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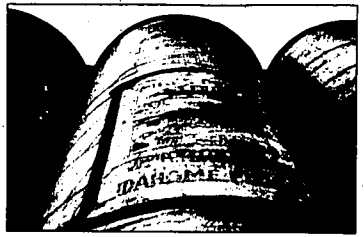
For now, new owner will maintain historic structures

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The historic silos in Old Towne Twin Falls will be sold for \$10 to Preservation Twin Falls Inc. The Urban Renewal Board voted Monday to sell the silos and surrounding land. The details of the agreement are still being negotiated, but the preservation group has agreed to maintain and im-

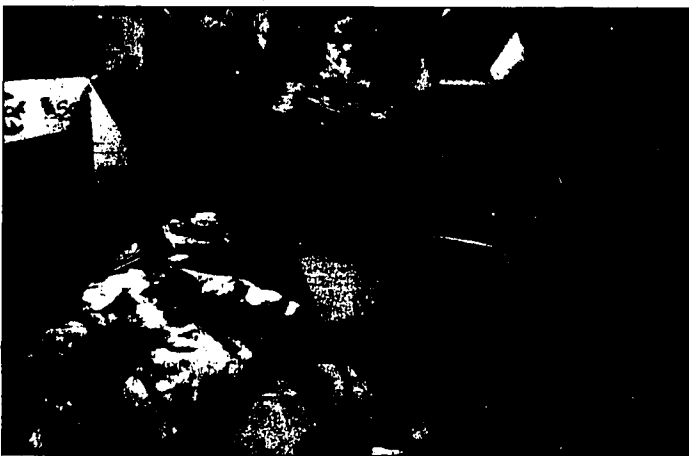
prove the property while looking for a private group to buy and preserve the area. If those efforts fail, the property will revert back to city ownership in five years. "The win-win of historic preservation is to have it in private enterprise hands," said Paul Smith of Preservation Twin Falls. "The question is how." Last week, local businessman Carl Legg and Cliff Askew presented the Urban Renewal

Board with a proposal to turn the silos into a scuba diving facility along with offices and retail space. At Monday's meeting, Legg said he was putting together a business plan and engineering study for his idea, but it would be six months before he'd have details for the board. Legg declined to comment Monday about the decision to sell the property to Preservation Twin Falls. In the meantime, the sale of the property will provide a transition period where work to preserve the buildings can continue. Tom Gilbertson of Preservation Twin Falls said the



The landmark silos in Old Towne Twin Falls will be sold for \$10 to a preservation group.

THE GIVING SPIRIT



Holding a list of a family's needs in her mouth, Cll Griffith with East End Providers in Kimberly gathers gifts.

Woman ensures a happy Christmas for needy families

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — When Santa can't make it, there is Cll Griffith. The 58-year-old owner of Kimberly Kut and Kurl spends more time preparing Christmas packages than any of Santa's elves. A coordinator at East End Providers, a charity group based in Kimberly, Griffith oversees the buying, wrapping and delivery of more than 200 goodie sacks for needy Magic Valley families each Christmas. Last year, the group gave toys, blankets and clothes to 633 children. Griffith's benevolence extends beyond the holiday season, as well. She cuts hair, usually for free, at area nursing homes. She styles hair at mortuaries. She mentors troubled youth through the drug courts. She calls churches, schools — anywhere

Charity searches for a new home

East End Providers, a Kimberly group that provides Christmas packages to needy families, is looking for a new location to base its operation. The group needs someone to donate a space of at least 1,000 square feet that can be heated. The person providing the space may be able to claim a tax deduction because the East End Providers is a 501(c)(3) organization. If you would like to donate a facility to the group, call Cll Griffith at 423-4496.

teachers call her about needy students, churches about needy families. Most of the time, though, she's the one seeking them out. If Griffith finds a way to help someone, she does it. "I go where I'm needed," she said. "And I do what I have to do to help people." That means taking only one day every two weeks for herself. And this time of year is her busiest. Last week at a small house in Kimberly, Griffith prepared Christmas sacks with her two most committed volunteers, a former drug-court enrollee named Karl Gier and Gier's mother, Carla MacDonald. When Gier's court-ordered community service ended, she continued to volunteer on her own time. "Cll bought the dinner and let me smoke," Gier said. "And I just kept coming around." MacDonald began helping at the house just to spend more time with her daughter. That was 10 years ago. Now, the women meet every night after work from

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Council squashes raised medians

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At least part of Blue Lakes Boulevard will be free of raised medians after City Council voted unanimously Monday to nix them from future improvements between Falls Avenue and Pole Line Road. The decision was made in the form of a recommendation to the Idaho Transportation Department, which will likely look favorably on the action since that's what ID proposed to the council.

The city's recommendation included a caveat to improve pedestrian safety by installing crossings at least every quarter mile. "We would be remiss if we didn't address pedestrians," said Councilman Dennis Maughan. "I believe we need to do something to make it a little bit more pedestrian safe."

Meanwhile, funding for the \$39 million Blue Lakes North Corridor Project remains uncertain, but ID District Engineer Devin Highty said it's important to complete design work now so the project is ready to go if money becomes available. Planning for the project, which involves resurfacing the road and building storm sewers, has been under way since last summer. The issue of raised medians was considered as a way to improve safety and decrease accidents.

The council vote followed a presentation by Highty, who explained that the department was not proposing to include raised medians because unsafe property owners and business leases came out strongly against them. Highty said that since the portion of Blue Lakes Boulevard between Falls Avenue and Pole Line Road has a lower accident frequency than between Falls and Addison

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Number of unwanted births rising

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — More American women are having babies they didn't want, a survey indicates, but federal researchers say they don't know if that means attitudes about abortion are changing. In a similar 1995 survey, only 9 percent were unwanted at the time of conception. At least one anti-abortion group said the numbers reflect a national "pro-life shift," while others who research reproductive health issues suggested it might mean less access to abortion. The latest findings are consistent with the falling rate of abortions, according to the

Race, age and sex

Unintended childbearing, fertility, and contraception vary across generations, race and education.

Unintended births 15-44 years of age	
9% in 1995	14% in 2002
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Intercourse before age 15	
48% in 1995	26% in 2002
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White	74%
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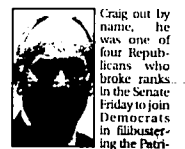
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that researches reproductive health issues. In 1995, for every 100 pregnancies that ended in abortion or a birth, almost 26 ended in abortion. In 2002, 24 ended in abortion, according to Guttmacher data. That information seems to be in sync with the federal data released Monday, said Lawrence Finer, Guttmacher's associate director for domestic research. "The two statistics together suggest — but don't confirm — that a greater percentage of unintended pregnancies resulted in births rather than abortions." The number of U.S. abortion providers fell steadily in the last decade, from 2,400 in 1992 to 1,800 in 2000. The reason is not clearly known, although increasing government restrictions of abortions have made it increasingly difficult to provide the procedure.

Craig defends his position on Patriot Act provisions

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — President Bush may have labeled his opposition to renewing portions of the Patriot Act "inexcusable," but Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig isn't making excuses for joining a bipartisan filibuster of the anti-terrorism law. "We've been cautioned before by our leaders down through history that we should not allow our concern about security to deny us our constitutional freedoms," Craig said shortly after Bush lambasted the parliamentary blockade of the bill in the U.S. Senate during a White House press conference Monday. "I don't step back from protecting civil liberties and I never will." Although Bush did not single



Craig out by his name, he was one of four Republicans who broke ranks in the Senate Friday to join Democrats in filibustering the Patriot Act reauthorization bill, arguing it did not adequately protect civil liberties. Bush did question how senators from California, New York and Nevada could go home and tell their constituents that their cities were safer from terrorists attacks without the Patriot Act provisions. "The Patriot Act helps us connect the dots," said Bush. "And now the United States

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NATION

Bush aggressively defends domestic spying

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accused of acting above the law, President Bush forcefully defended a domestic spying program on Monday as an effective tool in disrupting terrorists and insisted it was not an abuse of Americans' civil liberties.

Bush said it was "a shameful act" for someone to have leaked details to the media. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said it was "probably the most classified program that exists in the United States government" — involving electronic intercepts of telephone calls and e-mails in the U.S. of people with known ties to al-Qaida and other terrorist groups.

At a news conference, Bush bristled at the suggestion he was abusing presidential powers.

"To say unchecked power is basically ascribing some kind of dictatorial position to the president, which I strongly reject," he said angrily in a pre-printed answer. "I am doing what you expect me to do, and at the same time, safeguarding the civil liberties of the country."

Despite Bush's defense, there was a growing storm of criticism from Congress and calls for investigations, from Democrats and Republicans alike. West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, released a handwritten letter expressing concern to Vice President Dick



President Bush speaks Monday during a press conference in the East Room of the White House.

Cheney after being briefed more than two years ago.

Rockefeller complained that the information was so restricted he was "unable to fully evaluate, much less endorse these activities." He registered concern about the administration's direction on security, technology and surveillance issues.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he would ask Bush's Supreme Court nominee, Samuel Alito, his views of the president's authority for spying without a warrant.

"Where does he find in the Constitution the authority to tap the wives and the phones of American citizens without any court oversight?" asked Sen. Cal Levin, D-Mich., Sen. Diann Feinstein, D-Calif., said Bush's interpretation of the Constitution was "incorrect and dangerous."

Appealing for support, Bush used the word "understand" 25 times in a nearly hour-long news conference. "I hope the American people understand — there is still an enemy that would like to strike the United States of America, and they're very dan-

gerous," he said. Similarly, he said he hoped that blacks who doubt his intentions "understand that I care about them."

Bush challenged Senate Minority Leader Henry Reid, D-New, and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. — without naming them — to allow a final vote on legislation renewing the anti-terror Patriot Act, saying it was inexcusable to let it expire. "I want senators from New York or Los Angeles or Las Vegas to go home and explain why these cities are safer" without the extension, he said.

Reid and Clinton both helped block passage of the legislation in the Senate last week.

Bush noted that U.S. intelligence agencies have been faulted for failing to "connect the dots" about threats to the nation's security. He said the Patriot Act and the spying program help take care of that problem.

Reid fired back. "The president and the Republican leadership would stop playing politics with the Patriot Act," he said in a statement that added he and other Democrats favor a three-month extension of the expiring law to allow time for a long-term compromise.

The legislation has cleared the House but Senate Democrats have blocked final passage and its prospects are uncertain in the congressional session's final days.

Drilling attached to House-passed defense bill

Republicans push through two key year-end bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nighttime, daytime. It's all the same in Congress these days, where Republicans are struggling to pass year-end bills that highlight their conservative agenda.

The House voted to cut a thin slice of federal deficit and sink oil drills into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge early Monday, quelling Democratic opposition in a marathon struggle ending near dawn.

The votes sent both bills to the Senate, where the GOP leadership vowed to clear them for President Bush's signature with a year-end flourish.

Both year-end bills were crafted to satisfy GOP conservatives who hold sway in the House and Senate. Yet both also were intended to hold the support of party moderates whose votes are necessary for passage over opposition of Democrats, some of whom have threatened to filibuster the ASWR measure.

The Alaska oil provision was grafted onto a \$453 billion spending bill for the Pentagon, a measure that also reflected conservative priorities with a 1 percent spending cut across hundreds of federal programs. Yet the same legislation included an additional \$29 billion in funding for victims of Hurricane Katrina, as well as an extra installment of low-income heating assistance for the poor.

Overall, the deficit reduction bill claimed savings of \$39.7 billion over five years, 2.5 percent of the \$1.6 trillion in total red ink that congressional officials estimate will pile up for the same period.

The savings included \$4.8 billion from Medicaid, the health care program for the poor, and one key provision is designed to make it harder for beneficiaries

to transfer assets to their children in order to qualify for government-paid nursing home care.

Among the Medicare changes was a one-year freeze in home health care payments. A second provision accelerates a previously scheduled increase for better off beneficiaries in the cost of premiums for Part B, which covers physician services.

At the same time, a House-passed attempt to curb food stamp spending and find savings from crop subsidies were dropped in final negotiations in a gesture to senators.

Other savings contained had no relation to federal benefit programs that conservatives have long wanted to limit.

The bill assumed \$10 billion in savings through the sale of a portion of the analog spectrum, and another \$6.5 billion by reducing federal payments to insurance companies operating

HMOs under the two-year-old Medicare law.

The drive to curb spending was blunted elsewhere, as well.

Doctors won the cancellation of scheduled 4.6 percent cut in Medicare fees, at a cost to the Treasury of \$7.3 billion over five years.

And with an extremely tight vote possible in the Senate, negotiators went into overtime to make concessions on Sunday. One restored a support program for dairy farmers, as requested by Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., among others.

The last change, agreed to hours after GOP leaders had announced an overall agreement, erased \$1.9 billion in estimated savings. Officials said it was designed to satisfy Sen. George Voinovich and other Ohio lawmakers concerned about the impact of one provision on an oxygen supplier in the state.

As a result of the late maneuvering, it was after midnight

when GOP leaders summoned the House into session.

The Pentagon bill passed on a lopsided vote of 308-106. Democrats were split as they were confronted with a choice of opposing money for the troops in Iraq or voting for ASWR drilling.

The deficit reduction bill passed a few hours later on a far closer tally of 212-206. No Democrats supported the bill and only nine Republicans opposed it.

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Afghans' newly elected parliament convenes

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan marked another milestone in its march to democracy, inaugurating its first popularly elected parliament in three decades Monday in an emotional ceremony that brought the president to tears.

Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife looked on as the assembly opened amid tight security. But concern remained that the legislature can be a constructive force. About half its 249 members are regional warlords, some are Westernized refugees and others are illiterate.

The assembly convened after a reading from the Muslim holy book, a folk song from schoolgirls dressed in brightly colored robes and the singing of the national anthem.



Afghan parliament members put their hands on copies of the Quran as they are sworn in at the National Assembly in Kabul on Monday, fully declaring that Afghanistan was "again standing on its feet, after decades of war and occupation."

Cheney and his wife, Lynne, sat in the front row, and the vice president signed a guest book afterward. "It's a privilege to be

warfare and the repressive Taliban regime.

Afghans voted for the lower house in September, and also elected provincial councils that then chose two-thirds of the 102-seat upper chamber. Karzai appointed the remaining 34.

"Today was a very good day," said Kubra Mustafawi, one of the new assembly's women. Nearly one-third of the delegates are women. "After 30 years, the Afghan nation has gathered under the umbrella of peace."

Most of the government's power is still concentrated in the hands of the president, although parliament will be able to pass laws and veto Cabinet selections.

The country has had no elected national assembly since 1973, when coups and a Soviet invasion plunged it into decades of chaos that left more than 1 million people dead. The Taliban's disastrous rule ended in late 2001, when it was deposed by the U.S.-led invasion for sheltering Osama bin Laden.

Shiite alliance takes strong lead in Iraq's election

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Preliminary election returns Monday showed Iraqi voters divided along ethnic and religious lines with a commanding lead held by the religious Shiite coalition that dominates the current government.

Meanwhile, an Iraqi lawyer said at least 24 top former officials in Saddam Hussein's regime were freed from jail without charges. They included biological and chemical weapons experts known as "Dr. Germ" and "Mrs. Anthrax."

Violent demonstrations also broke out across Iraq and the oil minister threatened to resign after the government raised the prices of gasoline and cooking fuel by up to nine times. And a militant group released a video of the purported killing of an American hostage.

Early vote tallies suggested disappointing results for a secular party led by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a U.S. favorite who hoped to bridge the often violent divide that has

emerged between followers of rival branches of Islam since the fall of Saddam.

As expected, religious groups, both Shiite and Sunni, were leading in many areas — an indication that Iraqis may have grown more religious or conservative.

Still, the ruling Shiite coalition — known as the United Iraqi Alliance and endorsed by Iraq's most prominent cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani — was unlikely to win the two-thirds majority, or at least 184 seats, needed to avoid a coalition with other parties.

"It's going to be 'Let's Make a Deal,'" said Anthony Cordesman, an Iraq analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "The important thing in some ways was that there was a large vote. The concerns that it would fall along ethnic and sectarian lines were validated."

The U.S. hopes a coalition government involving Sunnis Arabs will weaken the insurgency.

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EDITORIAL

Tight contest for mayor needs more public input

Quick, someone call the Iraqis to send over a ballot box. Unbeknownst to many Twin Falls residents, there's a heated round of political campaigning going on.

The behind-the-scenes jockeying over who will become Twin Falls' next mayor resembles poker night at Howard Dean's house.

Our view: If Twin Falls' mayoral seat is so hotly contested, perhaps voters need to weigh in on it.

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

Clow, on the other hand, says his resume makes him qualified for another term. "I believe the mayor should be selected based on their experience," Clow said. "Some people think that it should be passed around, and it has been in the past, but we need an experienced person. There's only been one time in my experience that the mayor has had only two years of council experience."

Before this political race goes mano a mano at the first council meeting in January, it's worth pondering whether the mayor's title has a "unge of chief ribbon cutter" to it.

In a council manager system, the mayor has a council vote but no veto power. Sure, there are mayoral duties that include presiding over council meetings, serving civil processes, finalizing contracts and carrying a title for legal functions.

But those duties can't be interpreted as the administrative powers of a traditional mayor. Somehow, the politicking for this year's mayor seat exceeds those expectations.

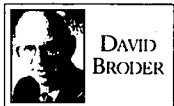
In such a case like this, maybe citizens should be the ones voting. After all, Idaho statutes for a council-manager plan state that, "By ordinance, a city may provide for the direct election of the mayor by the voters." If Twin Falls' government really needs new perspective and experience, don't voters get a say?

If that's too much diplomacy, somebody should just bring a quarter and flip for it.

Clow has already served as mayor. "I feel that it's time for someone else," he said. "If my fellow council members so choose, then I'll be there."

Bush can spread seeds of invention

Call it an early Christmas gift. A number of legislators of both parties have put their trappings on a proposal for next year that could be the best present under President Bush's tree — an initiative that would please business, school, parents, teachers, students — and be good for the country.



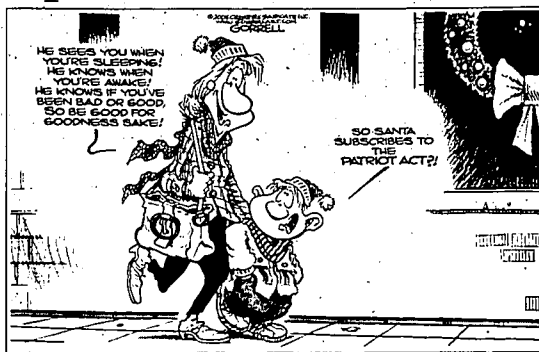
DAVID BRODER

Inside the package is a creation framed by the best scientific minds to keep the United States in the forefront of innovation and technology. It is aimed at assuring this country's competitive position in the new global economy and creating inspiring programs for more American families being able to enjoy comfortable middle-class lives.

The elements have been developed by key legislators across the political spectrum. But none of them has a personal stamp on the proposal that would prevent the president from making it his own — it he decides that it's in the best of them have suggested, in next month's State of the Union address, and then underscored his commitment by putting the needed funds into his budget.

The major parts of the plan have emerged in a series of reports from business, academic and government groups — most recently in that of a blue-ribbon panel of the National Academy of Sciences headed by Norman Augustine, the retired CEO of Lockheed Martin. They all recite similar warnings: that America's current health economy conceals significant long-term threats to our prosperity. There has been a steady erosion in investment in the kind of manpower that keeps a nation competitive — and a consequent decline in American inventiveness.

Compared to 1970, the per-



centage of America's gross national product invested by the federal government in physical science research has declined by half. Asia and Europe are graduating thousands more engineering and science majors every year than the United States — and the gap is growing. Almost half of U.S. patents now go to foreign-owned companies and foreign-born inventors. Our high school students test poorly in math and science compared to those of our major trading partners.

Looking at these statistics and listening to educators and business executives who offer personal testimony about the difficulty of attracting students to math and engineering or recruiting workers with those skills, a variety of legislators are beginning to respond. Three House Republicans — Reps. Frank Wolf of Virginia, Vern Ehlers of Michigan and Sherrod Boehlert of New York — sponsored an "innovation summit" last week that brought university presidents and corporate CEOs to the Commerce Department to promote action on this challenge.

The House Democratic Caucus has launched its own task force on innovation and last week, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi held a meeting of its members with Silicon Valley executives.

Things are moving even faster in the Senate. Republican Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and Democrat Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico are preparing legislation to task force Connecticut Democrat Joe Lieberman and Nevada Republican John Ensign have teamed up on a related bill.

They call for a coordinated and sustained attack on the problem, one that Alexander and Bingaman say would cost the country about \$9 billion a year. That is no small sum, but much more practical than the Iraq War has been costing us annually.

The first step, Alexander says, is to boost federal investment in basic research 10 percent a year over the next seven years. Next, tackle the talent supply problem: recruit 10,000 future science and math teachers each year and award them four-year college scholarships, with big bonuses to those who teach in underserved schools; give additional training to

250,000 current math and science teachers; provide large grants to 200 promising young researchers; create an advanced research projects agency in the Department of Energy; provide 25,000 competitive scholarships a year in those fields; in physics classes, engineering and math; fund 5,000 new graduate fellowships a year in those fields; make it easier for foreign students in those fields to obtain visas for study here and ease their way if they want to remain here to work; expand immigration opportunities for people with those needed skills; provide tax incentives for U.S.-based innovations; and expand access to broadband communications.

This is a large order, but much more practical than Bush's earlier promise of a manned mission to Mars. Alexander quotes his mentor, the late Bryce Harlow, an Eisenhower adviser in Vietnam, that "everything that comes to the White House is important, but only a few things are presidential." This says Alexander, is sensible. And it's there for Bush's taking.

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The mayor is a position that an honor to hold. Maughan said, "Traditionally, it's only been a two-year term. It's somewhat of an unwritten rule that the honor has been bestowed on someone who hasn't been mayor before."

Maughan has noted that Clow has already served as mayor. "I feel that it's time for someone else," he said. "If my fellow council members so choose, then I'll be there."

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Without religion, the holiday fiestas

So, is it Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays? I'll tell you. If you take Christmas out of the holidays, it will have no meaning and non-Christians will wonder: What's going on? Who is this Santa Claus, anyway? He's not an uncle or grandpa. He's no more than a con man, a shill for the stores that get kids' expectations up to a lot of stuff they're not going to get. Heck, they get lots of stuff on their birthdays.

Everybody has a birthday, and there's Mother's Day and Father's Day and Valentine's Day and Thanksgiving Day — we're giving presents all year. So why do we need one more excuse to go on a spending spree? And I have shimmering songs like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Holiday." Who needs it? I hear "Have a nice day" all the time. So go ahead and take the meaning, the spirit — Christmas spirit — out of the holidays and watch it fizzle.

MARY J. INMAN
Twin Falls

Here's the question: Can Mommy know best?

Can the network nightly news anchor evolve from the Daddy chair to the Mommy chair?

Will Americans ever trust a petite, pretty woman in jewel tones to deliver the news as much as they trusted tall men with dark suits and deep voices, like Edward R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite and Tom Brokaw? Can high heels match the venerable trench coat?



MAUREEN DOWD

The network news anchor career path is laden with the same old, same old. Who do you vote for the presidency. Who do we want to lead us through a crisis?

"Does Mommy know best?" a longtime TV industry analyst mused. "If there's a genetically frightening news event, people want to turn on the TV and see someone guiding them through it. Will they be comfortable with a woman with Vargas or even Katie Couric?"

Last summer, when ABC needed a replacement for Peter Jennings, I asked a top network executive whether the 43-year-old Vargas had a shot to be the first woman to get a solo network anchor gig. Shouldn't that barrier have been broken long ago? I mean, women can read off a teleprompter as well as men. At first he sounded optimistic: She is not a news division heavyweight, but she is a lovely, competent Hispanic woman, which could mean a

more diverse audience. And she might draw in younger viewers, instead of the dinosaur evening news demographic that mostly attracts sponsors like Viagra and Depends.

Within 30 seconds, though, the executive got jittery. "I know this is going to sound really sexist," he admitted with breathtaking candor. "But if there were another 9/11, I'm not sure if she has the gravitas to hold that anchor chair. Maybe it's not even sex. Maybe it's age. I just think we'd need someone with a little gray in their hair." (The network pushed Vargas out of the anchor seat in favor of Charlie Gibson when terrorists bombed London twice in July 2005, even though his day job was doing fiction in "Good Morning America.")

I pointed out that Bran Williams was only three years older than Vargas, and not noticeably gray. Seton Hall's executive hire babes, not old ladies with wrinkles. Now that high-definition TV makes faces with plastic surgery look so weird, the women will have to

be even younger. "He's not 50?" the exec asked about Williams. "But doesn't he have some gray? Maybe he could let Elizabeth do it Monday through Friday and then someone else could do it if there was a crisis."

I had to laugh. "I'd allow a woman to present the news as long as there wasn't any news. If serious news breaks out, send for the guy in pants."

So last week it all came to pass. Despite the track record of the other two women who had to co-anchor the evening news with resentful men — Barbara Walters and Connie Chung — ABC teamed Vargas with the pretty, Beyoncé Bob Woodruff.

TV and newspaper moguls are trying a less authoritarian news format. Brian Williams, who broke out of android status with his brilliant coverage of the Bush administration's attention deficit disorder during Katrina, looks to show he's a man of the people. Anderson Cooper knocked off Aaron Brown by emoting during Katrina, and being fetching enough to make People's Sexiest Man Alive list.

Les Moonves, head of CBS, is looking for pizzazz. "On the one hand," he told "The New York Times" Lynn Hirschberg, "we could have a newscast like 'The Big Breakfast' in England, where women give the news in lingerie. Or there's 'Naked

News,' which is on cable in England. I saw a clip of it. It's a woman giving the news as she's taking a shower. And then on the other hand, you could have two boring people behind a desk. Our newscast has to be somewhere in between."

Moonves has been wooing Katie Couric to succeed Dan Rather — she seems itching to move on from making omelets with Martha Stewart. Late Barbara Walters, she'd get warring senators by carrying a record-breaking paycheck (even though a man probably would).

But even if Katie beats this better press, wearing her clothes on, will it be an important milestone for women? She is already the most important breadwinner for her news division, with morning that shows out-earning highly over-casual. By the time women get to have something — like Hollywood or Bush administration diplomacy — the thing is already deadened beyond recognition.

TV evening news is so feminized and soft-focus now — brimming with features on animals, diets and new "age-defying" skin treatments — that Katie may forget she's not still working the sunrise crowd.

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Not all organ recipients can donate organs

Bold "Cold" statement, quote by David Udels, "Give organs first to people who have agreed to donate their own organs when they die," yes, if it was a pre-arranged transplant or other than our healthy selves did not die.

I wonder if he or others of this group have children who, since 18 months old, have suffered a life-threatening illness that has had to be on strong antibiotics and other drugs to maintain life. If so,

they may reconsider who they feel are strong candidates for transplant. It may be determined by people who have only lived healthy lives. Someday my child may need a transplant and, no, I cannot guarantee the organs for the use of others, but does this mean this child could not have the opportunity to continue with life?

I am an organ donor and hope someday when I am gone my organs may be used to prolong the life of another, whether they are donors themselves or unfortunate children who deserve life but are just not

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"Cold" statement. I wish this choice not to be determined by people who have only lived healthy lives. Someday my child may need a transplant and, no, I cannot guarantee the organs for the use of others, but does this mean this child could not have the opportunity to continue with life?

I am an organ donor and hope someday when I am gone my organs may be used to prolong the life of another, whether they are donors themselves or unfortunate children who deserve life but are just not

capable of donating their own. I would discourage people from joining this group. Look around you and family and friends who have not the opportunity to donate but may need it themselves. Who are we saving that they cannot save themselves?

This time of year, I would hope all of us could count our blessings and be thankful for the health that we have and be more Christian to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

RANAE CAPPS
Jerome



Global realities should lead to the end of farm subsidies

"No country gets rich by keeping its people in agriculture."
— David Orden,
agricultural economist



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Few economic laws are so clear. Cheap and efficiently produced food relieves poverty. As farming becomes more productive, people eat better; workers move into better-paying industrial and service jobs. In 1820, about 70 percent of the U.S. labor force was in farming; in 2003, that was 1.7 percent. Comparable figures for France, Britain and Japan were 3.6 percent, 1.2 percent and 4.6 percent. Farms consolidate and mechanize. In 1950, Europe had one tractor for every 67 farm workers; by 2000, there was one tractor for every two.

Considering the benefits, you'd think that laboring in the world trade in farm products would be a snap. In rich countries, farm lobbies have shriveled in importance. As for poorer countries, the shift from subsistence farming toward specialization — and abundance. Well, you'd be spectacularly wrong. Since World War II, there have been eight successful rounds of global trade negotiations. Farm trade is so controversial that it was ignored until the last round, concluded in 1994. Now, farm issues are paralyzing the Doha Round (so named because it started in Doha, Qatar, in 2001). Trade ministers meeting this week in Hong Kong probably won't bridge the differences.

The blame for the present impasse lies heavily with the European Union. The Bush administration has proposed sharp cuts in U.S. farm payments and tariffs. Although its plan doesn't go far enough — subsidies should be eliminated — the EU hasn't matched it. Nor have some big Asian countries with high tariffs (China, Japan, Korea). Many developing countries and food exporters (Brazil, Argentina) are unhappy. Economist David Orden and colleagues at the International Food Policy Research Institute compared the U.S. and EU proposals. The American approach would expand global food trade by twice as much. Abolishing all subsidies would increase trade even more.

Subsidies come in two forms — tariffs and direct payments. With tariffs, shoppers pay prices above world levels. The United States has the most stratospheric tariffs, notably on sugar. Direct U.S. payments to farmers, including export subsidies, average about \$20 billion annually. In Europe, tariffs and payments are much higher. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development estimates all subsidy costs for its 30 rich member countries. In 2004, the subsidies totaled \$297 billion. In Japan and Korea, they represented 60 percent of farm revenues. For the EU and the

ethnic foods, out-of-season fruits and vegetables) that only imports can provide.

Given these realities, farm subsidies have outlived their usefulness. In rich countries, they survive on symbolism — nostalgia for the rural past and farmers' sense of entitlement. One French official recently defended subsidies as safeguarding the country's "gastronomic sovereignty." Unsurprisingly, France receives the fattest share of the EU's subsidies, about 20 percent. Without subsidies, some French farms would fail, but

United States, the figures were 34 percent and 20 percent. Poorer countries rely mostly on tariffs. In a study the Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics cited these examples: for China, 65 percent on wheat and rice; for India, 50 percent on wheat and 30 percent on soybeans; for the Philippines, 50 percent on rice.

With time, the justifications for subsidies have weakened. One is that farm incomes should be increased, because they're lower than city incomes and the flow of labor from farm to factory should slow. But in richer countries, the flow has already occurred, and farm incomes now often exceed urban incomes. In the United States, the average farm household income is \$83,660. Subsidies also go to the biggest farm incomes, because they're the biggest producers. In Europe, the richest 20 percent of farmers receive about 80 percent of subsidies, reports The Economist.

Another argument for subsidies is the need for food self-sufficiency. But as countries grow richer, self-sufficiency erodes. Many countries can't produce enough feed grains to meet their needs. Elsewhere, including the United States, affluent shoppers want more specialized products (fancy cheeses,

and many would fail, but survive and expand. Consumers could still satisfy their distinctive tastes. If the French will pay for food, they'll get it.

As for the United States, it's a low-cost producer. Abolishing worldwide subsidies would raise exports and reduce government spending. Some heavily protected crops (sugar, cotton) would decline, but "much of this land is going to stay in (other) crops," says agricultural economist Daniel Sumner of the University of California. Many poorer countries are also low-cost producers. Greater food exports won't solve their development problems; but they would help.

Except politically, this food fight makes no sense. There are more potential economic winners than losers. But so far the losers have prevailed. Globalization's most effective opponents are not intellectual objects but powerful political interests.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

Open Court reporting leads to new questions

Thank you, Joshua Palmer, for writing an informative article on Open Court in the Dec. 11 paper. The article is a step in educating the community about concerns in our district. However, more information is needed to form an unbiased opinion.

Perhaps one of the more sensitive issues concerning Open Court was indeed the high cost of the program, district money spent but not funded by the Reading First Grant. Books purchased before the next adoption cycle, were shelved to make room for Open Court materials. This seems excessive to taxpayers and frustrating for teachers. Valuable programs were cut such as after-school tutoring however, Open Court materials are abundantly stocked in every classroom.

Financial institutions must be accountable for funds spent. Can any district in Idaho, with restricted funding at a state level, afford a costly program and make reasonable choices without adequate funding, teacher input and proof that the program works well for all children? Twin Falls teachers have Open Court, with the exception of Open Court, been an important component of book adoptions. The Reading First Grant was written by a professional grant

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writer paid by the district. Stories and skills in Open Court aren't the problem; the rigid format that teachers are required to teach the program is a huge concern. This might have been avoided if teachers would have been included in the grant-writing process.

I strongly believe in supporting the people who guide and make professional decisions for me. I depend on their wisdom to make good choices. Like many other teachers, I'm implementing the program according to the grant. I'll continue to teach Open Court because I feel I have no other choice, not because I believe it's best for all students.

I believe there must be a balance in classroom instruction so all children can advance academically and be challenged at individual levels. It saddens me that much of the school day is spent instructing all students in the same manner while other subjects are being tested aside such as science, writing and

even mathematics. I wish our community a favor by writing his article. It opened the door for community members and parents to get involved. I encourage you to ask teachers questions and research information. Knowledge is power, and the children in Twin Falls are worth the time spent on making sound decisions concerning their education.

KATHY GRAHAM
Twin Falls

Majority has the right to wish Merry Christmas

I would like to know what has happened to our country.

Growing up, I was always taught that the majority ruled. I would like to know why we the people let the few dictate to us whether we can say Merry Christmas or under God. So everyone out there if you feel like it, say Merry Christmas, and let the few stew over it.

KENNETH CORDER
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Iran's president bans Western music on radio, television

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has banned all Western music from Iran's state radio and TV stations — an eerie reminder of the 1979 Islamic revolution when popular music was outlawed as "un-Islamic" under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Today, though, the sounds of hip-hop can be heard blaring from car radios in Tehran's streets, and Eric Clapton's

"Rush" and the Eagles' "Hotel California" regularly accompany Iranian broadcasts.

No more — the official IRAN Persian daily reported Monday that Ahmadinejad, as head of the Supreme Cultural Revolutionary Council, ordered the enactment of an October ruling by the council to ban all Western music, including classical music, on state broadcast outlets.

"Blocking indecent and West-

ern music from the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting is required," according to a statement on the council's official Web site.

The Iranian guitarist Babak Rahpouor lamented what he called a "terrible" decision. "The decision shows a lack of knowledge and experience," he said.

Music was outlawed by Khomeini soon after the 1979 revolution; Khomeini claimed it was "intoxicating." Many musicians

went abroad and built an Iranian music industry in Los Angeles.

But as revolutionary fervor started to fade, some light classical music was allowed on Iranian radio and television; some public concerts reappeared in the late 1980s. Since his death, pop music has been creeping into Iranian shops.

In the 1990s, particularly during the presidency of reformist Mohammad Khatami starting

In 1997, authorities began relaxing restrictions further. These days in Iran, Western music, films and clothing are widely available in Iran. Bootleg videos and DVDs of films banned by the state are widely available on the black market.

However, women are prohibited from singing in public, except to a segregated female-only audience. Hard-liners were afraid the voice of a woman soloist might arouse impure

thoughts in men. Women are allowed to sing as part of a chorus.

Ahmadinejad's order means the state broadcasting authority must execute the decree and prepare a report on its implementation within six months, according to the IRAN Persian daily.

The ban applies to state-run radio and TV. But Iranians with satellite dishes can get broadcasts originating outside the country.

Morales vows to fight U.S. policies

COCHABAMBA, Bolivia (AP) — The leftist who claimed victory in Bolivia's presidential race on Monday repeated his promise to end a U.S.-backed program to eradicate coca plants, saying the crop that provides the raw material for cocaine is part of Bolivian culture.

Evo Morales — himself a coca farmer who played an important role in protests that ousted two governments — also pledged Monday to respect private property, apparently seeking to reassure investors despite his plans to assert state ownership of oil and gas over Bolivia's vast natural gas reserves.

With almost 25 percent of the official votes counted, Morales holds a lead of nearly 47 percent with his conservative rival Quiroga getting 36 percent, according to the National Electoral Court. On Sunday, Quiroga conceded defeat.

If the results hold, Morales would be the first Indian president in the 180-year history of independent Bolivia and solidify a continental leftist shift.

Morales was congratulated by Venezuela's self-proclaimed revolutionary leader Hugo Chavez and by the more centrist Socialist president of Chile, Ricardo Lagos. No early call came from the United States, and Morales said, "neither was I expecting one."

A State Department spokeswoman, Jan Edmondson, later said in Washington that "while official results have not yet been released, we congratulate Evo Morales on his apparent victory."

She said the U.S. has had good relations with Bolivia in the past and "we're prepared to work to build the same relationship with the next government."

Morales has been an irritant for Washington for years while he has built close ties with Cuban President Fidel Castro and Chavez. A State Department report earlier this year referred to him as an "illegal-coca agitator."

The site of his news conference — the offices of the coca growers union where he rose to political prominence — showed that his apparent victory did not mellow his crusade against U.S. coca-eradication efforts.

"We are betting on an effective fight against narcotrafficking because neither cocaine nor drug trafficking is part of Bolivian culture," Morales said.

"He has not said how he will stop illegal drug exports, complaining instead that 'the fight against drug trafficking has been a prelude for the U.S. government to install military bases... and these policies will be reversed.'"

Morales also defended coca as an integral part of Bolivian culture.

"It's not possible that the coca leaf can be legal for Coca Cola and not for us. It's hypocritical," he said.

Allanta, Coca-Cola Co. spokeswoman Kirsten Watt declined to say this month whether cocaine-free coca extract is part of the drink's secret recipe. It has been widely reported that cocaine-free extract derived from coca is part of the drink's secret recipe.

Morales also said a governing Movement Toward Socialism party is not only going to respect, but is going to protect private property, although "vague, unproductive land" would be turned over to farmers with no land or very little.



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“Rumor has it that airport security at La Guardia has already cordoned off carousels A through E just to expedite all the baggage.”

—The Seattle Times’ Dwight Perry on Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest’s possible trade to New York.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: On Dec. 11, the Indianapolis Colts became the fourth team to begin a season at 13-0. Name the other three and the seasons.

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School BOYS BASKETBALL**
Carey at Deerlich, 7:30 p.m.
Declo at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Filer at Middleton, 7:30 p.m.
Jerome at Burley, 6 p.m.
Kimberly at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Oakley at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
Raft River at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
Century at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
Declo at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Filer at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
Jerome at Pocatello, 7:30 p.m.
Madison at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Murtaugh at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Oakley at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
- WRESTLING**
Burley, Kimberly at Wood River, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

T.F. baseball and softball sell fruit

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruin baseball and softball teams are selling oranges and grapefruits for their annual fundraiser.
The cost is \$16 for a 20-pound box of oranges or grapefruits or \$30 for a box of each.
For more information or to order, call Nick at 733-4978 or 308-4978.

Jerome Rec offers hoops tourney

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

CSI hosts basketball camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold their winter junior basketball camp Dec. 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The camp is open to boys and girls grades K-8 and the registration fee is \$80.
Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, a CSI poster, and an open ticket to any of the Eagles' remaining home games.
The camp will be led by the CSI coaching staff and players, and will provide participants the opportunity to interact with their favorite Golden Eagles players. For more information, call men's head coach Barrett Peery at 732-6496, women's head coach Randy Rogers at 732-6490, or athletics office manager Cheri Uro at 732-6496.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Chicago Bears, 1934; Miami Dolphins, 1972; Denver Broncos, 1998.

Mesa hands CSI third loss

The Times-News

MESA, Ariz. — One shot can make a real difference.
Mesa Community College (Ariz.) freshman guard Ty Benson's three-point shot with 2:45 left gave the Thunderbirds a 73-70 lead and enough momentum to lead the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team its third loss of the season Monday night, 82-75 on the road. The 10-3 Golden Eagles managed only five points after Benson's trifecta, while the Thunderbirds hit 7-of-8 free-throw attempts in the game's closing minutes to keep CSI at bay.
"You know, the truth hurts.

and it's just all effort," CSI head coach Barrett Peery told 1270 KTRF AM. "They didn't have better players, they just made a better effort. I take full responsibility for that, but they just out-efforted us. We're a more talented team, so we were able to keep it interesting, but the first and second halves were the same."
After trailing 42-34 at the half, the Eagles opened the second period with an 8-0 run to tie the game at 42 and force a Thunderbird timeout. "That break seemed to kill the Eagles' momentum, as Mesa opened a 50-44 lead with over 14 minutes left. The Eagles and Thunder-

birds would battle through eight lead changes before Benson's trifecta put Mesa up 60-40.
"Our team is not mature enough to handle runs that they make in a positive way," Peery said. "They make runs and great things, and we're not mature enough to handle it. We need to respond and make runs of our own. I think it's the same way with our wins, we get four or five in a row, then get satisfied and seem to need a slap in the face."
Reggie Larry led the way for the Eagles, scoring 25 points. Larry hammered down seven dunks for the game and shot 7-of-8 from the free-throw line. Sophomore guard Zaryyon Fer-

Shoshone sacks Mushers

By John Derr
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Indians broke open a close game in the second quarter, but never looked back as they defeated the Camas County Mustangs 43-21 in Magic Valley Northwest Conference girls' basketball action Monday night.
Shoshone led by just three after one quarter, but shut out the Mustangs in the second period. Camas County stayed close in the third, but again the Indians pulled away in the fourth.
"I told the girls that our intensity had to be level," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. "For the most part I was happy with the defense — we got a few steals."
Shoshone's Teresa Russell hit a pair in the paint early, but a three-pointer from Beth McLain kept the Mushers within striking distance, trailing 8-5 after eight minutes of play.
It was all Indians in the second. Shaynee Gulliford, a sophomore, came off the bench and hit a pair of jumpers while Russell added a three-point play as Shoshone outscored Camas County 11-0 in the period.
Russell scored the Indians' first six points of the second period as the lead grew to 19.
Russell gave the credit to her teammates.
"They had great passes and found me when I was open," said Russell, who paced Shoshone with 15 points while controlling the paint.
The Mustangs' (5-6, 0-5) Beth McLain caught fire late in the third, hitting a long jumper, a three-pointer and completing an old-fashioned three-point play. She finished with a game-high 16 points, but Camas County trailed 30-17 heading into the final period.
Shoshone (10-1) opened the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run

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Michael Andretti to return

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Drivers get ready to face the Andrettis at Indy — again.
Michael Andretti was expected to announce Tuesday that he will drive in next year's Indianapolis 500 after a two-year absence from the driver's seat, taking another shot at the checkered flag that so famously eluded him during an otherwise stellar career.
His son, Marco, also will become a third-generation Andretti driver with a full-time IndyCar seat with the team during 2006 for Andretti Green Racing.
The team, which is co-owned by Michael Andretti, scheduled a news conference for Tuesday morning to announce its 2006 plans.
An IRL official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team's announcement was pending, confirmed the news to The Associated Press on Monday.
Team spokesman Al Larsen said Monday he could not confirm either move.
Andretti "I perhaps haven't been known for carrying forth his father's legacy of bad luck at the Brickyard; he had retired following the 2003 Indy 500 with the dubious distinction of leading the most laps there — 426 in 14 starts — without winning at least once."
His return would be a major boost for the IRL, which has been trying to gain fan support over the past decade since its split from CART, now known as Champ Car. The series made headway this year with the emergence of Danica Patrick, who finished fourth in the Indy 500.
Andretti, whose father Marco won the 1969 Indy 500, was one of several second-generation drivers that joined the Indy car circuit in the 1980s and 1990s.

No contest

Bush runs away with AP Player of the Year Award

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Reggie Bush loves roller coasters — and it makes perfect sense. Both bring thrills with breathtaking bursts of zigzag speed.
"I guess that's kind of how I am on the field all these twists and turns and stuff like that," Southern California's human thrill ride said.

The most exciting player in college football also became the best player in 2005, and now Bush can add The Associated Press Player of the Year award to the haul of hardware he's accumulated.
The voting went like it did in the Heisman Trophy balloting: The running back blew away the field. He received 59 votes from a panel of 65 media members.

Texas quarterback Vince Young received five votes and Georgia quarterback D.J. Shockley got the other.
Bush and the top-ranked Trojans will play Young and No. 2 Texas in the Rose Bowl for the national championships.

Bush has also won the Walter Camp player of the year award, the Doak Walker Award as best running back in the country and was a unanimous AP first-team All-American.
For the third straight season, the AP player of the year and Heisman winner are the same. USC quarterback Matt Leinart won both last season, and Jason White of Oklahoma did it the year before.

Bush is the first running back to win AP Player of the Year since 1999, when Ron Dayne of Wisconsin did it.

Ricky Williams of Texas won the first AP Player of the Year award in 1958.

Bush, a 200-pound package of fast-twitch muscles, put to rest any doubt that he could be an every-down back this year — more than just an elusive change-of-pace runner and explosive kick returner.
He added a solid five pounds to his 6-foot frame and got a taste of how one of the best in the business prepares when he worked out with San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson during the summer.
The two have known each other since Bush was a senior at Helix High School, just outside San Diego. They finally managed to coordinate a training session and Tomlinson left a lasting impression.
"I think he's the best running back right now and I just wanted to get a chance to work out with him, see what it takes to be a guy and get to the level he's at," Bush said in a recent phone interview. "Whatever you do, be the most you can work out, double that."

Bush closed the season with two spectacular games, slashing and swerving his way to 554 yards rushing in wins over Fresno State and UCLA.
His stop-in-mid-sprint-and-cut-across-the-field TD run against the Bulldogs was the ultimate showstopper in a Heisman-clinching performance.
Bush put up 513 all-purpose yards in a 50-42 victory.
For the season, he has 1,658 yards rushing with an 8.9-yard average per carry.
Bush acknowledged that sharing the spotlight — and the football — hasn't always been easy, even as USC swept 37 wins in 36 games and two national championships during his career.
"Even though we're winning, there's a lot of stuff behind the scenes," he said. "I think



Southern California's Reggie Bush celebrates his third quarter touchdown against Fresno St. in Los Angeles in this Nov. 29 photo.

at times it might have been a little frustrating just wanting to be that guy, the main guy."
"But we're learned to adjust to it. I think that was mainly a problem early in my career here, like my freshman year, just trying to adjust to not being the guy."
Now the question is, will Bush hang around for another season at USC.
He appears to be a lock to go No. 1 in the NFL draft, maybe to play with former high school teammate Alex Smith in San Francisco.
The junior has only said he'll decide after the Rose Bowl, though at least one media report, citing anonymous sources, stated he has already made up his mind and won't return for his senior year.

Colts look to rebound

By Michael Marcot
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts spent weeks answering questions about a perfect season. On Monday, they were dealing with a new one: Can they rebound?

"I guess people would have as much to say to me as they don't play our starters the way they've asked how can you denigrate the game that way," coach Tony Dungy said. "But we'll play, and I'm sure we'll play hard. We want to be there."

The atmosphere around the Colts' complex was different following their 26-17 loss to San Diego, which ruined Indy's quest to join the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the NFL's only unbeaten team.

For starters, there were players in the building. Dungy normally gives players Mondays and Tuesdays off when they win in November and December, so Monday's showing marked their first on-field appearance since Dec. 21, 2003.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, second from left, talks with his offense in the second half against the San Diego Chargers in Indianapolis on Sunday.

Then there was the injury update. Dungy hoped to keep the Colts rested and healthy heading into the playoffs, but the game against San Diego created more problems. Starting right tackle Ryan Diem has a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee, which will keep him out of action indefinitely. The Colts are hoping he will return for the playoffs, but Dungy said he was still awaiting word on the severity of the injury.
More surprising was Dungy's announcement that six-time Pro Bowl receiver Marvin Harris-

son injured his hand in the first quarter Sunday. Dungy did not have a diagnosis, saying doctors were still evaluating the injury, although Harrison continued to play Sunday.

"It's a shame in his hand, but it's something I understand he'll be able to play with," Dungy said. "We've got to make a decision about whether to play him or rest him."

And any thought the Colts were relieved after their historic quest ended seemed more fiction than fact.

Receiver Brandon Stokley said he was disappointed more with the way the Colts lost than the loss itself, while left tackle Tank Glenn appeared irritated with the offensive line's poor protection for two-time MVP Peyton Manning. Then there was cornerback Nick Harper, who made it clear he would have preferred that the old question was still the day's hot topic.

"I'm definitely not relieved."
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SPORTS

Ravens rip Packers

BALTIMORE (AP) — Years from now, Kyle Boller won't care that the game meant nothing. The oft-criticized quarterback will remember that he outplayed Brett Favre.

Boller put on a dazzling performance on a national stage and guided the Baltimore Ravens to a 48-3 rout of the Green Bay Packers on Monday night.

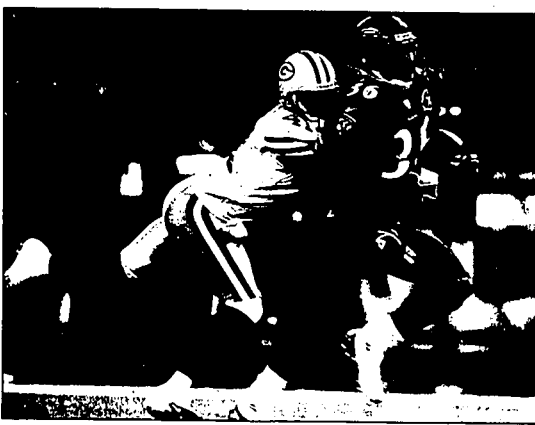
It was the low point of an awful season for the Packers (3-11), who absorbed their most lopsided loss since a 61-7 defeat at Chicago in 1980.

Boller was 19-of-27 for 253 yards and three touchdowns before leaving with 8 minutes to go. There's still no guarantee he will return as the starter next year, but for one night he looked like a No. 1 draft pick.

Boller showed poise in the pocket, was accurate with his throws and didn't commit turnover. Unfortunately for the Ravens (5-9), his most effective outing as a pro produced a franchise record for penalties but came far too late to salvage a season that long ago turned sour.

Favre, meanwhile, struggled from the outset in his final appearance on ABC's "Monday Night Football." The 15-year veteran has enjoyed many memorable moments on Monday night, but this was one he would prefer to forget.

Favre was 14-of-29 for 144 yards and two interceptions before being replaced by Aaron Rodgers late in the third quarter. The two interceptions gave him a career-high 24 for the season, and it marked the first time in his illustrious career that he has



Baltimore Ravens B.J. Sams, right, is tackled by Green Bay Packers defender Jeron Wisnom during the first quarter Monday night in Baltimore.

gone three straight starts without a touchdown pass.

One of the interceptions was by Deion Sanders, the 53rd of his career.

Green Bay played the final three quarters without running back Samkon Gado, who left with a knee injury after gaining 45 yards on six carries.

Holden Heap caught nine passes for 110 yards and two touchdowns. The fifth-year tight end has 2,841 career yards receiving, breaking the team mark held by Quincy Israel.

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Boller was 14-of-18 in the first half to stake Baltimore to a 24-3

lead. He added a 27-yard touchdown pass to Heap on the Ravens' first possession of the third quarter, leaving Favre with no chance of pulling off one of his patented comebacks.

Instead, Favre lasted only two more series before calling it a night.

Not long after that, many in the crowd of 70,604 — the largest to watch an NFL game in Baltimore — began filing out.

No. 2 Duke wrecks Ball State 110-24

DURHAM, N.C. — Allison Bales and Monique Currie each scored 18 points to lead No. 2 Duke to the largest margin of victory in school history, with a 110-24 rout of Ball State on Monday night.

The Blue Devils (8-0) also held Ball State to the lowest points ever by a Duke women's opponent.

Bales added 18 rebounds and seven blocks, while Currie scored the first 23 points of the game. Ball State (6-3) missed its first 16 shots and its last 11.

No. 8 Connecticut 81, Holy Cross 54
HARTFORD, Conn. — Mel

Thomas tied her career-high with 23 points and Barbara Turner had 10 rebounds to lead No. 2 Connecticut over Holy Cross.

The eighth-ranked Huskies (1-1) dominated inside and won their 13th straight game against the Crusaders.

No. 25 Temple 69, No. 15 Georgia 66, OT
PHILADELPHIA — Jennifer Owens hit a 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds left in overtime to lead No. 25 Temple to a victory over No. 15 Georgia.

Candice Dupree led Temple (7-2) with 17 points and nine rebounds. Tasha Humphrey had a game-high 28 points and 16 rebounds for Georgia (7-3), which saw its five-game winning

streak snapped.

No. 21 Purdue 70, Stanford 48
STARKVILLE, Miss. — Erin Lawless scored 16 of her 18 points in the first half to help No. 21 Purdue beat Centenary.

The Boilemakers (7-2) led by 10 at halftime, then opened the second half with a 13-2 run to break the game open and win their third straight.

No. 12 Arizona State 78, Texas-San Antonio 64
TEMPE, Ariz. — Emily Westerber had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 12 Arizona State past Texas-San Antonio.

Kristen Krowdy also scored 17 points for the Sun Devils (9-1),

who won their sixth straight game. Jill Noc added 12 points.

Men
No. 8 Gonzaga 75, Eastern Washington 65
SPOKANE, Wash. — Adam Morrison scored 29 points, just above his Division I-leading average, to lead No. 8 Gonzaga to a 75-65 victory over Eastern Washington on Monday night.

No. 18 Indiana 71, Charlotte 54
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Marco Killingsworth had 17 points and Robert Vaden and Mar-shall Strickland each made four of Indiana's 13 3-pointers.

Vaden finished with 14 points and Strickland had 12 for Indiana (6-2).

Sabres slice Flyers in shoot-out

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The winning goal midway through the third period and the Minnesota Wild rallied to slow down the streaking Dallas Stars 2-1 Monday night.

The goal came less than four minutes after Todd White tied it for Minnesota. The Wild won for the third time in four games.

Jere Lehtinen scored for Dallas, which played the fifth of six straight road games. Dallas is 2-2 in its last nine games away from home. Overall, the Stars have won seven of nine and 12 of 15.

Maple Leafs 9, Islanders 6
TORONTO — Ed Belfour moved into sole possession of second place on the NHL's career wins list, and Matt Stajan scored twice in Toronto's victory.

Belfour lost five straight starts since moving into a tie with Terry Sawchuk on Nov. 28 for second place. But the 40-year-old goalie won his 44th — despite allowing four goals in the first period and six goals on 33 shots.

Sabres 2, Flyers 1, SO
PHILADELPHIA — Maxim Afinogov scored in an extra shoot-out round, extending Buffalo's road winning streak to one.

With the score tied at 1 after overtime, Peter Forsberg and Buffalo's Tim Connolly traded goals in the first three shots of the shoot-out. Afinogov slipped one past Anteri Niittymaki for the Sabres in the fourth round and Mike Knut's chance to tie was off the mark, giving the Sabres their seventh straight overall win.

Buffalo's nine straight road victories are only one shy of the NHL record.

Oilers 5, Alberta 4
EDMONTON, Alberta — Iternardo Pisanzi's goal with 44 seconds remaining in the third period lifted Edmonton over Calgary.

Igor Ulanov and Shawn Horcoff had two goals each, and Horcoff added an assist in his 300th NHL game for Edmonton, which has won three straight to move into a tie with Calgary.

Hagerman downs Huskies

The Times News

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Pirates moved to 5-0 in the Magic Valley Southside Conference with a 51-32 victory over Hansen Monday evening at home.

The Pirates broke a 6-6 first quarter tie with fourteen points in the second quarter and began pulling away with a 14-5 third quarter.

"We got running a little bit," said Hagerman coach Lianne Axelson. "We started pressing us at the start of the fourth quarter they put on a three-quarter trap and we were able to convert on it. The first quarter, we just couldn't hit our rhythm and we started hitting a little better in the second and

came out strong in the third and fourth."

Kayla Madrigales put up 12 points and 14 rebounds for the hosts. Hansen's Charlotte Freestone also posted a double-double with 12 points and 12 boards.

Hagerman (5-6, 5-0) hosts Lighthaus Jan. 6. Hansen visits Lighthouse Christian Jan. 3.

Small table with statistics for Hagerman and Hansen, including points, rebounds, and assists for various players.

Pistons edge Memphis in 2OT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Chauncey Billups scored 30 points, including a 15-footer with 0.3 seconds left in the second overtime Monday night, as the Detroit Pistons beat the Memphis Grizzlies 106-101.

Billups took the inbound pass from Tayshawn Prince, dribbled to the left side of the key and hit the shot to send the Pistons to their fourth straight win.

The Grizzlies, who lost for the fourth time in five games, had tied the game at 104 when Damon Stoudamire made a 3-point shot from the top of the key with 4.6 seconds left. Stoudamire had nine points in the second overtime.

Fu Quast, who led the Grizzlies with 32 points and 14 rebounds, scored in the final seconds of regulation and the first overtime to force the extra periods.

The teams were tied at 87 at the end of regulation after Gasol's basket with 7.7 seconds left pulled Memphis even. Billups' 3-point attempt with a second left hit the front of the rim to send the game into overtime.

Celtics 109, Warriors 98
BOSTON — Ricky Davis scored 21 points and added seven assists Monday night, and the Boston Celtics recovered from their worst loss of the season by beating the Golden State Warriors 109-98.

Paul Pierce added 19 points and nine rebounds for Boston, which had lost four of its previous five games, including a 32-point loss to the Chicago

Bulls on Saturday. Marcus Banks scored 16 points in his first start of the season because point guard Delonte West was scratched with dizziness.

Raptors 92, Magic 90
ORLANDO, Fla. — Morris Peterson scored 19 points, including a clinching 3-pointer with 8 seconds left, as Toronto beat Orlando to snap a three-game losing streak.

The Raptors made nine 3-pointers, including one by Mike James that gave them the lead for good.

Chris Bosh also scored 19 points for Toronto, which has earned four of its five wins this season on the road.

Bobcats 106, Kings 103, OT
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Primož Brezec scored five of his 26 points in overtime to help Charlotte beat Sacramento.

The win was costly for the Bobcats, who lost forward Ewucha Okafor and guard Kareem Rush to injuries during the game.

Okafor left with what appeared to be a seriously sprained right ankle late in the third quarter and Rush played just seven minutes before leaving with a strained left index finger.

They were crippling injuries to a team already playing without starting point guard Breven Knight (right injury) and forward Melvin Ely (flu).

Okafor, Ely and Rush are all expected to miss Tuesday night's game in Chicago.

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Shoshone

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to seal the victory.

Kyle Astle scored on the fast break off the assist from Ken Bingham, then chipped in a free throw and an assist. Bingham scored all her five points in the quarter as the lead grew to 20.

After Shoshone's loss in overtime to Carey, Russell added that her teammates stepped it up.

"I brought up closer and we knew we had to play hard every game," Russell added.

With a game against Skyline

tonight, Chapman used his bench often and was pleased with the results.

"I liked what our bench did tonight," Chapman said. "It's good to get the girls in when the game is still close and see what they can do."

Shoshone continues to play without Katie Strunk, who will be evaluated later this month, and a decision made on her return to the lineup.

For Camas county coach Matt McLam, it was another tough game in a tough conference.

"They played tough defense on us, you have got to give them credit," said McLam.

"The Mustangs are still looking for their first conference win."

"We are not out of it. We have our foot in the door," added McLam.

Small table with statistics for Shoshone and Camas county, including points, rebounds, and assists for various players.

Colts

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he said. "I'd rather keep winning. But life goes on. We got the 'L' you can't dwell on the past. That game is over."

So what can the Colts do to avoid losing a second straight game, something they haven't done since October 2004?

Make corrections, of course.

But that could be difficult this week given Dungy's strategy. Dungy acknowledged Monday he will treat the Colts' final two games almost as preseason games. He wants backups such as quarterback Jim Sorgi and running back Dominic Rhodes

to get more action in case injuries force the Colts to rely on them in the playoffs, and he'll let them sit out at least part of Saturday's game at Seattle, a game that could be a Super Bowl preview. Injuries could sideline former Pro Bowl defensive tackle Corey Simon (foot) and defensive end Robert Mathis (foot) for a second straight game.

One thing that must improve is pass protection.

Manning was sacked only 12 times before Sunday, but the Chargers took him down four times, forced him into a crucial intentional grounding penalty late in the game and constantly harassed Manning.

"Plus, Dungy and the Colts want to keep any notion one loss could turn into a late-season swoon and then scuttle their playoff hopes."

"I think we'll play our game and play well," Dungy said.

"We're going out there to win the game, and we're certainly not shutting down our offense or defense. That's not the case at all."

Magic Valley Realtors Online

Advertisement for Magic Valley Realtors Online featuring photos of realtors: Becky Kukul, Lynn Rasmussen, Lan Hutchison, and Chris Barber. Includes the website magicvalley.com and The Times-News Online.

USA announces Olympic hockey team

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — When U.S. goaltender Rick DiPietro looks out from his crease at the Turin Olympics, he'll see a defenseman notably twice his age protecting him.

That is the long and short — make that the young and old — of the U.S. Olympic hockey team revealed Monday night in St. Paul, Minn.

The New York Islanders' 24-year-old goaltender was the youngest player chosen by general manager Don Waddell. Defenseman Chris Chelios will be 44 by the time the first puck drops next February in Italy.

All three U.S. goaltenders are Olympic newcomers, making that key position the team's biggest question mark.

Of the remaining 20 players — 13 forwards and seven de-

fensemen — 11 have been to the Olympics, including two four-time participants and four making their third trips. All 23 players are in the NHL.

Waddell met with assistant GM Paul Holmgren and the rest of his staff Sunday night to make the final, difficult decisions. Defense was the area that struck the most debate.

"We had a lot of players playing very well," Waddell said. "We said all along that we were going to base this team on not so much what was the history of players... but how guys were actually playing."

The American forwards are anchored by veterans Mike Modano (Dallas) and Doug Weight (St. Louis), who both played in 1998 in Nagano and four years later at Salt Lake City.

New Jersey spark plug Brian Gionta, who at 5-foot-7 has benefited greatly by the NHL's new rules that will be used in the Olympics, and fellow center speedster Jason Blake of the Islanders will be making their first Olympic appearances. Mark Parrish was the third New York player chosen.

Besides the Islanders, Philadelphia and New Jersey also had three players chosen. Erik Cole, who plays under American coach Peter Laviolette with Carolina, will join Craig Conroy (Los Angeles), New Jersey's Scott Gomez, and Philadelphia's Mike Knuble as first-time Olympic forwards.

Chris Drury (Buffalo) returns after a 2002 appearance, and Bill Guerin (Dallas) is making his third trip along with Minnesota's Brian Rolston.

St. Louis left winger Keith Tkachuk hopes to make his fourth Olympic appearance in red, white and blue — but that depends on his knuckles that are currently on black and blue. Tkachuk is expected to miss four-to-six weeks after being struck in the right hand by a puck last Friday.

The defense corps is a mix of old and young, starting with Chelios and ending with 25-year-old players Jordan Leopold (Calgary) and John Michael Liles (Colorado). They are joined by Philadelphia's Derian Hatcher and Detroit's Mathieu Schneider — 1998 returnees — and Aaron Miller (Los Angeles) and Brian Rafalski (New Jersey), holdovers from 2002.

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SCORES AND STATS

Area ski report

Idaho
• **Big Lost** — Men 2400 ft. race: 1st, 24:00, 24:00; 2nd, 24:00, 24:00; 3rd, 24:00, 24:00; 4th, 24:00, 24:00; 5th, 24:00, 24:00.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mesi wins court fight to get back in the ring

LOS VEGAS — Heavyweight Joe Mesi, sidelined three suffering bleeding on the brain after a 2004 bout, won a chance Monday to return to the ring when a state judge ruled his medical suspension expired when his Nevada boxing license expired.

Mesi, 32, said he and his father and manager, Jack Mesi, plan to go to Puerto Rico to train for a comeback fight, although they don't have an opponent or venue in mind.

"I'm going to be happy to put the gloves back on again and box again," the Buffalo, N.Y., boxer said. "I'm happy it's over. It's been a long, dreadful roller coaster ride these last two years."

In a ruling that Nevada boxing regulators said will shake up fight licensing in Nevada, County District Court Judge Douglas Herndon ruled the Nevada Athletic Commission had no jurisdiction to enforce Mesi's suspension because Mesi's Nevada boxing license expired last Dec. 31.

The judge also said that having a license gave the boxer a property right that required the state to follow due process rules before taking the license from the ring.

But the judge didn't fault the state for suspending Mesi for medical reasons after Mesi suffered a fractured skull in a unanimous decision in winning a fight against a former world champion in Las Vegas in May 2004.

Mesi was 29-0 and was the World Boxing Council's top-ranked contender when he was sidelined.

Lemieux out indefinitely following heart scare

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux will be out of the Pittsburgh Penguins lineup indefinitely and won't practice for 10 days to two weeks as doctors await the medication he started taking this month for an irregular heart rate.

Lemieux's pulse began racing again Friday night during an overtime loss to Buffalo, his first game back after being hospitalized Dec. 7 with atrial fibrillation — a fluttering in his heart that causes his pulse to dramatically speed at times.

Lemieux did not make the trip to Buffalo for the following day's game, but met again Monday with his doctors to recalculate his treatment.

He was cleared to work out daily, but will be monitored at all times in case the problem flares again.

Jazz players disciplined for lying after fight

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz rookies Heron Williams and Robert Whaley were fined by the team and Whaley suspended for one game after being cited for lying to police after a bar fight.

Whaley mutually told the team he cut his hand in an accident when his 2-year-old son took a sharp knife from the kitchen.

Whaley apologized last week, admitting he had made up the toddler story because he didn't want to get in trouble. Whaley received the additional punishment for lying to team officials, who were skeptical of the story from the start.

The amount of the fines was not released Monday.

Neither player was charged in the fight early on Dec. 11, but police said both gave false names at the scene — apparently not wanting their identities to leak.

Grossman back as Bears starter

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Rex Grossman's rescue effort elevated him back to starting quarterback for the Chicago Bears.

Grossman, who replaced struggling rookie Kyle Orton in the second half Sunday night and led the Bears to a 16-3 win over the Atlanta Falcons, will start at Green Bay (Chicago can clinch the NFC North) Monday as we start before a lot of faith in him. We think he gives us our best chance to win.

Grossman tore a ligament in his knee in the third game last season and didn't return. This year, he broke his ankle in a preseason game Sept. 12. He missed 26 games over the last two seasons, but the long hours of rehab have finally brought him back to a starter's role.

Grossman, a first-round pick in 2003, will be making just his completed NFL start Sunday. He has completed 9 of 16 passes for 93 yards in the second half against the Falcons, showing no problems with his legs and displaying a strong arm.

"It was fun to feel healthy and get the accuracy back. It came together very quickly," Grossman said.

The Bears are 10-4 and have an eight-game winning streak with Orton as quarterback before a loss to Pittsburgh on Dec. 11.

Sonics' Lewis pleads innocent to DUI charge

BIRMINGHAM, Miss. — Seattle SuperSonics forward Rastan Lewis pleaded innocent Monday to a drunken driving charge.

It convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine. His next trial hearing is Jan. 19.

Lewis' lawyer won a ruling during a hearing when the judge agreed the player's suspension was not a criminal conviction. Prosecutor spokesman Dan Donohue said the case will be prosecuted based on field sobriety tests.

Lewis, 34, filed sobriety tests Monday, but he was later charged Dec. 5 with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Hings to return Jan. 1 in Australian tour

GOLD COAST, Australia — Martina Hings will have a her competitive return to tennis at a WTA tournament in Australia on New Year's Day.

Hings, a five-time Grand Slam winner, announced last week that she was returning to the professional circuit in 2006. She retired in 2002 because of injuries.

"I'm very excited to be making my return to competitive tennis in Australia. I have always felt at home on the Australian courts," Hings said Tuesday.

Martina Sharapova, ranked No. 4 in the world, is among the entrants for the Australian women's hardcourt tournament at Royal Palm Hings hopes to receive a wild card into the Australian Open, a tournament she won three times.

"I know I'll get some tough matches and it will allow me to get used to the Australian summer coming from the European winter, both of which will be helpful with my preparation for the Australian Open," Hings said.

She made a brief comeback in February at the Thailand Open to raise funds for Asian tsunami victims, and lost in the first round.

Hings was 16-5 when she took over the top ranking in March 1997. She won 40 career singles titles and 36 doubles titles.

Compiled from wire reports

WHAT'S ON T.V.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
• New Orleans Bowl, Southern Miss. vs. Arkansas St., ESPN 6 p.m.
NHL Hockey
• Colorado at Nashville, OLN 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HOW COME THESE DOLLS LOOK SO MEAN-SPIRITED?
IT'S NO REFLECTION ON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, I ASSURE YOU...
IT'S JUST THAT THE BOYX WEARS OFF REAL QUICK ON SOME OF THEM.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

GOTCHA!
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT SHE'LL GET TALLER. THE BAD NEWS IS THAT SHE'LL GET FAT.
JUST HELP ME STRAIGHTEN UP OWNY!

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

ANNUAL MEETING
GARGFUNKEL IS BETTER SOCIETY

Dilbert By Scott Adams

YOUR RESUME SAYS YOU'RE SOME KIND OF INTERMEDIATE SPECIES. THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M HALF-WAY BETWEEN HOMOINID AND OYSTER. SOMEDAY I HOPE MY LIGHT-SENSITIVE BLOB WILL BECOME AN EYE!
I DON'T THINK WE CAN USE YOU. OH, MAN, YOU'RE GIVING ME A SERIOUS PEARL.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

YOU'RE ABUSING YOUR COMMON SENSE BY NOT BEING MORE OF A BUFFET! YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M WRITING ABOUT YOU THIS SURVIVAL MAN! HE HAS TO GET OUT OF A LOT OF AGGRESSION AND ANXIETY!
AND YOU! YOU ONLY GATTE BORN IN THE 1950S. THAT'S BECAUSE THE FINE OLDIES ARE LEAVING AGE!
PERSONAL GROWTH: THAT'S UP!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

So, Evelyn... are you going to spend Christmas here at Elderberry?
Partly.
The family's decided that I'll have appetizers at my daughter Jessica's... then dinner at my son Randy's home... then the family comes to my place for the Christmas argument.
Sounds like a plan.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WARRING? YOU WERE IN VANCOUVER!
I'M NOT BUT I HAD TO GO TO GREENLAND THIS WEEK, AND THEN TO TOKYO.
IF YOU NEED A RIDE YOU'RE IN MONTGOMERY!
WHY WARENKA WANTS TO MAKE RENE TO GO TO MONTGOMERY? SHOULD I TELL PAUL?
TELL HIM YOU HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

TAXIDERMIST
RELAX! IT'S JUST YOUR REFLECTION IN THE SHOP WINDOW.

Luan Platter By Greg Evans

YOU SPENT YOUR ENTIRE LIFE IN THE DOWNSIDE? WHAT?
TO BEAT DID, I WAS AROUND HE WAS WINNING THE DOWNSIDE, BUT YOU KNOW YOUR LUCK THAT I DON'T TRUST HER.
I'M SO MAD AT DINK FOR USING THE DRIVE TO WOOD TON, AND I'M MAD AT YOU FOR LETTING HIM. I'M MAD AT THE WHOLE STUPID STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE.
SEEMS LIKE YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE MAD AT BOB.
MOST OF ALL.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

ANOTHER MALLARD CHRISTMAS-THEFT SUGGESTION FOR US TAXPAYERS.
THAT LAWMAKERS WOULD VOTE FOR KOUCHERS AND SCHOOL TAX CREDITS, TOO.
SO OUR KIDS COULD GO TO THE SAME PRIVATE SCHOOLS.
THAT MOST OF THEIR KIDS DO...

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

DO YOU THINK AFTER SOMEONE YOU KNOW DOES THAT ONE DAY YOU GET TO SEE THEM AGAIN?
NO.
WHY NOT?
BECAUSE OUR MAINMAN, TED, DIED LAST FALL, AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE.
PERHAP ME NOT IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU.
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT HEER WAS NEAR AS MUCH OF A MAILMAN.

Pickles By Brian Crane

SO THIS CHRISTMAS YOU'RE NOT BUYING ANY PRESENTS?
YOU'RE NOT SENDING ANY CARDS, NOT BAKING ANY GOODIES, AND NOT PUTTING UP ANY DECORATIONS?
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS YEAR I'M JUST GOING TO QUIETLY CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART.
I THINK I'VE HOPE THE SOUND OF OUR ENTIRE ECONOMY COLLAPSE DOESN'T DISTURB YOU.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

THAT MUST BE THE CASE TO PRODUCE ME WITH SANTA... THE ONE WHERE I'M CRAVING!
IT WAS BILLY OF ME TO BE SO SCREEPY! AH, IF ONLY I PULLED IT ALL OVER AGAIN.
I'M TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF YOU!
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Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

GRINCE DECAF HALF FOX HALF-FAT DOUBLE-SHOT WHILLA GARNISH UPPOSE DOWN, DOUBLE-UP NO FOAM MACKERAT
THE LONGER THE ORDER THE MORE HIGH MAINTENANCE THE GUYFRIEND

Non Sequitur By Wiley
Strange Brew By John Deering

OK, ANYONE ELSE NEED TO MAKE A PIT STOP?
Yes, I can hear you now. Who the HELL are you and why do you keep calling me?
HOW TO TELL YOU'RE REALLY BEEN BAD

Economizing Aquarius isn't Scrooge; Correct your lack of preparation, Leo

IF DEC. 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your part of the cosmic pie is a safe haven in 2006 — so you can expect smooth sailing. Favorable circumstances can affect your net worth, however, so stay alert for changes to the law that may affect pension plans and savings. Steer clear of controversies in the last two weeks of February and aim to launch important projects during the first week of April. Poor timing can burst your halloon if you sign agreements or make significant purchases in late June or late August.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Measure twice, cut once. Think things through carefully before you act. If you follow the rules and refuse to be distracted, you won't get caught in a sticky trap.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Honesty is the best policy. If you sharpen plans too much you may lose the edge. Let the pieces simply fall in place where money is concerned and allow your finer instincts to operate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be a pragmatist. You have a mind like a steel trap and can easily see all the ins and outs. Add extra security measures to

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your computer or take routine steps to ensure that bank statements are accurate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take pride in your work. Anything thing doing is worth doing well while your powers of concentration are honed. Add the perfect finishing touches to important projects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be your own best critic. If you have been unprepared in the past, now is the time to correct the problem. Put your best foot forward when dealing with the public and honor responsibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use tact and diplomacy. A frantic holiday schedule at home may require careful planning and organization. Those close will be willing to make concessions and lend a helping hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The plain, unadorned truth works best. Complicated strategies to get ahead may be anticipated by others. Those in close connection may intuitively fall right

in line with your innermost desires.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Zero in on finances. Make a list and your partners may have spent money you thought was safely tucked away or a credit card purchase may have an extra surcharge or penalty.

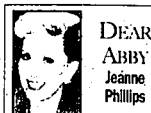
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen to sage advice. The pessimist who urges you to be cautious may be right on track. Where work is concerned you will be wise to remember that a stitch in time saves nine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Having integrity means doing what you say you will do. Cross your ts and dot those fs for the best success. Remember that holidays may cause delays with the mail, so pay bills early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Buying items on sale doesn't mean you are a Scrooge. A thrifty companion may point out ways to shave some costs on necessities. Tuck some cash away for an emergency.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Travel, care and gingerbread cookies may be on your mind when necessary tasks require your attention. Co-workers and business contacts are looking for facts, not fancies.

Victims of hard times deserve compassion during holidays



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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WE have not discussed our feelings with this woman, and am unsure how to handle this situation. We don't want this to happen again at our next wedding.

Do volunteer your time at a shelter, rebuilding project, school or day-care, senior care facility or military support group.

Do be thankful for what you have.

— HOPING FOR GOOD HOLIDAYS, STILLWATER, OKLA.
DEAR HOPING: You have offered practical suggestions for this holiday season, and I hope my readers will keep them in mind. I would like to add one more suggestion to the ones you listed: Do offer a willing ear to those who need a chance to vent, and although it may be uncomfortable to hear, don't try to minimize their feelings. A lot of people have experienced a record amount of trauma in the last few years, as well as several months. Although you may not be able to solve their problems, sometimes it can be enough just to listen, affirm what they're saying, and offer hope.

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— ROBBED IN ILLINOIS
DEAR ROBBED: Your question is a first. I have never heard of "blessing etiquette" or an order of priority for offering them. As far as I'm concerned, the more prayers and blessings a couple receives, the better — and your husband should have stepped up to the plate and offered his own.

IS the way to prevent someone from grabbing the microphone and speaking out of turn, having someone control who has it, and have a list of scheduled speakers.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to make a plea to your readers. All of you who still have plenty, please consider those close to you, around you, around the country and around the world who do not. With hard economic times here for many, plus wars and natural disasters, many people have lost loved ones, jobs and homes — and happy memories have been replaced with traumatic ones. Please do not ask them to reciprocate with expensive travel, food and gifts.

Do not expect them to "forget" what they have lost.

Do not use alcohol to "celebrate" the holidays with them.

Do not flaunt what you have that they do not.

Do not complain about the little things that bother you.

Do not ask them to "celebrate" the holidays with them.

Do express that you understand their difficult times.

Do suggest name-drawing for gifts, exchanging homemade gifts or donating to charity.

Do open your home to them as a respite — no strings attached.

Do provide practical gifts to replace those lost to natural disasters or to comfort those at war.

Do express your love and support.

Do help loved ones get mental health support if they need it.

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Narcissistic passwords dominate among the 25-and-under crowd



RANSOM KIND OF FACKINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Birgett

may not know that Captain James Hook doesn't just get cut off by the pirates in the end. He gets eaten.

The town of Santa Claus, Ind., was so named in 1852. During the Christmas season, more than a million packages and letters come through its post office each year for remailing with a Santa Claus postmark.

It grew an awful lot of coffee in Colombia. But a typical Colombian drinks only half the coffee that a typical American does.

can do.

How's this for "proof"? Mommy dearest — occasionally showed the purity of their distilled spirits by pouring some on a stump and lighting it. A clear blue flame was seen as proof that the alcohol didn't contain contaminants — anything else was reason to be suspicious of the safety and purity of the concoction.

It meant averages account for 50 to 100 deaths a year in the United States. For about 1.5 million Americans, even the smallest trace of peanuts can mean a trip to an emergency room or a mortuary.

Over a 15-year period from 1989 to 2003, rangers in Yellowstone National Park kept track of roadkill. The tally: 556 elk, 132 bison, 135 coyotes, 412 moose, 24 antelope and three bobcats.

Hemingway heirs file lawsuit over name of bar in Greensboro, N.C.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Was the name of a swanky bar in downtown Greensboro inspired by Ernest Hemingway's pet bulldog? It may take a court decision to settle the dispute.

The owner of Hemingway's Downtown said he named the 6-month-old business after the English bulldog he had as a boy.

Heirs of Ernest Hemingway, the author of "The Old Man and the Sea" and "A Farewell to Arms," said that doesn't matter and filed a lawsuit in U.S. Middle District Court claiming trademark infringement and unfair competition.

They want owner Jeff Schlemming to stop using a name for his bar they believe is synonymous with the famous author.

"The question is whether there is consumer confusion over the source of the name," said John E. Stovore, Jr., a lawyer representing the plaintiffs.

Schlemming said Friday he wasn't aware of the lawsuit. He noted that nothing about the bar evokes the author's name.

"We're actually the kind of bar

he would despise coming to," Schlemming said. "From what I know of him, he'd be lured into divinity."

The bar, dubbed in line near a cluster of dance clubs and bars, it targets an older, upper-class clientele who pay a membership fee to sip specialty martinis and smoke cigars.

According to the lawsuit, Hemingway Ltd. is a corporation owned by the author's heirs who own all trademark rights to his name, photograph, likeness, signature and persona.

Donor gives gold teeth to Salvation Army

YORK, Pa. (AP) — The Salvation Army has often found some odd items in its famous red kettles. But gold teeth?

A worker taking collections Thursday found a pair of golden molars in a plastic bag inside a kettle, said Maj. Darren Mudge of the nonprofit organization in York County.

"I have no clue what we are going to do with them," Mudge said. "It's a wonderful gesture. I guess."

Less than two weeks ago, Salvation Army workers waded if three golden rings placed in two kettles were generous donations or lost items.

Mudge joked at the time that workers would keep checking for two more rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

Then, two more golden rings appeared, followed by 13 more. That's an unprecedented 18 so far this year.

"I think people have picked up on it, and now it's a trend," Mudge said.

Odds & ends

A fourth-grader would pay for his lunch with a \$20 bill.

The cashier at Marquette Elementary School was right. The cashier, who also noticed that the texture of the paper wasn't what he expected, called police officer, Patrolman Greg Latham, who asked the 10-year-old about the money.

He reached into his front pocket and pulled out more, Latham said.

The discovery Tuesday led to the arrest of three fourth-graders at the Gary school, where police identified school officials' confiscated \$179 in counterfeit money.

All three face juvenile charges of forgery and theft. Cpl. Nelson Chano after the students were brought to the police station.

Police found the bills in a trash can next to a computer when they went to the first boy's home Tuesday, Gary Police Cpl. Nelson Chano said.

"It looked like they were trying to perfect them," he said.

Police arrested two 10-year-old boys and a 12-year-old girl. In all, police identified seven fake \$20s, three \$10s, one five and four ones, Otano said.

Students get charged
In counterfeiting case

GARY, Ind. — A cafeteria worker thought it was odd that

Jurists raise money for victim of child abuse

DENVER — A girl traumatized by her stepfather got more than justice from a jury — she also got presents.

Panelists who convicted the girl's stepfather on child molestation charges also decided to raise money for the victim's family.

Jury forewoman Jennifer Volk, the mother of a 1-year-old, said it was sad that the trial would hold during the holidays, and she could see the pain the 10-year-old victim was experiencing.

Volk asked the judge if it was appropriate for her to buy presents and raise money for the family, and the judge quickly gave his seal of approval. An informal fundraising campaign began and \$500 was collected.

Meanwhile, police used a Christmas wish list from the family.

"It's just been a really amazing experience," Volk said. "We wanted to thank the family with a little holiday happiness."

The family especially needed the help because the mother had to leave her husband to protect her daughter.

— compiled from wire reports

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I THINK YOU'LL FIND THIS IS PERFECTLY LEGAL.

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN WRITE SO NOBODY UNDERSTANDS IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE A LAWYER!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

DON'T THINK WE'LL BE GETTING MUCH OF A BONUS THIS YEAR.

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

THE BOSS IS HANDING OUT OUR COMPANY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS.

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT?

DRESS YOURSELF IN THE DARK TODAY?

Garfield By Jim Davis

MRS. FEENY SENT US ANOTHER FRIGID CAKE THIS YEAR.

IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE ONE SHE SENT US LAST YEAR.

BUT WE THREW THAT ONE AWAY.

I'LL GET YOU AND WOODEN STAKE.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HOW DO YOU FEEL HAGAR?

I FEEL PRETTY GOOD, DR. ZOOK!

GOOD! I'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

ONE GOOD THING ABOUT DR. ZOOK'S ANNUAL CHECK-UPS, THEY DON'T TAKE TOO LONG!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

FOUR CASES OF EMPTY BOTTLES AND YOU CAN KEEP THE PERIOD?

THANKS MR. THURSTON.

WHY CAN'T HE JUST GIVE US A TIP FOR CHRISTMAS AND EVERYONE ELSE?

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

HEY MARCIE Y'GOT ANY EXTRA CHRISTMAS CARDS? I FORGOT TO BUY SOME!

AND HOW ABOUT STAMPS? I'LL NEED SOME STAMPS, TOO.

HERE, KEEP THIS ONE. THEN I WON'T HAVE TO SEND IT TO YOU.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU FILLED WITH THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT, SIR.

THIS SEASON TO BE SARCASTIC.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

WHAT'S THE SECRET TO YOUR LONG MARRIAGE?

WE NEVER GO TO BED MAD AT EACH OTHER.

HOW SWEET!

YOU KIDDING? WE HAVEN'T BEEN TO BED IN A WEEK.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU BETTER THAN THE TOOTH FAIRY OR THE EASTER BUNNY.

HE'LL BE LATE GETTING HERE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

...he has to take his boots off and on at all those security checks."

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Judge allows fuel hedges for Delta

NEW YORK — A bankruptcy court judge on Monday allowed Delta Air Lines Inc. to enter new agreements, or hedges, to protect against sharp spikes in fuel prices and approved the rejection of a lease for a hangar at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In approving the carrier's ability to enter the special agreements, Judge Pauline Carter Beatty cautioned the airline against speculating in non-fuel contracts.

Many companies try to protect themselves from changes in interest rates, the value of the dollar and raw goods they rely heavily on with hedges. "The hedge offset comes in the form of futures contracts purchased on exchanges like the New York Mercantile Exchange or the Chicago Board of Trade.

Delta did not spell out exactly how it would hedge fuel against rapid changes in fuel prices. Delta spokesman Dan Lewis could not immediately provide details about how the hedging process would work or when it would be implemented.

SEC settles probe into trading of Sirius

WASHINGTON — For once, Howard Stern isn't the one in trouble with the feds.

But the shock jock's move to Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. was at the center of charges of insider trading that resulted in a guilty plea and a legal settlement Monday.

Word of Stern's decision to jump from broadcasting to Sirius, announced Oct. 20, proved to be too great a temptation for Gary D. Hertz, former president of Mahoney, Cohen & Co., Stern's longtime accounting firm, and Steven Stansky, a former vice president at Sirius, according to an SEC complaint.

The men acted on advance knowledge of Stern's move to Sirius to make tens of thousands of dollars off trading in the company's stock, the Securities and Exchange Commission said. Both men agreed to pay to settle civil insider-trading charges filed by the SEC. Hertz separately appeared in a federal court in Brooklyn Monday to plead guilty to criminal insider-trading violations.

Prosecutors could not be reached for comment on why Hertz was charged criminally.

Launch of new rocket gets postponed again

The would-be maiden launch of a new rocket delayed sharply cut the cost of lifting satellites into orbit was postponed again Monday because of a "structural issue" with its first-stage tank.

The initial flight of Falcon 1 rocket has been rescheduled for early next year, said the Space Exploration Technology Corp., based in Redondo Beach, Calif.

The fledgling company, also known as SpaceX, was founded by Silicon Valley entrepreneur Elon Musk.

He hopes to shake up the aerospace industry with a family of rockets that would cost a fraction of the current generation of satellite launchers by Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp.

Payday for Texas man who lost lottery ticket

DALLAS — A man who lost a winning lottery ticket and recovered it five days later got a \$25,000 check from the Texas Lottery Monday just in time for some last minute Christmas shopping.

Mike Sargent, a 51-year-old ARET facilities specialist from Alvin, Texas, reported the loss and picked up the check Monday morning, one month after he turned it in to a lottery claims center, lottery spokesman Bobby Heath said.

The agency had run computer tests on the scratch-off ticket because Sargent's signature had been partially scratched off. The investigation was completed Friday.

— compiled from wire reports

BLM begins oil shale review

Environmental study will focus on development in the West

The Associated Press

DENVER — The Bureau of Land Management has launched an environmental review intended to guide oil shale development on huge stretches of federal land in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah over the next several years.

The BLM, which oversees millions of acres in the three states, has 18 months to gather public comments and complete an environmental impact statement. The push, mandated in a federal energy bill, comes more than two decades after the first oil-shale boom busted, leaving western Colorado's economy reeling for years.

Soaring oil prices and de-

mand are behind the revived interest in trying to tap the huge reserves of oil trapped in rock and sand.

Colorado BLM state chief Sally Wisely said Monday the public meetings that start Jan. 10 and the comment period will allow the agency to consider the potential environmental, social and economic impacts of development while giving the country a chance to reap the benefits of "energy availability, reliability and security."

The BLM will conduct a programmatic environmental review, meaning that it will be an overview of various issues rather than a study of a specific project at specific site. The Interior Department estimates

there are about 16,000 square miles of oil shale lands, or more than 10 million acres, in western Colorado, the northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming.

"Environmentalists and a county commissioner in western Colorado said it's important for the public to weigh in on development that could have profound effects in a region already undergoing widespread natural gas drilling.

"One of the more troubling things is there isn't really any technology in place that works for extracting oil shale," said Matt Sura of the Western Colorado Congress, a conservation group. "They're looking at these impacts in the dark."

Shell Exploration & Production Co. is trying to free the oil from shale at a site in Rio Blanco County by using heating rods drilled into rock. The company, however, figures it is about five years away from proving the technology.

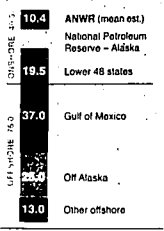
Sura said he believes the potential environmental impacts would be more extreme than those from conventional oil and gas development because of the large amounts of water and energy needed to process oil shale. He said extracting the oil could require large open-pit mines and disposal of "a tremendous amount of waste rock."

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Untapped oil

Places in the U.S. where there is the expectation of oil, but no exploratory drilling has occurred — such as Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:

Undiscovered technically recoverable oil in the U.S. (in billions of barrels)



SOURCE: Interior Department

ON THE MENU: U.S. beef returns to restaurants in Japan

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Released from a two-year ban over mad cow fears, American beef steaks once again on Japanese grills Monday, debuting at a popular barbecue chain and a private banquet put on by U.S. producers.

The frass followed limited shipments over the weekend triggered by the Japanese government's decision last week to ease the embargo on U.S. beef imposed in December 2003.

The fate on Monday heralded the return of American beef to what once was its most lucrative overseas market. U.S. producers sold some \$1.4 billion in beef to Japan in 2003, and supporters were eager to woo Japanese palates once again.

"We want to show them that our Nebraska beef processing firms ... are able to meet their import regulations," said Greg Bach, director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, which hosted the private banquet at a Tokyo restaurant.

Bach and his delegation got a small shipment of ribeye and tenderloin through customs over the weekend for presentation at the banquet for a select group of importers and companies with links to Nebraska, and at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

He said producers back home were eager to get meat back onto Japanese plates; Nebraska had been the state with the largest share of the Japanese market for American beef, exporting between \$150 million and \$300 million worth a year.

Bach toasted some 30 guests over California wine and hors d'oeuvres alongside Dan Berman, the minister counselor for agricultural affairs at the U.S. Embassy, before both sliced a grilled steak and indulged.

"This is a historical day — one that we have waited two years for," Berman said. The wider Japanese public got its first mouthful of the new U.S. beef at the Zenshoku Korean barbecue chain. The beef was to debut in 30 restaurants in the area in western Japan on Monday, and then return to 26 outlets in Tokyo and other parts of eastern Japan on Tuesday.

"The public might not easily accept American beef, but we respect the opinions of a minority, and we welcome those who choose U.S. beef," said Hiroyuki Toriyama, a spokesman for the chain.

"The past image of American beef as tasty meat is deeply rooted," he said.

It was expected to be weeks



A Japanese government official inspects U.S. beef in Narita on Sunday. It was the first beef shipment of U.S. beef since the easing of an import ban imposed two years ago after America's first case of mad cow disease, officials said.

or even months, however, before Japanese consumers at supermarket or cheap, popular beef-and-ribs bowl outlets savor their first tastes. Ongoing safety restrictions have severely limited the amount of beef coming into Japan.

Japan shut its ports to U.S. beef on Dec. 24, 2003, after the discovery of the first case of mad cow disease — known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE — in the U.S. herd.

At first, Tokyo demanded that Washington test each head of cattle as it went to slaughter, as Japan had done since 2001 to contain its own mad cow spread. U.S. producers balked, saying that was unnecessary and too costly.

After many months of negotiation, the two sides agreed to allow the importation of meat from cows aged 20 months or younger. No cow that young has been shown to have mad cow disease.

The final opening of the market had to wait for Japan's Food Safety Commission to compile and approve a report that concluded that U.S. beef was almost as safe as Japanese beef if proper safety steps were taken.

U.S. beef still faces an uphill struggle in Japan, where consumers — particularly sensitive to safety concerns — will often shell out more money — for more expensive home-grown beef, for instance — rather than run a risk.

Many of nation's top builders lean more toward urban units

By Christina Almeida Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Home builders are beginning to follow the lead of suburbanites, who are returning to some cities in increasing numbers.

Two of the nation's top subdivision builders opened new projects this year dedicated solely to building in urban cores. What suburban developers John Laing Homes and KB Home are quickly learning, however, is that building up isn't the same as building out.

"It isn't like building one house," said Jeffrey Gault, president of KB Home's new KB Urban division. "You've really got to do a lot of forward planning. Once you start, you can't change."

Builders say they are drawn to the cities for reasons including increasing antigrassroots sentiments in some suburbs. There also are market forces that have suburban residents moving back to the city to eliminate long commutes or get closer to such cultural amenities as fine restaurants and performing arts

centers. "There's a pull from the attractiveness of city living, and there's a push from the traffic and congestion," said John McIlwain, senior resident fellow at the Urban Land Institute.

One new KB Home joint-venture is a condo-with-retail high-rise across from Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles. Laing Homes' urban group has several midrise, residential building projects in Hollywood. The move by subdivision builders into cities is contribut-



A bicyclist rides past the Graystone Group's urban residential Libero Court development under construction on Dec. 13 in downtown Los Angeles. The growing trend toward city living has prompted some of the nation's top subdivision builders to expand into residential urban core developments.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Motions heard in T.F. teacher lawsuit

TWIN FALLS — A district court judge heard motions Friday to remove individual names from the Twin Falls Education Association's class-action lawsuit against the Twin Falls School District.

Judge John Butler heard comments from attorneys on both sides, but he did not make a decision.

Butler will make a decision within 30 days. Both the district, as well as the teachers' union, said it is still possible for the case to be settled outside the courtroom.

Soldiers to be honored at T.F. basketball game

TWIN FALLS — Soldiers with the 101st Airborne U.S. Army Reserve unit will be the guests of honor at tonight's Twin Falls High School basketball game. The unit, based in Pocatello with a detachment in Twin Falls, is under alert for a potential mobilization, according to an Army news release.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Ryan Gymnasium, 1615 Filer Ave. E.

Mayor Glenda Dwight and possibly Gov. Dirk Kempthorne are expected to attend, as is Jack Prettli of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, who helped organize the event to show support to soldiers and their families.

Woman found dead in Elmore County

MOUNTAIN HOME — A woman was found dead early Sunday in Elmore County.

Her death is being treated as suspicious, pending an autopsy.

No information about the victim has been released by the Elmore County Sheriff's Department.

The department received a 911 call early Sunday morning. The caller was not responsive, and when the sheriff arrived a woman was found dead.

Children's author to sign books

TWIN FALLS — Author Stephanie Armiger will sign copies of her children's book, "Baby Hannah's Journey," tonight at Crowley's The Quad in the Magic Valley Mall.

Armiger wrote the text and "The Falls artist George Krachunov did the illustrations for the self-published book. She'll sign books from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Concert to focus on music's healing power

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

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

Music as Medicine is a pilot program at the hospital to address the emotional needs of patients and families by creating a soothing, compassionate hospital environment. Musicians will be available to play in different areas of the hospital as part of the "Healing Arts" program beginning in 2006. The Healing Arts program encourages healing through a holistic approach that uses humor, music and contact with pets to reduce stress and speed healing.

For more information about the program, call Loraine Devey at 737-2006. The public is invited to the event Thursday.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% above/below
Salmon	91%	28%
Little Wood	90%	28%
Big Lost	92%	28%
Little Lost	82%	28%
Newport Fork/Teton	90%	28%
Upper Snake Basin	91%	31%
Oakley	105%	30%
Salmon Falls	102%	31%
— as of Dec. 17		

A comparison between an 80-day year with a 30-year average.

Fine highlights interagency divide

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It is becoming state education's version of a battle over water rights — two agencies fighting over jurisdiction while local school districts wait for what trickles down.

The U.S. Department of Education is lining the Idaho State Department of Education for violating a federal agreement.

Two state agencies disagree about who is at fault. Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, blames the state board of education.

She says the federal criticism focuses mostly on the state's testing programs — specifically the state board-operated Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT).

Although the department of education has tried to work with testing programs, the state board has opted to create the assessments on its own.

The state board has questioned the department's ability to oversee the testing program.

On the Net

To see a copy of Marilyn Howard's memo and the State Board of Education's response, visit: <http://www.magicvalley.com>

The federal fine will withhold about \$104,000 of Title I administration funds. The money will not be withheld from local school districts, but it may make it more difficult for local districts to get help from the state education department. Title I funds help pay for programs for disadvantaged students.

Howard sent a memo to school superintendents statewide, saying the U.S. Department of Education is penalizing the state for a situation that was out of its control.

In the memo, Howard said the State Board of Education assumed authority "after it informed the U.S. Department of Education that the Board, rather than the department,

“Frankly, I feel like the passenger on the speeding bus who is asked to pay the fine for speeding.”

— Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, in a memo to school superintendents statewide

was Idaho's official State Education Agency.”

The disagreement illustrates a long history of confusion as to the scope of authority held by each agency.

“Frankly I feel like the passenger on the speeding bus who is asked to pay the fine for

speeding,” Howard said in the memo.

The education department employs about seven people with Title I funds. Allison Westfall, the department's public information officer, said the department did not wish to speculate about how it would deal with the loss of funds.

“Although \$104,000 may not seem like much overall, it's about 25 percent of our Title I operating budget,” Westfall said. “So we're looking at where those cuts will fall.”

She said the federal No Child Left Behind act designates where the cuts will be made. If the cuts reduce personnel, school districts across the state will feel the pinch.

“Those are the folks that provide technical assistance to districts,” she said. “The range of stuff they do is broad and comprehensive.”

School superintendents in the Magic Valley declined to comment on the situation, but said they will wait to see if their districts will be affected.

CHOO-CHOO



Jack Prettli rests next to the tracks of his LGB-brand model train Monday night at his home in Twin Falls. Prettli has been collecting the large G-scale trains for the past 15 years and brings them out for Christmas each year.

Model trains and Christmas go together

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Electra trains and Christmas seem to go together, at least at Jack and Sylvia Prettli's home, where locomotives and trolleys pull passenger cars through snow-covered villages underneath a Christmas tree.

For Jack Prettli, Christmas is a good excuse to set up the trains and accessories he's been collecting the past 15 years.

“I hate to see something boxed up like this all the time,” he said.

So get the trains out he does, as two of them run side by side on a makeshift layout that measures about 6 feet by 15 feet.

“He'd like to put it all over the house, but he doesn't have time,

“He'd like to put it all over the house, but he doesn't have time, and we'd have to step over it all the time.”

— Sylvia Prettli, wife of train enthusiast Jack Prettli

and we'd have to step over it all the time,” she said. “No I got him this, and now he's got 40 or 50 pieces.”

Prettli explained that he's always been a train buff. Part of it comes from his father, who was a rail mailman back when trains regularly hauled mail. He's also owned some of the smaller-scale sets, but is now addicted to the larger ones.

“I saw these at a store in Salt

has two trains running simultaneously. They loop around the Christmas tree and pass through miniature village buildings, trees and people. He prefers earlier period trains and accessories, which look to be modeled from the late 19th century.

“Prettli said the trains provide “good therapy” and help him relax.

“He just comes in and watches it go round and round,” Sylvia Prettli said. “I don't know what he's thinking.”

She admits she likes the trains too. “I wouldn't want it up all the time, but like it because he likes it, and the kids like it. For me, it's just the enjoyment that he gets from it. The little grandchildren when they come at Christmas, they just love it.”

Progress made on forming new water district

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Water users south of the Snake River Plain Aquifer are seeking their own water district, and they are one step closer after a hearing last week with the Idaho Department of Water Resources at Butley City Hall.

IDWR Director Karl J. Dreher conducted the hearing, which included testimony from several area farmers and water users, most of whom spoke in favor of forming what would be called District 45.

Dreher told the group that the IDWR is considering the formation of District 45, which would encompass areas south and east of the Snake River aquifer and include parts of the Magic

Valley groundwater district and the Southwest, Albion and the newly formed Goose Creek Irrigation districts.

Formation of the new district would more accurately define the boundaries of specific water sources in the area south and east of the Snake River, Dreher said.

While those from Southwest and Goose Creek irrigation districts and Magic Valley water users all spoke in favor of the new district, some Albion residents urged the IDWR to exclude the Albion valley from the new district.

Albion resident Earl Warthen told Dreher that Albion should be a district of its own because its topography excludes it from the Oakley fan.

“We are in the East Soil and Water Conservation District, and Oakley and the valley south of the river is in the West district,” Warthen said.

Don Bowden, mayor-elect of Albion, pointed out that the valley has its own single water source that is not connected to any other area in the proposed district.

He expressed concern that being combined with the other areas could, in time, create issues that could result in the valley losing water to those other areas.

Carl Austin, owner of Double Diamond Ranch in the Goose Creek drainage, likewise requested that he be excluded from the district. He presented an in-depth study of his hut

water springs and noted that they are geologically connected to Utah rather than the Snake River area.

Dreher told the group the hearing will remain open for the purpose of taking written comment from the public until 5 p.m. Dec. 28. For information on submitting comments, call IDWR in Boise at (208) 267-4000. Or send a note to IDWR, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0000.

The department will then take a period of time to consider every comment before making a final determination on the proposed district.

Following the department's ruling, water users will have 14 days to seek a review if they disagree with the order.

Sempra to sell Texas coal-fired plants

The Times-News

SAN DIEGO — Sempra Generation officials recently announced that the company may sell its coal-fired power plants in Texas.

“We have stated in the past that any of our assets are for sale at the right price and it appears that the market interest in Texas Generation — specifically coal-fired power plants — is especially high at this time,” said Mark A. Snell, group president for Sempra Global, the umbrella for Sempra Energy's competitive businesses.

The company intends to build a 600-megawatt coal-fired facility northeast of Jerome. Sempra is in the beginning stages of securing state and county permits for the proposed \$1.4-billion plant.

Sempra's coal-fired plant assets in Texas include the company's Twin Oaks Power facility and a wholly-owned 300-megawatt plant in Hubbard County — and its Colco Creek Power plant — a 632-megawatt joint venture that Sempra owns and manages with Carlyle/Beverstone.

Proceeds from the sales in Texas would be used to pay the company's debts associated with those plants and to fund other projects like liquefied natural gas receipt terminals, transmission pipelines and storage facilities, Snell said.

Depending on market conditions, Sempra Generation could conclude its sales transactions by the end of 2006.

Vandals damage two LDS churches

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Local police are offering a reward for information leading to the conviction of vandals who broke into two rural churches Saturday night belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The vandals hit sometime Sunday, damaging some inner doors, a desk and some pictures at the Pella Church.

Vandals also caused damage at the Unity Church, but there was little information available at press time about the incident and the damage done.

Church officials from the Pella and Unity ward buildings spoke with police officers about the incidents. They said the Pella incident may have been LDS youth because the window used to enter the Pella building is one that is common to youth knows can be jammed,” a local church official said.

Police took the print of a small shoe, possibly a tennis shoe, from the snow at the base of the windows, and found a shoe print and some fingerprints inside the building.

At the Unity Church, a DNA sample was taken from evidence gathered, according to the police report.

Church officials said they believe the vandals were just on a spree, as nothing of importance appeared to be missing, the report said.

A picture of LDS President Gordon B. Hinckley was torn up and another picture had the face of Jesus cut from it. At a church on Sunday, a teacher covered the picture with a lace cloth so her classroom of children would not have to view the damage, one authority report said.

Damage to the building and furniture was estimated at \$1,200 at the Pella church. There was not a damage estimate given for the Unity church.

Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hunsley said anyone who knows anything about the vandalism can call Crime Stoppers, at 878-2900, and remain anonymous. A reward will be offered for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the vandals.

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Alice Maycock Shaw

RUPERT — Alice Maycock Shaw, a 71-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Dec. 19, 2005, at her home of cancer. She was born July 20, 1934, in Pleasant View, Weber County, Utah, to Marshall W. and Maud Lavon Tayson Maycock. Alice spent her childhood in Pleasant View and attended Weber College in Ogden, Utah. She married Dean Shaw in the Logan, Utah LDS Temple on Oct. 20, 1953. They lived in Liberty, Utah and Rupert.

Alice was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held positions in the Relief Society, Young Women, Stake Auxiliary, Sunday School and Cub Scouts. She also served at the Family History Center. She was a member of the Harmonettes Singing Group, Women's Recreational Softball League, Burley Music Club and Desert Art Guild. Her hobbies were painting in oil and watercolor, gardening, sewing and quilting. She enjoyed the mountains, sports and being with her family.

Alice is survived by her husband, Dean B. Shaw; Walter, one of her children, Susan (Paul) Aston



of Burley, Blaine (Tara) Shaw of Liberty, Utah, Karen (Don) Dille of Riverville, Utah, Lorna (David) Phillips of Paul, Novell (Josh) Shaw of Nampa, Idaho, Amy (Rob) Miller of St. George, Utah, and Kaye (Tom) Hoagades of Morgan, Utah; 24 grandchildren and three great-grandsons; brother, Lynn J. (Jenette) Maycock and sisters, Beverly (Greg) Harrop, Linda (Kenny) Hicks and Marsha (Jeff) Daniels.

Nancy is survived in death by her parents; a stillborn son; and brother, Dale (Maxine) Maycock. The family would like to thank the Minidoka Home Health Care. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at Aquecia 1st LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop James McBride officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

Nancy Marie Lavery

TWIN FALLS — Nancy Marie Lavery, 60, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Nancy was born May 3, 1945, at Sterling, Ill., to Glen E. and Clara Jackson Sharp. She was raised and educated in Sterling and graduated from high school there. Nancy had three children, Lydia, Raccann and Stanton. While living in Reno, Nev., she met Ron Rutter and they began making a life together.

They moved to Twin Falls in December of 2004. She enjoyed golfing in the canyon, walking and watching. She loved to kayak with her dogs, loved home-making

and entertaining friends. She was recognized as the Most Improved Golfer at Canyon Springs Golf Course for 2005. She was very proud of her accomplishment. Nancy touched many people with her smile. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

Nancy is survived by her loving companion, Ron; her three children; two grandchildren and two brothers.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.



Virgil William Carlile

RUPERT — Virgil William Carlile, a 92-year-old Rupert resident, went to be with his Lord and Savior, having died peacefully at Highland Estates Oct. 16, 2005.

Virgil was born March 11, 1913, in Clay Center, Kan., the son of William Albert and Nellie Electra (Vanlapp) Carlile. He went through the eighth grade in the Clay Center schools. He married Eva Marie Brill on March 11, 1939, in Clay Center, Kan. They lived in Green, Kan., where they farmed. In 1948, they moved to Minidoka, Idaho, and in 1970 to Rupert, Idaho. Beginning in 1948, Virgil worked for the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1979. He enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing and traveling with family and friends, gardening, a competitive game of checkers and seeing that Eva continued to re-



ceive bells for her collection. Virgil is survived by his three children, Anita (Floyd) Praegeritz of Boise, Jerrold Carlile of Rupert and Gayle (Deloy) Albertson of Burley; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Virgil loved his family. Every-

thing he did was for them, seeking very little for himself. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his spouse; parents and nine brothers and sisters, Ernest, Hazel and her twin, Myrtle, Millie, Roy, George, Sylvia, Milton and Carl.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, with Pastor Dennis Stoneman officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the mortuary and one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

The family wanted to express their gratitude to Jean Pates, Cassie, Marilla, Delilah and other hospice nurses and aides, as well as the staff at Highland Estates for their kindnesses and care given to their father.

John W. Reynolds

HEYBURN — The heart of a poet stopped beating on Saturday night, Dec. 17, 2005, when John Wesley Reynolds succumbed to pancreatic cancer in his home with his family at his side.

John was born at home in Dewey, Okla., on Jan. 3, 1915, to John Milton Reynolds and Minnie Maud Irwin Reynolds. John attended schools in Oklahoma, before graduating from Burley High School. He completed electrical college in Chicago, but during the depression single men were unable to find work and he returned to farming.

During the family migration to Idaho in 1930, John was diagnosed with high blood pressure. The condition prevented him from being accepted into the active military during World War II, so he joined the Idaho Home Guard and spent the war years as a drill sergeant training other young men to shoot.

A confirmed bachelor at 32, John met the love of his life, Joyce Faye Tolman, serving him in the Oregon Trail Cafe. They were married in the Burley First Christian Church following Sunday services on Oct. 20, 1946. His heart was broken July 11, 1948, when Faye died.

They raised the family on farms south of Burley, and homesteading in Jerome County. After retiring from farming, they spent nearly 30 years watching three generations of young people grow up skating



at the Roller King between Burley and Park. John loved children and enjoyed teaching them to skate. He would glide and spin across the skate floor until he closed the rink at 82-years-old.

A lifelong Democrat, John ran for the U.S. House of Representative in 1956. He joined Frank Church on their first campaign trail. Idaho is not often kind to Democrats. John lost and returned to farming while Frank went on to serve his first term as senator.

His entire life was spent writing spiritual poetry until failing eyesight dimmed his passion. He touched the community with his compassion and kindness.

He will be deeply missed. He is survived by his three children, Kelly (Crockett) Reynolds of Quartzite, Ariz.,

Roger (Julie) Reynolds of Heyburn and Joey (Lum) Bryant of Heyburn.

He was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Surviving siblings are Frank (Ruth) Reynolds of Oklahoma and Mildred (Fred) Schaffer of California.

He was preceded in death by his wife two brothers, Earl "Hot" Reynolds and an infant brother, three sisters, Martha Jensen, Sylvia Middleton and Pearl Esten; an infant grandson, Stephen Reynolds; and his parents.

The family wishes to express a very special thanks to the Idaho Home Health and Hospice care providers and the nurses and doctors at both Cascade Regional Medical Center and Magic Valley Regional Hospital who took such excellent care of John.

According to his wishes, a so-called service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with the Rev. Drew Johnson officiating. Cremation will follow with interment in the Paul Cemetery in the spring. Friends and relatives may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Burley First Christian Church, Idaho Home Health and Hospice or the College of Southern Idaho Nursing Program.

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Fanne Haines



OAKLEY — Fanne Elizabeth Haines, an 82-year-old resident of Oakley, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at her daughter's home in Layton, Utah.

She was born March 5, 1923, in Brainerd, Minn., the daughter of Leonard and Siedle Van Sickle Haines. She received her education in Brainerd, graduating from Brainerd High School. She married Cloyce William Haines and their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. During their first few years of marriage, Fanne worked many jobs, putting Cloyce through college to earn his degree in education. Fanne later went back to college also finishing her degree in education. Their careers took them on many adventures until they settled down in Oakley, where they both taught school.

Fanne began teaching school at Oakley Elementary before moving to the Oakley High School where she finished her career. Following retirement, she continued to substitute for

many years. Teaching was something she loved, second only to her family. There were few folks in the Oakley Valley whose lives had not been touched by her.

Fanne was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings during her lifetime. She is loved and will be missed dearly by all that she has

met, but we rest knowing she has gone to a greater place.

Fanne is survived by four of her six children: James "Bill" (Doris) Haines of Oakley, Utah; Dana (Mike) Tanner of Layton, Utah; Diane (John) Remington of Dorson, Nev.; and Kevin (Suzie) Haines of North Pole, Alaska; one brother, Jim (Janice) Haines of Nisswa, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cloyce William Haines; and two sons, Gary Allen Haines and David Jon Haines.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave., with Bishop Eric C. Bede officiating. Burial will be in Oakley Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burley and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Frank K. Bracken

PULLMAN, Wash. — Frank K. Bracken, longtime Pullman resident, passed away at his Pullman home Nov. 27 after a short battle with cancer. He was 81. No services are planned at this time.

Frank was born May 10, 1924, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Craig and Pearl Anderson Bracken. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1942 and from veterinary school at Colorado State in 1946. While in college, he met Margarita Helen Bausch and the couple married July 1, 1948.

in Billings, Mont. They moved to Pullman in 1953 and Frank began his long career at Washington State University. He taught in the vet. science program and more specifically in clinical medicine and surgery. He retired in June 1986 after 36 years of teaching. He loved to travel and also enjoyed skiing, woodworking and reading.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Frank Richard and Gloria Bracken, Frank's son and daughter-in-law, Richard Bracken also of Gibsonburg a

brother, Craig, Bracken of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a sister, Virginia O'Dell of Twin Falls, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his wife in May of 2001.

In-line condolences may be left at www.brainingfuneralhome.com.

Memorial gifts are suggested to the Liane Blind Foundation, 1212 N. Howard, Spokane, WA 99201.

Web address www.lianeblindfoundation.org. Services entrusted to Brunning Funeral Home of Colfax.

DEATH NOTICES

Gregory Lyle Bell

RUPERT — Gregory Lyle Bell, 58, of Rupert, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at home.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2005, at the Rupert LDS 5th Ward. Viewing for friends and family will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service at the church. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

John Devan Longden

SHOSHONE — John Devan Longden, infant son of John and Tracy Longden.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Harold Everett Patterson

SHOSHONE — Harold Everett Patterson, 70, of Shoshone, died Sunday, Dec.

18, 2005, at Sunbridge Care Center, in Twin Falls.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at the Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A full obituary will appear in a later edition.

Nyal C. Hoffman

FILER — Nyal C. Hoffman, 73, of Filer, died Dec. 19, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Famer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Filer to hold annexation hearing

The Times-News

FILER — The Filer City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 at the Filer City Hall, 300 Main St.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the annexation and zoning designation upon annexation of property located at 642 W. Midway in Filer owned by Kim R. Kildew.

Idaho in brief

Family sues bar owner, driver following deaths

SANDPOINT — Family members of three people killed in a car crash have filed a lawsuit against the driver and a Bonners Ferry tavern.

In their lawsuit, Glen and Fern Barrton and Margaret Young claim that staff at The Lantern knew or should have known that Luke Peterson was intoxicated when they served him alcohol in the hours before the deadly crash in July. The lawsuit also claims that the tavern should have prevented Peterson from getting behind the wheel.

After leaving the bar on July 29, Peterson drifted across the center line of U.S. Highway 95, colliding head-on with a Plymouth Neon, authorities said. The Neon's driver, 21-year-old Tabitha Saunders, was killed, along with her 2-year-old daughter Kjestine and 24-year-old Bart Barrton. Saunders' other daughter, 2-month-old Lyssa, was survived but was seriously injured.

Glen and Fern Barrton are Bart Barrton's parents; Margaret Young is Saunders' mother.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from Peterson and from the owners and operators of The Lantern; Donald and Edie Miller, Ernie Johnson and Phillip Henley.

Peterson has pleaded innocent to three counts of vehicu-

lar manslaughter and aggravated drunken driving. Prosecutors claim that Peterson's blood alcohol level was .14, nearly double the legal limit of .08.

Deer prove to be nuisance in Salmon

SALMON — Some Salmon residents say the city is being overrun by shrub-eating deer.

Mayor Stan Davis admits he's not sure how to enforce a city ordinance banning animals from running at large. The law is generally used to keep pets in check.

Davis has asked the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to help Salmon get its urban deer population under control. Our goal is not to eliminate the deer population, it's to reduce the deer population," he said.

The Salmon City Council is creating a committee of city, wildlife and law enforcement officials to develop a plan to address the problem.

In the meantime, residents are being advised to choose plantings deer dislike and putting fences around any tasty landscaping.

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IDAHO

Otter, Brady spar over sale of public land as storm relief

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A U.S. House proposal to sell millions of acres of federal land in the West has become one of the first battlegrounds for two candidates vying to be Idaho's next governor.

The bill, designed to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina and future disasters, would investigate debate over what federal land should remain in public hands, and what should be privatized.

U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho and so far the lone GOP gubernatorial candidate for the post being vacated by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, is one of the measure's 13 sponsors. The bill would set aside up to 15 percent of Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service land in Idaho and other western states, and put it up for sale by next Oct. 1.

In addition to helping rebuild storm-ravaged Gulf Coast communities, Otter says the proposal would increase tax revenue for services in isolated, rural counties by turning federal land into private property.

Jerry Brady, the former eastern Idaho newspaper publisher who's the only Democratic candidate to announce, says converting public land into private property would limit access by hunters and other sporting groups.

"It's very important to have rural development, but the problem here is this is a whole-sale, meat-ax approach that Otter is taking," Brady told The Associated Press conference in Boise. "It's simply a forced sale of 15 percent of our state."

Idaho has approximately 12 million acres of BLM lands and 22 million acres of Forest Service lands. Together, they account for about two-thirds of the state.

The bill has been in a U.S. House subcommittee since September and won't be voted on until next year at the earliest.

According to its text, sale proceeds would go into a special account to defray costs of responding to natural disasters such as the August and September Gulf Coast hurricanes, or even a terrorist attack.

Once the land is privatized, revenue from taxes would help cash-strapped counties whose territory is now mostly made up of federally controlled forest or rangeland, Otter said.

For instance, Custer County officials in isolated central Idaho lament that 96 percent of their total 1,000 square miles are in federal hands. They say federal payments meant to make up for the dearth of private-property tax revenues are too paltry to fund services such as search-and-rescue teams or schools.

"The federal government has a responsibility to pay its fair share," Otter said in a statement backing the sale plan.

Brady, an Idaho Falls resident who lost the 2002 governor's race to Kempthorne, said he believes this issue is important enough to make the difference in the Nov. 7, 2006, general election.

Meanwhile, accused Brady and other bill opponents of hypocrisy. The same people who are fighting the measure backed the sale of federal land in the Boise foothills to the city of Boise, he said.

"Are such transfers only valid when they are proposed by self-appointed conservationists, and not by those who espouse the broader concept of multiple-use stewardship?" asked Otter, who owns a 70-acre ranch in the Boise suburb Star.

Fruitland puts new four-legged officer on patrol

FRUITLAND — The Fruitland Police Department has a new officer with four legs and an amazing nose.

Copper, a bloodhound, is being trained to track missing people, suspects and jail escapees. Officer Kent Sloan said.

The department acquired Copper through the ALIE Foundation, a group that helps place bloodhounds at police stations.

It's named after Ale Berreze, a Colorado girl who went missing in the early 1990s. A bloodhound led police to her body.

Once fully trained the hound will be available to every law enforcement agency in the area, Sloan said.

"He has a natural ability, he already knows how to track," Sloan said. "The hardest thing is training us to understand how to read him."

Idaho in brief

New murals going in Boise's Bagley Park
BOISE — Bagley Park is getting two new murals in honor of its namesake, George Bagley. The National Park Service ranger and superintendent died in 1991 at the age of 92, just one year after the seven-acre park was named after him. The new murals are being designed by Boise photographer Mike Shipman. They're expected to consist of historical pictures, serving as a visual biography of Bagley's life.

Idaho in brief

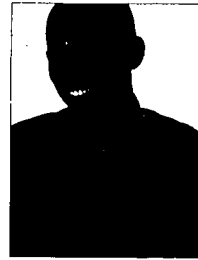
My impression of him is that he really cared about what he was doing, and he wanted to make sure that future generations get a chance to enjoy what he had," Shipman said from his Nampa studio. Bagley's daughter, Ruth Ann Bennett, of Seattle, sent Shipman pictures of her father working in Yellowstone National Park during the 1920s and 1930s and then Isle Royale in Michigan during the 1930s. Shipman is also using his own photos of the Boise Greenbelt and Yellowstone.

"He wasn't a loud, boisterous person; he was fairly modulated and quiet," Bennett said of her father. "He had a good sense of humor. He enjoyed people. He stayed active and interested clear up until the end."
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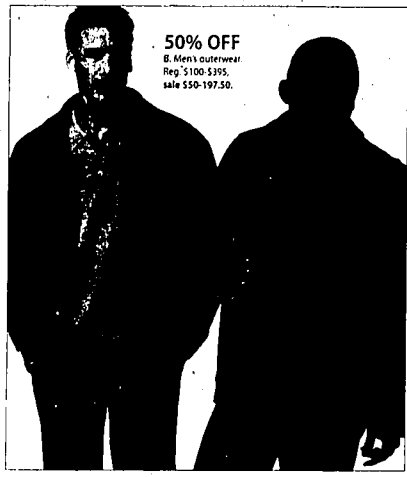
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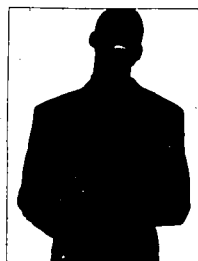
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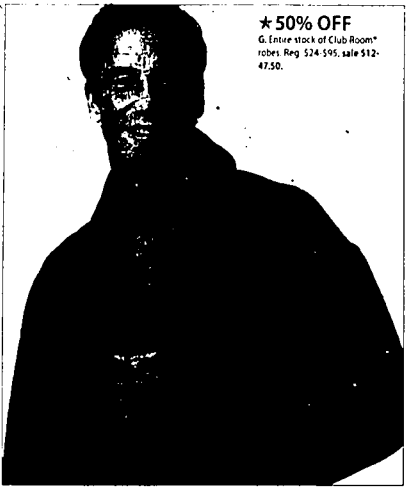
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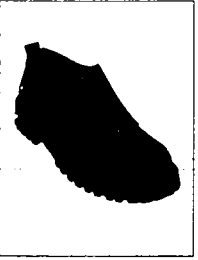
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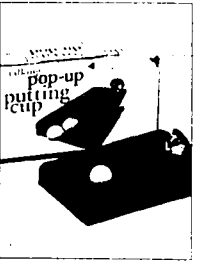
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Congress elects to not cut funding further for Hanford plant

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Congress elected Monday not to reduce funding by an additional \$100 million for a waste treatment plant at the Hanford nuclear reservation, said U.S. Rep. Dan Hastings, whose district includes the south-central Washington site.

The funding reduction, which had been proposed as part of a sweeping series of cuts to help pay for Hurricane Katrina relief, was widely criticized by officials

in Washington state. Hastings, R-Wash., said the proposal deserved the unified, bipartisan opposition it received from the state's elected officials, including U.S. Sen. Patty Murray and Gov. Christine Gregoire, both Democrats.

Gregoire had threatened to sue the federal government if the additional funding cut was approved.

"I'm pleased this is now ended. The administration

should have never proposed this vit plant cut to Congress," Hastings said in a statement. "I hope our energies can now be dedicated to working with the department to set a path forward for the vit plant."

The Hanford site was created in the 1940s as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb. Today, it is the nation's most contaminated nuclear site, with cleanup managed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The vitrification plant has long been considered the cornerstone of Hanford cleanup. The plant is being built to convert millions of gallons of highly radioactive waste stored in underground tanks into glasslike logs for permanent disposal in a nuclear waste repository.

However, the project has been mired in delays and cost overruns for years. The Energy Department, which manages Hanford cleanup, halted construction on large portions of the plant earlier this year amid skyrocketing costs.

The Bush administration cited these concerns in its \$626 million budget request for the plant for 2006, down from \$630 million in previous years. A House-Senate budget committee reduced that amount by another \$100 million last month — to \$526 million.

In addition, the Bush administration had proposed tapping the 2005 budget for \$100 million, money that was not spent but was intended to be banked for construction costs in later years. The proposal was part of a \$2.3 billion package of cuts across state agencies for hurricane relief.

Washington state officials denounced the administration for labeling the funding as unnecessary, and Gregoire threatened suit if the additional reductions were approved.

Lawmakers drop plans to break up 9th Circuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the face of Senate opposition, a GOP plan to break up the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was dropped from a budget bill that passed the House early Monday.

House Republicans who contend the nation's largest federal appeals court has gotten too big to be effective included legislation splitting it into two entities in the House version of the deficit-trimming bill, passed last month.

But opponents of the breakup alleged political motives, contending Republicans were annoyed by 9th Circuit rulings, including a 2002 opinion that declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional when recited in public schools.

The 9th Circuit covers nine states with about 54 million people and has 28 judgeships. The circuit with the next-largest number of judgeships is the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit, with 17.

Senators led by Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., opposed including the 9th Circuit split in the budget bill. She threatened to use procedural objections to block it if it got to the Senate floor.

House and Senate negotiators left the breakup out of the final version of the \$37.7 billion federal budget bill that passes the House 212-206 and was expected to get a Senate vote later in the day.

"The plan to split the 9th Circuit was a politically driven attempt to intrude on the constitutionally mandated independence of the federal judiciary," Feinstein said.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, also had weighed in against the split.

The plan by House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., would have created a 9th Circuit covering California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands, and a new 12th Circuit covering Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Arizona.

"The chairman is disappointed that the opposition of some in the Senate has again delayed this needed administrative restructuring of the 9th Circuit," said Sensenbrenner spokesman Jeff Lungren.

"We're going to continue to push it because it's necessary, because the 9th Circuit has become too big, too unwieldy, too cumbersome, and a realignment would allow for a better, more efficient administration of justice," Lungren said.

Storm dumps 3 feet of snow in the Sierras

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The strongest storm of the season so far in the Sierra Nevada dropped as much as 3 feet of snow, starting travel through the mountain range but improving ski resort conditions.

Controls were lifted Monday morning on the two major highways linking Sacramento, Calif., to resorts in the Lake Tahoe area: Interstate 80 over Donner Summit and U.S. 50 over Echo Summit, authorities said.

On Sunday, the storm poured heavy rain on Northern California, with 3 to 4 inches on the San Francisco Bay area and more than 7" in Big Sur and parts of the Santa Cruz Mountains, the National Weather Service said. Wind gusts to 71 mph on Angel Island in San Francisco Bay.

More than 50,000 Pacific Gas and Electric customers in the Bay Area lost power Sunday because lightning damaged transmission equipment, said PG&E spokesman Paul Nichols.

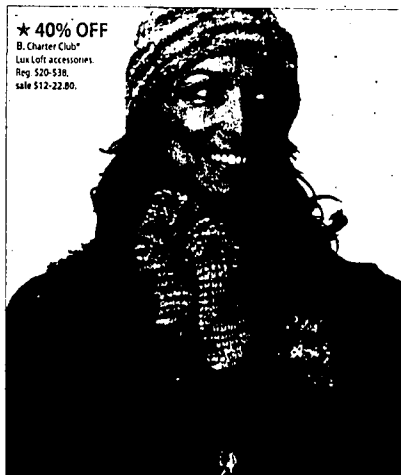
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JOURNEY TO MIDWAY

Historic site of WWII battle is now very difficult to reach

By Tara Godwin
Associated Press writer

MIDWAY ATOLL. — More than a thousand miles from the closest center of civilization, the remote sands of Midway Atoll peek out above the deep blue of the Pacific Ocean like an oasis.

Midway's natural beauty and its rich history as the site of a critical World War II battle make it an attractive spot to visit.

But the atoll, near the end of the chain of the largely unpopulated Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, is one of those places you can't get to easily from anywhere.

If you don't own a boat or plane for the 1,200-mile journey from Honolulu, the main options for private travel to the distant atoll in 2006 can be daunting: Board a cruise in China, hitch a ride with one of a handful of resident government workers, or volunteer for three months of environmental duty.

Some would-be Pacific island hoppers, especially Pacific war vets and those who once called it home, think the historic federal possession warrants easier access.

Between 1997 and 2001, the atoll received 1,500 to 2,000 tourists and other visitors each year. But public flights to Midway, which is now a national wildlife refuge, ended in 2002 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's sole tourist operator pulled out, citing difficulty making a profit.

One of the more luxurious but round-about options for getting to Midway is to book passage on one of up to four cruise ships that anchor outside the atoll each year and ferry those interested across the turquoise water of the 5-mile wide atoll to Sand Island.

But only one cruise is scheduled to stop at Midway in 2006, said Barbara Maxfield, chief of Pacific Islands visitor services for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the island. That's the Saga Ruby, which leaves Tianjin Xingang in China on a nearly two-month cruise to Southampton, England.

Those who boat ashore may be treated to a performance by the atoll's 200 or so spinner dolphins, so-named for their propensity for spinning leaps out of the water. Cheers from an audience seem to send them to even more impressive acrobatics.

On land, visitors will be greeted by members of the world's largest colony of Laysan albatrosses — about 400,000 nesting pairs — and taken on a four- to six-hour tour of the atoll's main island.

Japanese destroyers shelled the U.S. military base at Midway on the same day Pearl Harbor was bombed, Dec. 7, 1941. The area is better known, however, for the Battle of Midway, which began June 3, 1942. A harrowing three-day fight by American pilots rebuffed a Japanese task force and turned the tide of the war in the Pacific.

For the less history-minded, there's only one beach open for



The Navy Memorial on Sand Island is one of the three islands of the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge.

On the Net

Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge: www.fws.gov/midway/
Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve: <http://hawaii.nmfs.gov/>
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people on the island. The others are reserved for the endangered Hawaiian monk seal. But you might find it tough to complain. Glistening white, gorgeous and empty, the beach on the island's northern side makes Oahu's famed Lanikai Beach look like Saturday out at Coney Island.

Taking a cruise to Midway could inspire you to take on another means of getting to the island — volunteering. That's how Eldridge and Thelma Park got here.

The retired couple from Aiea, Hawaii, have been busy in the refuge's greenhouse nurturing native bunch grass, which is being used to restore the natural ecosystem of the atoll's Eastern Island.

"It's nice, slow. You can get away from the city for a while," said Eldridge Park, a 48-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service. "I miss the grandchildren though."

Volunteers are expected to stay on the island at least three months, which can be a bit tough for those who require urban comforts or a lot of social interaction. Midway hosts about 40 volunteers throughout the year. With only about four federal employees and fewer than 50 additional staff members, such as cooks and plumbers, it makes for a tight group.

Though selection is weighted toward those with a background in biology, it is not necessary.

"Basically, if you're willing to do hard work and do what we want, that's usually enough," said Ken Foote, a Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman.

Those tasks include projects keeping tabs on the health of al-

batross pairs — who mate for life — and ripping the life out of the scourge of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, the cute but invasive fower verhesina.

Some would-be Midway visitors say there should be more direct and less arduous travel options.

Members of groups such as Supporters and Veterans of Midway Island say the Fish and Wildlife Service is thwarting efforts to bring back regular flights in favor of protecting wildlife.

"It's the environmentalists against the Navy veterans. And right now the Fish and Wildlife Service has all the cards in their hand and the veterans have nothing," said Gary Randall, of Brightwood, Ore., who was stationed on Midway from 1977 to 1979.

It may take a year before there's a regularly scheduled service to Midway again, but the Fish and Wildlife Service is working to get it going, Maxfield said. But the remoteness complicates the effort.

"We very much want to share this with the American public. It's just finding a way to do it in a cost-effective manner," she said. "When we tell the public that it may cost \$1,200 to come out here, can they afford that? We know a lot of people can't."

While Midway "will never be the Disneyland of the Pacific," visitors are always welcome, said Barry Christensen, refuge manager. The half a dozen sailors who stop by each year can even look forward to an invitation to the refuge staff's own bowling alley.

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NATION

Hundreds pay respects to co-founder of Crips

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hundreds of people converged Monday on the South Los Angeles neighborhood where Stanley Tookie Williams co-founded the Crips to say goodbye to a "homeboy" executed last week over the objections of supporters who said he had turned his life around.

Williams, clad in a gray suit, lay in an open coffin at the House of Winston Mortuary as people quietly filed by with their heads bowed.

"Mostly everyone is out here because of his reputation," said Robert Collins, 27, who said he was a former Crips gang member. "Everyone knew Tookie was no angel. Everyone's just paying their respects to him."

A line of 200 stretched out the door shortly after the six-hour viewing began in mid-afternoon. More than an hour later, the line had dissipated but people were still streaming through.

Williams, whose execution was carried out over the protests of supporters who included celebrities and civil rights activists, spent his last years at California's Death Row renouncing gang violence and writing several children's books warning of the dangers of gangs.



Bonnie Williams-Taylor, left, Stanley 'Tookie' Williams' ex-wife, along with her daughter Erin Taylor, 20, right, and Barbara Beonel view the Crips co-founder's body on Monday.

See Love, a teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District, said she had seen firsthand the way Williams' book "Life in Prison" had changed students' lives.

"Tookie's words were able to do what no judge or probation

officer was able to do," said Love, 35. "I hope Stanley's spirit continues to live in the name of peace."

Williams, 51, was executed last Tuesday for the murders of four people during a pair of 1979 robberies.

Jackson faces seizure of his assets

By Michelle Caruso
New York Daily News

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's advisers scrambled to cut a deal Monday to halt a \$272 million foreclosure that would strip the pop star of his share of the Sony Beatles music catalog and, possibly, his cherished Neverland Ranch.

As the New York-based Fortress Investment Group prepared to seize the pop star's assets Tuesday to cover his unpaid debt, his advisers burned up phone lines pleading for a six-month extension, sources said.

"There are discussions under way to stop the foreclosure. An extension is likely to be granted," said a source familiar with Jackson's business.

The deal would involve "several" benefactors agreeing to make the monthly payments on Jackson's \$272 million loan package at a 9.5 percent interest rate — which comes to more than \$2 million a month.

If a payment plan can be arranged, Fortress might be willing to hold onto the loans for another six months because the 9.5 percent rate would beat current stock market returns, the business source said.

Spokesmen for Fortress and Sony refused comment Monday. Jackson attorney John Branca could not be reached for comment. Fortress bought Jackson's loans (one for \$200 million, another for \$70 million) from Bank of America last spring after the singer defaulted on the smaller note and revamped his finances.

Jackson, 47, failed to make payments to Fortress and was declared in "default" last fall, the business source said.

The loans are secured by Jackson's 50 percent share of the \$1 billion Sony-ATV music catalog, which includes rights to the Beatles tunes and his 2,700-acre Neverland Ranch.

If Fortress forecloses, now or in the future, it can sell Jackson's assets to recover the debt.

"Many observers think Fortress is likely to sell the music catalog first, which would likely fetch more than the amount Jackson owes. If that happened, Jackson might be able to keep Neverland because his debt to Fortress would be satisfied. It's all up in the air at this point," said the business source.

Jackson, who has been laying low in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates in recent weeks, has refused to speak to concerned family members who have hounded out to him, sources said.

Several frantic Jackson family members, worried about the singer's state of mind, were pleading to head to Bahrain, where the pop star has been staying with that country's royal family since last summer, to stage an emergency "intervention." But they have put the plan on hold due to uncertainty about Jackson's whereabouts, a family source said.

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Section D

CARMA'S KIDS

Group helps young people make music

By Jami Whitte
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The memory of a woman who understood the value of arts in education is alive, thanks to the efforts of fellow music lovers.

Carma's Kids was created in honor of Carma Smith, a woman who donated time, energy and funds to the Magic Valley Symphony League.

Smith died June 23, 2004. She was a founding member of the league and participated for more than 20 years.

"She was a great backbone for us and we wanted to do something in her memory," said co-facilitator of Carma's Kids, Jennifer Mindock. "It was named in honor of her for doing so much in the community and for music."

One of the group's biggest projects is presenting Carma's Kids Practice Awards for music students who achieve their goal of practicing for at least a half hour, five days a week for six weeks.

At the league's four symphony concerts held each year, the students are honored, first with a ribbon and then with a pin for each time they complete their goal and for every fourth one, they get a bust of a composer.

The Carma's Kids organization also provides complimentary tickets to the

Carma's Kids Practice Award

Winners for November

Ashley Alexander, piano; Blair Fymlington, piano; Cotton Biederbach, piano; Ethan Alexander, piano; Hannah Biederbach, clarinet 2nd, piano; J.J. Rasmussen, piano; Jaci Rasmussen, piano; Katherine Christensen, piano; Mark Sneddon, piano; Melody McCregor, piano; Raechel Watt, piano; Sydney Sneddon, piano; Carly Hardy, piano; Jessica Reynolds, piano; Marin Hardy, piano; Emma De Grange, piano; Aigali Mandemahl, violin; Almira Cole, violin; Anne Webb, violin; Bailey Stonbraker, violin; Brooke Welden, violin; Carissa Avery, viola; Courtney Haight, violin; Deetra Hranac, viola; Devon Sionebler, viola; Emily Eicheverry, violin; Hannah Winsor,

violin; Kaitlee Boller, violin; Katelyn Durham, violin; Kendra Durham, cello; Kyra Hranac, viola; Kyrstin Stewart, violin; Madison Perkins, cello; Meghan Sarstrom, violin; Morgan Newton, violin; Nichole Webb, violin; Savannah Winsor, violin; Stetson Cox, viola; Tyler Hash, violin; Abby Murphy, piano; Hannah Meyerhoeffer, piano; Josh Burgett, piano; Kacie Meyerhoeffer, piano; Kelly Jund, piano; Sarah Burgett, piano; Savannah Goodman, cello; and Alisha Heller, piano.

The Magic Valley Symphony's next performance will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 215 Falls Ave. Tickets, which are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children, are available at Everybody's Business, 1277 Pole Line Road, or at the door.

concerts for all music students in the Magic Valley.

Carma's Kids mission is simple: "To provide music and the creative arts for all youth in the Magic Valley."

Some statistics have shown that children involved in music at a young age score higher on standardized tests, Mindock said.

"We're hoping to expand and give that information to par-

ents," she added. "Letting that music possibility come in is important. You never know if you're going to inspire a musician or increase an IQ."

Mindock added that one of the best benefits is to enrich people's lives.

Carma's Kids also organizes a high school art show held in conjunction with the winter concert to include art with music. In another concert, the



Symphony conductor Ted Hadley, back, stands with some of the recipients of the Carma's Kids Practice Awards at November's symphony.

Photo courtesy of Sara Strout

group organizes an art sale with a reception. Some of those proceeds also benefit Carma's Kids.

At some symphonies, a guest musician holds a workshop for the students. The last one was sponsored by Carma's Kids and Carrie Kennedy, an accomplished violinist, presented a master's class at the event.

"Students from all levels playing for her and at the end, she had lots of positive suggestions for each player," Mindock said.

The classes are videotaped for the music students to learn from and are available through Ted Hadley symphony conductor.

At the February symphony,

Carma's Kids is holding a Meet the Instruments event where students can try out different instruments.

Angie Fillmore is a music teacher and has been a teacher in the Twin Falls School district for 33 years. When the school district had to drop orchestra a few years ago, she volunteered to teach it after school and has been doing it ever since.

"Music teachers out there may not be aware of this and they need to be," she said of Carma's Kids.

Her Strings Alive class is highly involved in the Carma's Kids Practice Awards. She says her students love it and appreciate the rewards.

"The kids are very proud of

this. They even wear their awards to school," she said proudly. "Last time, we had 24 students from Strings Alive receive awards out of the 44 awards given."

The parents of the students also enjoy the program.

"There's just not enough kind words," Fillmore said.

People congratulate the students after the symphony and Fillmore said that's important for the students' confidence and their own appreciation for the arts.

"This is one of the best things we can do for young people embarking on music," she said.

"The Carma award is one of the first beginning steps to improving music."

The Gooding FFA agriculture mechanics team made up of **Kenny McGee, Brett Cheney, Tony Koonce and Mika Bauscher**, placed 14th overall in national FFA competition. They received a gold medal.



The Gooding FFA food science team placed 15th and received a silver award. Team members are **Jake Scott, Matt Erin, Cody Poole and Phillip Leguizamo**.



Members of 4-Ever Strings, Bree Beck, Rebecca Christensen, Adam Tilley and Emily Rasmussen, John Santa Claus (Dennis Byington) at the piano prior to the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra's Christmas concert.

Photo courtesy of Sara Strout

FFA members bring home national win

GOODING — The Gooding FFA ag mechanic and food science teams have plenty to crow about concerning their trip to the FFA national competition in Louisville, Ky.

The agriculture mechanics team placed 14th in the nation, and received a gold award. The competition is composed of five areas, including machinery and equipment systems, industry and marketing systems, energy systems, structural systems, and environmental and natural resource systems.

Team member Tony Koonce was the high individual in the ag machinery portion of the competition and finished seventh overall. He received a \$500

scholarship. The food science team finished the competition in 15th place, and received a silver award.

The food science competition included taking a general knowledge test of the food industry, solving sensory problems, writing a letter to a dissatisfied customer, and preparing a new food product. FFA adviser Tom Woodland also received a prestigious award at the national convention for his contribution to agricultural science education. Woodland received the Honorary American FFA Degree Teacher Award for people who have made outstanding contribu-

tions to ag education and FFA.

Woodland has been at the helm of the Gooding FFA program for 25 years. He has taken at least one team to national competition almost every year. A high percentage of his FFA students earn state farmer awards and are elected to serve as state officers.

To date, Woodland has taken 25 FFA teams to national competition. Teams competed in agronomy, ag mechanics, floriculture, livestock judging, farm management, poultry, dairy, horse judging, job interview, nursery landscape, extemporaneous speaking and food science.

Orchestra tunes up for Christmas concert

BURLEY — The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra's Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave.

Tickets are available in advance from Welch Music and Book Plaza in Burley and the

Book Store in Rupert. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, \$2 for seniors and \$7 for families.

The orchestra will perform a variety of holiday songs, including the "Hallelujah Chorus," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Ave Maria," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," "The Christmas Song," "Silent Night," "Hallelujah" and several Christmas medleys.

Santa Claus will also make a guest appearance at the event.

Guest conductor will be Ramsey Chesley. The string quartet will perform in the lobby prior to the concert.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League sanctioned open pairs play for Dec. 13.

North/south: First, Faun and Warren McEntire; second, Lila Buman and Marian Snow; third, Steve Sams and Margarita Manning; and fourth, Lois Stephenson and Jackie Brown.

East/west: First, Barbara Carney and Eunice Merrigan; second, Chuck and Shirley Hunter; third, Tudy and Jim Carver; and fourth, Dot Creason and Sylvia Niewert.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Refreshments are served. The club invites all area duplicate players.

For more information, call 878-3997.

Community Resource meeting is held

HENRY — The Mini-Cassia Community Resource meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Cafe, Highway 27.

Presentations will be made by Rupert Police Chief Randy White and Irene Sanchez of the Idaho Industrial Commission.

The event is a no-host luncheon.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 18 and will include Linda Fleming of Habitat for Humanity and Jaime and Julie of Mercy Housing.

For more information, call Linda Castenada at 678-5518 ext. 3128. Kitty Andrews at 878-

0725 or Pam Hevard at 678-7705.

Duplicate bridge club announces results

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its Dec. 16 results:

First, Susan Faulkner and Mary Steele; second, Henry Robinson and Joyce Black; third, Hulby Grimes and Kathy Rowley; tied for fourth and fifth, Al Frynter and Sam Sannun and Don and Lorna Brad.

Bridge is played at 1 p.m. every Friday at the Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. There will be a game on Friday and Dec. 30. Refreshments are served.

For more information or a partner, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

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Blade Winter Bear, son of Karlie Sadorus-Bear and Tigne Bear of Bellevue, was born Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005.

EBI Lane Longhoke, daughter of Regan Ott of Halley, was born Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005.

Predy Ambritz Jr., son of Noemi Villacana and Predy Ambritz of Halley, was born Fri-

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jayden Alexander Krivanec, son of Erika Whitney Hubbard of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005.

Alexis Yvette Mora, daughter of Noemi Nava of Hazelton, was born Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005.

Adilene Campa-Monroy, daughter of Carmen Monroy of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005.

Ashtan James Eckert, son of Ashley Rene Boswell of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005.

Axel Andres Rayas-Giron, son of Maria Isabel Trinidad Giron-Garcia and Alejandro Rayas of Jackpot, Nev., was born Friday, Dec. 9, 2005.

Donna Esther Campbell,

daughter of Angela Francis and Jon Kent Campbell of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

Callista Mackenzie Purswell, daughter of Christie Merre Wood of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

Kellen Charles Jarvis, son of April Sharlene and Byron Clay Jarvis of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

Karlynn Joseph Hinkley,

son of Shannon Lanette and Toby Lynn Hunkley of Burley, was born Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

Kedryn Michael Bates, son of Katrina and Lance Michael Bates of Filer, was born Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005.

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Smoking is down among teens, but prescription-drug abuse up

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's teens are smoking less and popping pain pills more.

The lure of the family medicine cabinet helped nearly one in 10 high school seniors try out prescription painkillers last year, even as their generation continued turning away, at least slightly, from smoking and many other drugs.

The decline in illicit drug use by teens was modest, but continued a trend, according to the government's annual study of drug use by eighth, 10th and 12th grade students.

And while teen cigarette smoking fell to its lowest level since the survey began, eighth graders showed their first increase since 1996 in smoking in the month before the survey.

The survey of nearly 50,000 teens across the country found that 21.4 percent of eighth graders had used some illicit drug in their life, down from 21.5 percent a year earlier. For 10th graders it was 38.2 percent, down from 38.8 percent, and the figure for 12th graders was 50.4 percent, down from 51.1 percent.

Dr. Nora D. Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, called that continuing decline "quite remarkable news."

But, she told a briefing where the annual report was made public, abuse of prescription drugs by teens is a

growing problem.

Use of the painkiller OxyContin grew from 4 percent to 5.5 percent of high school seniors from 2002 to 2005, she said, and their use of Vicodin has been consistently over 9 percent, clocking in at 9.5 percent in 2005.

Only marijuana topped prescription drugs in teen use, she said, and that has been declining over time. For 2005, 44.8 percent of 12th graders said they had used marijuana at some time in their lives, down 0.9 percentage points from 2004. The total was 34.1 percent for 10th graders, down 1 point. The 16.5 percent among eighth graders was up 0.2 point, ending a steady decline since 1996.

Study director Lloyd Johnston of the University of Michigan, noting that eighth graders had also ended their declines in tobacco use, raised a concern about reduced funding for anti-tobacco messages. The ongoing study is called Monitoring the Future.

"The best news in this year's report is the significant decline in cigarette smoking, not just because that ultimately is the most deadly drug but also because it confirms that drug abuse is best reduced through sensible public health measures rather than criminal penalties, prosecutions and prisons," said Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance.

Trends in drug use by teens

Trends in drug use by teens in 1995, 2000 and 2005 as reported Monday in the federal sponsored Monitoring the Future survey of students in grades 8, 10 and 12:

■ Lifetime use of any illicit drug:

Grade 8: 1995, 28.5 percent; 2000, 26.8 percent; 2005, 21.4 percent.
Grade 10: 1995, 40.9 percent; 2000, 45.6 percent; 2005, 38.2 percent.
Grade 12: 1995, 48.4 percent; 2000, 54 percent; 2005, 50.4 percent.

■ Lifetime use of marijuana:

Grade 8: 1995, 19.9 percent; 2000, 20.3 percent; 2005, 16.5 percent.
Grade 10: 1995, 34.1 percent; 2000, 40.3 percent; 2005, 34.1 percent.
Grade 12: 41.7 percent; 2000, 48.8 percent; 2005, 44.8 percent.

■ Lifetime use of cocaine:

Grade 8: 1995, 4.2 percent; 2000, 4.5 percent; 2005, 3.7 percent.
Grade 10: 1995, 5 percent; 2000, 6.9 percent; 2005, 5.2 percent.

percent.
Grade 12: 1995, 6 percent; 2000, 8.6 percent; 2005, 8 percent.

■ Lifetime use of amphetamines:

Grade 8: 1995, 13.1 percent; 2000, 9.9 percent; 2005, 7.4 percent.
Grade 10: 1995, 17.4 percent; 2000, 15.7 percent; 2005, 11.1 percent.
Grade 12: 1995, 15.3 percent; 2000, 15.6 percent; 2005, 13.1 percent.

■ Lifetime use of any alcohol:

Grade 8: 1995, 54.5 percent; 2000, 51.7 percent; 2005, 41.0 percent.
Grade 10: 1995, 70.5 percent; 2000, 71.4 percent; 2005, 63.2 percent.
Grade 12: 1995, 80.7 percent; 2000, 80.3 percent; 2005, 75.1 percent.

■ Lifetime use of cigarettes:

Grade 8: 1995, 46.1 percent; 2000, 40.5 percent; 2005, 29.9 percent.
Grade 10: 1995, 57.6 percent; 2000, 55.1 percent; 2005, 38.9 percent.
Grade 12: 1995, 64.2 percent; 2000, 62.5 percent; 2005, 50 percent.

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Hershey sues publisher over candy bar image on book cover

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The distinctive chocolate bar on the book jacket of a new book about the founder of The Hershey Co. violates its trademark, the candy maker said in a federal lawsuit.

The company wants an injunction to prevent publisher Simon & Schuster Inc. from using Hershey-owned images to market "Hershey: Milton S. Hershey's Extraordinary Life of Wealth, Empire and Utopian Dreams," which is coming out next month.

Hershey spokeswoman Stephanie Moritz said Monday the company is concerned that consumers may think it authorized, sponsored or approved the book. It wants to prevent Simon & Schuster from distributing the dust jacket.

"They do not refer to the content of defendant's book, or to the mere use of the word 'Hershey' in the title of the book," according to the lawsuit that was made public Monday. "However, defendant has designed and adopted a dust jacket for the book which extensively uses Hershey's well-known marks and trade dress beyond any manner permissible under law."

The jacket also depicts a Hershey's Kiss, a subtitle in a font similar to the paper wrapper inside a Kiss, and two older Hershey advertising images. Simon & Schuster filed a document Monday opposing Hershey's request for an injunction and restraining order, saying the Hershey symbols on the cover are "artistically relevant" to the book's subject and not expressly misleading.

"Trademark laws are designed to protect the public from likelihood of confusion, not to protect the monopolistic goals of a company that — for whatever reason — appears not to like the fact that a book has been published about its founder without its imprimatur," the publisher said.

More than half the 18,000-copy initial print run has been shipped, and the company said it would harm its relationship with booksellers to stop filling orders or to recall copies.

Simon & Schuster on Monday also asked the judge to dismiss the case. The 305-page book by New York writer Michael D'Antonio, recounts the life of Milton Hershey, who built the company into a manufacturing behemoth and used his wealth to endow what is today a multi-billion-dollar trust devoted to the health and education of children.

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Lisa first got her idea of opening an answering service when she needed to get her pregnant dog into the vet and his answering service couldn't get ahold of him. So unfortunately the puppy did not make it. Lisa's first customer was Magic Valley Towing in Twin Falls. She is very grateful for their support. And with Filer Mutual's help, her business moved to Filer in a new office. Lisa wants to say thank you to all the people who helped her throughout the year. *We would like to see more local support!*

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. 05-17202 Doc ID #000963169422005N Title Order No. 5610706 Parcel No. RPK20100A00040A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, at the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 112, ID 83301 on 03/16/2006 at 10:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 02/28/2005 as instrument Number 2005-000942, and executed by Kelli G. Gunnell and Kip C. Gunnell, husband and wife, all as community property, as Grantors, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following property located in Twin Falls County, Idaho: Lots 2, 3, 4 and 1 in Block A of carter mini ranches, according to the official plat thereof, filed in book 10 of plats at pages(s) 12, official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 318 Fain Drive, Kimberly, ID 83341 comprises associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee for the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred to that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2005, of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.99% per annum, together with all other amounts due by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$105,338.29, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation under and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advances to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary must sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information that you provide will be used for that purpose and that the debt may be disputed. The above Grantors are named to comply with this obligation. Dated: 11/20/2005 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is ReconTrust Company, N.A. 177 Countrywide Way, LANI-88 Lancaster, CA 90028-1821. Phone: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee Darlene Roff, Assistant Secretary ASP 734840

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. 05-12225 Doc ID #000575035302005N Title Order No. 5610498 Parcel No. RPT41010010020A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, at the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 112 Twin Falls, ID 83301 on 03/22/2006 at 10:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/20/2004 as instrument Number 2004-000670, and executed by Larry Fuller Jr. a single man, as Grantor(s), in favor of Magic Valley Bank, as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, Idaho: Lot 2 in block 1 of Palmer subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in book 5 of plats, page 23. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 383 Madison Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred to that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay the monthly payment due 05/01/2005 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.975% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$68,438.92, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advances to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary must sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above Grantors are named to comply with this obligation. Dated: 11/27/2005 ReconTrust Company, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is ReconTrust Company, N.A. 177 Countrywide Way, LANI-88 Lancaster, CA 90028-1821. Phone: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee Darlene Roff, Assistant Secretary, ASP735114

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 04-044000000 IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on February 28, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at the OFFICE OF ALLIANCE TITLE COMPANY, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 112, ID 83301, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho: Lot 2 in Block 1 of the West 57 feet of Lot 1 in Block 1 of BLUE LAKES ADDITION west of the city of Twin Falls, County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 in said Block 1, and running thence along the South line of Lot 1 a distance of 58 feet; THENCE North on a line parallel with the East line of Lots 1, 2 and 3 a distance of 65 feet; THENCE South along the East line of North line of Lot 3, a distance of 57 feet; to the West line of said Lot 3; THENCE North along said West line of Lot 3 a distance of 10 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; THENCE East along the North line of Lot 3 to the Northeast corner thereof; THENCE South along the East line of Lots 3, 2, and 1 a distance of feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 209 POLK STREET, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ANTONIO TORRERO, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to STEWART TITLE OF OREGON, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 9/14/2004, recorded 9/22/2004, under Instrument No. 2004-020480. Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE PROPERTY WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THIS NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH THE OBLIGATION TO THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due the Deed of Trust, Note Dated 9/17/2004, THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS DUE ON 7/1/2005 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of October 20, 2005 Delinquent Payments from July 01, 2005 4 payments at \$720.13 each (01-05 through 10-20-05) \$2,880.52 Late Charges: \$128.84 Beneficiary Advances: \$95.89 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$3,106.25. All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$91,580.59, together with interest thereat at 7.500% per annum from 6/1/2005, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 10/20/2005 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY Trustee by DELOACH REGIONAL TRUSTEES SERVICES CORP. RYAN CONN 616 Adams Suite 500, Rustee, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: http://www.trustee.com. ASP# 73104

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Monday's Puzzle Solved
SCENIC HUGH BOY
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JUMBLE
Unscramble these four jumbles.
One letter to go in each box to form three ordinary words.
HANNE
SLLT
RITHEH
HOTFUR
Answer: HANNE, SLLT, RITHEH, HOTFUR

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Heidi Arnold and Mike Argente
I want to know something to my name that I never thought of.
I never thought of it.
WHAT THE RECLUSIVE MISER SOUGHT WHEN HE CHANGED HIS WILL.
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
Answer: SCARF BOOTY VITRER BUNKER
Yesterday's Jumbles Answer: What the home run hitter did when he bowled the last frame - "STRUCK" OUT

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TRACTOR Ford 9N with 7' Eagle blade.
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HAY 3 cuttings, good quality, close to Twin, sell any amount. Call 208-733-2520.

Sudoku Answers:

Grid of numbers for Sudoku answers, including 1 9 6 5 4 8 2 7 3 and 7 4 3 6 2 1 9 8 5.

MATRESS SET, Full Orthopedic, 99. Brand new. Call 208-455-3281 or 312-5581.

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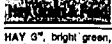
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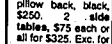
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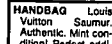
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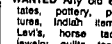
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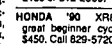
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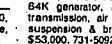
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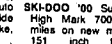
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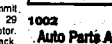
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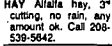


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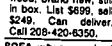
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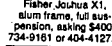
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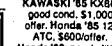
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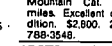
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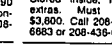
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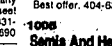
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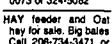


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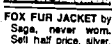


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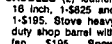
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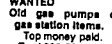
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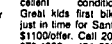
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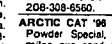
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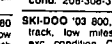
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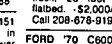
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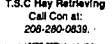


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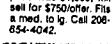


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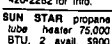
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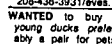
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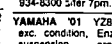
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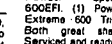
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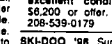
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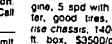
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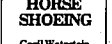


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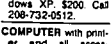


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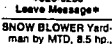
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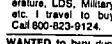
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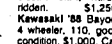
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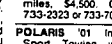
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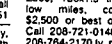
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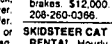
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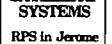


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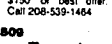


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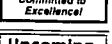
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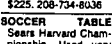
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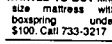
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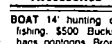
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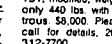
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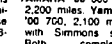
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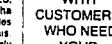
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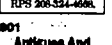


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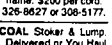


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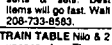
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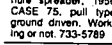
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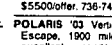
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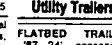
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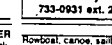
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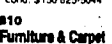


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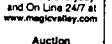
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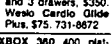
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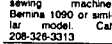
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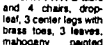


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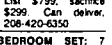


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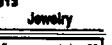
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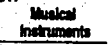
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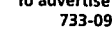
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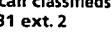
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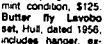


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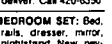


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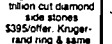
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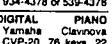
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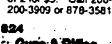
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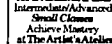
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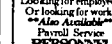
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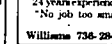
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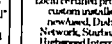
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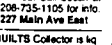


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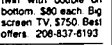


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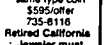
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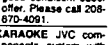
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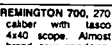
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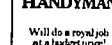
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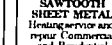
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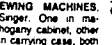


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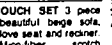


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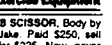
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"To be happy, avoid sin; to avoid misfortune, examine your faults."

— Chinese proverb

In both rooms on today's hand from a teams match, West led the diamond 10 against four spades. At the first table South won in hand, drew trumps, then took the club finesse. When East came in with the king, he promptly switched to the heart queen and down went the game.

At the second table South received the same lead. Appreciating the danger of East's getting on lead, he watched to see which card East would contribute. It was the six, not the jack, so declarer ducked, keeping West on lead.

The diamond continuation was won with the ace, perforce. Declarer continued with two rounds of trump, leaving a trump outstanding when the 3-1 break came to light, as an extra entry was needed to dummy.

A club went to dummy's ace, then came the diamond king, on which South discarded not a heart, but his second club. The scene was set for a ruffing finesse in clubs. East covered (as good as anything), South ruffed, then entered dummy with a trump to discard two hearts on the established clubs.

Had the club king not appeared, declarer would have discarded the heart. If West had possessed the club king, he would not have been able to attack hearts from his side of the table.

At trick one maybe East could have worked out to overtake the diamond 10 with the jack to prevent declarer from ducking — but how many of us would have thought of that before the post-mortem?

NORTH 12-20-A
 ♠ A J 9
 ♥ 8 6 3
 ♦ K 7 5
 ♣ A Q 10 8

WEST
 ♠ 7 6 3
 ♥ A 7 5 2
 ♦ 10 9 2
 ♣ 7 4 2

EAST
 ♠ 4
 ♥ Q J 10
 ♦ K J 6 4 3
 ♣ K 6 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 10 8 5 2
 ♥ K 9 4
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ J 9

Vulnerable: North-South
 Declarer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
 2♠ Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ K Q 10 8 5 2
 ♥ K 9 4
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ J 9

South West North East
 1♥ Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: Jump to two spades. This sequence in the balancing position shows about 12-16 points and a good six-card suit — what traditionally used to be called an intermediate jump overcall. In protective seat, if you have a poor hand with a long suit, pass, or bid your suit at the minimum level if you feel you must act.

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