined here, if more vivid." And in a recent issue, Hunter might be referring to the natives of mythical Skull Island, where Kong is discovered. Director Jackson took people of Melanesian descent—the dark-skinned people who are indigenous to much of the



South Pacific, including Jackson's own country New Zealand—and made them up to look and act like monsters, more zombie-like than human. Indeed, one is moved to forgive these human devils to the greasy Ores from Jackson's mega-Oscar "Lord of the Rings" films. The bad guys are dark, hideous and undifferentiatedly evil.

One might note that the original source material for both films dates from the same period: "Kong" in '33, "R.I.B. Tolkien's 'The Hobbit'" four years later. Both works are ultimately meditations on the West and Western uniqueness.

It is to say, what's the role for white Europe—and for its ethnic offshoot, North America—in a world that is mostly non-white?

West, outright invocations of white nationalism, such as the 1915 film "Birth of a Nation," were politically unacceptable, even in the '30s, and so the same race-conscious sentiments were encrypted into allegory—in print or on celluloid.

The new "Kong" drills home its race consciousness by making repeated references to Joseph Conrad's 1899 novel, "Heart of Darkness," which denigrates both the colonizing whites and colonized blacks. In the novel's climax, the once-idealistic character Kurtz writes of Africans, "Exterminate all the brutes!" Conrad presents Kurtz as crazy, but Africa is presented as a crazy-making place.

The new Kong is as always, a noble beast with a tender side. But, at the same time, his killing is presented as a cruel necessity. And at the end of the film, the white people—low interests Naomi Watts and Adrien Brody—are brought

closer together, thanks to their brush with the big ape.

But if the movie is so loaded with race-charged imagery, why isn't it being protested? Why aren't we seeing pickets and boycotts? Perhaps it's because today, as people look around the world, they see that most political strife is, in fact, ethnic strife. Folks like to say that "diversity is our strength," and they resolve to fight racism, but every day's news reminds us that ethnic conflict lurks in the human heart. In that's a gloomy reality that "Kong" captures, in its crypto fashion, and so there's no point in getting worked up over it. Indeed, since the film is entertaining—like the similarly themed, much honored and extremely popular "Rings" movies of a few years back—one might as well go see this one, too.

James Pinkerton is a Neusday columnist.

LETTERS

Chandler's story tinged with sadness, courage

The recent article on the Chandler family in Wendell was many things: well-written, beautifully photographed, sensitive at numerous levels. One is touched by the sadness of the story, yet strengthened by the resolve and courage of an extended farm family.

Thomas Jefferson observed at the beginning of our republic that the yeoman farmer would be the new nation's backbone. The Chandler and Hope families demonstrate that's still true.

BOB ALLREAD
Twin Falls

Science will fall in proving Bible wrong

Talking about "missing the point on disaster, Intelligent Design" (Dec. 6, letters): What if you and everyone who believe in our hands as the normal accepted posture, with our now "nether" parts up? You nor anyone would be upset, concerned or worried about what they parts look like, the way they do, (silly idea?)

God made us for that. And with all working parts to enable us to live on this earth, with lungs to breathe the air created as well.

Certainly, there are vast amounts of things on this earth, above it, around it and in it that most humans do not, and cannot understand—no matter how old we each become. The more we receive. God, the wisest we will become.

JEANIE ADAMSON
King Hill

Think of safety needs this Christmas season

If you are looking for a gift for Christmas, consider a reader!

scanner! It doesn't have to be expensive. There are several models, and they can be programmed to receive police, fire and weather, etc.

I suggest this gift because it would make people more aware of what really goes on during emergencies. Whether it is man-made or weather related. They would realize just how low law enforcement officers there are, not because they are not working, but because the manpower is simply not there. One officer is responsible for covering miles of area. The highway crews work under similar conditions.

One person is responsible for many miles of road that may need to be plowed and sanded. When people listen to what is unfolding while they are driving in their homes, they might be a little less complaining and a little more appreciation. If they listened to the weather channel, perhaps they would plan for a trip more accordingly, drive slower and be more aware of conditions.

We seriously need to go back to basics: Drive according to the conditions of the road and the weather. Just because the speed limit is posted 75 on the interstate does not mean you have to go that fast or should be going that slow.

Evaluate your car. Do you have good tires? How does your car handle in bad weather? If you have four-wheel drive, that is great, but that does not make you invincible. Do you have your seat belt on? Do you really need to be on the road? If you do, are you leaving enough space and driving at a reasonable speed? Are you talking on the cell phone? Is your full attention on driving? Are you being considerate?

Are we doing all we can to be good citizens? Do we allow highway crews space and time to do their jobs? Are we driving responsibly to minimize the amount of crashes and slide-offs on the highways?

During emergencies, these men and women are away from their own families working all hours of the day and night, including weekends, for you.

These employees need to be thanked for the work they do and the services they provide for us. We need to show appreci-

English a top priority in local hospital services

When I saw the headlines in *The Times-News* saying that hospital workers were learning Spanish, I became livid. When people come to live in this United States of America, they need to learn our language, which is English.

When my grandparents came from Czechoslovakia, they weren't pampered. They either learned the English language or they went back to where they came from.

When people come to live here, they want a better life but they want it on their terms. If we want to keep a strong country, we need to all speak the same language—English.

BARBARA BLICK
Castledorf

Workers can advance in Wal-Mart's management

I am a Wal-Mart associate. I am tired of all the negative press. I feel that if you have never worked for Wal-Mart, you have nothing to say.

I am a woman with only a high school diploma. I helped open the Jerome store in 2000. More than 5,000 people applied. I started at \$5.65 per hour. Three days later, I was promoted to department manager at \$6.65 per hour. I was making \$9.77 per hour. This also included 401k, medical and dental insurance, paid vacation, sick time and personal time. In late 2003, a manager position became available. I received that position, doubling my salary, plus a large bonus at the end of the fiscal year. The first time in my life, I am paid what I am worth!

We are a family at Wal-Mart. I know that if tragedy ever struck me, my Wal-Mart family would take care of me.

Our turnover rate is low. We still have 110 original associates.

Wal-Mart also supports nonprofit organizations. I belong to the Helping Hands

Freedom Trails. Each year, Wal-Mart hands me a check for \$1,000 for my organization. In the past four years, I have received \$6,000. Our Jerome store gives more than \$29,000 annually to local organizations.

Wal-Mart also has a nationwide program called Project Insight. Every year, the vision centers give 20 exams and 20 pairs of glasses to struggling families with school-age children.

Wal-Mart has 1,914 super centers; times that by 20 children, which is 38,280 children. The average price for a child's exam and glasses is about \$130. Now times that by 1,914 super centers in the nation, and that is \$4,976,400 every year. Now academically, these children will grow. Yes, Wal-Mart does change things!

Wal-Mart takes care of its associates and its community. The next time you write letters to the editor, they should put them in the funny pages, because you make me laugh!

I am proud to work for Wal-Mart. It has given me self-esteem and the power to grow. My opportunities are endless.

Wal-Mart is here to stay, and so am I!

ES. Merry Christmas!
LESLIE CORLESS
Jerome

Nation should mind the purpose of Christmas

I received in my *Times-News* this morning (Dec. 13) a four-page advertising section from the Wood River Journal featuring "Keep It Local Advertising."

The only ad in the paper mentioning Christmas was in a Hailey nurse's ad that says, in small print, "Christmas trees—not 'holiday' trees—as some stores show. Congratulations to you for keeping Christ in Christmas."

The world celebrates Dec. 25 as Christmas Day in remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ. Let us as a nation keep Christ and God in our life. If we fail to do so, we have no promise as to what could happen to America.

May God bless you, and Merry Christmas!
ALLEN BASTOW
Twin Falls

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Sen. Larry Craig
In Twin Falls, call or write:

WORLD

South Korean stands by his stem cell research, says he'll show proof

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's best known scientist said Friday he will show a breakthrough stem cell research despite a barrage of fraud allegations, and vowed to prove the findings within days.

But Hwang Woo-suk apologized for "fatal errors and loopholes in reporting the scientific accomplishment" and said he has asked that the scientific article outlining his research be withdrawn. He gave no details of the errors.

The paper, published in May by the journal *Science*, purported to show how Hwang's team used cloning to custom-make embryonic stem cells for 11 patients with hopes of treatment for paralysis or ailments like Parkinson's disease.

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But his former research partner, Roh Sung-il, repeated accusations Friday that Hwang wasn't telling the truth.

Roh — who co-authored the article and is chairman of the board at a leading Seoul hospital — ignited a firestorm Thursday by saying Hwang had pressured a lab worker to falsify research data.

"He's avoiding taking the responsibility that he should take," Roh said Friday at a separate news conference.

He also questioned Hwang's claims that he created 11 stem cell colonies. "Nine stem cell colonies appear to be fake and two others are not confirmed yet," Roh said.

Trial starts in Chinese village attack

BEIJING (AP) — A local Communist Party official and 26 other people were being tried on charges of organizing a bloody attack on protesting villagers that killed six people in June, the government said Friday.

The announcement of the trial came as the government tried to diffuse public anger over a separate clash last week

in which police opened fire on protesters in a southern village northeast of Hong Kong, killing at least three. Villagers said as many as 20 were killed.

The government has detained the commander of the forces that fired on the demonstrators.

In the June conflict in Hebei province near Beijing, as many as 300 men with knives and

guns attacked villagers protesting the seizure of land for construction of a power plant. Dozens of people were injured and more than 100 people were detained.

He Feng, a former local Communist Party secretary, was among the 27 who went on trial Thursday on charges of causing "intentional injuries," the official Xinhua News Agency said.

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Iranian president's comments could lead to sanctions

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Iran could face sanctions if it keeps provoking Israel and the West, European leaders warned Friday, even as the Tehran regime's interior minister said the Iranian president's remarks had been "misunderstood."

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad aggravated tensions with the West this week by calling the Holocaust a "myth," a statement that came two months after he called for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

European leaders said Ahmadinejad's remarks were the latest "provocative political moves" from Tehran since May.

"These comments are wholly unacceptable and have no place in civilized political debate," said a draft statement at a European Union summit that EU leaders were expected to adopt later Friday.

EU leaders warned Tehran they would review diplomatic options for possible sanctions against Iran.

The condemnation came as Iran prepares to resume talks Wednesday with European envoys over its nuclear program, which the EU and United States fear is intended to build atomic weapons. Envoys from Britain, Germany and France are trying to get Tehran to halt uranium enrichment.

Leaders warned that the EU was losing patience in mediating the international standoff. "The window of opportunity will not remain open indefinitely," EU leaders said they were "gravely concerned at Iran's failure to build confidence that its nuclear program is exclusively peaceful," adding that recent decisions to resume work on enriching uranium "only add to the EU's profound concerns about Iran's intentions."

Iran's interior minister insisted Friday that the West "misunderstood" Ahmadinejad's comments.

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Louisville at Kentucky, CBS, noon
Tennessee at Texas, ESPN, noon
Arizona at Utah, ESPN, 2 p.m.
Pinceton at Wake Forest, ESPN2, 2 p.m.
Georgia vs. Oregon St., FSM, 3:30 p.m.
Ohio St. vs. Iowa St., ESPN2, 6 p.m.
Celtics at Bulls, WGN, 8:30 p.m.
Texas Tech at UNLV, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
Stanford vs. Virginia Tech, ESPN, 10:30 p.m.
FOOTBALL
NCAA Division II championship, Wisconsin-Whitewater vs. Mount Union, Ohio, ESPN2, 11 a.m.
Buccaners at Patriots, Fox, 11:30 a.m.
Chiefs at Giants, CBS, 3 p.m.
Broncos at Bills, ESPN, 6:30 p.m.
GOLF
South African Airways Open, third round, TGC, 7 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL
NCAA women's Division I championship, Washington vs. Nebraska, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

Area ski report

Snake
Roper Basin — The 1450-foot peak...
Bridgeway — 41,435 inches of snow...
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Table with columns for location, snow depth, and other statistics. Includes sections for Snake, Bridgeway, Sawtooth, and various ski areas.

CSI hosts hoops camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs... CSI camp is open to boys and girls grades K-8 and the registration fee is \$80.

Asada leads women at Grand Prix final

TOKYO — Japanese teenager Mao Asada took advantage of a mistake by world champion Sluzkaya to win the gold medal at the Grand Prix final.

CSI offers winter baseball camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is holding its 23rd annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, Dec. 27-29.

Fisher has five-shot lead in South Africa

GROBEE, South Africa — Ross Fisher shot a 3-under-par 70 to lead by five shots Friday after the second round of the South African Open.

Miller loses overall lead in super-G standings

MAR GARDENA, Italy — Bode Miller went off to the same finish as last season, but he lost the overall lead in the super-G standings.

Clemens in no hurry to decide about future

FOUR WORTHS, Texas — Roger Clemens is glad he didn't have to decide about his major league future when he had two small tears in his back and both hamstrings were sore.

Cheerleader enters not guilty plea in case

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A former Carolina Panthers cheerleader pleaded not guilty to three charges after she and another cheerleader were arrested at a Tampa nightclub.

Three free agents join Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Free-agent infielders Doug Mientkiewicz and Mark Grudzewski agreed Friday to join the Kansas City Royals, who also gave a two-year deal to pitcher Scott Elarton and finalized their agreement with backup catcher Paul Bako.

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SPORTS

Carroll's Emmert: Humble QB leads the NAIA champs

By Amy Beth Hanson Associated Press writer

TIBBONA, Mont. — Tyler Emmert of Carroll College is the most prolific and accurate quarterback in NAIA history — though he doesn't take much credit for all the records he's broken.

One of the four quarterbacks I played with at Carroll (College). If they would have had the same number of games and the same number of opportunities I had, they would have the same numbers I had. Emmert said. "I don't think it's the special play of the quarterback. It's more the system than any individual."

Emmert has an NAIA career record 13,297 yards of total offense — 12,124 passing and 1,173 rushing — and 124 touchdowns. He's completed 70.6 percent of his passes, another NAIA record, while going 50-3 as a starter for the three-time defending NAIA national champions.

Emmert has thrown for 3,039 yards and 32 touchdowns this season, all on an offense geared toward the run and the short pass.

Burley High graduate led Tibbona to the starting tailback for the Saints. He and the Saints (13-0) will try to win their fourth title in a row Saturday against St. Francis, Mont. (13-0) in the title game Saturday.

"We don't push a defense and force them into certain things,"

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Emmert said, "We take what we give us. If they're going to give us a 5-yard hitch, we'll take a 5-yard hitch. They can't really take away everything. I think it's more maybe the defense trying to take away our running game and give up the short pass. Is why I have the completion percentage that's up there."

Carroll coach Mike Van Diest gives Emmert far more credit than the quarterback ever gives himself.

"He's just, he's unbelievable and I think he'd do that at any level," coach Mike Van Diest said. "He's one of the most prepared players I've ever been around. It's not that he's obsessive, but he doesn't leave anything to chance. What he can control, he makes sure he prepares for during the course of the week, whether it's class or football."

Emmert was tutored as a youngster at Carroll football camps that included instruction from current Louisville coach Bobby Petrino and legendary Saints coach Bob Pettit.

"It's an attitude — definitely an attitude you bring to the

game," Emmert said. "If you talk to the Petrinos about football — it's a way of life. You don't play the game to have success. You play the game for the guy next to you."

Van Diest said Emmert works hard at everything, even when he's not the star.

"I like to see kids get out and compete, even when they're not the best at something," Van Diest said. "He wasn't a great basketball player, he wasn't going to get a college track scholarship, but he competed and helped his school do well in those sports. He contributed to the success of teams even if he wasn't the strongest player. It made him a better football player in the long run."

Emmert, a civil engineering major, said he would like to play professional football at some level, "but I don't think it would change my main goals in life if I had the opportunity to play football."

He said the best part of playing at Carroll is "probably the relationships with friends and kids that have the same interests that I have."

He is unlikely to stay away from the sidelines, even if he does not get a professional contract.

"It's tough to go your whole life with football being that big of a piece of it and just letting it go," Emmert said. "A lot of players go on to coach because you get the same interaction. That's what makes sports special."

Biron wins 12th straight start

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Despite a new Penguins coach behind the bench and Sidney Crosby wearing his newly awarded A, the result was familiar: another 1-0 for Pittsburgh and another W for Martin Biron.

Buffalo's Chris Drury scored on a rebound in overtime and Biron became the first NHL goalie in eight years to win 12 consecutive starts, helping the Sabres ruin Michel Therrien's debut as the Penguins' coach

with a 4-3 victory Friday night.

Drury and Ales Koutlik each had a power-play goal and two assists as the Sabres won their fifth in a row and 13th in 15 games (13-1-1), even while allowing Ziggy Palffy's tying goal with 2:17 left in regulation.

Biron stopped 24 shots, a relatively low number given Pittsburgh's seven power plays. The Sabres' eighth consecutive road win is two short of the club record 10 in 1983-84 that set an NHL record and has been matched twice.

Biron's streak is the NHL's longest since New Jersey's Mar-

tin Brodeur won 12 in a row in 1997-98.

Blackhawks 5, Blues 1

CHICAGO — Mark Bell, Martin Lapointe and Andy Hilbert each had a goal and an assist, and Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 32 shots to lead the Chicago Blackhawks to a 5-1 win over the St. Louis Blues on Friday night.

Jim Dowd added a goal, and Pavel Voznisek scored into an empty net with 1:37 left. Among Khabibulin's saves was a blocker deflection of Doug Weight's penalty shot at 8:22 of the second period.

Boulder

Continued from B1 of his news conference, Hawkins and Bohm announced the school had received a \$1.5 million donation to go toward an indoor practice facility expected to cost about \$2.4 million.

It's exactly the kind of facility the school has needed for years, and exactly the kind of big-money donation that has long been lacking. What Colorado needs as much as anything, though, is a football coach the school and community can rally around. Barnett became a divisive figure as his seven years at CU lingered, the memories of an unseemly recruiting scandal hanging over every move he made.

Hawkins carries none of that baggage. What the 45-year-old coach does bring is a 53-10 record from Boise State over five seasons, four Western Athletic Conference titles, an exciting playbook that includes lots of long passes and trick plays and, to hear him tell it, a longtime desire to spend quality time in Boulder.

"Some years ago, my children

and I ran around and played catch down on the field down there," he said. "I took my wife around here a little bit and we said, 'Yeah, we could do Boulder.'"

In words that he'll either revel in or be haunted by, he said Colorado should be shouting not just for the Big 12 title that seemed easy in a 70-3 loss to Texas two weeks ago, but for the national title as well. "I think that definitely has to be the goal," Hawkins said. "To me, there are only two types of class — first and none. You're either trying to be the best, or you're not."

He said he wants to recruit the next Heisman trophy winner and the next top pick in the NFL draft. Many at CU would be happy if he could simply land his own son. Gary, a star quarterback and national-caliber prospect up in Boise.

"I've always said the one key to recruiting is to recruit the most," Hawkins said. "So I'm recruiting the mom hard right now."

On one hand, Hawkins' task is formidable: He must restore confidence in a program that has suffered under withering

criticism. He must do it in a community that is known to want a top-notch program but has been unwilling to accept the inevitable wars, or financial expenses, that come with it.

On the other, his task is reachable: Colorado is only 15 years removed from its lone national title. Hawkins has established a solid foundation in California, a key recruiting area for CU. The school, with the latrains in the background, is beautiful. And, of course, the Bulls have shown how badly they want to sweep away the past and start over.

Hawkins, who met briefly with the CU players Friday, will coach Boise State through its bowl game, Dec. 28 against Boston College. He will officially become Colorado's head coach on Jan. 1.

He hasn't lined his new staff, although it figures he'll try to bring some assistants from Boise State where the offense led the nation in scoring in 2003 and the WAC in 2004. His offensive coordinator, Chris Petersen, was promoted to head coach Friday at Boise State.

Eagles

Continued from B1.

log. The 6-3 Heas are led by 6-4 sophomore forward Sascha Salford, who averages 21 points, eight rebounds, and three steals per game. British power forward Ira Brown stands in at 6-4, 235-pounds, and averages 19 points and nine rebounds, and is shooting more than 62 percent from the floor.

The Eagles most certainly have the talent advantage over each team they will face, which means how they handle a hostile environment will likely be the determining factor to their success. For OSU's first-year players, it will be a unique experience.

"The guys that came in that were transfers and sophomores or freshmen, they knew us right away. What's it like playing on the road?" Tereti said. "We told them straight out, 'You know that you're going to get taunted. They're going to call you whatever

and they're going to call you. They're going to know your name, they're going to know everything about you, but if we say together as a team, nothing can break that apart."

The experience of Tereti, Galabin and Larry, along with the camaraderie built over the seasons' first 12 games should pay dividends for OSU's freshmen and journeyman sophomores.

"I didn't have a chance to play a lot of high school basketball," Jenkins said. "This is actually my first time playing big-time ball. For me, it's very important that those guys under my belt be heading off to the road, because really, I don't know what it's like. But these guys have helped me out. You know, Z's been here, Abe's (Alray Milson) been here, Travis has been here. So for the new players, we're just going to feed off of them. I believe everything's going to be OK."

Once the tipoff goes, you can't do nothing but play. Each game is slated for a 7 p.m. start.

Playoff

Continued from B1.

They revamped and Champ Bailey's defense is allowing fewer than 40 yards on the ground per game. It also has generated 32 turnovers, the third-best figure in the NFL.

On offense, Denver's staple continues to be its running game, led by the two-pronged threat of Mike Anderson and Patton Bell. They have run for 1,229 yards and scored 14 touchdowns.

Then there's Plummer, who has thrown for 16 touchdowns and just six interceptions. Last season, he finished with 27 TD passes and 23 interceptions.

Meanwhile, the Buffalo defense is struggling. In the last two games, the Bills have allowed 928 yards, including a season-worst 493 against New England.

In the last five quarters, Buffalo has surrendered seven offensive touchdowns, dating to a 23-21 loss at Miami in which the Bills squandered a 29-point fourth-quarter lead.

Besides playing for pride, the only thing on the line for Buffalo is attempting to close out its home schedule on a positive note.

"There's nothing like winning," safety Troy Vincent said. "At least you can go home for at least that week and feel half-decent about yourself."

...Not much has gone right for

the Bills, who opened the season proving they had an opportunity to build off last year's 9-7 finish.

"When you have time to sit back and look at it, we never thought we'd be where we are right now," center Tyreequan Smith said. "Frustrating probably isn't a good enough word to describe how we feel."

Speculation is growing that team owner Ralph Wilson is considering firing both club president Tom Donahoe and second-year coach Mike Mulick.

The distractions are mounting, too. Receiver Eric Moulds was suspended for one game for conduct detrimental to the team. Moulds, whose future is uncertain in Buffalo, returns to play against the Broncos in what could be his final home game.

"I'm excited to get back out there," Moulds said. "If you've got a chance to come to the game, you'll see something good."

The Broncos choose to overlook playing a team in turmoil.

"It doesn't matter," coach Mike Shanahan said. "Every once in a while a game like New England happens. And you're always fearful, because you know how a football team that has a lot of pride responds after not having one of its better games."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Elmore County reports fatality

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Elmore County Sheriff's Office investigated a traffic fatality five miles west of here Friday.

According to the statement from authorities, the accident occurred on Dito Creek Road when the driver lost control of the vehicle, went off the right shoulder of the road and over correct.

The vehicle rolled several times and the driver, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected and killed. Further information was not available Friday evening. The name of the driver was not released.

'Lunch Makers' might be contaminated

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is urging consumers to check their refrigerators for "Armour Lunch Makers Cracker Crunchers" meals made with turkey, ham, bologna or chicken with sell-by dates between Jan. 1 and Feb. 21, 2006. Consumers are urged to dispose of them or return them to the place of purchase for a refund because of possible bacterial contamination, according to an agency news release.

The nationwide recall includes 2.8 million pounds of meal products, some of which were distributed in Idaho. The products might be contaminated with the bacteria *Listeria monocytogenes* which can cause serious health problems, especially miscarriages and stillbirths.

"Elderly persons, pregnant women or those with weakened immune systems are at higher risk of developing a severe illness from the bacteria which may include a high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea," said Dr. Leslie Tenenge, the deputy state epidemiologist, in the news release.

For more information, call the Lunch Makers consumer information line at 1-800-414-7500.

Grant helps nursing students at CSI

HAILEY — Blaine County students, schools and patients will receive a three-year, \$1.46 million grant to the College of Southern Idaho, which will greatly expand the school's capacity to educate certified nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses.

CSI was one of about 70 community and technical colleges nationwide to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Labor. Seventeen Magic and Wood River Valley partners, including the Blaine County School District, St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center and Blaine Manor are providing an additional \$640,000, plus personnel and other in-kind matching contributions.

Twenty minority and disadvantaged Blaine County high school students per year will each receive up to \$1,000 in tuition to be enrolled in dual credit health occupations courses. In addition, 10 CNA scholarships a year will be awarded to disadvantaged Blaine County residents. Disadvantaged students who are enrolled in the practical nursing program may receive up to \$1,800 each.

The CSI Blaine County Center will receive about \$650,000 worth of clinical lab equipment for health occupations classes, allowing the center to develop a medical arts classroom at the community campus for local certified nursing assistant, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency medical technician and other science classes.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Salmon	90%	20%
Big Wood	101%	30%
Little Wood	124%	27%
Big Lost	96%	28%
Little Lost	85%	27%
Henry Fork/Teton	96%	30%
Upper Snake Basin	108%	21%
Ogley	106%	23%
Salmon Falls	101%	29%

As of Dec. 18

*A comparison of basin snowpack, by watershed, with a normal year. The difference is in inches.

Politicians support downwinder compensation

Crapo: 'Time is of the essence'

By Michelle Dunlop
 Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — From county commissioners to U.S. senators, Idaho politicians are pushing the federal government to compensate residents whose health has been affected by nuclear fallout.

"Time is of the essence when it comes to assisting victims of

radiation caused by the government during the 1950s and '60s," said Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

On Friday, Crapo urged Congress to include Idaho and Montana in a federal compensation plan. The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act makes citizens living in parts of Utah, Nevada and Arizona eligible for compensation. Sens. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Conrad Burns, R-Mont., joined Crapo in introducing the legislation.

"My colleagues and I are in the business of making Ida-

aho eligible for RECA compensation as expeditiously as possible," Craig said.

A 1997 study by the National Cancer Institute determined that four out of five counties in the country that received the largest doses of radioactive iodine "were" in Idaho. In November 2004, Idaho downwinders testified in Boise in front of the National Academy of Sciences about the effects of fallout, including various forms of cancer linked to radiation.

Yet a report released by the National Academy of Sciences recommends Congress revise

RECA to more accurately account for compensation so it is based on the medical history of applicants and not reliant on geographic designations.

The Senate did not vote on the legislation Friday.

Idaho's senators aren't the only ones asking the federal government to recognize Idahoans under the act. On Thursday, Twin Falls County commissioners sent a letter to Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, in support of Crapo's legislation at the request of local activist Peter Rickards.

"No amount of compensation can change the impact our residents have received from the Nevada testing," the commissioners wrote. "However, acknowledgment by the federal government to past and present residents would go a long way in bridging the gap of government participation and the current resentment and concern expressed by our residents regarding these tests."

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A PLACE TO GROW



Morgan Brown of Developing Green LLC and Greg Travelstead of Evergreen Advisors look over the 2,800-acre Spring Creek Ranch property. A development group is exploring the possibility of planting a new city with 1,000 lots on the property.

Developer may build new town in Blaine County

The Associated Press

KETCHUM — A development group would like to build a new town in central Idaho south of the resort area of Sun Valley to accommodate thousands of new residents expected in the fast-growing area.

The 2,800-acre Spring Creek Ranch would be about 35 miles south of Sun Valley on what is now open ranch land near inter highways 75 and 20 meet.

Studies estimate that Blaine County will grow by 10,000 resi-

dents in the next 20 years, and developers say the new city would help preserve open space and take pressure off existing cities.

The concept of this new town means building a large number of residential units in one place with a small footprint. Bob Kantor, a developer with The Kirk Group in Ketchum, told The Wood River Journal.

The plan calls for a residential area on 800 acres of the 2,800-acre parcel, with 2,000 acres left as open space. Lots in the new city would cost under \$100,000,

according to the plan, with about 1,000 lots estimated.

Developers said they would like options for single-family homes, townhouses, multifamily units and mixed-use commercial spaces. Developers also would like to include a sheriff's substation, fire station, school and library, a central water and wastewater system, and community center with parks and ball fields.

A limited commercial district would include a gas station, restaurants, coffee shops and convenience stores.

Developers are considering a

golf course along the eastern edge of the property as well as hiking trails in the north, next to Bureau of Land Management land.

Some of the original ranch buildings where the new city is proposed would be preserved, according to the plan.

Spring Creek Ranch would be between Sun Valley Resort and a ski area at Soldier Mountain, and about six miles from the preferred site for the relocation of Friedman Airport, currently about 20 miles north in Hailey. The airport is being moved because of growth in the area.

Giant buck is one for the record books

It's biggest bagged with muzzleloader in Idaho — world record uncertain

By Renee Wells
 For The Times-News

ALBION — An Albian man is waiting and hoping his trophy buck will be a world record.

The buck K.C. Ramsey downed with a black powder rifle near Oakley on Nov. 7 has already won the Idaho muzzleloader record, but it may fall just a hair short of the world record.

Call it beginner's luck, but Ramsey's trophy was the first big game he shot with a muzzleloader.

"I've hunted rabbits and such, but this is the first time I've taken a big animal," he said.

He was hunting with his father, Ron Ramsey, in the mountains south of Oakley when he downed the four-point mule deer. In the typical fashion of avid hunters, Ramsey did not want to disclose the area he was hunting.

But he is very willing to talk about his new prize.

"It scored a 205 6/8," Ramsey said. "That's an Idaho record for sure, but it looks like it's going to be about an eighth off the world record."

He said the scoring is in accordance with Boone and Crockett Club procedures, but



K.C. Ramsey shows off the record buck he shot with a black powder rifle recently near Oakley. The deer's antlers set a new Idaho muzzleloader record.

there is a special designation for black powder rifles. Antlers receive a score based on point length and circumference.

The buck measures 34.5 inches wide and 25 inches tall. Ramsey had been practicing with his muzzleloader and said he was certain he could hit something if he could get within 100 yards of it. He said he saw six does in a clearing and knew

there was a buck nearby because it was mating season.

"I spotted him down below me and thought he was in range," Ramsey said. "By the time I got my rifle on him and found he was only 90 yards away, he was starting to move, so I didn't have a lot of time."

Ramsey leaned over a rock and got his shot off, hopli- ing the

buck was big. He really couldn't see him clearly enough to know just what kind of rack he was packing. The shot dropped the buck.

"When I got to him, he was bigger than I thought," Ramsey said. "I was pretty excited."

Ramsey will have Chad Clark of Albion mount the deer after it is judged Jan. 1 for the record books.

In Idaho this year, fewer people were smoking and fewer people died in car accidents. Fewer people were victims of violent crime and the obesity rate declined slightly. When it comes to health in Idaho, significant changes include:

- The uninsured population decreased from 18.6 percent to 15.4 percent.

- Deaths from cardiovascular disease declined from 31.9 to 29.4 deaths per 100,000 population.

- Since 1990, the incidence of infectious disease decreased from 38.8 to 4.9 cases per 100,000 population.

- Since 1990, the infant mortality rate declined from 10.8 to 7 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Still, Idaho faces some challenges, according to the report. Idaho only spent \$70 per person on public health this year, down from \$72 last year. And when it comes to immunizations of children ages 19 months to 35 months, Idaho ranks 33rd in the nation, according to the report.

However, Idaho is working to get more children immunized. "We implemented the Immunization Reminder Information System several years ago," said Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. "It's a database in which doctors enter their patients' immunization records. If a parent misses an immunization, the database automatically mails a card to the parent to remind them."

Nationwide, the health of Americans has improved. 18.4 percent since 1990, with all states showing some positive changes. Minnesota was the healthiest state this year, followed by Vermont and New Hampshire. The bottom three states saw positive changes in their health scores this year, and Idaho was one of the states showing the greatest improvement.

The unhealthiest state in this year's study was Mississippi, followed by Louisiana and Tennessee. The health score of 26 states declined this year, with New Hampshire, Arizona, Oklahoma, Alaska, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas experi-

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"Together Again"

Lawrence Jr. Hinnewinkel, 79, passed away Dec. 13, 2005, in Sandy, Utah.

Born July 8, 1926, in Power, Mont., son of Lawrence and Theresa Steidle Hinnewinkel. Married Pearl Elizabeth Babcock June 3, 1947, in Custer, S.D.

He was born to be a rich man, on a warm Montana morn. With nothing else to call his own, but a dugout earthen home. By 14 — times were fought and now a man — but still a child. He left home to wrangle horses, in the cold Montana Wild. He fought for God and Country, which he loved with all his heart. Then returned to clear blue western skies and a new life he did start. From blasting rock to building roads, across the western land. He toiled and worked to build a life, with his sweet Pearl at his hand. Above all else — his family came first, and a saddle always felt like home. As he chased the wind



over mountains tall, he never rode alone. A wise man knows that riches shine, as gifts that come from God. Like mountains, trees and crystal streams and that green Montana sod. Dad lived his life with no regrets, and his honor he held high. Now fly back home as an eagle soars, across a blue Montana sky.

Rance served in the Army during WWII and worked as a general superintendent for Peter Kiewit Construction for over 40 years, building many miles of interstate.

Survived by daughter, Sharon Kay (Arnie) Krushensky; grandchildren, Rance (Julie) Krushensky and Kandale (Alan) Anderson; six great-grandchildren: Scott, Lindsay, Colton, Rance, Creed and Gavin; sister, Terry (Leo) Grasky; and brother, Carl (Jan) Hinnewinkel.

Preceded in death by parents; brother, Mickey Hinnewinkel; sisters, Alice Donnelly and Kay Taylor.

He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a hero in the hearts of his family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Worker Catholic Church, 7405 S. Redwood Road. A viewing will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday at McDougall Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood Road, Taylorville, Utah, where a rosary will begin at 7 p.m. Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Evelyn Anderson



close friends playing bridge and watching "Days of Our Lives."

The times with her children and grandchildren were some of her most enjoyable moments.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, John, her two sisters and two brothers.

Surviving are her children, Joan and Gary Fay, John and Janet Anderson II, Twin Falls, and Robert Jenkins of California. There are six grandchildren. Lady (Mike) Sweeney, John (Kayce) Ander-

son III, Chris Fay, Michael (Kate) Anderson, Sonny (Diana) Rangel and Rico (Jessica) Ramirez. She has been blessed with four great-grandchildren and one on the way. She was proud of being a woman, wife, mother, grandmother, friend and was excellent in all.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Emergency Room staff, the personnel on the second floor who took such good care of Mom and the family. Thank you for the warmth and kindness shown to our mother and family at The Caring Place and Idaho Home Health & Hospice.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19th, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

The family suggests that contributions be made to The Twin Falls School Foundation, P.O. Box 1182, Twin Falls, ID. CSI Foundation, or the Jenkins/Newman College of Education Scholarship Fund at the University of Idaho, College of Education, P.O. Box 413080, Moscow, ID 83844-3080.

TWIN FALLS — Evelyn Anderson, lifelong resident of Twin Falls, Idaho, died at age 93, Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005.

Evelyn was born Sept. 15, 1912, to Agnes and William Jenkins in Oakley, Idaho, one of six children.

She attended schools in Burley and graduated from Twin Falls High School.

She was on the Bruins girls' basketball team which won the Idaho State Championship in 1930. She went to the University of Idaho, graduating in home economics, 1938, and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

After college, she married John W. Anderson and had two children, Joan and John. She later taught home economics at Twin Falls Junior High School with Principal Art O'Leary in the early 1960s, she moved to the Twin Falls High School where she taught for 12 years. She had the exciting challenge of teaching the first boys' class of home economics.

She spent many enjoyable days at the cabin the family built in Ketchum, Idaho, after her husband died in 1988. She spent fun afternoons with

Patsy Louise (Darling) Campbell

Patsy passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, with her family at her bedside. Patsy had a three-year long brave battle with cancer. She did not let her cancer slow her down.

Patsy was born in Emmett, Idaho, on June 17, 1952, to Nile E. and Edna L. Darling. She attended Jerome High School and met Bob D. Campbell her high school sweetheart, they were married on March 19, 1971.

They spent 34+ happy years together.

Patsy is survived by her husband, Bob D. Campbell of Twin Falls; one son, Donovan (Tiffany) Campbell of Twin Falls; one daughter, Janet (Kirk) Barnhart of Boise, Idaho; her parents, Edna and Edna Darling, two sisters, Cheryl Darling of New Plymouth, Idaho, and Nancy (Jeff) Dodson of Amhurst, N.H. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Colby, Casey,



Conner, Audrey and Kyle; as well as many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Patsy was a very talented and special lady. Quilting and crocheting was her passion, plus working with Bob at his side in their business endeavors.

A celebration of Patsy's life



will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls, with the Rev. Sheldon Stangel officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Alford Grover Harrell



years living in Burley and Heyburn. Alford was proud to work for the City of Burley in the water department for 28 years. He was last employed by Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn for six years. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. Survivors include his son, Rex Lloyd Harrell; his stepsons, William Ray Reitor, Leel Schoonover, James (Michele) Schoonover, Roger Schoonover and Edward (Gloria) Schoonover.

Alford preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Lou Harrell; his brothers, George and Johnny Harrell; his sister, Marguerite Allen; his son, Tony Harrell; and his stepson, Steven Schoonover.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from noon to 1:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Monday at Payne Mortuary.

HEYBURN — Alford Grover Harrell, a 76-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born May 1, 1929, in Raft River, the son of George Wesley "Wild Bill" and May Bird Shawn Harrell. Alford spent his early years on his family's ranch in Raft River and thoroughly enjoyed working with the cows and sheep. He later worked as a sheep shearer in Idaho and Wyoming. He also broke horses and worked on a dude ranch in Montana. Alford married Shirley Rose and they had two sons, Tony Harrell and Rex Lloyd Harrell. In 1969, Alford married the love of his life, Mary Lou Boswell Schoonover in Elko, Nev. They spent many

Idaho man nominated for 9th Circuit Court

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's two U.S. senators say they'll work to get 6th District judge N. Randy Smith of Pocatello confirmed to fill a seat on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo said in a statement Fri-

day they were pleased President Bush had nominated Smith to the appeals court that covers the nine western states, including Idaho. The White House had not issued a formal notice of the nomination by Friday evening, but Craig's

spokesman Dan Whiting said the Idaho Republican senator had been contacted by the White House Office of General Counsel and was told that Smith's nomination was being forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Welker Turgoose

Phyllis Welker Turgoose, age 57, returned home to her Heavenly Father as a result of an accidental fall Monday afternoon, Dec. 12, 2005. She is loved and missed by her many family members and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Larry E. Turgoose of Langley, Wash., and children, Aaron Turgoose (Kari) of Kennewick, Wash., Ada (David) Orth of Nibley, Utah, Brian (Aspen) Turgoose of Langley, Wash., Elizabeth Turgoose of Langley, Wash., and William Turgoose, who is serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Taiwan, and 14 grandchildren.

Phyllis is also survived by her mother, Georgia Welker of Alken, S.C., and six brothers and sisters, Louise (Walter) Peck of Friesland, Wash., Gerald (Linda) Welker of Henderson, Texas, Kathleen (Craig) Moore of Spokane, Wash., Thomas (Becky) Welker of Rochester, Mass., Douglas (Carol) Welker of Alken, S.C., and Adam (Mary) Welker of Kirkland, Wash.

Phyllis was born in Safford, Ariz., on Jan. 3, 1948. She married Larry Everett Turgoose on

July 3, 1972, in the Logan Utah LDS Temple, where they were united for time and all eternity. She grew up in Fort Collins, Colo., graduated with her BS degree from Brigham Young University and taught grades four through six in Craig, Fort Collins, and Grand Junction, Colo. She was blessed to stay home to raise her family for several years before returning to work at the University of Idaho Experimental Station in Aberdeen, Idaho, for approximately eight years. She then taught second and fourth grade in Hildfield, Idaho.

This past summer, Phyllis left her teaching career and moved to Whidbey Island to enjoy her family and grandchildren. She felt this was a "new adventure" in her life. She and her husband were helping their son, Brian and his wife, Aspen, build their new home just off Cetus Bay Road in Clinton. They were having so much fun building together.

Langley was her new favorite town to explore. She loved the little shops by the sound. She loved the ferry and never got tired of riding across the water. She loved to sew and quilt and

Phyllis Joy Maughan



and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert Nickelson; and her brother, Jim McClellan.

Phyllis was an avid gardener who carried all kinds of produce and who continued to garden even after her mobility was limited. This last summer, although barely able to move with the aid of a walker, she was proud of her garden in pots on the back porch and bragged about how many quarts of tomatoes she got from those plants.

A staunch friend, Phyllis maintained friendships with people of all ages, even to the

extent of providing a temporary home for some of them.

Phyllis inherited her mother's artistic abilities, using those talents to paint landscapes and Native American portraits. She was also a skilled carter, known particularly for producing numerous crocheted afghans and Christmas ornaments. Friends and family members, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren, looked forward to receiving one of her afghans to celebrate special occasions.

A memorial service for Phyllis will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at the Hazelton 1st Ward LDS Church, 531 Middleton Ave., in Hazelton, with Bishop Douglas Carliquist conducting. A private family arrangement will take place at a later date. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

The family expresses their deep appreciation for the many friends and neighbors who spent countless hours helping Phyllis and Ray these last few years. These helpers did everything from helping to put Phyllis to bed at night, to daily chores and errands to visit with their children, to planting 50 new irises that will brighten the yard this coming spring.

Darrell Don Heise

BUIH — Darrell Don Heise, 39, passed away Dec. 13, 2005, at the Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, Idaho.

Darrell was born May 2, 1966, to David and Margaret

(Gines) Heise in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main

Street, Buhl. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl, Idaho.

Thank You NIE by Hadley Biagotti

Thank you NIE for the newspapers! I am in 6th grade in Mrs. Robert's Reading class at Central Elementary. Don's Irrigation Repair got us the new papers.

SERVICES

Allice J. Hernandez, funeral Mass celebrated at 1 p.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Bonnie Jo McKay of Filer, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at the Calvary Chapel of Buhl, 1004 Burley Ave. (White Mortuary & Crematory).

Luke Jones of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Katie Walsh of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary).

Christine S. Jones of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Kimberly-Jensen Building, 222 Birch St. Viewing will be from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church (White Mortuary).

Elizabeth (Beth) Hardy of Twin Falls, family and friends are invited to a celebration of life from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the family home, 224 Oak Creek Circle, Twin Falls.

Darrell Don Heise of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Fair Street in Buhl. Visitation one hour before the service at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Juanita Martinez Campos of Paul, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., in Burley. Friends may call from noon to 1:15 p.m. before the funeral at Payne Mortuary.

William Aldie Powers of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall, 910 Milner St., in Buhl.

Reed McBride of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Afford G. Harrell of Heyburn, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., in Burley. Friends may call from noon to 1:45 p.m. before the funeral Monday at Payne Mortuary.

Evelyn Jenkins Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary.

Snapshot of Idaho

When it comes to good health, Idaho ranks 16th nationwide, according to the annual American's Health Rankings study recently published by the United Health Association in partnership with the American Public Health Association and Partnership for Prevention.

That's up two rankings from last year. Here's a little of what the study found about health in Idaho.

- Strengths**
- Low prevalence of smoking
 - Low incidence of infectious disease
 - Low violent crime rate
 - Moderate rate of cancer deaths
- Challenges**
- Low per capita public health spending
 - Low immunization coverage
- Significant Changes**
- In the past year, the rate of deaths from cardiovascular disease declined by 9 percent.
 - Since 1990, the incidence of infectious disease decreased by 87 percent.
 - Since 1990, the infant mortality rate declined by 35 percent.

Health

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encing the greatest declines.

During the 1990s, health in the United States improved by an annual rate of 1.5 percent. But since 2000, that number has slipped to an average of just 3 percent each year, an 80 percent decrease in the rate of improvement. Health officials say there are some critical concerns when it comes to the health of Americans, including:

- Children in poverty is a growing problem for most of the country: 25 states saw an increase over last year in the percentage of poverty-stricken children under age 18.
 - The country's population continues to grow — around the waistline: The obesity rate has doubled since 1990.
 - The United States' health care system still has basic gaps: The infant mortality rate lags behind more than two dozen industrialized nations, including Cuba.
- "Our nation's slowing rate of improvement should be of concern to us all," said Dr.

Searchers find snowmobilers

WEISER GAP — How fast residents have been found after their snowmobilers ran out of gas and they spent a night in a pickup truck.

Arthur Busham, David Boyer and Busham's 1-year-old son got stuck when the snowmobilers they were riding ran out of fuel. The men left the snowmobilers and returned to their truck, but the truck got stuck in the snow.

The three spent Wednesday night in the pickup and were found early Thursday by Washington County sheriff's deputies.

DEATH NOTICES

Virgil Carlile
RUPERT — Virgil Carlile, a 92-year-old Rupert resident, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Highland Estates in Burley.
Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Ruppert Chapel.

Christopher Wayne Gunter
REDDING, Calif. — Christopher Wayne Gunter, 28, of Redding, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Dec. 17, 2005, in Redding, Calif.
Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

J.D. Lott
JEROME — J.D. Lott, 20, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, of injuries sustained in a auto accident.
A memorial service will be

conducted at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Jerome Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Ronald A. Matheny officiating.
Cremation services are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Frances A. Armenta
JEROME — Frances A. Armenta, 86, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit.

A vigil service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. A funeral Mass will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle officiating.
Services are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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Simpson might put quarry sale into bill

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said he may put a plan to sell public land that's the site of a disputed stone quarry into his bill to create 311,000 acres of new wilderness in central Idaho.

That's after the quarry sale and mining industry reforms were cut from a separate federal budget bill by House Republicans who conceded they seek those measures could scuttle the entire package.

Officials in Custer County, where the quarry is the No. 2 employer, say prioritizing the 520 acres of Bureau of Land Management land near Clayton is the best way to ensure the operation's 80 workers keep their jobs.

Still, some environmental groups insist it would allow the quarry's California operator, L & W Stone, a backer of Republican politics, to skirt a U.S. District Court judge's ruling forcing the quarry to undergo federal environmental scrutiny.

Simpson told The Associated Press the best way to speed the land transaction may be to put it in his bill to create the Ernest Hemingway, White Cloud and Jack Peak wilderness preserves. That bill already has provisions to boost local economies.

He'd like to get it done, one way or another, Simpson said Thursday at the quarry sale.

This wilderness bill, which has already divided the environmental community and other interest groups, may be considered by lawmakers in 2006, at the earliest.

Simpson originally wanted the quarry sale to be in his wilderness bill.

Then U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., recommended the bill be attached to mining reforms in the budget bill. Pombo thought it would move more quickly that way, Simpson said.

On Thursday, however, the compromise joining provisions — which would allow mineral companies to buy public land at steep prices — were stripped from the budget bill amid opposition from western lawmakers from both parties.

The quarry measure also died, leaving Simpson looking for options.

The new scenario concerns some environmentalists. They say Simpson merely wants the quarry property in private hands so L & W Stone's owner, Scott Laine, won't be subject to federal environmental standards that apply to BLM land. Laine's family has given nearly \$3,000 to U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and others since 2002.

Helicopter crash victim settles for \$38M

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The sole survivor of a Grand Canyon sightseeing air crash will receive \$38 million, according to the terms of the settlement announced Friday involving the tour company, the pilot and the helicopter manufacturer.

A lawyer for Chana Daskal, 29, of Brooklyn, N.Y., said the defendants agreed to pay the settlement in a lump sum within 30 days.

"Chana is delighted to have this part of her life over with. She's pleased she doesn't have to travel to Las Vegas for trial. The important thing is now she

can address her needs," said Gary Robb, Daskal's lawyer in Kansas City, Mo.

Daskal has been recovering from near-fatal injuries she received in the crash Aug. 10, 2001, Robb said. The mother of two suffered a broken back, burns over 80 percent of her body, and had both legs amputated after the helicopter crashed into a cliff during a sightseeing tour to the Grand Canyon.

Daskal's medical bills have topped \$1.1 million and her future care could cost \$2.3 million, Robb said.

Daskal filed a civil suit against Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters in Las Vegas; American Helicopter Corp. and Turbomeca Engine Corp. of Grand Prairie, Texas; Washington-based helicopter retailer Zuni LLC; and the estate of the pilot who died in the crash.

Gary Robb said the deal resolved all claims against the defendants. He could not disclose the details of the settlement.

Lawyers and officials representing the defendants did not respond to messages seeking comment.

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Music as medicine at MVRMC

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A special musical event will be presented at noon Thursday in the main lobby of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 620 Addison Ave. V.

Several professional musicians will be playing "Music as Medicine" for patients, visitors, staff and physicians.

Music as Medicine is a pilot program at the hospital to address the emotional needs of patients and families by creating a soothing, compassionate hospital environment. Musicians will be available to play in different areas of the hospital as part of the "Healing Arts" program beginning in 2006.

Arts program encourages healing through a holistic approach that uses humor, music and contact with pets to reduce stress and speed healing.

Opportunities are available for those who wish to share their time and talents as part of the program. For more information, call Lorraine Dwyer, Director of Volunteer Services, at 737-2006.

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Feds fine Idaho Education Department after tests

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's top elected education official is blaming the state Board of Education for a federal fine that will cut the state Education Department's administrative budget by 25 percent for a year.

The U.S. Department of Education told the state board last week that it would withhold about \$104,000 of Idaho's \$42 million Title I education funds because Idaho hasn't conformed with all of the federal standardized testing requirements. The fine will come out of the \$416,000 budget that the de-

partment uses to run its office in Boise.

Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, said federal education officials formally notified her department Friday about the plan. She blamed the state board.

"The funds are being withheld because of significant faults found in the state's assessment program, which has been developed and managed by the Office of the State Board of Education for nearly four years," she said. "However, it appears the penalty for these failures will be paid by school districts

as the capacity of the department to provide them services and technical assistance could be diminished."

Dwight Johnson, interim director of the state board, characterized the problem as a matter of timing, saying Friday that Idaho will be fully in compliance with the complex rules of the testing standards by next spring. The state has worked hard to comply with the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, he said. The federal fine is connected to work that Idaho was doing as

part of a compliance agreement with the federal government related to the 1994 law.

"Despite the extra time provided by the compliance agreement, Idaho has not satisfied the fundamental ISAA requirements for a standards-based assessment system in several areas," wrote Henry L. Johnson, assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education at the U.S. Department of Education, in a letter to Howard and Dwight Johnson.

"We ran out of time, basically,"

Dwight Johnson said.

Henry Johnson's letter praised many of the state board's efforts, noting that Idaho is taking steps to strengthen its education system, and detailing ways that Idaho has worked to conform to federal testing regulations.

"The State Board and the state Department of Education are working together well to get the tests and the standards aligned so that these issues are addressed," said Eric Earling, a spokesman for the federal Education Department in Seattle.

Slaying suspect will face death penalty

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — A prosecutor said Friday he will seek the death penalty against a man accused of killing the parents of his 14-year-old girlfriend, and no criminal charges will be brought against the girl.

Lancaster County District Attorney Don Totaro said state prosecutors from the suspect, David Ludwig, have exonerated his girlfriend, Kara Beth Borden, and convinced investigators that she did not have any role in planning or carrying out the shooting deaths of her parents in November.

"There was no plan or no agreement to harm her parents in any way," Totaro said.

New charges involving a firearms violation and sexual assault also have been added against Ludwig, Totaro said.

Also Friday, prosecutors dropped the kidnapping charge against Ludwig, who fled the state with Kara before being captured in Indiana. He still also faces one count of reckless endangerment.

Ludwig said only that he had no questions Friday morning as he signed a court document waiving his preliminary hearing, meaning the charges against him were forwarded to county court.

Totaro said the death penalty is justified because the killing occurred while perpetrating a felony, the firearms charge; that it created a great risk of harm to the couple's children, who were at home at the time; and that more than one person was killed.

Prosecutors said Ludwig killed Michael and Colleen Borden on Nov. 14 after an argument over his relationship with their daughter. He was captured the next day following a high-speed chase that ended with him crashing his parents' car.

'West Wing' actor dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Spencer, who played a dedicated politico on "The West Wing" who survived a serious illness to run for vice president, died of a heart attack Friday, his publicist said.

Spencer, 58, died at a Los Angeles hospital, said publicist Ron Hofmann. He would have been 59 next week.

Spencer played Leo McGarry, the chief of staff to President Jeb Bartlet (Martin Sheen) through the first few seasons of the NBC series. In a sad parallel to life, his character suffered a heart attack that forced him to give up his White House job.

The character recovered and was picked as a running mate for Democratic presidential contender Matt Santos, played by Jimmy Smits; the campaign was a central theme this season for the drama.

Spencer, who also starred on "L.A. Law" as attorney Tommy Mullaney, received an Emmy Award for his performance on "The West Wing" in 2002 and was nominated four other times for the drama.

The actor mirrored his character in several ways: both were recovering alcoholics and both, Spencer once said, were driven.

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WORLD

Mexican park rangers defend monarch butterflies from loggers

SIERRA CHINCUA, Mexico (AP) — With assault rifles over their shoulders and body armor strapped to their chests, Roberto Palco and his 17 officers are among the world's most heavily armed park rangers. Yet they guard one of nature's most delicate creatures — the monarch butterfly.

The rangers say they need the weapons to protect the winter nesting grounds of millions of orange and black winged butterflies from armed gangs of illegal loggers in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve.



Monarch butterflies gather on a tree branch at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve on Wednesday in Sierra Chincua, Mexico.

124,000 acres. Their arsenal includes AR-15 and Gali automatic rifles, pump-action shotguns and Smith & Wesson handguns.

Mexico's illegal logging trade generates millions of dollars a year. And while the rangers have seized eight pickup trucks full of timber, they have yet to catch a logger, Palco said.

Still, Francisco Luna, the Michoacan delegate for Mexico's federal environmental protection agency, says the mere presence of the police has deterred many logging gangs.

"They know we are here and that we are going to take away their vehicles and arrest them," Luna said. "Stealing lumber from the reserve is simply not worth it now."

Some environmentalists worry the small police force may not be enough to fight the gangs. In 2003, a group of 100 loggers armed with shotguns and machetes held three park rangers hostage for six hours while they chopped down trees.

The monarchs are not listed as endangered, but scientists say the deforestation could threaten their existence.

Although a single butterfly can spend its entire life in the United States or Mexico, they are born with the instinct to migrate. Most do — traveling in the millions from Canada to a mountainous area in central Mexico each year to carpet fir trees that provide shelter, an academic and scientist wonder that attracts about 200,000 visitors annually.

"The forest is like a blanket and an umbrella to protect the monarchs from the cold winters," said Lincoln Broer, professor emeritus of zoology at the University of Florida who has been studying the butterflies for nearly 50 years. "If the forest disappears, we could lose one of the wonders of nature."

Last season, 22 million monarchs reached the park, an 80 percent drop from the previous year, prompting the Mexican government to set up the special police force.

Aided by hidden video cameras and communicating with special radios to avoid scanners, the officers speed around in all-terrain vehicles, looking for loggers in the rugged area, which spans more than

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'Splash' of hot metal kills worker at nuclear plant

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Hundreds of pounds of molten metal splashed from a smelter at a Russian nuclear power plant, killing one worker and severely injuring two others, a scientist and the federal nuclear agency said Friday. The accident did not affect reactors, the agency said.

The Rosenergoatom agency said radiation levels remained normal as the reactor inside the Leningrad nuclear plant was being repaired. Rosenergoatom initially called Thursday's incident an explosion in a press statement, then hours later changed course and called it a "splash."

A plant spokesman said the accident was caused by violation of technical and production rules.

The mishap occurred at the plant in the closed nuclear town of Sosnyy Bor, 50 miles from the northern city of St. Petersburg. The Ekomet-S, a company repressencing scrap metal.

Thursday's accident shone a spotlight on what environmentalists called uncontrolled operations at Russian nuclear sites.

"The enterprise... functions illegally because there was no mandatory (state) environmental impact assessment on its construction," Dmitry Antonov, head of the St. Petersburg branch of Greenpeace, told The Associated Press.

He said Greenpeace had complained against Ekomet-S to the Sosnyy Bor prosecutors' office, but the office took no action.

The nuclear plant has four units, or reactors, in all. Rosenergoatom said the smelter was on the grounds of the plant's second unit, and plant spokesman Sergei Averyanov said it was about a half-mile from the reactor.

Oleg Bodrov, a physicist who heads the Green World ecological group in Sosnyy Bor, said the reactor was only 700 yards from a small smelter, which is about 50 yards from a covered liquid radioactive waste pond.

A 33-year-old worker died of his injuries Friday morning, and another was severely injured, Yuri Larnek, chief doctor of the Sosnyy Bor hospital, told the AP.

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Hot off the Gov't Press: public handover of rare full sheets of money now underway

Public can be first to get this year's hottest Christmas Gift: uncut sheets of real money

By Mary Beth Andrews
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(UMS) Everybody loves the gift of money.

But now people are getting full sheets of real money and it feels like winning the Lottery.

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"We're bracing for all the calls. Please tell everyone to just keep trying. With only 48 hours we're doing our best to make damn sure everybody gets through," promised Stephen Speakman, National Director of Hotline Operations.

At precisely 10:00 a.m. today, the National Hotline first opens. Those whose last name begins with A-N are given a special number to call and those with last names beginning with O-Z will have their own special number to call.

"The money is being handed over on a first come first served basis," Speakman said.

The National hotlines will only stay open for 48 hours to distribute the valuable sheets of real money through this special arrangement. But after midnight tomorrow, callers will be turned away.

Those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. Just think what they could be worth years from now.

"Values of currency always fluctuate. It's difficult when you are comparing apples to oranges, but according to the Official Standard Guide to U.S. Paper Money which provides the guide of valuations, some uncirculated 1928 one dollar bills have increased in value by over 6,400%. In fact, a full uncut dozen of 1928 dollar bills sold for \$18,400.00," Speakman said.

"You would expect to see uncut money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at the Smithsonian," he said.

Until now, only those lucky enough to be "in the know" online could get their hands on uncut sheets of real money at the Bureau of Engraving offices in Washington. In fact, banks don't even have them. But now you can get them direct by calling the hotline number.

"You can actually spend it. It's real money. But anyone would be an absolute fool to cash them in because they're worth so much more," Speakman confirmed.

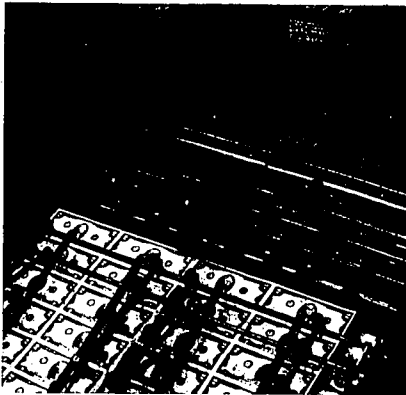
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Once they get them they'll try to get more but it may be too late. When they're gone, they're gone.

That's why the next 48 hours are so critical. It is important that the general public follow the local time clocks and call the assigned Toll Free numbers below to beat the deadline.

So, on your mark, get set, go. Now you'll be the first to have your shopping done this year. ■



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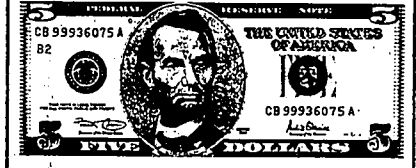
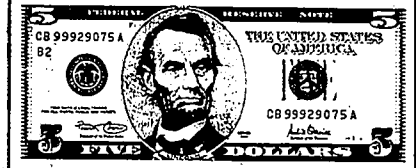
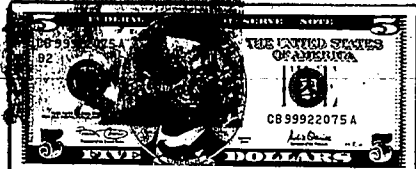
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WORLD

Militias blocked voters at some polling sites

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Kurdish and Shiite factional militias and other armed men blocked voters from polling sites in several locations during Iraq's national elections, Iraqi and U.S. officials said Friday. While the intimidation likely was not serious enough to influence the outcome of Thursday's vote, one U.S. diplomat said, the overt militia role was a dangerous trend in Iraqi politics.

"This should not grow," the diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told reporters in Baghdad. It was the latest of several U.S. warnings to the transitional government and political parties about the escalating role of party-linked militias. "This must be contained."

Iraqi army trucks, escorted at times by U.S. military helicopters, carried ballot boxes to election centers around the country Friday, the last day of a

three-day security crackdown imposed for Thursday's National Assembly elections. Some election officials tentatively estimated there had been a 70 percent turnout for vote, in which there was large-scale participation by Sunni Arabs for the first time since U.S. forces overthrew Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Residents of Baghdad and cities around the country enjoyed the relative peace brought by the curfew, driving ban and other restrictions enforced by

tens of thousands of Iraqi and U.S. security forces. With no traffic, and an unusually steady supply of electricity silencing private generators, Baghdad relaxed to the sounds of birds singing in date palm trees and children shouting as they played soccer in trash-strewn streets.

U.S. airstrikes south of Baghdad were reported; officials linked them to the capture of a participant in the election day mortar attacks on the Green Zone.

Commander looks at withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. military commander in Iraq said Friday he would make recommendations in the next few weeks about troop withdrawals from Iraq, and he expects the force level will drop back to 138,000 by early February. That has been the usual number this year.

Speaking from Iraq, Gen. George Casey told Pentagon reporters that by late next fall, the Iraqi military should be able to largely take the lead in the country's defense, with continued support from U.S. and coalition transition teams.

"We just had the election, we're doing our assessments, and I'll make some recommendations

in the coming weeks here about whether I think it's prudent to go below that baseline," said Casey, adding that the two extra battalions that were sent to Iraq for election security will be heading home in January.

But he made it clear that U.S. forces will still be in the lead in portions of Iraq until sometime in 2007. Depending on the progress of the new Iraqi government ministries, he said it will take until then for Iraq's security to be able to completely take control of its forces across the country.

As Iraqi security takes over, U.S. troops will be able to withdraw.

Economy of China bigger than expected

Knight Ridder News Service

BEIJING — China's economy may suddenly catapult past those of Italy, France and Britain in size. How suddenly could the leap occur? Try Tuesday.

That's when China's National Statistics Bureau will announce a revision of economic growth figures that's expected to push China from the world's seventh-largest economy to No. 4.

It's more than statistical sleight of hand: Economists in China say they've discovered about \$300 billion worth of economic output, mainly in the services sector, that they couldn't measure before, an amount worth 17.5 percent of last year's output.

The revision essentially moves up the day when China may surpass Germany and Japan and catch up with the United States in terms of economic output.

"China may become the world's largest economy much earlier than 2041, which was projected by our research in 2003," a research arm of the investment bank Goldman Sachs said in a report out of Hong Kong this week.

The report says the amount that China will add to its economy isn't a negligible sum. It's equivalent to "the size of Taiwan's economy, or half of India's economy."

One economics professor in Beijing, Yang Fan, said he wasn't at all surprised that the services economy in China was larger than previously estimated, in part because the informal economy thrived.

"Many small companies, like restaurants, evade taxes. They may not have legal registration. So it is hard to collect information on them," said Yang, an economist at China University of Political Science and Law.

Tribunal says ABC wrongfully fired reporter

LONDON (AP) — A British employment tribunal ruled Friday that ABC News unfairly dismissed a reporter last year because he refused to work in Iraq, a decision that could have repercussions for other news organizations covering dangerous stories.

The tribunal upheld a complaint by Richard Gizbert, who claimed ABC ended his freelance contract last year because he would not cover the war in Iraq, where foreigners, including journalists, have been targeted for kidnapping and murder.


The American network said all assignments to Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous areas are voluntary and argued it didn't renew Gizbert's contract for budgetary reasons.

Gizbert, a 48-year-old Canadian who works in London, is seeking \$4 million in compensation. The tribunal plans to rule on that issue early next year.

The court rejected ABC's contention that its decision not to renew Gizbert's contract was not linked to his refusal to cover wars, but because he was "inessential" and its news division was making severe cutbacks.

"The principal reason for dismissing (Gizbert), in circumstances where (ABC News) was cutting back its budget, was his refusal to go to war zones," the tribunal's written ruling said.

It said testimony by ABC News executives was at times inconsistent and "not entirely reliable."




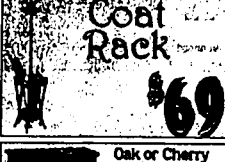





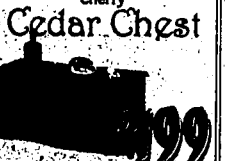








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T.F. chamber elects members

TWIN FALLS — The newly elected members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce board are Don Olson of Soran Restaurant Inc., Mike Pothanka of Idaho Power Corp., Ryan Horsley of Heel's Trading Post and Brad Hund, publisher of The Times-News. They will take office in January.

WTO talks sliding toward failure

HONG KONG — Global trade talks were sliding toward a failure Friday that could damage the credibility of the World Trade Organization. With only two days left in the meeting, the European Union's lead representative said the negotiations were "going backwards."

Delegates from the WTO's 149 member nations will try to hash out a draft agreement on Saturday that likely will be their last chance to reach compromises on a slew of thorny issues, including opening farm markets, the meeting's biggest obstacle.

But so far, the negotiations have been virtually fruitless. The outlook worsened when smaller nations that grow sugar, bananas and cotton threatened to torpedo any final agreement that didn't protect their farmers.

Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab said the WTO will become more intense before the strict Sunday deadline. "There is always a last-minute phase," she said. "Most of the business is done in the last 48 hours."

South Korean protesters — the most militant of the 10,000 who have come to Hong Kong hoping to block a WTO agreement — shaved their heads, threw eggs and spray-painted graffiti on the U.S. Consulate General building and briefly scuffled with police on Friday.

Previous U.S.-liberalization talks in Cancun, Mexico, in 2003 and Seattle in 1999 collapsed in disarray. Another failure could seriously undermine the WTO's goal of forging a global free trade agreement by the end of 2006, already two years later than originally planned.

AOL nears landmark deal with Google

WASHINGTON — Time Warner Inc. is negotiating exclusively with Google Inc. to broaden a lucrative advertising partnership with Time Warner's America Online unit, abruptly ending negotiations early Friday with Microsoft Corp., officials close to the negotiations said. Shutting out Microsoft sets the stage for a high-profile agreement among two titans of the Internet. Another term deal is expected to be announced as early as next week, Google will highlight Time Warner Web properties as sponsored links and AOL will continue to provide Google's search engine to its own subscribers.

Weyerhaeuser closing, selling plants

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — The Weyerhaeuser Co., one of the nation's largest producers of lumber and paper products, has announced plans to close or sell manufacturing plants, including papermaking operations in eight U.S. states and two Canadian provinces, the latest in a series of cutbacks since a steep drop in third-quarter profits. Approximately 800 workers will lose their jobs in the cutbacks, although some could find work elsewhere in the company. Spokesman Bruce Amundson said Friday.

Plans to be shut down in the next months include corrugated packaging operations in Bedford Heights, Ohio, Elmira Heights, N.Y., Little Rock, Ark., and Matthews, N.C.; corrugated sheet facilities in Pulaski, Tenn., and Waco, Texas; and a retail paper bag plant in Kansas City, Mo. Weyerhaeuser also is putting up for sale three corrugated sheet plants in Rock, Ark., Memphis, Tenn., and Shreveport, La.; and a specialty packaging plant in Valley View, Ohio.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Report: Group to buy Albertson's for \$9.6B

The Associated Press
BOISE — An investment group Cerberus Capital, Kinco Realty Corp. and Minnesota supermarket chain Supervalu Inc. is likely to buy Albertson's Inc., the second-largest U.S. grocer, for about \$9.6 billion, the Wall Street Journal reported Friday. The transaction, valued at \$26 per share, would put an end to a three-month auction for Boise-based Albertson that company officials announced Sept. 2. Albertson's has suffered from lagging results, a stagnant share

price and competition from lower-cost rivals including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. The Journal did not cite a source for the pending purchase. It reported that in addition to the sale, Albertson's is continuing separate talks to sell its pharmacy business to CVS Corp. for as much as \$4 billion of the overall purchase price. "Beyond the Sept. 2 announcement, I have no comment," said Shannon Bennett, an Albertson's spokesman, who also refused to confirm the report that board

members were meeting in Boise this weekend to discuss the offer for the grocery business. Albertson's shares rose 27 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$24.26 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Journal said the transaction could be announced after the board meeting. According to the report, the sale of Albertson's to Cerberus group would include \$6.4 billion in debt. Spokesmen for Cerberus, based in New York, Stamford, Conn.-based Kinco, and Eden Prairie, Minn.-based Supervalu

did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment. Albertson's was founded in 1939 on a downtown Boise street corner by entrepreneur Joe Albertson, who was among the first American grocery retailers to combine supermarkets with drug stores. Once, Albertson's traded only The Kroger Co., based in Cincinnati, though revenue from Wal-Mart's food business has eclipsed the size of both companies in recent years. Albertson's presently has about 2,500 stores in 37 states, with about 240,000 workers.

In the three months ended Nov. 4, Albertson's missed analyst expectations for a second quarter in a row, and reduced its full-year profit outlook, adding to pressure on the face-based grocer to find a buyer to help it turn around a slumping business. In the period, net income declined 11 percent to \$75 million, from \$110 million in the third quarter of 2004. Chief Executive Officer Larry Johnson told investors on a Nov. 22 conference call that he was still exploring "strategic options."

BEER & PIZZA



Larry Santo of Omaha, left, holds a can of beer as he watches a movie on a wide screen television Wednesday at the Borsheim's Jewelry store in Omaha, Neb. Santo was among the hundreds of men who came out for men's night at Borsheim's, which uses free pizza and beer to counteract the otherwise intimidating notion of buying jewelry.

High-end retail wooing male shoppers

By Emily Fredrik Associated Press writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Mike Galaska does not like to shop. He doesn't like the crowds or spending money. It's for women, he says. "But pizza and beer? He can handle that."

Galaska, 48, of Bellevue, Neb., was among the hundreds of men who came out for men's night at Omaha jewelry store Borsheim's this week, which uses free pizza and beer to counteract the otherwise intimidating notion of buying jewelry.

High-end retailers such as Borsheim's — part of billionaire Warren Buffett's empire — are changing the way they market themselves and their products to attract male shoppers. Men are shopping more and can feel with their wallets under the right circumstances, as retailers have found. That is especially evident around the holidays. Stores hold functions tailored



Mike Galaska, center, and Tom Barker, left, enjoy pizza and beer Wednesday at Borsheim's jewelry store.

specifically to men and increasingly women, who are often encouraged to fill out wishlists to make shopping easier for men. Saks Fifth Avenue brought in Playboy centerfolds to act as mens personal shoppers earlier this month in New York. Centerfolds aside, men's night outs are also being held at shopping malls around the country, such as at King of

Prussia Mall in King of Prussia, Penn., and Lux River Mall in Appleton, Wis. Galaska's wife filled out her wishlist the previous week at Borsheim's. Ladies' night, All Galaska had to do this week was say her name, and clerks began to bring out what his wife wanted. "Whatever she brings, I'm going to

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Wal-Mart throws undercut at Target

Retailers fight it out in electronics

By Ylan Q. Muir The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sales tags touting deep price cuts were flying like battle flags this week in the electronics department of Wal-Mart in Manassas, Va. Twice each week, about a dozen employees sneak into enemy territory — Target is just two miles away — to scope out prices. When they return, the store starts discounting, undercutting the competition by 5 percent or more, manager Beth Nelson said. "We can say the lowest price in the market to draw shoppers into our store," she said. "They know they can come here and get the lowest price." Electronics make up the

newest battleground in Wal-Mart's fight for customers this holiday season. And with just over a week left before Christmas, the company is in full assault mode, from Manassas to headquarters in Bentonville, Ark. The catalyst can be summed up in one word: Target. While it certainly isn't Wal-Mart's only competitor, Target Corp. has made a splash with its strong growth. Sales at stores open at least one year, a key performance measure in retail, were up 5.9 percent in the third quarter. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., meanwhile, plodded along at 3.8 percent growth. Target has become known for trendy apparel and home furnishings through partnerships with high-end designers like Michael Graves and Isaac Mizrahi. This season, it rolled out a special collection by Ital-

ian design house Jorrucci and "vintage modern" holiday decor by Thomas O'Brien. That has helped Target win an enviable customer base with an average household income of about \$60,000, compared with Wal-Mart's average of \$40,000 to \$45,000, according to Jeffrey Klaunder, an analyst with Piper Jaffray & Co., an investment company. Target shoppers are also less affected by swings in gas and heating prices, which industry analysts worry could slow holiday shopping. Now, Wal-Mart has decided it wants a piece of that action. "They are on a tear," said Wendy Liebmann of WSL Strategic Retail, a consulting firm. "I think they will continue to be very, very aggressive through the season." The stakes in the holiday shopping wars are particularly

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Advocacy groups strike deal with digital TV

By Jube Shiver Jr. Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After trading lawsuits this fall, children advocacy groups and entertainment industry representatives have agreed on new rules for digital television that would require broadcasters to expand children's educational TV programming and limit the use of the Internet for promotional ads. In return, broadcasters would be allowed greater flexibility to preempt the educational shows for live sports on weekends. TV station owners also would be allowed to broadcast commercial advertising promoting other children's shows without those ads counting against a 12- to

Tests at INL could lead to improved treatments for cancer

Washington-based company strikes deal with Pocatello

The Associated Press

Pocatello — A company based in Washington state is beginning a two-year program at the Idaho National Laboratory to test medicines that could lead to improved treatments for prostate lung and pancreatic cancer. The \$100-million test program at INEL, Advanced Test Products, expected to be completed next spring, will determine if Idaho would be able to use the medicines to produce the second, and not the first, malignant tumor.

The contract to conduct the test was signed Wednesday at a news conference attended by officials of INEL, Idaho State University, the city of Pocatello and the Idaho Development Authority. Under the contract, the development authority will pay for the test. Idaho State University and INEL will provide the test site.

If the test runs out well, Idaho has promised to build a facility in Pocatello. If Idaho decides not to come to Pocatello, the test site will be used for other purposes. The development authority, spokeswoman said, the authority is not the money. "There's a lot of people who might see this work," said Joseph K. Kline, executive director of the development authority and former Idaho State University. The Idaho State University is headquartered in Idaho Falls, one of the largest university centers in the country. The contract will be signed by the state.

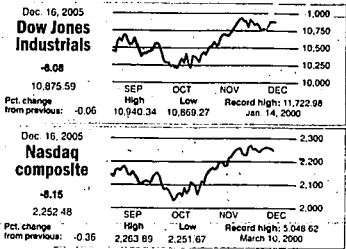
"I talked to the folks at the test site and they have no doubt that we will work," Kline said. The project was funded by the Department of Energy.

10:32 minutes on an unpaid website that can be accessed during educational programs. The compromise, announced Thursday, recommends using a content advisory system called Educational Communications Commission's regulation that takes effect next month and means to limit the ability of children's educational TV programming and limit the use of the Internet for promotional ads. In return, broadcasters would be allowed greater flexibility to preempt the educational shows for live sports on weekends. TV station owners also would be allowed to broadcast commercial advertising promoting other children's shows without those ads counting against a 12- to

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Stocks lower as large-cap advances halt

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed lower Friday as markets followed what has become a pattern in the waning part of this fourth-quarter rally. Early gains narrowed through the day's trading and occasionally tumbled to losses. The major index is finished in the work week with a red day.



Bonds prices rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.44 percent from 4.47 percent late Thursday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies. Gold prices declined.

Wal-Mart

Continued from D1 high for Wal-Mart. The world's largest retailer has been eager to re-establish its dominance after stumbling last year by failing to mark down merchandise sufficiently.

They saw Wal-Mart coming at them. — Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group

But Target still claims a more upscale customer base, even on its Web site, according to Scarborough Research, a consumer behavior research firm. A recent report showed that nearly half of its shoppers, compared with slightly more than one-third of Wal-Mart's customers, spent \$100 or more online during the past week.

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Pizza & Beer

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High-end stores have realized their customers have less traffic and higher-priced sales than more volume. Cohen said. Men are much more likely to be upsid when they do decide to buy, so the extra attention pays off, he said.

By putting so much effort into making shopping fun again — which can be as simple as adding more chairs to a shopping area or leaving a football game on television — retailers are hoping to convince men that they do care about their customers. That's why they're turning a non-believer into a believer.

Designer Nicole Miller's 10 boutiques across the country have been holding their own men's nights for years, featuring cocktails and models-saleswomen in evening wear who make a man's night as much as a woman's night is held and morale among salespeople stays high for weeks afterward, Kowhen said.

Deal

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HOLIDAY SHOW

Local groups entertain tonight at theater

RUPERT — An event at the historic Wilson Theatre is quickly becoming a holiday tradition for many.

The Rupert United Methodist Church and KUMGLP radio station are sponsoring the third annual Christmas Show at 7:30 p.m. today at the Wilson Theatre on Fremont and F streets. This year's theme is "Love at Home for the Holidays."

The show is a benefit for the church-based station, KUM-GLP.

Performers will include the Mistletoes and Santa Squad, under the direction of Shanna Aston and Annette Hansen. These are singing groups made up of elementary and middle

school-aged boys and girls. The children attend Acequia Elementary School, Rupert Elementary and East Minico Middle School.

Aston and Hansen put the groups together each holiday season to perform at local holiday events. They rehearse each year from September through November, preparing for holiday performances. The Santa Squad has been performing for seven years and the Mistletoes group has been singing for three years.

Snake River Flats will also perform, in addition to Rick Linard and Jordan Torres, who also performed at the Festival of Trees and other musical events

in the area. The Community Oasis Outreach sponsored groups. Guitars for Jesus with Josh Clark and Brynn Blacker, and All with Anne Tharp and Aaron Martsch will also entertain. In addition to several others from the community.

The program is open to the public. There is no charge to attend, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

The event has grown steadily since it began in 2002, according to John Johnson, one of the organizers.

For more information, call the church at 436-3354 or Johnson at 431-6451.



The Mistletoes will be one of the performers at the third annual Christmas show at the Wilson Theatre.



Star of the West No. 35 welcomed the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Pictured are, from left, front row, Worthy Grand Matron Jo Ellen Reynolds, Worthy Matron Mary Packer, Worthy Grand Patron Jim Carr; second row: Penny Morrison, Billie Reed, Nina Newbury, Tom Newbury, Rita Matthews and Willie Henderson; third row: Becky Allred, Paul Lesneski, Darlene Neal, Hazel Sutton, Sarah Austin, Karol LaMoine, Grace Lesneski, Mona Marlow, Carol Austin and Bordell Lesneski.

Wendell Eastern Star chapter welcomes Worthy Grand Matron

WENDELL — Star of the West No. 35 honored one of its members, Grand Officer Le Roy Austin, grand settler, during an official visit of Worthy Grand Matron Jo Ellen Reynolds and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Carr in Wendell.

Along with the formal meeting, it was a night of cheer and laughter as the members of Star of the West entertained Reynolds and Carr, chapter representatives reported. Hon-

orary memberships were also given to the Reynolds and Carr.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project is diabetes research and the Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project is Alzheimer's research.

Along with these two projects, the Order of Eastern Star has ISPAH. Scholarships that are used to send people to school for church-related activities, and scholarships for students who are juniors and

seniors in college.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic organization that supports the many charities and Masonic family scholarships.

Last year, the Order of the Eastern Star gave out almost \$10,000 to Wigs for Cancer, breast cancer research and the Scholarships Fund. Also, many chapters donated to the Shrine Hospital.

CSI North Side Center offers class variety

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering a wide variety of adult enrichment courses for spring 2006.

The center reports that it is offering old favorites, plus a number of new courses.

Among the previously offered classes are "Dutch Oven Cooking," "Yoga," "Creating Porcelain Dolls" and "Quilting." Other favorites offered include "Computers Made Simple," "Amersatama," "Spanish," "Triple Swing" and "Draw What You See."

New classes include "Buying

and Selling on eBay," "All About Antiques," "Feng Shui and Your Home" and "Wine Selection for Beginners."

In "Photo Organization," students will discover a foolproof method of sorting and storing pictures. Planning for the future and taking care of family will be addressed in "Successful Retirement Planning" and "Protecting Assets when a spouse enters a nursing home."

"Making the Great Transition — Dying with Dignity" and "Somatic Meditation and Intuitive Healing" focus on spiritual and

mental well-being.

Certification will be offered in "Standard First Aid," "First Aid," "Adult CPR" and "Infant and Child CPR." The classes will be offered several times and at several locations.

For those who want to start a new hobby, there's "Planting a Garden," "Beginning Guitar," "Self-defense," "Valentine Card Stamping," "Mosaic Garden Art" and "Home Improvement Ideas."

For more information, call 934-0678 or visit the CSI North Side Center at 202 14th Ave. E.

Kimberly Public Library adds new materials

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison St. W., added new books and videos.

Adult fiction: "The Heartbreaker" by Cary Phillips; "Over her Dead Body" by Kate White; "Kneel of Dreams" by Robert Jordan; "The Last Heiress" by Bernice Small; "People of the Moon" by Kathleen O'Neal and W. Michael Gear; "The Cross-Country Outlets" by Jennifer Chiaverini; "First Impressions"

by Jude Deveraux; "Dark Watch" by Clive Cussler; "Eye of the Wolf" by Margaret Coel; "McKetterick's Choice" by Linda Lael Miller; "For the Love of Mike" by Rhyss Bowen; and "Daisy Fay" and "The Miracle Man" by Fannie Flagg.

Videos and DVDs: "Escape From The Dark Wood," "A Fruitcake Christmas," "Liquid Thunder," "Missing," "Bate-man," "Seabiscuit," "Song Spinner" and "Challenge To Be Free." For more information, call 423-4122.

Buhl Eighth Street Center offers yoga

BUHL — The Buhl Eighth Street Center is offering yoga courses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The cost is \$35 per month for unlimited classes, or \$5 per class. Programs are on-going so participants can just drop in. People should come five minutes early if it's their first class. Mats are provided.

"Vigorous Yoga" will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. for a vinyasa flowing form of yoga.

"Gentle Yoga" will be held from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. for a quiet, meditative form of yoga, deep breathing and healing postures to restore health and vitality. For more information, call 543-5417.

Singles Square dance club holds Xmas potluck

JEROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club is holding a Christmas potluck, along with regular lessons and a workshop, at 7 p.m. Tuesday at

the American Legion Hall. Everyone should bring a dish to share. For more information, call Vicki at 733-8838 or Vera Young at 734-4647.

Buttons and Bows holds gift exchange, dance

JEROME — The Buttons and Bows' Squares and Round Dance Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Legion Hall. There will be a square dance for all levels of dancers and a gift exchange will conclude the party. Dancers should bring

Students of Clover Trinity Lutheran School near Buhl enjoyed a day of science Nov. 10 with Steven L. Shropshire, who demonstrated the states of matter. The Idaho State University Department of Physics conducts educational science demonstration shows at southern Idaho schools.

The program is in its 50th year, and more than 70,000 students and 3,500 teachers have attended the presentations. This program has been supported by grants, funds and donations of materials from the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium, the Albertson's Foundation, Idaho Community Foundation, the ISU College of Arts and Science and U.S. Welding and Tee-Pee Toys of Pocatello.

Photo courtesy of TYONNE BARNES

SCIENCE ROAD SHOW



COMMUNITY EVENTS

finger foods and a gift. All dancers are invited.

Sunrise Activity Center hosts festivities today

SHOSHONE — The Sunrise Activity Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today so people can make gingerbread houses for \$2.50 each or purchase Christmas goodies. The event is presented by the Blaine County Commissioners, City of Shoshone and the Shoshone Public Library. For more information, call Janet Russelle at 886-2961.



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Section E

Jazz and Christmas: a wonderful combination

I love the jazzy sounds of Christmas. — More to the point, I love jazz.

And when jazz and Christmas intersect, my holiday celebration is truly enriched.

Have you ever listened to the toe-tapping sound of Wynton Marsalis' "Harlem Herald Angels Sing" or the soulful harmonies of the Manhattan Transfer's "Silent Night, Holy Night"? They're a treat for one's ears and a joy for one's spirit.

Recently, I've discovered that jazz reveals some truths about the Christian faith that are hidden between the lines.

Kevin Twit, founder of Indelible Grace Music, talks about the relationship between jazz and faith in an article for BreakPoint Worldview magazine. And while his insights are apropos for any time of the year, they seem particularly pertinent in December.

So, what can jazz teach us about faith?

Jazz challenges disembodiment.

TOM SCHAEFFER

Jazz activates the body: Feet move, heads bob, and fingers snap. Our entire being — body and soul — is in sync with the sound.

One of the real dangers for the Christian message today is the denial of the physical nature of faith. We are not spiritual entities trapped within "evil" bodies. That was a second-century heresy (Gnosticism) that unfortunately has found favor again among many who wear only an ethereal type of spirituality.

Christmas talks about incarnation — God in flesh. We celebrate a God who gets "down in the dirt" with us and for us.

Jazz fights against privatization.

Listeners are drawn into the music as the performers begin with a basic melody and branch out with more intricate elements. It's not a one-man show but an interplay between performers and listeners.

So it is with faith. To isolate oneself from others is to reject the very intent of the Master's music, namely, to incorporate everyone into faith.

Jazz reminds us of the "already/not yet" aspect of faith. The blues, rooted in African spirituals, often paint a sorrowful picture of life lived by suffering and despair. Yet, in the midst of loss and grief, hope remains.

So it is with faith. Our present-day (already!) painful experiences needn't overwhelm us. The hope of a (not yet) new day is assured. Christmas births the promise.

Jazz shows us our need for roots and wings. Jazz is about tradition, rooted in African folk music, New Orleans brass bands and Missouri ragtime, and passed along from generation to generation. But it also invites free flight to find one's "voice," while learning from previous masters.

Like jazz, faith ventures into the unknown but is schooled in the saints who have come before. We have much to learn from them, but we are free to test our wings.

Jazz teaches us improvisation as a way of life. A musical score keeps musicians on track. Jazz, on the other hand, opens up opportunities for discovery. That doesn't mean there's a lack of structure in the music. Without structure, a musician's improvisation becomes self-absorbed and narcissistic.

Like jazz, we step out in faith and seek to live in new ways in our relationship with God and with others. It can be challenging, even frightening at times, when we let go.

But if we're grounded in the One who provides the ultimate structure to life, we can be sure we will not drift aimlessly without purpose or a clear destination.

In recent weeks, I've listened

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS



A European Christmas candle holder makes the center piece for Ingrid Gould's table at her home in Twin Falls. Gould's family immigrated to the United States in the 1930s, but Gould says that she has retained many of her German traditions — especially those of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas that celebrate the coming of the birth of Christ.

Advent season still celebrates the promise of joy

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Advent is about anticipation, and Ingrid Gould remembers that excitement.

"I was born in Germany and spent the first 10 years of my life in Deutch-Evern, a small village located close to the city of Hamburg," said Gould, now 66, of Twin Falls. "I can vividly recall the Advent days before Christmas and the celebrations we enjoyed as a family."

When Gould was growing up in the 1940s, most families in Deutch-Evern had Advent calendars — cardboard or wooden boxes of various sizes festooned with a number of small doors.

"Opening a little door each day to see what was inside was exciting for me, and opening the final doors on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was an extra-special event."

Although the four-week Advent season always started around Dec. 1, Dec. 6 was a red-letter day.

About Advent

Advent (which comes from Latin word *adventus*, meaning coming) in the Christian church is a period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.

It begins on the Sunday nearest to Nov. 30 (St. Andrew's Day) and is the beginning of the church year. The date when the season was first observed is uncertain. Bishop Perpetuus of Tours

(461-490) established a fast before Christmas that began on Nov. 11 (St. Martin's Day), and the Council of Tours (567) mentioned an Advent season.

Although a penitential season, Advent is no longer kept with the strictness of Lent, as it once was, and fasts are no longer required. In many countries it is marked by a variety of popular observances, such as the lighting of Advent candles.

— Source: *Encyclopaedia Britannica*

"St. Nikolaus made his annual visit to the homes of all children in Germany on Dec. 6," Gould said. "In order to be remembered, children had to place their shoes on a willow sill. It was imperative that the shoes were clean and polished. Rewards were left in the clean shoes for the children who had been obedient. If the shoes were not clean, or if the children had not been obedient,

then the shoe would be left empty and sometimes a small child would be left for the child who had been naughty. Thankfully, my shoes always had special treats."

St. Nicholas — the inspiration for Santa Claus — was a Catholic bishop in what's now Turkey in the fourth century. He earned a reputation for generosity.

In the centuries after his

death he became popular in Europe, but he was largely forgotten after the Protestant Reformation. Still, his memory was kept alive in Holland as Sinterklaas.

There St. Nicholas was said to arrive on horseback on his feast day, dressed in a bishop's red robe and mitre and accompanied by Black Peter, variously described as a freed slave or a Moor, to help him distribute presents to good children or lumps of coal, potatoes, or switches to bad ones. The Dutch took the tradition to New York City, where he was transformed into Santa Claus.

In parts of northern Europe, particularly in the Low Countries and in some German-speaking areas, St. Nicholas Day remains a time when children are given special cookies, candies and gifts.

"In the weeks before Christmas, my mother made Honey Cake, a square-shaped loaf cake filled with various spices," Gould said. "We also made Lebkuchen cookies, known in this country as gingerbread

cookies. These spicy cookies were a great treat, enjoyed all during the month of December."

But Advent is about more than nostalgia. Although no longer a penitential season in the church calendar that rivals Lent, it's a meaningful month for Christians, according to the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker, pastor of the First Christian Church of Burley.

"It is very important to remember as a time to prepare for the coming of Christ, and to remember that he will return again," Whitaker said.

Each of the four Advent Sundays is marked by the lighting of a candle. Three of them are purple symbolizing hope, love and peace, respectively, and a fourth is pink, signifying joy.

"And on Christmas Day, which is a Sunday this year, we light a white candle to mark the birth of Jesus," Whitaker said.

Advent helps members of Burley First Christian, which is

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Giotto's 1325 painting 'Descent into Limbo.'

Is the concept of limbo on the way out?

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Vatican theologians have been wrestling with limbo.

Archbishop William Levada, the San Francisco prelate who earlier this year became the Vatican's guardian of doctrinal orthodoxy, told Pope Benedict XVI and a Vatican panel of theologians earlier this month that a document on the issue might be published soon.

Limbo is the place where Catholics believe unbaptized babies go after they die.

The question was one that was important to Pope John Paul II. Benedict reminded the theologians who are part of the Holy See's International Theological Commission.

Catholics long believed that children who die without being baptized are with original sin and thus excluded from heaven.

Theologians have taught that such children enjoy an eternal state of perfect natural happiness, a state

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— Archbishop William Levada

RELIGION

Choir presents 'Shine On Us' musical

TWIN FALLS — A Christmas musical, "Shine On Us" will be presented by the First Assembly of God, with church services on Monday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church, 180 Locust St. N.

Other special music will be performed by Bunny Kinney, the Steen Family with Sam Samuelson and Jason Applewhite, Judy McClintams, Linda Bowles, Laura Jackson and Aubrey Bennett, Nancy Duncan and Debbie Stone, and Nancy Finn.

The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information, call 733-5349.

Church news

and the Chancel Choir will sing "Air for Advent" and "God So Loved the World."

Christmas Eve worship begins at 10 a.m. Dec. 25. The message will be "Let Us Personalize Christmas." Sue and Elizabeth Ha will perform and sing and voice duet.

All services will include music played on the sanctuary pipe organ.

The public is welcome at any and all activities. For more information, call the church at 733-7023.

Children's church will be available for children of all ages.

A special Christmas Eve family service, "Shine On Us" with Carols for Christmas," will begin at 5 p.m. Dec. 24.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight service starts at 11 p.m. Dec. 24.

For more information, call 934-4633.

Reverend will be honored at farewell reception

WENDELL — A farewell reception for the Rev. Mark Cox will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main.

Cox has been pastor at Living Waters Presbyterian Church for 13 1/2 years and will leave the area on Dec. 31 to fill a pastoral vacancy at the St. Mary Memorial Presbyterian Church in Parma.

Cox was active in the community, serving as president of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce, chairman of Dairy Days 2006, chairman of Camp Sawtooth of Kendall Presbytery, as a Cub Scout leader and as a leader in Pathfinders; supporting sports programs, coaching girls basketball, and assisting at Canyonside Christian School in Jerome. He is an avid bow hunter and has taught bow hunting education classes.

Evening meals will be served at the reception. No gifts, please.

Prayer and study groups will meet at regular times and places, and a Bible class on Isaiah meets at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 734-5268.

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Gospel quartet will perform Sunday in Buhl

BUHL — Liberty, a southern gospel quartet, will present a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Calvary Chapel Buhl (the old Riley's building).

Liberty has performed with groups such as Legacy 5, Greater Vision, Galtner Vocal Band, Poet Voices, Diabé Melody Boys, Floridan Boy, Palm State Quartet and others. The group has averaged two recordings a year since 1996.

The public is invited. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be accepted to support Liberty's ministry.

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LDS stake will present Christmas concert

BURLEY — The Burley Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will present its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the stake center, 2050 Normal Ave.

The theme is "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Admission is free and the public is invited.

Christmas Eve service starts Saturday night

EDEN — A Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, located three miles south of Eden. The Sunday school children will lead the service, "Promise Remembered, Covenant Kept."

Christmas Day worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 25 with special Christmas music.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 825-5277.

Wright, Rider will perform piano duet at service

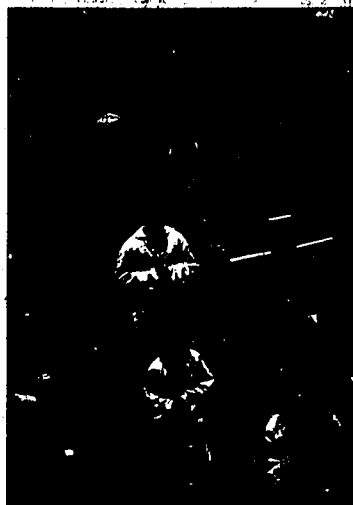
TWIN FALLS — Doug Wright and Willa Rider will perform an organ and piano duet during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive.

The Sunday school children will present a short Christmas program, and the fourth candle of Advent will be lighted. Pastor Dan Metzger will speak on "The Reason for the Season" from 1 Timothy 3:16 and Psalms 92.

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The Rev. Effendy Liwang follows scaples up the central aisle of St. Mark the Evangelist Church in San Antonio. Fast-growing Catholic sanctuaries across the country are expanding as the number of available priests declines.

FEWER PRIESTS?

Some Roman Catholic congregations have an answer: Bigger parishes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The issue of chanting parishioners saturates the foyer after the five weekend Masses at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Busy parents empathize with one another. Kids find new playmates. Singles meet other singles.

The tangle of conversations helps the church's 5,000 worshippers build a sense of community in a fast-growing congregation that decided five years ago to expand into a 1,500-seat sanctuary instead of splitting into two separate congregations.

The move was just one example of how Roman Catholic churches are joining their Protestant counterparts across the country in creating megachurches — where thousands of congregants worship together. But unlike the Protestant churches that use high-profile, evangelistic campaigns to grow, dioceses say too many worshippers drive their expansion.

While the number of worshippers per parish nationwide has grown by nearly 35 percent in almost three decades, the number of priests dropped 26 percent, said Mary Gautier with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, which tracks trends in the U.S. Catholic Church.

"That's the reality in the Catholic Church today: You don't want to build something that will be OK for now, when you know this large population is going to get bigger," Gautier said.

Dioceses in the South and West — the hot spots for new jobs and suburban sprawl — are primarily the ones building larger parishes, they're increasingly filled with Hispanic Catholics, many of whom are immigrants, Gautier said.

The Midwest and Northeast are generally consolidating. Gautier said, due largely to population shifts to other regions of the country.

Gautier said several dioceses, including the Archdiocese of San Antonio, seek at least 1,000 seats in design plans for new or expanded sanctuaries. Most sanctuaries used to be built with about 500 seats, she said.

In San Antonio, at least 15 sanctuaries have doubled or tripled to at least 1,000 seats in the past eight years.

"We didn't want to put two parishes in the same town because we just didn't have the priests to do it," said Monsignor Larry Stuebgen, vicar general of the archdiocese.

Making a church bigger increases the need for financial commitments but it also drives down the average cost per church member, according to the Georgetown research group.

The research group estimates that it costs \$444 per household nationwide for membership in churches with fewer than 800 parishioners, compared to \$337 for those with more than 1,000. The extra congregants help cover the cost for more paid, lay staff — who are increasingly picking up administrative duties to free priests for pastoral and sacramental duties, said the Rev. Larry Christian, rector of Assumption Seminary in San Antonio.

"You have to have a large enough economic base to make that happen," he said.

The 65 million-member U.S. Catholic Church has generally tried to avoid the "megachurch" model, like Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston that took over the former arena for the Houston Rockets NBA team and fills it each week with more than 30,000 congregants.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops advises parishes to avoid "any semblance of a theater or arena" in worship settings.

While new Catholic churches are designed with a larger seating capacity, the pews are curved around the altar so people don't lose a sense of intimacy during worship, said Jim Moroney, head of liturgy for the Catholic bishops conference.

"The challenges are indeed significant," Moroney said. "But we want to create sight lines to see the whites in someone's eyes when we're preaching to them."

First Presbyterian Church plans Advent activities

TWIN FALLS — The First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., announced its Advent activities.

The deacons are preparing their annual Christmas baskets to be delivered to 27 families. A wish tree is displayed in the church foyer with items needed for the baskets.

Worship begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, with the sermon, "I Couldn't Care More." The Hallelujah Handbell Ringers directed by Barbara Mix perform "Calypso Christmas." Jerry Green will direct the Chancel Choir in singing "God of All People." Fellowship will follow.

The Hallelujah Handbell Ringers will present a Community Worship Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary. Music includes "Seasons of the Heart," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Come All Ye Shepherds," "Calypso Christmas," "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Carol of the Bells."

The First Presbyterian and Our Savior Lutheran churches will join together for their annual Christmas caroling tour at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Meet in the fellowship hall. A light meal of bread and soup will be served, caroling to local nursing homes and home-bound friends.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion will be at 9 p.m. Dec. 24, with the message, "You Did That for Me?" The Hallelujah Handbell Ringers will perform "Come, All Ye Shepherds" and "Carol of the Bells."

New choir will sing at First Christian Church

TWIN FALLS — The recently formed choir at the First Christian Church will be featured during worship at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

Pastor Jim Tubbs will continue his series on prophesying how prophecy pointed to the coming of Christ.

Fellowship time with a potluck dinner will follow worship. All are welcome.

Hollister church holds yearly Christmas program

HOLLISTER — The annual Christmas program will be presented in words and music at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave.

The program is under the direction of Ilona Henstock, with Chas Lanting as master of ceremonies. A Christmas Joy offering will be received and treats will be available for everyone.

A child and oyster stew lunch will be served by the Women's Association after worship. Visitors are welcome.

Gooding Methodist church will present music Sunday

GOODING — A special performance of the Christmas cantata, "The World of Christmas," will be presented during worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Gooding United Methodist Church, 805 Main St.

MISSIONARIES

Elder Cody William Matthews returned from serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Minneapolis Mission.

Matthews is the son of Becky Matthews of



Burley and the late Paul Matthews, and is in the Burley 4th Ward.

He will attend Brigham Young University-Idaho in January.

Elder Nelson Manning returned from serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Illinois Peoria Mission.

Manning graduated in 2002 from Burley High School and attended Universal Technical

Institute in Phoenix, Ariz. While on his mission, he was able to work with the Boys and Girls Club as a volunteer center coach and in other activities.

He plans to continue his education.

He is an Eagle Scout and is in



the Springdale 2nd Ward. His parents are Lynn and Hollie Manning of Burley.

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commonly called limbo.

"In today's season of cultural relativism and religious pluralism, the number of non-baptized babies is increasing considerably," LeVada said. "In this situation, the paths to reach the way of salvation appear ever more complex and problematic."

"The church is aware that salvation is uniquely achievable in Christ by means of the Spirit," LeVada said. "But it cannot renounce reflecting on, in its role as mother and teacher, the destiny of all the men created in God's image and in a particular way, on the weakest and those who are not yet in possession of the use of reason and of freedom," he said in reference to infants.

"The discussion in this sense has been very useful and one can well hope that in reasonably brief times, the study undertaken by the Theological Commission will yield a positive result, even in view of possible publication of a document about it," LeVada said.

The Rev. Luis Ladaria, a Jesuit who is secretary-general of the commission, told Vatican Radio that "there isn't any binding Catholic doctrine on the question of children who die without baptism."

"I know that for many centuries, it was thought that these children went to limbo, where they enjoyed a natural happiness but did not have the vision in God," Ladaria said in a radio interview.

"This belief, today, from recent developments not only theological, but also magister-

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(teaching authority), is in crisis," Ladaria said. "We, thus, are now studying this problem in order that it is a point upon which there has not been a definitive pronouncement."

Benedict is continuing his campaign to safeguard doctrine in the Catholic Church, saying its theologians must follow church teaching and submit to its authority.

Benedict was the Vatican's top guardian of orthodoxy for two decades as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, before becoming pope in April. He named LeVada as his replacement in that post.

Theology "always exercises itself in the church and for the church," Benedict told the commission. "The work of the theologian must, therefore, be carried out in communion with the living voice of the church, that is, with the living magisterium of the church and under its authority."

Magisterium refers to the pope's authority to teach truths. "To consider theology a private affair signifies disregarding its very nature," the pontiff said.

Under John Paul II, the Vatican cracked down on dissenting theologians.

"The commission this month has also been grappling with the concept of natural moral law."

That argument "is of special relevance in understanding the balance of rights rooted in the nature of the person and, as such, derived from the very will of the God creator," Benedict said.

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to various jazzy versions of Christmas music, not to the exclusion of more traditional songs and carols, but as a reminder that there's more to seasonal music than choral arrangements and hymn texts.

Evening Masses at some of the classics of jazz, Christmas or otherwise, take time to enjoy their unique brand of music —

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the tree. Our Christmas tree always had real candles and the candles were white. There were other special ornaments as well as some tinsel. When it was time to begin the celebration, we were ushered into the living room to get our first look at the tree. That was a rather enchanting moment for us as children.

Gifts in Gould's childhood home were modest and few, but she doesn't recall the excitement being any less than in contemporary American households stuffed with elaborate presents.

"Before we were allowed to look at our gifts we sang some Christmas carols, we heard the Christmas story from the Bible, and the children had to give a reading or recite a poem appropriate for the occasion," she said. "To me, Christmas Eve was magical."

"Advent," Whitaker said, "helps bring meaning to the season."

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Whether or not you are a fan of Southern Gospel music you will certainly enjoy the enthusiasm these men exhibit while serving and singing to the Lord.

Their music bridges all generations.

The concert will be Sunday night 7:00pm December 18th at Calvary Chapel Buhl (the old Rileys' Building) No admission, but a love offering will be taken to support their ministry.

Salvation Army expands, shrinks

The Associated Press

Renowned for Christmas-time bell-ringers with red kettles, thrift shops, skid row missions and efficient can-teen that served 4.8 million meals after Hurricane Katrina, the Salvation Army enjoys a kind of respect accorded few American charities.

Yet the Army is not a charity. Rather, it's a rather small, distinctly conservative Protestant denomination that sponsors a massive and expanding philanthropic empire even as its membership declines.

Last year, the organization spent \$2.6 billion and added 34.5 million people through every imaginable form of social service; about 11 percent of its income came from the government. In the future, the Army's impact will be enhanced by 30 or more community centers funded by America's biggest one-time charity gift — \$1.5 billion from the estate of Joan Kroc, widow of the McDonald's founder.

While the fact that devout evangelicals are managing social services partly with government money has provoked protests from civil libertarians and gay activists, it apparently hasn't undercut public support. Last December's kettle proceeds set a record and contributions to Katrina relief, the Army's biggest disaster effort ever, were triple those after the Sept. 11 attacks.

'Still, the Army faces internal trouble. Its 62,000 employees and 3.5 million volunteers are led by a mere 3,684 "officers" (the equivalent of clergy) whose ranks have declined nearly a third the past five years. "Cadets" enrolled at the four U.S. officer training schools are down 18 percent since 1997, to 284, and membership is also slinking.

National Commander W. Todd Bassett of Alexandria, Va., said in a telephone interview that the Army has been hit with a cultural undercurrent that has hurt participation in other churches and that officer careers require an unusual degree of "dedicated devotion." That includes financial sacrifice. For example, 42-year veteran Bassett and his wife, Carol, (all officers spouses



Pedestrians pass Emilio Cardenas, a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army, in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza. The small, distinctly conservative Protestant denomination sponsors a massive and expanding philanthropic empire even as its membership declines.

must also be officers) together receive a \$33,000 stipend plus housing, expenses and benefits.

"I'm a man of faith so I know we can turn it around," Bassett said, speaking about the drop in officers. "Our recruiting in the past has been within our own ranks. We're reaching beyond that" to present the vision of Army service to more non-Salvationist youths.

The Army originated in 19th century England with founder William Booth's mission to help the down-trodden. Its doctrines, defined in a 144-page handbook, are orthodox Christianism with one oddity: baptism and communion are never celebrated.

In many ways a product of its time, the Army is saturated with Victorian traditions; brass bands, distinctive men's and women's uniforms, street meetings and numerous military metaphors.

Today, the Army is a closely knit international organization

based in London with 1.4 million followers in 109 countries. The United States has the largest national contingent, now celebrating its 125th anniversary, but today's growth is found in Africa and India.

The 113,500 U.S. "soldiers," the core group among 427,000 members, have taken covenant vows, once known as the "Articles of War." They cover doctrine, loyalty to leaders, generosity, willingness to evangelize and help the needy, and clean living (no alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gambling, pornography or profanity).

The Army's belief that "the full expression of sexual love" should be restricted to heterosexual marriage caused disputes in recent years with Portland, Maine, and San Francisco, which required charities receiving public funds to provide benefits to employees' unmarried domestic partners.

And an ongoing dispute involves 19 current and former employees, backed by the New

York Civil Liberties Union, who have accused the Army of religious discrimination in employment. In October, a federal judge ruled that the Army has the legal right to use religious criteria in hiring but allowed other allegations to proceed.

Executive Director Donna Lieberman said the civil liberties union will appeal on the hiring issue, saying that "when a religious entity is engaged in the provision of government-funded services it can't be involved in promoting religion." The Army's lawyer said the organization complies with federal, state and city employment rules under its social-service contracts and doesn't use public funding for religious activities.

Bassett says that the Army doesn't discriminate in hiring but believes its social service employees should not "act or promote anything contrary to what the Salvation Army is and stands for."



Rachel Williams will be performing a Christmas concert with Caleb Collins on Thursday at the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls.

T.F.-bred gospel singer gets attention in Nashville

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Like a few thousand other starry-eyed youngsters, Rachel Ann Williams went off to Nashville, Tenn., last year in search of a music career.

But things are moving a little faster than expected for Williams, a 25-year-old country gospel singer. A song, "Calvary Painted a Picture of Grace," from her first album, "Unveiled," is ranked No. 1 this month on the Country Gospel International Top 100 chart.

Williams is also getting significant air play on gospel radio stations.

"It's going pretty well," Williams said in a telephone interview from her Nashville home. "I'm hoping this leads to bigger things."

Bigger things, of course, would mean a recording contract with a major Nashville label. That hasn't happened yet, but she's cutting demo tapes, sifting through songs she might like to record — and writing a few herself.

"When you ask her what her plans are for the future, she quickly replies she just wants to sing for the Lord wherever he wants her to go," said Rachel's grandmother, Carletta Williams of Twin Falls.

Rachel grew up on a cattle ranch south of Twin Falls, the

Concert Thursday

Rachel Williams and Caleb Collins will present a special Christmas concert at 7 a.m. Thursday at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St. N. Collins is a singer, songwriter and musician and was minister of music at First Assembly of God. He was involved with the College of Southern Idaho Madrigals, the Twin Falls Municipal Band and has other local theater credits. Admission is free. The public is invited. For more information, call 733-5349.

daughter of Rex and Karla Williams. As a child, she sang and wrote her old songs.

"Her sweetest memories are of her loving, extended family gathered around her grandmother's guitar and piano, signing all the old-time gospel and country favorites," Carletta said.

Rachel began singing at church and at school and community events as part of a trio with her sisters Tara and Michelle, and then eventually became a solo act. Once in Nashville, she entered the Country Gospel Music Association Talent Show and became a finalist.

Compassion is linked to better physical health

The Hartford Courant

If your heart goes out to others, it may stay healthier.

A recently published Brigham Young University study examined the possible link between religiosity and better psychosocial health found that compassion was the active ingredient in the relationship.

Patrick Steffen, lead author of the study and assistant professor of clinical psychology at Brigham Young University, said that religious people had the best health in his study but that when he and his colleagues controlled for compassion, the religion-health relationship vanished.

"What we're interpreting that to mean is that religious people have better health because they're more compassionate," he said. The study involved 441 college students and individuals from the surrounding community, all of whom were Mormons.

In the investigation, compassion was defined as being moved by the suffering of others and having the desire to alleviate that suffering.

Steffen is conducting a new study involving participants on the East Coast and in the Midwest who are Protestants, Catholics and Jews. The new study will add certain physical health markers, like blood pressure, besides self-reported symptoms like depression and perceived stress.

Research into the link between religious practice and health is controversial in some quarters and Steffen acknowledged that in psychological research "you're always making assumptions when you're trying to reduce human experience down to numbers." However, he said, his study used "valid, reliable measures" that are widely used in psychological research. The study is published in the December issue of *Annals of Be-*

“ Just going to church ... isn't sufficient for good health. It's going there and learning the principles and incorporating that into your life. I think that's what's behind the relationship between religion and health. ”

— BYU professor Patrick Steffen

havioral Medicine. The BYU study adds to earlier research that suggests religious people may be healthier than the nonreligious. Steffen said other studies have found that individuals with strong social support tend to have less heart disease and deal better with cancer. He theorizes that compassionate people may have that kind of connectedness, and this could be one explanation why compassion may lead to better health.

"Just going to church on Sunday, or synagogue on Saturday, isn't sufficient for good health," Steffen said. "It's going there and learning the principles and incorporating that into your life. I think that's what's behind the relationship between religion and health." He believes that non-religious individuals who are compassionate "are still going to have the positive psychosocial health outcomes."

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Postpone decisions a day, Sagittarius

IF DEC. 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Ambition is your middle name. You can be a success at whatever tweaks your passions because you possess relentless determination. With Pluto traversing through your part of the zodiac pie all year long, you may burn some bridges behind you — but will build some, as well. Expect to receive some well-deserved rewards in October. Next November you may come to an important crossroads and only high-minded moral principles can guide you. Do your best and you will make your mark with both finances and romance in the year ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The buck stops here: A significant other could be unpredictable or merely be planning a special surprise. Don't be suspicious of strange noises behind closed doors as it is probably wrapping paper.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get out and about. You can be the superstar of your own neighborhood or community. It is easy to strike up an instant friendship or find an amorous hookup without any strings attached.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't pass the buck. If you blame others for what you think is their fault it may boomerang back and catch you

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unaware: Enjoy a weekend filled with surprise visits and unexpected guests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Springs might be attached. You may not be able to take full advantage of help that is offered for one reason or another. Avoid making purchases on credit or overestimating your resources.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A fleeting flirtation might not last. Don't try to pin others down or finalize agreements as conditions could change swiftly. Spend time with friends and enjoy some relaxing holiday cheer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sick to the middle road. Indulge in holiday generosity, but not too much. Excitement is in the air, so go tour the displays of holiday lighting or find a unique event to satisfy your wanderlust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is a great time for singles to indulge in a quick fling. You exude charm under these stars so invite friends over for eggnog

or do something surprising to amuse your favorite playmate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Wish upon a star. Sudden alterations in plans could leave you breathless. A new acquaintance might brighten your life for a few hours but is best to remain foolproof and free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Compromise may be difficult. Put off romantic proposals and important decisions until tomorrow as judgment may be off balance. Indulge in the exotic or out of the ordinary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Santa Claus may go on strike. Don't get caught in the crosshairs of a controversy over traditions. There is room for the honored customs of Christmas past as well as enjoyment of the present.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): One-of-a-kind experiences attract your attention. Your taste runs to the unusual and perhaps even the bizarre, so avoid major purchases. You can be the life of the party under these stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Hang out. Parties with friends or holiday gatherings are on the horizon. Don't let a mild flirtation go to your head unless you just feel like taking a walk on the wild side for one short evening.

Boetie Bailey By Mort Walker

Panel 1: "I'M REALLY NOT GETTING TIRED OF LOOKING?"

Panel 2: "I HAVE TO KEEP GOING TILL I FIND THE RIGHT ONE"

Panel 3: "JUST A MINUTE... I THINK MY HUSBAND FOUND SOMETHING I'D LIKE"

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: "I'M REALLY NOT INTERESTED! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!"

Panel 2: "LISTEN, YOU CAN TAKE ME OFF YOUR CALLING LIST RIGHT NOW!"

Panel 3: "IT WAS THE BOSS AGAIN, TRYING TO SEE IF I WANTED TO WORK THIS WEEKEND"

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: "HOW CAN YOU TELL IF A CHRISTMAS TREE IS MALE OR FEMALE?"

Panel 2: "I GIVE UP. HOW?"

Panel 3: "IF IT HAS A SKIRT, IT MUST BE A GIRL!"

Garfield By Jim Davis

Panel 1: "IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS COOKIES! DO YOU WANT ME?"

Panel 2: "I GOTTA LEARN HOW TO TALK"

Panel 3: "WYKNOW, WE SHOULD BAKE SOME CHRISTMAS COOKIES"

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: "WHICH ONE OF MY DRESSES SHOULD I WEAR TO THE PARTY TONIGHT?"

Panel 2: "UH... I ESPECIALLY LIKE THAT BEAUTIFUL BLUE DRESS!"

Panel 3: "GOD! I'LL WEAR THAT ONE!"

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

Panel 1: "WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, MOM?"

Panel 2: "PEACE, LOVE AND SINGER STANDING"

Panel 3: "HOW ABOUT SOMETHING I CAN BUY IN HERE INSTEAD?"

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: A character looking at a cactus.

Panel 2: A character looking at a sign that says "NEEDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE".

Panel 3: A character looking at a sign that says "ALL RIGHT WHO UNPLUGGED MY TREE?!"

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "AS I GET OLDER I KEEP REPEATING MYSELF"

Panel 2: "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT"

Panel 3: "WHY NOT?"

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

Panel 1: Dennis and his mother talking.

Panel 2: Dennis and his mother talking.

Panel 3: Dennis and his mother talking.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

Panel 1: A family scene.

Panel 2: A family scene.

Panel 3: A family scene.

"Did he say the shepherds washed their frocks by night?"

'Invisible' son wants a shot in father's photo gallery

DEAR ABBY: I grew up invisible in a household with three siblings, one of whom got by far the most attention. To this day, my older brother's picture is displayed in our parents' family room — only his.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Two of my siblings were manic-depressive. There was never much calm, but that was no one's fault. My biggest complaint is that Dad ran out on us, taking work in another town. Although he had the option to stay, he left Mom and me to cope with the remaining trouble who suffered from that horrible disease. It was hell.

I am still angry at my father, even though he is old and frail and doesn't have much time left. My wife says I need to sit down with him, explain why I am angry, clear the air, and also ask him to hang pictures of all of his children. I say, "The old wounds are better left sealed, if not healed. I feel that the absence of photographs speaks of an attitude that cannot be changed. What do you think?"

— FORGOTTEN SON, BOZEMAN, MONT.
DEAR FORGOTTEN SON: I think I agree with your wife. Although you may not be able to change your father's attitude (or priorities), it might be beneficial for you to give him a chance to explain why he left — one only to another. And as to why only

one sibling's picture is displayed, it could have less to do with the amount of affection as much as the level of preoccupation. Please talk to your father before it's too late. It could lighten your load.

DEAR ABBY: I come from a family where there was alcohol abuse on the part of both of my parents. No one in the family is an admitted alcoholic, but sometimes the problem can be quite obvious.

When I drink to excess, I have trouble controlling my emotions. Whatever I'm feeling becomes amplified, so I am quick to be very jubilant, sad or even angry. This lack of control has caused me a lot of trouble — especially with my current girlfriend. She says she can't handle when I drink because I always become verbally abusive to her.

Abby, how can I tell if I am an alcoholic? I don't have trouble controlling the amount or frequency of when I drink, but I do

get "mood swings" when I'm intoxicated. Is that a classic sign? — **WORRIED**
DEAR WORRIED: Alcoholism can run in families, and because both of your parents have problems with alcohol, you could be at greater risk than the average person.

Among the questions you must ask yourself are: Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year? Has your drinking caused a problem with your relationship? Do you have blackouts (can't remember what happened when you were drunk)? Have you ever embarrassed yourself or someone else when drinking?

According to your letter, the answer to all of these questions is yes. This indicates that although you may not be an alcoholic, you could be in danger of becoming one.

Please consider contacting Alcoholics Anonymous. The organization is listed in your phone directory. The folks there will provide you with literature and information about alcoholism, and invite you to visit one of their many support groups. Please take them up on it. It could be the learning experience you need to head off a serious problem, before it happens. Good luck.

Silly Putty has serious applications

You may think it's only a toy, but Silly Putty has been used for some pretty serious purposes. Physical therapists prescribed it to strengthen hands and wrists, and astronauts used it to keep instruments from floating away on space flights.

This day in history: On Dec. 17, 1971, a little-known British group, Elvis Costello and the Attractions, made their U.S. debut as a last-minute substitute for the Sex Pistols on Saturday Night Live. The geeky, respected lead singer, charmed viewers, and the rest is history.

Inexplicable but true: Hawaii has the highest per capita consumption rate of Span in the whole country. They also have the highest life expectancy. Coincidence? We wonder.

Snakes don't have ears. They "hear" by feeling ground vibrations through their bones. Their main sensory interface with the world is by smelling with their tongues.



RANDOM KINSHIP EXCITEMENT
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

southern swamp with an ill-tuned banjo and no tuning fork, keep in mind that an alligator's bellows is very close to B-flat.

Washington Irving is most famous for his Halloween-themed headless horseman from Sleepy Hollow. However, his most enduring holiday contribution may be how we greet Santa Claus. Before 1809, Nicholas was portrayed as a thin, stern bishop who rode a white horse. In that year, Irving described St. Nicholas instead as being a stout, jolly man who flew through the air in a wagon, dropping presents into children's stockings.

The original Popsicles were made in large test tubes, and it took several hours to freeze them. Today, they freeze in about eight minutes, thanks to molds pre-cooled in a super-cold brine.

Laws are often the enemy of technological advancement. Laws in England dictated that any self-propelled vehicle in England had to be preceded by a man with a red flag in daytime and a lantern at night. Passed by autophobic lawmakers and called the first Big Act, the law all but shut down the English auto industry until its repeal in 1868.

If you're familiar with those little yellow Post-it notes, then you know the company name 3M. Do you know what those three Ms stand for? The original company name was the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factman-gers@mingo-barrett.com

Children and treadmills don't mix. See Image on Monday

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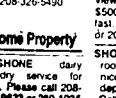
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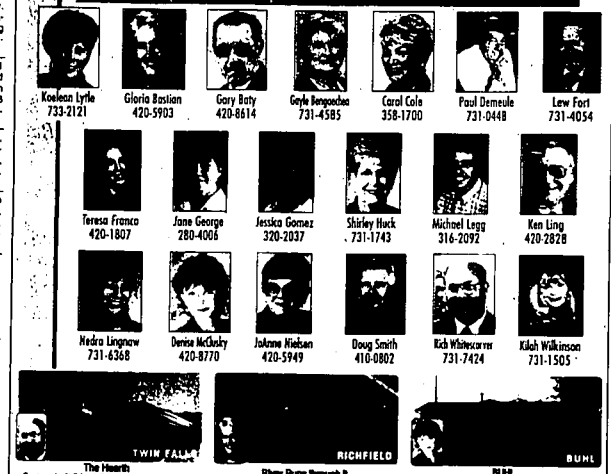
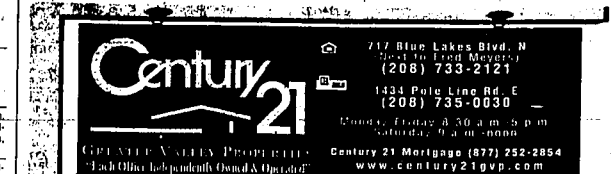
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REAL FUN
DWF, 29, NS, new to area, loves to road trip, camping, sports activities. Looking to meet a motivated man, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. Hollister #807034 @ draker

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SF, 39, mother, kind-hearted, easy-going, soft-spoken, likes camping, fishing, family times. Looking to meet a light-hearted, child-friendly man who wants to share friendship, fun times, and a possible LTR. Burley #827646

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I'VE BEEN LOOKING
SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BWF that keeps herself up. Gooding #873660

LOOKING TOO
SWM, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding the way home, seeks SF, 35-55, to get to know each other. Paul #875531 @ heinbak

WORTH IT
SWM, 28, 6'2", shaved head, red goatee, 225lbs, very athletic, enjoys metal and rock music, snowboarding. Looking for an outgoing girl who wants to have fun. Hollister #874113

HOW ABOUT ME?

SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship/relationship. Murtaugh #743399

LOOKING!
SWM, 53, kid-at-heart, laid-back, enjoys driving to the mountains, thunder storms, fishing, hunting, gardening, road trips, dancing, tv. Seeking SF, 40-55, NS, to share my interests together. Rogerson #842638 @ wlye

BURLEY MAN
SHM, 21, Leo, NS, loves to fish, camp, and play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, to have fun with. Burley #854545

ARE YOU THE ONE
SM, 18, laid back enjoys the out doors looking for someone who shares the same interests please call. Hollister #873481

TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN
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ROMANTIC
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SM, 22, hardworking, likes to ride, family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking smart, child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfield #8742631

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