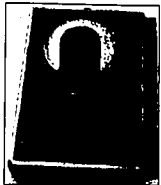


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## Local Marine back on ventilator

He continues to fight for his life after losing legs in Iraq

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He's had more than 100 pints of blood since that awful day in Iraq, but the Marine is still fighting. On Saturday afternoon, Cpl. Travis Greene of Twin Falls was

back on a ventilator in the intensive care ward of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He took a turn for the worse Thursday night when he started bleeding following surgery, but was stable as of Saturday afternoon. "His blood pressure is main-



Greene

tain on his own and his kidneys are holding their own," his parents, Terry and Sue Greene, wrote in their son's online journal on Saturday. "He wants to write, but does not have the energy to do it." His older brother, Dustin

Read some of the messages of hope sent to Travis Greene:

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Greene of Meridian, went down to the Boise office of the American Red Cross on Saturday and gave blood in his brother's name. His in-laws, Bob and Lynn Beutensgaard drove from Twin Falls to Boise to join him. "Everybody has been so help-

ful and giving," Dustin Greene said. "Everybody has just been awesome."

He said his little brother was "stable, but he's starting over from when he got to the United States."

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Bruin track and field team, lost both of his legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramadi, an insurgent hot spot west of Baghdad. One Marine was Please see **GREENE**, Page A2

## 'WE WERE BORED'



Brian Bordenwyk, 21, and Matthew Colvin, 22, left, work on a home Friday in Twin Falls. The two were stranded in the South Hills last week for two days until Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue found them.

## Stranded hunters take ordeal in stride

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Matthew Colvin and Brian Bordenwyk are somewhat nonchalant about spending two frigid days stranded in the South Hills east of here.

Another man froze to death under similar circumstances a few weeks ago. But Colvin and Bordenwyk said it didn't occur to them to be worried.

"We were just camping," Colvin, 22, said Friday. "We're accustomed to the mountains and we had good clothes."

"We were just hoping someone would find us because we were bored," added Bordenwyk, 21.

Nonetheless, the two men became subjects of a massive search and rescue effort last week after they failed to return last Sunday from a coyote hunting trip in the South Hills. As it turned out, their truck had slid off the road near Beaver Dam Pass about 26 miles west of Oakley.

Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue found them Tuesday morning, two chilly days later. Low temperatures in the Magic Valley

the past few weeks have been close to zero. Colvin and Bordenwyk played it smart though. They stayed with their vehicle most of the time, built a fire and shot wild game. They were well prepared for the adventure, with the exception of food.

"We took a bag of chips and three bottles of water," Bordenwyk said.

"The chips ran out Sunday night. Hungry the next day, we shot a few chukars and cooked them right over the fire," Colvin said. Chukars are still in season, he added.

Yes, the men had cell phones. But Colvin somehow lost his earlier Sunday and Bordenwyk couldn't get a signal on his. There was a spring near where their truck ran off the road, so water didn't present a problem.

"We stayed there the first day hoping someone would come after us because I knew if we didn't show up for work someone would come looking for us," Colvin said.

"The search was underway, involving Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, the Cassia County Sheriff's Office, the Civil Air Patrol

and even a Life Flight helicopter. By early Tuesday morning, the pair still hadn't been located, so they started walking down Trapper Creek Road towards some homes they knew were in that direction.

Search and Rescue found them 9 miles from their truck.

Friday, Colvin and Bordenwyk were busy as their jobs installing a heat and air conditioning system at a house under construction in Parkview Subdivision south of Twin Falls.

"Actually, I think it was warmer up there," Bordenwyk said.

While the two men acknowledge they were never worried about their own safety, they said they are concerned about the worry they caused their parents and those out looking for them.

"We want to thank search and rescue," Bordenwyk said. "They stayed up all night looking for us."

By the way, did the two hunters bag any coyotes?

"No, we got stuck right after we got up there," Colvin said.

## President approved secret spy program

Bush defends his authorization of eavesdropping

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing angry criticism and challenges to his authority in Congress, President Bush on Saturday unapologetically defended his administration's right to conduct secret eavesdropping in the United States as "critical to saving American lives."

Bush said congressional leaders had been briefed on the operation more than a dozen times. That included Democrats as well as Republicans in the House and Senate, a GOP lawmaker said.

Bush urges Congress to extend Patriot Act. See page A3

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she had been told on several occasions that Bush had authorized unspecified activities by the National Security Agency, the nation's largest spy agency. She said she had expressed strong concerns at the time, and that Bush's statement Saturday "raises serious questions as to what the activities were and whether the activities were lawful."

Often appearing angry in an eight-minute address, the president made clear he has no intention of halting his authorizations of the monitoring activities and said public disclosure of the program by the news media had endangered Americans.

Bush's willingness to publicly acknowledge a highly classified spying program was a stunning development for a president known to dislike disclosure of even the most mundane inner

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## State prepares to manage wolves

Idaho will take reins from feds on Jan. 5

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — In just a few weeks, Idaho will officially take over most wolf management duties from the federal government.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and U.S. Secretary of Interior Gale Norton are scheduled to sign the wolf management agreement Jan. 5 in Boise, the culmination of a federal

rule approved nearly a year ago. The rule makes it possible for both Idaho and Montana to take more control over managing gray wolves for the first time since they were reintroduced into both states in the mid-1990s. The wolves are considered a threatened species, protected by the federal Endangered Species Act.

Once the agreement is signed, ranchers will be able to obtain permits to kill wolves that are preying on livestock by going to state officials instead of the federal government.

They will be the designated agent of the service," Jim Caswell, the director of the Idaho Office of Species Conservation at Boise, told the Lewiston Tribune. "They call the Fish and Game department and Fish and Game will come out and investigate."

The rules will also allow the states to petition the federal government for permission to kill wolves that are harming big game herds. Still, gaining such permission won't be easy — first state officials must conduct peer-reviewed

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A gray wolf fitted with a radio collar is shown in this photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Trains are decked out in the holiday spirit.

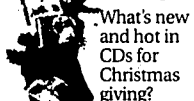
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Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and breezy at times. Highs in the mid 20s. Tonight: Increasing cloudiness, with a few snow showers possible late. Lows in the single digits. Tomorrow: Warmer with occasional snow showers early, then mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies with winds breezy at times. Highs in the low 20s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies with light snow showers developing. Lows in the single digits. Tomorrow: A few snow showers early, otherwise skies will remain mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Clouds will be on the increase today with developing snow showers later tonight. Occasional snow showers or occasional snow showers through the middle of the week.

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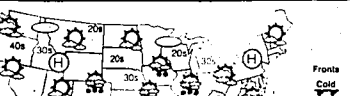
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workings of his White House. Just a day earlier he had refused to talk about it.
Since October 2001, the super-secret National Security Agency has cavedropped on the international phone calls and e-mails of people inside the United States without court-approved warrants.

Wolves

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tions proving the wolves are the biggest problem that big game animals such as elk face. Idaho's Department of Fish and Game's already working on a study which should go out for peer review soon, Caswell said.
The federal government will still investigate and prosecute any wolf-poaching cases, under the rule.
In 1995 and 1996, the Fish and Wildlife Service released gray wolves into central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park as part of a program to re-establish wolf populations in the Northwest. The wolves are now exceeding recovery goals in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Greene

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killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were badly injured and are recovering in the same hospital as Greene.
Greene's parents have been at his brother's bedside 24-7.
"They're really stressed out," Dustin Greene said. "They haven't been getting a lot of rest."
"Travis Greene and his family have received an overwhelming outpouring of support from friends and strangers alike on the family's CaringBridge Web site. CaringBridge is a nonprofit organization that offers free, personalized Web sites to those wishing to stay in touch with family and friends during significant life events.
As of Saturday, there were eight messages from friends, relatives, former classmates and coaches, and a good number of fellow Marines who always sign off with "Semper Fidelis," "Semper Parvum," or "Always Faithful." The messages come from all over the globe, including messages from fellow Marines and soldiers still on the frontlines in Iraq.
Surgeons plan to operate on Greene Monday to clean his wounds -- if he's up to it. Meanwhile, his family is holding out hope that they will be able to return home in Yonagton, Nev. "They have aunt, Jodi Lempos, and they are just so strong -- physically and mentally. God works in mysterious ways, and everything happens for a reason. Every cloud has silver lining and he will someday be somebody's inspiration."

Words of encouragement

As Marine Cpl. Travis Greene fights for his life at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., friends and strangers alike have written touching messages of support in his guest-book on the family's CaringBridge Web site.
Here are excerpts from some of the heartfelt messages Greene has received. To read more, or to leave a message, go to the Web site at www.caringbridge.org and click on "Visit." In the first box, type in "travergreene" and click again on "Visit."
"Vite Sackville West said, 'I worshiped dead men for their strength...forgetting I was strong.' And I believe that you more than anyone understands this quote at this time."
Derek Roberts
Twin Falls
"Hey Travis...I just thought you should know that we are all still very much praying and hoping for the best for you and the rest of the boys. Give them our love. We know you all will get through it together.
Your Friend,
Cpl. Nicholas Understrom
Snake Pit Iraq
"you are my hero, and I look forward to the privilege and honor of shaking your hand when you return to Twin Falls. God Bless you."
Semper Fi
Bob Forster
Twin Falls
"We are Cpl. Bev's brother and sister-in-law. We wish with you all to know that our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We thank you for your service. We know that Joe died doing what he loved with men who were his brothers. We will never forget those who were with Joe or knew him. We will be giving Joe's parents your e-mail so that they may contact you."
God Bless and Semper Fi,
LCP and Mrs. Bier
Garcia and Daniel Bier
Bangor, Wash.
(Cpl. Joseph P. Bier, 22, of Centralia, Wash., was killed by the same improvised explosive device that injured Greene and the others.)
"I wrote a paper earlier this year about my hero and I wrote it about you -- all about you how you always picked on me and tickled me and how we used to play basketball together and when you ran over with your bike and gave [me] stitches in my head and when you beat the crap out of 'that kid for me.' You are my hero, my brother, and I will always love you and will always be there for you whenever you need me till I die. I LOVE YOU SOOOOO MUCH."
Your lil bro,
Chris
"Travis One of the Few and the Proud,"
"it honors me to write in your guest book. I wish you and for your family a speedy recovery. May God Bless and protect you, you are a treasure to this nation. Keep the fighting spirit, my Marine Brother."
Semper Fidelis,
Captain T.O. Evans and the Marines of the Food Service Company, 2nd MHC, Camp Taji, Iraq
"Travis is a fighter and he will survive this ordeal. The prayers of this whole community are with him."
Dan and Sherry Drummond
Twin Falls
"you have many Marine moms praying for your recovery. Thank you for serving our country. Hang in there!"
Kathleen Barnett
Fort Worth, Texas
"Travis, put to work that competitive spirit and determination of yours and get well soon. We love you and our prayers are with you always. We all wish you soon."
Jerry and Donna Kleinoff
Twin Falls
(Jerry Kleinoff was Greene's high school track coach.)
"as the father of a serviceman recently returned from Iraq, I wish to also express my thanks and best wishes to your family. By the grace of God my son is safely unharmed, and I pray that the same God who looked after my son will be with you all, now and always."
Wayne Frandsen
Twin Falls
"My name is Cpl. Tamez with 4th Inf. Bn. Company B Site II Staff. Our Company is just back from Iraq. I just wanted you to know you are in our hearts and minds, and we pray you make a full recovery. You are a brother to us all even though we have never met, but we all feel the pain when a Marine (a Brother) is injured. We all wish you the best. Hang in there and always remember, 'You're Not Done When You Fall Down. You're Done When You Say 'Quit.'
(LEFT) SEMPER FIDELIS
R/S/Cpl. Alex Tamez
USMC
Alexa Tamez
"The entire staff at Twin Falls High School has you in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs. VanEngelen gives us daily updates and we are all proud that you are a graduate of Twin Falls High School. I am so glad your family is with you and we cannot wait to have you come back to 'Bru'ville.'"
Ben Allan
Twin Falls
(Allan is the principal at Twin Falls High School.)
"How I wish I could wrap my arms around you and take away all your hurting."
Grandma and Mom Joyce
Bingeman, Nev.
"Travis One of the Few and the Proud,"
"it honors me to write in your

Donating blood

Marine Cpl. Travis Greene of Twin Falls has had more than 300 units of blood since being injured in an explosion Dec. 7 in Iraq. His brother, Dustin Greene, went to the Boise office of the American Red Cross and donated some of his blood in his brother's name on Monday. His in-laws, Bob and Lynn Beauregard, drove from Twin Falls to Boise to join him. They encourage others to do the same.
"it's important to replenish the blood supply," Dustin Greene said. "He's not the only one who's hurt over there."
More than 16,000 troops have been wounded in Iraq since the conflict began in March of 2003, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.
Those who would like to donate blood should call 1-800-724-4024 for times and locations.

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# President: Extend Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday that senators who are blocking renewal of the terrorism-fighting Patriot Act are acting irresponsibly and standing in the way of protecting the country from attack.

"In the war on terror, we cannot afford to be without this law for a single moment," the president said in a live broadcast from the White House of his weekly radio address.

Senate Democrats, with the aid of a handful of Republicans, succeeded Friday in stalling the bill already approved by the House. The vote to advance the measure, 52-47, fell eight votes shy of the 60 votes required to end debate.

The decision is irresponsible and it endangers the lives of our citizens. The senators who are filibustering must stop their delaying tactics and the Senate must reauthorize the Patriot Act," Bush said.

Opponents of renewing the law, most of whom are Democrats, argue that it threatens constitutional liberties at home.

Most Republicans and other supporters say the act is essential for protecting the country against terrorists. The law was enacted in the aftermath of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Of the 55 Republicans in the Senate, four — including Idaho's Larry Craig — helped to block its passage while two of the 45 Democrats pushed to pass it.

Some of the most contentious elements of the Patriot Act include powers granted to law enforcement agencies to



President Bush delivers his live radio address from the Roosevelt Room at the White House on Saturday.

gain access to secret to library and medical records and other personal data during investigations of suspected terrorist activity.

The law allows the government to conduct taping wiretaps involving multiple phones and to wiretap "lone wolf" terrorists who may operate on their own, without control from a foreign agent or power.

If the law is not renewed, its powers would expire Dec. 31 only for new investigations of people whose criminal activity began after Dec. 31 and who were not associated with anyone who was under investigation before Dec. 31.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and a chief supporter of the original Patriot Act, said in a statement after Bush's radio address that the administration and GOP

congressional leaders rewrote the reauthorization in ways that fell short of protecting basic civil liberties and then attempted to force it through Congress.

Leahy urged Bush and GOP leaders to support a brief extension of the law so that changes could be made in the reauthorization.

"Fear mongering and false choices do little to advance either the security or liberty of Americans," Leahy said. "Instead of playing partisan politics and setting up false attack ads, they should join in trying to improve the law."

The debate over the Patriot Act was fueled anew by a New York Times report that Bush had secretly authorized case-dropping on individuals in the United States without first gaining permission from the courts.

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# Civil liberties often first casualty of war

By Ron Fournier  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Given a free hand after the Sept. 11 attack, President Bush followed the uncertain footsteps of Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, John Adams and other past presidents who made civil liberties the first casualty of war.

Eavesdropping without warrants, redefining torture, building loopholes into the Geneva Conventions and the USA Patriot Act will be parts of Bush's legacy — and a cautionary tale for the next president who struggles with the balance between safety and civil liberties.

Congress is raising its voice. Emboldened by Bush's political woes, lawmakers seem determined after four years of acquiescence to play their role as a check on presidential powers.

On Friday alone:

- Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said it was inappropriate for the super-secret National Security Agency to eavesdrop without warrants on people inside the United States. He promised hearings on Bush's NSA directive.

- Senate Democrats blocked extension of the Patriot Act, which expanded legal eavesdropping and allowed secret warrants for books, records and other items from businesses and libraries.

- The House called on the administration to give Congress details of secret detention facilities overseas.

On Thursday, Bush reversed course and accepted Sen. John McCain's call for a law banning cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of foreign suspects in the war on terror. While the White House's stance on torture did not affect civil liberties of U.S. citizens, it raised questions about the nation's values at home and abroad.

In a related debate, the president has long insisted that hundreds of prisoners held in the war on terrorism are enemy combatants, not prisoners of war, and are not entitled to the same rights afforded under the Geneva Conventions.

Have we gone too far to de-

## Analysis

Send the nation? What happens if we don't go far enough? Those are the questions that haunted Lincoln, Roosevelt, Adams and others who stretched the U.S. Constitution in the nation's defense.

"Civil liberties are always most endangered during wartime and there does seem to be a greater tendency to look for and find domestic and internal enemies during wartime," said Marc Krutman, chairman of history and director of the Center for the Study of Citizenship at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Lincoln suspended the right of habeas corpus — the guarantee against being held indefinitely without being charged with a crime — during the Civil War, arousing opposition throughout the country. In one case, he ignored the order of Chief Justice Roger Taney to grant a writ to a Southern agitator who had been jailed by

military authorities in Maryland.

Fearing war with the French, Adams approved the Alien and Sedition Acts, which, among other things, prohibited people from speaking against the government.

Franklin Roosevelt ordered the internment of Japanese-Americans in camps during World War II.


"There has to be a balance when we're at war between national security and what I call core American values," said Tom Newcomb, assistant professor of criminal justice and security studies at Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio.

Newcomb has observed the balancing act at several levels of government: He has been a CIA station chief, counterterrorism expert at the White House, legislative aide to the House Intelligence Committee and legal adviser to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, the secret Washington court that handles national security issues like NSA eavesdropping.

The best overt example of

this is ... the so-called libraries provision of the Patriot Act. There's no doubt in my mind that it is constitutional, but it seems offensive to the sensibilities of a lot of Americans and may be an example of how protecting our national security can go too far into the core American values," Newcomb said.

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Karlee Hatfield (Mary Sue) & Jordan Stanley (Denny) fall into the arms of their friends after a kiss underneath the mistletoe. A cast of 8 and over a dozen extras sing along in the opening song of this year's television production *A Magical Valley Christmas*.

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# Frist's charity paid half-million to consultants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Minority Leader Bill Frist's AIDS charity paid nearly a half-million dollars in consulting fees to members of his political inner circle, according to tax returns providing the first financial accounting of the presidential hopeful's nonprofit.

The returns for World of Hope Inc., obtained by The Associated Press, also show the charity raised the lion's share of its \$4.4 million from just 18 sources. They gave between \$97,950 and



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Frist's lawyer, Alex Vogel, said Friday that he would not give

\$267,735 each to help fund Frist's efforts to fight AIDS.

The tax forms, filed nine months after they were first due, do not identify the 18 major donors "by name."

their names because tax law does not require their public disclosure. Frist's office provided a list of 96 donors who were supportive of the charity, but did not say how much each contributed.

The donors included several corporations with frequent business before Congress, such as insurer Blue Cross/Blue Shield, manufacturer 3M, drug maker Eli Lilly and the Goldman Sachs investment firm.

World of Hope gave \$3 million

it raised to charitable AIDS causes, such as African and evangelical Christian groups with ties to Republicans — Franklin Graham's Samaritan Pure and the Rev. Luis Cortes' Esperanza USA, for example.

The rest of the money went to overhead. That included \$456,125 in consulting fees to two firms run by Frist's longtime political fundraiser, Lintus Campaign. One is jointly run by Linda Bond, the wife of Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R-Mo.

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# WINE FROM WATER?

## Illusionist puts Biblical accounts to the test

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nashville illusionist Brock Gill never figured Jesus for a master magician.

As an evangelical Christian, Gill always accepted the Biblical accounts of Jesus' miracles as just that — miracles.

But when the BBC asked him to travel to the Holy Land to investigate whether Jesus could have used magic, hypnosis or some other trick to create the illusion of miracles, Gill couldn't refuse.

"I've always been fascinated by miracles, ever since [I was a kid reading the Bible stories]," says Gill, host of the three-hour special "Miracles of Jesus," which will be shown on the Discovery Channel on Christmas Eve.

At the outset, the show makes clear he's a Christian. But Gill says he had to set aside his personal beliefs and approach such stories as the raising of the dead and walking on water with an open mind.

"Before I got into really doing the investigation, I did research on some of the skeptics' views and there were some quite convincing ideas. It rattled me a little bit," says Gill, a 30-year-old with a religion degree from East Texas Baptist University. "I thought, 'I really want to find the truth here.'"

Producer Jean-Claude Bragard says Gill, who could be mistaken for a surfer with his soul patch beard and long blond hair, was a natural choice for host. Gill's act includes levitation, escaping from a sealed coffin filled with water and making coins multiply.

"We realized we didn't need an audience to lead the program, but we needed somebody who



Illusionist Brock Gill, center, tapes his television special "Miracles of Jesus" in the Israeli city of Capernaum in May 2005. Gill's three-hour program investigates whether Jesus could have used magic, hypnosis or some other tricks to create the illusion of miracles.

was interested and knowledgeable about Scripture and particularly interested in the miracles," Bragard says.

The show uses interviews with scholars and dramatizations of Bible stories to examine seven miracles, including the multiplication of bread and fish, the conversion of water into wine, the raising of the dead and walking on water.

One segment questions whether Jesus could have hypnotized a large crowd to convince them he had multiplied bread and fish to feed everyone. In another, Gill slashes

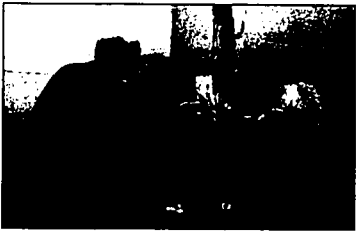
across sandbars in the Sea of Galilee to see if Jesus could have appeared to walk on water by staying in the shallows.

In each case, the conclusion is that Jesus probably couldn't have tricked people into believing they had witnessed a miracle.

"Is it possible? Yes, it's possible that there was some type of trick because I was able to do it," says Gill, who turned water into wine during the show. "But most of those things used technology that he wouldn't have had. We recreated walking on water, but it took three 18-wheelers full of equipment to pull it off."

Bragard says the subject of miracles has "embarrassed" modern scholars of Jesus, adding: "The fact is, he was famous because of his miracles. The people then believed he was a miracle-worker, even his enemies."

For Gill, who mostly performs for churches and other religious groups, delving into Jesus' miracles only strengthened his faith. "Before this year my beliefs were based just on the Bible and what my parents and pastors had told me," he says. "Now I'm really convinced that what I'm believing is the truth."



Little Rock, Ark., Mayor Jim Dailey looks at recently discovered signs designating a site where segregated drinking fountains were once installed in the basement of a 1920's Era building in Little Rock.

## Workers discover segregation-era signs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Workers remodeling an old dime store uncovered a relic found most often in museums and history books: the words "WHITE" and "COLORED" painted over spots where water fountains once hung.

"Well, I was pretty amazed," said Charles Moening, the head of construction on a project to turn the old S.H. Kress store into loft apartments and retail space. "I have never seen anything like that in my life, in person, either."

The black letters stand out from the beige plaster wall, recalling the days when segregation ruled the South. Blacks and whites were kept apart in schools, transportation and other public places.

Mayor Jim Dailey wants the signs preserved in a museum, calling them "a dramatic reminder of a world that we don't want to go back to."

"I used to shop downtown when I was a kid and I used to remember all of those signs," Dailey said Friday as he dropped by the store.

Kress built the store on Main Street in 1943 and it remained a five-and-dime until the 1960s, when a drug store moved in and occupied the space until the 1990s. Developer Frieda Nelson Tirado recently bought the vacant three-story building.

Demolition workers clearing the basement for parking spaces were ripping out old walls about two weeks ago when someone noticed the lettering. On Thursday, Moening helped workers remove the last of the material covering the words. He agreed during the mayor's visit to save the wall from demolition.

Marks on the wall suggest the water fountains were once separated by a partition.

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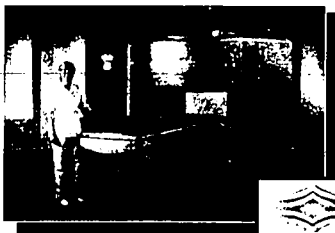
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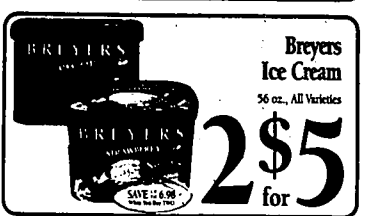
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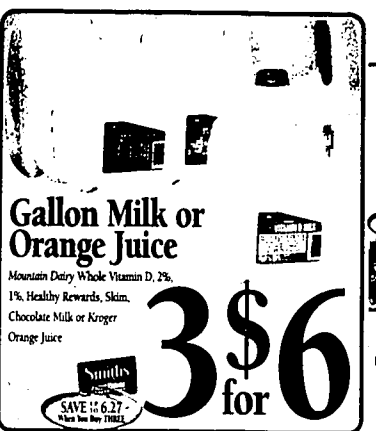
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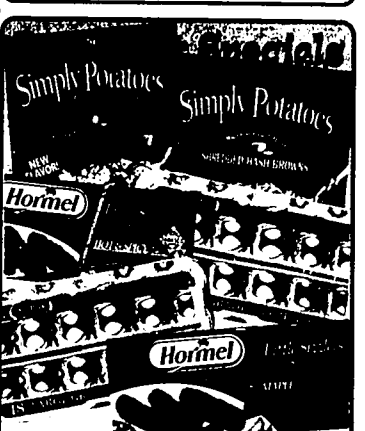
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## EDITORIAL

### Bush must set a vision for full transition in Iraq

While Iraqis have reason to celebrate the landmark year of 2005, most Americans are looking ahead to 2006.

Starting tonight, President Bush should engage Congress and the nation in an open discussion about goals in Iraq, including the drawdown of its military forces in the coming year.

**Our view: The successful elections in Iraq point to a critical crossroads for the U.S. in 2006.**

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

Two years after the overthrow of dictator Saddam Hussein, the Iraqis have conducted not one, but three vital elections in the calendar year. In January, they defied terrorist threats and voted for an interim legislature. In October, the voters returned to ratify a referendum vote for the new constitution.

But this week's events may be the most significant. An estimated 70-percent of eligible Iraqis cast votes for 275 parliament seats on Thursday. The contingent included Sunni Arabs who shunned polls in previous elections. Slowly but surely, Iraq's regional factions are seeing how a democratic process works when they work initiative to nurture it.

Also this week, a new poll showed political interest in Iraq has risen dramatically. Time/ABC News, conducted among 1,711 Iraqis in face-to-face interviews, showed 71 percent think their lives are going well, and 61 percent said security is good. Only 44 percent said "good for their country, but 69 percent said they expected to improve in the next year.

Wrap all these elements into a tight package, and the Bush administration has a promising opportunity for 2006. Bush and his diplomatic team must convince Iraq's newly appointed leaders they must assume the keys to Iraq's security. By doing so, a sense of victory may finally turn into a sense of peace.

The need for this transition is obvious. Support at home is declining for the war with over 2,100 fatalities and 16,000 injured. Even more important, support for the U.S. occupation is dropping in Iraq.

While the intelligence for weapons of mass destruction has been proven false, deposing Saddam Hussein from his reign of terror was

critical to long-term American and global security. Bush said this week, knowing what he knows now, he would have still gone to war in 2003.

We support that stance. But Bush and his advisers failed to adequately plan the occupation of Iraq, to say the least. Military leaders never received sufficient troops on the ground.

Troops were inadequately outfitted for street warfare. The Iraqi army never should have been dissolved.

Letting Sunnis walk away from the political table set the process back a year.

And yet, the evolution of Iraq is still bright with hope. For that, we credit our men and women in the military, who have fought a stealth enemy with limited support from global allies.

But eventually, America's fight in Iraq will need to end. One decisive reason is the price. Operation Iraqi Freedom costs approximately \$5 billion a month. Yet we have become the first generation to fight a war without generating a tax, or ending a tax-cut, to pay for it. If the war is worth the expense, it's worth the sacrifice.

The second reason is security at home. Earlier this month, members of the former 9/11 Commission gave the government "more F5 than A5" in its response to commission findings for homeland security.

"We believe that another attack will occur," said Lee Hamilton, a vice-chair of the commission. "It's not a question of if. We're not as well-prepared as we should be."

For proof, just drive by the National Guard army at the College of Southern Idaho and see the empty courtyard. Members of the 116th National Guard members are home, but over 400 pieces of their equipment (humvees, transport trucks, tanks) stayed in Iraq. On average, Guard units at home have only 34 percent of their essential war-fighting equipment, according to the Government Accounting Office.

This week's events in Iraq reveal a sense of accomplishment in the long hard fight of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now, American leaders must truly show that the future belongs to the key players involved — the people of Iraq.

## Defining victory's tipping point

Victory is the new Clintonian "is" word. As in, it depends on what your definition of "victory" is.

Does victory in Iraq mean when every single insurgent is dead? Well, no, we don't say "insurgent" anymore. The new preferred 'n' improved words are "Saddamist" and "rejectionist." So ... when they're all dead?

Or when every single adult Iraqi is a registered voter and participant in the democratic process? When Iraqi security forces have total control over every town and town? Or does victory mean when the U.S. can claim to have kept her word to the Iraqi people?



KATHLEEN PARKER

So go the questions in the wake of President George W. Bush's recent speeches — four in two weeks — about our role in Iraq. Now that Iraq's historic elections have passed, and were successful by any measure, are we there yet?

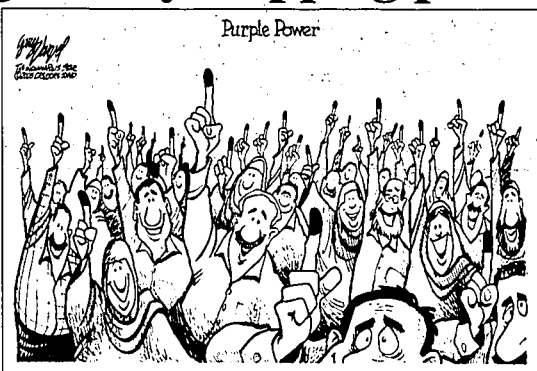
Reading Bush's mind is busy work. With stubborn consistency, he has stuck by his guns — and was successful by any measure — on when the U.S. will pull out of Iraq.

"As Iraqis stand up, we will stand down," he says. "We will not leave until victory has been achieved," he says.

But what does that mean? Given the flexibility implicit in such statements, it's hard to know what he intends. Or whether we can mark our calendars with indelible ink.

The most answer probably is: one we don't care to hear. Bush doesn't know when we're going to leave Iraq, and he doesn't know when victory will be achieved — or even, precisely, what it is, because, among other reasons, how could he?

There won't be a white-flag moment. There is no endpoint in a war against an idea. Most



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likely victory will be a feeling, a tipping point where enough rights outnumber wrongs.

Victory, most likely, will "feel" like this: He came, he conquered, he wants to leave the lights on when he calls it a day.

He wants no Iraqis to say, "America screwed us." That time will come when, as Bush has indicated, Iraq is constitutionally organized and physically secure enough to manage its own fate.

It's clear that Bush doesn't intend to repeat that act of aborted trust. It is no small matter, moreover, to have enmeshed oneself the agent of freedom in an oppressed region. Someone along the way told George W. Bush that he could do anything, and he believed it.

Tempering such grandiosity with self-restraint is the trick, of course, and pride is the man behind the curtain. How does Bush declare victory when he declared it two years ago on the deck of an aircraft carrier? How does he declare victory when Howard Dean and Benjamin Franklin insisted the war is "unwinnable"? How does he declare victory when formerly hawkish Rep. John F. Murchio (D-Pa.) — a decorated war veteran — insists we leave now?

Saying the course is one's own easy road, and Bush is his own worst enemy some

days. It seems tired of his own slogans and platitudes. We won't cut and run. We'll stand down when they stand up. Shift to the left, shift to the right, stand up, sit down, fight, fight, fight.

In one of his speeches, Bush seemed to lose interest in his own text and didn't bother to complete sentences about the Iraq elections. Weary-looking and gray, he has aged dramatically in five years. And why wouldn't he? He had to field as many catastrophes as this president — the 9/11 attacks, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Hurricane Katrina — all while being second-guessed, accused of being a liar, and his every move critiqued by armchair generals.

As the tipping point goes, Bush may be better off to see think. Saddam is on trial, a democratically elected government is in place; the Iraq people seem ready to tackle their own future.

It looks like victory, maybe it is.

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## Push for alcohol tax misses points

As the Anheuser-Busch distributor in Twin Falls, the misguided proposals put forth in *The Times-News* editorial, "Alcohol taxes make ripe revenue for correction," Nov. 20.

The editorial argues that additional revenue is needed to help fund more prisons and that the revenue should come from increased taxes on wine and beer for two reasons. First, because taxes on those products haven't been increased for several years, and second, because the taxes on beer and wine have not kept pace with price increases on those products.

The first reason assumes that all flat-rate taxes should be increased on a regular basis to keep pace with inflation. If that rationale is correct, the kilowatt-hour tax of one-half

mil per kilowatt hour is a flat-rate tax that has not been increased since 1931, nearly 74 years. The sales tax of 25 cents per gallon, another flat-rate tax, has not been raised in a decade.

The second reason to raise taxes stated in the editorial was that beer and wine should be taxed on the percentage of the retail price, like the state's "grocery tax" to reflect price increases over time. The editorial writer obviously did not know that the consumers of beer and wine also pay the "grocery tax" on their purchases in addition to the flat tax. The purchasers of beer and wine pay two taxes, not one. That is not true of the kilowatt hour tax or the gasoline tax

nor the many other products or services sold in the state, which are not subject to either a flat-rate tax or the "grocery tax."

The Idaho beer industry also helps support more than 7,800 jobs paying millions in wages and contributing hundreds of millions of dollars to our state's economy. Many of these jobs are held by hard-working farmers who produce millions of dollars worth of barley and hops for the beer industry. In fact, state and local officials have given strong support to our farming industry to expand barley malting facilities in Idaho Falls to ensure farmers will have a vibrant market for their crop. Higher taxes on beer and wine translate to lower sales, impacting wholesalers, farmers, bar and store owners and thousands of others whose livelihood depends

on these sales. I realize that our lawmakers have many tough decisions to make when it comes to the budget. However, it is a short-sighted and discriminatory tax policy to single out people who use certain legal products for increased taxation, hoping to avoid a public outcry over raising taxes.

The public needs to remember that while taxes on increased taxes may be imposed on beer and wine that they do not use, tomorrow the search for more revenue may look to products they do use. If there are societal problems that need additional tax revenues, then we should share in that burden, not just one segment of our citizenry.

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## LETTERS

**Don't worry, Christmas is here to stay**  
All of this talk about the removal of Christmas and the wild claims people are making about the "history" of Christmas have me laughing. Here are a couple of things to think about.  
The "founding fathers" of our country (for the most part) did not celebrate Christmas. Christmas, which means "Christ's Mass," is and always has been a uniquely Catholic holiday. It is one of the two biggest feast days of the year (the other being Easter).  
What most people don't know is that it was illegal for Catholics to celebrate Mass in the colonies (even on Dec. 25) until the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Furthermore, Thanksgiving came about as a type of "non-religious" alternative to Christmas.  
I really don't care whether or not retailers use the word "Christmas" or holiday (which means "holy day") in their winter advertising. As a Catholic, I will always have Christmas, both the "Christ" and the "Mass."  
PETE ESPIL  
Nampa

**Teachers display poor manners at meeting**  
On Monday night, I attended the Twin Falls School Board meeting as a member of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee and a long-time supporter of teachers and education. Members of our committee, who have worked for months on this project, as well as professionals from Hummel Architects, were to make a presentation to the board. I left that meeting annoyed and disappointed with what I saw.  
In a standing-room only crowd made up primarily of teachers who were there to address the recent contract negotiations (which wasn't even on the agenda), the behavior I saw was appalling. Continuous whispering and

lengthy conversations during the presentation prevented those committee members who had managed to squeeze in the door and were truly interested in what was being said from hearing the presenter. Passing notes with disparaging comments about the proposal as well as disrespectful comments made out loud directly behind the presenter left me wondering how these teachers manage their classrooms.

I have been in many classrooms in this district, both as a parent and a guest teacher, and I am certain that students believing that way during a lesson or guest presentation would be quickly reprimanded. I know

most teachers expect far better behavior from their students. So why didn't I see it among the teachers? It is unfortunate that the behavior of a few reflects so broadly onto all teachers. But surely, you all have kept a whole class in from recess or after the bell rings can understand how that works.

There has been much ado lately about teachers getting the respect, the pay and the insurance benefits that they believe a professional educator deserves. If you want to be treated like a professional, then you must act like one. I didn't see that Monday night.  
Shame on you, teachers!  
MICHELLE DOWARD  
TWIN FALLS

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OPINION

LETTERS

Lost items won't steal Christmas spirit

This letter goes out to the person who decided that you needed our things more than we did.

You took our Christmas Tree, decorations, porcelain doll collection, boxes of things for the youth ranch, tools and the majority of food from our freezer. Besides all the above, you took our sense of trust, and when I pass a home, I look for something familiar.

Things have not been easy for our family since our son was disabled when he was hit by a potato truck and since my husband lost his job. But if you would have asked, we would have shared the little that we had with you. Then we would have both been blessed.

I do wish you a very Merry Christmas. Our family will remember the true meaning of Christmas.

LORIANN JOHNSON  
Rupert

Burley needs a return of a family rink

Roller skating in Burley! I had clean, fun times with my friends at the rink when I was growing up, and I think we need another one in town. (Many people go to Twin Falls for skating, dancing and other entertainment!)

Our city has been very supportive in spirit, supplies or investing in the past, especially for Storybook Park, because we know that by keeping people active, there's a better chance to stay out of trouble.

I know we have a need for this and other family oriented activities (no smoking or drinking) to supplement the other entertainment centers in town. It would also be nice to have some extra structured programs after school for students; more places for day cares to take their kids on field trips; a place where centers with special needs residents can take their residents for dancing and fun; another place to have birthday parties; reunions or team gatherings; and a place where they play different music every night.

I'm interested to know if more people are willing to help make this dream a reality.

KATHY MARKER  
Burley

ACLU hardly a group of wise men this holiday

Yes, American Civil Liberties Union, there is a Christ in Christmas.

His name is Jesus, and he came to earth to teach us to love one another — not to necessarily love their deed and actions, but the person.

He taught us moral values of taking care of our children and giving them time to grow up, to play, to learn and to be protected from pornography and adults who proclaim love when their heart is filled with lust for innocent youngsters.

He taught us to support our country, pay our taxes, and be law abiding. He didn't expect us to have to deal with judges that flex their muscles to make new constitutional laws and don't flex their minds in determining the actual meaning of the Constitution this country was founded on. The ACLU is fighting to keep "conservative judges" off the Supreme Court so its liberal agenda has "muscle flexing" supporters.

Jesus taught us to love everyone, no matter race, creed or religion. According to the ACLU, Christmas is no longer a "political correct" term. If that is allowed to happen, what will be next — nor more use of the word "Hanukkah" or "Kwanzaa", perhaps just a blanket greeting of "Happy Generic Holiday"? What other free speech will be taken away?

Our forefathers came here for religious freedom. The United States is a melting pot of people from all over the world who have left their homes in search of freedom — freedom of religion and also freedom from tyranny.

The U.S. Constitution has served this country and the many nationalities that have become U.S. citizens for well over two centuries. I personally don't think the ACLU can

claim to have served the U.S. citizens at all. It's time to go back to the basics this country was founded on and allow us the religious freedom to celebrate Christmas, not as a "politically incorrect" term, but in an open way, recognizing the reason for the season — Jesus Christ. To also ensure the seasons of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and other holidays may always be celebrated openly and freely.

Perhaps it's time for the ACLU to change its name to FCLU — the Foreign Civil Liberties Union. I feel that is more "politically correct," since it doesn't seem to hold the same values that have brought so many to this wonderful nation.

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# Riots temper WTO talks

## Delegates try to reach deal amid discord

HONG KONG (AP) — Protesters opposed to lowering trade barriers swung bamboo sticks at police Saturday and tried to storm a convention center where World Trade Organization delegates were negotiating a global accord on farming, manufacturing and services. At least 70 people were injured overnight into Sunday trying to overcome differences on a draft text, but failed to agree on a deadline to eliminate agricultural export subsidies. India's trade minister, Kamal Nath, said a deal had been reached, but he was swiftly contradicted by a spokesman for the European Union trade commissioner.

On Saturday, security forces scattered the crowd of protesters with tear gas and pepper spray, and 400 people were detained after the worst street violence in Hong Kong in decades. The injured included 10 police officers.

The protesters included South Korean farmers, Southeast Asian groups and activists from the United States and Europe. They are concerned that WTO efforts to open up global markets will enrich wealthy nations at the expense of poor and developing countries.

By early Sunday, police ordered demonstrators staging a sit-in on a major road near the site to disperse and began dragging them away and loading them in buses.

Leading delegates met into Sunday in hopes of reaching an agreement on a text that showed only incremental progress after nearly a week of largely fruitless talks on how to reduce trade barriers in services, manufacturing and farming. The talks focused on the contentious proposal to

end export subsidies by 2010 — an issue that could make or break the entire gathering. "Today is the day," Fernando de Matos, a Portuguese WTO ambassador to the WTO, said early Sunday. "At least I hope there is going to be a result. That's my expectation."

The U.S. trade representative, Rob Portman, said negotiators were close to a deal, reporting modest progress on market opening measures for farm and manufactured goods and services. "The expectations were relatively low for Hong Kong but I think we're making some incremental progress," he said.

Portman said delegates discussed possibly pushing the date to end export subsidies back to 2013, and Nath said that proposal would be acceptable to him, one of the leading developing nations and a key player in the rules-setting World Trade Organization.

The Hong Kong meeting was originally meant to provide a detailed outline for a global free trade agreement by Dec. 31, 2006. However, the European Union is refusing to open its agricultural markets any further until developing nations offer to lower their trade barriers to industrial goods and services.

"Europe made a major effort to save these talks," Peter Power, spokesman for EU Trade Commissioner, Peter Mandelson, said Sunday. "However the goal posts moved at the last moment. There's a deal at the moment."

Outside the convention center on Saturday, police fired tear gas to quell hundreds of rioters, some wearing helmets and covering their faces with scarves to ease the effects of the tear gas. Demonstrators bashed police with bamboo poles and used a metal barrier to aim a line of police armed with riot shields.

At one point, activists broke through police lines and came close to storming the WTO's harbor-side meeting venue. The police fought back with clubs, pepper spray and water can-

ons that sprayed a chemical mixture that burned the skin and eyes.

"The use of tear gas was too violent," said Elizabeth Tsing of the Hong Kong People's Alliance on WTO. "Police knew lots of citizen onlookers and press were there and they didn't give any warnings beforehand."

# Groups distribute aid in South Asia quake zone

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — NATO and UNICEF said Saturday that they are racing to get aid to earthquake survivors in the devastated areas of northwestern Pakistan and the disputed Kashmir region before harsh conditions worsen from heavy winter snow and rain.

The U.N. agency also said it was beginning to train local health workers to run medical centers and distribute emergency kits to survivors. NATO said the Dec. 27 arrival of a contingent of Italian engineers had brought the alliance's disaster relief team to a full strength

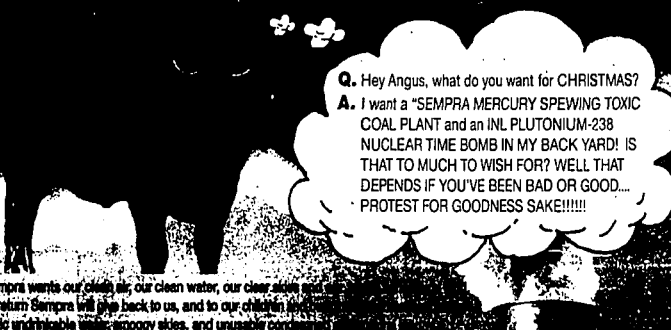
of more than 1,000 people. The engineers brought 136 vehicles, including dump trucks, excavators and bulldozers to repair roads, schools and bridges. The alliance said it has brought in about 3,000 tons of supplies on more than 153 flights from Europe.

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# Comments on Israel thought as strategic

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Remarks by Iran's hard-line president that the Holocaust was a "myth" and Israel should be "wiped off the map" are not just bold comments by a novice leader, but part of a strategy to keep anti-Israel sentiment alive in the Middle East, analysts said Saturday.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose comments have drawn international condemnation and ratcheted up tensions in an already volatile region, is also trying to revive the radical fervor of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution after eight years of rule by a more moderate Iranian government.

"The man is still living in 1979 and believes Iran represents a revolution more than just a state," said Mustafa al-Badri, director of security studies at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai. "He believes (verbally) attacking Israel, which was a key principal of the revolution, will serve Iranian interests in the region more than public, national policies."

Ahmadinejad, who took office in August, caused an international outcry last October by calling Israel a "disgraced blot" that should be "wiped off the map."

Leaders around the world also condemned him in recent days for calling the Nazi slaughter of Jews during World War II a "myth." He added that if the Holocaust did happen, then Israel should be moved to Europe or North America, rather than making Palestinians suffer by losing their land to atone for crimes committed by Europeans.

Iranian democracy activists — and some conservatives — say Ahmadinejad's words are hurting the country. In his anti-Israel rhetoric resonates with militants in the hard-line camp, including Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. "His comments have already tarnished the image of a great nation in the world," said reformist writer Ahmad Zandabadi, who described Ahmadinejad as Iran's real enemy.

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# Iraq eases security after vote

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Cars and trucks returned to Iraq's roads Saturday as authorities eased tight security imposed for the parliamentary election, and the main Sunni Arab alliance said it was open to forming a governing coalition with a religious Shiite bloc.

With Thursday's voting held peacefully, Iraqi officials also reopened border crossings, except on the frontier with Syria. They said the Syrian crossings would resume in a few days, but did not say why there was a delay.

There were few violent incidents reported for a third day. In four shootings, attackers killed a former Iraqi air force officer, a member of a prominent Shiite party and two policemen, authorities said.

Although no official vote figures have been released, authorities estimate just under 70 percent of Iraq's 15 million registered voters cast ballots Thursday.

The big turnout — particularly among the disenfranchised Sunni Arab minority that boycotted the election of a temporary legislature last January — have boosted hopes that increasing political participation may undermine the insurgency and allow U.S. troops to begin pulling out next year.

"It is a great thing that the election in Baghdad is being contrary to many elections in the world," Adnan al-Dulaimi, a former Islamic studies professor who heads the main Sunni Arab bloc, said at a news conference.

His Iraq Accordance Front is expected to significantly increase the Sunni Arab presence in the 275-member parliament, whose Sunnis won only 17 seats Jan. 30.

A day after saying he might be able to form a ruling coalition from Sunnis, secular Shiites and Kurds, al-Dulaimi said he also would consider working with the now governing United Iraq Alliance, a religious-based group whose supporters come from three Shiite constituencies.

"For the sake of Iraq, there is nothing impossible. We have to forget the past and we extend our hands to everybody," he said.

# Iraqi army tries to reassert itself

## Insurgents are fighting back

ABARRA, Iraq (AP) — The new Iraqi army coalition swaggered into the city council meeting and got straight to the point.

"Control your towns or we will. If you don't, we're going to do some things in your towns that we don't want to do," Col. Saman Talabani warned the assembled tribal and city leaders. "I don't believe the city council when it says it doesn't know who's doing the attacks."

One councilman was already under arrest for allegedly firing mortar rounds at the home of a tribal leader, and the brigade commander was here to read the riot act. Two days later, on Dec. 3, came the response — a roadside bomb that killed 19 Iraqi soldiers and highlighted the struggle of wills that lies ahead for the Iraqi army as it sets out to take control of the country and hasten the day when American forces can go home.

The meeting with the leaders of the region 55 miles northeast of Baghdad was Talabani's first, but he quickly dispensed with the essential glaring at his audience and raising his voice.

The dozen councilors, most in dark tribal robes, listened quietly. "If our soldiers get shot, I don't care — they can shoot back and level a house," he said, visibly angry because several of his soldiers had been wounded two days earlier in a complex ambush that included attacking the ambulance that came to evacuate the wounded.

Then he strapped on his bulletproof vest and walked out. With a fifth battalion just



Iraqi Army Col. Saman Talabani, center, leaves a meeting with city council members in Abarra, Iraq, on Dec. 2 after warning the leaders to stop harboring insurgents.

added to Talabani's command, nearly 4,000 Iraqi soldiers are in Diyala province, adjacent to Baghdad to the north and east. Most are operating independently of U.S. forces to track militants and keep a lid on ethnic and religious strife.

The Iraqi army, growing in numbers and strength, has begun to challenge local leaders for control of large swaths of Iraq, trying to reassert the dominant position it held during the Saddam Hussein era.

American forces face a delicate task — to pump up the military and at the same time build up a police force that will eventually supplant the troops, but is not too weak to do so.

"You don't want the people to get used to the Iraqi army as a police force," said Capt. Joseph Peppers of Chicago, who trains Iraqi army officers in Diyala.

Yali Nase, a professor at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School

in Monterey, Calif., said: "The greatest casualty of the insurgency in Iraq is democracy because the violence will lead to emphasis on security forces above all else, and that will in time translate into military political power."

At least 200 Iraqi soldiers have been killed or wounded in the province in the past year.

The U.S. military acknowledges that the insurgency in Diyala has deep roots. Abarra was home to Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, a Saddam confidant who remains at large.

And the problem is compounded by the mix of ethnic groups and religious beliefs. Talabani is a cousin of President Jalal Talabani of Iraq's Kurdish enclave. The insurgency is backed by the Sunni minority, dominant under Saddam and now angry and envious at the rise of the Kurds and majority Shiites.

# Most Americans oppose immediate pullout

WASHINGTON (AP) — A solid majority of Americans oppose immediately pulling U.S. troops out of Iraq, citing as a main reason the desire to finish the job of stabilizing the country, an AP-Ipsos poll found.

Some 57 percent of those surveyed said the U.S. military should stay until Iraq is stabilized, while 36 percent favor an immediate troop withdrawal. A year ago, 71 percent of respondents said keeping troops in Iraq until it was stabilized.

In an effort to build public support for his Iraq policy,

President Bush planned an Oval Office address for Sunday night to discuss the U.S. mis-trusts out of Iraq, citing as a main reason the desire to finish the job of stabilizing the country, an AP-Ipsos poll found.

The speech will be his first from the Oval Office since March 2003 when he announced the invasion of Iraq. In the past two weeks, the president has given four speeches on Iraq.

In the poll, when people were asked in an open-ended question the main reason the U.S. should keep troops in Iraq, 32 percent said to stabilize the

country and 26 percent said to finish the rebuilding job under way.

Only one in 10 said they wanted to stay in Iraq to fight terrorism; just 3 percent said to protect U.S. national security.

"You've got to finish the job," said Jerry Waterman, a state manager from Superior, Wis. "The whole world is looking to us for leadership. We can't have another Vietnam."

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# SEASONAL SIGNS

## Alaskans mark winter solstice as turning point toward spring

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Lloyd Leavitt shrugs off the sub-zero freeze that blankets the Arctic town of Barrow each winter. It's the weeks of endless night that get to him, filling him with insatiable cravings for carbohydrates and sleep and natural light.

"There comes a time when you don't know if it's morning or evening. You get confused," said Leavitt, who has lived all his 49 years in the nation's highest-latitude community.

Leavitt has plenty of company when it comes to dealing with Alaska's dark side. No matter how far south you go, the state is still way north of the rest of the country. That means all-around days that get increasingly short as you travel farther north — the flip side of the state's famous midnight sun.

Yes, winter brings shorter days in other states as well, along with extreme cold, so winter doldrums can fester in those places, too. But Alaska is the U.S. vortex of seasonal blues. No wonder residents here eagerly anticipate the passing of winter solstice, the psychological turning point toward spring. It's not the cold, but the darkness that makes winter so hard for many.

The sun won't rise again in Barrow for another month after the solstice, which falls on Wednesday. But for Leavitt and others in the largely Inupiat Eskimo town of 4,500, it marks the countdown to daylight, which also is celebrated in a three-day April festival that precedes the spring whaling season.

In the meantime Leavitt avoids his home with rainbows-colored Christmas lights.

"They keep the spirits up," he said. "Winter is a drag to some extent for one out of five Americans, studies suggest. A smaller fraction — mostly women and young adults — suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder, a type of depression stemming from decreased daylight."

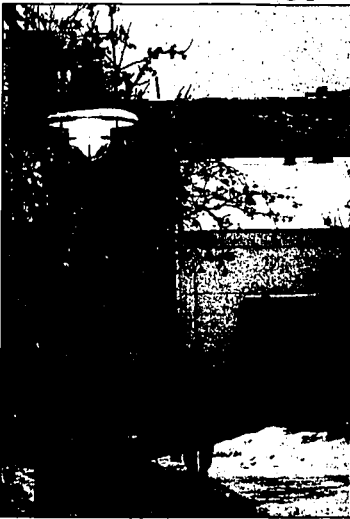
Nearly 10 percent of Alaskans suffer from SAD to some degree, according to a 1992 study published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, in sunny Florida. It's only about 1 percent.

SAD symptoms include lethargy, a heightened desire for sleep, cravings for carbohydrates, feelings of melancholy, fuzzy thinking and loss of libido or sociability, said Suzanne Monack Srisak, an assistant psychology professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She's also a practicing psychologist in the state's largest city, where daylight dwindles to 5.5 hours by the solstice.

"There's a feeling like you should be hibernating and carbs are very appealing," Srisak said. "It can be really hard to get up even after eight hours of sleep."

Of course, the majority of Alaskans don't feel any different, no matter what time of year.

Barbara Brandon, a real estate broker who has lived in Anchorage more than 50 years, said she never gets the winter blues other than complaining about



Street and Christmas lights shine around 12:30 p.m. as people walk around downtown Anchorage, Alaska, on Wednesday. As the winter solstice approaches, Alaska experiences short days, the flip side of the state's famous midnight sun.

the cold. Only the first two years here did she feel down, a condition she attributes to being homesick for Texas, Kan., Ark.

Her remedy now for coping with winter stay active rather than merging with the sofa. Until a few years ago, she raced sports cars. There's no shortage of other activities: skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, dog mushing, snowshoe hikes, even running and power-walking.

"I tell people coming up here to get up, get out and do something," Bowden said. "Just take advantage of living here." Sometimes it's not that simple. Severe cases of SAD can be debilitating, often prompting thoughts of suicide. According to experts, however, suicide rates actually peak with increasingly spring light.

"You don't have enough energy to make a plan before then," Srisak said. "It's too much trouble. Once the light starts coming back, there's more energy, but reasoning is still off. There's just enough light to make false conclusions."

Many experts believe the disorder results from prolonged secretion of melatonin, a hormone that affects the biological rhythms in mammals such as sleep and reproduction. According to a leading theory, the extended melatonin secretion reflects the longer duration of darkness, said Teodor Postolache, an associate psychiatry professor and director of the mood and anxiety program at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

"As the night becomes longer,

seasonal mammals," Postolache said. "They are less active, and the appetite and weight increase. Sweets and starches are particularly craved. As the interest in sex decreases, the interest in cookies increases."

While some Alaskans defy winter by embracing it, others cope by exposing themselves to bright-light therapy, which doctors say can be highly effective. Others install full-spectrum lighting in their homes and offices. Some people frequent tanning booths. Some take antidepressant medications. Some self-medicate with drugs or alcohol.

Then there are those who flee the state.

Hawaii is the top choice, followed by Mexico, then Las Vegas, said Brenda La Sane, owner of a travel agency in Fairbanks, where the sun will scrape the horizon for three hours and 42 minutes on Wednesday. It's not unusual for La Sane's clients to run into other Alaskans on their winter vacations abroad.

"I try to get away as much as possible," she said. "The darkness gets to me terribly. I just got back from Anaheim (Calif.) and it made a huge difference visiting for 10 days. I felt so much more energetic."

"Two days after I got back, I was pushing myself to get out of bed."

That's not surprising to Kelly Bohan, an assistant psychology professor at the University of Vermont in Burlington. The travel strategy can backfire, she said.

"The problem is re-entry," she said. "It's like going to sleep on the Fourth of July and waking up on the 24th of December. That can be very jarring."

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# Millionaire known for disputes is shot multiple times, survives

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A former MIT professor and multimillionaire businessman who has been praised for his riveting lectures but also known for his family disputes was ambushed outside his office and shot multiple times, authorities said Saturday.

John J. Donovan was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital after the shooting Friday night and later released, hospital spokesman Arch MacInnes said Saturday.

The 63-year-old founder of consulting firm Cambridge Executive Enterprises was shot several times, and it wasn't immediately clear why he wasn't more seriously injured, police spokesman Frank Pasquarello said. He didn't know if Donovan was wearing a bulletproof vest but said a belt buckle may have helped saved his life.

"There was something in his belt buckle — a bullet or a fragment," Pasquarello said. Donovan described the shooter only as "a white male," Pasquarello said.

It wasn't Donovan's first brush with danger. Two years ago someone fired a rifle at his Hamilton home, and the bullet entered the house, said George K. Regan Jr., whose public relations firm represents Donovan. Donovan consulted a security firm.

"The security company took appropriate action to protect him," Regan said, declining to cite specifics. "After that rifle blast, his awareness level went up. But he didn't live in fear. If



John Donovan, head of Cambridge Executive Enterprises, was shot several times in the parking lot outside the business Friday but was not seriously hurt.

he lived in fear, he wouldn't be alone at night in a parking lot." Donovan was at home on Saturday and had no public comment, Regan said. Messages left at Donovan's business Saturday were not returned.

The former professor called 911 himself after he was shot while in a parking lot outside his company's office near the Massachusetts Institute of Technology campus, Pasquarello said. He said Donovan was found inside a

white minivan. The parking lot is gated and in an isolated area.

"Police were investigating but didn't make any arrests Saturday or determined a motive, Pasquarello said. Donovan, who is worth an estimated \$100 million, has been in a dispute with his children, claiming they are trying to force him out of his home.

A statement issued Saturday by a representative of Donovan's three daughters and one of his two sons said they were "shocked and saddened by the incident."

"It raises concerns about the safety of all of our family members," they said. "We are cooperating with the investigation, and we have no further information at this time."

In 2002, one of Donovan's daughters, who was not identified, alleged in a court affidavit that Donovan sexually abused her as a child. Donovan responded in his own affidavit that the allegation was "absolutely false."

# Santas go on rampage in New Zealand city

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A group of 40 people dressed in Santa Claus costumes, many of them drunk, rampaged through New Zealand's largest city, robbing

stores and assaulting security guards, police said Sunday. The rampage, dubbed "Santarchy" by local newspapers, began early Saturday afternoon when the men, wear-

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# Family that lost five children in crash welcomes new baby

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A family that lost all five of its children in an auto accident six weeks ago celebrated the birth of a baby girl this week.

Jolynn Marie Schrock was born on Wednesday afternoon. Her birth announcement also acknowledged the passing of her older siblings: Jolynn Marie, sent by the One who holds Carmen, Jana, Carinna, Jerni, and Craig in His loving arms." All five children were under the age of 13.

Carolyn Schrock, 35, was eight months pregnant when she lost her children in a Nov. 1 crash in north Spokane County. Her husband, who was driving the family pickup when they were struck by an oncoming vehicle that had veered into their lane, also was seriously injured.

Jeff Schrock, 38, had three surgeries to fix a broken jaw,

both knees and his right arm. He remained at Sacred Heart Medical Center for two weeks until his condition stabilized. Earlier this month, Jeff Schrock returned home to Chiewelah, where he continues to recover from his injuries. He uses a wheelchair and can't move his right hand and arm due to nerve damage.

While Schrock continues to heal, the man responsible for the crash, 55-year-old Clifford Helm, has continued to refuse requests by the Washington State Patrol for an interview as they investigate five potential charges of vehicular homicide.

"Once we've gathered all the facts, we will forward the case to the prosecutor — whether or not that includes Mr. Helm's statement," Trooper Jeff Sevigny said. "Obviously we want to get this wrapped up quickly. But we want to do it right."

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Section B

## Sometimes, it gets cold around here

Every year, the great and sovereign state of Arizona adds 125,000 new residents, and I'll tell you exactly why.

I was in the parking lot of a large discount variety store the other evening, just getting out of my car. Not far away, a guy about my age was doing the same.

He took two steps and then a header on the ice, falling onto his backside and sliding head-first into a large snowbank that the grader had left behind.

I gingerly walked over, helped him to his feet and asked if he was hurt.

"Nothing that three months in the Havasu City can't cure," he replied.

Just so, by the standards of the rest of the Frost Belt, winters in the Magic Valley are mild. But we never gonna compete with Lake Havasu.

Look, there are at least 10,000 Idaho Snowbirds — defined as full-time residents of the state who spend more than six weeks in the sun-kissed Southwest. But that probably understates the annual migration by a wide margin.

Idahoans of a certain age and a certain economic standard will no longer tolerate the weather that the rest of us have endured these days: the past two weeks. Cold, snow — and particularly ice — effectively eliminate their mobility and make those nights in front of "The History Channel especially long."

Look at it this way: You can pay Idaho Power \$400 a month, or you can pay the Balmi Acres RV Park in Arizona \$125 a week. Your choice.

What's more, our winters — even as inoffensive as they've been the past few years — have changed age, in terms of percentage. Some of that has to do with the California economy, of course, but much of it has to do with January in McCall.

Some friends of my mother- and father-in-laws, who live in Sacramento, decided to rent a condominium on Payette Lake one summer. They were enchanted.

So they returned the next summer and bought a house, vowing to stay forever.

A single winter in McCall changed all that. They're back in Sacramento now, living in an apartment and turning up the heat.

What happened in Long Valley that winter to change their minds? Winter, of course.

Look, the only Americans truly comfortable with winter are those who've had a car door fall off when they tried to open it at 35-below. Only in places where winter can actually kill you can you be at peace with stationary thoughts trapping Arctic air aloft for weeks at a time over the place you call home.

I spent one winter in Chicago, going to graduate school. That winter was an especially cruel experience for my roommate, a law student from California.

One morning, Ron went out to the parking lot of the housing complex where we lived, only to find the door to his car frozen shut.

He opened his Thermos and

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## Having a ball

### Students brave cold, raise funds

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Even Cinderella might have envied Rachel Ramirez's shoes.

Under her floor-length white dress, Ramirez's crystal shoes literally lit up with every step she took along the path in City Park Saturday evening. As temperatures dropped into the low teens, Ramirez and fellow Twin Falls High School sophomore Pipe Symington made their way to their own fairy tale destination: the school's winter ball. Held not in a castle or even the high school gymnasium, this year's dance took place in snow-covered City Park under white tents aglow with Christmas lights.

"It seems like there was a lot of effort put into this," Symington said.

The event was the second night of festivities hosted by the senior class in an effort to raise funds for graduation. The students also put on a community dance Friday evening.

"I think the only negative is that it's cold," Ramirez said. The seniors need to raise about \$12,000 to pay for graduation expenses, such as flowers and diploma covers, said Mike Federico, a teacher and advisor at the school.

Sadie Venn, also a senior, explained the reason for the fund-raiser. Typically, the class raises the bulk of the money needed for graduation during



Sydney-Elise Miller dances with friends Tya Miller (left) and Clinton Ward (right) during the Twin Falls High School Winter Ball in City Park Saturday. This is the first year that the school has held the dance under canopy at City Park.



homecoming festivities in the fall. Venn said. This year, however, the seniors donated their homecoming earnings to the American Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, she said.

As crews assembled the white

tents on Friday afternoon, seniors scrambled to put up decorations and install heaters. Seniors Danielle Cutler and Lauren Davis had spent the morning chipping ice away from the cement floor in front of the band shell.

"It's cold, but it's a lot more fun than being in school," Cutler said.

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## Cold in Carey

### Senior citizens cope with arctic blast

By Jamey Colter  
Times-News correspondent

CAREY — If you live in Carey you can count on certain things. Friendly neighbors, quiet nights and snow. These things are what makes Carey wonderful, but the snow can also be a burden on a few of the citizens.

"When the state plow trucks drive past, they throw snow out at my driveway and it snows in," said Verda O'Crowley, of Carey.

O'Crowley has lived in this small Idaho community all her life, the current house for 18 years.

"I haven't moved someplace warmer because I'm the fourth generation that has lived in Carey," said O'Crowley.

"This is my home."

So she takes measures to equip herself against the bitter cold and snow storms.

"I open my doors under my sink at night and put salt on the steps," she said.

Verda is blessed with her daughter's assistance as she lives a block away, but it's still hard to maneuver on the slick ground.

"I have to park my car at my daughter's because I get plowed in every time there's a storm," said O'Crowley.

The plowing across driveways is a common complaint among citizens who live on state highways.

"We just don't have the manpower to go in and plow out everyone who's been affected by our snowplows," said Scott Malone, of the Idaho Transportation Department.

"It's a big enough storm that people are being snowed in by trucks, then we are going to have to have those snowplow drivers out plowing major highways," said Malone.

Malone said there are usually enough private backhoe workers and businesses that would be more than willing to assist people who are snowed in.

But this is exactly what O'Crowley is talking about.

The plow trucks stick me in and then I have to pay to get unstuck, that doesn't seem fair," said O'Crowley.

As O'Crowley battles the snowdrifts, other seniors seem to relax in the solitude winter brings.

"I love being alone," said Keith Justesen, another resident of this small (but growing) southeast Blaine County community. He is, by his estimates, at least a third generation Carey citizen — maybe even a fourth.

And like other residents, probably not the last.

"Don't get me wrong. I like company, my good friend Kay Baird comes over once in awhile and we sit and talk about old times," stated Justesen.

"But you have to have a positive attitude, and I think you have to change your mindset from summer to winter."

Justesen fills his time with his passion for books, politics, ball games, and grandchildren. But he said, not exactly in that order.

Life in Carey has its climatology shifts, challenging those who call this town along the Little Wood River home.

"In the summer, I take my oxygen tank and go get on the riding lawn mower. My family wants to help me but I love to do it myself," said Justesen.

But in the winter there isn't a lawn to cut, so Justesen looks for

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Steve Crump

## Murtaugh joins the world of locked doors

### Mayor vows to crack down on crime

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH — It's been common practice for the citizens of this community to leave their doors unlocked and their keys in their cars.

But that era has come to end in this quiet community of about 700 residents.

Thanks, in large part, to an increase in crime during the last two months. Vandals and thieves have wreaked havoc at a number of residences between the South Hills and the Snake River canyon on the east side of Twin Falls County.

Farmers recently discovered parts and copper wiring missing from their equipment. Vehicles have been stripped of personal belongings. Some folks have reported evidence of attempted home burglaries. And lately, gas stealing has become a problem.

Lt. Don Newman of the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department said his agency recently arrested two people under suspicion of stealing the copper wire. But he also said those thefts aren't necessarily related to the other crimes.

"But why the sudden escalation of criminal activity?"

An obvious presence of law enforcement on the East End disappeared in November when the city could no longer afford to contract with the sheriff's de-



Murtaugh Mayor Carl Melugin, right, says he's going to take care of a crime problem that has sprung up recently in the Murtaugh area. The community lost county law enforcement protection two months ago. His best resource for apprehending crime, he said, is in keeping close contact with community members, such as store proprietor Gregg Ortega, left.

partment for a full-time patrol deputy. But Newman noted that even with a deputy in the area on a frequent basis, it would be tough for him to catch someone in the act of committing the kinds of crimes that are being reported.

"The best way to describe it, is these crimes are random acts of opportunity," Newman said, ruling out gang activity as the cause.

Never fear, the mayor and a tightly knit community on the alert are bent on containing the problem.

Upon discovering that a city pickup's gas tank had recently been siphoned dry, Mayor Carl Melugin warned that he'll be

driving the streets and country roads at night looking for those bent on causing trouble and/or breaking the law.

"An officer can't be here 24/7," he said. Melugin noted the city has purchased a locking gas cap for the city truck.

But maybe even more threatening to small-time criminals is that Melugin has his ear to the ground.

"There's nothing like a network," he said. "Gossip can be a good thing."

Meanwhile, Newman said the best way to prevent crime is to take extra precautions. Locking doors and removing tempting items from vehicles are methods citizens can implement to

protect themselves and property, he said.

Dyson Hansen, who is part of a family farming operation, knows all about loss and protection. He recently discovered that someone helped themselves to hundreds of yards of copper wiring. Because of that incident, he said, the family farm is now under lock and key.

"In my whole life we've never locked our doors," Hansen said. "But we are now."

Resident Scott Perkins has changed his habits, too, since his 2000 Pontiac Trans-Am came up missing. Someone with sticky fingers and a knack for General Motors products took Perkins' car from its parking spot and took it for a ride before abandoning it 8 miles from where the crime began. By the time he got the car back, it had been stripped of stereo equipment, the Christmas presents hidden in the trunk and about 300 compact discs.

"Well, we had our keys in it, just like about everyone else around here," Perkins said. "I've never had things stolen before. It's just so fraky to have a cop take you to your car after it's been stolen."

Newman noted that the return on the stolen items is minimal. The copper wire — which can cost farmers between \$5 and \$10 per pound — is going for about \$1 when sold to a recycling business. Music CDs that cost over \$15 new are only worth about \$1 when sold to resale shops.

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## Snowpack levels

Water shed	% of Aug. 2004
Salmon	94%
Big Wood	99%
Little Wood	90%
Big Lost	96%
Little Lost	84%
Little Lost	27%
Ferries Fork/Teton	94%
Upper Snake Basin	84%
Oakley	103%
Salmon Falls	99%

As of Dec. 17

A comparison of basin snowpack, with a 24-hour average, with the average of last year's snowpack.

## FROM THE HEART

### Community comes together to help needy

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The First Christian Church in Buhl was bustling with activity Wednesday afternoon as volunteers sorted through — literally — tons of food.

Mountains of sorted canned vegetables, soups, pumpkin pie, boxes of mac 'n' cheese and turkey were divided to create food baskets as part of the West End Ministerial Association Christmas

Food Basket Program.

Last year the program helped provide about \$60 worth of groceries to 155 families in Buhl and Castleford. This year may be especially tough for some families, as more and more families will have to likely decide between paying the heating bill or providing a worthy Christmas meal.

The program will also donate 282 Christmas toys to area families. According to NEDDY, Page B7



Volunteer Andrew Kramer, right, sorts through a variety of donated canned goods Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

Blair Koch  
The Times-News

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OBITUARIES

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Esther Grace Johnson



**BUIH**—Esther Grace Johnson, 79, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Esther was born to George and Teresa (Hendon) Tracy on Nov. 14, 1926. Esther was very involved in numerous church ministries, which included teaching children and adults, prayer, visitation, music and worship. Esther's gifts were expressed through her musical talent as well, including piano, organ, violin, bass, saxophone, teleharmonium, accordion and others. Esther had a passion for others and was diligent with her taping and recording ministry for shut-ins and the elderly.

Esther is survived by her husband of 62 years, Don; three sons, Richard Johnson of Twin Falls, Idaho, Stephen (JoAnn) Johnson of Aromas, Calif., and David (Fran) John-

son of Buhl, Idaho; four brothers, Arthur Tracy, William Tracy, Lawrence Tracy and Daniel Tracy; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four siblings, Ruth Tracy, David Tracy, John Tracy and

George Tracy. The family suggests that donations in Esther's name be made to Gideon's International of the Buhl Calvary Assembly of God Church. Thank You! To the MVRMC 2nd-Floor North nurses and staff for their kindness to our mother during her short stay. Also, mom expressed her love and appreciation for all the prayers and consideration by her family, friends, church family and others during her time of need.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl with Pastor Travis Hendrick officiating. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Visitation will be held from 10 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, at Farmer Funeral Chapel with family greeting from 4 to 6 p.m.

Jeremiah D. Lott (JD)



**JEROME**—On Dec. 15, 2005, Jeremiah D. Lott (JD), our dear son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend, was taken from those who loved him; way too soon and long before we were ready to say goodbye.

JD was born March 20, 1985, in Thornton, Colo., to Ray and Jenny Lott. Three years later they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, after his sister, Rashayah, was born. JD attended schools in Jerome up until he graduated in May 2003. After graduation, he went to Treasure Valley Community College on a baseball scholarship for 1 1/2 years. He moved back home and started working for Coors. Last summer he moved to Twin Falls and was living there at the time of his death. JD had been employed for Randy Adams Trucking since November.

JD loved the outdoors and all it had to offer ever since it all began when he was 4 years old and caught his first fish with his dad. Ray and JD spent many hours hunting and fishing together and it wasn't long before the whole family joined in. There are lots of special memories of canoeing, ice fishing, snowmobiling and hunting trips with family and friends. JD liked white water rafting, skiing and snowboarding. Moonlight sturgeon fishing and gathering enough wood to make a "big fire" were times that he cherished as well.

JD grabbed a hold of life with both hands and lived with an exuberant, lively spirit and a happy heart that was shared with everyone he knew. He had a unique and special bond with both his mom and

sister that will never be replaced. Not only were he and Rashayah best friends, but he was her knight in shining armor. He was his dad's best buddy and his mom's pride and joy.

JD earned the nickname "Jib" or "Jubba" when he began playing F-ball in second grade. That was the beginning of a deep love and commitment to "THE GAME." Ray inspired that commitment and love, coaching JD for years, and games, too numerous to count. There are pictures and memories from all stars and traveling, four years of high school baseball, three of them starting for Varsity; while filling in the summer playing American Legion in Jerome and Twin Arage 16. JD was picked to play on the first Junior Olympic baseball team for Idaho and traveled to Arizona with his family to play. One of the greatest highlights came in May 2003 at the state baseball tournament when JD pitched a shut out the first game, batted three for five in the second and then pitched the champi-



onship game for the win for Jerome Tigers.

His teammates and friends, his coaches and family will never forget JD's bright and beautiful smile and that special twinkle in his shining eyes. The joy that he brought and the blessings that he shared in the short time he was with us will forever be etched in our hearts and minds.

JD is survived by his sister, Rashayah; his parents; maternal grandparents, Kent Stadig and Betty Stadig of Michigan; aunts, uncles; and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Guelda and Duane Lott, and his black lab, Bud, on Dec. 9, 2005. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at the Jerome High School auditorium, located at 100 Tiger Drive N., with Pastor Ronald Mathewey officiating. No viewing is planned. The family suggests memorial donations in JD's name at any US Bank Cremation services took place under the direction of the Love-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Glenn Ackerman



**POCATELLO**—Glenn Ackerman, 91, passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at the Idaho State Veterans Home.

He was born Oct. 25, 1914, to William and Lillian (Orrick) Ackerman in Sacramento, Calif. Glenn served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. He married Wanda Disher and together they had a son, Stanley. They were later divorced. He then married Kathryn Anne Williams on May 5, 1949, in Pocatello, Idaho. Together they had five children, Nick, Sandra, Bill, Deborah and Christine. They were later divorced.

Glenn worked heavy construction his entire life. He was

a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and also a member of the I.O.O.F. He enjoyed fishing

and horseback riding.

He is survived by his children, Stanley (Shirley) Ackerman of Rock Springs, Wyo., Nicholas (Nancy) Ackerman of Morgan Hill, Calif., Sandra Ackerman, Deborah Ackerman and Christine Ackerman, all of Pocatello, Idaho; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Bill Ackerman.

There will be a private family gathering and, per his wish, there will be no public services. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. Fourth Ave., Pocatello.

OBITUARY



James Joseph Graffee

**BUIH**—James Joseph Graffee, formerly of Buhl, died Dec. 12, 2005, in Fallon, Nev.

Jim was born to William and Marie (Mard) Graffee on March 29, 1939. He attended Casleford schools and became a welder by trade. He enjoyed guns and was an avid Colt pistol collector. On June 24, 1961, he married Edith Wells. They had four children, James Dean Graffee (Ellie), Faustina Finney (Regie), Fred Graffee (Sherry) and Jane Graffee. On Oct. 24, 1975, he married Cindy Butler. They had two children, Holly Mizzer (Cully) and Heather Graffee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lornie Duffly and Ruby Jones; his brother, Fred Graffee; and his daughter, Jane.

Cremation took place under the direction of the Gardens Funeral Home in Fallon, Nev. No public services are planned at this time.

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Frances Alfonsa Armenta

JEROME — Frances Alfonsa Armenta, 87, of Jerome, beloved mother, grandmother and friend was called to heaven Dec. 15, 2005, surrounded by her loving family and grandchildren.

Frances was born in Del Norte, Colo., on Jan. 5, 1918. She married Agapio Jay Armenta from Monte Vista, Colo., in 1936. They began their family in Colorado and then later settled the family in Idaho. Frances and Jay were married for 67 years.

Frances Armenta is survived by her brother, Arturo Martinez. Frances is survived by her six children, Mary Ann (Keith) Jilsson of Green Valley, Ariz., Roger (Becky) Armenta of



Nampa, Idaho, Jennie (Ruby) Bell of Jerome, Idaho, Rudy (Sandi) Armenta of Ontario,

Ore., Charle (Sharon) Armenta of Jerome, Idaho, and Rosie (Al) Menasco of Bradenton, Fla.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Agapio Jay Armenta, and her son, Mitchell Armenta of Jerome.

We will all miss you Momma!

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

Christopher Wayne Gunter

TWIN FALLS — Christopher Wayne Gunter, 28, passing away at his home in Redding, Calif., on Dec. 13, 2005.

Chris was born June 7, 1977, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Lenden and Cindy (Hill) Gunter. When Chris was 1 year old, his mother passed away with breast cancer. With the help of Grandma June, Aunt Sheri and several neighbors and friends, Chris and his father forged through the toddler years and Chris became his dad's constant companion, even learning to fish by the age of 3. When Chris was 7, his father married Reva Johnson and Reva immediately adopted Chris and became the proudest mother in the world. Chris was Lenden and Reva's only cherished child. Chris attended schools in Twin Falls and excelled in all sports including track and field, football, basketball and all-star baseball. He went to state with his track and field team, both his junior and senior years.

After graduating from high school in 1995, Chris went to work for Bureau of Land Management. He worked hard to excel and had future goals set that were truly admirable and he quickly succeeded. He advanced to fire fighting and soon was a Smokey Bear Hot shot for the Budozo, New Mexico Hot Shot Fire Crew. His



ultimate goal was soon accomplished — being one of the distinguished, but few nationwide smoke jumpers. He was based out of the Redding, Calif., smoke jump base and had been awarded the great task of rookie training along with his regular smoke jumping responsibilities. His parents could not have been prouder.

Chris could not wait for hunting season each year so he could hunt with his father, Uncle Jerry and his friends. It seemed mostly a bonding experience rather than hunting though. Fishing was a favorite pastime too. If anyone wanted to go, he would be there.

Around his family and

friends, Chris was a true clown. The antics, shenanigans and movie star imitations were nonstop. If you were around Chris, you were a happy camper. Chris was also an extremely heartfelt person. His kindness, concern and sensitivity to others was great. His mother will terribly miss his long talks.

Chris is survived by his father and mother, Lenden and Reva Gunter of Filer, Idaho, his paternal grandfather, Jene Gunter of Twin Falls, Idaho; three uncles, Jerry Gunter of Twin Falls, Idaho, Ben Gunter of Hagerman, Idaho, and Steve (Barbara) Johnson of Buhl, Idaho; two aunts, Sheri (Al) Robinson of Billings, Mont., and Fay (Fred) Baker of Veradale, Wash.; several cousins; and his beloved family of smoke jumpers and friends.

He was preceded in death by his biological mother, Cindy (Hill) Gunter; his paternal grandfather, Kermil Gunter; his maternal grandparents, Robert and Jewel Johnson; and his uncle, Clayton (Fuzz) Gunter.

A celebration of Chris' life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lapwai gets a new mayor

LAPWAI (AP) — A recount confirmed that David T. Fazio is officially the new mayor of Lapwai.

The recount came at the formal request of Solo Greene, one of Fazio's opponents in the election. After the recount, Fazio received 133 votes — one less than originally counted on Nov. 8 — and Greene received 116 votes — eight less than the first count. Current Mayor James Angle received 24 votes in both counts. "It's time to go to work," Fazio said after the recount. "I'm happy the process took care of itself, and obviously I'm happy to move forward."

SERVICES

Rance Hinnewinkel, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Worker Catholic Church, 7405 S. Redwood Road; viewing from 6 to 7 p.m. today at McDougal Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood Road, Taylorsville, Utah, where a rosary will begin at 7 p.m.

Phyllis Welker Turgoose of Langley, Wash., funeral at 1:30 p.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Langley; viewing from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Vissler Funeral Home in Langley and from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Monday at the church.

Patsy Louise (Darling) Campbell, of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

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

Alford Grover Harrell of Heyburn, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Friends may call from noon to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Virgil Carlile**  
HEYBURN — Virgil Carlile, 92, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Highland Estates in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Dennis Stoneman officiating. A viewing will be held for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at the mortuary.

**Curtis Robirds**  
HEYBURN — Curtis Robirds, 82, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.

At his request, no formal service will be held. A private family burial will be held in

Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

**Bruce Payton Olsen**

TWIN FALLS — Bruce Payton Olsen, 64, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Zenda Lee Schmidt**

TWIN FALLS — Zenda Lee Schmidt, 74, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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Breakfast Menu  
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Doughnuts  
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day.

Monday: Cook's choice  
Tuesday: Chicken and waffles  
Wednesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**BUHL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday: Blueberry pancakes  
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza  
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day.  
Monday: Hot dogs  
Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken  
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL**

Breakfast Menu  
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.

Monday: Breakfast on a stick  
Tuesday: Breakfast on a bun  
Wednesday: Bagel  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day.  
Monday: Spicy chicken or chicken sandwich, french fries.

pears  
Tuesday: Hamburger, cheese-burger or burrito  
Wednesday: Baked potato special  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**CASTLEFORD SCHOOL**

Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served daily.  
Monday: Doughnuts  
Tuesday: Bagels  
Wednesday: No school  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served daily.  
Monday: Beef and gravy  
Tuesday: Burritos  
Wednesday: No school  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**FILER SCHOOL**

Monday: Chicken nuggets  
Tuesday: Tacos  
Wednesday: Turkey gravy  
Thursday: Corn dogs  
Friday: No school

**HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Breakfast Menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Egg McMuffin  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch Menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Chicken party  
Tuesday: Stoppio Joes  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
Thursday: No school  
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Monday: Burritos  
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**KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Burritos  
Tuesday: Chicken fillet

Wednesday: Pizza square  
Thursday: No school  
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Thursday: No school  
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**MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Choice of milk served daily.  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Cheese toast  
Wednesday: Muffin  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Macaroni and cheese  
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Nachos  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Breakfast menu  
Monday: Muffin or yogurt and trail mix  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy or graham crackers and yogurt  
Wednesday: Churros or yogurt or cereal and trail mix  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Chicken sandwich  
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak  
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Thursday: No school

Friday: No school

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Milk served daily.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs and ham  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Milk served daily.  
Monday: Beef tacos  
Tuesday: Pasta bar  
Wednesday: Corn dog  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Monday: Italian dunkers  
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich  
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Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY**

Milk served daily.  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs and ham  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Stoppio Joes  
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Thursday: No school  
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**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Breakfast is served daily.  
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco

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# New fort replica will resemble original

By Tom Bennett  
The Daily Astorian

ASTORIA, Ore. — The new Fort Clatsop will look a bit more rustic than the one it's replacing, but will also include some modern safety features to prevent the sort of fire that destroyed the original replica.

A design team assembled by the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park has come up with a blueprint for the new fort.

More than 400 Douglas fir logs were donated by Stimson Lumber Co., Longview Fibre Co., Hampton Affiliates and Weyerhaeuser Co. Reconstruction work kicked off Dec. 10, the 200th anniversary of the day an expedition started work on the original fort.

The fire that destroyed the 50-year-old replica on Oct. 3 stunned and saddened park staff, local residents and Lewis and Clark fans across the country, but it also provided an opportunity for the construction of a new fort that more closely resembles what the expedition's winter encampment probably looked like.

The design effort attempted to balance historic authenticity with modern concerns for safety and durability, while creating an icon as enduring as the original replica.

"The fort built in the 1950s was very successful because it really connected people to the story," said Chip Jenkins, Lewis and Clark park superintendent. "I told Pete our goal is to be that successful."

Project manager Pete Field said the designers used the plans of the first replica as a starting point, then combed through the Lewis and Clark journals, eyewitness accounts from people who visited the fort after the explorers' departure and more recent scholarly research for information on the fort's likely appearance.

They also took some clues from the program "The Big Build" on the History Channel, which recently featured an episode in which a group in Kansas built a Fort Clatsop replica using 200-year-old tools and techniques, Field said.

It was long accepted that the first replica, constructed by the local firecees and other service clubs with mostly volunteer labor, was probably much more expertly crafted than the one Lewis and Clark's wet, tired men threw together in a few weeks in December 1805.

"We've been consistently hearing if we could make it look more rustic," Jenkins said of the new replica.

The new Fort Clatsop will be built on the old replica's footprint, even using the original concrete footings, with the



John Markham of Arch Cape, Ore., strips bark off a log Dec. 10 as he helps with the new Fort Clatsop replica.

same number of rooms and the same roofline. But there will be changes.

For starters, the ends of the logs where they meet at the building's corners will be fashioned to appear as if they were cut with axes, versus the cleanly cut logs on the original replica, and will be staggered instead of neatly lined up, Field said.

And thinking will be placed in between the logs, much like the original fort had, although a modern substance will be used instead of the mud Lewis and Clark's men used, he said.

The first replica also used 50-foot logs on the outer walls, but the team decided logs that big would have been difficult for Lewis and Clark's men to manhandle into place, and instead are using logs no more than 20 feet long, Field said.

Many think the expedition didn't even bother to peel the bark off the logs used in the original fort. But the logs in the new replica will be peeled, mostly because that's the only way they can be pressure-treated, Field said.

The new fort will also include some modern features, notably a fire-detection and suppression system. The warning system will automatically notify the local 9-1-1 center of a fire's location, and the suppression system, likely to be water-based sprinklers, will be capable of controlling the fire long enough for local fire crews to arrive.

The old replica had no detection system, which resulted in firefighters driving around the area the night of the fire before they were able to discover the blaze was at Fort Clatsop.

The fort will contain fireplaces and fire pits just like the old replica, but the fixtures will be built with modern materials and designs. The fire pits will be screened and portions of the adjacent floor will also be built with fireproof materials, Field said.

A stray ember from a fire in one of the fire pits is believed to be the cause of the fire.

Field and other designers recently shared their plans with

Club, who helped build the fort's concrete foundation.

The new plans, Feary said, seem a lot more precise than what he and the other builders relied on 50 years ago, when they had little more than an illustration from artist Rolf Klep based on William Clark's crude drawing. But he and the other veterans of the 1955 project are happy to see a new Fort Clatsop going up.

"It provides a very good thing for the public," he said. "We watched family and friends come, and they think that's where they lived. That's what it's all about."

"The message we got from them, was that they did that for the kids," Field said. "They didn't do it just to build a fort."

some of the builders of the original replica, including Ed Feary, a member of the Lions

## Peyote defendant strikes plea deal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Weber County man, one of three Utahns charged with peyote distribution despite their claims of a Native American Church exemption, has struck a plea deal with federal prosecutors.

Nicholas Walter Stark pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court on Thursday to a single count of possessing coca leaves. Sentencing was set for March 27.

In exchange for his plea, federal prosecutors agreed to dismissal of two counts of peyote distribution.

The federal peyote charges were brought last summer against Stark and James and Linda Mooney, founders of the Oklevueha EarthWalks Native American Church of Utah in Benjamin, after similar state charges against the Mooneys were struck down by the Utah Supreme Court.

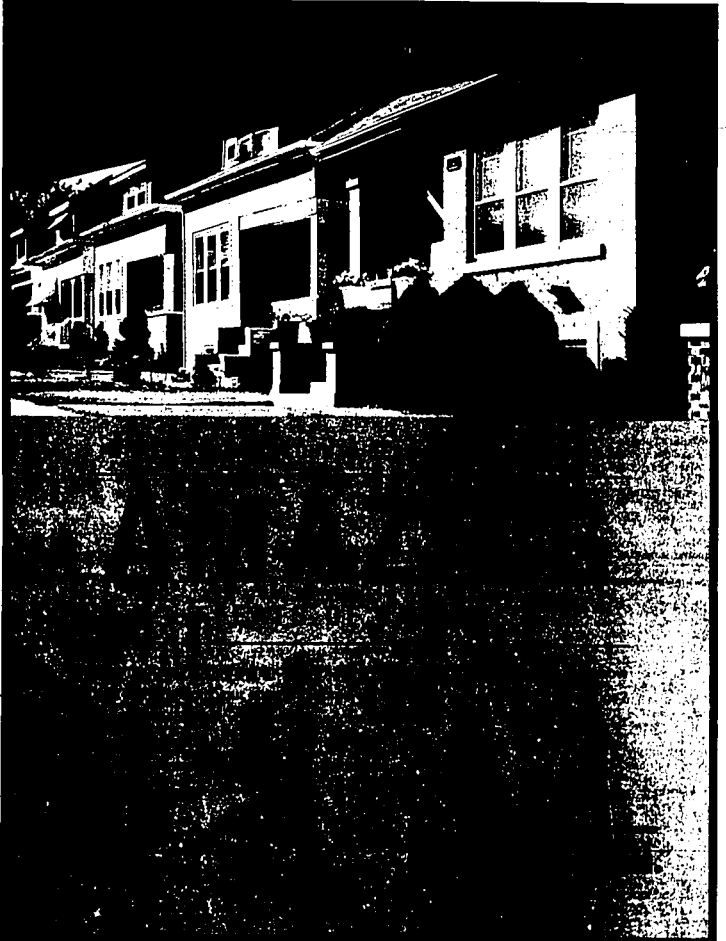
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## Bad-check probe nets mom and adult daughter

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman and her adult daughter were arrested Friday for investigation of felony fraud in the writing of thousands of dollars in bad checks across Utah during the past year. A second adult daughter also is being sought.

Syracuse Sgt. Mark Sessions said Raelynn Courmier, 57, and her daughter, Alma Frazier, 33, were arrested in Magna, less than two hours after police held a news conference about the investigation. Felony fraud warrants also have been issued for another daughter of Courmier's — Roselynn Ellis, 35, who is believed to be in Maine, he said.

Police said Courmier and her two daughters are suspected of cashing more than \$100,000 in bad checks since January. But the rate of the check-writing spree escalated during the past three months, with up to 20 bad checks, totaling as much as \$2,000, being written daily.

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# Capitol 'wings' plan gets clipped

BOISE (AP) — A plan to build an underground addition to the Idaho Statehouse has been narrowly rejected by a interim committee of lawmakers.

Instead, the task force will recommend to the full Legislature next month that the small hearing rooms be added to the space underneath the stairs and plaza in front of the Statehouse.

The plan, with a cost of about \$15 million for an added 30,000

square feet of space, will serve as a starting point for legislative discussions. But the discussions may not go far — most Senate leaders oppose the proposal, which only passed by one vote after a senator missed the task force's meeting on Friday, The Idaho Statesman reported.

The state decided to renovate the Statehouse several years ago, but Gov. Dirk Kempthorne halted the project when the economy and an income tax cut

combined to force several years of deficits, from which the state seems to be emerging.

This 100th anniversary of the structure was supposed to include the Legislature's return to the newly restored building. Now, even the most optimistic plans place that homecoming in 2010.

The House and Senate leaders have struggled to find any agreement on how to handle the renovation.

Some lawmakers suggested that the old Ada County Courthouse, next door to the Statehouse, be renovated or reconstructed to serve as an extension of the Capitol building. But Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, stalled that debate last year when he suggested that instead wings be added to either side of the Statehouse.

That helped spark the task force, which includes top lawmakers from both chambers.

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## 'Tis the season for stealing?

Police: Shoplifting increases in Idaho during holidays

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Police say some northern Idaho residents might be finding some stolen items under the Christmas tree this year.

Shoplifting increases during the holiday season, along with auto burglaries and car thefts, Coeur d'Alene Police Lt. Jay Heintz told The Spokesman-Review, costing retailers thousands of dollars in lost profits.

Crowded stores full of customers waiting to buy their gifts can make it easier for shoplifters to sneak out undetected, officials said.

"A lot of people do their Christmas shopping at Wal-Mart," said Cpl. Dave Reagan said, a sheriff's spokesman in Spokane County, Washington.

Shoplifting reports from Old Navy, Sears and Macy's are also common. In part because they have in-house security officers filling out the necessary paperwork.








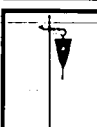
Techniques vary from thief to thief. The bed, Bath and Beyond department store in Coeur d'Alene reported that last week, one woman simply loaded a cart with goods and pushed it nonchalantly out the door, unloading the merchandise into her car. When an employee followed and asked for a receipt, she said, "Sure, just a second," got into her car and drove off, according to the Coeur d'Alene police report.

The Sagle woman reportedly drove away with a 67-piece set of china dishes, an ice cream machine, waffle maker and three area rugs, worth more than \$400.

Just across the Washington state border in Spokane County, a father took his family to a Wal-Mart to do a little Christmas shopping, Reagan said. After the dad picked out his items, he had one of his sons run to the car to fetch an old Wal-Mart bag to carry the goods — including four portable Sony PlayStations, a digital camera, a video game and a pot costume. The whole scene was watched by security on video cameras, officials said. The family was stopped when they walked out of the store without paying, according to police reports.

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# Spokane diocese ads seek out abuse victims

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Catholic Diocese of Spokane plans advertisements seeking alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests who have not come forward to file a complaint. As part of its bankruptcy case, the church hopes the \$160,000 campaign will help determine how many people were abused by clergy in Eastern Washington. The deadline to file is March 10.

Ads are to appear in USA Today and the Jan. 8 western edition of Parade Magazine, as well as in daily and weekly newspapers in Washington state.

The move resembles that of the Archdiocese of Portland, the first in the nation to file for bankruptcy in the face of mounting sex abuse claims, which began running ads in January to alert victims of an epidemic.

The Spokane diocese's ads follow notices, mailed to former Catholic school attendees, that name eight priests credibly accused of sexual abuse.

Some victims who have already filed claims were upset by the letters because they didn't include names of their alleged abuser, including now-deceased Rev. Joseph Sondergeld.

Sondergeld served in both the Yreka and Spokane dioceses. Shaun Cross, an attorney for the diocese, said the church meant no harm in sending the letters. "We're seeking finality to this case and trying to find out everything we can."

The Diocese of Spokane serves more than 90,000 Catholics in more than 80 Eastern Washington parishes between British Columbia and Oregon. The diocese sought Chapter 11 protection in December 2004, listing \$1.1 billion in assets and \$81.3 million in liabilities, mostly sexual abuse claims.

The diocese has appealed a recent ruling that individual parishes are not to be considered assets when fashioning settlements. The properties are believed to be worth an additional \$60 million.

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# Needy

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ing to association members, local food banks and other agencies that have a need.

"Families feel good about this," said program Chairman Marilyn Butler of the Bulh Episcopal Church. "This time of year it is so important to provide and give to those who need."

Local churches within the Ministerial Association have collected cans of food, along with kitchen staple items like flour, sugar, shortening and margarine.

The food bank program's success is dependent on the generosity of volunteers across the area, including schools and businesses.

The elementary's K-Kids Club and high school Key Club have held food drives and collected toys for children, Butler said. "And some local businesses have collected as well. We also get other donations and cash from area civic groups, businesses and individuals that want to help."

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He said that the association started preparing in early November.

"You can tell that this is one great big project that is done extremely well," he said.

Berinda Schlaick, Puppelwell Elementary fifth-grade teacher and K-Kids Club leader explained that the club has held a canned food drive at the school since the club's inception three years ago.

"We hold a contest to see which class can bring in the most cans," she said. "Winners get their table decorated at lunch and given prizes. It is something the kids look forward to."

Besides the party, students also feel good about helping out.

"Students always bring in a lot of cans," Schlaick said. This year the K-Kids donated 1,046 cans of food. The two class winners were the second-graders in Mrs. Royce's class and Berinda's fifth-grade classroom.

"The kids sorted out all of the food," she said. "The Kiwanis Club came and just had to take it all."

Early Friday morning volunteers will drop off the baskets. Butler said that Northside Bus Company, in Bulh, has donated four buses to transport in-town deliveries to be completed by over 60 high school student volunteers. A few community members will be donating their time and vehicles for rural deliveries, as well as to Castleford.

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**Picking a puppy**

A primer on which pups to give for Christmas. Friday in Outdoors

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7:30 (PG)

**WALK THE LINE**  
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**BURLEY THEATRE**  
**WALLACE & GROMIT**  
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# Crump

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Crump had hot coffee on the door step.

Of course, some of that broiling liquid splashed up on the driver's-side window, and at 20: below, he got to crack the glass. Ron, holding the Thermos in one hand and his books in the other, panicked and tried to lick the coffee off the window before it could dry any more.

They got worse anyway. It was weeks before the skin grew back on his tongue, but

give Ron credit for this: He got his degree, went back to Southern California, and stayed there.

He's my age — in his mid-50s now — and I don't expect him to call anytime soon and ask me to get him a lift ticket. He does his skiing on Lake Havasu.

Watch your step out there.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or [scrump@magicvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicvalley.com).

**Property Tax Reminder**

December 20th is the last day for payment of the first installment of 2005 Real Property, Mobile Home and Personal Property Taxes.

Payments by mail **MUST** be postmarked on or before **December 20, 2005.**

This reminder courtesy of Camas, Cassia, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls County Treasurers.

# Lunches

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are on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Mainline menu varies everyday.

Monday: French toast daily  
Tuesday: Open menu  
Wednesday: No school  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**VALLEY SCHOOLS**  
Breakfast is served daily  
Monday: Lasagna  
Tuesday: Cheeseburger  
Wednesday: Open menu  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**BLISS SCHOOL**  
Milk served daily  
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**CASSIA SCHOOLS**  
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**DIETRICH SCHOOLS**  
Sallad bar, fruit and milk served daily  
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Tuesday: Hot wings and gravy  
Wednesday: Burritos  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**GLENN'S FERRY**  
Monday: Hot salad  
Tuesday: Hamburgers  
Wednesday: Cook's choice  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

**GOODING SCHOOLS**  
Choice of milk served daily. The lunch choice is for burger, high and high school students only.

**HAGERMAN SCHOOLS**  
Choice of milk offered daily  
No school all week

**IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**  
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**JEROME SCHOOLS**  
Milk served daily  
Monday: French toast  
Tuesday: Hot wings and gravy  
Wednesday: Pizza  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

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Tuesday: Pappas pizza  
Wednesday: No school  
Thursday: No school  
Friday: No school

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- Being made fun of
- Loss of independence
- Being nagged or scolded by those who don't understand
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- A loss of your old, gregarious personality

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SPORTSQUOTE

He never makes it easy on me. Every week I have to do something good, and he outdoes me.

Tiki Barber, on his twin brother, Ronde, who sacked Carolina's Jake Delhomme last Sunday to become the first cornerback in league history with 20 interceptions and 20 sacks in a career

TRIVIA

QUESTION: In what city did the San Francisco Giant franchise originate?
ANSWER: below

IN BRIEF

Gretzky takes leave as coach

LOS ANGELES — Wayne Gretzky took an indefinite leave as coach of the Phoenix Coyotes on Saturday night to return to Canada to be with his mother, who has lung cancer.

Gretzky left the team before the Coyotes played the Kings in Los Angeles and went to Ontario, where he grew up and his parents still live.
"We respect and support Wayne's decision," Coyotes general manager Michael Barnett said in a statement.

Associate coach Rick Tocchet assumed head coaching duties until Gretzky returns.
In his first season as coach, Gretzky — also the Coyotes' managing partner — has led Phoenix to a 16-14-2 record. The Coyotes are tied for third place in the Pacific Division.

Gretzky, the NHL's career leading scorer, also served as the executive director of Team Canada, which is expected to announce its Olympic roster next Wednesday.

Maloney leads

No. 2 Carroll to win

TWIN FALLS — Carroll College of Montana defeated the University of Great Falls in NAIA Frontiers Conference action recently, 91-75, behind a game-high 20 points from Twin Falls High graduate Danielle Maloney.

The win propelled the Saints to No. 2 in the most recent NAIA Division I poll.

Area players make all-Idaho football team

BOISE — The Boise, Idaho Statesman announced its 2005 all-Idaho football team. The following area players were named:

- Class 5A
Offense: Second Team — Brock Miller, ...
Defense: ...
Class 4A
Offense: ...
Defense: ...
Class 3A
Offense: ...
Defense: ...
Class 2A
Offense: ...
Defense: ...
Class 1A
Offense: ...
Defense: ...

TRIVIA ANSWER:

They, N.Y. The Troy Haymakers, who sometimes were referred to as Trojans, played there for four years, from 1879-82. They became the New York Gothams in 1883, the New York Giants in 1885 and moved to San Francisco in 1898.

Back on top



Minico 103-pound wrestler Andrew Uhl attempts to break out of the grasp of Pocatello's Colton Nielson during Saturday's 103-pound championship match of the Bear-Cat Invitational in Twin Falls. Uhl pinned Nielson in the third period.

Minico breaks Challis' three-year streak at Bear-Cat

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Reunited and it feels so good.
The Minico Spartans wrestling team put out the mandate for a Peaches and Herb reference Saturday afternoon, ending the Challis Vikings' three-year championship run at the Bear-Cat Invitational, once again laying claim to the tournament's championship trophy that previously graced the Minico High trophy case on a yearly basis.

"You know, we used to dominate this, but then we kind of slid off," Spartans head coach Brad Cooper said. "It's nice to be back."

The Spartans posted 178.5 team points, good enough to best second-place American Falls by 10 points. Challis finished fourth, behind third-place

Pocatello. An experienced Spartans squad was led by the championship victories of Andrew Uhl at 103 pounds, Kurt Anderson at 145, and Wes Cooper at 189. Minico teammates David Burgara and Kevin Killoy finished second at 112 and 119, respectively. Once again, Wes Cooper put up an impressive performance, pinning Challis' Kyle Arneson in the second period after rolling out to a 8-2 lead off three takedowns and a reversal.

"I know that I wanted to emphasize wrestling on my feet, because I felt I was better on my feet," Cooper said. "So I figured I could just take him down a few times and then try and turn him. That's what I did, and it worked."

Despite his overwhelming technical superiority, Cooper — last year's Class 4A runner-up at 171 pounds — is still feeling the

big-match butterflies during his senior year.

"I was a little nervous moving up a weight and seeing how I filled out and all that, but I'm feeling pretty good," Cooper said. "I was a little nervous today, but I think that if you're not nervous before a finals match, there's something wrong."

Spartans teammate Uhl also won by pin, flattening Pocatello's Colton Nielson in the third period. Anderson got his anticipated rematch with Challis' George Butts and won 2-1 on the strength of a second-period reversal. Both Killoy and Burgara lost in overtime. With nine wrestlers finishing on the medal stand, the Spartans are hoping Saturday's performance is a precursor to a state title.

"Well, that's our goal," coach Cooper said. "That's our goal, so we'll just take one at a time, and

if we do what we're supposed to, and keep getting better like we were supposed to, we'll have a good shot, he hopes."

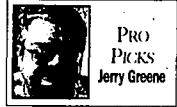
The co-host Jerome Tigers finished in sixth place, led by second-place finishes by Emmett Cody Luper, and Keith Blanc. Powell lost a double-overtime match to Borah's Scott Armstrong, after Armstrong chose to start the second overtime period on the bottom and was able to work out for a one-point escape. Luper found himself on the downside of a 12-6 decision to Challis' Jared Leuzinger, while Blanc fell 12-4 to American Falls' Clint Coch.

First-year head coach Eric Milburn's Gooding Seniors put up an eighth-place performance, led by Cody Pooles' second-place finish at 171 pounds. Twin Falls grappler Kyle Smith was the man who defeated

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Dominoes will fall, but who plays the sparrow?

ORLANDO, Fla. — Do you remember the story last month about the spastic sparrow that flew in a window in the Netherlands and toppled about 23,000 dominoes just before the folks there were getting for the world record of toppling four million?
The NFL is like that this time of year. The outcome of one key game can topple more than the loser. It's The Domino Effect.



PRO PICKS
Jerry Greene

About the bird: Due to a bad case of domino rage, someone shot the sparrow dead and was fined \$200. But it was a bitter-sweet ending because the world record was set, and the sparrow is being stuffed and will be put on display in a museum.
LAST WEEK: Speaking of taking a topple, I was a weak record (10-8 for season) and an awful 5-10-1 against the spread (0-2-10-6 for season).

Sunday's Games

- East Rutherford Jets (3-10) at Miami Dolphins (6-7) — I was correct in August that Miami would win two games, you probably expect me to admit I was wrong about them. Well, I will say this much: They can reach the end of the week. Congratulations, Fish by just 6.
San Francisco (2-11) at Jacksonville Jaguars (6-7) — I was favored by 8.5. The 'Niners still in the 'Run for Reggie Bush' Sweepstakes, so RB Kevin Barlow was asked about the need for a guy like Reggie. Said Kevin: "I think I'm still at running back." Well, OK then. Never mind. Oh, Jets by 22.
Arizona (4-9) at Houston (1-12) — Cards favored by 1. What does that mean? Well, Cardinals Dom Capers have to say "In 20 years, I have never been through three weeks like we have been through here." Now here's the delicious irony: If the Texans win this week at home, they will be soundly booed for risking their shot at Bush. So in a 'Worst-This-Be-Fun - Upset Special' I think I'm favored.
Carolina (7-4) at Baton Rouge Saints (3-10) — Panthers favored by 8.5. If I were Capers or any other coach, I wouldn't have any complaining in front of the Saints. Coach Jim Haslam might snap since recent practices have been interrupted by a volleyball tournament. The Saints beat the Panthers, 23-20, in their first game since Katrina, so can they do it again? No. Panthers by 11.
Philadelphia (5-8) at St. Louis (5-8) — Rams favored by 3.5. Let's send some love to Rams CB Travis Fisher. After being told all season he has a pulled groin, now he's told he actually has a torn groin. Say that again, "Torn groin." Say that again, just saying. It's Rams by 5.
Pittsburgh (8-5) at Minnesota (8-5) — Steelers favored by 3. You can ride the Bus, Jerome Bettis. If you want, but I'm sailing with the Vikings in a Their-Strip-Has-Come-In-Upset Special, Vikings by 3.
San Diego (8-5) at Indianapolis (13-0) — Colts favored by 7.5. Should we just stop fighting? (It maybe so. Colts but by just 5.
Seattle (11-2) at Tennessee (4-9) — Seahawks favored by 7. The Ducky's words: Jim Haslam's gunning for QB Matt Hasselbeck. Last week he took a hard helmet-to-sternum shot and also had a lineman twist his leg. My advice is to beware of the Titans' defensive ends concealing ball-penn hammer. Those things can be nasty when you're sacked. Turkeys by 10.
Cincinnati (10-3) at Detroit (9) — Bengals favored by 7.5. The Lions think they have a shot at the upset if they can produce a consistent offense. Hah-hah-hah-hah-hah. Those

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NO. 16 CSI 86, CENTRAL ARIZONA 67

Golden Eagles pull away for win

The Times-News

COOLIDGE, Ariz. — The Central Arizona College Vagueros hung tough with the No. 16 College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles for the first half.
But then came the debut of the Steve Neal Show.

Neal opened the second half with 10-straight points to help CSI (11-2) pull away for a 86-67 win in Coolidge, Ariz. Saturday night.

Neal helped push CSI to a 68-63 lead before the Vagueros went ice-cold in the final 10

minutes. Neal's sixth basket helped hold off CAC after the Vagueros drew within one, 64-63.

Neal finished with 18 points, all in the second half.

"He did a good job," CSI head coach Barrett Peery told 1270AM KTFI. "He usually settles for his jump shot. I talked to him about that and (on Saturday) he slashed and went to the rim and got some easy buckets."

CSI had jumped out to a 10-0 lead and led by as many as 15 midway through the first half

before the Eagles let up defensively. Reggie Larry scored 13, all in the first half.

"It's a fool's gold situation," Peery said. "Guys think it's going to be easy and start worrying about thefts. Then we stop executing and do it with shortcuts. No team will let you get away with that."

CAC answered with an 8-0 run to make it 10-8 and then tied the game at 10-8 in the first half. Derek Lorenzen sank two free throws for a 40-38 CSI lead at the break.

"We gave up way to many

baskets," Peery said.

CSI led 75-63 when Central Arizona called timeout to set up a rally plan. CSI's pressure defense sparked five straight baskets to tie the game away.

Travis Gabbidion finished with 16 points and Zarryon Ferri (10), Jermaine Calvin and Darrell Jenkins each contributed eight points.

CSI plays at Mesa Community College on Monday and at Phoenix CC Wednesday. Game time is 7:30 p.m. both nights.

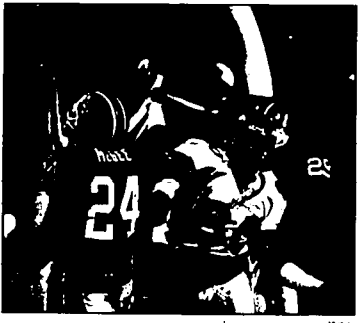
Rod Smith leads Denver past Buffalo

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Leave it to the sure-handed Rod Smith to help the Denver Broncos clinch a playoff berth.

Smith had 11 catches for 137 yards — both season-highs — and a touchdown, leading the Broncos to a 29-17 win over the Buffalo Bills on Saturday night.

The win clinched Denver (11-3) its third straight playoff berth, and the team can claim the AFC



Buffalo Bills' Terrence McFee (24) walks away as Denver Broncos' Rod Smith (80) celebrates his touchdown reception during the second quarter of NFL football at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, N.Y., Saturday.

West title if San Diego loses to Indianapolis on Sunday. The Broncos have also won 11 games for the first time since 2000.

Jake Plummer went 20-of-37 for 259 yards and two touchdowns. Hookie Light end Wesley Duke, with his first career catch, scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard reception early in the third quarter. Mike Anderson sealed the win with 11- and 6-yard touchdowns runs in the final 16 minutes, and fin-

ished with 97 yards rushing. Smith, however, was the story

for Denver, emerging as the team's only first-half threat

when his 119 yards receiving made up more than half of the Broncos 210 yards of offense.

Smith's 3-yard touchdown reception came on a busted play, tying the game at 7 at the end of the second quarter. Smith scored when he out-jumped safety Vincent. Coming down with the ball just inside the end line after Plummer's pass was tipped by linebacker London Fletcher.

The Bills (4-10) closed their home schedule with their fifth straight loss. They have dropped seven of their last eight games.

Willis McGahee scored on a 1-yard run on the Bills' opening drive, but was limited the rest of the game — finishing with 40 yards on five carries — after he hurt his left arm. Joe Burns also scored on a 19-yard catch in the final minutes.

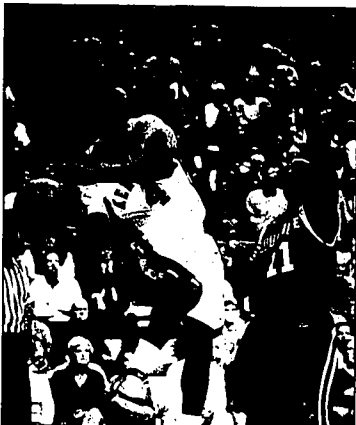
Eric Moulds had nine catches for 110 yards and a touchdown. The Broncos took control in the second half, going ahead 14-7 on their first possession of the third quarter when Plum-

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SPORTS

Kentucky KOs Cardinals

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Rajon Rondo scored 25 points, setting a career high for the fourth time this season...



Kentucky's Rajon Rondo passes around Louisville's Brandon Jenkins during the second half of their basketball game Saturday in Lexington, Ky. Rondo led both teams in scoring with 20 points in the 73-61 win.

hand the Wolverines their first loss of the season.

The Bruins (8-1) are off to their best start since 1997-98.

UCLA led 63-50 with 4:35 left, but Michigan then scored nine straight points...

Chris Hunter had 15 points for Michigan (7-1), while Dion Harris scored 14.

No. 24 Arizona 73, Utah 43

SAF LAKE CITY — Hassan Adams scored 27 points and Chris Rodgers added 13 to give Arizona its first three-game winning streak of the season.

The Wildcats (5-3) shot 48 percent, forced 24 turnovers and blocked seven shots while beating the Utes (5-3) for the second straight season.

Bryant Markson led Utah with 19 points — nearly half of the total.

Mustafa Shakir finished with 12 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Wildcats, who had 15 steals.

Boise St. 79, Utah Valley St. 62

BOISE — Eric Lane scored 18 points and Coby Karl added 17, including three of five 3-point attempts...

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Boise State never trailed and outplayed a pair of Utah Valley rallies to collect the win and improve its record to 5-3.

Led by Russell Wesley's 7 points, the Wolverines went on a 14-5 run in the second half to cut HSIU's 15-point lead to 54-48 with 10:57 remaining.

But Bauscher hit two of his 3-pointers and Lane added a third

3-point basket as the Broncos regained control and slowly pulled away.

Idaho 77, E. Oregon 58

MOSCOW — Forward David Dubois scored a career-high 21 points, leading Idaho to a 77-58 nonconference basketball victory over NIAA Division III Eastern Oregon Saturday afternoon.

Dubois scored nine of Idaho's first 11 second-half points, eclipsing his previous career-best of 14 points from the floor.

He was 10-for-15 from the floor, including a 6-for-7 showing in the second half.

The game continued toward Idaho's record (2-6), but was considered an exhibition for the Mountaineers (5-3).

The Vandals received an additional 14 points from guard Tanorris Shepard, 12 from guard Brett Ledbetter and 10 from guard Keoni Watson.

Shepard also doled out eight assists.

The Mountaineers were led by forward Mark Carroll and guard Maurice Thomas, who finished with 17 and 12 points, respectively.

Eastern Oregon never held a lead at any point, although the Mountaineers only trailed 22-19 when Ledbetter buried a long 3-pointer that sparked a 13-4 run to close the opening half.

N. Dakota St. 86, Idaho St. 69

FARGO, N.D. — Ben Woodside had 29 points and six assists as North Dakota State beat Idaho State 86-69 on Saturday.

Woodside scored 20 points in the first half for the Bison (5-0), who trailed by seven points early before getting untracked and taking a 42-17 halftime lead.

Lucas Stovaman of SDSU finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds, both career highs.

Slam Millien scored 20 points and Tim Henry added 18 for the Bengals (6-2), who had a six-game winning streak ended.

David Schroeder clipped in 12 points.

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Bruins defense stifles Timberline

BOISE — The Twin Falls boys relied on sound defense and solid rebounding to overcome a difficult offensive performance for a 46-34 road win over Timberline in Boise Saturday afternoon.

"We really preached that our defense and rebounding will win games for us," said assistant coach Shaun Walker. "It's tough to score on us when we're playing that kind of defense."

Twin Falls held Timberline to 20 points over the final three quarters to pull away.

Senior Brady Jardine punched in 19 points and pulled down 16 rebounds. Brock Harding clipped in seven points in a solid 15 minutes.

"It was nice to see him in the mix," Walker said.

Brett Wriesman scored 12 inside.

Twin Falls (7-0) next plays at Skyline Wednesday night.

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The Denver Bullfogs finished at 10-10 with 50 team points, while Butte finished 13th, followed by Buhl, 14, and Wood River at Nos. 14-16, American Falls' 135-pound dunduck Miller finished third after pinning Buhl's Cameron Sobotka in the consolation final. Miller wrestled for Wood River the previous two seasons.

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Martz medically cleared to return Jan. 1

ST. LOUIS — Rams coach Mike Martz, who stepped down in October with a heart ailment, has been cleared to return Jan. 1 but is unlikely to come back to the team.

Banshof takes second in World Cup luge

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Tony Benshof has been crowned World Cup luge champion for the second time in a row, edging out American Matty Eastwood.

Asada beats Slutskaya; Lambiel wins at Prix

TOKYO — Japanese teenager Mao Asada defeated playmate Irina Slutskaya to win the women's title at the Grand Prix Final.

Agent: Artest wants to remain a Pacer

INDIANAPOLIS — Ron Artest doesn't want to be traded by the Indiana Pacers after all his agent says.

Kildow, Lalive give U.S. a 1-2 finish in downhill

VAL D'ISERE, France — The snow was heavy and the wind whirled so badly the skiers could hardly see.

Miller regains overall World Cup lead

VAL GARDENA, Italy — Bode Miller is in good company. He and a lot of other top skiers are not ruling the mountains the way they did last season.

Miller regains overall World Cup lead

On Saturday, Miller finished eighth at a World Cup downhill won by Marco Buechel of Liechtenstein amid snowdrifts and strong wind.

Miller regains overall World Cup lead

Buechel won a World Cup downhill for the first time, finishing in 1 minute, 27.99 seconds.

Miller regains overall World Cup lead

The overall falls a long time, said Miller, the defending overall champ.

Miller regains overall World Cup lead

The New Hampshire skier leads Austria's Michael Walchhofer by 22 points in the overall.

Compiled from wire reports

SPORTS



Carroll College's Mike Panchic (3) celebrates with the trophy along with A.J. Perini, right, and Kendall Seale, left, and the rest of the team after defeating Salt Spring of Fort Wayne 27-10 in the NAAIA football championship in Savannah, Tenn., Saturday.

# Carroll wins fourth straight NAAIA title

SAVANNAH, Tenn. (AP) — Tyler Emmert ended a memorable career with another national title, leading Carroll College (Mont.) to its fourth straight NAAIA football championship, 27-10 over St. Francis (Ind.) on Saturday.

Emmert went 20-of-36 for 270 yards and three touchdowns as the top-ranked Fighting Saints (14-0) rolled to a 17-3 lead to beat the second-ranked Cougars (13-1) for the second straight year in the NAAIA title game.

It earned Emmert offensive most valuable player honors in the championship game for the third straight year. That honor came a day after he took NAAIA Player of the Year honors for the second time in three seasons.

Emmert added 20 yards on the ground and finished his career with an NAAIA-record 13,979 yards total offense.

Carroll's Ryan Grosdak rushed for 83 yards on 17 carries, and Burley High graduate led Thomas added 66 yards. Marcus Miller kicked a pair of field goals.

Saints linebacker Phil Lenoue, sacked St. Francis' quarterback Chris Brunell twice.

Carroll cornerback Matt Thomas broke up a second-quarter flea flicker pass to the field that could have tied the game at 10 late in the second quarter. Thomas earned defensive MVP honors.

Moments after that play, Emmert made it 17-3 when he threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Bryce Deak.

Carroll went up 24-10 in the final seconds of the third quarter. Lenoue and Miller threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Marshall McEwen.

Brunell was 6-for-18 for 56 yards. He had a better day on the ground, rushing for a team-high 72 yards.

The only other St. Francis points came on a 30-yard field goal by Cale Gryzch.

It was the 21st straight victory for Carroll. St. Francis has lost three of its last 41 games — all to Carroll. In addition to the last two NAAIA finals, Carroll beat the Cougars in the 2003 NAAIA semifinals.

## Division III championship Mount Union 35, Wisconsin-Whitewater 28

SALEM, Va. — Nate Kmic ran for 39 yards and scored two touchdowns, including a 95-yarder, as Mount Union won by two scores Saturday, leading Mount Union back to the top of Division III football with a 35-28 win over Wisconsin-Whitewater in the championship game.

The victory gave the Purple Raiders (14-1) eight victories in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. The streak came in the third quarter when the Warhawks drove to the Mount Union 1 on the opening series, then failed to punch it in for the tie, turning the ball over on downs.

Two plays later, Kmic took a handoff through the left side of the line, broke into the open field and outran several defenders down the left sideline to make it 21-7.

The 95-yard run matched the Stagg Bowl record set by Mount Union's Chuck Moore in 2001, and helped put Kmic over 1,000 yards rushing in five playoff games.

The Warhawks, making their first appearance in the championship round since they were an NAIA school, drove to the Mount Union 1 in the final

# Patriots blast Bucs, win AFC East

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The gray division championship T-shirt hung in the locker behind Terry Branch. The Patriots linebacker preferred to look ahead.

"I just don't want one T-shirt," he said. "I want two more."

Getting conference and Super Bowl championship shirts seems possible after New England dominated one of its toughest opponents of the season, beating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 28-0 Saturday.

Tom Brady threw three touchdowns passes in his 65th consecutive start despite being listed as questionable with a left shin injury. The defense sacked Chris Simms seven times and held its third straight opponent under 200 yards.

And the Patriots (9-5) clinched the AFC East title for the fourth time in five seasons. The Bucs came in as a 1-7 team with four wins in five games. But they dropped to 9-5, a half-game behind Carolina (9-1), which leads the NFC South before Sunday's game at New Orleans.

The two-time defending Super Bowl champions — healthier after being hit hard by injuries — don't have to worry about their division in the remaining regular-season games against the jets and Miami.

New England got its first



New England Patriots linebacker Roosevelt Colvin, left, sacks Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Chris Simms in the first half during their NFL football game in Foxborough, Mass., Saturday.

shutout in 36 games, while Tampa Bay was blanketed for the first time in 103 games since a 45-0 loss at Oakland on Dec. 19, 1999.

The Patriots outgained the

Bucs 336 yards to 138 and have outscored their last three opponents 79-10 on their way to the division title.

The Patriots won for the fifth time in six games after going 4-

4 in an injury-plagued first half of the season.

## Giants 27, Chiefs 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Barber had enough in his veteran legs to help the New York Giants to the brink of a division title.

Barber ran for a team-record 220 yards and scored two touchdowns, helping the Giants beat up-and-coming runner Larry Johnson and the Kansas City Chiefs 27-17 Saturday. If the Giants (10-4) beat Washington next week, they will clinch the NFC East.

Despite a banged up offensive line, Barber sliced through the Chiefs' defense, breaking new tackles after another to eclipse the old single-game rushing mark of 218, set by Gene Roberts against the Chicago Cardinals in 1956.

Kansas City (8-6), meanwhile, saw its wild-card chances diminish with the loss. Johnson tried to keep the Chiefs in the game, finishing with 167 yards and two touchdowns. Barber and Barber extended their 100-yard-game streaks — Johnson to a club-record seven and Barber to five. Barber now has 1,577 yards on the season, surpassing his own single-season rushing mark of 1,518 set last year.

# Colts' Dundy wants players to enjoy streak

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Forget the pressure. The Indianapolis Colts are having too much fun with this whole undefeated thing.

Sure each successive win intensifies the spotlight, but the Colts don't mind. They like the attention, welcome the scrutiny and are unfazed by the endless questions about losing an undefeated season. Coach Tony Dundy expects nothing less.

"My message to the players has been you don't get too many stars like this and it just doesn't happen again, so don't let it bother you," Dundy said. "Enjoy the questions, enjoy the national spotlight."

The players have heeded the advice. In the locker room, they still listen to music, play video games or cards and laugh and reason loudly when they are not being hounded by questions about "The Streak."

Little has changed on the practice field, either. Peyton Manning, Edgerly James and Marvin Harrison would still rather work than take breaks. Dundy says he has maintained their focus through a 13-0 start.

Perhaps recent experiences helped them cope with the



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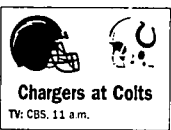
magnitude of their quest.

In 2002, Harrison shattered the single-season receptions record. In 2003, the Colts reached the AFC Championship game. Last season, Manning broke Dan Marino's record for TD passes in a season.

And each time, the Colts survived the distractions.

This time, it's been different. Tony Dundy, who has spent 28 years in the NFL — including three as a player — is trying to be himself and encouraging players to do the same.

A victory Sunday against San Diego would put the Colts with the Dolphins as the only NFL



Chargers at Colts

TV: CBS, 11 a.m.

22 regular-season games, seven of their last 10 by at least 17 points. While people want to talk about an undefeated season, the Colts have managed to keep everything in perspective and still have some fun.

"Whenever you win in this league, it's fun," receiver Reggie Wayne said. "But our opponents, I think, are probably getting sick of it."

The reason for Indy's relaxed attitude can be summed up in one word: Dundy.

He rarely frets about outside distractions and provides a calming influence even when wins and losses are at stake.

So Dundy, who has spent 28 years in the NFL — including three as a player — is trying to be himself and encouraging players to do the same.

A victory Sunday against San Diego would put the Colts with the Dolphins as the only NFL

teams to reach 14-0. With three postseason victories, including the Super Bowl, the Dolphins finished 17-0.

"Making history would be good, but our ultimate goal is to win the Super Bowl," defensive tackle Monte Reiger said. "It can happen. We could lose a game or two, but we're trying to get our ultimate goal."

The Colts must proceed with fewer starters Sunday. Dundy all but ruled out former Pro Bowl defensive tackle Corey Simon and defensive end Marcus Miller because of foot injuries. But linebacker Cata Lue, left tackle Larry Clemm and Wayne have recovered enough from injuries and ailments to start Sunday against the Chargers. All practiced Friday.

"Why should the Colts worry? They've already won 13 straight, have the AFC's top seed and some of the best players in the playoffs. So it's time to have some fun."

"We've earned the right to be here, so you've got to enjoy the moment," Dundy said. "Monte Reiger said, 'It's good to see all the media and all the coverage because we've worked hard and it's been a long journey, but it has been fun.'"

# Early bowls a prize for some, letdown for others

By Ralph D. Russo  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Getting pumped up to play in the Bowl Championship Series is easy. And any team can get motivated for those other bowl plays at sunny locales after the calendar flips.

Then there are the teams playing in what should be less-glamorous bowls. Those games sometimes inspire indifference, with players wondering What's my motivation, coach?

While some teams are just excited to have another game bowl season can be a letdown for others.

Take the first bowl, Tuesday night's New Orleans Bowl, relocated to Lafayette. It was against of Hurricane Katrina with Arkansas State playing Southern Mississippi.

The Indians carried their first bowl win by playing in the 1970 Penn State Bowl by winning a share of the Sun Belt Conference title. They're thrilled to still be playing and don't seem to care much about where and when.

"People actually notice that we're going somewhere, we're playing in December," quarterback Nick Moore said. "I think people are starting to recognize us and maybe start respecting us. This is just one step for Arkansas State."

Rutgers can relate. The state university of New Jersey is back in the bowl business for the first time since 1978. Twenty-seven years later the Scarlet Knights took to the field in a rematch of the Garden State Bowl, this time on the Sun Devils' turf at Insight Bowl in Phoenix.

"It's been exciting on campus

## College bowl picks

and almost — throughout — the whole state, from teachers, to people in restaurants I've seen, are really at least excited about the program," said Rutgers defensive end Bryan Neill.

The school has done its part to spread the excitement, offering \$300 travel stipends to 275 randomly selected students.

Michigan might have to sweeten the pot to get its student body excited about a trip to San Antonio for the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 28. Much more was expected of the Wolverines after starting a season ranked fourth in the country.

The last time Michigan failed to earn a January bowl berth came in coach Lloyd Carr's first year at Michigan, when the Wolverines lost to Texas A&M in the Alamo Bowl following the 1995 season.

"Are we disappointed? No. Disappointment is Tennessee. They're not going to a bowl game," said linebacker Pierre Woods, putting a positive spin on Michigan's situation.

Michigan's opponent, Nebraska, should be geared up after missing the postseason last year for the first time in more than three decades.

## The picks

TUESDAY, DEC. 29  
 • New Orleans Bowl — Arkansas State (plus 17) vs. Southern Miss: Golden Eagles looking for two straight New Orleans Bowl wins. *SOUTHERN MISS*, 4-7.

OLE MISS. *TOLEDO* 34-24.  
 • THURSDAY, DEC. 22  
 • Vegas Bowl — BYU (plus 7) vs. California: Cougars haven't been to bowl in four seasons, haven't won one since '97 Cotton. *CAL* 41-21.

• Polaris Bowl — Colorado State (plus 3) vs. Navy: Middies could win bowls in consecutive seasons for first time. *COLORADO STATE* 28-24.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23  
 • Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl — Houston (plus 3) vs. Kansas: Jayhawks are 19th in country in total offense. *KANSAS* 34-17.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24  
 • Hawaii Bowl — UCF (plus 2) vs. Nevada: Wolf Pack is 1-2 in Las Vegas bowls. *NEVADA* 41-3.

MONDAY, DEC. 26  
 • Motor City Bowl — Akron (plus 5.5) vs. Memphis: DeAngelos Williams has 33 100-yard rushing games, tying NCAA record. *MEMPHIS* 34-30.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27  
 • Champs Sports Bowl — Clemson (no line) vs. Colorado: Buffaloes have been outscored 100-6 in last two games. *CLEMSON* 26-13.

• Insight Bowl — Arizona State (minus 11.5) vs. Rutgers: Sun Devils beat Rutgers in '78 Garden State Bowl. *ARIZONA STATE* 34-18.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28  
 • MPC Computers Bowl — Boise State (plus 1) vs. Boston College: Broncos are 3-0 in bowls on the home blue turf. *BOSTON COLLEGE* 27-17.

• Alamo Bowl — Michigan (minus 11.5) vs. Nebraska: Last bowl matchup in between Wolverines and Huskers was '86 Fiesta. *MICHIGAN* 38-17.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29  
 • Emerald Bowl — Utah

(plus 8) vs. Georgia Tech: Yellow jackets scored 51 points in their last two bowls. *GEORGIA TECH* 34-14.

• Holiday Bowl — Oregon (minus 3) vs. Oklahoma: Upsetting Ducks could be springboots to '06 for Sooners. *OKLAHOMA* 42-30.

FRIDAY, DEC. 30  
 • Music City Bowl — Virginia (plus 3) vs. Minnesota: Gophers go for two wins in a row at Music Bowl. *MINNESOTA* 28-21.

• Sun Bowl — Northwestern (plus 3) vs. UCLA: Teams combine to allow nearly 450 yards rushing per game. *UCLA* 53-42.

• Independence Bowl — Missouri (plus 4) vs. South Carolina: Gamecocks have won last bowl appearances, but they've won without Steve Spurrier. *SOUTH CAROLINA* 26-17.

• Peach Bowl — Miami (no line) vs. LSU: Hurricanes have won seven of last eight bowls. *MIAMI* 17-16.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31  
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Seattle Seahawks halfback Shaun Alexander runs during the second quarter against the San Francisco 49ers in Seattle last Sunday.

## Seattle has great incentive to avoid letdown against Titans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Forget a letdown or looking ahead to that Christmas Eve game with the Indianapolis Colts. The Seattle Seahawks are making their first trip to Tennessee with a lengthy to-do list. By beating the useful Titans on Sunday, the NFC West champs clinch a first-round bye for the playoffs, tie the franchise record for most wins in a season with two games left and secure the club's first 10-game winning streak.

If the Chicago Bears lose Sunday night to Atlanta, the Seahawks would also clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. It's something Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander calls "crazy important."

"Everybody talks about how you give yourself the greatest opportunity to have home-field advantage in the playoffs, even if it's one game. But then, to have it throughout the whole playoffs is probably the most important thing we can get right now," Alexander said.

If the Seahawks (11-2) keep playing the way they did against Philadelphia and San Francisco, winning by a combined score of 83-3, they won't have any problems with a team that hasn't scored an offensive touchdown in nine straight quarters.

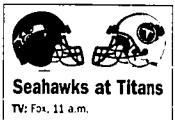
That doesn't mean the Titans (4-9) don't have some motivation. Pulling off the improbable upset would give them their third victory in four games.

"People wonder what we're going out to play for. It's one of those things you take whatever you need into this game mentally to prepare to stop this offense," Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck said.

It won't be easy. Alexander needs only 104 yards rushing to become only the fifth NFL player with consecutive 1,600-yard seasons. If he scores four touchdowns against a team allowing 25.3 points per game, he ties Patsy Holmes' NFL record of 27 touchdowns.

The Seahawks are all healed from C1.

- Cleveland (4-9) at Oakland (4-9) — Raiders favored by 3.
- Browns Coach Romeo Crennel says he will continue to use rookie QB Charlie Frye because "he's passing the tests." They, just getting off the team bus when Raider Nation is around is a test — not to mention a nightmare.
- Dallas (8-5) at Washington (7-6) — Washington favored by 7.
- You know what I think? I think Washington has been more lucky than good. And luck just left the building. In a The-Better-Team-Wins Upset Specter, Cowboys by 6.



Seahawks at Titans  
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ing with the return of receiver Darrell Jackson, who will start his first game since Oct. 2 following surgery to fix cartilage in his right knee. He will play as long as possible opposite Bobby Engram.

Jackson returns to an offense among the NFL's best, averaging 375.3 yards per game. We really got a huge advantage by doing that," Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said.

Seattle fans may be looking ahead to that game with Indianapolis, but coach Mike Holmgren has been working his Seahawks even harder despite their blowout victories.

"I would not anticipate anything less than a good effort," Holmgren said.

Seattle's lone weakness is in the secondary, with injuries keeping out cornerbacks Andre Dixon (ankle sprain) and Kelly Herndon (knee) and safety John Howell (hamstring). Linebacker D.D. Lewis hasn't practiced to rest his knee for games.

To beat a team with a winning record for the first time this season, the Titans must score touchdowns, and that won't be easy.

Steve McNair has had lots of dropped passes since losing two receivers for the season and his leading receiver, tight end Erion Kinney, in the past three weeks.

"We have to keep the football away from them and do the things that you put down on paper: convert third downs, throw touchdowns passes, and you have to do those things to beat this team because that's what they do," Fisher said.

- Atlanta (8-5) at Chicago (9-4) — Do Bears favored by 3. Just how smart are the Falcons? In praising S Ronnie Heard, Falcons Coach Jim Mora said: "He remembers things that happened in the first quarter." Huh? Shouldn't all your guys be able to do that, Coach? Deep-thinking Bears by 7.
- Green Bay (3-10) at Baltimore (4-9), Monday night — Ravens favored by 3.5. If Dandy Don Meredith still worked on Monday Night Football, he would open this game singing "Turn out the lights, the party's over." In an I'll-Hate-Myself-Tuesday-Morning Upset Special, Cheeseheads by 4.

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## To smoke, or not to smoke

There have been stories in *The Times-News* about a new law that is coming before our legislature about non-smoking establishments.

A year ago, a law was passed that bars and bowling centers could retain smoking. Now they are considering that bowling centers should be non-smoking with a smoking room allowed.

How do the bowlers feel about this? After surveying many of the bowlers, below are listed their comments. Their responses are varied.

### The non-smokers

1. One lady who is allergic to the smoke thinks it is wonderful.
2. Some believe it should be banned.
3. Many said they think it is great but it doesn't bother them.
4. Thinks it is nonsense but believes there should be smoking rooms.
5. Some felt it should be banned but do not believe that smoking rooms will work. It will slow down bowling.
6. Better off the smoking light.
7. Don't like it. Let them smoke.
8. I could care less. Since I quit I don't care.

### Smokers

I do not want them to ban smoking. People need a place to



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

go besides bars.

2. As long as they have smoking rooms where you can see what's going on.

3. Smokers have rights the same as others. Just stay out of the bowling area.

4. The government should stay out of their business. It should be mandated by the business owners.

5. Unfair. One sided. It's discrimination.

6. Believe they will lose a lot of bowlers.

7. Doesn't care much either way but would like to be able to smoke.

8. It's OK. Maybe it will help me quit.

It's getting close to the mid-season of fall bowling. How are they doing? Here are the top scores from some of the area centers.

### Men's Series

Sunset Bowl: Bob Wagner 731, Curt Quaintance 714, Jerome Bowl: Kent Stowe 760, Mike Larson 755. Magic Bowl:

Jon Powlis 792, Mike Tackett 769. Bowldrome: Juan Hernandez 736, Craig Brock 713.

### Men's Games

Sunset Bowl: Kenny Davis 277, Curt Quaintance 269, Jerome Bowl: Joe Meyer 290, Troy Harpel 269, Magic Bowl: Iray Turpin 290, Ted Wasko 289, Bowldrome: Dave Brown 300, Brett Moore 280.

### Ladies Series

Sunset Bowl: Dorothy Moon 604, Darla McCallister 592, Jerome Bowl: Brenda Alstin 692, Debra Hayes 620, Magic Bowl: Barb Smith 677, Sunny McKeely 662, Bowldrome: Tracey Hoffman 714, Barbara Reynolds 664.

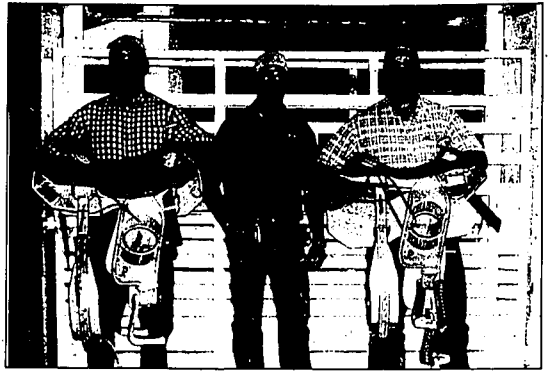
### Ladies Games

Sunset Bowl: Lois Tomlinson 234, Teresa Boehm 233, Jerome Bowl: Tammy Carter 277, Brenda Alstin 269, Magic Bowl: Barb Smith 264, Lisa Dickenson 258, Bowldrome: Barb Reynolds 287, Tracey Hoffman 256.

Well, it's only midseason and these scores will be challenged. How about it? "Let's Go Bowling"

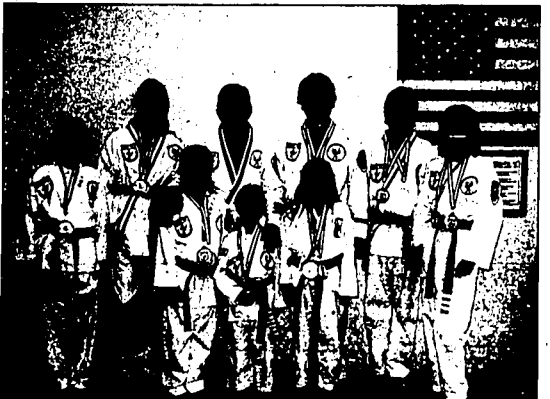
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## SADDLE WINNERS



The Lazy-K Productions Summer Roping Series saddles were sponsored by Bott Livestock, Jakes over the Top, ATC Communications, Eastlet Idaho Railroad, and Tires West. Heeler saddle went to Vince Bedke and header saddle to Brandon Bedke, both of Oakley. They are pictured with Don Kidd from Lazy-K Productions.

## NATIONAL WINNERS



Pil Sung of Rupert Idaho sent 22 competitors to a national tournament in Reno, Nev. on Oct. 8. The tournament included competitors from Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Twin Falls and Rupert, involving multiple styles of martial arts. Some of the competitors are pictured. In the back row from left to right are: Jessica Woodward, first in sparring; Jessika Robbins, two firsts; Bill Fulcher; Travis Fulcher, first in forms, second in sparring; Alister Robbins, two firsts; Nikki Praegitler, first in sparring, third in forms. In the front row from left to right are: Maverick Woodward, two firsts; Sarah Woodward, two firsts; Candice Robbins, two firsts. Not pictured are: Kelle Allred, first in sparring, second in forms; Nathan Woodward, second in sparring, third forms; Kaden Braun, Little Tigers second in forms, first in board breaks; Tyler Robbins, third in Little Tigers forms.

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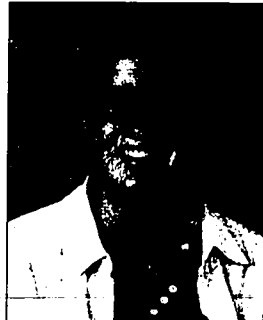
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## PUNT, PASS, KICK



Molly Mills, a freshman at Burley Junior High School, placed second at the Seattle Seahawks Team Punt, Pass and Kick competition. She won the local competition in Rupert and also won the sectional that was held in Inler. Her total distance was 251 feet, 8 inches. The winner of the competition was Hayley Brodiah of Anchorage, Alaska, who had a distance of 253 feet, 2 inches. The Seahawks team competition was held prior to the Seahawks-Giants game at West Field in Seattle. Molly also participates in volleyball, basketball, track and softball.

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# Ruiz loses WBA heavyweight title to Russian 7-footer Valuev

BERLIN (AP) — John Ruiz lost the WBA heavyweight title Saturday night, dropping a disputed majority decision to Russian 7-footer Nikolai Valuev.

Valuev, who becomes the tallest and heaviest (323 pounds) champion of all-time, won 116-113 and 116-114 on two judges' cards, with a third judge scoring the fight 114-114. The crowd of 10,000 booted the decision.

"I had to wait 12 years for this and now it has happened," the 32-year-old Valuev said. "It's fantastic."

Ruiz, who weighed 85 pounds less than Valuev at 238, appeared to have the fight in hand, using a jab-and-grab tactic to slip in a few punches and then tie up Valuev.

Valuev began throwing combinations in the seventh round, adding to a left jab that landed from the opening round. In the ninth, Valuev even danced a bit.

Valuev landed the only punch that did damage in the final round, hitting Ruiz on the chin with a straight left that wobbled the champion. Ruiz clinched his way to the end of the fight.

Ruiz's record fell to 42-1, while Valuev improved to 43-0



John Ruiz, right, and challenger Nikolai Valuev from Russia fight each other during a WBA heavyweight world championship fight in Berlin early Sunday morning.

Valuev won the WBA heavyweight world championship fight by points in 12 rounds.

Ruiz lost to James Toney in April, then was given the title

when Toney was stripped of the crown for testing positive for steroids.

In an earlier bout, Laila Ali stopped Sweden's Assa Sandell in the fifth round of a non-title bout with her father, former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, watching.

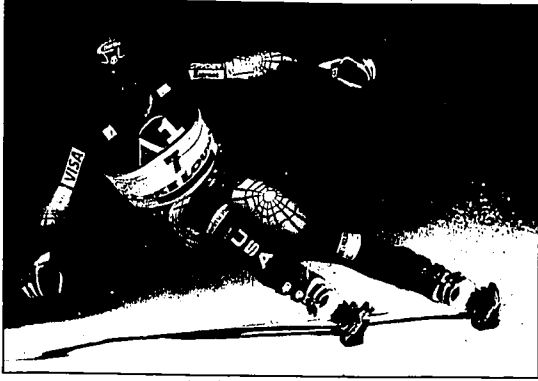
Ali caught the taller Swede with a left hook late in the round, then knocked her back with several punches before the referee stepped in.

Muhammad Ali in Berlin to collect a peace prize, walked ringside to kiss his daughter after she ran her record to 22-0 with 19 knockouts.

All the women's WBC champion, had a tough time during the first two rounds from the little-known Swede, who used her height to connect several times.

"I expected the fight to be a little tougher than usual," Ali said. "I had a game plan. They stopped the fight too early, but they do that in women's boxing."

Sandell's record fell to 3-2 with one draw. The 37-year-old is a former amateur European champion who now works as a journalist.



Bode Miller of the United States races down the course on his way to the fifth fastest time in the third training run for the men's World Cup downhill race in Lake Louise, Alberta, on Nov. 25

# Star-studded American lineup has big potential

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — There's a skater named Apolo, a skier named Bode, football player turned freestyler Jeremy Bloom and the ever-resilient Michelle Kwan.

The athletes the United States will take to Turin in 50 days are, with little argument, the best-known Americans to compete on the snow and ice in the history of the Winter Olympics.

What does that all mean? High expectations. Some pressure. And, of course, the chance for another history-making celebration, this time on another country's turf.

"We think there's an opportunity for a performance that could come close to or match what the athletes achieved in Salt Lake City," says Jim Scherr, chief executive officer of the U.S. Olympic Committee. "We hope they'll be able to achieve at that level. We'll tell you after the games how we did."

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Unlike some of his predecessors, Scherr refuses to be pinned to a magic number.

But the USOC is focusing on one figure that ultimately will be used as the benchmark for success: Traditionally, teams that host Winter Olympics experience a 41 percent drop when they head overseas four years later. The Americans won 34 medals at Salt Lake City in 2002. A 41 percent fall from that would be 20, although there's every reason to believe the U.S. team could win more than that.

In many ways, the USOC never has been in better shape, both financially and in its ability to support athletes. The streamlining of the organization, a result of scandals that enveloped the USOC earlier this decade, has allowed it to focus more attention and spend more money on athletes.

gone are the days of a board of directors of 120-plus members, many of whom had to be wined and dined at the Olympics and also given a spot with the American delegation during the march into the stadium for the opening ceremony.

Now, the board consists of 11 people. As was the case at the Athens Games, no administrators will be seen mingling with athletes when they march.

It's easy to do that when the money is flowing in, and sponsors and donors are much easier to find when they're supporting winners.

Normally, countries see a precipitous drop-off in funding in the Winter Games, in the four years following an Olympiad on home turf. This time around, the USOC has been able to distribute more to the national governing bodies of the individual sports than in 2002 — \$36 million compared to \$34 million. In 1998, the total was \$22 million.

Another good sign for the Americans: In the last full season before the Salt Lake City Olympics, Americans won 15 medals in various winter sports. In the season before these games, they won 25.

Of course, the crucible of pressure at an Olympics is much lighter than that of an off-year World Cup schedule. But the signs are good.

Even better is the list of well-known athletes who will be going for those medals.

There's Bode Miller, the recalcitrant superstar who has been fighting the powers on issues such as prize money, competition conditions and, most notably, doping rules. A two-time silver medalist in 2002, Miller plans to live in his motor home while in the mountains of Sestriere. The defending World Cup overall champion, some wonder if the off-the-slope issues that consume him will affect his performance in Italy.

At 25, Kwan has done it all — except, that is, win Olympic gold.

A five-time world champion, Kwan no longer is a favorite. The

new judging rules haven't helped her. She also has been dealing with an injured hip.

Then there is Apolo Anton Ohno, the soul-patched 23-year-old whose two medals in Salt Lake City were part of 11 the Americans won in speedskating, an emotional set of victories at an Olympics that came only a few months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Other 2002 medal winners expected to return in 2006 are bobsledders Vonetta Flowers and Todd Hays, and snowboarders Chris Klug and Danny Kass. Other high-profile athletes should include figure skater Sasha Cohen and speedskater Shaun Davis, and snowboarders Hannah Teter and Shaun White.

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## Minuteman Project gains national foothold

By Arthur H. Rotstein  
Associated Press writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Minuteman Project was launched earlier this year amid fears that racist extremists would confront and possibly injure illegal immigrants crossing into Arizona.

But there were no significant confrontations — no fights, and rarely any excitement — when hundreds of people traveled to the Arizona desert during April to watch for border crossers and report them to immigration agents.

Since then the movement has taken hold, with Minuteman-inspired organizations being launched in several states, and even critics acknowledge that the participants are more than just a band of misfits, bigots and extremists.

Attention surrounding immigration problems helped attract "a fairly broad cross-section of middle Americans," said Mark Potok, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which monitors hate groups.

"This is partly driven by politicians falling all over each other on an issue that they feel had some real resonance," Potok said, that, according to his group's research, "there are real strains of racism and anti-Semitism in this movement."

"Nevertheless," he said, "the movement has attracted people who are not Klansmen or neo-Nazis."



Minuteman Project volunteer Freddie Puckett, of Cochise, Ariz., looks over the U.S.-Mexico border last spring near Naco, Ariz. The Minuteman movement seems to have taken hold, and even critics acknowledge that it's peopled by more than just a band of misfits and prejudiced extremists.

2,000-mile southern border.

The group said about 900 people showed up for the April monitoring project.

School teachers and retired veterans, businessmen and former corporate executives, some of them armed, parked their pickup trucks and even RVs along a dusty, rutted border road near Naco, Ariz., sitting in lawn chairs with binoculars to look for anyone trying to slip illegally into the country.

Organizers said the volunteers' calls

helped lead authorities to about 330 illegal immigrants; critics say the group was little more than a nuisance.

In October, still more volunteers reported the exercise in other states on the Mexican and Canadian borders.

Chris Simcox, one of the movement's co-founders, said three dozen new chapters had formed by mid-November, "with another 100 waiting in the wings, for us to come up with a national strategy."

"It has moved into politics on the

local, state and federal level, what we hope is in every district in this country," Simcox said. "We mean business."

Organizing requests have come from all 50 states, said Minuteman spokeswoman Connie Hair. Some groups focus on internal vigilance, such as an operation that uses volunteers with cameras to document people hiring illegal immigrants.

Dan Stein, president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which advocates limits on immigration,

tion, said the Minuteman Project reflects a visceral reaction to the "national intrusion" by illegal immigrants.

"There's a genuineness to this that has won over the hearts and minds of the American public," Stein said.

Celestino Fernandez, a sociologist at the University of Arizona, said it is the latest iteration of this country's history of reaction and resistance to waves of immigration — first to an influx of Chinese immigrants and later to people from southern and eastern Europe.

"They're reasonable people, yes, they're good people, but they're also reacting against demographic changes, just like every prior generation has reacted against demographic changes of people whom they perceive as different," he said.

The Minutemen see Latinos everywhere — "more in their states, whether it's the South or the Midwest or East or New York City," Fernandez said. "There are more Mexicans in the country. They keep reading about the border and it's like a sieve — people coming across, and aren't they going to control it, and the government's not doing anything."

Tim Donnelly of Twin Peaks, Calif., who spent five nights on watch along the Arizona border in early April and now heads the California chapter of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, said that support for the Minuteman organizations is growing among political groups, citing in particular Republican women's organizations.

"They're so angry at the president and his shenanigans (in endorsing a guest-worker program) that they're celebrating people like myself and Chris Simcox and Jim Gilchrist," Donnelly said. "They see our movement as perhaps their only and last bastion of hope."

"Illegal immigration doesn't cause every problem," Donnelly added, "but it exacerbates many other issues."

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- 5 Quilling at Senior Center 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 16
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- 5 Regular meeting at Moose Hall 8 p.m. 18
- 5 Quilling at Senior Center 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 18
- 6 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands 19
- 6 Dinner @ Country Club 5-7 p.m. Prime Rib, Steak, Shrimp, Chicken, & Trout 19
- 9 City Council at City Hall at 7 p.m. 20
- 9 Cards/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m. 20
- 10 Second City Productions @ Eighth Street Center 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (includes appetizers) 21
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# Census of marine life shows diversity, but also declines

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A massive census of all the fish and other marine life in the world's oceans has reached the halfway point with new evidence of the rich diversity under the sea along with warnings about the alarming decline of many species.

The 10-year international project that began in 2000 has already tracked the migration of tuna from Japan to California and back, along with the movement of endangered British Columbia salmon with implanted computer chips.

"We're sending animals out with the equivalent of cell phones and they're telling us where they are," said Ron O'Dor, senior scientist for the Census of Marine Life.

"What those animals are sending back is a picture that shows what seems like a blue uniform ocean to us on the surface is really very complicated," O'Dor said.

The data from the tracking program could help researchers and fishery managers conserve stocks of many species of large fish that have declined by about 90 percent over the last 50 years, O'Dor said.

"This gives us an idea about where fish go, the rate at which they migrate, and tells us where these animals live and where they die so we can understand quantitatively what happens to fish stocks so we can manage them better," he said.

Dave Doherty, a marine policy analyst at the University of Washington, said the data likely will change international treaties on fishing rights as researchers find out how fish are distributed in the ocean.

"It's going to be easier to detect international violations, and I think that's going to change a lot of what we do over the next 10 to 20 years," Doherty said.

Jane Lubchenco, an Oregon State University marine biologist and president of the International Council for Science, said the census will help raise awareness about the ur-

gent need for international cooperation to preserve marine life.

"I think there's definitely increasing recognition that we can no longer think about the ocean as infinitely vast, infinitely bountiful and infinitely resilient," Lubchenco said. "There are problems everywhere."

But she said she was encour-

aged by the amount of biological diversity the census has found in the first five years.

"The expectation was there would be new discoveries," Lubchenco said. "What's blown us away is how much there is out there that we didn't know about before. It's big stuff, it's little tiny stuff that's been coming in from this project. It's been pretty sobering."

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

Find the answers on page D-15

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**FOUND** Poodle small, Near Rock Creek trail- or Court on Grand- or View Drive Call 208-539-5674

**FOUND** woman's wedding ring. Sell. Call to identify 208-404-1707 leave message

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**FOUND** Golden Retriever or Friday 11:25 near Hankins Road. Gen. send forward leading to the return Call 208-539-9733

**101 Lost and Found**

**LOST** Australian Shepherd pup at Ridley's in Rupert. Black, white, & brown, wearing blue collar. Reward: Call 208-260-1610

**LOST** Border collie/American Cattle mix male dog. All white except for 2 big black patches on his face. Curled Rudy tags. Blue collar. 500 South in Heyburn. Call 208-378-4569 or 670-2772

**LOST** cat, 6.7 mo. old female, calico. Off Washington on 12th. Call 208-731-3498

**LOST** Golden wedding band on 12-11-05 near ASW on Addison. Reward for return Call 737-0005.

**LOST** Retriever female in the area of 3200 South and 2200 East in Wendell. Call 208-536-2415.

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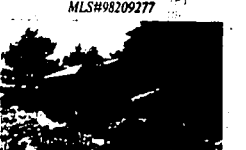
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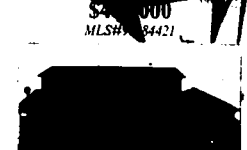
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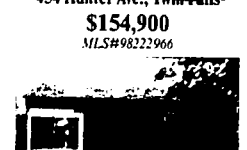
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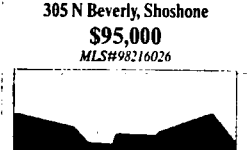
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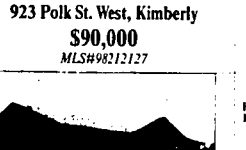
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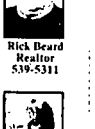
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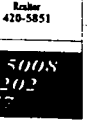
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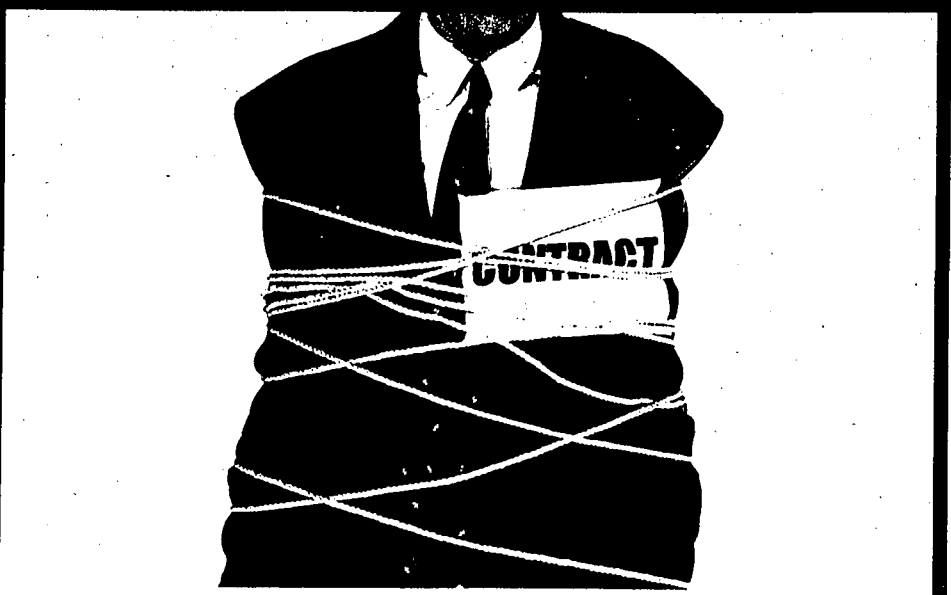
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**SINGLE MOM**  
 WF, 19, 5'6", black/blue, with on daughter, good cook, enjoys anything fun with the right person. Looking for WM, 19-25, to have fun with. Hollister #285930

**HARD TO FIND A GOOD ONE?**  
 Independent SWF, 28, N/S, hard-working, mother of one, N/S, fun-loving, likes to dance, ride dirt bikes, try new things. Seeking a real SWM, 26-40, for dating, maybe more. Greened #284845 @ crackar77

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
 SWF, 36, hombody ready for a change. I am looking for somebody to hang out with and just have a good time. If you're interested, contact me! Twin Falls #286333

**CHRISTIAN LADY**  
 Very lit SWF, N/S, loves working out, the Lord, going to Mass on Sundays, nature, animals. Would like to meet an even-tempered gentleman, 53-63, who enjoys similar things. Hollister #283973

**SEEKS FUN AND MORE**  
 SWF, 51, outdoorsy-type, likes singing out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Albon #2810168 @ DeFWyhoobal

**SLEEPLESS IN TWIN FALLS**  
 SWF, 40, seeks educated, athletic, intelligent, kind, humorous, emotionally/franciscanly secure gentleman for LTR. Must be communicative, enjoy outdoors, horses, dogs, animals, family life. Kimberly #206711

**SEEKING GOOD FRIEND**  
 Attractive SF, 49, 5'4", 130lbs, Cancer, likes dancing, seeking open, honest SM, 45-55, to befriend and develop a relationship. #285667

**NEEDS SOME SUGAR**  
 SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SW/HM, 38-54. Hollister #2844241 @ SemiSuite

**MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE**  
 SWF, 55, N/S, now to the area, likes to ride bikes, read, swim, wants to meet kind, considerate, honest SWM, 58-70, N/S. Hollister #273734

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
 SF, 27, 5'8", Leo, smoker, blonde/hazel, seeks man, 19-30, smoker, who really needs a friend. Hollister #282903

**REAL FUN**  
 DWF, 29, N/S, now to area, loves road trips, camping, sports activities. Looking to meet a motivated man, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. Hollister #2807034 @ draya

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
 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 #282764

**SEEKING SPECIAL SOMEONE**  
 I'm looking for that special person to be with me. I like the outdoors and someone to cuddle up with. Someone who isn't shy, likes to go dancing and movies. Hollister #283736 @ cmu77

## WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

**WORTH YOUR CALL**  
 Employed SM, 39, 5'8", 165lbs, brown/hazel, Leo, secure, sociable, likes camping, fishing, road trips, cuddling, dining, movies, sports, Nascar. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous SF, 25-45, similar interests. Hollister #283472

**I'VE BEEN LOOKING**  
 SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BBW that keeps herself up. Gooding #273680

**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 #2875531 @ helixbk

**WORTH IT**  
 SWM, 26, 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 #2874113

**HOW ABOUT ME?**  
 SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional night out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship/relationship. Murtaugh #2743395

**LOOKING!**  
 SWM, 53, kid-adult, laid-back, enjoys drives in the mountains, thunder storms, fishing, hunting, gardening, slow dancing. Seeking SF, 40-55, N/S, to share my interests together. Rogerson #2840323 @ wlybr

**BURLEY MAN**  
 SWM, 21, Leo, N/S, loves to fish, camp, and play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, to have fun with. Burley #2854545

**ARE YOU THE ONE**  
 SM, 18, laid back enjoys the outdoors looking for someone who shares the same interests, please call. Hollister #2873481

**TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN**  
 SWM, 40, likes country music, camping, nature, laughing, joking around, having a good time. I love my son, my country, and my life. Seeking SF, 25-35. Hollister #278566 @ Draker

**WORTH A CALL**  
 SWM, 29, 5'9", blond/blue, very muscular, easygoing, adventurous female confident and independent, who loves life and knows how to live it to the fullest. Gooding #2822613

**ONE WOMAN MAN**  
 SWM, 58, 5'5", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender. For friendship maybe more. #2851957

**LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER**  
 W, 62', 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet times at home and time with a significant other. Seeking WF, 35-55, for dating, hopefully leading to LTR. Hollister #286262

**TIRE D OF GAMES, ETC?**  
 SWM, 39, very romantic, like to cuddle and give massages, do not lie, cheat, or play games. I enjoy the outdoors, late night play music, going out. Seeking SF, 18-45. Hollister #2864717 @ twinfallsman8301

**ARE YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH?**  
 HM, 28, hardworking, looking for a honest, trustworthy woman, 20-35, who likes to go out and have a fun time. Gooding #2852014

**ROMANTIC**  
 SWM, 42, 5'8", enjoys fishing, cuddling, gardening, long drives and more. Looking for someone for their friendship, maybe leading to something more. Appleton #2862225

**NEW TO THE DATING SCENE**  
 SWM, 35, very real person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, skiing, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and cherish. Hollister #2807507 @ JustIn20205

**SEEKING COMPANION**  
 SHF, 28, shy, father of two. Seeking single female 25-35, who is honest, fun, and likes to have fun. Hollister #2865493

**COME JOIN ME!**  
 SWM, 6, 175lbs, enjoys camping, bowling, dancing, movies. Seeking female for a friendship, quality time and good conversation. Contact #2866223

**JUST A NICE GUY**  
 SWM, 25, quiet personality, sincere, likes the outdoors, camping, mountain cooking to meet woman, 18-30, for friendship and maybe more. Burley #2814082 @ Look\_its\_me

**MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE**  
 SM, 42, electrician, enjoys the outdoors, signwriting, time with friends, quality times with a special lady. Will you be that lady? Buhi #2870343

**SEEKING ATTRACTIVE FEMALE**  
 SM, 41, father of one, enjoys dancing, movies, good conversation seeking attractive SF, 30-35, w/great personality, who is not afraid to speak her mind. Hollister #2832776 @ Gerantoni1

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
 SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, N/S, who enjoys the same for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #2850460

**DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH**  
 SWM, 28, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-35, to meet casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton #2851341

**LOVER, NOT A FIGHTER**  
 SM, 30, like kids but not sure I want them, enjoys sports outdoors, taking drives, seeking pretty lady, 25-35, to spend time with. Gooding #2836290 @ bigstrapper042003

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
 WM, 45, enjoys movies, theater, walks, bowling, dancing, most music and more. Would like to meet a WF, 45+, possible relationship. Hollister #28590

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**  
 SWM, 54, enjoys outdoors, hikes, bike riding, exercises, doing about anything. Seeking SF, 47-57, to share same activities. Hollister #2847528 @ onheretwgo

**SEEKS PREFERRED CF**  
 WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, chases, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls #2856969

**A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS**  
 SM, 32, hardworking, active, enjoys lazy times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking smart, child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfield #2742631

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
 SWM, 20, looking for SF, 18-24, who enjoys walks, offroading, snowboarding, video games, dancing, eating out, and trying new things! Hollister #2847697 @ akulit666

**MAYBE IT'S YOU**  
 Easygoing good-hearted, affectionate SM, 28, 5'7", long brown/brown, nice and easy. 178lbs, likes fitness, camping, fishing. Seeking kind, open-minded, loving SF with like interests. Burley #281893

**LET'S TALK**  
 SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, out going, fun, works construction, likes dining, walks, camping, more ISO active SF who enjoys the same. Hollister #2804445

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 SWM, 20, outgoing, caring loves boating, fishing, jaskling, camping more. Seeking romantic, fun, spontaneous, loving, beautiful lady to share talks, quiet walks, friendship and much more. Curry #2804576

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
 Simple, easygoing, affectionate SWM, 45, likes fishing, hunting, snuggling, laughter, BBQs. Seeking similar lady to share friendship, fun special times... possible LTR. Hollister #2818128

**PRETTY OPEN**  
 Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, least camping, fishing outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for a honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #284885

**COUNTRY GENTLEMAN**  
 Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, N/S, likes camping fishing, movies, fishing out. Seeking active SWF, 40-60. N/S, looks unimportant, must be honest, caring and true. Friendship first. maybe LTR. Twin Falls #2816440

**MAKE IT HAPPEN**  
 SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, N/S, curvy WF, 18-50, N/S, as a friend. Curry #2756992

**WORTH A TRY**  
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**ANSWER:** The logic of the forcing no-trump is to allow responder to make that call with hands up to and including balanced forces to game. As a passed hand, you will never have that much, so playing the no-trump as forcing makes little sense. Opener should treat that response of one no-trump as nonforcing and only bid again with extra shape or high cards.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
 Should I learn the Michaels cuebid, or is there any better possible bid for a direct cuebid of the suit opened on my right?

**ANSWER:** The Michaels cuebid has a lot going for it. You get to describe an awkward hand in one go. (The cuebid of a minor shows a two-suiter with both majors 5-5 or more; the cuebid of a major shows the other major and one minor.) As against that, the call is often misused on hands with weak suits and is not without risk even if not mishandled. However, too dangerous is not an excuse, it is said.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
 Do you like the idea of overcalling one diamond with a bid of one spade, holding ♠ K-J-10-3-2, ♥ A-Q-4, ♦ 10, ♣ A-9-4-2? If so, what should you do when your LHO bids one no-trump and the auction is passed back to you? Or would you rather double immediately to get both majors in at once?

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
 My partner produced a call that left me baffled. He opened one club, holding ♠ J-7, ♥ A-Q-3, ♦ J-10, ♣ K-A-Q-10-6-4, and when I reversed one spade, he rebid two hearts. I know that that is a response, promising a good hand, but does not the call promise at least four hearts?

**ANSWER:** Overcalling one spade and then doubling at your next turn suggests your approximate values and general shape. There is something to be said for doubling initially, but you lose the 5-3 spade fit that way (and occasionally a 5-2 spade fit is best). Here your proposed overall, followed by a double, covers all the bases.

**ANSWER:** Yes, a reverse implies 4-5 pattern with the first-bid suit longer. Your partner did not want to jump to three clubs — he thought he had a little too much. Similarly, rebidding no-trump with no diamond stop is unattractive. So the reverse was not such a misleading way to try to get to no-trump if you had something in diamonds.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
 Why do computer deals always produce wild hands when I play in duplicate games? Do the authorities pick strange deals on purpose?

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## True family time teaches teamwork

A father recently told me one reason his 10-year-old son was active in a different sport every season was "he needs to learn how to be a team player."

An odd notion, that a child learns to "be a team player" by participating in sports events where the level of adult involvement effectively eliminates decision-making on the part of the children.

Like many American families, the family in question spends significant after-school and weekend hours carting two children, soon three, to team sports practices and games. In the course of all this driving and cheering, they consume more time than they spend in any other family activity, except that watching a child play a sport and cheering from the sidelines does not constitute a family activity. A picnic is a family activity, as is a nature hike, spending the afternoon in a museum, or taking a trip to Niagara Falls or DizzyWorld; watching a child play a sport does not qualify.



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A family is also engaged in a truly family activity when everyone pitches in to clean the house, weed planting areas, or plant a garden that will help put food on the table. Sadly, few of today's families can be found doing those sorts of things on any sort of regular basis. What with all the after-school sports and activities the kids are involved in, not to mention homework, there's just no time. I contend, therefore, that many children are growing up without an adequate sense of what "family" really and truly means. They know what the word "team" means, but they do not know that one's family is the greatest team one can ever be a member of, and that membership on that team is the best of all ways to learn how to be a team player.

A child learns how to be a family-team player by having a meaningful role, constituted of meaningful responsibilities, within his family. By the time the child is 4 years old, for example, his parents have assigned him to a daily routine of chores that contribute to the cleanliness and order of the family environment or even help sustain the family's standard of living. In the course of performing his chores, he learns that his role in the family is important, that he has value within his family. In response, he develops a sense of personal dignity (not the same, by the way, as self-esteem), attaches importance to his family, and begins to bond with the values the family holds dear. That is the "right stuff" of learning to be a team player.

Unfortunately, most of today's kids are making no contribution to their families to speak of other than their presence, which means, more unfortunately, that the only role today's kids play in their families is that of consumer.

Another way of saying the same thing: In today's atypical family, the only persons who are acting as if they have obligations are the parents. The problem with this one-sided state of affairs is that consumption without contribution inevitably engenders a feeling of entitlement, the feeling that "I deserve." Under the circumstances, individualism and materialism rule, hobbling the development of more functional pro-social values as well as a valid sense of self-worth. The child, so hobbled, ends up feeling OK when he is getting what he wants and not OK when he is not getting what he wants.

Thus, the ubiquitous effort to make children happy is putting them at risk for becoming perpetual malcontents, and has no doubt played a significant role in the steady rise in the rate of child and teen depression since the 1960s when "you can go outside after you've finished your chores" began its slide into obscurity, to be replaced by "hurry up, we've got to get you to football practice on time."

John Rosemond is a family psychologist.



Marianna Krachunov, a Greek Orthodox Christian formerly of Bulgaria, stands next to a collection of icons at her home in Twin Falls. Her family now can freely celebrate its faith but has also adopted some of mainstream America's Christmas customs.

## Tradition beyond the tree

## Families blend culture and Christmas

By Karma M. Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Marianna Krachunov is spending 40 days preparing for the coming of Christ.

Lisa Barini-Garcia and Rosa Davila Munoz look forward to Epiphany.

Emil Huseynov says he enjoys seeing the people around him caught up in the holiday spirit.

Not all of these Magic Valley residents were born in the United States, but all call this country and community home. For them, Christmas is not about Santa Claus or presents under the tree; it's about family and celebrating a season of giving.

Krachunov, a Greek Orthodox Christian, is about midway through a fast. She says prepares the body and spirit for Christ's arrival.

"The whole thing is to make peace with yourself and everyone else," she said.

She eats no meat, no dairy products — nothing from an animal with a spine. It is a cleansing and a reminder of the reason for the holiday. In her home, the Christmas tree is small. A simple wreath hangs over the dining room table.

But what you see first when you enter the home is an impressive collection of icons she brought from her homeland, Bulgaria. One is a 17th-century original depicting Gabriel telling Mary she is with child. Another shows St. George slaying the dragon. Each picture is sacred to her; collectively, they present an altar where she prays.

"This is my heritage, my religion," Krachunov said.

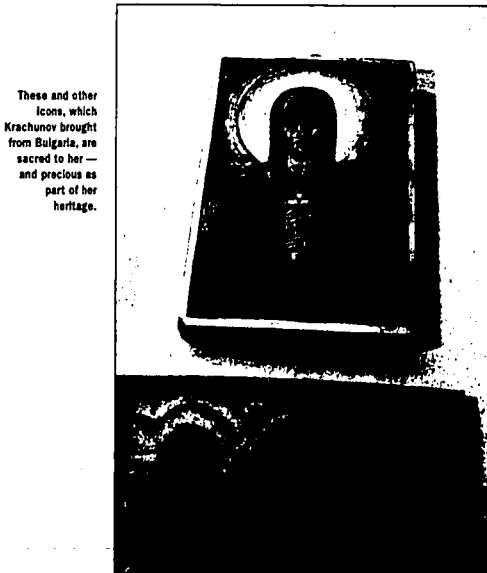
There was a time when it was not so easy to celebrate this part of her life. Though she escaped Bulgaria just as communism rule was ending, she remembers vividly what it was like not to be able to go to church. Family members made up the only congregation with whom she could worship. On Christmas Eve they would gather and pray quietly.

Fifteen years ago, she and her husband escaped. First, they lived as refugees in London. The couple's two daughters were still in Bulgaria, and Krachunov said it is nearly impossible to describe the pain of living away from them. Eventually they were able to bring the girls to England.

The first church service she could attend was an Easter celebration at a large cathedral.

"It was the most beautiful experience," she said. "Everyone was holding a candle in their hands as they walked home, and you could see the little lights all around you in the dark. I felt free then."

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These and other icons, which Krachunov brought from Bulgaria, are sacred to her — and precious as part of her heritage.

## Times-News seeks ideas for upcoming article on final days of holiday vacation

The Times-News

In this section on New Year's Day, *The Times-News* plans to offer ideas for parents looking to make the most of their

schoolchildren's last few days of Christmas vacation.

We want to hear from local civic groups, businesses, libraries and others who plan to hold family-friendly events

on Sunday, Jan. 1, or Monday, Jan. 2. We'd also like to hear from parents who have creative ideas to share.

In short, we want to know how to spend quality time with the kids during

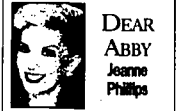
those last two precious days of vacation.

Please send information to Virginia Hutchins this week, by e-mail to [virginia.hutchins@tcn.net](mailto:virginia.hutchins@tcn.net). Or call her at 735-3242.

**FAMILY LIFE**

**Wife's anger at sister-in-law could sour holidays**

**DEAR ABBY:** These will be the first holidays for my husband and me since we discovered that his sister, "Dawn," embezzled more than \$200,000 from our business. It happened over a period of three years, when Dawn was our bookkeeper. Actually, our overall losses were even greater, because of her frivolous spending, "company write-offs" and bad management.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

We knew something was terribly wrong. We just didn't know it was Dawn until she was caught.

She has since gotten another job in another state and is slowly paying back. However, it will be a couple of decades before we're fully repaid — ever. Dawn has asked us not to tell anyone. She got off easy, and I don't believe that she's fully aware of the depth of the damage she left behind.

Fortunately, since Dawn's departure, there is peace in the office and the business is going well once again. But I am still hurt and offended by her deception.

I think I deserve a happy holiday season. Am I justified in avoiding her? Or should I just "love and cherish" at the upcoming family get-together?

**—STILL ANGRY IN MARYLAND**

**DEAR STILL ANGRY:** I assume from your letter that the rest of the family knows nothing about the money your sister-in-law stole, and that she plans to attend the family gatherings.

Are you justified in avoiding her? Absolutely! Unless you are sure you can refrain from losing your temper(s) and spilling the beans, I'd advise you to make other plans this Christmas. Love and cherish is nothing compared to boycott every celebration Dawn attends, you are going to have to learn to tolerate her at some point. Keep in mind, she is making restitution — however slowly — and that's a step in the right direction.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a divorced mother, dating a divorced man whose children are almost completely grown. My boyfriend makes significantly more money than I do and has the freedom to take time off from work whenever he wants (he's an avid hunter and fisherman, and takes several weeks off throughout the year for these hobbies.)

My problem is, I find myself feeling jealous and resentful of the opportunities he is fortunate to have. I know I shouldn't feel that way. He has earned his success, and besides, I love him and want him to have all the things he desires.

On the other hand, I struggle to make ends meet. He pays for everything we do and we are together and often treats my kids to pizza and ice cream. He has offered to give me money from time to time, which I have consistently refused.

So why am I feeling angry and left out — yet he often gives me money, my pride won't allow me to take it anyway?

**—WICKED WITCH OF THE MIDWEST**

**DEAR WICKED WITCH:** You're feeling angry and left out because you are human. Your boyfriend is off kicking up his heels (deservedly or not), and you are left saddled with your responsibilities. Let me say that I respect your stance on not accepting money from him — and I'll bet he does, too.

One way to effect an attitude adjustment would be to plan something special for yourself when he takes off to enjoy his hobbies. Perhaps you would like a massage, dinner out with a girlfriend you haven't seen in some time, an evening at the movies, the theater or a concert? Please don't cast yourself as the poor little left-out wail. The more enjoyable time you allow yourself, the less likely the better company you'll be when he returns. Trust me on that.

Never miss the action.  
The Times-News

**SENIOR CALENDAR**

**Twin Falls Senior Center**  
530 Shoshone St. W.  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.  
Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Menu:** Beans and ham, corn muffin, diced tomatoes, green salad, pudding, fruit  
**Tuesday:** Lasagna, french or garlic bread, Italian vegetables, green salad, fruit  
**Wednesday:** Rosemary chicken, potatoes and gravy, fruit salad, bread, mixed vegetables, pie  
**Thursday:** Turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, fruit salad, yams, vegetables, bread, pie  
**Friday:** Beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, coleslaw, cream puffs

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Quilting Monday Bridge  
**Exercise**  
**Tuesday:** Tickle Tuesday  
**Blood pressure**  
**Medicare D**  
**Wednesday:** Elks Cards  
**No exercise class**  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
**Fiddlers**  
**Thursday:** Medicare D Center closes early  
**Christmas dinner**  
**Friday:** Blood pressure Center bing

**No exercise**  
Center closes early  
**Saturday:** Center closed  
**No super bingo**

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**

310 Main St., N. Kimberly  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Vegetable soup, egg salad sandwich, peaches, cookies  
**Tuesday:** Kansas meatballs, potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, beef, Jell-O with fruit  
**Friday:** Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, shredded cabbage in Jell-O, fruit cocktail, carrot cake

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Monday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Bingo,** 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Bingo,** 11:50 a.m.  
**Pinochle,** 1 p.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**

222 Main St.  
Dinner served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.  
**Menu:**  
**Tuesday:** Sweet and sour pork over rice, sliced carrots, cabbage slaw, bread, mixed fruit  
**Wednesday:** Sloppy loaves on a bun, fries, pickles, pinto beans, jellyed vegetables, salad, cookies  
**Thursday:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered peas, copper penny salad, trail mix, cake and ice cream

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Pace class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

**Cards,** 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
**Pace class,** 1:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
**No bingo**  
**Friday:** Pace class, 1:30 p.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Ham and beans, pickled beets, fruit, cookies, cornbread  
**Tuesday:** Fish or chicken party, potato wedges, carrots, potato salad, carrot cake  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti, corn, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp, garlic bread  
**Thursday:** Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, cauliflower, hotopie pudding, apple salad  
**Friday:** Hot beef sandwich, potatoes and gravy, country mix vegetables, green peas, salad, fruit, cake and ice cream

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Gem State Fiddlers**  
**Snack bar,** 6 p.m.  
**Early Bird,** 6:45 p.m.  
**Bingo,** 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**

310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Vegetable soup, egg salad sandwich, peaches, cookies  
**Tuesday:** Kansas meatballs, potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, beef, Jell-O with fruit  
**Friday:** Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, shredded cabbage in Jell-O, fruit cocktail, carrot cake

**Gooding County Senior Citizens**

308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Sweet and sour pork, rice, California vegetables, Jell-O and cottage cheese, bread, apricots  
**Tuesday:** Beef vegetable soup, pasta salad, crackers, cinnamon rolls  
**Wednesday:** Swedish meatballs, pumpkin, baked squash, coleslaw, french bread, peas  
**Thursday:** Baked ham, cranberry sauce, potatoes and gravy, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, rolls, pumpkin squares  
**Friday:** Leftovers

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
**Pool,** 9:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
**Hand and foot,** 6:30 p.m.  
**Bridge,** 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
**Shuffleboard,** 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
**Pool,** 9:30 a.m.  
**Blood pressure,** 11:30 a.m.  
**TOPS,** 4 p.m.  
**Pinochle,** 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Bridge, 1 p.m.  
**Bowling,** 1:30 p.m.  
**Bingo,** 6 p.m.

**Hagerman Senior Center**

140 E. Lake  
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, green salad, fruit, dessert  
**Wednesday:** Pork ribs, sauerkraut, potato wedges, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert  
**Friday:** Christmas dinner, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, salad, peas, fruit, rolls, dessert

**days, Wednesdays and Fridays:** lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, green salad, fruit, rolls, dessert  
**Wednesday:** Pork ribs, sauerkraut, potato wedges, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert  
**Friday:** Christmas dinner, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, salad, peas, fruit, rolls, dessert

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**

Elen  
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.  
**Menu:**  
**Tuesday:** Chili, tomatoes, coleslaw, fruit, cornbread, cookie  
**Thursday:** Ham and turkey Christmas dinner  
**Activities:**  
**Wednesday:** No bingo.

**Blaine County Senior Center**

721 Third Ave. S., Hailley  
**Menu:**  
**Tuesday:** Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, biscuits, 7-Up salad, fruit cocktail  
**Wednesday:** Quiche (chicken or tomato or vegetable), hash brown casserole, ambrosia, morning glory muffins, chocolate pudding cake  
**Friday:** Turkey and ham, stuffing, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberries, apple congeal salad, stuffed celery hot rolls, pumpkin pie and pecan pie

**Three Island Senior Center**

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glens Ferry  
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Sausage, gravy, biscuits, hash browns, scrambled eggs, fruit  
**Tuesday:** Salmon loaf with cheese sauce, au gratin potatoes, spinach, fruit, Jell-O, bread  
**Thursday:** Roast beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, pears, bread

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Medicare help, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Medicare help, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**

2421 Overland Ave., Burley  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Chicken nuggets, cheddar potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit medley, spice cake  
**Tuesday:** Chili, cinnamon rolls, peaches, cookies  
**Wednesday:** French dip sandwich, potato soup, raspberry Jell-O, chocolate cake  
**Thursday:** Parmesan chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, special dessert  
**Friday:** Pizza surprise

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Pool  
**Pinochle,** 1 p.m.  
Sterling insurance, 1 p.m.  
Blood pressure by Hospice  
**Tuesday:** All play pool  
Woodcarving class, 8:30 a.m.  
**Bingo,** 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** All play pool  
**Pinochle,** 1 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pool  
**Pinochle,** 5 p.m.  
Woodcarving, 5 p.m.  
**Friday:** All play pool  
**Pinochle,** 1 p.m.  
**Bingo,** 1 p.m.

**Thursday:** Medicare help, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Friday:** TOPS, 9 a.m.

**Camas County Senior Center**

127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.  
**Menu:**  
**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak, cottage cheese, fruit, vegetables, salad, bread, dessert  
**Wednesday:** Casserole, salad, fruit, vegetables, bread, dessert  
**Friday:** Meat and potatoes, salad, fruit, vegetables, bread, dessert

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
**Low impact exercise class,** 10:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
**Friday:** Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
**Low impact exercise class,** 10:45 a.m.

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**

702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
**Menu:**  
**Monday:** Taco salad, Texas toast, cottage cheese, fruit  
**Tuesday:** Chicken sandwich, vegetables, fries, Jell-O jewelry  
**Wednesday:** Birthday and anniversary dinner  
**Thursday:** Chicken and rice, broccoli salad, brownies  
**Friday:** Smorgasbord

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.  
**Pinochle,** 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.  
**Pinochle,** 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Friday:** Bingo, Heritage

**SKY WATCH**

Chris Anderson  
Projecting further into the future or past gets more complicated. But calculations that would have taken weeks in the pre-computer age can be performed in a fraction of a second by the most modern PC. There's a variety of software available to simulate the universe on your home computer, ranging from freeware to professional programs costing hundreds of dollars. Basic "desktop planetariums" will tell you what that bright object was in the southwest last night. Advanced programs like "The Sky" or "Starry Night" not only produce realistic views of the sky, but also allow telescopic zooms on celestial targets. Some high-end packages are so realistic that their screens are projected via fish-eye lenses onto the domes of the newest "digital sky" planetarium theaters.

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**SINUSITIS or Co**

Because the symptoms of sinusitis mimic those of colds, you may not know you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you have sinusitis, review these symptoms. If you suffer from three or symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help.

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
<b>Drunken</b>	<b>Over 24 hours</b>	<b>Under 10 days</b>
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thin, whitish or thin
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes

**Sky calendar through Saturday**

• **Planets:**  
One hour before sunrise:  
Mercury: ESE, extremely low  
Jupiter: SE, low  
Saturn: W, mid-sky  
One hour after sunset:  
Venus: SW, very low  
Mars: ESE, mid-sky  
• **Moon:** Third quarter 12:36 p.m. Friday. Close to Saturn late tonight and early Monday morning.  
• **Other data:** Winter solstice 11:35 a.m. Wednesday.

**Astronomy on your computer**

Computer gamers value realism. The more effort game designers put into making their virtual worlds obey the laws of physics, the more realistic the game. Compared with simulating how a cyber-villain's jaw reacts to a virtual hero's haymaker, risky is comparatively simple. Newton's law of gravity is about all a programmer needs to compute a planet's position one week from now, or a month ago.



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## Small talk help for the holidays

By Celeste Smith  
Knight Ridder News Service

This time of year, the world seems divided into two camps: Those who love going to holiday parties — and those who dread them.

Whether you're the life of the party or a shy introvert, small talking is a skill we should all develop anyway, since it's a "permanent fixture in our social system," notes Andrea Kirby, a Charlotte, N.C.-based communications coach who has worked with sports figures on giving media interviews.

"Because of e-mail, we have gotten away from some of the necessary forms of small talk," Kirby said. "You have to learn the basics. If you do, you'll definitely have fun." Need ideas to get started? Here are suggestions from Kirby and other gifted gabbers.

### Use the obvious

Andy Kaplan takes advantage of his city's easiest icebreaker: "Why did you move here? Where did you move from?" That's probably the most easy opening in town," Kaplan said.

The theme of the party also offers lead-ins to conversation starters.

At a Christmas gathering, Kirby once asked a guest about a favorite ornament. That got the talk rolling. "It's a silly little question, but for some reason, they go on."

If you're at a New Year's party, Kaplan suggests asking a guest about a favorite thing he did that year.

### Keep things going

Even shy people must realize that small talk is a two-way street, notes Debra Fine, author of "Small Talk: How to Start a Conversation, Keep It Going, Build Networking Skills — and Leave a Positive Impression" (Hyperion Books, \$16.95).

"Don't assume the burden of conversation," Fine writes. Remember the names of people you meet, and fill awkward pauses with conversation. Don't hope others will take on these tasks, says Fine.

### Be mindful of body language

If you smile and make eye contact, it makes the person relax if you're approaching them," Kaplan said.

Don't hesitate to approach a cluster of people. Even if you're engaged in conversation, just pick the right bunch.

"There are always small groups of two or three people who are talking, but not so intentionally that you can't butt in," Kirby said. But "I never walk up to anyone who's laughing too hard, because they're having their own thing going."

### Avoid common conversation killers

Politics, religion or health and job woes can put a damper on a party, even if you are among friends.

### Charm the hosts

If a couple is throwing the party but you know only half of the essence, make it your purpose to chat up the other mate. "Make a point that you're pointedly interested," Kirby said.

Then, Kirby said, you can enlist either one's help on working the party by asking, "Who would like to meet?"

# You are even more popular than usual, Aquarius

IF DEC. 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: When you get the bit between your teeth you are likely to run like the wind and win the race. With passionate Pluto dancing in your sector of the zodiac and on during the year ahead, you could take a huge leap forward. Avoid making important commitments in the last half of February or June when planetary conditions could create lasting problems. Any obstacles that you encounter in June and October may contain a lesson about not blinding off more than you can handle.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Love has an extra special zing tonight. You will be pleased that your hard work results in a pleasant harvest of Christmas

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

readiness. Spend the day with friends and the night with a lover.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Holiday outings are filled with fun. Promises of fidelity are possible. Your charm is at its height — so if you want to make a relationship permanent, now is the time to put your heart on the line.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Tag — you're it! Be prepared for a few surprises or unexpected meetings under today's stars. A phone call might change your plans for the day. Spend quality

time with loved ones.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Love is in the air and impulse buying might be in the stars. The mood is perfect for choosing detectable stocking stuffers and making holiday treats for those on your Christmas list.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Get in the holiday mood. Sing carols in duet with a significant other and make beautiful music together all night long. Be prepared to discuss new ideas and shocking news items just for fun.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Let your ingenuity shine. Hide presents away in case you have unexpected guests and make plans to create delectable surprises for loved ones. Struggle up with that special someone tonight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Wave a magic wand and a special someone could fall under your spell. Invite someone close to trim a tree or wrap presents while a festive mood makes the holiday ahead seem extra special.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Someone close might be ready to settle down and make a commitment. Romantic bliss is in the stars, so make your home a warm setting for holiday cheer and delight your loved ones.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be spontaneous. Last-minute shopping could be necessary and you may feel the urge to splurge on something exotic. Whatever you do is certain to delight and amuse others.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Go with the flow. More than visions of sugarpuffs are dancing in someone's head. Affectionate girthy is the air and an unforeseen act of generosity may take on higher significance.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't have a holiday twinkle in your eye. You are more popular than usual, so accept invitations and enjoy yourself. An exciting new hook-up might lead to a long-term relationship.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Go along for the ride. Your network of friends may draw you into unusual holiday activities. Try something completely new, traditional as you may never have another chance to experiment.

## Holiday greetings have evolved, endured

By Annie Groer  
The Washington Post

Ah, Christmas, the season when an exchange of greetings can be a tough decision as an exchange of gifts.

At one end of the spectrum is Andy Bleck, a United Parcel Service driver from Silver Spring, Md., who still fills a cherished family tradition of making dozens of elaborate Christmas cards by hand, just as his father and uncles once did. At the other end is trend forecaster Gerald Celente of Rhinebeck, N.Y., who hasn't sent a holiday card in 15 years.

In between are those who buy their cards and write a personal note on each, and those who just scrawl their names at the bottom. Some dispatch humorous, computer-generated newsletters recapping the year's highlights (substitute "re-ditions" and "boastful" where applicable), while others just send out an annual picture of the kids playing at the beach or a family portrait of everyone (including the dog) in matching garb.

Here are those who seek to "put the Christ back in Christmas" with religious cards and those who prefer the secular and profane greetings.

But it is interesting in these frazzled times to acknowledge the staying power of a tradition born in London in 1843, when Henry Cole produced 1,000 copies of John Galtcott Hertsley's lithograph of a family gathered around a holiday table. The message of that first card was simple: "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Neither the advent of e-mail tidings in the late 1990s nor postage increases nor even a fear of anthrax-laced letters in 2001 has greatly stemmed the annual flood of holiday cards. Though the numbers have fluctuated over the years, paper cards are holding their own.

In 1987, the average American household received 29 pieces of Christmas mail, said U.S. Postal Service spokesman Gerry McKiernan. By 1994, the number dropped to 23. In 2002 it bounced back to 27, but a year later fell to fewer than 20 cards per household. In 2004 it rose to 21.6 cards. And this year? It is expected to remain stable at about 21.5 cards, he said.

The 2002 spike occurred despite a two-cent hike in the cost of a first-class stamp that June, McKiernan said. "Then when the rate was stable the next year, volume went down. Go figure. Last year postage was still 37 cents and the numbers went up."

Although independent statistics are hard to find, Hallmark, which tops the greeting card market with a 50 percent share

— calls Christmas its biggest holiday by far, with the majority of its business done in the fourth quarter.

The company predicts "pretty steady" print industry sales of 2 billion holiday cards this year, up from 1.9 billion last year, said Debbie Parkes, a Hallmark spokeswoman.

And there is no corporate flattening over e-cards, which are vastly outnumbered by paper cards by a ratio of 20 to 1, after an initial surge in the late 1990s, according to Parkes.

Nonetheless, to cover their bases, Hallmark and mega-computer American Greetings have staked out territory in the e-mail market with dancing reindeer and singing elves.

"E-cards are a fun and casual communication. But especially at Christmas, what people want to see is a bit more serious in nature," said Parkes. Paper cards "are keepers. People display them, they share them with other family members. You know the moms who save every card they ever got from their kids."

Those in the paper card camp split naturally into factions: purists who make their own cards and those who buy commercial ones.

Then there is the newsletter partisans. Never mind that they're often the butt of jokes about the self-important minutiae they feel compelled to share every December. For these people, a brief note under the store-bought sentiment — never mind their signature — is woefully inadequate.

Cheryl Arvidson, a communications staffer at the Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers in St. Louis, has programs set again to send a chatty Christmas message to 100 of her nearest and dearest. "I think people really get a kick out of them. It's a good way of saying, 'here's what's going on with me and my family, the death of my storied cat, Dashiell.'"

Those who have forsaken paper greetings altogether in favor of Internet letters also fall into camps: those who art-direct their own creations, using clay-toned styled prose and digital family photos, and those who fall back on ordinary e-mail.

Trend researcher Celente, whose business is to forecast societal swings, can't fully explain why paper cards survive and thrive in this age of instant messaging. "Cards were something of a communication thing when you hadn't heard from someone in a long time. Now you just get on the Internet and the cell phone. It's time it's money, the message isn't there like it used to be. It's become a chore."

## Make sure to avoid the seven most common pet-grooming mistakes

When spending more time each week being with our pets today, we've become more interested in things that help them feel, look and smell their very best, with what I refer to as a "littergate" card.

"Grooming products are very hot right now," said Joe Luciani, spokesman for the Pet Supplies "Plus" chain. "People are much more aware of how important it is to groom their dogs, and this is reflected in the sale of specialty brushes, combs, shampoos, pet cleaners, pet nail clippers and even canine enemas."

With so many grooming products to choose from, keeping your pet looking good should be easier, provided you know how to avoid some common pitfalls.

According to Barbara Denzer, vice president of Cardinal Laboratories, which makes dog shampoos and other grooming products, here are the seven most common grooming mistakes:

**Mistake No. 1**  
Not bathing pets often enough. Contrary to the once commonly held belief, frequent bathing does not dry out a dog's skin, according to Denzer. Thanks to today's variety of pet foods and quality dog shampoos (and better external parasite control), fewer animals experience skin problems. Whereas most dogs should be shampooed between two and four times a month, certain breeds with pollen allergies should be bathed daily with hypoallergenic shampoos.

**Mistake No. 2**  
Using a human shampoo to wash their dog. "Human shampoos," even the baby variety, are far too drying for a dog's sensitive skin and have a variety of additives — for example, thickening shampoos or those for color treatments — that are unnecessary and, perhaps, harmful to pets. "Because dogs bath much less frequently and get so much drier than we do, their shampoos have to work even harder than ours — so dog shampoos have to be of better quality than human ones," Denzer said.

**Mistake No. 3**  
Not brushing their pets often enough. Regular brushing keeps the hair in tip-top condition by spreading natural oils throughout the coat and removing dirt and debris (for example, weed seeds like foxtails can pierce the skin, causing internal problems). Grooming and brushing also removes knots and snags before they form tangles that reduce the circulation of air to the skin.

Let's not forget that grooming also gives you a chance to not only bond with your pet, but to check for fleas, ticks, tumors, skin problems and other medical conditions at the same time.

**Mistake No. 4**  
Not selecting the proper comb or brush for their dog's coat. There's a huge variety of brushes and combs out there because there are many different lengths and textures of coat in dogs. Bristle brushes work best on short, smooth coats. You can start by brushing against the direction of the coat to loosen dead skin and hair, and then follow up by brushing with the hair, so the soft bristles can remove all the loose material. Pin brushes are excellent for longer haired breeds, since they allow you to part the hair and brush it in layers. Slicker brushes, which have short, bent wire bristles that grasp the undercoat, are great for removing dead hair and untangling small mats.

Grooming mits or rubber brushes mold to the contours of the dog's body to massage the skin as they brush, removing shed hair from short, smooth coats.

**Mistake No. 5**  
Not using flea and tick preventatives responsibly. The Companion Animal Parasite Control now recommends lifetime year-round parasite control for all pets, regardless of ge-



THE BOND  
Marty Becker

### Mistake No. 6

Overlooking the ears. A dog's long, deep ear canal is the perfect breeding ground for yeast, mites and bacteria, especially if it's covered by a big floppy ear. But whatever kind of ears your dog has, keep them clean and dry at all times, and make a quick ear inspection part of your regular grooming routine. When bathing your dog, make sure to dry inside her ears after water. (Some owners like to put cotton balls in their dog's ears before a bath, to keep the water out.) Don't forget to remove them! Also, be sure to clean the ears regularly to remove excessive wax and debris. Be sure to carry some safe and effective ear cleaning products, but Malacetic Otic (Dermalvet) is a veterinary favorite that can be used prophylactically to ears after bathing to prevent "bather's ear" and treat most microbes before they cause clinical signs.

### Mistake No. 7

Not clipping nails. When dogs walk on overgrown nails, it places a great deal of stress on the joints in the paws. This isn't just uncomfortable for your pet, but it can also lead to more serious medical problems. Although every dog's nails grow at a different rate, most need clipping at least once a month. If you notice your dog's nails bearing any weight when his paws touch the floor, then it's time for a trim. The best time to trim the nails is just after a bath, when they're softer and easier to clip. Make sure you use pet nail trimmers, not human nail trimmers, which splinter the nail.

### Mistake No. 8

Write to former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 700 12th St. N.E., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005.

## "Real Estate Corner" NEW OR USED?

by Laura Fitzgerald  
Re/Max American Dream Realty

When looking for a house, it's tempting to consider only newly built homes. The clean, fresh appearance of a new house and neighborhood can be hard to resist. But an existing home has some advantages.

With an existing home, the neighborhood is established. You know your neighbors are and whether the area is kept up. In addition, mature landscaping can

add much to the desirability of the location. Homes in an older neighborhood may have design qualities you find in new housing. "Character" is an indefinable quality often found in older homes, especially where each was individually built.

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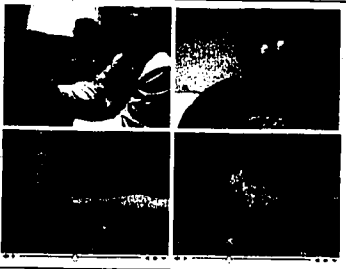
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FAMILY LIFE

# Grandma gets her (electronic) game on

By Jose Antonio Vargas  
The Washington Post

Grandma won't let go of the console.  
For more than a week, Barbara St. Hillaire has been logging heavy leather recliner time, smacking on a big Tupperware bowl of jalapeno-flavored popcorn, yelling grossly unprintable words at her 35-inch TV — all the while trying to kill ghosts in the horror video game Fatal Frame 3. The 69-year-old grandmother is a gamer, no joke.



Barbara St. Hillaire of Mantua, Ohio, is 69, a grandmother and one serious gamer. She turns up the volume on games until, one of her grandkids says, 'her room literally starts to shake.' She also reviews games for MTV.

home in Mantua, Ohio. There is an AARP generation of gamers, a group that logs on to Gamezebers.com and would qualify for senior citizen discounts if game stores offered that on the Nintendo Game Boy Advance. In fact, 19 percent of computer and console gamers are over the age of 50, says the Entertainment Software Association, the industry's trade group. They play a variety of games — from laid-back fare such as solitaire and mah-jongg, to first-person shooters (military-themed titles are best). Dorothy Rosenbergs, a 73-year-old bridge player from Boca Raton, Fla., last year authored "Playing Around: My Adventures on the Zone.com," referring to the popular site for casual gamers, especially women. Still, a 69-year-old who spends a Saturday afternoon in Wal-Mart setting up Xbox 360s is no ordinary gamer. "I'd kill for one of those," St. Hillaire says. "She's done this gaming thing all these years," says Jean Brink, 74, a friend of St. Hillaire's for more than 25 years. "We'd go to bingo then she'd go home to get on the Nintendo."

St. Hillaire lives with her daughter, Linda, 44, an office manager, and Linda's four kids, ages 12 to 22. The eldest, Tim, started a blog last June, chronicling the going-on in a one-story, five-bedroom abode where everyone is a gamer —

there are no fewer than 17 game consoles in the house, from a Nintendo 64 to a Game Boy SP to a Dreamcast — and Grandma is the most addicted of them all.

On a recent post, written after Grandma finished *Growlanser Generations*, a two-disc strategy game of magic, weapons and Kingdoms, he wrote: "Last night, Grandma did it. Final time on Growlanser III: 64 hrs 45 min. Final time on Growlanser II: 31 hrs 10 min. Total combined time on Growlanser Generations just under 96 hours. Solid. Total bags of popcorn consumed: 37. Total cans, 12 oz Diet Coke consumed: 54."

She calls the blog OGIIC — "Old Grandma's Hot Core." "My friends know Grandma, and I was writing the blog for them. It was more of an Adam Sandler humor. Most of the look at grandma, look at what she's doing. But then other people began reading it, and I had a little time convincing people that it's not a joke. I've done a lot of proof — show us some photos, some videos. Grandma thought it was all so hilarious," says one who updates the blog at least once a week.

Then things got out of hand. The blog has gotten more than 52,000 page loads a week. In the past few weeks, St. Hillaire has been featured on Web sites in Norway and Germany. Alex Porter, a senior editor at MTV.com, was so taken by her blog that he has had her to review games. "She's what we're calling a senior correspondent," Porter says with a chuckle.

# These gift ideas for children embrace Mother Nature

By Liz Stevens  
Knight Rider News Service

Maybe you think that the holidays have become too commercial. Maybe you're tired of kids getting too much stuff. Maybe you think that usually this stuff is made of cruddy plastic or doesn't encourage kids to connect with Mother Earth.

If so, the following children's gift items are just right for you. Here are the following children's gift items are just right for you, too.

## Tradition

Ten years ago, the family moved to Twin Falls, where they had friends. They settled into America on the day some art studio in downtown Twin Falls and she sells real estate. They've become American citizens.

Blending three cultures  
Twin Falls resident Rosa Davila Munoz is from Puerto Rico. The emphasis is on Jan 6, Epiphany. The day some Christian traditions say the three wise men arrived to see the Christ-child in Bethlehem.

interests — with our choices here.

1. Organic stuffed animals. These adorable, floppy-bumped creatures are made from 100 percent organic cotton and stuffed with wool. They're fashioned in Europe by Lana, a company that claims to oversee all aspects of production, including the working conditions of the people who make these in their homes. Animals include a donkey, cat, pig, dragon, rabbit and chicken. \$35 to \$50. Available at [www.challengeofusa.com](http://www.challengeofusa.com), [www.nomp.com](http://www.nomp.com), [www.koukuaonline.com](http://www.koukuaonline.com).

2. Travel games from sustainably harvested wood. The game *Nine Men's Morris* is old enough to have been found carved into a Roman tile. In the same game as Chinese checkers, *Nine Men's Morris* involves strategic movement of marbles around the board, arranging "mills" and "pounding" the other guy's men the marbles are stored inside the board.

One example was crafted by a student in Berea College's Student Crafts Program. In lieu of making gifts, students at the Kentucky school work on campus 10 to 12 hours a week. \$20 at [benecastudio.yahoo.net](http://benecastudio.yahoo.net).

3. Antiques. Shopping antiques malls has numerous advantages: 1. Antiques are, by definition, recycled goods. 2. You never know what you'll find, so stumbling upon the perfect gift is always possible. 3. The end result will likely be unique.

Munoz misses the festive environment. "It's Christmas for a long time. The first of January you're just halfway through," she said. Her husband, Gerardo, is from Columbia. He has an entirely different set of traditions that she has integrated into his American life. She said the Colombian rituals include a large Nativity scene with waterways and cards. Gifts aren't left under a Christmas tree; they're brought by baby Jesus when he arrives and placed underneath the Nativity.

The Munoz family has also embraced some of the more American customs — stockings hanging on the mantle, and a Christmas tree.

Like any other American family, she said.

## Protecting Culture

Lisa Barin-Garcia of Twin Falls is also Puerto Rican but grew up in Queen, N.Y. She said it has been important to her to teach her two children about their Puerto Rican heritage, while also celebrating her husband's Basque, Irish and Scottish roots. Every other year, the family travels to Puerto Rico where, like Munoz, they enjoy the extended holiday season from Advent to Epiphany. Barin-Garcia says she emphasizes the arrival of the three kings by lighting hay or grass for their camels. She takes care to find Nativity sets that have the magd represented as she believes to be eth-

nically accurate: a European, an Asian and an African. They're hard to find around here, she said, so they're from Puerto Rico when she's there in person.

She does try to make sure she has a few angels around with brown skin but doesn't worry about finding Santas with brown skin that matches hers. "Santa Claus is who he is," Barin-Garcia said. "We're Catholic, so Santa is St. Nicholas."

She and her husband work hard to give their children all parts of their cultural heritage. But the bottom line is the reason for Christmas: the birth of Christ is what they celebrate.

## Impressed observer

Emil Husynov is Muslim, so he does not celebrate Christmas, but he said he has enjoyed watching his friends prepare for the holiday.

"So far I like it," the College of Southern Idaho exchange student said. "People have a very good mood to celebrate the holidays. I can see the environment is very good."

Husynov, from Azerbaijan, has lived in Twin Falls since August. At home, he said, the biggest winter celebration is Dec. 6, the beginning of a new year. He misses his family but came to learn about the culture here and hopes to share his knowledge when he returns in the summer.

It's good to know about other cultures, people in my country are very interested in America," he said. He said he'll be in New York with other exchange students next week to observe the American holiday season. He enjoyed the Halloween celebration downtown.

## Toy packaging can be a big ordeal

By Jeff Gammage  
Knight Rider News Service

During the seasonal shopping rush, the holiday types begin looking forward to bundles of new toys, and parents anticipate their own special holiday sentiment. Seeing frustration, fueled by the ordeal of trying to extract those toys from their packaging. These days, children's playthings don't come nestled inside their containers, they come cradled to them, immobilized by a torturer's rack of wire, tape, thread and plastic lashing.

"The thing that surprised me," Haddonfield, Ill., mother Merri Votta said, recalling her recent battle with a Polly Pocket doll, "is how many times the wire was twisted. It wasn't twisted twice or three times. It was twisted a lot of times. She had the wire around her neck, her arms..."

It wasn't always like this. Long ago, in an era that historians have worked to call "the 1970s," toys came in cardboard boxes. Children could actually open these boxes by themselves and begin playing with their toys immediately.

No more. Today, dolls and action figures come in take-like miniature Gullivers. It can take 15 to 20 minutes or more to get them out, and 15 minutes for every toy that follows.

"By the time you're done Christmas morning," sighed industry analyst Chris Byrne, editor of the Toy Report, "you're ready for a cocktail." And perhaps a tetanus shot. Or a few stitches. Because trying to open a toy is not just tedious but dangerous. More Americans are injured by packaging than are hurt in skate-board accidents — 220,000 a year, according to government figures. People slice their hands on jagged plastic, pierce their fingers on wires, accidentally run themselves through with knives and screwdrivers.

Why do toy-makers insist on packaging their products this way? Actually, the manufacturers don't think like the packaging either. For one thing, it's not good business to antagonize your customers. For another, when you manufacture \$20 billion worth of toys a year, the cost of wire and plastic binding adds up. That Mattel's My Scene Goss Hollywood Chelsea, a redhead Barbie, cost \$1.99 a piece. The doll and her two dozen accessories are held down by 20 pieces of tape, five wires, two lengths of stitching, three drops of glue, a couple of rubber clamps, a water-based, assorted cardboard spacers and, not least, a plastic cord threaded through the back of Chelsea's skull. (Which you know has GOT to hurt.)

## Read to your child at any age

By Armin Brott  
Knight Rider News Service

Question: My husband and I have a 1-month old. When's the right time to start reading to her? And is there a "right" way to do it?

Answer: If there is one gift that every parent should give his or her child, it's a love of reading and stories. At this age, you can read just about anything to your baby, from "War and Peace" to the installation guide to your dishwasher. The goal isn't to educate, it's to get her used to the sound of the language and to give make a connection to a peaceful activity.

Children who get read regularly to by their parents have bigger vocabularies, are able to sit still for longer periods of time, and have fewer problems learning to read than kids who don't have the same exposure to books. Still not convinced that reading to your child is a good thing? Try this: 60 percent of prison inmates are illiterate, 85 percent of juvenile offenders have reading problems, and 44 percent of adult Americans can't read a single book in the course of a year.

Clearly, reading is an important habit to develop, and it's never too early to start. And it'll be a while, though, until you get much reaction from the baby. At about 3 months, she may start holding your finger while you read to her. At 4 months, she'll sit still and listen attentively while you read and may even reach out to scratch the pages of the book. At around 5 months, she'll probably start to respond to your pointing. At 6 months, she'll respond to what you're reading by bouncing up and down or chucking before you get to the familiar part of the story. Look for books with simple, uncluttered drawings as well as poetry and nursery rhymes.

By about 7 months, your baby's grabbing and tearing at your books will probably start. As far as whether there's a "right" way, the answer is no. Just try to make it a regular part of your baby's life. If you can set up a special time and place for reading, so much the better. The best reading position for your baby is to sit her on your lap with her back to your chest. Hold the book with your arms around her and read from over her shoulder.

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FAMILY LIFE

# Choose carefully to ensure your gifts are appreciated

By Margaret Price  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Two years ago, Manhattan resident Erin Ferencik had a close encounter with a holiday gift. It was a sequined black turtleneck sweater, given her by a male friend. Not only was it glittery all over, but the polyester-blend — monstrosity had a split-neck portion that folded down into a sailor-type collar.

Amazingly, her friend "hadn't even picked out the gift. He'd pushed that duty onto his girlfriend," recalls Ferencik, now 24.

But as she opened the package, Ferencik kept a straight face. "This is so nice. It's great," she said.

That night, her friend asked her to wear the sweater when they all went to a party — which prevented her from returning the gift later. "And now it's in storage," says the woman, who is an executive assistant at a firm management firm.

But it does stand as a reminder of one tenet of gift-giving: spend your hard-earned money wisely. Shoppers should think about the person they're buying something for, Ferencik said. Don't get someone else to buy their gifts for them.

In fact, garish sweaters are just a few of the no-no's for holiday shoppers this year. Other faux pas include anything insulting, hurtful or so highly generic that looks like it was grabbed off the shelves.

To some experts, buying such unwanted gifts can be particularly wasteful when time and money are tight. "And some people may have less disposable income to spend on gifts," said Hill Coleman, senior vice president of compensation at Salary.com.

"People who live on a budget might not want to be spending to continue to afford gas." But even gifts bought on a trimmed budget need to please and not annoy the etiquette expert of Peter Pevz, author of "Essential Manners for Couples," put it. "It may be harder to find a (good) \$15 gift. But it doesn't mean it should be any less appropriate."

## Tips

Robyn Spitzer, author of the book "Make It Memorable: An A-Z Guide to Making Any Event, Gift or Occasion ... Dazzling," lists her picks for the 10 worst gifts this holiday season that range from the completely inappropriate to the burdensome:

- **Underwear** for a subordinate at work: inappropriate.
- **Alcohol** for a non drinker: insensitive.
- **Bathroom scales**: bad idea during any season.
- **Highly scented perfume**, unless it's someone's favorite: painful to colleagues.
- **Toys** for tots with pieces, such as marbles, that kids could choke on: dangerous.
- **Ordinary soaps**, canies or soaps: mundane.
- **Gadgets** that require a monthly service fee: burdensome.
- **A \$25-or-less gift certificate** to a pricey store: fairly useless.
- **A pet**, unless it's requested: again, burdensome.
- **And, of course**, the outlandish swears or otherwise: unwearable.

But how to find the right gifts? Some experts recommend asking intended recipients for some helpful hints. But whether or not shoppers go that route, they could get ideas by doing some reconnaissance.

"Normal, daily conversations with people can tip you off about their hobbies, where they went to college, what activities they support. This information can translate into gifts," said Leah Ingram, a gift and etiquette expert.

Happily, data show many items would be well-received. As part of its survey on Christmas spending, a National Retail Federation found out what respondents want this year: More than half favor books, CDs, DVDs, videos and video games, clothing or accessories, or gift cards.

About two in five care consumer electronics, while one in four want jewelry and one in five hope for home decor items.

## HOT WHEELS



Margaret Nixon, 73, and Francis Murphy, 75, of Defiance, Ohio, kiss after being married on motorized wheelchairs in the 'Tunnel of Love' drive-thru at the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas on Dec. 5. Charlotte Richards applauds from the drive-thru window as Sasha Semenov plays a violin in the background. The couple can walk short distances but use wheelchairs due to some health problems. The couple has been dating since August, said Nixon's daughter.

## Blending in as a stepfamily

The Boston Globe

Stepfamilies' holiday planning calls for fairness and flexibility. Here are a few tips on blending in during the holidays:

- **A good response** from a stepparent to an unkind comment from a stepchild: "I'm sorry it's not what you expected. Maybe we can do it differently together next year."
- **A good line** for the parent whose children are unhappy with a stepparent's efforts: "Things aren't better or worse here. They're just different."
- **If there isn't a bed** for each visiting stepchild, then even the children whose home it is should sleep on the floor in sleeping bags.
- **Carve out drawer and closet space** for visiting stepchildren. In the eyes of a stepchild, equal rights counts.
- **Be sure to tell your child** explicitly how happy you are to be together for the holiday.
- **Can you invite your spouse's ex** to be part of your family's observance? If you know he/she will be alone and your stepchild is worried about the stepparent, and if your relationship is amicable, this is a kindness that reaps rewards and moods generally. Be sure to clue all guests in beforehand.

## WEDDINGS

### SCHMIDT-VERGENSEN

BOISE — Jessica Marie Schmidt and Joseph Emanuel Vergensen were married Dec. 3 in the Park Wedding Chapel in Reno, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Kent and Christine Schmidt of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Veri and Connie Vergensen, also of Twin Falls.

The bride graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1999. She is the assistant manager at Waldenbooks in Boise. The groom graduated from Twin Falls High and attended American Institute in Hollywood, Calif. He is drummer for the Boise-based band Vincent Vegas and is employed by Itoe Painting.



Jessica and Joseph Vergensen  
Twin Falls High and attended American Institute in Hollywood, Calif. He is drummer for the Boise-based band Vincent Vegas and is employed by Itoe Painting. The couple resides in Boise.

### SEAMAN-JENSEN

TWIN FALLS — Sierra Seaman and Seth Jensen were married Dec. 17 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Robert L. and Linda Seaman of Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Clark and Lillian Jensen of Cooper, Wyo.

A reception will be held in their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the LDS Church on Maurice Street in Twin Falls.



Sierra and Seth Jensen

### BEAMES-WOOLF

HAZELTON — Miranda Elizabeth Beames and James Woolf were married Dec. 17 in the Logan LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Lanni Beames of Hazelton.

The groom is the son of Dennis and Laz Woolf of Preston.

The bride graduated in 1997 from Valley High School and served in the LDS Mission as a Dismal LDS Mission. She graduated from Brigham Young University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in business management. She is employed as a merchandise analyst in the buyer's department for Kohl's Corporate Office.

The groom graduated in 1997 from Preston High School and served in the Dismal LDS Mission. He graduated from Utah State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in biology.



Cameron and Miranda Woolf

He is a second-year medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

An open house was held Dec. 17 at the Club River Church in Preston.

A reception will be held in their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the White House, 305 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Milwaukee, Wis.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### THE PILANTS

TWIN FALLS — Harley and Janice Pilant of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at their home at 150 Pole Line Road, No. 77, in Twin Falls.

Neighbors please.

The event is hosted by their children, Diane Pilant (14K Grubbs) of St. Paul, Minn., Dale (Lanni) Pilant of Buhl, Daran (Ammi) Pilant of Twin Falls and Debra Pilant of Twin Falls.

### THE PATTONS

GOODING — Tom and Connie Patton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 18.

Tom Patton and Connie Reeves were married Dec. 18, 1957, at the Presbyterian Church in Merrill. One Oct. 18, 1962, they were sealed in the Los Angeles Temple.

At the time of their marriage, she was employed at Lenzette in Kamah Falls, Ore., and he was a herdman for Hawthorne Farms in Hillsboro, Ore.

They have lived in seven states — Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Virginia and Nebraska. They now reside in Gooding, where he is employed by D&D Transportation.



Tom and Connie Patton

They have four children, Debra (Diane) Leavick of Wamsutter, Wyo., Mike (Dale) Patton of Gooding, John (Kurt) Patton of Spring Creek, Nev., and Don (Lance) Patton of Buhl, Utah. Cards, calls or visits would be appreciated gifts.

### Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by e-mail to ramona73@mag.wally.com. If e-mailed, photos need to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

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### GUNTER-WARD

WENDELL — Gordon and Karen Gunter of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaylie Elizabeth Gunter, to O'Wyatt Ward, son of Marvin and Arlene Ward of Elba.

Gunter is a 2005 graduate of Wendell High School and attends Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Ward is a 1999 graduate of Raft River High School. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Rapid City, S.D. He attends ISU, studying anthropology and specializing in archeology.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan.



Kaylie Gunter and Wyatt Ward  
Utah. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Wendell LDS Church. An open house will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the Elba LDS Church.

### TWITCHELL-PRUDENT

HERMIL — Craig and Vesta Twitchell of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Elizabeth Twitchell, to Brook Roman Prudent, son of Jenn and Kildyn Prudent of Kimberly.

Twitchell is a graduate of Jerome High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Wald-Mar in Jerome.

Prudent is a graduate of Kimberly High School and attended CSI. He is employed at Surec Operations Systems and Ingate Lift Gate Systems, both in Twin Falls.



Laura Twitchell and Brook Prudent

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Jerome Stake Center. A reception will be held in their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Jerome Stake Center, 20 N. 1001.

### HEMSLEY-ROSS

HAZELTON — Amanda Hemsley and Paul Ross announce their engagement.

Hemsley is the daughter of Brian and Jill Hemsley of Kayville, Utah.

Ross is the son of Milo and Jan Ross of Hazelton and Sandra Jonas of Pocatello.

Hemsley graduated in 2001 from Davis High School in Kayville and completed her prerequisites at Utah State University. She plans to attend University of Maryland-Baltimore to complete a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene.

Ross graduated in 1997 from Munio High School and served in the England Manchester Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He received a bachelor's degree in law and constitutional studies from USU in 2005. He works for Sen Smith of Oregon in Washington, D.C., and intends to earn a juris doctorate from University of Virginia Law School.

The couple plans to reside in Washington, D.C., where he will work while she attends school in Baltimore. They then plan to move to Charlottesville, Va.



Amanda Hemsley and Paul Ross

where he will attend Law School.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 20, in the Logan LDS Temple. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Emerson Ward building, 127 S. 950 W., Paul.

### PITTS-ASHER

BURLEY — Robert and Sandra Pitts of Marion, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacey Colleen Pitts, to Andy Ray Asher, son of Bob Asher of Burley and the late Donald Jay Asher.

Pitts is a graduate of Linn-Mar High School and attends Brigham Young University in Idaho, majoring in child development.

Asher is a graduate of Declo High School and attends BYU-Idaho, majoring in psychology. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in San Diego.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 20, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. An open house will be held in their honor from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the



Andy Asher and Lacey Pitts

Burley Institute Building, 1649 Park Ave. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the Cedar Rapids Stake Center, 4300 Trailridge Road S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The couple will reside in Burley while continuing their education.

### KINNEY-COOK

TWIN FALLS — Jay and Cassie Kinney of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeri Lynn Kinney, to Timothy Allen Cook, son of Teresa and Bob Miller of Kimberly and the late Randy Cook.

Kinney is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Southern Idaho and attends Idaho State University. She is employed at Smith's Food King in Twin Falls.

Cook is a graduate of Kimberly High School and attends CSI. He is employed at Morrison Tire in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at The



Timothy Cook and Jeri Kinney  
White House in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.

### Bridal Registry

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# COMMUNITY

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Photo courtesy of Love to Sew Club

I Love to Sew Club members include, from left, Rose Ann Everson, Glenda Barlow, Jean Kinsfather, Linda Case and June Eldridge, standing: Donna Smith, Helen Walker, Rena Holmes, Karen Wolfe, Judy Patterson, Ruth Behr, Sheri Wolters, Kathy Rios, Jenice Eccles, Gwen Hurst, Alice Wade and Peggy Fawcett.

## Club project benefits center

TWIN FALLS — The Love to Sew Club has created 88 client bags for the Women's Crisis Center as a community service project. The club's next project will provide decorated Christmas stockings for children. The stockings are hanging on the wall at the Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W.

The goal of the club is to have fun while en-

couraging people to expand their sewing skills, share with others through community service projects and promote a healthy life-style, organizers say.

The club starts its new calendar year each September and meets the third Thursday of every month. Anyone is welcome to join. For more information about the club, call the Twin Falls Sewing Center at 733-3344.

Foreign exchange students talked about themselves and their countries at the November meeting of the GWFC Albion Four Leaf Clover Club. Showing their display of traditional clothing, jewelry and a special occasion tablecloth are, from left, Elena Taoy, Kseniya Larionova and Irina Sattarova.



Photo courtesy of GWFC 11/2005

## Exchange students discuss life at home to club members

ALBION — Foreign exchange students provided a glimpse of their home life to the GWFC Albion Four Leaf Clover Club. The November meeting was under the direction of the International Affairs Committee. Linda Leach, a committee member, introduced Elena Taoy from Tajikistan, Kseniya Larionova from Russia and Irina Sattarova from Uzbekistan. The students discussed almost every aspect of their lives at home, including the economy, government, holidays and customs, family, food, climate, school and religions. The girls, two of whom are attending Minero High School and one goes to Burley High School, answered many questions from club members regarding the differences between living in

Idaho and their home countries. Club President Lorna Calomente presided over the business meeting, according to member Mary Lynne Bristol. Gloria West reported that there were still nine spaces available on the community promotional sign that the club is sponsoring. The Community Improvement Contest entry, which includes the sign is due by March 1. Darlene Wallgren reported that the irrigation water for the Memorial Rose Garden had been turned off for the winter, but the system needs repair before being turned on in the spring. There was a lot of work done at the garden this summer. She also asked for volunteers to help put up

Christmas lights there. Gwen Montgomery is working on memorial plaques to place by some trees donated for the park fountain project, and she plans to finish a drip system for plants in the fountain area. Members also volunteered to help her put Christmas lights on the gazebo and around the fountain. Judging of Christmas lighting around the valley will be held Saturday and Sunday. Cash prizes will be awarded to three winners. Mary Amendt, Mary Lynne Bristol, Linda Leach and Edie Fitzgerald attended the fall GWFC Idaho board meeting in Boise on Oct. 22. Refreshments were served by Gloria West and Mary and Carol Amendt.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Shane Franklin Sibbett and Carter John Sibbett, twin sons of Julie Lynn and Delmar Leroy Sibbett of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005. Tyle Marie Helder, daughter of Angela Elaine and Justin Bradley Helder of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 5, 2005. Gavin Scott Webster, son of Cinnamon Rose and Joseph Hawkins Webster of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 5, 2005.

Caleb Dayley Bellefeuille, son of Holly Elaine Tattersall and Paul James Bellefeuille of Hansen, was born Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005. Aiden Thomas Heater, son of Gwen Marie Heater of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005.

Kira Adrie Blackburn, daughter of Susan Marie and Clifton Ray Blackburn Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. Aracely Garza-De Leon, daughter of Aracely De Leon and Demetrio Gracia Jr. of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. Clemente Juan Rubalcava Jr., son of Sarah Louise and Clemente Rodriguez Rubalcava of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. Diana Edizabeth Fregoso, daughter of Marcela and Humberto Alonso Fregoso of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whitford The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: Noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Braidyn Payge Debban, daughter of Denise and Wade Dewayne Debban of Filer, was born Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005. Andrew Matthew Haley, son of Erin Patricia and Matthew Michael Haley of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005. Emma Marlene Spencer, daughter of Juanita Dawn Hatcher of Buhl, was born Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005. Mason Ellis Hightley, son of Michelle and Ellis Wade Hightley of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 9, 2005. Roxana Hernandez Lauri, daughter of Carita and Mario Hernandez Chavez of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 9, 2005. Angie Saral Marin, daughter of Ariana Marin of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 9, 2005. Brady Gene Carmichael, son of Memori Deann and

Jesse Gene Carmichael of Gooding, was born Friday, Dec. 9, 2005. Jaden Lee Massie, son of Sundee Kaye and Derrick Lee Massie of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 9, 2005. Grant Paul Parkinson, son of Bethany Joy and Bing Grant Parkinson of Paul, was born Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. Luis Javier Rojas Jr., son of Rosita and Luis Javier Rojas of Jerome, was born Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. Everett Anton Breen, son of Jessica Len and Brandon David Breen of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005.

### St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Robert James Schuck, son of Robert and Jasmine Schuck of Jerome, was born Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005. Madison Marie Miller, daughter of Lee Ann Alice Marie Miller of Gooding, was born Friday, Dec. 2, 2005. Jayce Lamont Kelley, son of Jason and Janell Kelley of Wendell, was born Monday, Dec. 7, 2005. Daniel Levi Trappen Jr., son of Daniel and Amanda Trappen of Jerome, was born Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005. Lewis Allen Pochinski, son of Dale and Kristina Pochinski of Shoshone, was born Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005. Justin Ryan Telford, son of Ryan and Mijken Telford of Buhl, was born Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

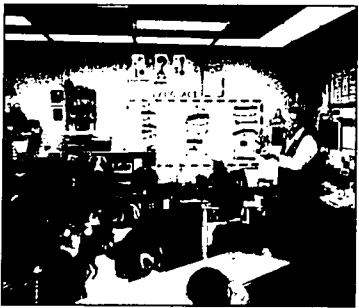
### School of performing arts presents show

TWIN FALLS — Melanie's TaVal School of Performing Arts will be presenting a performance entitled, "Saita Claus in Combi" at 6 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free.

### YMCA provides holiday break day camp

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA is holding a holiday break day camp for children from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 22, 23 and 26 through 30 and Jan. 2. Children should bring a lunch, drink, bathing suit and a towel. Members pay \$17 per day and non-members pay \$20 per day with a 10 percent discount with each additional child. There are also openings in the YMCA After School Child Care program, held after school through 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the YMCA at 733-4384.

## VETERAN EDUCATION



Commander Jerry Wertz of the Twin Falls American Legion Post 7 presented a Veterans Day speech to Lincoln Elementary School's first and third grade classes. The program included playing tape and telling the story behind where and when the tune was first played. Wertz also discussed his experiences when he was overseas for three years. Items on display included medals and a P-38 airplane model made of spent shells.

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## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Granddaughter named Little Miss of Texas

Amber Kay Banfill, 9-year-old granddaughter of Gil and Polly Banfill of Wendell, was named Little Miss of Texas at the 2005 Distinguished Youth of Texas Program. The fourth-grader was chosen as Little Miss of Texas from a field of 87 girls from across the state selected to participate in the event. Each candidate is scored in the areas of scholastic record, school activities, community

service, judges' interviews and personality projection. Amber is a monthly volunteer with Buckner Children and Family Services in Dallas. She participated in a mission trip to Colombia, South America, where she spoke to more than 1,200 people gathered at a sports stadium. Previously, she went on a mission trip to Germany and on a trip to Tanzania, East Africa. Amber will receive a \$1,000 educational savings bond and present a \$250 grant to her school's Special Education De-

partment. Amber was sponsored in the program by Ministry-Twavel.com. In addition to winning the title, Amber won first place in the program's optional speech event. "I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the Little Miss of Texas for the next year. I hope to use my time to encourage more people to volunteer in their communities. I also hope to raise awareness of Aspergers Syndrome and other diseases in the Autism family," Amber said.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Seaman recently completes training at base near Great Lakes

Navy Seaman Recruit Ryan Wakefield, son of Shanette L. Dorman of Wendell, and Joseph C. Wakefield of Nampa, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Wakefield completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Wakefield is a 2005 graduate of Melba High School.

### Navy Seaman Fields receives promotion at training base in Illinois

Navy Seaman Recruit Brandon J. Fields, grandson of Brad L. and Sandy E. Young of Elko, Nev., was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Fields received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs,

first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Fields is a 2005 graduate of Elko High School.

### Henson graduates from chaplain assistant training in South Carolina

Army Pfc. Christopher T. Henson has graduated from the Chaplain Assistant Advanced Individual Training course at the Chaplain School, Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. The course emphasized religious support, development of interpersonal skills and unit

ministry support to soldiers and family members. The support training provided services in a battlefield environment and battle fatigue casualty care.

Religious support classes instructed students to prepare altars for Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Orthodox worship services, and stressed the importance of being knowledgeable of all faith groups represented in the Army. Henson earned distinction as an honor graduate of the course. He is the son of Christopher T. Henson Sr. of Twin Falls and Karla L. Morris of Twin Falls. The private is a 2005 graduate of North Valley Christian School in Jerome.



## Scuba silos: Agriculture's new spinoff?

With this talk about filling the Old Towne silos with water, I wanted to learn more about scuba. Turns out Twin Falls is one of two places in Idaho with a business called Dive Magic. The other place is Boise. Nice town, I hear, but they don't have scuba silo potential like we do.

I met Kathy Branchflower at the downtown store. She's a special education teacher who grew up here and never put her head under water until about seven years ago. That's when her husband retired from 28 years of installing and fixing center points for those farm field sprinklers my nieces call cater-

"He tried to do nothing for a while," she said. "I knew that wouldn't last."

That led to her kneeling in the shallow end of the YMCA pool in full scuba gear. She was not altogether comfortable.

"Learn when you're young," she said. Then your mind doesn't get set in its ways about where and when you should breathe.

It took her about 45 minutes, but she put her head under and eventually swam the length of the pool. Because of that, she's met a colorful little fish with a dangly thing on its forehead. She's seen the ocean's purple and colors you just don't see in Magic Valley. And she knows the hand signal for shark is holding your flat hand perpendicular to your forehead.

Actually, another diver in Mexico explained that is really only for little sharks. For big sharks, you cross yourself.

She'd Mike, holding hands like skydivers, have also drifted inside currents.

"It's the Star Trek thing," said Mike. "You're going where no one else has gone."

Actually again, a lot of farmers around here go there.

"Twin Falls is still a farm-based economy," said Mike. So success in the scuba business depends on how the farmers do.

If their spring, summer and fall goes well, a lot of farmers like to travel to nice, warm places to dive, he said.

To be clear, though, not all Idaho divers are farmers. They're also bankers and business owners and average Joe workers. And they can't all afford to travel to the gift. People here drive to dive in mountain lakes and geothermal hot springs. Divers also annually count out things dropped into Dierkes Lake, said Mike.

So there's diving in Idaho. But in silos?

"That could be interesting," said Mike.

The majority of divers we've been talking about here are recreational divers. They go, at deepest, 60 to 80 feet down, he said. The silos, which are 120 feet high, would be for deep-water diving, much more complicated and dangerous.

Cliff Askew, who was Kathy's diving instructor when she discovered scuba and is with the group hoping to establish the scuba silos, says it would be a draw to divers throughout the region.

The next step in all this should be to meet Monday at City Hall, when Askew's group and local preservationists return to the Urban Renewal board with their plans.

TWIN FALLS — Zon Lloyd was wrong. He didn't die freely. But we'll get back to that. It's been more than 50 years since he cut his first wild pine to sell as a Christmas tree. He'd just returned from the Korean War and harvested pines from the family ranch near Almo to sell wholesale.

His wife, Martha, worked at one of the stands he supplied. It's where they met. "I stole their help," he said. And she changed his business.

"She kept gnawing at me, said I was giving them away," he said. "We was getting about a dollar and a half apiece out of them. She wanted to sell them herself on a lot. I said, 'No way. I ain't gonna sell to no fussy old women.' She said, 'All right, you cut 'em, I'll sell 'em.'"

That started the 49 years of selling Christmas trees in Twin Falls. "We're selling trees to great-grandkids now," he said. Zon's pushing 76 and thinking about backing off a little from the business that has him and Martha camping in an old Dodge school bus in front of Kmart. The bus has a wood stove and the feel of a backcountry cabin, although it's outfitted with a fridge, microwave and TV. They also have a dog named "Hey You."

The Lloyds come to town from their Roman, Mont., cattle ranch around Thanksgiving and set up shop for a month. Usually they go home before Christmas, although one year their truck broke down and they stayed.

"We sold two Christmas trees (that day)," Martha said. This is just a sideline, Zon said. "The main thing is it's a family project. We worked with different kids different years. That's one reason we're still in it. Never got rich, never went broke."

It did kind of support us in our early years," said Martha.

Their kids are John of Ely, Nev.; Dan of Heyburn; David of London, Utah; Steve of Salt Lake City; Cathy of Helena, Mont.; and Dale, who died in 2002 when a drunken driver struck him. Dale's wife, Angel, and their son Logan, who live in Montana, are still selling trees. They're in the camper at the Lloyd tree lot down Addison Avenue in the parking lot in front of Rite Aid.

"Different kids have run lots here for years," said Zon. Logan, who will graduate from high school next year, wanted to keep the tradition going in his dad's memory, said Angel. It's a special business.

"It's held the family together," she said. "The kids, as generations go, seem to be continuing to keep it going."

It's also fun. Children come into the lots, their eyes just sparkle" and they just have "to run through the forest," said Angel. "That makes it all worth it."

"The thing I enjoy about it is you're dealing with a happy public," said Zon.

And that brings us to Zon admitting he was wrong.

"I felt a little bad when I first started selling the Christmas trees," he said. "I thought, 'It's such an unnecessary thing for money.' But over the years, I've learned that's absolutely the wrong theory, because the money they spend for a Christmas tree brings more unity to that family than any money they spend during the year. I feel good about that."

Times-News business editor Chris Baldus can be reached at chaldus@magicvalley.com or 735-3259.

# Dealing with 'a happy public'

## Lloyd family in 49th year selling Christmas trees in Magic Valley

By Chris Baldus | Times-News writer



Logan Lloyd, grandson of Lloyd Christmas Trees founders Zon and Martha Lloyd, stands a trees up Thursday afternoon at the Addison Avenue and Blue Lakes corner location for Lloyd Family Christmas Trees in Twin Falls.



## Tipping the tree guys

Times have changed for Logan Lloyd, 17. When he was a child on the Lloyd Family Christmas Trees lots in Twin Falls, he used to get more tips, he said. He also used to take trims from the trees and make "candles" for sale, said Angel, his mother. He's still making things, this year fashioning branches to get into a crane. But customer reactions to him have changed. "He had a father five him a phone number for his daughter," Angel said. But he's devoted to his job back home in Montana. On the other hand, when it comes to tips, he's generous. Zon Lloyd, said "I've done pretty good. I haven't got much in tips, but I've got a couple bags and kisses this year. Got one tonight from a church pal, cute little bride."

## Best tree ever?

The woman had to be in her 60s, said Angel Lloyd of Lloyd Family Christmas Trees. She was so excited "She was jumping up and down like a little kid," she said. Why?

"We were getting premium prices for trees, plus with in Utah, Idaho and Nevada," said Zon Lloyd, patriarch of the family business that's been selling trees in Twin Falls for 49 years. It's the best tree ever to hit the market, he said. "It keeps better than any thing, and it has a fine grain, people get hooked on it, they're hooked on it." They're still not this year, but the Lloyds still have a variety of wild and cultivated trees.

## How many trees?

Lloyd Family Christmas Trees ordered about 5,000 trees to sell at Christmas this year. "The kids were getting on us, but I've got the fresh tree at a much better price," said Zon Lloyd.

The family has most of the trees from Washington and Oregon farms, these days, although they still harvest on their own in Montana. They used to have a more. For example, they cut trees from Nevada for 26 years, bouncing around the brush with an old army truck to collect them, said Zon. Not all of their trees go to the family's Twin Falls or Jerome lots. They say David has a lot in Utah, and the family also favors other tree retailers, such as Jerome, Buhl and Sun Valley.

Zon Lloyd and his wife, Martha, founders of Lloyd Family Christmas Trees, stand in front of the bus they live out of during the Christmas season at the tree lot in front of Kmart in Twin Falls.

# Mom and pop PCs offer no-frills computing in Mexico

By Maria Dickerson Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Victor Salazar didn't call Dell or drive to the Apple store when he needed to buy a desktop computer. He headed to La Plaza de la Computacion, a warren of tiny retail stalls jammed inside a weathered building near the capital's historic center. Here, mom-and-pop vendors hawk locally assembled generic PCs, many cobbled together on the premises.

On a recent afternoon, Salazar was leaning toward a

model built by Sumitel, a Mexico City-based PC maker. The company offered a basic system with an Intel processor, a Windows operating system, a 15-inch monitor, a keyboard, a mouse and speakers for \$381. The most economical Dell desktop available in Mexico is faster and has more memory, a bigger monitor and other extras. It is also nearly 30 percent more expensive — out of the reach of Salazar's budget.

"They don't care about a brand name," said Salazar, who was buying the computer for a family friend with three children. "They want something

reliable and cheap." The names Sumitel, Lanix and Tera are not likely to ring many bells in Silicon Valley, Calif. But these and other homegrown manufacturers dominate the business in Mexico. And they grab market share from the better-known brands by selling what are known in the industry as "white-box" computers, named for their generic, unadorned exteriors.

Domestic models will account for nearly 60 percent of the 3 million personal computers projected to be sold in Mexico this year, up from more

than 44 percent in 2000, according to the Massachusetts technology consulting firm International Data Corp.

The preference for locally assembled computers is even more pronounced in Latin America. IDC estimates that 13 million desktop and notebook computers will be sold in the region this year, more than 70 percent of them produced locally.

In the United States, white-box makers account for only about one-third of desktop sales and are losing their share in the PC market because of explosive growth of name-brand

notebooks.

For many buyers in developing countries, a desktop on a white-box largely comes down to price. Multinationals that export technology products to countries such as Mexico must pay freight, customs duties and other fees, putting them at a disadvantage to domestic producers.

Dell, for example, is selling an entry-level desktop on its U.S. Web site for \$249, a price even the savviest white-box maker would have a hard time matching. But it cannot offer

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### John Roberts

**TWIN FALLS** — Dr. John Roberts, of Roberts & Hall Family and Aesthetic Dentistry, recently returned from London where he is developing an innovative system of dental implants. Roberts, is part of a team exploring new ways to incorporate computerized assisted tomography with dental implants in an effort to create a product that will increase the accuracy, durability, longevity and safety of placing dental implants. The seven-member team includes dentists, lab technicians, and software and implant specialists who hope to deliver the new system to American surgeons in late 2006 and worldwide soon thereafter.

### Lois Anderson

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center announced Lois Anderson, Occupational Health coordinator, successfully completed a recertification course approved by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation as an Occupational Hearing Conservationist.

Anderson has been employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for 29 years, with 12 of those years in Occupational Health Services. Her work focuses on assisting companies in setting up employer-related benefits such as work physicals, employee assistance programs, a drug-free workplace and the hearing conserva-



Tim Zebarth, left, Twin Falls County Fair Board chairman, presented an Outstanding Customer Service Award to Dave Demoney for his excellent customer service to the events at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Demoney is the assistant grounds foreman at the fairgrounds.

### Bonnie Williams-Adams

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center announced Bonnie Williams-Adams received certification as a Workman's Compensation Professional from the Idaho Industrial Commission.

This certification designates that Williams-Adams has successfully completed the course presented by the Idaho Industrial Commission and passed its examination. Magic Valley businesses can benefit from her training and knowledge of Workman's Compensation issues such as Workman's Compensation Law, protocols for obtaining authorization for referrals or further testing, timely return to work policy, etc.

Williams-Adams has been employed with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Occupational Health Services for 2 1/2 years.

### Luke Cross

**TWIN FALLS** — Milestone Builders and Developers announced Luke Cross is now a construction team member. Cross has worked for Milestone 1 1/2 years. He has various carpentry skills, experience as a ceramic tile setter and fork-lift operator, and experience in property management.

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## MILESTONES



The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce ambassadors helped celebrate the opening of Countrywide Home Loans' new facility 754 E. College Road, Suite D, and its membership in the chamber. Pictured left to right are Lisa McClain, Beatriz Guzman-Fisher, Paula Anderson, Connie Walker, Debbie Owen and Shelly Kleinkopf. Lounis McKelvey, Not pictured is Terry Garner. Countrywide Home Loans is a nationwide lender that can finance all home-financing needs.

## CONTRIBUTIONS



Rudy Helton, left, of Trinity Transport in Gooding, presents a \$500 check to Shelly Marlow of High Country Fusion in Fairfield to help purchase winter coats for children in the Fairfield area. Trinity Transport also donated unwrapped toys to be distributed to children in the Fairfield area.

■ The Greater Twin Falls Area Association of Realtors sponsored its annual "Feed the Hungry" campaign and raised nearly \$1,500 that was presented to the Salvation Army to assist their food pantry and help provide meals.



During the association's annual Christmas party, Realtors, sponsors and affiliates donated coats, hats and gloves to the Coats for Kids program. Several offices throughout the valley adopted families who otherwise might not have had Christmas this year and helped provide gifts and food for them.

## Tourism

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state's gross product in 2004, and employment in it doubled since 1997, said a state-commissioned study by Global Insight.  
Blaine County led the state in collecting tourism cash, while Lincoln County had the largest percentage of its work force in travel and tourism, the study said. The connection there is that most of the people who actually work jobs in Blaine can't afford to live there, so they commute from Lincoln, said regional economist Greg Rogers.  
The travel and tourism dollars captured locally, listed by 2004 and then 2000, are:  
• Blaine County: \$154.5 million, up from \$143.3 million  
• Twin Falls County: \$148.2 million, up from \$126.7 million  
• Cassia County: \$39 million, up from \$34.2 million  
• Lincoln County: \$31 million, up from \$23.32 million  
• Minidoka County: \$15.3 million, up from \$15 million  
• Jerome County: \$14.8 million, up from \$11.5 million  
• Gooding County: \$11.2 million, up from \$9.95 million  
• Camas County: \$1.52 million, up from \$1.51 million  
The percentage of each county's work force employed in tourism and travel jobs:  
• Lincoln County: 58 percent  
• Blaine County: 25 percent  
• Camas County: 11 percent

## CSI offers Web-based courses

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TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center will be offering several Web-based certificates in different occupational fields through a partnership with Galtin Education Services.

Programs feature open enrollment and financing options. All materials are included in the cost.

• The Certified Financial Planner course provides instruction that enables and prepares students to pass the Certified Financial Planner Certification Examination. Topics include financial planning process and insurance, investment planning, income tax planning, retirement planning and employee benefits, and estate planning. This class runs 600 hours, and the cost is \$3,295.

• The Forensic Computer Examiner program prepares students for a career as a forensic computer examiner. Participants will learn to retrieve evidence and prepare reports based on that evidence which will stand up in a court of law. The program is an authorized Certified Computer Examiner training course and thoroughly prepares students to take the CCE certification exam. It runs 150 hours and the cost is \$2,885.

• The Paralegal Certificate course prepares students for an entry-level paralegal position. They will be paired with an instructor for one-on-one assistance and will receive free access to NALA Campus certification exam prep and Westlaw. The class runs 225 hours, the fee is \$1,595.

• The Pharmacy Technician program teaches students the skills needed to gain employment as a pharmacy technician in either the hospital or retail setting. The course objective is to provide students with the skills and knowledge that will enable them to qualify for entry-level positions in pharmacies as well as prepare them for national certification. The course provides an instructor for one-on-one assistance and includes a 40-hour externship. The course runs 240 hours; the cost is \$1,595.

• The Certified National Pharmaceutical Representative Training program was developed in response to a rising need for entry-level pharmaceutical sales representatives who want to gain entry into the pharmaceutical industry but are lacking the required pharmacology and medical education. The goal is to enhance understanding of the pharmaceutical industry's selling process, as well as increase a participant's hiring potential in this field. The class runs 120 hours; the fee is \$1,395.

For more information, visit [www.galtineducation.com/csi](http://www.galtineducation.com/csi) or call 732-6290.

## White Box

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that price on products shipped south of the border because of other expenses, said Paulina Lopez Noriega, a company spokeswoman in Mexico City. "We have to pay import taxes, we have to pay shipping and we have to pay IVA," said Lopez, referring to Mexico's 15 percent value-added tax. "Those are the things that make our products look more expensive."

Then there's piracy. The Latin American market is teeming with shady operators whose bargain prices stem from copied software, pirated operating systems, counterfeit components and tax evasion.

The black market trade is so brazen around La Plaza de la Computacion, that itinerant vendors will accompany customers to restaurants and help them load copycat programs on their laptops. Mexico's attorney general last year seized pirated merchandise from more than 100 stalls and hawkers in the plaza.

Still, reputable companies have emerged throughout Latin

America that are rivaling industry giants on quality and beating them on support.

In contrast to the early days of the PC revolution, when hundreds of manufacturers churned out computer parts of varying reliability, consolidation has left the industry with fewer, stronger suppliers. White-box makers often are buying the same components as well-known manufacturers, helping to narrow the quality gap.

Assemblers such as Sumitel have found a niche by growing large enough to offer customers many of the benefits of a major manufacturer — warranties, name-brand components, on-line ordering and telephone support — while continuing to best the multinationals on price.

Financing also helps push white-box sales. Mexican appliance and electronic giant Grupo Elektra last year launched Blue Light, a line of personal computers assembled by City of Industry, Calif.-based Avatar Technology Inc. Elektra expects to sell more than 100,000 of the machines in 2006, nearly two-thirds of which

will be financed through the company's in-house credit arm. Only about two in 10 households in Latin America own a PC, leaving plenty of room for growth.

In the United States, sales of desktop computers have stagnated while the notebook market is expected to will grow by more than 30 percent this year and are expected to outsell desktops by the end of the decade.

Notebook computers are still cost-prohibitive for most consumers in Latin America and represent less than 10 percent of unit sales in the region. But in Mexico, laptops already account for one in six computers sold and are the fastest-growing segment of the market.

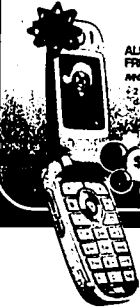
To that end, Sumitel and other Mexican firms are developing their own lines of notebooks. Dabbah said sales so far were minuscule, but he believed that consumers eventually would come around. "If we offer them a quality product at the right price," he said, "they'll buy it."

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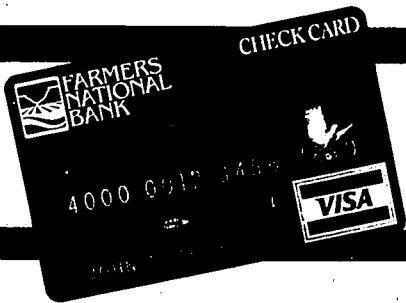
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# Idaho Spud candy bar sells big

Boise-based candy company ships out about 3 million a year

By Anne Wallace Allen  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Even the maker of the Idaho Spud candy bar thinks it's a little weird. But the chocolate-covered, potato-shaped Spud sells at a rate of 3 million bars a year.

"It's amazing. I'm not sure who eats them all, or if they all get eaten for that matter," said David Wagers, president of Idaho Candy Co.

No, the Spud doesn't have potato in it. It has coconut, maple, vanilla, cocoa that gives it its grayish color, and agar, a seaweed harvested in Morocco and Japan that has been an ingredient from the beginning.

It's thought the Idaho Spud got its start around 1901, when Idaho Candy came into being. The company's records don't start until 1918, when Idaho Candy was making more than 50 different candy bars for the regional market.

Wagers' family bought the company 21 years ago. Now it makes about 30 items, such as butter toffee and a peanut-filled Old Faithful candy bar, in the original factory. There, at a leisurely pace, hair-netted workers run turn-of-the-century machines (20th century, not 21st), a plenty of time to hand out gumdrops to passing visitors.

The Spud is perhaps the most widely known of Idaho Candy's creations, and it's certainly the most peculiar. It has a mild maple flavor and a vaguely disquieting texture that Wagers describes as "a grained marshmallow."

The Spud is made in a noisy, bus-length machine that uses molds made of corn starch to form full-size Spuds and a miniature version called Spud Bites. The Spuds come out of the machine pale and dinking in starch; they're later moved downstairs to be coated in chocolate.

Wagers' family sometimes make a Spud fondue, and he's put a few recipes for desserts such as Idaho Spud Mousse on the company's Web site. At Halloween, he and his wife, a dentist, hand out a Spud and a toothbrush to trick-or-treaters.

The design of the label has not ever changed, which adds to the Spud's nostalgic appeal. But beyond that, Idahoans seem drawn to anything that evokes potatoes, once a staple of their economic diet.

"It's what we're known for," said Louis Aaron, a chef who has trademarked the Idaho Ice Cream Potato, a potato-shaped ice cream dessert that's shipped to restaurants around the West and, Aaron says, was once served to the first President Bush.

David Abrams, a Jackson, Wyo., native who is now stationed with the Army in Iraq, says he and his family had to have a cooler last year when his family moved from Wyoming to Georgia.

"It was a childhood ambrosia for me," said Abrams, 42, who described the Spud as "spongy." Now Abrams hasn't had a Spud in a year.

"I'm not able to go down to the corner market in Baghdad and pick one up," Abrams said. "I've had to deal with the Snickers as best as I could."

Beth Kimmerte, a New York City author who has written about Idaho Candy, said she was put off by the Spud's texture until she met a woman from Idaho who told her to freeze it and slice it up. Then she loved it. "I feel like I've been brought into the inner circle," said Kimmerte.

Kimmerte estimated Idaho Candy is one of about 10 similar small, venerable candy companies still operating in the United States. The Spud is the only candy she knows that's named after a vegetable.

Idaho Candy sells the Spud in 10 Western states and by mail all over the country. Some specialty candy stores in other states also carry it. Wagers said sales are most brisk at airport gift shops.

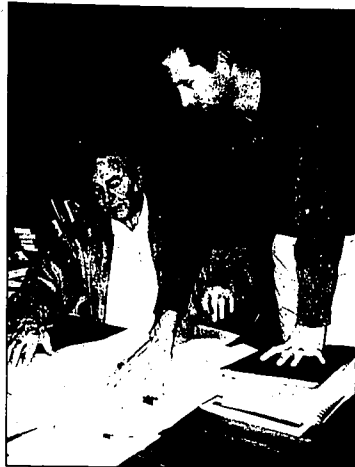
"It's a fun, inexpensive way to say 'I was in Idaho,'" he said. "You can sometimes find a Spud at Economy Candy, a specialty store on New York's Lower East Side."

"People expect us to have everything," said owner Jerry Cohen, who sells about 1,200 Spuds each summer, the only time he offers them. The Idaho factory employs 45



On the Net:  
Idaho Candy Co.  
<http://www.idahospud.com>  
Kimmerte's Web site  
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Bob Ritter mixes ingredients that make up part of the Idaho Spud candy bar in a large vat at the Idaho Candy Company in downtown Boise on Nov. 29.



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Realtors Robert Jones, left, and son Mark Jones look over prints of a real estate deal they're working on.

## Farmland values soar

TWIN FALLS — Farmers and ranchers retiring, others expanding and limited land for development made for mighty healthy farm real estate values in the Magic Valley this year.

"We've had an exceptional year," said Robert Jones of Robert Jones Realty in Twin Falls. "We've been running hard, more business than usual. It's been an extremely good year from the standpoint of land values and activity."

Jones said his company has seen a significant increase in the value of quality properties.

"Quality land is demanding quality prices," he said. "Some sales have been way, way above what we thought; it's been surprising. From a market standpoint, we need more quality inventory."

Increasing land values over the past two to three years are making for very willing sellers, he said. And buyers are taking advantage of low-interest loan rates and, in many cases, lower land values here than in their home state. Some are retiring here, and others are investing here because they can sell land elsewhere higher and buy land here lower.

And it's been a good year following a good year.

"Land has been going up (with) pretty good increases over the last few years," said Henry Le Moyne of Le Moyne Realty in Twin Falls.

Monthly increases of .5 to 1 percent have been stable in the region, with the Magic Valley seeing the upper side of that at about 13 percent this past year, he said.

## CWT finishes audits, removes 64,000 cows

ARLINGTON, Va. — Cooperatives Working Together, the farmer-led economic self-help effort for America's dairy producers, has completed processing 442 of the bids tentatively accepted from farmers seeking to retire their milking herds. Those retirements will remove 1.2 billion pounds of milk, or 0.7 percent of the nation's supply, by reducing the nation's dairy herd by more than 64,000 cows.

CWT's first herd retirement program was implemented in the fall of 2003, when 299 bids, representing 608 million pounds of milk, were accepted. This was followed by a second round of retirements in the fall of 2004, which retired 378 herds, removing 931 million pounds of milk.

A total of 657 bids were submitted late in the summer as part of this most recent herd retirement program. The average bid price of the 442 accepted bids was \$6.75 per hundredweight, compared to \$5.24 last year.

## AG WEEKLY Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly.

### A not-so-sweet proposal for sugar beet growers

TWIN FALLS — A proposal to give the world's poorest countries — known as least developed countries — unrestricted duty-free access to American sugar markets is a major concern for U.S. sugar growers during the World Trade Organization's ministerial meeting in Hong Kong officials said.

The event, which involves trade ministers from most of the WTO's 149 countries, was scheduled from Dec. 13 through 19 to include extensive negotiations about agricultural subsidies, said Jack Roney, director of economics and policy analysis for the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va.

The least developed countries produce about 3 million tons of sugar a year, which could devastate U.S. markets if it all came here, Roney said. American sugar producers receive no cash subsidies under the government sugar program, which relies instead on sales quotas to ensure adequate returns for producers.

And if poorer countries get unrestricted access to American markets, not much will be left for U.S. farmers, said Filer-area sugar beet farmer Lonnie Thaege, secretary of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association in Boise.

"They could come in here and just flood the market overnight," Thaege said.

### Corns closes Buhl grain receiving facility

BURLEY — Getting grain to market will take longer for Coors contract growers in western Twin Falls County.

Coors Brewing Co. is closing its Buhl receiving elevator and its Buhl, Wyoming, transload receiving elevator.

The closures "are part of an overall barley supply chain network optimization project that will help Coors increase the value of its barley contracting program," Coors officials said in a written statement. "Coors will continue to contract barley with growers in the Burley and Buhlton areas, but the barley will be delivered directly to the main receiving elevators in Burley, Idaho, and Worland, Wyoming."

Clark Kauffman, Filer, is among the Idaho growers who will be trying to figure out how to efficiently haul malt barley the extra 40 miles or so to Burley.



Kikuko Jewell moves finished Idaho Spud candy bars onto a conveyor belt for packaging at the Idaho Candy Company in Boise. The company has been making candy at the same location for about 100 years using many of the same techniques.

people most of the year, and 65 from September through December, when demand is highest.

So many things about the Spud reflect Idaho. With its decades-old machinery and scrubbed wooden floors, Idaho Candy celebrates thrift and substance over style. Work goes on at a moderate pace; there are no computers at all and nobody seems rushed. Wagers, 41, has a 6-year-old twins and an 8-year-old, sometimes help out on the factory floor, and his wife is un-

ing him to come up with a candy using xylitol, a substitute sweetener.


Wagers has no desire for his candy to compete with gummies such as Snickers, the best-selling candy bar in the world. He likes his job, he enjoys going to his kids' school and talking to their classmates about what he does for a living.

And he likes the Spud's understated appeal.

"If you stay around long enough, you're going to come back in style," he said.

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— David Wagers, president of Idaho Candy Co.



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**MONEY**

**BOISE** — Following is the list of businesses filed during November with the Idaho secretary of state's office — including both new ones and continuing ones that had been filed with counties and later to be refiled with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

**1** "H" Right Way Construction, Arnulfo Terrazas, 2315 E. Auhle St., Wendell, ID 83356, construction.

**2** Sixty 5 Enterprises LLC, Christian H. Wood, 3754 N. 2700 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**4** Sisters Enterprises LLC, Dong Bleivins, 509 S. 100 W., Jerome, ID 83338.

**406** Investments LLC, Blackdog Capital LLC, 111 Shoshone St., Suite 201, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**628**North 700 East LLC, Douglas Cartwright, 106 Birchwood Circle N., Kimberly, ID 83341.

**Perfect Shine, Dave L. McClure,** 925 Baldwin Lane, Fairfield, ID 83327, services.

**A Touch of Magic LLC,** Nina Austin, 3025 S. Double Diamond Ranch, Oakley, ID 83346.

**Accord Capital, MW George LLC,** Mark George, PO Box 742, Ketchum, ID 83340, finance, insurance and real estate.

**Ada County P&R, Family and Children's Therapy Services,** 164 N. W. Rupert, ID 83350, services.

**AdmIn, Paula R. Mangini,** 312 Meadows Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**AF's Family Restaurant LLC,** Gina A. Spencer, 380 N. Meridian Road, Rupert, ID 83350.

**American Handman,** Dustin Gudenua, 1228 N. Elm Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services and construction.

**Amilyn's Work Detail, Alan Adams,** 1608 Julie Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Anaconda Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.,** Travis McMillan, 505 Fourth Ave. W., Jerome, ID 83338.

**Appliance Solutions Inc.,** Gale E. Mitchell, 274 Earl Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Aviation Solutions LLC,** John A. Doert, 1031 Eastland Drive, Suite 1-11, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**BE Associates, Bobby Moore,** 202 Falls Ave. W., No. 9, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Best Investments LLC,** Byron C. Barrett, 1 Granada Place, Burley, ID 83318.

**John's Custom Ironworks,** John Bernstruch, 454 W. 700-B N., Paul, ID 83347, manufacturing.

**BK Custom Harvesting, Kody L. Nason,** 149 N. 600 W., Paul, ID 83347, agriculture.

**Boat & Body by Pierce, Timothy M. Pierce,** PO Box 771, Burley, ID 83318, services.

**Boys Trucking LLC, Kirk Weber,** 423 Hankins Road, Kirk Lake, ID 83301.

**Boyl Livestock Trucking LLC,** Brian Bott, 213 W. 100 N., Rupert, ID 83350.

**Bowlen Performance Horses, Renee M. Bowlen,** PO Box 127, Jerome, ID 83338, services.

**Break Point Paintball, Les Steuble,** 1440 D St., Heyburn, ID 83346, retail trade.

**Brehm Construction, Steve Brehm,** 754 Whiting Pine Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

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**Dave Hansen Painting, Dave Hansen,** Inc. 3900 E. Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Design Concrete of Idaho LLC, Jerome Moore,** 300 W. Ave. No. 112, Jerome, ID 83338.

**Doise, The Stock Market, E. Donson,** 1358 S. 2000 E., Gooding, ID 83330, agriculture.

**Dynamite Nails and Toes, Colleen Quintana,** 204 E. Main, Jerome, ID 83338, services.

**Earth Jewels, Heidi Strickel,** PO Box 540, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade.

**Edmunds Co. Inc., David E. Edmunds,** 1826 E. 4400 N., Buhl, ID 83316.

**Education Web Dev Solutions Ltd. Co., Dan Daggett II,** 281 Taylor St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**El Camlino LLC, Zane Leavitt,** 180 Seventh St. E., No. B, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**El Cazador Mexican Restaurant, Gloria Navarro,** 113 S. Broadway, Buhl, ID 83316, services.

**Empire Construction of Twin Falls, Robert Hubbard,** 851 Elm St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

**Engelhardt Realty LLC, Jeffrey R. Engelhardt,** 760 Buckhorn Drive, Hailey, ID 83327, services.

**Essex Paint & Plaster Co., Steven R. Fischman,** PO Box 549, Hailey, ID 83333, construction.

**Exotic Tans LLC, Darren Funk,** 222 E. 200 S., Burley, ID 83318.

**Expediciones Chile, Chris Arthur Spelius,** PO Box 752, Sun Valley, ID 83353, services.

**Factor Sports, Drew Banning,** PO Box 18973, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail.

**Farmall LLC, Zane Leavitt,** 180 Seventh St. E., No. B, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**Fourth Avenue Business Park, Ida Kertman,** 1119 E. 3800 N., Buhl, ID 83316, services.

**G. Prairie LLC, Gordon Prairie,** 1490 Rainbow Drive, Jerome, ID 83338.

**GD2 LLC, Brian Clark,** PO Box 500, Gooding, ID 83330.

**Good Times Power Sports LLC, Chad Swainston,** 68 1/2 S. Idaho St., Wendell, ID 83355.

**Goodday Paper and Auto, Harold James Baker,** 475 S. 1350 W., Hazelton, ID 83335, retail trade.

**Gristwood Properties LP, Gerald Martens,** 621 N. College, Suite 100, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Grizzly Bear Properties LLC, Bob Coe,** Gooding, ID 83330.

**Good Time Power Sports LLC, Chad Swainston,** 68 1/2 S. Idaho St., Wendell, ID 83355.

**GSF Funding LLC, Gene Funk,** 28 S. 150 E., Burley, ID 83318.

**Hamilton Masonry, Gary Hamilton,** 1375 N. 1150 E., Richfield, ID 83349, services.

**Hamilton's Enterprises LLC, Susan J. Hamilton,** 809 D St., Rupert, ID 83350.

**Hannaman Wholesale LLC, Darrell Hannaman,** 488 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite 112, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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**Jobste Java Inc., John K. Cato,** 2487 Kimberly Road, Suite H, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Joshua Barnes Construction LLC, Joshua D. Barnes,** 2498 E. 2706 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**J's SK8 Shop, Jason J. Pochler,** 424 Seventh Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316, retail trade.

**K&D Marketing, Denis Peron,** 2253 S. 1400 E., Gooding, ID 83330, services.

**K2 Fun Fitness, Diane K. Gorrell,** 1704 Main St., Buhl, ID 83316, services.

**Ken Collins Construction Inc., Pamela J. Collins,** 405 Sweetbriar Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

**Kerry Pettinling Inc., Kerry Pettinling,** 201 Nevada St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Kimberly L.P., Evan Robertson,** 161 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Kimberly City Public Library Foundation Inc., Helen McCord,** 120 Madison W., Kimberly, ID 83341.

**Kinetic Concepts, Lynn Pettinling,** 1635 Briarwood Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Knoowearp LLC, Matthew Cosgriff,** 400 First Ave. N., Suite 210, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**Lazy J Construction, Amanda Edwards,** 406 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

**The Level 3 Group LLC, Patrick Corky Federico,** 960 Willwood Way, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Liberty Income Tax, Tax Express LLC,** 1710 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83316, services.

**Libertaria Cristiana "Camino Y Verdad", Sonia Y. Gutierrez,** PO Box 3998, Hailey, ID 83333, retail trade.

**Life-Savings, Dale K. Ewerson,** PO Box 24, Bellevue, ID 83313, finance, insurance and real estate.

**Lisa Jenner-Pilates LLC, Lisa Jenner,** 110 Clover St., Bellevue, ID 83313.

**Lynrd Construction LLC, Zack Lyman,** 4319 N. 2450 E., Filer, ID 83328.

**M & K Tires Inc., Michael Osborne,** 1819 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**M & S Construction Co., Marvin Cimer,** 511 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

**Magie Mountain Resort, Magie Mountain LLC,** PO Box 1241, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Magie Mountain Resort Lease LLC, Gary Miller,** 319 Orchard Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Magie Mountain LLC, Gary Miller,** 319 Orchard Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Magie Valley Aeration, Isaac Poole,** 430 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

**Magie Valley Leasing LLC, Gannon Schutte,** 1887 Highland Ave. No. 4, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Magic Valley Sports, Jeff Jardine,** 1315 Lawndale Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Marod LLC, Rod Kack,** 706 N. College Road, Suite C, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Matt Sagers, Concrete, Matthew Sagers,** 1553 S. 600 W., Oakley, ID 83346, construction.

**Maverick Bros. Trucking LLC, Bret Anderson,** 322 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318.

**Modestner, 1553 S. 600 W., Oakley, ID 83346, construction.**

**Maverick Bros. Trucking LLC, Bret Anderson,** 322 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318.

**MC Environmental, Ralph Martini,** 200 W. Fourth N., Burley, ID 83318, services.

**Miller Management LLC, Kyle Miller,** 2200 Hillcrest, Burley, ID 83318.

**Modbox Enterprises LLC, A. Elizabeth Brun Jones,** attorney, 1426 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

**Modestner, Modbox Enterprises LLC,** 322 E. Main St., No. 366, Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

**Monkeys and Mangos, Eaglesmere Inc., Jay E. Phipps,** PO Box 1065, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade.

**Morey's Steakhouse and Convention Center, Byron Barrett,** 1340 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

**Morning Star Development LLC, Jeff M. Wendland,** 3378 N. 3200 E., Kimberly, ID 83341.

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**Muller-Adge LLC, Patrick J. Miller,** PO Box 742, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**N H Farms LLC, Michael Newson,** 1017 S. Stevens, Filer, ID 83328.

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**Northern Star Development LLC, Jeff M. Wendland,** 3378 N. 3200 E., Kimberly, ID 83341.

**Numero Uno Atelier LLC, Zane Leavitt,** 180 Seventh St. E., No. B, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**NurAirz Inc., Darin Moon,** 130 S. 100 W., Burley, ID 83318.

**Organic Land & Lawn Care of Idaho Inc., Rick D. Erickson,** 2295 E. 3950 N., Filer, ID 83328.

**Outdoor Lawn Care, Harold M. Houtchens,** 604 E. Sixth, Shoshone, ID 83352, services.

**Patil D&K LLC, Wm. Lyman Belnap,** PO Box 183, Hailey, ID 83333.

**Payette River Co. Inc., Ginger A. White,** 245 Aspen Drive, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**Plingo LLC, Zane Leavitt,** 180 Seventh St. E., No. B, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**Plateau Farms LLC, Michael J. Henselze,** 23 Saylor Creek Road, Hagerman, ID 83332.

**Premium Jersey Meats LLC, Layne L. Mackay,** 67 W. 1100 N., Rupert, ID 83350.

**Preservation Twin Falls Inc., Paul T. Smith,** 163 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**R & L Repair, Rocky Schmidt,** 347 E. 200 S., Burley, ID 83318, services.

**R B Hammer & Nalls Corp., Ron Barnard,** 3182 E. 3521 N., Twin Falls, ID 83311.

**R J's Speakers, Randy J. Rutherford,** 517 11th Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316, manufacturing.

**R and S Carpeting, Sergio Diaz,** PO Box 439, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade and construction.

**Reeds Gun Repair, Andrew Gene Reed,** 1553 Shoestring Road, Gooding, ID 83330, services.

**ReferralGt Inc., Paul Kenny,** 200 W. River St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

**River's Edge Ranch Homeowners Association Inc., James P. Speck,** 120 E. Ave., Ketchum, ID 83340.

**Rocky Mountain Healing Arts, Corey King,** 878 Rosewood Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Rocky Mountain Rollformers LLC, Lounie Brunk Jr.,** 193 Fairview, Filer, ID 83328, retail trade.

**Rowena LLC, Zane Leavitt,** 180 Seventh St. E., No. B, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**RSR2 LLC, Ronald K. Reese,** 66 Willow Creek, Hailey, ID 83333.

**Rudy's Carpentry, David B. Karkowski Jr.,** PO Box 799, Sun Valley, ID 83353, construction.

**S & H Farms LLC, Harlow J. McNamara,** 358 S. 2750 E., Declo, ID 83323.

**S & W LLC, Bobby Shultz,** 327 S. 50 W., Burley, ID 83318.

**S. Robinson and Associates Investigative Services, Stuart M. Robinson,** 616 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., No. 115, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Safe Haven Childcare, Bridget Slater,** 828 Campus Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

**Safe T First, Cathy Voss,** 1194 Starfire St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

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**Skiyane Park Inc., Gregory A. Byron,** PO Box 1866, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**Smalley Motors Inc., Jay W. Smalley,** 2406 E. 3600 S., Wendell, ID 83355.

**Southern Slope Inc., Nicholas Cummins,** 2570 Eldridge Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Steelhead Irrigation, Rodney Lynn Morgan,** 424 Valley View Circle, Jerome, ID 83338, services and construction.

**Sun Valley Auto Sales, DDDS LLC,** PO Box 542, Sun Valley, ID 83353, retail trade.

**Sun Valley Wellness Institute Inc., Christian Tippett,** 260 First Ave. N., Suite 3, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**Sunrise Cleaners, Rodney V. Sayles,** 714 F. St., Rupert, ID 83350, services.

**Susan's Antiques and Collectibles, Susan H. Hall,** 271 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

**Taxes by the Book Inc., Mindy J. Drees,** 629 Third Ave. W., Gooding, ID 83330.

**T&T, Brent C. Timmons,** 5 West 101 Arapahoe Lane, Hailey, ID 83333.

**T-Rex Aviation Group LLC, John Lane,** 472-B State Highway 25, Jerome, ID 83338.

**Triple H Land Co., Johnny W. Unsworth,** 101 Arapahoe Lane, Hailey, ID 83333.

**Twin Oaks Homeowners Association Inc., Devoe Brown,** 2371 Twin Oaks Park, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Ultrathine Couplers LLC, Jerome Rushing,** 75 S. 300 W., Ketchum, ID 83338.

**Value It Condominium Association Inc., Gregory A. Urbany,** 4301 Glenbrook Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

**Villa Pizzeria, Zane Leavitt, Kyle G. Miller,** 2200 Hillcrest Drive, Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

**Visual Design, Josh Solly,** 500 Bell Drive, No. 14, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

**W. Audrey Allison Family Partnership Ltd., Theodore Booth,** 4266 N. 2656 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Westhanger LLC, M. Howard Goldman,** 305 Broadway, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**White Builders, Nathan John White,** PO Box 276, Fairfield, ID 83327, construction.

**White Horse Realty, Susan E. Brown,** 569 Broadway Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services, finance, insurance and real estate.

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**Woodside LLC, Zane Leavitt,** 180 Seventh St. E., No. B, Ketchum, ID 83340.

**Weights Door to Door Ski Rentals LLC, Kyle Rahne Wright,** Bonne Vie Condominium, No. 226, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

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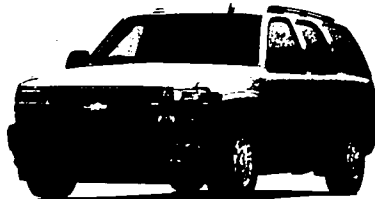
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<sup>2</sup> Silverado 2WD with 5.3L V8 engine has EPA estimated MPG 16 city/20 highway; Ford F-150 2WD with 5.4L V8 engine has EPA estimated MPG 14 city/19 highway; Dodge Ram 1500 2WD with 5.7L V8 engine has EPA estimated MPG 15 city/19 highway.

<sup>3</sup> Cargo and load capacity limited by weight and distribution.

<sup>4</sup> Impala LS with 3.5L V6 has EPA estimated MPG 21 city/31 highway; Toyota Camry LE V6 with 3.0L V6 has EPA estimated MPG 20 city/28 highway.

<sup>5</sup> Impala LS with 3.5L V6 has 211 horsepower/214 lb.-ft. torque; Toyota Camry LE V6 with 3.0L V6 has 190 horsepower/197 lb.-ft. torque.

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<sup>7</sup> Based on 2006 GM Large Utility segment and 2006 EPA Fuel Economy Guide. Tahoe 2WD with 4.8L V8 engine has EPA estimated MPG 16 city/20 highway; Tahoe 2WD with 5.3L V8 engine has EPA estimated MPG 15 city/20 highway; Tahoe 4x4 with 5.3L V8 engine has EPA estimated MPG 15 city/19 highway. Excludes other GM vehicles.

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