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One year later

Life starting to return to familiar after tsunami

By Eileen Nakashima
The Washington Post

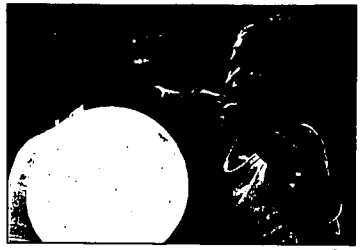
LAMTEUNGOH, Indonesia — Flower pots have begun to brighten porches here. Fishermen are back at sea. Eighteen people in this seaside village have remarried and seven women are pregnant.

Signs of routine life have returned to this village of 1,350, reduced to 257 by the Indian Ocean tsunami a year ago. Most of the survivors were men, fishing or tending crops in the hills, while their wives and children

died close to shore. Much has been lost in Lamteungoh and all of Aceh province, where an estimated 167,000 people were killed, the area hardest hit by the tsunami when it pummeled coastal communities in a dozen countries. But people are taking solace from the security that comes with peace. For the first time in a generation, they do not fear military checkpoints or ransom demands from rebels. A 30-year conflict between the government and the separatist Free Aceh Movement ended

with a peace accord on Aug. 15, partly as a result of both sides settling aside differences after the tsunami to work toward reconstruction.

"This is what the Acehnese people have always dreamed of — peace," said Marwah Ajid, a fisherman and preacher whose new wife is two months pregnant. Not long ago, he said, soldiers would burst into his house, accusing him of supporting the rebels, demanding to see identification. "Now, there's no one checking our ID. Please see TSUNAMI, Page A2



Mythili, 28, smiles as her 10-month-old son Prajan plays with a balloon outside their house at Srinivassapuram, a fishermen area near Marina Beach in Madras, India on Sunday. Today is the first anniversary of the Dec. 26 tsunami. The total toll of dead in India is at least 10,749 with 5,640 missing.

Growing pains



Two classrooms are separated by a divider at Sawtooth Elementary School in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls School District is seeking a \$49.7 million school bond to help meet the growth of the city with enough classroom space for students.

School facilities inadequate for growing enrollment, special programs

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Everything in Twin Falls seems to be growing, except the schools. In the last ten years, almost 3,000 permits for new homes have been approved and more than 8,600 people were added to the population and two schools were built. The last number may seem a little out of place — and that's what concerns the Twin Falls School District.

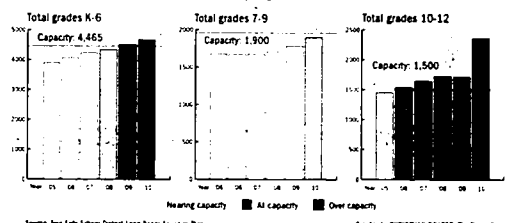
This spring the district will ask voters to approve a \$49.7 million school bond to pay for an additional high school, renovations to the existing high school and elementary schools and implement the "middle school" education model. It will be the first time

Approved housing permits by year:

2005*	650
2004	438
2003	400
2002	244
2001	241
2000	168
1999	38
1998	41
1997	177
1996	53
1995	40

since 1993 that the district has reached out to voters with a bond election — administrators are saying it has never been more critical. The problem is that the signs of overcrowding are not

Capacity of local schools and projected number of students



immediately visible to the public, partly because teachers and administrators have succeeded in working with in-

adequate facilities. "In terms of bursting at the seams, I don't know if our enrollment is quite there yet,"

said Ben Allen, Twin Falls High School principal. "But in terms of special programs, we're not Please see PAINS, Page A2

Literacy of college graduates declines

By Lois Romano
The Washington Post

Literacy experts and educators say they are stunned by the results of a recent adult literacy assessment, which shows that the reading proficiency of college graduates has declined in the past decade, with no obvious explanation. "It's appalling — it's really astounding," said Michael Gorman, president of the American Library Association and a librarian at California State University at Fresno. "Only 31 percent of college graduates can read a complex book and extrapolate from it. That's not saying much for the remainder."

higher education with the skills needed to comprehend routine data, such as reading a table about the relationship between blood pressure and physical activity, according to the federal study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics. Experts could not definitively explain the drop. "The declining impact of education on our adult population was the biggest surprise for us, and we just don't have a good explanation," said Mark S. Schneider, commissioner of education statistics. "It may be that institutions have not yet figured out how to teach a whole generation of students who learned to read on the computer and who watch more TV. It's a different kind of literacy."

What's disturbing is that the assessment is not designed to test your understanding of Prose, but to test your ability to read labels," he added. The test measures how well adults comprehend basic instructions and tasks through reading — such as computing costs per ounce of food items, comparing viewpoints on two editorials and reading prescription labels. Only 41 percent of graduate students tested in 2003 could be classified as "proficient" in prose — reading and understanding information in short texts — down 10 percentage points since 1992. Of college graduates, only 31 percent were classified as proficient — compared with 40 percent in 1992. Schneider said the results do not separate recent graduates from those who have been out of school several years or more.

Researcher: Drug makers don't have incentive for AIDS vaccine

By John Solomon
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In an unusually candid admission, the federal chief of AIDS research says he believes drug companies don't have an incentive to create a vaccine for the HIV and are likely to wait to profit from it after the government develops one. And that means the government has had to spend more time focusing on the processes that drug companies ordinarily follow in developing new medicines and bringing them to market. "We had to spend some time and energy paying attention to those aspects of development because the private side isn't picking it up," Dr. Edmund Tenforde testified in a deposition in a

recent employment lawsuit obtained by The Associated Press. Tenforde is head of the AIDS research division of the National Institutes of Health, and he predicted in his testimony that the government will eventually create a vaccine. He testified in July in the whistleblower case of Dr. Jonathan Fishbein. "If we look at the vaccine, HIV vaccines were going to have an HIV vaccine. It's not going to be made by a company," Tenforde said. "They're dropping out like flies because there's no real incentive for them to do it. We have to do it." "They will eventually — and if it works, they won't have to make that big investment. And they can make it and sell it and make a profit," he said. Please see VACCINE, Page A2

TWIN FALLS 4-DAY FORECAST

Today: Rain showers likely. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.
Tonight: Scattered rain and snow showers. Lows lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs in the upper 30s.

HURTI WINDUP! 10-DAY FORECAST

Today: Cool with rain showers likely. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Scattered rain and snow showers. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a small chance of a shower. Highs in the upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Snow likely today, some may be heavy at times.
Rain on winter travel conditions. Snow showers will linger into Tuesday with a good chance of snow showers on Wednesday and Thursday.

BOISE
Rain showers are likely for today and lower elevations. Snow showers will be found in the surrounding foothills. A few showers may linger into Tuesday. Showers likely on Wednesday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Scattered rain and snow showers for today and tonight. Conditions are likely to be breezy to windy at times. Tuesday will be mostly dry.

Weather Key:
Light to moderate rain: 0.01 to 0.099 in.
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Heavy rain to deluge: 0.60 to 0.999 in.
Deluge: 1.00 in. or more.

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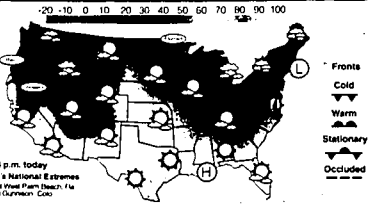
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Pains

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Growth is not only determining enrollment numbers. It is also caused by more federal and state mandated programs that require additional classroom space to accommodate them.

Tsunami

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Vaccine

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NATION/WORLD

Daily woes dampen festivities as Iraqis celebrate Christmas

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — At first glance, it seemed like Christmas at Bassam Khedhr's home Sunday. A great tree with flickering lights stood in the living room, everyone wore new clothes, and the women baked holiday pastries.

But the handshakes of daily life dampened the festivities. Khedhr missed Christmas morning Mass because he had to fix the house's generator, and his mother was jolted awake in the morning by four explosions.

Security concerns ruled out past treats like a visit to the amusement park. Khedhr has virtually banned pleasure trips of any kind for his family because of Baghdad's violence and crime.

"It doesn't feel like it's Christmas," said Khedhr, a 38-year-old electrical appliance repairman. "I bought this Christmas tree so that I could look at it and remember what Christmas felt like — only remember, not celebrate."

Khedhr sat under oversized rosary beads that adorn a wall of the old, drab house he shares with 12 relatives. Khedhr and his family are Chaldean, members of an Eastern-rite church that is loyal to the pope, but does not follow the Roman Catholic Church's rites.

In many ways, Khedhr says, his Christian community suffers from the same woes that trouble Iraqis from other religious and ethnic groups. But with thousands of Christians



Iraqi Christian Bassam Khedhr dances with his daughter Nuna while he celebrates Christmas Eve with his family at their house in Baghdad on Saturday.

fleeing a country growing increasingly Islamic and conservative, his family feels a little more vulnerable this Christmas.

This year, the holiday comes at a time when the religious Shiite Muslim coalition that dominates the current government looks set to become the largest bloc in Iraq's first full-term parliament since Saddam Hussein's ouster in 2003.

Khedhr said he refrained from voting for Christian tickets in the Dec. 15 election because he felt the Christian community is too small to affect the results. In last Jan. 30's vote for an interim legislature, the main Christian slate won just one of

the 275 seats.

This time, Khedhr voted for a coalition led by former Prime Minister Ayad Alawi, a secular Shiite.

"But I told my friends that I voted for 553 so no one would harass me," he said, referring to the candidate list number of the religious Shiite United Iraqi Alliance. "The Sunnis are backed by their tribes. So are the Shiites. But us Christians don't have support, so I seek protection from a Shiite tribe."

Christians make up an estimated 3 percent of Iraq's 27 million people. Thousands have fled Iraq since several churches were blown up by car bombs in August and September 2004.

Appeals court upholds ban on pet pigeons

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld the city's ban on pet racing pigeons, rejecting claims by some enthusiasts that the ordinance is unconstitutional.

The ban makes Chicago the only large U.S. city that outlawes pet pigeons, according to the American Racing Pigeon Union.

The pigeons coo excessively and scatter feathers and droppings, proponents of the ban said.

"We're not hurting anybody," said Karl Wollenhaupt, secretary and treasurer of the Greater Chicago Combine and Center Inc., a pigeon racing club. "This sport has been in existence for hundreds of years, but the city says these birds are bad, dirty and evil. These are birds of pedigree."

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U.S. refuses handover of Iraqis

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military will not hand over jails or individual detainees to Iraqi authorities until they demonstrate higher standards of care, an American official said Sunday, two weeks after the discovery of 120 abused Iraqi prisoners.

Headlines claimed at least 18 lives across Iraq, including two U.S. and five Iraqi soldiers killed by bombings in Baghdad.

Col. Barry Johnson said detention facilities in Iraq will be transferred over time to Iraqi officials but they must first show that the rights of the detainees are safeguarded and that international law on the treatment of prisoners is being followed.

"A specific timeline for doing

this is difficult to project at this stage with so many variables," said Johnson, a military spokesman. "The Iraqis are committed to doing this right and will not rush to failure. The transition will be based on meeting standards, not on a timeline."

He was commenting on a New York Times story Sunday that was the first to report prison facilities wouldn't be handed over until Iraqi officials improved standards.

Prisoners have been off of the list since between the Shiite Muslim majority and Sunni Arabs, a long-dominant minority that saw its power evaporate with Saddam Hussein's ouster.

U.S. officials are pushing to

support for the Sunni-led insurgency.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said earlier this month that at least 120 abused prisoners had been found in three two jails controlled by Shiite-run Iraqi Interior Ministry.

Sunni Arabs long have complained about abuse and torture by Interior Ministry security forces. Interior Minister Bayan Jabr contends torture allegations have been exaggerated by people who sympathize with insurgents.

Johnson said that in preparation for the eventual handover of prisons, the U.S. Department of Justice is training Iraqi prison guards. About 300 have completed the course, he said.

Boys choir faces eviction

NEW YORK (AP) — The world-renowned Boys' Choir of Harlem, struggling under millions of dollars of debts and allegations that its founder ignored reports of sexual abuse, is being evicted by the city.

The choir has been asked to leave the public school where it practices for free by Jan. 31, 2006. The Boys' Choir also provided some instruction at the school, called the Great Academy of Harlem, as part of a 12-year collaboration with the Department of Education.

The choir failed to fulfill a 2004 agreement to find a new chief executive to replace founder Walter Turnbull, said department attorney Michael Best in a letter. Turnbull was demoted to artistic director after an investigation concluded he did not act on reports that an employee was sexually abusing a student.

Turnbull has continued to run the organization, the attorney said.

The department also said the choir staff failed to report to the school when expected — apparently because the staff was not being paid due to the choir's financial problems.

In January 2005, the Boys' Choir asked the department for \$705,000. It said it had debts of up to \$5 million and anticipated a deficit of hundreds of thousands of dollars that fiscal year. The department, which had not previously funded the Boys' Choir, refused.

Turnbull said Friday the Boys' Choir would find a new home.

"Surely there are people out here who realize that when 98 percent of your kids graduate high school and go on to college, that there's something right," he told Fox 5 News.

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Financial Lesson of the Week

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Look for Dividend-paying Stocks

If you found a stock that had risen in value every year for 25 straight years, you'd probably think you had a great investment prospect. Unfortunately, you'd have a tough time locating that stock. On the other hand, with just a little research, you can find many stocks that have increased their dividends for 25 or more consecutive years - and dividends can be quite valuable to you.

You can now find dividend-paying stocks in a wide variety of industries, including financial services, food producers, consumer products, pharmaceuticals, technology, publishing and others. In short, you can help diversify your portfolio by investing in dividend-paying stocks - and many of them offer growth potential, too.

(Keep in mind, though, that stocks are not fixed-income vehicles, and they may not always pay out dividends, no matter how good their track record has been.)

More income...or more shares? At some point in your life, perhaps when you are retired, you may need to use your dividend checks to help boost your cash flow. But when you are still working, you might find it to your advantage to reinvest the dividends back into the stocks you own. And since most stocks will offer automatic dividend reinvestment plans, you don't have to do a thing to boost your ownership stake.

Stocks...or bonds? Up until a few years ago, dividends were taxed at your personal income tax rate. But the tax laws have changed. Now, you'll pay a maximum of 15 percent on dividends.

Clearly, this new rate will affect your decision-making on how to receive investment income. Dividends may now be more attractive, from a tax standpoint, than bonds and certificates of deposit, both of which pay interest that is taxed at your current income tax rate, which could be as high as 35 percent. But you'll need to balance this tax advantage with the greater investment risk carried by stocks. Any investment-grade bond will likely offer you greater protection of principal than even the most stable of stocks. On the other hand, fixed-income investments expose you to purchasing power risk if their return does not keep up with inflation.

Ultimately, there's no easy answer to the question of how you should structure your portfolio to receive investment income. You're probably better off by diversifying your holdings to include both dividend-paying stocks and bonds, along with growth stocks, government securities and other types of investments.

Keep watching the news! The 15 percent rate on dividends is scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2008; after that, dividends will again be taxed at your personal tax rate, unless Congress acts to make the 15 percent rate permanent. So, stay informed on what's happening in Washington - it could have a significant impact on your investment plans.

Questions:

1. True or False — While you are working, you should not reinvest dividends.
2. True or False — Dividends are now more attractive from a tax standpoint.

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NATION

Christmas in New Orleans

Optimism reigns despite shattered buildings

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The congregation of First Emmanuel Baptist Church drove from Baton Rouge, Houston and other points far and wide on Christmas, then walked past collapsed buildings and piles of storm wreckage to worship in their old church for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.

"This means everything. We've come home," Southall, the minister's wife. "My house is gone but I'm still home for Christmas."

The 11-year-old church had lost much of its roof, part of the ceiling still hung precariously and the soggy carpet had not yet been replaced, but the magnificent stained-glass windows survived unscathed, and so did most of the 1,200 members.

Only a handful of people swayed in the pews to the music on Christmas morning, calling out "praise" to the pastor as words, but that number will grow, Southall said. The church in the Uptown section, several miles west of the French Quarter, will bring a bus from Baton Rouge each Sunday to bring members back for the 7:30 a.m. service.



A man dressed as Santa Claus greets residents of Camp Premier, a tent city for people left homeless from Hurricane Katrina, as he arrives at a toy giveaway in Chalmette, La., Saturday.

"It's a grand feeling to be back home," said Southall, whose house was submerged in 8 feet of water after the hurricane. "We're back together. We'll go on from here."

Christmas was a lonely time in much of New Orleans. Miles of houses stood deserted. Topped signs, flooded cars, boats that rescued people trapped by flooding were scattered along streets, in yards and parking lots.

East of the French Quarter in the Lower Ninth Ward, block after block of homes sat destroyed and empty. At a crash site house beside the repaired

branch in the London Avenue canal, someone had spray-painted "Merry Christmas" on a wrecked car, and a stuffed reindeer sat in the driver's seat.

In St. Bernard Parish, where water had covered almost every building, Charlie and Andrea Licciardi watched daughters Alexandria, 5, and Abigail, 4, open presents inside the tiny FEMA trailer they called home for three days.

The girls excitedly pointed out the skylight that Santa used to bring gifts into the trailer, but seemed unaware of the wrecked houses that he had to fly over to find them.

"They really haven't noticed all of that," Andrea Licciardi said. "We haven't slept in a house since the hurricane and haven't had a real bath, the kind you can sink into and relax. But we're a step closer."

Cheryl and Melvin Anderson and their son and three grandchildren celebrated Christmas in a mobile home, one of a little group of trailers occupied by cemetery employees and their families on the grounds of the Metairie Cemetery.

"It's a nice, quiet neighborhood," laughed Melvin Anderson. Cheryl Anderson, 46, got up at 2 a.m. to begin cooking Christmas dinner on the tiny stove. Pots of gumbo and vegetables covered the burners. Ham and Cornish hens filled the oven shelves, a cake stood in the sink to make way for a Monopoly game on the table.

After floating out of her house on a door when the water hit 9 feet, Cheryl Anderson spent two days on an overpass, then took shelter at the Superdome before being evacuated to Birmingham, Ala. Her family was scattered across four states and it took her months to find them.

"This is a very, very special Christmas," she said. "If you'd seen the things I see, you wouldn't think we'd be here today — all the water, all the bodies, people dying all around me."

Rice's star rising even as public sours on Bush

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has become the most popular member of the Bush administration and a potential candidate to succeed her boss in the White House, even as Americans lose confidence in the president she serves and patience with the Iraq war she helped launch.

During her second year as the country's senior diplomat and foreign policy spokeswoman, Rice has improbably shed much of her image as the hawkish

"warrior princess" at President Bush's side. The nickname was reportedly bestowed by her staff at the White House National Security Council, where Rice was an intimate member of Bush's first-term war council.

Rice resolutely defends the post-Sept. 11 war on terrorism and the expansive executive powers that Bush claims came with it. She has lately sounded more optimistic than Bush about the progress of the Iraq war and the future for that country.

Yet, it is unusual to hear anyone talk about Rice as an architect of either of those two defining undertakings of the Bush presidency.

By a mix of charm, luck and political distance from the White House, Rice has managed to escape the fate of Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, who saw their public approval ratings fall to historic lows before rebounding slightly recently.

Karl Campbell, director of the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, credits Rice's heavy travel schedule, an approach to diplomacy that is more pragmatic than other Bush advisers, and a measure of personal pluck as reasons she appears to have sort of skated away from controversies over U.S. intelligence failures and aggressive U.S. tac-



Rice

tics in the hunt for terrorists. Campaign polls said, and from the perception that the United States is "stealing" along in Iraq.

"She appears at once to be close to the president but separate and detached from some of the foibles of the administration, and that's a very hard thing to pull off," he said.

Rice was also a public voice as any for going to war in Iraq. She once famously warned of Saddam Hussein's presumed weapons of mass destruction. "We don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud."

Although Rice's first-term record on Iraq, terrorism and other subjects made for a contentious Senate confirmation hearing last January, most Americans apparently do not hold her personally responsible.

A Pew Research survey in October found that 60 percent of respondents held either a very favorable or mostly favorable view of Rice, while 25 percent had a very or mostly unfavorable view — numbers others in the Bush administration can only envy.

Two years after ousted Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was captured, 64 percent of respondents said the Iraq war was the right thing to do. An AP/Ipsos poll this month showed that only 42 percent now say it was the right decision and support has also dropped for staying in

Iraq until the country is stabilized.

As for Bush, 42 percent said in this month's AP poll that they approve of his job performance, while 57 percent disapproved. That was up from a 37 percent approval rating in November, but well below his stratospheric numbers after Sept. 11.

Rice still has a long way to go to convince skeptics overseas that the United States is not pursuing a misadventure in Iraq, and she will always be the public face abroad of an administration that many in Europe and the Arab world distrust, said Nathan Brown, visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"She may present a slightly softer image, a slightly friendlier image, one that is not knee-jerk defensiveness on issues like the mistreatment of terrorism detainees, Brown said. "But there are limits to what she can do so long as the policy is unpopular."

There is a glamour factor to Rice's appeal, and curiosity about the first black woman to hold the nation's top diplomatic post.

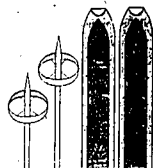
Rice, 51, grew up in the segregated South. She tries to soften the harsh image the United States often projects abroad by telling audiences the discrimination she faced is proof that America isn't perfect.

Rice has never married. She works long hours and keeps fit with a rigorous daily exercise regimen. A clotheshorse, Rice has posed for Vogue magazine in a couture ball gown.

She is fiercely loyal to Bush, and tries to downplay her own rising stock and his public slide.

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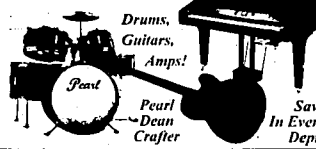
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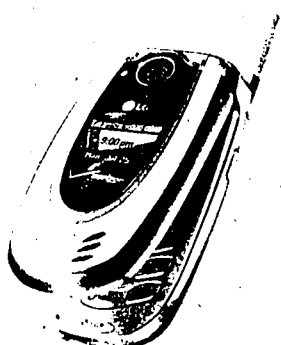
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NATION

Colorado Springs will install system to detect dirty bombs

Los Angeles Times

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Once content to worry about traffic flow and stoplight coordination, John Merritt lately has been pondering darker matters. For example, how if a terrorist scavenge enough radioactive material from workday medical devices in a hospital and fastened a chip to a newspaper box in a popular park, silently emitting enough radiation to kill anyone who spent 10 minutes in its vicinity?

In this quiet bedroom community surrounded by five military bases, including NORAD, which monitors North American airspace, city officials believe that they have to worry about terrorism as much as some of the nation's biggest cities. That's why Merritt, the city's senior traffic engineer, has become the point person in an effort to install a monitoring system that could detect a dirty bomb or another similar radiological terrorist attack.

The network still is in the early stages, with the city having obtained four sensors for a test run before it applies for grant money to buy the rest. The goal is for sensors affixed to the city's traffic lights to sound an alarm at a central headquarters if they detect a sizable amount of radiation. Traffic-light cameras automatically will photograph the landscape in all four directions when radiation is registered by a specific sensor.

Many U.S. ports have devices that can detect radioactive emissions, and some public transportation systems — such as the Washington, D.C. subway — have contemplated installing them. Tunnels into New York City also are equipped with devices that screen for radiation.

But Colorado Springs appears to be the first city in the nation to prepare a citywide detection system. Ottawa, Canada, is the only other North American city that has a similar setup, according to the company that makes the products Colorado Springs is using.

To Merritt, it makes sense that this city of 360,000 is the first American city to go on permanent lookout for dirty bombs. "We've got every military base in the world here," Merritt said. "We're on the list of top 70 potential terrorist targets."

Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert and director of the RAND Corp.'s Washington, D.C. office, also said it's logical for the city to

launch a detection system. "In the post-9/11 world, it's hard to say what doesn't make sense," he said. "The proclivity for everyone is to err on the side of caution."

But the arrival of dirty bomb monitors in Colorado Springs has as much to do with happenstance and the oddities of government funding as it does anti-terrorist strategy.

Merritt stumbled on the idea as he was networking all of the city's traffic signals earlier this year. What other information could be broadcast over the radio network he was launching that covered 1,500 square miles?

He thought of the neighboring military facilities and terrorism, and began to contemplate creating a system to spot possible threats entering


Colorado Springs. Merritt couldn't find technology that could be outfitted to traffic lights that would detect chemical attacks, but the technology existed for devices to detect radioactive attacks.

Now Merritt dreams of securing funding from the Department of Homeland Security to set up the stoplight-based detection system in Colorado Springs — and beyond. "Homeland Security's got more money than all of us put together," said Merritt, 56. "What if we can get Homeland Security to put all these things in, but also put in new traffic signals?"

He cited a recent study that gave the U.S. a grade of D for its coordination of traffic lights. "It's a big win for my profession," Merritt added.

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Colin Powell weighs in on eavesdropping

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Colin Powell on Sunday supported government eavesdropping to prevent terrorism but said a major controversy over presidential powers could have been avoided by obtaining court warrants.

Powell said that when he was in the Cabinet, he was not told that President Bush authorized a warrantless National Security Agency surveillance operation after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week," Powell said he sees "absolutely nothing wrong with the president authorizing these kinds of actions" to protect the nation.

But he added, "My own judgment is that it does seem to me, anyway, that it would have been hard to go get the warrants. And even in the case of an emergency, you go and do it."

The New York Times reported in its Internet site Friday that the NSA has traced and analyzed large volumes of telephone and Internet communications flowing into and out of the United States. The program bypassed the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

Powell said Congress will need to judge whether Bush is correct in his assertion that he could approve eavesdropping without first obtaining court orders.

"And that's going to be a great debate," Powell said.



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The class will include information on basic spine anatomy, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain, along with instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury...

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 5 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus...

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures

will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required: call 732-3148.

Big Kids class

Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 7 in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class is designed to help prepare siblings for a new baby. Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children. Pre-registration is required: call 732-3148.

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CSI offers workshops on healthy eating habits

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer "Eat Well & Be Healthy," a series of four workshops designed to teach healthy living through foods.

All four workshops are taught by Jill Sherman Skeem, a macrobiotic counselor and coach and a graduate of the Strengthening Health Institute in Philadelphia.

All four workshops can be taken for \$60. Students will learn why diets do not work, why someone gains weight, the truth about nutrition myths, where foods accumulate in the body, pear versus apple figures and healthy eating habits.

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"In 'Eat Well — Week One,' students will learn why diets do not work, why someone gains weight, the truth about nutrition myths, where foods accumulate in the body, pear versus apple figures and healthy eating habits, class organizers said. Students must take this workshop before taking the other three. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 19 in Shields 108 on the CSI campus. Cost is \$40. For information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6280.

students will learn what foods to eat and not to eat for true health. They will learn how food affects their body, how cooking methods affect food, which methods to use and how to use, and how to plan menus. Class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 26 in Shields 108. Cost is \$25.

"In 'Eat Well — Week Three,' students will learn about cravings — what causes them and what they mean. They will also learn how to eat to satisfy their cravings in a healthy way. Class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in Shields 108. Cost is \$25.

"In 'Eat Well — Week Four,' students will discuss how to eat out and make healthy choices. They will learn how to choose and what to eat at a party or during the holidays, as well as what they should do in a 'food' emergency. They will learn what to look for when grocery shopping and how they can change their view of food. Class will be held from 7 and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in Shields 108. Cost is \$25.

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Auld lang stylin'

By Janelle Erlichman Diamond The Washington Post

New Year's Eve has three essential parts: the champagne, the kiss and the clothes. While you can't always control the quality of the first two, you can command the wardrobe. The trick is in accessories.

It's about "dressing up a little more" than you normally would, says Kathryn Floyd, accessories editor of Marie Claire. "But you don't want to go over the top." Oufit simply (little black, white, red, black, and tuxedo pants) and accessorize smartly (metal mesh scarf, chunky cocktail ring).

Floyd encourages some something that grabs, but "I'm not going to say 'bling' — I hate that word," she confesses. Fair enough. How about dazzle? Shoes: Blue toes are not cute. Unless you're

going directly from house to car to party. "No strappy open-toe shoes," Dryd says. Find something metallic instead with a sexy heel and pointy toe (found, if you're gonna beat on your feet for a long time). A knee-high boot works with a skirt or dress, too. And, Floyd says, "they're a little warmer." Jewelry: "I love stacking bangles, solid gold or silver — it

goes with everything," she says. With necklaces, try a stave-like pendant or a thimstone. Bags: "Clutches are the way to go," Floyd says. "They always look chic and are easy to match with everything." For a standing, room-only affair, look for something with a long chain strap. The better to keep track of. "You can get away with more over New Year's," Floyd says. "So why not go for it?"

Clutch bags always look chic. Here, ribbon clutch with hidden chain strap, \$85 at ellis-abloom.com.

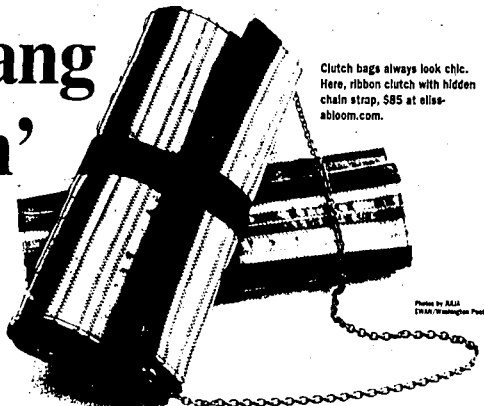


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The trick for New Year's Eve fashion is in the accessories. Some dazzle, from left: Dior logo necklace, \$145 at eLUXURY.com, and Cheryl de Candia earrings of faceted coral crystal briolettes, \$85 at cheryldecandia.com.



Smoking

Class was a support group for him. Pearson provided good information.

"She was really supportive and not pushy," Zwarych said. "And it was just good to have a place to go.

Encouragement from other participants helped Jeffrey Cherry of Twin Falls stop smoking. And information from Pearson — such as the 4,000 chemicals in one cigarette — gave it further importance.

Cherry said he tried quitting on his own after 24 years of smoking, but six years later he resumed the habit. After a year and a half, he decided to quit again.

"It was very hard," Cherry said. "People had told me before that I shouldn't quit again because the second time is even harder than the first time — and I believe that to be true now."

His four children had been insisting that he quit, even crushing his cigarettes or throwing them away. Sixteen-year-old Kristen told him she wanted him to live so he would be able to watch her dance when she becomes a professional.

Added to that, Cherry — a nursing student apprentice — regularly sees people dying from breathing problems and other disorders resulting from smoking.

He quit cold turkey while attending the class, and all was well for the first couple of days. "Then I started getting affect-

ed — restlessness and irritability — but probably about the fifth day," he said. "At the same time I was getting ready to take an exam."

Part of the smoking habit involves holding the cigarette and putting it in the mouth. When people quit they usually substitute that motion with food — and weight gain. Instead, Pearson suggests relaxation exercises, deep breathing or chewing gum, colorful sticks or straws, etc.

If you have a person that smokes one pack of cigarettes a day, a typical smoker takes 10 puffs on one cigarette, and so over the course of the day they have done that hand-to-mouth motion 200 times," Pearson said. "Times that over the course of one year, it is 73,000 times."

Like Zwarych, Cherry hasn't smoked since the class. Before that, he used to run out of breath on the first or second flight of stairs in the Portmout Motel in the north. When people quit they usually substitute that motion with food — and weight gain. Instead, Pearson suggests relaxation exercises, deep breathing or chewing gum, colorful sticks or straws, etc.

"We have a total of six floors," he said. "I can go from the basement and climb five full flights of stairs. And I was actually running up the stairs this past weekend and managed to run the whole way and it was fine and I wasn't dying when I got to the top."

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A beard is no slacker solution for most men

By Suzanne D'Amato The Washington Post

To beard, or not to beard? As grooming trends go, the beard will probably never rival the faux hawk for sheerfad-dismiss. But for many men, hirsute is nicely hip.

Michael Kirby, 30, of Landham, Md., grew his beard for the first time when he was 17 and has worn it since. The notion that the style has renewed cheek doesn't surprise him. "I just think it makes a man more manly," he says.

Still, that doesn't make the beard a solution for every man who's ever groaned at the

thought of picking up a razor. "The younger guys are getting away with it a little bit more," says Michael Gilman, co-owner of the Grooming Lounge, an upscale barbershop in Washington. "For college guys, it's that slacker thing. It's cool to have a big fuzzy beard... it goes with their rocker tees."

For older professionals, however, Gilman maintains that an unshaven face is often seen as socially inappropriate, even as guests have become commonplace. "It's like showing up to work in a short-sleeved shirt, or not wearing a tie," he says. In some industry watchers, the style's success owes more to

men's desire to save time than their wish to follow a trend. "Shaving is painful," says Candie Rainey, associate editor at GQ magazine. "It comes down to the fact that guys don't want to do it every day."

And so, some men are becoming attuned to what many women have known for decades: that the "natural" look requires a lot of effort — and, usually, no small amount of cash — to attain. Gilman cites

Grooming Lounge regulars who come in for beard maintenance as frequently as three times a week. Men's shave products are one of the beauty industry's fastest-growing categories.

"Men want to look and appear as masculine as possible," says Karen Grant, senior industry analyst at NPD Beauty, a division of market research firm of the NPD Group. "But being a man today requires that one is well-groomed."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Three charged with church vandalism

HURLEY - Two men and a woman from southern Idaho have been charged with vandalism and theft at two Mormon churches last weekend. Michael Slack, 19, and Joshua Pierce, 20, both of Burley, were arrested Wednesday. Adelia Ann Stauders, 18, of Heyburn, was arrested Thursday. The three were charged in 5th District Court with felony vandalism, burglary and grand theft in break-ins at two churches last Sunday.

Police have asked prosecutors to file additional "hate crime" charges if they determine the defendants were motivated by bias against The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a picture of the Mormon leader, Gordon B. Hinckley, was torn up at one church and another picture had the face of Jesus cut from it.

According to police, the three have acknowledged taking a computer, software and papers from the churches and dumping the items into the Snake River near Milner Dam.

Offices, facilities will be closed today

TWIN FALLS - Many offices and facilities will be closed today for Christmas. Here's a rundown of what will be closed or open.
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• The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
• YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.
• Magic Valley Mall will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
• Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

Library sets meetings about expansion plan

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library will hold two information meetings regarding its proposed addition and renovation. The first meeting will be 10 a.m. Jan. 5 in the library's program room. Members of the library expansion advisory panel will lead the meeting. For more information, call the library at 733-2954.

Lickley House wins grant from trust

BOISE - The Idaho Heritage Trust committed more than \$200,000 in grants and architectural assistance to historic Idaho buildings and artifacts at its recent trustee meeting. Grants awarded include The Lickley House at the Jerome Farm and Ranch Museum, \$40,000, and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Hailey, \$5,000. The trust also provides the services of an architectural conservator to those interested in repairing and renovating historic buildings throughout Idaho. The endowment now has \$5 million in license plate and privately raised funds. Interest on the endowment is primarily used for bricks and mortar-type projects. Paul Smith of Twin Falls and Ashton and John Chapman of Hailey are among the trustees on the Idaho Heritage Trust board. For more information about trust programs, contact Caethia Pace, Executive Director, The Idaho Heritage Trust, P.O. Box 830, Weiser, ID 83472; by phone at (208) 549-1778 or by e-mail at gaethia@mindspring.com.

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A HEART FOR TEACHING

Oakley woman loved her students

By Jaml Whited Times-News writer

OAKLEY - Fanne Haines' own teachers helped her develop a love for education, but it was her sister who inspired her to become a teacher, and in many people's opinion, she was one of the best.

As one of Oakley's most beloved educators, Haines is a legacy in her own right. She died at 82 years old on Dec. 18.

She was raised in Minnesota and attended a one-room school house. She was taught 8th-grade by her older sister, and she made Haines repeat it. During World War II, she worked at Western Union in California and met Cloyce Haines who was in the Navy. From then on, they were side-by-side. "Whenever you thought of one you thought of the other," said Doris, her daughter-in-law.

There isn't one [student] that she didn't ask about.

- Doris, her daughter-in-law

The couple eventually received degrees in education and settled in Oakley. She loved teaching, but she loved her students even more.

"There isn't one that she didn't ask about," Doris said. "Even the people that grew up here and moved away, they still stopped by to visit when they were in town - she was a legacy." Students counted on and appreciated her genuine smile and caring nature to see that each student

achieved the best of their ability. Haines enjoyed attending ball-games and yelling to the players, coaches and referees, and she wasn't afraid to state her opinions. Once, Haines identified a lively game with a hishop.

"One of the referees turned to them and said, 'If you two don't quiet down, I'm going to have to escort you out of here,'" Doris said, laughing. "And she said, 'Well, until you learn your job, we're going to be going with us!'" She could often, be found helping elderly widows travel to doctor appointments and to temple in Idaho Falls, Boise and Ogden, Utah; feeding birds; raising marigolds and red roses; and there was always a book or two on her table.

Most often, though, she was visiting with others. "She loved everyone," Doris said. "Please see HAINES, Page B6"

aLife remembered Fanne Haines. Born: March 5, 1923. Died: Dec. 18, 2005. Survivors: Children, James "Bar" (Donis) Haines of Oakley, Dana (Mike) Tanner of Layton, Utah, Diane (John) Remington of Dayton, Nev., and Kevin (Suzie) Haines of North Pole, Alaska; one brother, Jim (Janice) Radwin of Nisswa, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by husband and sons, Gary Allen and David Jon.

DREAM COME TRUE



Left to right: Carey resident and guide Robert Hennefer, Gilp Gayle, and Richard Gayle with the large 7x7 bull elk taken last October by Gilp Gayle.

Youth bags elk in 'Hunt of a Lifetime'

By Rusty Tews Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - You might be a redneck if the first thing that you say when you come out of a coma is "How's my dog?" Co-median Jeff Foxworthy coined the joke after meeting 18-year-old Gilp Gayle of Sawtooth, Ga. Gayle uttered the phrase, "How's Yeller?" on regaining consciousness after five days in intensive care. He had been blinded by a 12-gauge shotgun from about 24 feet away while dove hunting with a friend. The massive wound nearly destroyed his right ear, temple and most of the right side of his skull.

The blast blew a hole in his left Foxworthy ballcap, directly between the words Jeff and Foxworthy. Even though the medical response was quick, Gayle wasn't expected to live. After 14 months of repeated surgeries, emergency room visits and therapy, Gayle was on the road to recovery. Unfortunately, his family's medical bills were enormous.

Friends contacted Foxworthy to ask for help. Upon learning of the wounded cat and hunter, Foxworthy traveled to Atlanta to visit Gayle. Foxworthy's help helped raise \$250,000 for Gayle's medical expenses.

To his mother's dismay, Gayle continued to talk about hunting. He said, "During my recovery I spent endless hours watching television. I could do little else. I watched a lot of hunting shows. Hunting is still in my blood."

"My mother and I were watching a Hunt of a Lifetime show and I got all choked up watching a young kid with cancer hunting," said Gayle.

Additional info about Hunt of a Lifetime

Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to fund hunting and fishing adventures for people 21 and under who have been diagnosed with life threatening illnesses and/or injuries. In the past year, three hunts have been arranged by Idaho Ambassadors Brian and Lorna Hamel.

For more information or to nominate a young person for an adventure, contact Brian Hamel at 208-788-5824 or www.huntofalifetime.org.

Despite her feelings about hunting, Gayle's mother, Beth, secretly contacted the "Hunt of a Lifetime" program to arrange a hunt. This past October, Gilp Gayle was kneeling on a hillside near Carey, Idaho, drawing a bead on a trophy bull elk. Gayle said, "I was shocked at the size of this animal and how fast he was able to run."

"I just can't describe the excitement I felt when I heard that elk bugle. That alone was worth the trip!" Gayle recalled that he and the guide got in position in some nearby sagebrush. "My heart was pounding so fast I could hardly breathe," said Gayle. "Robert called with his crow call again, and the romance began," recalled the young man that nearly died from a hunting accident. He said that the bull started bugling back.

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Carey couple sign up for foster parenting program

By Jamey Colter Times-News correspondent

CAREY - You don't have to be Spiderman, Superman, a firefighter or a policeman to be a foster parent. Sometimes all you need to be is a devoted person with tons of love, an unlimited amount of patience, a little discipline, and usually a large house. At least that's what Carey residents Craig and Betty Adamson are discovering. "We just want to try and do some good in the world," said

Betty Adamson. The "good" the Adamsons are doing is foster parenting. "We have seven kids of our own between the ages of 23 and 8. But we felt like we still had more love to give," Betty said. So the couple signed up for a state-funded foster parenting program held in Burley. The program is called Pride Training and it covers a multitude of topics. "We learned about everything from discipline to empathizing with kids to learning how to deal with

hyperactivity and behavioral problems, and they even brought in police, a judge, an attorney, and a prosecutor to demonstrate how they run a kid through the system," Craig said. And with the meth epidemic on the rise in Idaho, there continues to be a great need for foster parents. "We learned that the ratio of meth houses to non-meth houses in the Magic Valley is high and growing higher everyday," Craig said. "We are also seeing crystal meth on the rise

here in Blaine County." Meth can be smoked, injected, snorted or swallowed. It is made from common household products like antifreeze, lantern oil, battery acid and over-the-counter medications containing ephedrine. The impact on the user and his/her family is devastating because users are prone to out-of-control fits of rage, coupled with violence and extreme paranoia. Long-term use of the drug leads to eventual psychosis. And meth labs Please see FOSTER, Page B6

Red Cross aims to boost bucks

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - In the wake of such catastrophic natural disasters like hurricanes Katrina and Rita, people dug deep into their pockets and generously gave to those in need.

And that's a good thing. But as American Red Cross District Director Whitney Beam said recently, the local Red Cross budget picture is a little grim. "We are the only nonprofit organization in the United States that is federally mandated to respond to a natural disaster and we want to make sure the funding is there so that we can assist at the level needed," she said.

Beam said that although it may only cost the Red Cross \$500-plus to provide for a family in need, the reality is that (at some point) it begins to drain financial resources. "We are the only nonprofit organization in the United States that is federally mandated to respond to a natural disaster and we want to make sure the funding is there so that we can assist at the level needed," she said.

As funding for the local chapter has fallen behind the needs of the community, the Red Cross has been forced to cut educational health and safety programs, as well as eliminating some staff positions. Currently the local office is running a skeleton crew.

Besides the part-time office assistant (paid for through an older worker program at the College of Southern Idaho) I am the only one here," Beas said. "We count on those volunteers." She explained that in the new year, the Red Cross will be implementing various funding drives and will attempt to boost local participation. "You are only as good as the community you serve," Beas said. "I think that the area and its people have a lot to offer."

Beas said that the Red Cross has been poured into the international level and more is needed for the local efforts.

He will be assisting Beas in projects such as changing the Idaho income tax form to include a check box for donation. "This would give the public a choice to donate," Beas said. "They wouldn't be peer-pressured into giving, but it could turn out to be a huge funding opportunity." If passed, taxpayers could have the chance to give \$10 in 2007. "Another idea the Red Cross is considering is getting Magg, 77-year-old, to participate in 'Coins That Count.' The schools would compete against each other in fundraising, with the top prize being a laptop computer that will be donated by Twin Falls Laptops." Beas said that a few years ago the fundraiser was successful. In March, Beas is hoping to get businesses and their employees involved in an "Hour for the Red" where workers donate an hour of salary to help local residents in need of assistance. "We want people to know that we are here to help and we want to make sure that we have the resources to do it," she said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

ON THE AGENDA

Tuesday
 Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
 Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wednesday
 Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 19th St.
 Teton County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday
 Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Friday
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Today
 All campus is closed for semester break, except Herrett Center for Arts and Science.
 Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Tuesday
 Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
 "Contemporary Landscape Paintings" by Alison Hall (through Jan. 28), Herrett Center, Jean B. King gallery (free admission).
 "Mysteries From the Depths of Space," 1 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "Season of Light," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m.,

Faulkner Planetarium.
 CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball team participates in the Dixie Tournament, time to be announced, St. George, Utah (game broadcast on AM 1270 KTFI).
 "Postcards From Twin Falls," CSI Photography and English Department exhibit, Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room (through Jan. 17).
Wednesday
 Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
 "Season of Light," 1 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball team participates in the Dixie Tournament, time to be announced, St. George, Utah (game broadcast on AM 1270 KTFI).
Thursday
 Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
 "Season of Light," 1 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 Twin Falls Centennial Dance Band weekly rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 121.
 CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball team participates in the Dixie Tournament, time to be announced, St. George, Utah (game broadcast on AM

1270 KTFI).
Friday
 Junior Eagle Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., gym.
 "Mysteries From the Depths of Space," 1 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "Season of Light," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
 "Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Saturday
 Junior Eagle Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., gym.
 United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
 Herrett Center for Arts and Science is closed.

Haines

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 lot of people called her to find out what was going on in the community."
 Her son, Kevin, said that she could tell him all about the children of Oakley, even those she didn't teach.
 "This community is like a family in itself," Kevin said. "They (his parents) really enjoyed watching the kids grow up, go to school and then come back."
 Kevin remembers his family always opening their doors to anyone in need whenever a crisis occurred, the Haines' welcomed people with open arms.
 "She strongly believed that family was the greatest asset in life. Kevin said, "It was the closest, family-oriented part of the community that Haines loved so much."
 "She was a great supporter to the whole community, the adults and youth," said Eric Bedke, Oakley First Ward bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 "She was kind of a hub in taking care of everyone in our area."
 Haines was Bedke's high school English teacher, but he had known her since his elementary years. He also had Joyce as a science teacher.
 "They epitomized old school discipline. There was always a

lot of learning," Bedke remembered. "You knew that they loved you, but by the same token, they always expected a lot from you."
 Her energetic, lively spirit and "do the best you can" creed was shared with all.
 In the community, she enjoyed being a ticket-taker at Oakley celebrations, leading the drill team and cheerleading, and holding summer barbecues, where everyone was welcome.
 Most of her time, though, was spent giving to others, whether it be motivating them to do better or just lending a helping hand.
 "She had a genuine care for each person and gave time to that person," Doris said. "We're in such a fast-paced world, but she took the time to help others."
 Even when Fanne was faced with the tragic losses of her husband and two sons, Bedke couldn't remember a time that Haines didn't bring a light to the puzzles, everyone may work at once. She also thought it would be fun to copy one puzzle so several could compete to finish it first. She planned to do some grandchildren's Christmas stockings with su-

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Utah puzzle fans find pleasure in brain-teasers

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Humans by nature are problem-solvers. No wonder, then, we are enduringly fascinated by doing puzzles for entertainment.
 Sudoku, a pencil and paper logic puzzle is the latest craze. It jumped to Britain from Japan, where it was invented. Sudoku is short for "suji wa dokushini kagami" (only single numbers allowed). Although the puzzle uses numbers, no math is involved, just logic.
 Logan resident Anne Hatch said the 9-by-9 grids offer mental recreation.
 "I do sudoku," she said. "Fun — that's why I do it. And, it's relaxing."
 Besides the sudoku puzzle is shared, the puzzle's triumphs and mistakes stay private.
 "There was this 9 — it was really stubborn — maybe, it was too fast," mused Hatch. But, she added, "nobody knows but me."
 She has shared sudoku with her grandchildren, though. By taking out pages from a book of the puzzles, everyone may work at once. She also thought it would be fun to copy one puzzle so several could compete to finish it first. She planned to do some grandchildren's Christmas stockings with su-

doku books.
 The family of Tim Slocum, Arvo Slocum and their sons Dave Merrill and Matt Slocum, is in its third generation of fascination with mechanical puzzles. Tim's father, Jerry Slocum, has published several books about making and solving them, and introduced Tim as a child to the brain-teasing craft.
 "To enjoy them, you need to get reinforced early on," suggested DesJardins.
 She brings them into the school she directs, the Cache Valley Learning Center, to encourage students' mental flexibility and persistence in problem solving.
 "They build up persistence in problem-solving," she said, "if they are introduced gradually, from easier to more difficult."
 The introduction to one of Jerry Slocum's books, "Puzzles Old & New, How to Make and Solve Them," outlines various types of mechanical puzzles. Different from the pencil and paper sudoku logic puzzles, mechanical puzzles involve physical manipulation as well. But even though physical dexterity can be a part of solving mechanical puzzles, it's not just about fine motor coordination.

The book notes that mechanical puzzles involve deductive and inductive logic, as well as mathematical elements like topology. Making and solving them is a form of recreational mathematics.
 Not to scare off potential puzzle-solvers, the emphasis is on recreation. Mechanical puzzles of all different kinds cover the top of the coffee table in the DesJardins-Slocum-Arvo living room, and the first impulse is to pick up one and figure it out.
 One of the elements of solving a puzzle is often the puzzle's misdirected attention.
 "A puzzling object" said Tim, "touches magic on one side and math on the other."
 Said DesJardins about lock puzzles: "They have key holes and you want to use the key. But it's something else — misdirection."
 The puzzle is only two pieces of wood that are supposed to join to form the letter T. Its main difficulty is misdirection.
 From the grain of the wood, which is mismatched when the pieces are correctly laid out, to the twist of imagination needed to form a T with diagonally joined pieces instead of the conventional way of two straight pieces at right angles.

Dave Merrill added, "They find all these ways to make it not work."
 One thing that apparently has worked in that household is the development of a fascination with problem solving.
 Matt Slocum, a Logan High School student, said he and his brother are working on a way to solve puzzles en masse.
 "We're writing a program to solve sudoku puzzles," he said. He noted a big difference between programming and puzzle solving.
 "Programming is going directly (to a solution). Puzzles are going indirectly," he said.
 Puzzle fans live all around the world and even share an international puzzle party, rotating among Europe, the United States and Asia. This year was in Finland.
 "They gather for a week to trade, share and show their new stuff," said DesJardins.
 Last year's "new stuff" was a ring puzzle, said Matt, referring to a disentanglement puzzle that took the practiced puzzle-solvers at the annual meeting three solid days to solve. This year, it was a "hexalexagon," Matt said.
 "Very cool," said Dave appreciatively.

Foster

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 are popping-up all over the nation.
 "Once a house has a meth lab in it, the house is contaminated. So even if a person moves in after the criminals have left, the chemical still affects you," Craig noted.
 Removing a foster parenting license isn't easy because a candidate must endure a rigorous background check, along with four different home-study programs and interviews with even the most remote affiliates and/or friends.
 And when social workers determine that a child is in need, the response can be immediate.
 "We had a social worker call us and ask if we wanted to take care of a child," said Betty. "We told her yes, and she was here within the hour."
 But the Adamsons are just trying to make a difference a little bit at a time.
 "There were 25 people in our pride training class in Burley," Craig said.
 "People from all walks of life — lawyers, surgeons, welders,"

All of these people had one thing in common: concern for our nation's most precious asset.
 "The ultimate goal of the system is to find the children a safe place to be, preferably with a relative," Betty said.
 "But it can be hard to let a child go once we've gotten attached. So we just believe in the lord and know that what we are doing will make a difference in the world," Betty said.
 "When we first talked about doing it, our older kids were a little apprehensive. But now our daughter who is in college comes home to see the little ones," Craig said.
 "It's brought us a lot closer together as a family."

Jenny Galter lives in Carry and can be reached by e-mail at coltj@51skyline.net.

Hunt

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 and began banging on some trees.
 He noted that the bull was moving towards them (and the call) very quickly.
 "I put on my special ear protection because of my injury," said Gayle. "Robert was trying to tell me to wait so he could bring the bull in for a better shot. With the ear protection on, I didn't hear him."
 "I got myself into shooting position, got my gun set and took my best shot. Pow! From over 300 yards I dropped the elk."
 At that point, the adrenaline really began to flow.
 "At that point, I don't know who was more excited — me, my dad, or Robert. It was one of the greatest moments of my life."
 The kill was a 7x7 Royal bull elk. The sight of the spectacular creature rendered the young man speechless. "I just kept hugging my dad and asking him if that was real."

The hunting magic only got better for Gayle and his hunting companions. Two days later, Gayle's guide spotted a large mule deer buck. Gayle said, "I got in position and when I looked through the scope to see the buck for myself, I almost passed out. He was huge!"
 "Once again, with my whole body shaking, I put my finger on the trigger, said a prayer, and took the shot."
 "You got him, you got him, yipped! And he's a real beauty," yelled Gayle's dad and the guide.
 The buck was a 17-point non-typical mule deer. "What a dream come true for me."
 "When we got back to camp, there were hunters from all over coming to see this deer. They all made a big fuss over the buck and over me," remembered Gayle.
 "It was awesome."
 "As we left the base camp, I looked back at the horses, the mules, the wonderful guides,

and the spectacular mountain ranges and realized that this truly was a hunt of a lifetime," said Gayle.
 At an appreciation dinner hosted by Lorna and Brian Hamel, Bellevue residents and Idaho Hunt of a Lifetime ambassadors, Richard Gayle, Gyp's father said, "If everyone in Idaho are as kind as these people we have met, then Idaho has the nicest people on earth."
 In thanking the group at the dinner, Gyp Gayle said, "I want you all to know that you've

helped change a devastating catastrophic injury in my life (and the lives of my family and friends) into a lifelong mission to help others."
 He recently received word that on the Gayles' return to Georgia, Gyp required emergency surgery to repair a leaking skull. He is currently recovering at his home in Georgia.
 Rusty Tees lives in the north Shoshone area. He can be reached at rustytees2@yaho.com.

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TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Duke advanced to the Sweet 16 for the eighth consecutive season in 2005. What is the record for the most consecutive Sweet 16 appearances?

.....answer below

IN BRIEF
Little Dribblers hoops camp set

TWIN FALLS — The Little Dribblers basketball camp will be held for players grades K-6 on Saturday, Jan. 14 and 21 and Monday, Jan. 23, at Twin Falls High School's Baum Gymnasium.

The camp will divide into two age groups, grades K-3 and 4-6.

Grades K-3 will meet 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday and Monday from 6-7 p.m.

They will also perform at halftime at the varsity girls basketball game on Tuesday, Jan. 24. Players in grades 4-6 will meet 8 to 10 a.m. each Saturday and on Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for competition finals and an award for every camper.

Cost for the camp is \$30 and a limit of 200 campers will be allowed for each session.

Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt and a custom Brun basketball.

Registration forms are available at the local elementary schools or can be picked up at Donnelley Sports or the Twin Falls High School office.

For more information, call Matt Harr at 737-5208 ext. 3070.

CSI hosts hoops camp this month

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will host 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 732-6489, or athletics office manager Christa Ute at 732-6486.

CSI offers baseball camp Dec. 27-29

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

The camp will be held inside the 7,000 square foot Expo Center located on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

Instruction covers hitting, pitching, catching, infield/outfield skills and base running. CSI's staff combined with present and former professional players will provide a great learning experience to the participants.

To receive an application or more information, visit the website at http://www.csi.edu/student/athletics/baseball_camp.htm or call Skip Walker at 732-6650 or 734-6285.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:
North Carolina, with 13 — from the 1980-81 season to 1992-93.

NFL WEEK 16

Bears win NFC North



Chicago Bears safety Chris Harris (40) intercepts a pass intended for Green Bay receiver Rod Gardner (82) and to end their NFL game Sunday at Lambeau Field. Bears cornerback Nathan Vasher (33) defends Gardner.

Chicago holds off Packers rally to earn first-round bye

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Most playoff teams would expect to get more than 166 yards passing from their starting quarterback. For the Chicago Bears, however, it represents a giant leap forward.

It was "used it a little bit," Grossman said. "We saw a lot of tape where we could do some things down the field, and we made a few plays there. We got a lead and came back to our running game and great defense."

Ravens ruin Vikings playoff aspirations

BALTIMORE — The Minnesota Vikings' flickering playoff hopes were snuffed out by a barrage of precision passes from a suddenly effective Kyle Boller.

The Glove gives Lakers fits

MIAMI — Gary Payton distances himself from what he calls "the Shaq-Kobe nonsense," saying he stays neutral because he's friendly with both players.

Choosing sides on the court, well, that's another matter — because Shaquille O'Neal is clearly Payton's favorite there.

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The Packers (11-4) also swept the Bears for the first time since 1991.

"I don't think you can change the magnitude of winning in Green Bay or clinching the division in Green Bay," said linebacker Lance Briggs, who forced an interception for a touchdown in the third quarter.

"It's the Packers. They're our biggest rival." The Packers (11-4) are well on their way toward their first losing season in the Brett Favre era. With one game remaining, the futures of Favre and coach Mike Sherman remain in doubt.

"This one really hurts, because we didn't want them to win the division on our field," Packers defensive tackle Grady Jackson said. "This season feels like a bad dream."

"Anytime a quarterback gets four interceptions, you have to look at that," Sherman said. "I do know this: He gave us a chance to win there at the end."

Favre has gone four straight games without a touchdown pass, the first time in his career he has gone more than two games without throwing for a score.

Favre, who has yet to decide if he will return to play next season, didn't speak to reporters after the game.

Favre outdressed Grossman with 317 yards on 30-of-51 passing, including six passes to Donald Driver for 106 yards. But Grossman threw more effective deep passes, opening up space for running back Thomas Jones. Jones had 25 carries for 105 yards and a touchdown.

"It was good to see the defense finish the job at the end. It was a great team effort. A great team win."

Grossman missed most of last season with a knee injury, then broke his ankle in a preseason game in August. He was replaced by rookie Kyle Orton, who played mostly mistake-free football but didn't make spectacular plays.

Smith replaced Orton with Grossman in the second half of the Bears' victory over Atlanta.

Most of the sellout crowd wore red shirts, some donned Santa hats and banged candy-cane-striped noisemakers. There was some holiday cheer, of course. Lakers coach Phil Jackson strode to the Heat bench a few minutes before tip-off, shook hands with Riley, his longtime rival, then shared a quick hug with O'Neal — who teamed with Jackson to win three championships with the Lakers.

But the O'Neal-Bryant relationship seemed frostier than ever.

The duo wouldn't acknowledge or look at each other before the game, not shaking hands like last year before the Christmas tip-off in Los Angeles. Their first contact was 23 seconds in, when O'Neal fouled Bryant while setting a pick for Wade and drew big cheers when Bryant tumbled to the floor.

After the game, O'Neal didn't want to talk about Bryant.

It was just another game to Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant and Udonis Haslem, right, apply pressure during the fourth quarter Sunday in Miami.

ABC's MNF series ends

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — From its inception, ABC's Monday Night Football was a risky experiment that defied American sports tradition. From Howard Cosell's pontification to Don Meredith's down-home songs to Dennis Miller's arcane analogies, it dominated TV viewing in homes and bars across the nation.

"The broadcast was a hodgepodge of personalities and defining moments and follies, eye-rapping on-the-field performances and the kind of impromptu silliness that only short boredom can create."

In only, it was exactly what ABC Sports boss Roone Arledge hoped it would be. It was theater.

Televised sports reaches the end of one era and the beginning of another Monday night when ABC signs off on its prime-time weeknight coverage of the NFL for the final time and hands off to sister network ESPN.

The 55th Monday night game on the network is itself a little consequence: The dismal New York Jets play the New England Patriots, who already are playoff bound but have no chance to improve their position.

The series switches networks next season, when ESPN begins paying \$1.1 billion per year for Monday night rights in an eight-year deal.

"Monday Night Football is the premier property in sports television," ESPN president George Bodenheimer said. "All the players get up for it. All the teams watch. It's a national showcase. To be able to transition it to ESPN is an honor."

There was no ESPN when ABC began its MNF run on Sept. 21, 1970, with the Jets playing at Cleveland. It was the beginning of 36 seasons of one of television's most valuable franchises, a compelling three hours that became the longest running prime-time sports series in TV history.

Multiplex Stadium was jammed with 85,700 fans, that first night as ABC began a broadcasting odyssey with Keith Jackson doing play-by-play.



Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant tries to pass as Miami's Gary Payton and Udonis Haslem, right, apply pressure during the fourth quarter Sunday in Miami.

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SPORTS

Jamaican star's refuge



Mugabe Thomas practices his free throws recently at Cedarville University in Ohio.

NAIA standout left gunfire for quiet Cedarville

CEARVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Mugabe Thomas used to count gunshots instead of sheep as he tried to fall asleep at his home in Kingston, Jamaica, as a basketball star at tiny Cedarville University in sleepy southwest Ohio...

Thomas was killed in Kingston — stabbed 27 times. That was especially painful to Thomas because his friend had been the one who pushed him to leave Jamaica and pursue basketball...

Christian credo and Slagle's sincerity sealed the deal during recruiting, even though the Yellow Jackets play in the small-college NAIA. The clincher was when Slagle told Thomas he could call him collect any time...

Youth sports are running out of bounds across country



Youth wrestlers look on during a recent wrestling match in Westlake, Ohio.

WESTLAKE, Ohio (AP) — Bonville's bounce to the unsteady rhythm of multicolored balls thudding off dozens of tiny knees, heads and feet. As parents watch from nearby bleachers, the girls enjoy themselves in the shrinking sunlight, kicking and giggling as they move around orange cones like a swarm of bees...

Their names have been whispered to area high school coaches and local soccer clubs with travel budgets and paid instructors. Next spring, independent consultants, hired by the city soccer association to avoid favoritism, will sample these truses and separate the kids' bases on talent...

next Tiger Woods, LeBron James or Michael Jordan. But Wall had entered into soccer motherhood with trepidation. Covered with a blanket on a drizzly, damp October evening...

While Jamaica is not known for producing college basketball players, Thomas may force recruiters to pay more attention to that southern island point...

He led Cedarville to a team-record 28 victories and the NAIA Division III final four last season, averaging 16.8 points and 10.8 rebounds. His 25 double-doubles were best in the division...

When Thomas graduates next year, the 6-foot-4, 210-pound senior forward should have more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds since arriving at Cedarville in 2002. That would be second only to Ken Burdick, who scored 2,131 points and grabbed 1,200 rebounds for Cedarville from 1989 to 1993...

Thomas sought peace in the campus chapel. "That's the first time I really broke down in tears since I've been here," he recalled...

Getting that basketball scholarship wasn't easy. Even though Thomas could dunk at age 13, averaged 44 points a game in high school and once scored 63, recruiters were few and far between. Although he got nibbles from North Carolina and Michigan State, the first solid offer came from Cedarville after a coach saw him play at a summer camp in Kingston...

"No other coach ever told me that before," Thomas said. "Did I ever take advantage of that?" Malone coach Hal Smith was on the losing side this season of a 98-74 game dominated by Thomas, who had 32 points and 13 rebounds...

"It did pretty much everything he wanted to do," Smith said. "He's a man among boys. He can dominate games physically. Even though he's not very tall, he's quick and jumps well. If he can shoot the ball like he did against us, he's going to be a terror..."

"Kids say they aren't having fun anymore," said Dr. Bruce Svare, director of the National Institute for Sports Reform. "Sports for youth should not be about serious injuries, steroid use, doping, and the gap between poor children and those better off, and less enjoyment..."

Studies show that by the time these girls reach age 13, 70 percent of them will quit soccer and other team sports, shelling them for good like once-loved dolls from their childhood...

"Kids who abandon sports early," said their parents, "are being turned off by too many practices, too many games, too many tournaments and over-bearing parents..."

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Bears

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ers. 12. Grossman set up the Bears' second touchdown with a 54-yard pass to Bernard, a subsequent rushing penalty on Packers defensive end Michael Montgomery gave Chicago first and goal on the Packers' 7.

Briggs returned his interception to the yard on a touchdown, making it 24-7 in the third quarter. But the Packers didn't quit. Antonio Chatman returned a punt 85 yards for a score to make it 24-13 with 7:54 remaining. The Packers drove to within a touchdown when Longwell's kick connected on a 26-yard field goal with 1:54 remaining.

MNF

Continued from D1 play and ex-quarterback Meredith sharing analysis and wisecracks with Cosell. The three-man booth was new territory for sports television. But the rights fee that ballooned over the life of the partnership to \$550 million per year, half of what ESPN will pay.

existing contracts," Arledge said. "I was about to slit my throat..."

never afraid to say what he thought. Gifford functioned as a traffic cop, an x's and o's football fundamentalist, while Cosell and Meredith provided comic relief. It worked for the network, but by some terrific games and occasionally interrupted by some dramatic news. It fell to Cosell in Dec. 8, 1988, to announce, in a moment of the broadcast, that Beale (now Lennon) had been shot and killed.

Lakers

Continued from D1 Miami led 80-72 on Payton's layup with 9:21 left, but the Lakers answered with a 13-5 run that ended with Bryant hitting a jumper with 3:14 remaining for an 83-80 lead.

But he gave Grossman license to let fly. Grossman heaved a deep pass toward wide receiver Bernard Bernier on the Bears' first offensive play. The pass fell incomplete, but Grossman kept throwing. Grossman completed his next five passes, including three for first downs and a 12-yard touchdown pass to Michael Tommasett on third-and-goal from the Pack-

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It was a hold set, p, because for the longest time, football in America had been a three-day weekend. Friday night was reserved for high school games, Saturday belonged to college football. The NFL played on Sunday.

interplay between the urbane Cosell and Meredith the country boy made the broadcasts tingle with electricity. Cosell took to calling Meredith "Dandy Don" and the quarter-back would serenade blowout games by singing, "Turn out the lights, the party's over."

MNF always battled former ABC drossed its announcers in outrageous amateur yellow blazers and fedoras. When ratings began to slip, the network tried different starting times and different broadcasters, even hiring comedian Miller for two seasons. Some critics accused Miller of staying longer than others. Fred Williamson never made it out of the preseason in 1974. Gifford stuck around in 1985.

Pistons 85, Spurs 70

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — In their first matchup since the NBA Finals, Detroit proved dominant in a defensive struggle against San Antonio.

"We had the opportunity down the stretch," Brown said. "That being said, we still played like crap..."

Ben Wallace had 10 rebounds and reserve Antonio McDyess added 10 points and Dennis Rodman had 11 rebounds for the Pistons. Rasheed Wallace scored 14 points and Richard Hamilton had 11.

Rozele's trump card was syndication on the Hughes Sports Network. On and off for two years, Rozelle and Arledge would meet for lunch, usually at Manhattan's posh 21 Club, hanging over details. Arledge felt he was always on the defensive, especially when Rozelle mentioned Hughes.

Arledge persuaded reluctant ABC higher-ups to sign off on the deal. When Gifford and Jackson to the playing by play the next year, the rating went up to 20.2.

Much of the success had to do with Cosell. His nasal, New York tones delivered a know-it-all message that often infuriated audiences.

Chancey Billups scored 20

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San Antonio's Tony Parker scored 19 points and Tim Duncan had 11 points and 11 points.

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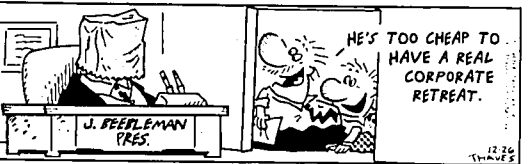
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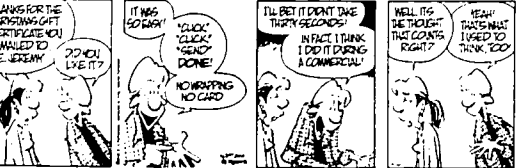
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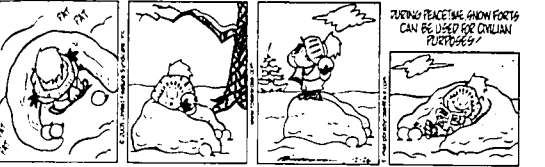
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Deny your temptations, Taurus

IF DEC. 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The universe may reward you with myriad blessings in the next few weeks. Take advantage of any chance that is offered that could improve your circumstances — and rest assured that those who come into your life now have your best interests at heart. Whatever progress you make now will be permanent. Put decisions on the back burner in early March, as well as the last week of April and the first week of June when the stars are not on your side. Your popularity teaches a zenth between late March and early June, so you could successfully enter into important commitments if you find true love or change jobs. ARIES (March 21-April 19): The higher they fly the further they fall. Christmas break may leave you behind, so you may need to expend some extra effort to catch up. Don't start new projects or ignore the ones you have. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Temptations can be denied. Post-holiday sales could seem tantalizing — but you are better off keeping your cash in your wallet. But compelling desires aside, they may only be a flash in the pan. GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

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you won't waste your pennies. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Play nice. New amusements and pleasures may be fascinating but it isn't necessary to outdo your friends or be overly competitive. Indulging in a secret fantasy could prove disappointing. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): So what if it is the wrong size? Hide your time about returning Christmas presents and making exchanges. Don't inadvertently offend others by verifying for receipts or reimbursements. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Back to the same old grind. Some days you can't go fast enough to please others. Avoid quarrels and misunderstandings by being conscientious and faithfully fulfilling obligations and promises. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are still everybody's darling. But that doesn't mean you can slack off when there are deadlines to meet. There will still be plenty of time to play with your new toys this evening. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Friendliness makes the world go around. Take an interest in other people's ideas and opinions to keep the warm spirit of the holiday season alive even if business matters take

Mideast scholars mull words, semantics

By Deborah Horan
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — What is in a word?
For Israelis and Palestinians, words are much more than their dictionary definition. Two professors say words stir feelings, rouse nations to greatness, label enemies as evil. Language can lead to war or promote peace.

In the Middle East, words can magnify misunderstanding, keeping peace just out of reach. To combat the problem, Ilai Alon and Assad Husson — one Israeli, one Palestinian, both professors of Islamic studies in Chicago — are creating a dictionary of terms that will shed light on how each side defines issues and events that have shaped a decades-long conflict.

"The idea is that words include emotion," said Alon, an Israeli who is teaching medieval Islamic philosophy and negotiations in Arabic-speaking Islam at the University of Chicago, when on leave from his post at Tel Aviv University.

"It's not always nice to hear," Alon said. "It makes the blood boil on both sides, but this is reality."
The lexicon hits most hot-button issues, defining everything from the Al Qaeda message to Zionism without censoring opinions that some might find extreme. The authors define "holocaust," "Intifada" and "Yassir Arafat," a Palestinian leader deposed during the 1980s war, used an entry in the dictionary. Israelis call it the War of Independence, Palestinians refer to it as the Nakbah, or catastrophe.

"We decided not to make (the lexicon) anything academic or statistically valid, but to try to portray what people feel," Alon said.

The authors said they hope the book, which doesn't yet have a publisher, will help professors and university students studying the conflict. Mostly, they want the public in Israel and the Arab world to read it and begin to see the conflict through the other side's eyes, with the hope that such understanding will lead to peace.

"When we talk to each other, we talk over the heads of each other," Husson said. "The point is to bring to both peoples how the other side feels and thinks."
The project was started three years ago, when Alon and Israeli author Avram Ohry decided to define the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the Israeli point of view. Then, they thought, why not find Palestinian counterparts who could define the terms from the Palestinian point of view?

They searched for a Palestinian willing to undertake the task, approaching Amr al-Khateeb, a Knesset member Ahmed Tibi and Marwan Barghouti, an architect of the current Palestinian uprising imprisoned in Israel.

Tibi declined, and Barghouti never answered the letter Alon and Afsk sent to his jail cell, Alon said. Five or six other Palestinians accepted and worked on the project for a while, only to drift away after penning a few definitions.

"They didn't want to appear as collaborating with Israelis," Alon said. "It was very disappointing."
Alon's luck changed after he took a sabbatical to teach at the University of Chicago in 2003.

Shortly after his arrival, Husson recognized Alon's name on a list of speakers set to give a talk at North Park University. It was his old classmate from Hebrew University. They had graduated together in 1987. Alon had gone on to graduate studies at the University of Oxford, while Husson studied at the University of California at Berkeley.

Mother of teen missing in Aruba advises class of '06 to take heed

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Beth Twitty did her homework before letting her daughter, Natalee Holloway, lead to Aruba on her senior class trip. She went to planning meetings, and so did Holloway. They asked questions, they discussed underage drinking, chaperones and traveling with buddies.

In spite of all of the precautions, Holloway vanished on May 30, the last night of her stay in Aruba.

Her untimely disappearance became a national tale for parents and the class of '06, and Twitty hopes that teens will listen.

"I think if kids can take Natalee's story with them and realize that you're not always safe ... You are responsible for yourself," said Twitty in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I think Natalee can show us firsthand what can happen."

However, while Holloway's disappearance may have soured the senior trip experience for her friends in suburban Mountain Brook, it has swayed few others.

Travel groups such as AAA Travel said a few travelers switched destinations in the weeks following Holloway's disappearance, but those fears subsided, even with a call by Alabama's governor for a boycott of Aruba.

This year, the most popular destinations outside the United States for senior trips are Caribbean islands and Mexico, according to the Michigan-based Student & Youth Travel Association. The most desired domestic sites are South Padre Island along the Texas coast; Panama City, Fla.; Virginia Beach, Va.; Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and Daytona Beach, Fla.

Holloway, an 18-year-old honors student from Mountain Brook, was last seen leaving an Aruba bar with Dutch national Joran van der Sloot and Suri-



Teens roll down the face of Beth Twitty as she stands with her husband George 'Jug' Twitty during a prayer meeting in support of families with missing children in this Dec. 8 photo at the Governor's Mansion in Montgomery, Ala.

nameese brothers Deepak and Satish Kalpoe. The young men were arrested in June but were released after a court ruled there was not enough evidence to hold them.

As the new year approaches, Holloway's mother has much to dwell on.

"When I think about Natalee being abducted in Aruba, I can't help but know if she had made a plan with friends to not leave that establishing alone, it would never put her in a situation where she was left defenseless against her perpetrators," Twitty said. "But regardless, it should not cost our sons and daughters their lives."

One problem is that teens are fearless.

"It's such a difficult age," Twitty said. "They're caught between a delicate balance of being under their parents' watchful eye and being totally independent."
Plus, the drinking age at

many foreign destinations is 18 or younger — and seldom enforced, youth travel advisories warn.

Gone is to get away from their parents and have an untrilled weekend with little or no responsibility — they think they're getting away with something," said Scott Gane, regional vice president for Int'l Security, a national security firm based out of San Antonio, Texas.

Gane is also the father of two teenage girls and speaks to high school seniors in his home state of Michigan about safety on graduation trips.

He advises parents to talk with teens, tell them to be wary of their surroundings, don't take drinks from strangers and never, never stray from their parents.

Still, he adds, "You can only do so much. All the preaching and planning and preparation in the world goes out the window when the alcohol hits the brain."

Population decrease in Japan called 'trouble'

By Kakuichi Funatsuki
and Kengo Ota
The Yomiuri Shimbun

TOKYO — Political and business circles were taken aback by an estimated annual population survey released by the government last week that said Japan's population would decrease this year, as the number of deaths exceeds births for the first time.

Why did the birthrate decline at a pace faster than expected? What can be done to buck the trend?

"By looking at examples in foreign countries, there seems to be no policy that would effectively stop the declining birthrate," Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe said at a press conference after being informed at a Cabinet meeting that the country would suffer a natural decrease in its population — the change brought on solely by births and deaths.

According to the report compiled by the Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry, the number of deaths in the country will exceed the number of births by about 10,000 this year, for the first time since population statistics began in 1969, but excluding three years before and after World War II.

"(The estimate) was not substantially beyond our previous prediction," Health, Labor and Welfare Minister Iro Kawasaki said. In contrast, Koki Chuma, minister in charge of administrative reform, said, "It (the report) is very shocking. Because the estimate of when the population would drop turned out to be earlier than expected, we need to advance measures."

Political and business circles had a mixed reaction to the report. "This is trouble," said Liberal Democratic Party General Council Chairman Fumio Kyuma said. (The population will decrease) because politics has been treating only the elderly and voters favorably. We must favor children by providing them with more medical pay-
ments."
Reforms under Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi have created disparity in people's income, said Democratic Party of Japan leader Seiji Maehara. "With the fall in income of the child-rearing generations, it became impossible to stop the declining birthrate."
The business world is increasingly alerted by the decline in the population.
"If the population shrinks at such a high pace, p. (littles) will likely blame companies," one businessman said.
In 2002, the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research predicted the country's population — including immigrants — would begin to fall in 2007 based on average age of first marriage and fertility rates.
As to reasons for earlier-than-expected declining population, the ministry explained that the number of deaths among the elderly rose due to a trend in aging during the first half of this year. However, it is just a temporary factor for the decline, with the main reason being that the number of births has dropped more substantially than earlier predicted.

According to the ministry's survey, the average age for getting married has been continuously rising for both men and women. In 1975, the average age for men to get married for the first time was 27, while women married at the age of 24.7. By 2004, it had increased to 29.6 for men and 27.8 for women. The government cites reasons such as "Women must bear a disproportionately greater burden to raise children" and, "There are many young people working part-time who are not financially independent," as the indirect cause of the rise in average age of first marriage. Behind these reasons are Japan's social customs and a lack of incentive among young people to work.

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Celebration dampened by a year of natural disasters

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Christian pilgrims packed Bethlehem's Manger Square and the Vatican on Christmas Day to pray for a tranquil 2006 and remember those killed in the terrorist attacks and natural disasters that marked the waning year.

Pope Benedict XVI praised signs of hope in the Middle East, while grieving relatives gathered at beaches and mass graves in Asia to pay tribute to the tens of thousands killed when the tsunami crashed into the region's coastlines a year ago.

In rainy Bethlehem, where a February truce brought a downturn in five years of Palestinian-Israeli violence, some 30,000 tourists visited Manger Square outside the fortress-like, 4th-century Church of the Nativity, built over the grottoes that mark Jesus' birthplace.

But a reminder that peace remains elusive loomed at the edge of town — a 25-foot hammer that Israel built to keep Palestinian suicide bombers out of Israel.

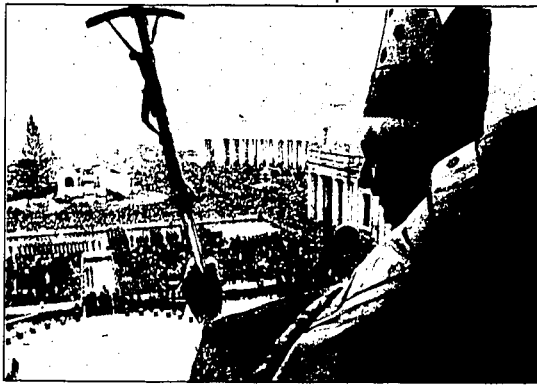
The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, said the wall has turned the West Bank town of Bethlehem into a prison. Yet he struck an optimistic tone in his message at the traditional midnight Mass.

"There seems to be a new Palestinian and Israeli political reality, despite the many complications and hesitations that surround it," Sabbah said.

Worshippers lined up to get in packed Bethlehem churches, a contrast to the sparse turnouts of previous years.

At St. Catherine's Church, attached to the elder Church of the Nativity, Andrea Miracic, a 24-year-old Italian Embassy worker, said his prayers were for all people, "especially here, so that everyone can be in peace, happy with each other and enjoying each other."

"In the last year, something has improved. But the road is still very long," he said. In the Vatican, Benedict carried on the tradition of the late



In this picture released by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, Pope Benedict XVI addresses pilgrims and faithful prior to the delivery of his 'Urbi et Orbi' message (Latin for 'to the city and to the world') from the loggia of the St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Sunday.

Pope John Paul II of reflecting on violence and poverty in his 'Urbi et Orbi' message — Latin for "to the city and to the world."

"A united humanity will be able to confront the troubling problems of the present time: from the menace of terrorism to the humiliating poverty in which millions of human beings live," he said.

A rainstorm drenched thousands of pilgrims in front of St. Peter's Basilica, but they cheered the pope.

In London, Queen Elizabeth II devoted her annual Christmas address to natural disasters in the past year, especially the tsunami that killed tens of thousands in Asia when it struck Dec. 26, 2004.

"This Christmas my thoughts are especially with those everywhere who are grieving the loss of loved ones during what, for so many, has been such a terrible year," she said in her pre-recorded remarks.

Britain's royal family gathered at the Sandringham estate in eastern England with a new addition at the annual festivities — Prince Charles' wife, Camilla.

About 1,000 well-wishers lined a path nearby. It was a sad Christmas in the parts of Asia hit by the tsunami, leaving an estimated 216,000 people dead or missing. Memorials were planned throughout the area Monday.

In Phuket, Thailand, Bernd Sibrava of Vienna, Austria, returned to the same bungalow where he has spent Christmas the last two decades. He had no second thoughts about staying in the same room where he escaped surging water last year by climbing a ceiling fan, but he lost his composure as he recalled friends whose children died in the disaster.

"This is the only time I have a problem, when I think of this," Sibrava said, his voice cracking as tears streamed down his

tanned, weathered face. In the United States, scenes of Hurricane Katrina refugees rode out the holiday with relatives scattered across the country.

American soldiers in Iraq woke long before sunrise on a cold, rainy Christmas morning to raid an upscale neighborhood they dubbed "Whoville," after the Dr. Seuss book "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

It was appropriate, I did feel like the Grinch," said Pfc. John Parkes, 31, a platoon medic from Cortland, N.Y.

In Australia, thousands, celebrating Christmas at Bondi Beach were subject to bag checks and increased police patrols two weeks after racial rioting at a nearby beach.

The atmosphere was hectic in Brazil, where shopping malls staged a 32-hour selling frenzy, bringing in clovens, samba dancers and rock bands to entertain last-minute Christmas shoppers.

Libyan court orders retrial in AIDS case

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The Libyan supreme court on Sunday overturned death sentences for five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor who have been in jail since 1999 on allegations they purposely infected children with the AIDS virus.

The case has poisoned Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's efforts to improve ties with the West and he is believed looking for a face-saving way out of the standoff. The supreme court ordered the six defendants retried, saying there were "irregularities" in the cases' handling.

The U.S. government and European Union had condemned the convictions and accused Libya of trumping up the charges to divert attention from poor hygiene at its hospitals that the critics blame for the infections.

The supreme court's ruling came three days after U.S., European and Libyan negotiators reached a deal to set up a fund to help families of the 426 children infected in the 1990s with HIV. About 50 of the children are said to have died.

Emotions are also inflamed in Libya. Relatives of the infected children angrily protested Sunday's ruling at Green Square in central Tripoli. Some set fire to tires and clashed with police. Four demonstrators were arrested.

Libya accused the six health workers of deliberately infecting the children at a Benghazi hospital as part of an experiment. The health workers said they were tortured to extract confessions.

In the ruling Sunday, the supreme court's chief judge, Ali al-Aous, suggested he believed the defense. He said prosecutors had agreed with defense lawyers that there were "irregularities" in the arrest and the interrogation of the medical workers.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Justin Higgins said "our understanding is that this decision is a positive development since it removes the risk of the death sentence being carried out."

"The international community is working with Libya to

find an overall solution," Higgins said. "As we have made clear before, we believe a way should be found to allow the medics to return to their homes. We'll continue to support these efforts."

Bulgaria welcomed the verdict as a "positive sign" and said it hoped for a quick retrial.

"The Libyan court's decision is an encouraging step toward a final recognition of the innocence of our compatriots," said Bulgaria's parliament speaker, Georgi Pirinski.

The defendants did not attend Sunday's session. A date for the retrial was not immediately set.

The case has plagued Gadhafi's campaign to rebuild good relations with the West.

In 2003, Libya accepted responsibility for the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, and agreed to compensate families of the 270 victims. It also voluntarily scrapped its nuclear program, handing its material over to the United States and United Nations.

In response, the U.S. government lifted 23-year-old travel restrictions imposed on Libya, invited American companies to return to the oil-rich nation and encouraged Tripoli to open a diplomatic office in Washington.

But Washington has made clear the nurses' case is a key sticking point that must be resolved before the United States reopens its embassy in Tripoli, a top goal for Gadhafi.

"There should be no confusion in the Libyan government's mind that those nurses ought to be not only spared — but out of prison," President Bush said in October.

The European Union also said its relations with Libya hinged on the fate of the Bulgarians.

The trial has stoked anger within Libya, with the families of the infected children demonstrating at every court session and reacting with outrage at the repeated delays in carrying out the original sentence of execution by firing squad.

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