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Wacky weather

Mother Nature shows extremes in 2005

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — It's not just your imagination. America's weather went wild this year.

It began with a record downpour in the Nevada desert and record warmth in Alaska, and it's ending with floods in California and wildfires in Texas and Oklahoma that have killed four people and consumed 37,795 acres.

Along the way, at least 214 climate records were smashed or tied, thanks to a slew of hurricanes, 21 straight days of 100-degree-plus temperatures in Fresno, Calif., and wildfires that have burned 8.64 million acres, nearly a quarter-million more than the previous record.

Extremes were everywhere. Above-normal heat covered twice as much land as usual. Excessive rain and/or snow blanketed three times as much land as normal. Average daily low temperatures were warmer than normal across four times as much U.S. territory as in average years.

It was the third worst year for U.S. extreme-weather events in history, according to the National Climatic Data Center. For 2005's first 11 months, the nation had an extreme-climate index figure of 35, behind only 1998's 42 and 1934's 37. The average annual score is 20.

One form of extreme weather

fell short, however: tornadoes. In 2005, there were only half as many killer U.S. tornadoes as recent norms.

The relentless Atlantic hurricane season especially marked 2005 as wild — and tragic. Hurricanes set or tied 19 records, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including:

- Hurricane Katrina caused \$50 billion in insured damages.
- Hurricane Wilma set a hemispheric record for low barometric pressure.
- Three Category 5 hurricanes formed: Katrina, Rita and Wilma.
- A record seven major



Grass fires flared in windy weather Thursday in central Oklahoma, consuming hundreds of acres, but the flames appeared to ease later in the day.

storms packed winds above 110 mph; the old record was five.

• Fourteen hurricanes in the season beat the old record of 12. • The 26 named storms shattered the old mark of 21, set in

1933, causing meteorologists to run out of conventional names for hurricanes and tropical storms. They had to go five deep into the Greek alphabet for new names.

GIFT FROM A SOLDIER



Army Spc. Adam Douglas, 28, left, donated a kidney to his brother-in-law, Marine Lance Cpl. Mitchell Pehrson, 22, earlier this month. The two enjoyed a laugh Wednesday afternoon while recovering at the Pehrson residence near Buhl.

Soldier comes through for Marine by donating kidney

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

BUHL — You never call a Marine a soldier and you never call a soldier a Marine.

And never confuse a Marine's "broah" with a soldier's "hoah."

In fact, one of the few things a Marine and a soldier will agree on is how much fun it is to make jokes about the Air Force.

But when it comes down to the wire, they come through for each other. So when Marine

Lance Cpl. Mitchell Pehrson needed a kidney, Army Spc. Adam Douglas gave him one of his.

Well, OK, Douglas does happen to be married to Pehrson's sister, Anahita.

"It wasn't about being in the military," Douglas said. "He was my brother-in-law and he needed a kidney."

Pehrson, now 22, was stationed on a Marine base in Japan last spring when he injured himself trying to earn his gray belt in martial arts. The in-

jury sent him to the doctor who became concerned over the young Pehrson's high blood pressure.

Pehrson admitted he hadn't been feeling too good.

"I was always tired and had trouble on P1 runs," Pehrson said.

Tests revealed Pehrson had anemia and his body was starved for oxygen.

"It was killing my kidneys," he said.

He was flown from Japan to the National Naval Medical

Center in Bethesda, Md., where more tests confirmed Pehrson had end-stage renal disease. He needed a kidney — fast. He stayed in the barracks while the Marines worked on getting him on a list for a donor.

That's when Douglas, who was stationed in Korea with the Army's 304th Signal Battalion, stepped in.

"I talked to my wife and heard about the donor list," Douglas said. "The family all had high

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'A dumb mistake'

Family says man gunned down by clerk was desperate

The Associated Press

STAFF LINE — Family members of a former military policeman who was shot dead the day after Christmas say a desperate financial situation likely prompted his apparent attempt to rob a cigarette store with an air pistol.

"I want him to be remembered for how he lived, not how he died," his widow, Kim Hatchie, told The Spokesman-Review. "I miss him, and I feel awful."

Joseph Kalam Hatchie, 47, facing medical bills and eviction from his family's rental home in One Orchard, Wash., just east of Spokane, on Monday kissed his wife goodbye before leaving to drive his brother home. He then allegedly put on a gray ski mask just before 8 p.m. and walked into Lew's Smoke Shop in this northern Idaho border town and pointed his sawtoothed pellet gun at the clerk, demanding money.

The clerk reached under the counter and pulled out a .40 caliber semiautomatic and shot Hatchie 10 times, according to police.

"I don't know what was going through his mind," said his mother, Shirley Lee Carver, 67. "It's just not fair."

The smoke shop had been robbed twice before in the last five years, according to the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department. On Tuesday, the de-

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FARRIS GOES TO IRAQ

U.S. teen runs off to country without permission

By Jason Straziwo
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Maybe it was the time the teen dumped him at the Iraq-Kuwait border, leaving him alone in the middle of the desert. Or when he drew a crowd at a Baghdad food stand after using an Arabic phrase book to order. Or the moment a Kuwaiti cab driver almost punched him in the face when he balked at the \$100 fare.

But at some point, Farris Hassan, a 16-year-old from Florida, realized that traveling to Iraq by himself was not the safest thing he could have done with his Christmas vacation.

And he didn't even tell his parents. Hassan's dangerous adventure winds down with the 101st Airborne delivering the Fort Lauderdale teen to the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, which had been on the lookout for him and promises to see him back to the United States this weekend. It begins with a high school



Farris Hassan, a 16-year-old teen from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., poses for a portrait at a hotel, backdropped by the Ramadan 14th mosque in Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday.

class on "immersion journalism" and one overly eager — or naively idealistic — student who's lucky to be alive after going way beyond what any

teacher would ask. As a junior this year at a Pine Crest School, a prep academy of about 700 students in Fort Please see JOURNEY, Page A5

A century later, Idahoans mark ex-governor's killing

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

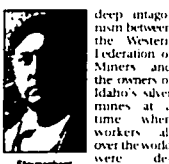
BOISE — It was an explosion felt for years. A bomb killed former Idaho Gov. Frank Steunenberg as he opened the gate to his Caldwell home.

The assassination, 100 years ago Friday, led to a trial where labor boss Big Bill Haywood was accused of hiring the killer.

Steunenberg's statue has stood on the Capitol grounds since the 1920s. And a century later, Idahoans are remembering the drama of those days in new exhibits, lectures, a play devoted to the trial, and a textbook for Idaho schoolchildren.

"So much of the time in Idaho we think we're so disconnected from what's going on in the world," said Amber Beeler, a Boise State University graduate student who created a Steunenberg exhibit that's now at the Ada County Courthouse here. "Really, all eyes were on Boise during this period."

The killing of Steunenberg, Idaho's fourth governor, focused national attention on the



Steunenberg

deep antagonism between the Western Federation of Miners and the owners of Idaho's silver mines at a time when workers' all over the world were demanding better conditions.

Steunenberg had called in federal troops to quell union rioting in northern Idaho's Coeur d'Alene district in 1899, and hundreds of workers were arrested. His single term ended in 1901.

"That's what got this started," said Ada County District Judge Ronald Wilper, who has studied the trial. "It marked him as an enemy of the union."

Harry Orchard confessed that he planted the bomb that killed the governor at his home 24 miles west of Idaho's capitol, and he served a life sentence at

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cool and breezy with rain and snow showers likely. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.
Tonight: Rain and snow showers likely early, then scattered showers. Lows lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered rain and snow showers. Highs upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rain and snow showers likely. It will also become breezy. Highs near 40s.
Tonight: Brisk winds with showers likely, they will be mostly snow showers. Lows near 30s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and cool with showers and breezy conditions. Highs lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Shows a dry for today and tonight and snow showers will come and go over the next several days.
BOISE Rain and snow showers and brisk winds are likely for today and tonight. Snow can be expected in the foothills and mountains.
NORTHERN UTAH Rain/snow showers will come and go for today and the next several days.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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Table showing moon phases for Dec 31, Jan 1, Jan 2, Jan 3, Jan 4.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Dec 31, Jan 1, Jan 2, Jan 3, Jan 4.

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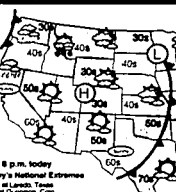
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Governor

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The Idaho State Penitentiary. But Orchard told authorities he had been ordered to kill Stenrenberg by Hayward and other leaders of the Western Federation of Miners.

The union officials were arrested and transported to Boise an extradition that they lawfully requested and tied led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision. Defending him was Clarence Darrow, the attorney later made famous by his work in the 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial over the teaching of evolution.

As Hayward and the other union leaders sat in the Ada County jail, workers around the nation marched in rallies, calling for their release, and collecting their pennies, nickels, and dimes to pay for their lawyers.

There was a hue and cry across the country, Wilper said. The union leaders were acquitted, and Hayward went on to become the head of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Books have been written about the trial, Orchard wrote an autobiography while in prison. Bielecki, 24, heard a little bit about the assassination as she was growing up in Caldwell, but she didn't learn about the trial until she went to college at Boise State.

The anniversary of the bombing has prompted the exhibit, a permanent installation at the Idanha hotel — where journalists and lawyers at the Center for Idaho History and Politics at BSU have written a fourth-grade Idaho history textbook that will include a section on Stenrenberg.

"I've looked through Idaho history textbooks we've had in



Amber Bielecki, a Boise State University graduate student, stands in front of the Idaho State Penitentiary, which is located across the street from the Idaho Statehouse in downtown Boise.

the past, and a couple of them didn't even mention Governor Stenrenberg," said textbook author Nancy Tacke. Meanwhile, the Idaho Legal Historical Society is planning its own 100-year commemoration of the trial, which ended in 1907, and has commissioned Boise writer Mike Silva to write about it for the stage.

"It's going to be a challenge to put into a 90 minute play," said Silva, who will use local community theater actors and former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Byron Johnson, who volunteered to play Darrow. The details of the bitter century-old battle still fascinate

Wilper. "You read the transcript of that trial and it's not much different from reading a transcript of a trial that would be held yesterday," he said. "The principals of the law are still intact. The behavior of the attorneys and the judge was similar — for example, there were subtle little pieces of humor in the trial."

And what happened then matters now, said Bielecki. "Idaho has become known for basically just keeping the government out of things," she said. "In fact in the 1890s and 1890s, Idaho was really built on labor and unions. We really are part of a bigger story."

He said the county prosecutor will determine whether the shooting was a justifiable homicide or if charges will be filed against the store clerk, who has not been identified. It is legal for business owners to arm themselves to protect against robberies.

Joseph Hatchie, who had no criminal record, had four children and was a neighborhood handyman who helped people repair cars, fix televisions, and get computers working again, his family said.

"We're all shocked and upset that he felt that desperate," his wife said. "What he did was wrong. He made a dumb mistake. But there aren't many people in this economy who find themselves in that position and don't feel desperate."

In 2000, Hatchie lost his job as a regional manager for a telecommunications company. He was in financial troubles by Christmas when his landlord delivered an eviction notice. Then Kim Hatchie lost her job at a grocery store. The family asked for help from a church his wife had once attended. But Kim Hatchie said the officials at the church told her the family was "unworthy."

N.Y. prepares to party

Knight Ridder News Service
NEW YORK — A cast of hundreds of thousands — along with the likes of Caron Day, Regis Philbin and Martha Carey — is expected to jam Times Square Saturday to welcome 2006.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg will lower the ball on the new year with an assist from the Center for Human Security, which helped in the recovery of the Gulf Coast and other areas hit by disasters in 2005. Jazz great Wynton Marsalis and his band for Humanity chief Jonathan Redford are set to be joined by workers representing the 1,000 city police, firefighters, correction officers and emergency workers who were dispatched to the Gulf.

"Times Square isn't big enough to hold all of them, but this New Year's Eve, we'll be honored to welcome a few of the people who have sacrificed around the globe," Bloomberg said. "New Orleans native Marsalis, artistic director of jazz at Lincoln Center, organized a major fundraising concert for the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina."

"I am grateful to Mayor Bloomberg for giving me the opportunity to show that in this season of renewal, the people of the Gulf region will rebuild and rejoice once again," Marsalis said.

Kidney

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blood pressure, so they couldn't be a donor, I said I would, but our blood types were different." But as it turned out, Douglas, who has O-positive blood, could donate to a person of any blood type.

"I said I'd do it and went to the hospital in Korea," Douglas said. Douglas had test after test between June and November. "It came out I was a perfect match," Douglas said. "I got on a plane in November."

Douglas was admitted into Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., two weeks before the scheduled transplant where he underwent more blood work, EKGs, ultrasound and a psychiatric evaluation. Everything was a go for a kidney transplant.

On Dec. 1, Douglas was wheeled into surgery. Pebrson was wheeled into surgery two hours later. Nervous family members kept vigil in the waiting room. More than six hours later, they came back out.

"It was hard to see him in the ICU hooked up to all those lines and sensors and tubes, but Tammy, it was hard to see him in pain." The Marine now had the soldier's left kidney and a renewed chance at life. Douglas did pretty well except his diaphragm got irritated during surgery which gave him an uncontrollable case of the hiccups. Douglas pointed out that one does not want hiccups while healing from a surgical incision. Pebrson had to go back into surgery to repair a leak. In his new kidney, ureters, but both came out with a clean bill of health and are now recovering at the Pebrson's spacious country home in Buhl, where the father and the Marine debate about who got a mother, with more needles during the ordeal. "I feel like a brand new champ," Pebrson said. "Before I was a 60-year-old man. A walk to the mailbox would kill me." Douglas is happy for Pebrson, though he still enjoys ribbing him.

Death

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partment displayed the pellet gun — designed to look like a Walter P-9 semiautomatic — alongside real weapons. "We wanted to do this display just so you understand what this poor clerk saw last night and in that split-second, what decision he had to make," Sheriff Capt. Ben Wolfinger said.

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WORLD

Team will review Iraq election

Sunnis, secular Shiites welcome new scrutiny

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An international team agreed Thursday to review Iraq's parliamentary elections, a decision lauded by Sunni Arab and secular Shiite groups who have staged repeated protests around Iraq complaining of widespread fraud and intimidation.

The decision by the International Mission for Iraq Elections to send a team of assessors should help placate opposition complaints of ballot box rigging and mollify those groups who felt their views were not being heard, especially among hardline Sunni Arab parties.

"It is important that the Iraqi people have confidence in the election results and that the voting process, including the process for vote counting, is free and fair," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said.

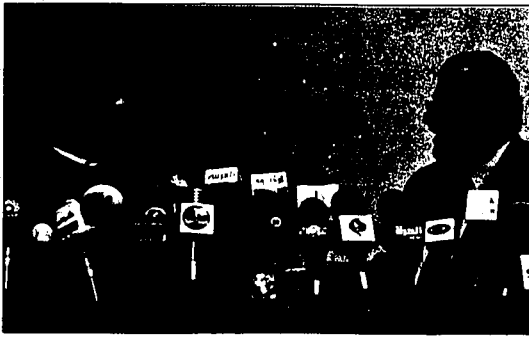
He added that "these experts will be arriving immediately and we are ready to assist them, if needed."

The team was coming despite a U.N. observer's endorsement of the Dec. 15 vote, which gave the Shiite religious bloc a big lead in preliminary returns. The observer, Craig Jennings, said "there is no evidence of fraud" which helped the Iraqi election commission organize and oversee the poll — found the elections to be credible, and transparent.

Sunni Arabs and secular Shiites rejected Jennings' findings, saying their concerns — which included political assassinations before the elections — were not addressed.

There have been about 1,500 complaints lodged against the elections, including about 50 serious enough to alter the results in some districts. The overall result, however, was not expected to change.

On Thursday, the United Nations said it had requested the Iraqi electoral commission to get more outside observers in.



Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, Iraq's Kurd president, right, reacts Thursday during a press conference at his Lake Dokan retreat in the Kurdish north with Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, left, the cleric who heads the United Iraqi Alliance, Sunni Arab and secular groups refused Thursday to open discussions with the Shiite religious bloc leading in Iraq's parliamentary elections until a full review of the contested results is carried out.

involved in the process, and Secretary General Kofi Annan welcomed the participation of the International Mission for Iraq Elections, his spokesman Stéphane Dujarric said.

"It is critical that those Iraqi groups who have complained about the conduct of the election are given a hearing," Dujarric said in a statement. "The team of assessors, which was not involved in the conduct of the elections, offers an independent evaluation of these complaints."

The Iraqi Accordance Front, which is the country's leading Sunni Arab group, applauded the decision, as did the secular Iraqi National List headed by former Shiite Prime Minister Awad Allawi.

"We are optimistic with this international response and hope that it will find a solution for this crisis," Hussein, spokesman of the Shiite-led Iraqi Accordance Front, said.

It was unclear if the review would further delay final results, now expected in early January.

A serious crisis involving the elections could set back hopes

for a broad-based government that would include minority Sunni Arabs as well as secular Shiites. Such a government could have the legitimacy necessary to diminish the insurgency — a key part of any U.S. military exit strategy from Iraq.

The presence of two Arab experts on the International Mission for Iraq Elections team could go far in helping to convince Iraqis that the review of the vote will be fair. The team will also consist of a Canadian and a European.

The independent group said it helped monitor the elections in Baghdad and was "assisted by monitors from countries of the European Union working under IMF's umbrella."

The team will travel to Iraq at the invitation of the Iraqi election commission — a point noted by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The Electoral Commission has once again demonstrated its commitment to fair and credible elections that meet international standards," Rice said in a statement welcoming the invitation to the independent team.

An official for the commission, Safwan Rashid, said a review could "evaluate what happened during the elections and what's going on now. We are highly confident that we did our job properly and we have nothing to hide."

Preliminary results from the vote have given the governing Shiite religious bloc, the United Iraqi Alliance, a big lead — but one which still would require forming a coalition with other groups.

In northern Iraq, President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, was holding talks with Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, the cleric who heads the United Iraqi Alliance, and other members of that religious group about forming a coalition government.

There were no Sunni Arabs or secular Shiites at the meeting. They said they were waiting for the results of the investigation into their complaints.

"Whenever the results of the investigation come to the surface, then the time will be suitable to talk about forming the new government," Allawi told Al-Arabiya television.

Iraqi defense officials deny influence of Kurdish militia

By Tom Lasserer Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi defense ministry, reacting to a Knight Ridder report this week, said Thursday that Kurdish troops in the Iraq north are following their orders from the central government in Baghdad, not from Kurdish militia leaders.

Knight Ridder this week reported on interviews with Iraqi soldiers and officers in northern Iraq who said that they were ready, if necessary, to follow the commands of Kurdish militia leaders to secure the borders of an independent Kurdistan.

On Wednesday, staff members of the Iraqi army's chief of staff, Gen. Babaker al-Zebar, asked a Knight Ridder reporter for the names of every Iraqi soldier and Kurdish political official who was interviewed for the story or facilitated the reporter's visits to Iraqi military bases. Al-Zebar is a Kurd. The reporter refused.

On Thursday, al-Zebar's office released a statement saying that the quotes in the story weren't representative of the defense ministry and charging that they "are false and created by followers of the ex-regime to frustrate the Iraqi brave army's will."

It wasn't clear whether the ministry was accusing Kurdish soldiers — almost all staunch opponents of the former regime

of Saddam Hussein — or the Knight Ridder reporter of ties to the former regime.

Such accusations are serious in a nation where militia death squads have been accused of murdering former regime officials and sympathizers.

Al-Zebar expressed astonishment for such statements at a time the elected Iraqi government has achieved important steps in building up a united Iraqi Army working under the leadership of both ministries of Defense and the Central Iraqi Government," the statement said.

The challenge of creating a national army in a country torn by sectarian divisions is a serious obstacle to hopes of reducing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq.

The nation's Shiite Arab and Kurdish political parties, both have large militias and have pursued a two-pronged strategy of sending some of their fighters to join the Iraqi security forces while maintaining armed militias in their provinces.

Both the Shiites, some 60 percent of the population, and the Kurds, about 20 percent, have spoken frequently of splitting Iraq into semi-autonomous regions that would report to the government in Baghdad but run many of their own day-to-day governmental affairs.

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Man with bullet in brain didn't realize he'd been shot in forehead

The Orlando Sentinel

PORT ORANGE Fla. — It was 4:30 a.m. Thursday when Glen Thomas Betterley woke, bleeding from his head; He couldn't figure out why. He asked girlfriend Emma Lorense Larsen if she had struck him, and she said she didn't know. The 53-year-old Betterley then cleaned himself up and lay back down to rest, but the bleeding wouldn't stop. At around 6:30 a.m., police said, Betterley drove to work and left a note telling his boss he wouldn't be coming in because he would be at the hospital. When he arrived at the Halifax Medical Center emergency room, Betterley learned why he was bleeding: He'd been shot in the forehead.

charge in the second arrest was dropped after the injunction was voluntarily dismissed by the petitioner. The home Betterley and Larsen shared in the Commonwealth Estates park, a mobile home community in Port Orange, is decorated with an ivy-covered trellis, fuschia flowers and small benches for other potted plants. Neighbors said the pair kept to themselves. "I kept my distance and didn't get acquainted," said one man who asked not to be named. According to a doctor at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Betterley's reaction to the bullet in his brain is not that uncommon. "I've had patients with knives in their heads, screwdrivers in their heads, lawn darts, small-caliber gunshot wounds to the head, where patients have been

awake and talking," said Dr. Jonathan Greenberg, the neurosurgery chair at ORMC. "The question is how important is the area that is damaged?" Greenberg explained: As long as a low caliber bullet doesn't hit any major blood vessels or enter what is called a "non-eloquent" area of the brain — an area that doesn't have a specific major assigned function — then a person can survive a seemingly serious gunshot to the head. Sometimes, doctors don't even have to remove the bullet from a patient's brain, Greenberg said, adding that it's just a matter of repairing the damaged area. "It's because you have to weigh the risk of causing damage to the brain in the process of removing the bullet," Greenberg said.

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Port Orange police said Betterley couldn't tell them much about his injury or even where it had occurred. By 11 a.m. he was in serious condition and in surgery to remove the bullet from his brain, investigators said. Betterley was in stable condition Thursday night, said hospital spokeswoman Kate Holcomb. She had no other information about his injuries. About 8:30 a.m., while Betterley was being treated, police had tracked down his address and called Larsen. While on the phone with the 65-year-old woman, police said, they heard the sound of a single gunshot. While investigators arrived at the home, they found Larsen dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot to the head. Few other details were available about the couple involved in what police are labeling an aggravated battery and apparent suicide. Police did not release what caliber gun was used in either shooting. Court records show that in April 2001 another woman obtained a domestic violence restraining order against Betterley. He was arrested twice for violating the injunction and pleaded no contest to the charge in one of the cases. The

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Tennessees offers online meth registry

Los Angeles Times

ATLANTA — Tennessee law-enforcement officials are trying a new tactic in the battle against methamphetamine: posting the names of people convicted of manufacturing the drug in an online database modeled after sex-offender registries. The Web site, called the Methamphetamine Offender Registry, allows Internet users to enter a name or county and instantly discover convictions that occurred after March 30, 2005. The Web site opened last week. It is the first time the state has widely publicized the identity of drug offenders, said Jennifer Johnson, a spokeswoman for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. "The whole idea is for people to know if their neighbors are involved in (methamphetamine production)," Johnson said. Meth labs, she said, "were becoming a public threat to the extent that you couldn't even feel safe in your own neighborhood." In 1995, Montana expanded its public sex-offender registry to include other violent offenders, including "meth cooks," but there are no other existing models for Tennessee's registry, according to Blake Harrison of the National Conference of State Legislators. State legislators proposed the measure in response to pleas from landlords and property owners who can be bankrupted overnight by the cost of cleaning contaminated properties. Chemicals in the drug are absorbed into concrete and plaster; layers of topsoil must be removed in areas where chemicals were dumped. New tenants or buyers moving into a property formerly used to make methamphetamine could develop long-term illness from residual chemicals that linger in carpets and draperies. "I think it's important to recognize the distinction between methamphetamine and other drugs out there," Harrison said. "They could blow up your house. If children are present in that house, children are being exposed to toxic hazards. There's no cocaine registry because people don't make it in their basement."

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Journey

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Lauderdale, Hassan studied writers like John McPhee in the book "The New Journalism," an introduction to immersion journalism — a writer who lives the life of his subject in order to better understand it.

Diving headfirst into an assignment, Hassan, whose parents were born in Iraq but have lived in the United States for about 35 years, hung out at a local mosque. The teen, who says he has no religious affiliation, added that he even spent an entire night until 6 a.m. talking politics with a group of Muslim men, a level of "immersion" his teacher characterized as dangerous and irresponsible.

The next trimester his class was assigned to choose an international topic and write editorials about it, Hassan said. He chose the Iraq war and decided to practice immersion journalism there, too, though he knows his school in no way endorses his travels.

"I thought I'd go the extra mile for that or nothing, write Nike sand miles," he told The Associated Press.

Using money his parents had given him at one point, he bought a \$300 plane ticket and took off from school a week before Christmas vacation started, skipping classes and leaving the country on Dec. 11.

His goal: Baghdad. Those privy to his plans: two high school buddies.

Given his heritage, Hassan could almost pass as Iraqi. His father's background helped him secure an entry visa, and native Arabs would see in his face Iraqi features and a familiar skin tone. His wispy beard was meant to help him blend in.

But underneath that Mideast veneer was full-blooded American teen, a born-and-bred Florida sporting white Nike tennis shoes and trendy jeans. And as soon as the lanky, 6-foot teenager opened his mouth — he speaks no Arabic — his true nationality would have betrayed him.

Traveling on his own in a land where insurgents and jihadists have kidnapped more than 400 foreigners, killing at least 39 of them, Hassan walked straight into a death zone. On Monday, his first full day in Iraq, six vehicle bombs exploded in Baghdad, killing five people and wounding more than 40.

The State Department strongly advises U.S. citizens against traveling to Iraq, saying it "remains very dangerous." Forty American citizens have been kidnapped since the war started in March 2003, of which 10 have been killed, a U.S. official said. About 15 remain missing.

"Travel warnings are issued for countries that are considered especially dangerous for Americans, and one of the strongest warnings covers travel to Iraq," said Elizabeth Colton, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

Inside the safety of Baghdad's Green Zone, an Embassy official from the Hostage Working Group talked to Hassan about how his journey unfolded in Iraq.

Hassan's extra-mile attitude won him east through eight time zones, from Fort Lauderdale to Kuwait City. His plan was to take a taxi across the border and ultimately to Baghdad — an unconventional, expensive and utterly dangerous route.

It was Kuwait City that he first called his parents to tell them of his plans — and that he was now in the Middle East.

His mother, Shafiqah, a psychologist, said she was "shocked and terrified." She had to tell him she would take him to Iraq, but only after the country stabilized.

"He thinks he can be an ambassador for democracy around the world. It's admirable but also agony for a parent," Atyia said.

Attempting to get into Iraq, Hassan took a taxi from Kuwait City to the border 55 miles away. He spoke English at the border and was soon surrounded by about 15 men in a scene that he took no part of. On the driver back to Kuwait City, a taxi driver who he almost punched him when he balked at the fee.

"In one day I probably spent like \$250 on taxis," he said. "And they're so evil too, because they ripped me off, and when I wouldn't pay the ripped-off price they started threatening me. It was bad."

It could have been worse — the border could have been open.

As luck would have it, the teenager found himself at the Iraq-Kuwait line sometime on Dec. 13, and the border security was tight because of Iraq Dec. 15 parliamentary elections. The timing saved him from a dangerous trip.

He again called his father, who told him to come home. But the teen insisted on going to Baghdad. His father advised him to stay with family friends in Beirut, Lebanon, so he flew there, spending 10 days before flying to Baghdad on Christmas.

His ride at Baghdad International Airport, arranged by the family friends in Lebanon, dropped him off at an international hotel where Americans were staying.

He says he only strayed far from that hotel once, in search of food. He walked into a nearby shop and asked for a menu. When no menu appeared, he pulled out his Arabic phrase book and after fumbling around found the word "menu." The stand didn't have one. Then a worker tried to read some of the English phrases.

"And I'm like, 'Well, I should probably be going.' It was not a safe place. The way they were looking at me kind of freaked me out," he said.

It was mid-afternoon Tuesday, after his second night in Baghdad, that he sought out editors at The Associated Press and announced he was in Iraq to do research and humanitarian work. AP staffers had never seen an unaccompanied teenage

American walk into their war zone office. ("I would have been less surprised if little green men had walked in," said editor Patrick Quinn.)

Wearing a blue long-sleeve shirt in addition to his jeans and sneakers, Hassan appeared eager and outgoing but slightly sheepish about his situation.

The AP quickly called the U.S. embassy.

Embassy officials had been on the lookout for Hassan, at the request of his parents, who still weren't sure exactly where he was. One U.S. military officer said he was shocked the teen was still alive. The 101st Airborne lieutenant who picked him up from the hotel said it was the wildest story he'd ever heard.

Hassan accepted being turned over to authorities as the safest thing to do, but seemed to accept the idea more readily over time.

Most of Hassan's wild tale could not be corroborated, but his larger story arc was in line with details provided by friends and family members back home.

Dangerous and dramatic, Hassan's trip has been educational. He had tea with Kuwaitis under a tent in the middle of a desert. He says he interviewed Christians in south Lebanon.

"There is a struggle in Iraq between good and evil, between

those striving for freedom and liberty and those striving for death and destruction," Hassan wrote in a school essay.

"Those terrorists are not human but pure evil. For their goals to be thwarted, decent individuals must answer justice's call for help. Unfortunately altruism is always in short supply. Not enough are willing to set aside the material ambitions of this transient world, put morality first, and risk their lives for the cause of humanity. So I will."

Farris Hassan says he thinks a trip to the Middle East is a healthy vacation compared with a trip to Colorado for holiday skiing.

"You go in, like, the worst place in the world and things are terrible," he said. "When you go back home you have such a new appreciation for all the blessings you have there, and I'm just going to be, like, ecstatic for life."

His mother, however, sees things differently. "I don't think I will ever leave him in the house alone again," she said. "He showed a lack of judgment."

Hassan may not mind, at least for a while. He now understands how dangerous his trip was, that he was only a whisker away from death.

His plans on his return to Florida: "Kiss the ground and hug everyone."

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EDITORIAL

Oops! Look back at 2005 reveals some faulty ideas

In the spirit of throwing out the old and bringing in the new, we'd like to start 2006 with a clean slate. So today, with our last editorial of the year, we're presenting a list of editorial topics from the past year that resulted with some egg on our faces.

Part of credibility in newspapers and opinion writing is to acknowledge when you get it wrong. (We'll let you decide if we ever get it right.) So here it is, the official "Let's eat some crow" smorgasbord from *The Times-News* editorial board. Accept our apologies and pass the plate.

The Topic: Illegal labor lawsuits. Canyon County commissioners hired a Chicago attorney familiar with the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act to recoup millions of tax dollars spent on social services for illegal workers.

What we said: Canyon County has every right to recoup money from businesses that exploit taxpayer services for their profits, although loose cannon Commissioner Robert Vazquez doesn't help its cause.

The final verdict: Federal Judge Edward Lodge dismissed the lawsuit this month with prejudice, meaning it can't be refilled. He said the higher costs of municipal services are part of being a government.

The Topic: Connecting Idaho. Last January, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne pressed for a \$1.6 billion road building plan to construct 13 projects over the next three decades using federal grant anticipation revenue bonds.

What we said: Sounded like a good plan to us. By moving up project dates, Idaho could beat the rate of inflation, make roads safer and create jobs without the state.

Big potholes: While the plan has strengths, problems are now apparent with the bidding process. Also, inflation has forced other road projects to move back, and some of the 13 projects are less necessary.

The Topic: Twin Falls animal shelter. Months after opening, the new Twin Falls shelter started taking in more cats and dogs, while the adoption rate supposedly stalled.

What we said: By using volunteers, and trained personnel for longer shifts on weekdays, the shelter can be more accessible to potential pet owners on work sched-

ules. This would help increase adoptions and cut into euthanasia rates.

All bark, no bite: Our argument had some flaws. Adoption rates were already up after the shelter opened, while euthanasia rates went down. Mobile adoptions, not more hours of operation, is a smarter way to find pet homes.

The Topic: Stroudwater Capital. Twin Falls County commissioners hired health care consultants from Stroudwater Capital of Arizona with a six-month contract for \$270,000. The firm was to work with the commissioners, the local hospital, the doctors and the public, to determine health care needs and options.

What we said: Commissioners may have needed the input because of the complicated issues on health care governance, but the services could all gather public input to get our money's worth.

Final prognosis: We're still not sure what we paid for.

The Topic: Gay marriage amendment. In November, members of the Idaho Legislature brought yet another round of planning for how to pass a gay marriage amendment in the 2006 session.

What we said: House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and Senate President Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, were working things with other Republicans to write an amendment with suitable language.

No matchmaker: Newcomb's role in the whole affair was overstated. The Speaker said conservative legislators, not he, were carrying the flag on this issue. His goal is to make legislation tidy and the political debate quick.

The Topic: Idaho's contractor bill. The Idaho Building Contractors Association pushed the Legislature to pass the Contract Registration Act after years when Idaho was the only state in the region not requiring licenses from contractors.

What we said: Contractors should give homeowners an assurance that they have never had a license revoked, and that they're covered by insurance.

Crumbling foundation: The bill has a list of exemptions for certain contractors that's ripe for abuse. It doesn't really provide a way to make sure the contractor is qualified. And the restrictions on suing a home after improvements are made is much too confusing.

Bush columns provide most blunders

When I sat down to review the past year's columns for an annual accounting of errors and misjudgments, I realized that the politicians I cover had set an impossibly high standard in 2005. They had screwed up so often and so spectacularly that my goals were almost certain to seem trivial by comparison.



DAVID BRODER

How do you match the trio of Republican misdeeds summoned up by the names of Katrina, Harriet Miers and Terri Schiavo? How do you top the Democrats' decision to entrust their party leadership to that liquent verbal blunderbuss, Howard Dean?

Fear not, folks. The proprietor of this space, in the prophetic name of the prophet George, on Sept. 3, published a column so wilyly off target that it could have got me indicted by a special prose unit. It was written in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, as President Bush was lying back from vacation to organize the federal response to the catastrophe.

Without waiting for him actually to do anything, I saluted his performance, leading off with the assertion that "it took all of 10 minutes for President Bush to put his stamp on the national response to the tragedy that has befallen New Orleans and the Gulf Coast."

And then this howler: "Because the commander in chief is also the communicator in chief, when a crisis emerges the nation's eyes turn to him as to take the lead. It is not yet clear what the political fallout from Hurricane Katrina and its devastating human and economic consequences, but one thing seems clear: The previous signs of political weakness for Bush, measured in

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Avoid big hurricanes and floods
2. Supreme Court Conservatives not Cronies
3. Order domestic spying, but only to find out who's against the Patriot Act.
4. Prove there's such a thing as Intelligent Design-in Iraq.



record-low job approval ratings, instantly and openly new opportunities for him to regain his standing with the public.

What if opened, of course, was an abyss of doubts about the president's awareness of what was happening and about the competence of the administration he heads. He's still paying a price for that episode.

But if Bush were as vindictive toward the press as smugly reported, he could well turn to me and say, "You're doing a heck of a job too, Davey."

The giant gop on Katrina was forecast, in a way, in a January column on the Department of Homeland Security that, in retrospect, looks much too upbeat. When Tom Ridge retired as its first secretary, I wrote that local officials were generous in their praise of him, adding that "Ridge enjoyed the advantage of having, as one of the components of his new department, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, whose operations in the wake of hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural

disasters are regarded as models of efficiency by state and local officials."

That might have been true under the Clinton administration's James Lee Witt. It certainly proved untrue under this administration.

If I was far too generous to Bush and the administration on those occasions, I was also too swayed by the rhetoric of his second inaugural address, accepting at face value his professions of undying faith in the universal values of freedom and democracy. His subsequent dealings with Russia's Vladimir Putin and other authoritarians around the globe make that commitment seem a lot more equivocal.

On the other hand, the inauguration Day essay on the perils of second terms looks relatively prescient, as does the column exactly one month later which detected signs of the ultimate failure of Bush's Social Security reform. And the weakness and internal inconsistency of his budgetary policy were highlighted as they started off with a frequency that once

again proved futile.

As for Congress, the tone of the columns was overwhelmingly — and appropriately — negative, with very few exceptions. The levels of partisanship and pettiness were sickening, but I was happy to spotlight the work of the Gang of 13 senators, who averted a constitutional crisis by finessing the threatened showdown over judicial filibusters. They did the country, the Senate and future generations a considerable service.

Once again, the search for good news took me often out of Washington and away from politics, to where individuals and nonprofit groups were doing splendid things — from building affordable housing and rehabilitation programs in inner-city neighborhoods to educating dropouts and preserving pristine wilderness.

The column I feel best about, however, is one praising the selection of John McCain as a new chief justice of the United States. That was no goof.

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Preschool programs are a key to kids' future

This is in reference to the editorial on Dec. 21 concerning kindergarten plans. I agree that Idaho should look at its kindergarten issues. However, before a child can succeed with today's kindergarten demands, one needs to take care of early childhood education programs. Today, most parents work; therefore, their preschool children spend at least eight hours a week in child care centers.

Idaho has only minimum requirements for those working in child care with children from birth to 5 years of age. No formal education in early childhood is required. Requirements are a background check, first-aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and four hours of training in any area of child care.

Those with no education in early childhood do not know the developmental stages of children and how they learn. Without education in early childhood, most who work in the field are just "babysitting" at the cost of our children's future. Research proves that all crucial learning takes place between birth and age 5, and early intervention is needed for special needs.

Parents must know that those who teach their children are qualified, but this is not always true. I have a formal education in early childhood and worked in a variety of settings. Early education always makes a difference. Idaho is behind when it comes to early childhood programs. Look at kindergarten — but take a look at the educational background of those working with children before they reach kindergarten. Children are our future; they deserve the best. Wake up, Idaho! Our quality in early childhood and once children enter kindergarten, you will see a difference.

Parents ask questions of child care and early childhood centers. What education does the staff have? Are they a member of a professional organization? What is the curriculum? Is it developmentally appropriate for the child's age? I salute those centers that have taken action to improve the quality of care and education for children for all. Idaho STAIRS for all it is doing to improve early childhood. However, we need our Legislature to

pass laws making it mandatory that those who care for children from birth to 5 years have a quality education. Then, you will see better results in kindergarten as you plan for the future. Lack of education with early childhood staff will mean the taxpayers more money than if we found a way to improve and invest in quality early childhood.

JULIE MAY
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Julie May is the director at the Apple School & Residence in Twin Falls.)

New residents fall in love with T.F. Christmas

As recent transplants from out of state, we've found another reason for loving Idaho (especially Twin Falls).

We came here and were accepted by everyone, and there were welcome mats out everywhere; we went with smiles and warm hellos. This was enough to make it known that this would be our new home.

Everything we did or attended was a great experience (picnics, fair, etc.) and we look forward to them next year. But now when we thought we'd experienced everything, comes the Christmas season. The decorations everywhere, and the downtown with its lights, and the park with the Christmas music in trees (beautiful), and the enthusiasm of the bell ringers, and then comes the topper — the televised Christmas Show from First Federal Bank.

Rest assured, the Nutcracker from any big city can't hold a candle to this production. The young people from Crowleys, and the dancers of many ages, and the "Do You Hear What I Hear" segment sent chills up our spines.

This has truly made our first Christmas in Twin Falls a memorable one, and we look forward to many more.

PHILLIP GREGORY
Twin Falls

Vandals' actions rob spirit of Christmas

To the person or persons who have vandalized the lights and decorations on East 16th in Jerome:

Shame on you! These decorations took a great deal of time and effort to put up for all to enjoy. They were not just for the families who spent the time and money to experience but for

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the dozens of people who drive by to see them and for the neighbors who enjoy them.

Where is your Christmas spirit? The lights shattered on driveway caused worry for our neighbors who had to go out in the cold to clean up the glass.

Someday you will have a home of your own that you are proud of and you will probably want to decorate for your family and friends. I pray that you do not have to go through the sadness that occurs when your property is violated. I am sad for you.

On your holidays be happier and may you find some peace in your heart that will allow you to have compassion for others.

GLORIA FALCONBURG
Jerome

Sempra facility threatens prosperity of region

Many outstanding letters have vigorously opposed the outrageous proposed 600-megawatt Jerome County coal-fired power plant. The superb Dec. 26 letter by Mick Hodges artfully exposed Sempra's patently criminal Eron-legal history. The answer to Sempra is a very loud public roar saying a resounding no.

The crystal clear science and environmental facts scream, "No." The deleterious impacts on air quality, our lungs, visibility and quality of life shout no. Southern Idaho already has a plethora of lingering environmental and social issues on its plate.

First is the insidious unadmitted environmental impacts of the confined animal feeding operation.

Secondly, Idaho is now the third fastest growing state per capita population wise in the United States. This population boom is putting increased strains on public and social services, congested highways, etc. Note the increase in crime and homicides. The traffic on Highway 75 north up is a literal killer.

Fourth — let's all remember we are still in a drought cycle. Water is the lifeblood of agriculture, outdoor recreation and fisheries. To waste a few million gallons a day with a belching, coal-burning behemoth would be criminal.

This insensitivity would be the negative tipping point sending our quality of life spiraling irrevocably downward. Please focus also on the economic ramifications. Twin Falls and surrounding areas are in dire need of jobs. The state is in dire need of jobs. The state is in dire need of jobs. The state is in dire need of jobs.

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The first things I noticed were her beautiful eyes and delicate lashes. The second thing I noticed was the wicked curved horns. Reminded me of someone I dated in college.

— Orlando Sentinel columnist Jerry Greene on Ralphie IV, Colorado's 1,100-pound buffalo mascot

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which horse made racing history in 2005 by winning the grueling Melbourne Cup for the third year in a row? ANSWER: below

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High School Girls Basketball: Letome at Aiken, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Burley boosters meet Monday

BURLEY — The Burley Boosters Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 2, at 7:15 p.m., in room 100 at the Burley High School. All parents of Burley Junior and senior high school students are invited. For more information, call 629-6763.

T.F. Rapids soccer club holds sign-ups

IVIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club is seeking boys and girls ages 8-18 to participate in its spring soccer program. Registration for new and returning players who have not yet registered will be held Thursday, Jan. 5, from 5-7 p.m. in the KMYI Community Room, located at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. For more information, contact Patty Rietveld at 734-7637 or Sasha Pavlovic at 733-9411.

CSI hoops camp starts this morning

IVIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold their winter junior basketball camp Dec. 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The camp is open to boys and girls grades K-8 and the registration fee is \$80. Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, a CSI poster, and an open ticket to any of the Eagles' remaining home games. The camp will be led by the CSI coaching staffs and players, and will provide participants the opportunity to interact with their favorite Golden Eagles players. For more information, call men's head coach Barrett Peery at 732-6496, women's head coach Randy Rogers at 732-6480, or athletics office manager Christi Ute at 732-6486.

Former boxing champ arrested for shoplifting

GOLD COAST, Australia — The world boxing champion on left Fenech was arrested for shoplifting, the Australian Associated Press reported Tuesday. Fenech, 41, and another man are accused of stealing three wrist watches worth \$290 from a Gold Coast jewelry store on Wednesday, the AAP reported. Compiled from wire and staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Maybe Diva, ridden by Glen Boss.

2005 ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY OF THE YEAR
Another curse reversed



Chicago White Sox fans celebrate at Cork and Kerry's pub in Chicago after the White Sox swept the Houston Astros to clinch the 2005 World Series in this Oct. 26 photo.

First White Sox World Series title since 1917 tops nation's sports stories

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the White Sox won the World Series for the first time in nearly nine decades, it took awhile for Jerry Reinsdorf to realize what the title meant to many in Chicago. He started with a friend of mine sending an e-mail saying he had gone to the cemetery to tell his parents the White Sox had won the World Series, "the White Sox owner said, and when he got there, two-thirds of the graves were decorated with White Sox memorabilia. And then I found out that this was not just at that cemetery; this was going on all around the area."

ball makes people think about their ancestors, their parents and their grandparents.

Chicago's victory received 532 points in the voting. Hurricane Katrina displacing the NFL's New Orleans Saints, the NBA's Hornets and college teams was second with 465 points, followed by Lance Armstrong's record second straight Tour de France title (455), the honor over steroids (in baseball) (440), the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory (259), Southern California's attempt to win its third straight college football title (233) and Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro getting hit (200) hit and then getting suspended for steroids.

2005 Story of the Year Voting

Table with 2 columns: Story and Pts. Top stories include White Sox win first Series since 1917 (17), Hurricane Katrina New Orleans sports teams (13), Armstrong wins 7th straight Tour de France (12), etc.

didn't have a single 300 hitter. We only had one man who dove in 100 runs and it was just 100 runs. We didn't have a 20-game winner. Everybody contributed to it. It certainly was a tribute to our scouts, too. I think about how they jumped on Bobby Lewis." Lewis was claimed on waivers from the Angels in December 2004, and the porly 270-pounder with the 100-mph fastball became Chicago's closer in the second half of the season. Paul Konerko led the White Sox with 100 RBIs. While he became a free agent after the season...

Thursdays surprise, he received the name. You know that had been Quincey's idea but had been Quincey's idea. It suddenly became more exciting. The Colts also appeared in the final of the football pop and after game the Bohan and Dungey even laughed. Please see CURSE, Page B2

CSI women hold off Dixie State in Vegas

The Times-News

LAS VEGAS — Brittany Moore hit a big 3-pointer with 2:24 remaining to lead the College of Southern Idaho women to a 76-69 win over Dixie State College Thursday. Moore's 3-pointer came seconds after Dixie State drew within a 66-61, and she finished the Golden Eagles (12-3) a cushion headed into the final two minutes. The Eagles defense was up to the task as CSI claimed third place in the Dixie State Las Vegas Classic at the Jerry Tarkenton Academy gymnasium. "Brittany hit that big one," said head coach Randy Rogers. "Last night's game we had to lay away. Tonight, we found a way to make a stop."

to the task as CSI claimed third place in the Dixie State Las Vegas Classic at the Jerry Tarkenton Academy gymnasium.

Late in Williams took over from there, scoring twice in the final 1:06, to help off the rally-minded Rebels, who had trailed 42-27 at half-time before opening the second with a 11-0 run to get within four, 42-38 with 16:43 remaining. Williams finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Maria Moore led all scorers with 22. "Williams did a great job for us," said Rogers. "She isn't afraid to take the tough shot."

to take the tough shot."

Brittany Moore finished with 13 points while Amy Bratford added nine. Alexis Hucker scored eight and pulled down nine rebounds. "She gives us that athleticism in the middle," Rogers said. The CSI perimeter defense excelled, holding the Rebels to 0-for-8 shooting from 19-point range. The Eagles also made 11 steals. "We had a few breakaways,

but for the most part we had a good plan on rotations, on rebounds," Rogers said.

Laura Olander scored 23 for Dixie State while Ute McLean added 17. "Olander is probably the best player in our league," Rogers said. CSI travels to Phoenix for a Sun Belt Athletic Conference game on Jan. 5, followed by a game at the Rebels on Sunday, Jan. 7.

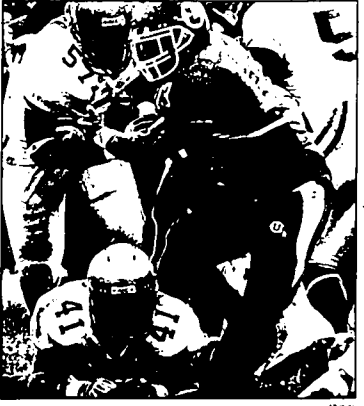
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Utah wrecks Georgia Tech

Will BSU coaching carousel slow down?

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Although a whole new bunch of players and coaches are wearing Utah red, these Utahs still can put on a phenomenal postseason show.



Travis LaTendresse caught 16 passes for 214 yards and four touchdowns. Brett Ratliff passed for 381 yards and the Utes rolled up 550 total yards in a 38-10 victory over No. 23 Georgia Tech in the Emerald Bowl on Thursday. Quinton Carter ran for 120 yards and added a 41-yard TD romp in the fourth quarter for 100 yards (7-5), and gave their follow-up season to their 12-0 run through the Bowl Championship Series in 2004 with an offensive performance more than worthy of former coach Urban Meyer's sibilant team. Ratliff, who went 30-of-41, and LaTendresse, the game's offensive MVP, both set Utah bowl records with a superb afternoon of pitch-and-catch against the Yellow Jackets' bewildered secondary. First-year coach Jim Mora said, "Please see UTAH, Page B2

The Associated Press

BOISE — Luck's Peak Reserve sits about 15 miles into the foothills. On most summer afternoons Chris Petersen can be seen in his office at 5 p.m. pick up his two sons and have his post-launch 30 minutes later. The new football coach at Boise State has no desire to lose that luxury. "It's all about coaching good kids, having a great staff, and being in place you really want to live and your family loves it," Petersen said. "We have all three here."

The Broncos success has fueled the rumors of coaching stunts being floated in the country courting the coaches. Hawkins is not the latest in that string that began with Dan Fouts when he left for Arkansas in 1987 after one season. Next came Dick Knicker, who led the Broncos for three seasons, but Boise State's success calling in 2001. Hawkins appeared to be in the trend. He said all the night things, led the Broncos to bowl levels the one time junior college had never seen and earned titles from some long-term schools.

Petersen becomes the fourth head coach at Boise State since 1997 on Sunday when he officially takes over for Dan Hawkins, who is headed to Colorado. Hawkins signed a five-year contract worth \$900,000 per year on Dec. 16 — but coached Boise State in the MWBC Championship Bowl. The Broncos lost to No. 19 Boston College 27-21 on Wednesday, snapping their 31-game home win streak.

That changed earlier this month. After five seasons and four Western Athletic Conference titles, Hawkins took a jump at Colorado. "I think as you look around the landscape of college football, I don't care if it is BSU or not, it's just a hot area. The amount of turnover there has been in college football, it's not usually... Please see BSU, Page B2

SPORTS



Oregon quarterback Dennis Dixon is tackled by Oklahoma defender Dusty Doracsek, left, and Zach Lattimer for a loss during the second quarter Thursday in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

Sooners upset Ducks

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It was a sight incredibly familiar to San Diego fans — a quarterback hunched over, clutching an interception. This time it came in the Holiday Bowl, and it was by Bryan Leaf, younger brother of Ryan Leaf.

With No. 6 Oregon in position to at least tie it with a field goal, Oklahoma's Chad Ingram made a leaping interception at about the 10 yard line with 13 seconds left to preserve the Sooners' 17-11 upset of the Ducks on Thursday night.

Tigers manhandle Filer

THE TIMES-NEWS Jerome jumped to a 13-10 halftime lead and moved to a 63-27 nonconference boys basketball win over Filer Thursday night.

Jerome (6-4) next plays at Wood River on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Utah

Continued from B1. local coach Kirk Whittingham, Meyer's defensive coordinator, won his first debut as a coach.

interception. But Weddle was most valuable in his day job, limiting star Georgia Tech receiver Calvin Johnson to two catches for 19 yards.

Dungy

Continued from B1. "It's great to have him back," Polian said. "It's been a long or-der for him and his family, and I think it will be a long, long time before they have a sense of peace and consolation. But I hope this is one place he can find some peace and consolation."

teenage son, Eric. At about 7:45 a.m., his usual arrival time — Dungy walked into the Colts complex, where he was greeted with embraces, handshakes and condolences.

Pistons cool off Heat

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons showed the Miami Heat that their many moves might not make a difference.



Detroit guard Carlos Delfino (20) dunks in front of Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning (33) during the third quarter Thursday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Chauncey Billups scored 30 and Richard Hamilton had 25 points and a season-high nine assists Thursday night leading Detroit past the Heat 106-101 in a rematch of the last season's Eastern Conference finals.

Detroit was ahead 53-52 at halftime after 34 ties and 13 lead changes.

them a seven-point lead — the largest for either team up to that point — and they ended the third quarter with a 79-72 lead.

The Pistons, off to the best start in franchise history, have won 13 games in December for the first time and have lost only once this month.

Spurs 111, Hornets 84 SAN ANTONIO — Michael Finley scored 10 points — including making all four of his 3-point shots — and Antonio Davis scored 10 points.

Kapanen lights the lamp for second straight night

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Sami Kapanen scored in overtime for the second straight game after NHL goal leader Simon Gagne tied it midway through the third period, and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Carolina Hurricanes 3-0 on Thursday night.

slap shot from Kim Johnson. Freddy Meyer got his first NHL goal and Brian Savage also scored for the Flyers, 4-0 on their franchise-record 11-game trip.

Maple Leafs 4, Sabres 3, 50 TORONTO — Alexei Ponikarovsky scored in regulation and again in a shootout to help the Maple Leafs win their fourth straight game.

Stars 3, Blues 0 DALLAS — Marty Turco made 16 saves for his third shutout of the season and 24th of his career, and Bill Guerin, Sergei Zubov and Jere Lehtinen had power-play goals for the Stars.

About 90 seconds into the extra period, Kapanen had a shot blocked by Nicolas Wallin, then eluded his defender to oral the rebound and put it past goalie and the dynamics of it," Hawkins said.

Penguins 6, Devils 2 PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby had his second two-goal game in three games and MacAuley Deury made 44 saves to help the Penguins end a six-game losing streak.

Maple Leafs 4, Sabres 3, 50 TORONTO — Alexei Ponikarovsky scored in regulation and again in a shootout to help the Maple Leafs win their fourth straight game.

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Continued from B1. difficult to stay somewhere for 15 years because of scrumny, pressure and the dynamics of it," Hawkins said.

the same day Hawkins was introduced as headliner.

separates him from Hawkins and Koester as a head coach.

program will remain similar, but Petersen already concedes he'll need to become more broad in his planning and coaching style.

Curse

Continued from B1. World Series, he re-signed with Chicago, which appeared to get even stronger this offseason by adding pitcher Javier Vazquez and designated hitter Jim Thome.

spends much of the offseason. "Basketball is a great sport. Baseball is a religion, and I truly believe that," Reinsdorf said.

Had it not been for a few calls in the AL championship series that went Chicago's way, the Angels could have been in the World Series.

"This could only happen in a city that has a long history in baseball that had it even for a long time," he said. "New York had parades when the Yankees won, it was not the same thing. When the Diamondbacks won the World Series here a few years ago — what was it, their third or fourth year? — it wasn't the same thing. When a whole generation or several generations have failed to see a winner, and then finally saw that winner, the joy is beyond belief. If we were to win again next year, I can't imagine it would be the same thing."

SPORTS

The Bush Bowl



Houston Texans tight end Marcellus Rivers is driven out of bounds by some Jacksonville Jaguars defenders after an 8-yard reception last Sunday.

Houston at S.F.: It means a lot, honest

NEW YORK — In a week full of games that might be played as if they were exhibitions, Houston's visit to San Francisco could have a long-term effect on five teams.

No playoff spots involved, of course.

Think Reggie Bush, the electric North Carolina running back who won the Heisman Trophy. If the 49ers win, the Texans will be all alone at the bottom for the top of the draft if you view it that way. If the Texans win, they will have three victories, same as the 49ers, and could create a five-way tie because Green Bay, the New York Jets and New Orleans also enter the final week 3-12.

In that event for any other tie, the team that's played the weakest schedule will get the first pick.

The oddsmakers — or rather the bettors — think the tie will happen. The Texans opened as a 1-point underdog, some money rolled in and they became 1-point favorites.

Difficult game to pick. Both teams have been playing hard, and the 49ers rallied from a 20-7 deficit last week to win in St. Louis and drop into a four-way



PRO PICKS
Dave Goldberg

combined for 24 sacks ... GIANTS, 31-17.

Washington (minus 7) at Philadelphia ... Washington's motivation is a playoff berth. Philly wants to keep a division rival from making the postseason ... REDSKINS, 27-21.

Detroit (plus 14) at Pittsburgh ... Steelers make playoffs with a win. No chance for the Lions ... STEELERS 41-3.

Cincinnati (plus 7.5) at Kansas City ... Carson Palmer says he'll play, but this means little to the Bengals. The Chiefs are 6-1 at home and motivated by having a crack at a playoff spot ... CHIEFS, 31-20.

San Francisco (plus 12.5) at Dallas ... If the Cowboys are still alive for this Sunday night game, they could win big. If they're not, who knows? Results above say "not" ... COWBOYS, 12-11.

Miami (plus 3.5) at New England ... Bill Belichick doesn't play to lose ... PATRIOTS, 23-20.

Denver (plus 9) at San Diego (Saturday) ... Not a misprint. The Broncos will rest people and Marty

Scottonheimer says he'll play everyone because he wants a 10-win season — playoffs or not ... CHARGERS, 32-11.

Arizona (plus 6.5) at Indianapolis ... The Colts don't want to begin their Super Bowl run with three straight losses ... COLTS, 20-17.

Seattle (plus 3) at Green Bay ... A 3-12 team favored over one that's 13-27. The oddsmakers figure the Seahawks are resting ... PACKERS, 20-19.

Chicago (plus 3) at Minnesota ... Motivation for the Bears in beating a division rival ... BEARS, 20-7.

Tennessee (plus 3.5) at Jacksonville ... Halfway game even with Jaguars already locked in ... JAGUARS, 19-10.

Baltimore (minus 3) at Cleveland ... Billik's job is safe. Ollinger's might also be if he keeps playing well ... Ravens, 23-10.

Buffalo (minus 11) at New York Jets ... Bills finish on a roll. With mustard ... BILLS, 21-5.

LAST WEEK: 7-8-1 (spread) 10-6 (w/teak) SEASON: 111-124-5 (spread) 165-75 (straight up)

Struggling Favre remains undecided

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Last Sunday's game against the Chicago Bears offered proof: Brett Favre has still got it. A 56-yard dart to wide receiver Donald Driver, putting the Packers in position for a last-minute comeback.

What happened next is why people are wondering if Favre's time is up. Back-to-back sacks, a desperation heave for an interception — his fourth of the game and

another — and a career-worst 28th of the season — and another Packers loss.

"He's trying to do everything possible to win that game, somehow, some way," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, Favre's former mentor in Green Bay. "You can't do it by yourself. I don't care how great you are. You need protection, you need somebody to hand it to, somebody to catch it."

Injuries and free agency have cost Favre most of his supporting cast this year, but that's only one reason Sunday's game against Holmgren's Seahawks at Lambeau Field might be Favre's last.

With victories suddenly hard to come by for the Packers (12-12), the football field no longer serves as a sanctuary from his family's recent string of hardship. Favre also wonders if the

team's management is preparing to rebuild without him, and is just trying to figure out how to break the news to him.

And Favre doesn't see a losing season as his first in 10 years in Green Bay, his motivation to return.

"I've had so many people say, 'Well, you can't go out that way. You've got to come back and redeem yourself and redeem this team's season,'" Favre said. "But in all honesty, if this is it, I have gone out on top. I mean, I really want to. One season being not in me, no matter how good or how bad it is."

Physically, Favre, 36, says he feels fine. Nobody's arguing with him.

"He's still running around, still plays with passion," Packers general manager Ted Thompson said. "I don't see anything diminished about Brett Favre." Holmgren says Favre is still throwing well and might be moving his feet better than in recent years, the result of ramped-up offseason workouts with a personal trainer.

But Holmgren wonders if the game is wearing on Favre mentally.

"Not many guys can do what Brett's done for 15 years," Holmgren said. "But then you get turnover with players, you get turnover with coaches. When you're in the middle of the game, you stop being who you remember it as being, then I think it bothers them."

LSU backup faces tough Miami defense

ATLANTA (AP) — LSU quarterback Matt Flynn has a tough assignment in his first start, attacking the vaunted Miami defense Friday night in the Peach Bowl.

Flattened by the injured JaMarcus Russell, is preparing for a unit that leads the nation in pass defense, ranks second in saving defense at 11.9 points per game and third in total defense.

No. 9 Miami (9-2), which beat Florida 27-10 in last year's Peach Bowl, can be expected to pressure Flynn in an attempt to force mistakes out of the sophomore from Tyler, Texas. But it's not all about the pass rush.

Flatt still has to prepare the same for the scheme that they're going to run," Miami cornerback Kelly Jennings said.

Flynn has appeared in 24 games as a backup but has thrown only 36 passes.

"What I'm going to be trying to do is put my team in the best situation to win and not try to make every play myself," Flynn said.

Limbo Fisher, offensive coordinator for 10th-ranked LSU, believes Flynn is ready.

LSU (10-2) will be making its second straight appearance in the Georgia Dome. The Tigers lost 34-14 to Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game Dec. 3.

That loss dropped LSU from No. 3 a spot behind Alabama before a 14-10 loss to Georgia Tech on Nov. 19.

The key to Georgia Tech's success against Miami was relentless defensive pressure.

UCLA and Northwestern poised for showdown

EL PASO, Texas — Get ready for a wild afternoon on the border.

UCLA and Northwestern meet Friday in a tantalizing Sun Bowl, where Big game stars could put big numbers on the scoreboard. It's Drew Olson and Maurice Drew for the No. 17 Bruins (9-2) against the equally dazzling Brett Basanek and Tyrell Sutton of the Wildcats (7-4).

"If you leave your seat to get a soda and some popcorn, you might miss 10 points," Sun Bowl president Wayne Thornton said Thursday.

What makes it likely to be wild? Check out these numbers: Northwestern averaged 492.7 total yards, ranking eighth nationally, while scoring 31.8 points per game and setting a school record with six games of at least 500 yards. UCLA averaged 362 total yards per game, ranking 24th nationally, and 38 points per game.

"Our team can move the football," Bruins coach Karl Dorrell said. "We've done it against some very good teams in our conference. We also know how good the Big Ten is. For them to have success in the Big Ten, we

know our hands are full."

These teams also have another thing in common — powerful defenses.

Minnesota coach tries to focus on bowl game

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Minnesota coach Glen Mason says he has been busy preparing his Golden Gophers for Virginia and the Music City Bowl, leaving negotiations on a new contract extension to his agent.

Time may be running out. As of Thursday afternoon, Mason's contract extension had not been extended before Saturday night — when contracts for his assistant coaches expire — even though he has a year remaining on his current deal.

A school attorney told the St. Paul Pioneer Press that Minnesota doesn't want Mason connected without a renewal.

Mason is 56-49 in nine seasons with the Golden Gophers, and this is their sixth bowl in seven years.

On Friday, Mason's Golden Gophers (7-4) will try to win their fourth straight bowl game against Virginia (6-5), a team they've never played.

The Cavaliers beat Central Atlantic Coast Conference champion Florida State and Georgia Tech, but fell out of the Top 25 with a 7-5 loss at North Carolina. They also lost their final two games, at Virginia Tech and Miami.

They are here because the Southeastern Conference couldn't fill its bowl contracts.

Missouri QB likes the attention he's receiving

SHREVEPORT, La. — Missouri quarterback Brad Smith didn't squirm as he fielded questions before the Independence Bowl, but acknowledged he'd rather avoid the spotlight before the game.

"It's not shy, though, about the attention he's getting from the South Carolina Gamecocks, whose defense has labeled him as prey No. 1."

"I like that," Smith said. "I enjoy that challenge." South Carolina defensive end Orin Lambert had no trouble stating the game plan for Friday's game against Missouri (6-5).

Missouri put up 4,653 yards in total offense this season, and Smith accounted for 3,173, rushing for 1,151 yards and passing for 2,022. That made Smith the first player in NCAA Division I history to pass for 2,000 and run for 1,000 in two seasons. Smith completed 216 of 362 passes with 12 TDs and eight INTs this season. Smith already owns 55 career, Big 12 and NCAA single game, season and career records.

"It's an excellent athlete with his ability to run, just like the Texas quarterback, Vince Young," South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said.

USC hits stretch run preparing for Rose

LOS ANGELES (AP) — South California traveled nearly 3,000 miles to win the national championship last season. Now, the top-ranked Trojans are just a short bus ride away.

They're working out on their normal practice field. They can order their regular meals served. And then they'll follow a familiar freeway 15 miles to Pasadena for the big game.

At this rate, perhaps they should play the Rose Bowl right inside the Coliseum, too.

"It's an advantage for us. It's like a home game for us," Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush said.

"We don't have to travel, we don't have to do any of that stuff, we don't have to worry about distractions."

The second-ranked Texas Longhorns can see — and hear — what they're up against.

During a photo op at Disneyland on Thursday, a young girl shouted "I love you, Reggie" and several more squealed for Matt Lenzart, the Trojans' other Heisman winner.

When quarterback Vince Young and his Texas teammates showed up, a few boos broke out.

"We're in their city. It's supposed to happen like this," Young said.

The star defensive tackle Chad Wright. "We hear the Reggie chants and all that. It makes us laugh a little bit. It's kind of like an away game, but we play right on the road."

Over the years, playing close to home has helped boost teams. Miami often excelled at the Orange Bowl and LSU won its share of a national title at the Superdome.



USC tailback LenDale White gestures during practice on Thursday. The Trojans face Texas in the Bowl Championship Series title game in the Rose Bowl on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006.

Lenart said.

"This year, it works out great. It's so sweet — the Rose Bowl, the national championship game."

And in some ways, the Trojans are preparing for Wednesday night's game the same way they would for a regular-season matchup against Stanford or Washington State.

USC was scheduled to move into a hotel Thursday night in nearby Century City until next

halfway.

Coach Pete Carroll said the pregame buzz seems different this year.

"I know the kids can sense it," he noticed. "It just feels a step, a notch, bigger to us all. We're just lucky that we're here and humbled by it."

While fun is part of Carroll's plan, so is preparation and discipline.

The coach is satisfied in those areas.

"This is the hard-working football team you're going to find," he said.

And one of the most successful events, having won 34 straight games and going 49-3 since the start of the 2002 season.

While Texas goes through almost completely closed practices at the Home Depot Center in nearby Carson, USC's practices are attended by dozens of people not directly involved with the Trojans. Most aren't reporters, either.

"Family is family," Carroll said.

"That means we open the doors to them. I think our players are comfortable with people at practice. We try to do a real nice job of screening. I'm not paranoid about it. However, we're going to do everything we can to try and not let the wrong people watch."

Texas has reporters, including TV and photographers, are only allowed to attend the first 20 minutes of practice, then can return at the finish to interview players and coaches.

Texas practices are open to video and still photographers for the first 15 minutes, and that's it.

The Longhorns bring a 19-game winning streak into their second straight Rose Bowl. Young made quite a name for himself a year ago, starring in a wild 38-37 victory over Michigan.

That game was decided by

Olympic hopeful struggles through distraction

KEARNS, Utah (AP) — Derek Parra is trying to make his third Olympic team, but it's hard to keep his mind on skating.

He has trouble sleeping. He doesn't feel like eating. He misses his 4-year-old daughter. He wonders how his life took such an unexpected turn.

Finally, it all came pouring out.

An extraordinary catharsis unfolded Wednesday at the Utah Olympic Oval, the arena where Parra won two Olympic speedskating medals in 2002. This time, instead of standing atop a podium to bask in the glory, he sat on a trash can, fought back tears and spilled the details of his personal turmoil.

Parra is going through a divorce, a revelation that was hinted at in recent weeks but largely kept under wraps until the U.S. national championships, where he's down to perhaps his final chance to claim a spot in the Turin Olympics.

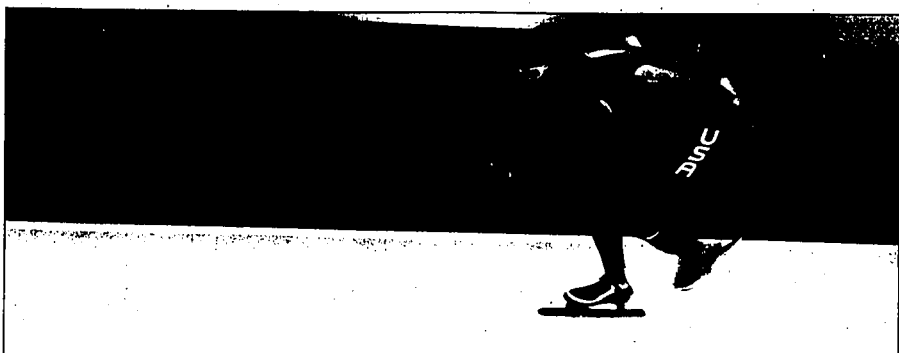
The fact that Parra's wife, Tiffany, and daughter, Mia Elizabeth, were such a huge inspiration at the 2002 Salt Lake Games only makes his pain more intense.

"I've got to deal with it," he said. "I'm trying to put things aside and see if I can make this team."

It won't be easy. The 35-year-old Parra didn't come close in the 500 or 1,000 meters, and he merely went through the motions in the 5,000 since there were no spots available. Now, he's down to his last chance, the 1,500 on Friday — the very race that produced an Olympic gold almost four years ago.

"I've got to put this thing behind me for one day," Parra said, the words coming out in halting, painful spurts. "If I can't, I won't be going to the Olympics."

It's been clear for a while that something was wrong. Parra couldn't get up to speed on the World Cup circuit and failed to



USA's Derek Parra heads into a curve during the 5000m men's speedskating race during the U.S. Long Track Championships on Wednesday at the Utah Olympic Oval in Kearns. After the race, the affable Parra revealed he was going through a painful divorce.

prequalify for the Olympic team — a jarring blow for a skater of his caliber.

"He's definitely struggled the last five months," said his coach, Bart Schouten. "He's on the way back, but he still has some personal issues he's fighting through. He can't get away from it, so he's trying to battle through it."

Parra revealed his marital woes to family and friends, coaches and teammates, but wouldn't talk about it publicly. "I want to take the high road," he kept saying, though some of the details trickled out earlier this month when he discussed personal issues hampering his performance.

"Because of these problems I've been having," he said, "I lost weight. I got sick. I wasn't sleeping. I was going through depression. A lot of things kind of jumped on me. I was handling it pretty good for a while,

then. 'Whew!'"

Parra went through startling streaks of inconsistency. One day, he was going faster than he did at the last Olympics. Before the week was out, he couldn't make it through more than a few laps without getting exhausted.

"Warming up even made me tired," he said. "It felt like I was wearing a parachute when I skated. I had this monkey on my back in everything I did."

He wouldn't say what the problem was — until Wednesday.

"I skate with my heart. My family has been there with me for so many years," Parra said. "Now, that's all gone."

Parra's teammates haven't given up on him making the team. "Don't count Derek out," world record holder Chad Hedrick said. "He's a fighter. He's one of the leaders of this team."

Four years ago, Parra felt like the luckiest guy around. Tiffany delivered the couple's first child, Mia Elizabeth, just two months before the Salt Lake City Games. At the opening ceremony, Parra was among the athletes chosen to carry the tattered American flag that survived the attack on the World Trade Center.

Riding a wave of emotion, Parra won a stunning silver medal in the 5,000. Tiffany, watching the race on television from her parents' home in Florida, put a "USA" beret on Mia Elizabeth and jumped up and down on the sofa when her husband crossed the line.

Ten days later, Tiffany was there in person to see Derek win his signature race with a world-record performance in the 1,500. She made so much racket on the temporary metal bleachers that she worried about falling through.

"I was looking at my life and

feeling so thankful about what I had," Parra said at the time.

Parra planned to retire after the Olympics, but now says his wife pushed him to keep going. He still had the passion for skating. He finally had a chance to make a little money in the sport.

The first signs of trouble appeared when Parra's wife and daughter joined him in Salt Lake City a few months after the Olympics. It was hard for them to have much of a life between training and his part-time jobs at Home Depot. Within weeks, Tiffany had packed up their daughter and moved back to Florida.

"I know it was difficult for her," Parra said. "I was gone 12 hours a day."

Still, they had a plan for the rest of their lives. Tiffany enrolled in college. Parra kept on skating and got to Florida when he could. After one more Olympics, they would settle

down as husband, wife and child.

Now, Parra is trying to figure out his next move. His daughter had a birthday this month, but he hasn't seen her since October. He choked up when talking about being apart during Christmas. Compounding his fragile psyche, there are constant reminders that his life has changed forever.

"I just got a package today that I have to sign and send back," he said, referring to divorce documents.

Parra has been seeing a therapist but can't help but wonder what's next. "If I don't make the team, I'll go back to Florida and be with (Mia Elizabeth) and try to decide what to do with the rest of my immediate life," he said. "If I do make the team, I'll go home for a few days, try to settle a few things and get all my stuff out of the house."

Freestylers vie for Turin

DENVER (AP) — With one good jump under the lights, or one terrific trip through the moguls, someone like Jeremy Bloom or Jani Cook can lock up a trip to the Olympics on Friday. Or some long shot like David D'Grazio or Kayla Snyderman.

It will be a high-risk, high-reward day for the freestyle skiers who are in Colorado hoping to punch their ticket to Turin and let the others sweat out the rest of the selection process.

"It's pretty exciting," said Shannon Rahrke, the moguls skier who won the automatic bid four years ago and parlayed it into a silver medal at the Olympics. "Whoever puts down the best run ... everyone here is skiing really well. It's the person who has that day."

Freestyle trials aren't trials in the traditional sense — they won't be used to name the entire 14-person Olympic team. Instead, one winner from each event in Steamboat Springs — men's and women's moguls and men's and women's aerials — will earn an automatic spot. The rest must continue to qualify based on their results in World Cup events over the next month.

Because they have already finished in the top three during previous World Cup events, Travis Mayer (moguls) and Hannah Kearney (moguls) have already made it. Nobody else is guaranteed a spot yet, not even Bloom, the star who will head back to the football field when the Olympics are over.

Of course, there is no real holding back in freestyle skiing — the sport is filled with risks. And nobody who wins Friday will forgo the upcoming World Cup events because there is plenty of money and prestige to be gained.

So, it figures the skiers who will secure their spots are the ones coming in on their peak around now.

Four years ago, Toby Dawson got so worked up about qualifying for the Olympics, he lashed out and didn't make the team at all. This time, he's confident as ever and not willing to let Olympic qualifying ruin his experience.

"There's a lot of pressure in qualifying and it makes it tough on athletes," Dawson said. "I get that to me sometimes. You just have to realize that all those things are very external. This time, I've concentrated on my own runs and realized that what stuff will happen."



Jeremy Bloom of Loveland, Colo., prepares to head down the mogul run during the U.S. Olympic Team Trials at Steamboat Springs ski area, Colo., on Thursday.

The trials, to be televised by NBC on tape delay Saturday, will mark the first major event the public will see in the lead-up to the Olympics. For those who haven't watched in four years, there will be changes.

Most notable are the array of so-called "off axis" tricks that are now allowed by skiers' governing body. In 2002, now-retired freestyler Jonny Moseley had to fight to have his "Dinner Roll" jump — a barrel roll in which the spin while parallel to the ground — accepted for the Olympics.

He got it approved, did it successfully in the Olympics and

finished fourth. Now, off-axis tricks are routine, and many of the men who ski the moguls Friday will feature them as one of their two jumps.

Dawson said the jumps, viewed as too dangerous by many four years ago, have become common company accepted.

"I don't think they've made the sport any more dangerous," he said. "A lot of the old tricks, the vertical tricks, have awkward landings that are a lot tougher."

In aerials, meanwhile, night jumps will be on display at the Olympics. To get ready, these trials will be held at night on

Howben Hill. Skiers are used to jumping at night, although the action under the lights is quite a new spectacle.

Among the favorites there are Jana Lindley, Kate Reed and Cook, whose devastating foot injuries forced her to watch the 2002 Games from the sidelines.

While Cook figures to be in Turin regardless of her performance Friday, skiers like D'Grazio and Snyderman are the longest of long shots. They were added to the U.S. roster just this month based on strong performances at selection events. Only those on the roster qualify for trials.

Tales and memories from the 2005 Tour

Some of the biggest news in golf came from spontaneous moments.

Jack Nicklaus was on his way home from a design project in Spain when he stopped in London for a brief chat with the media. He was asked about the British Open at St. Andrews, and Nicklaus said it would be his final major championship. And this time, he meant it.

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem was walking to the clubhouse during the finals of the Match Play Championship when he was asked an innocuous question about the future at La Costa Resort, which always seems to be under water. Out of the blue, he tipped his hand about massive changes in store for golf.

"We're looking at a lot of different things in the schedule," he said. "It's time to take a look at a number of parts of the schedule to see if we can make it more compelling."

Geoff always had surprises, especially outside the ropes. Here are some other moments that went beyond birdies and bogeys, green jackets and pink shirts.

*** It is not unusual for players to help each other with tips, whether on the range or during a practice round.

Michael Campbell was playing with Vijay Singh at Pinehurst No. 2 early in the week of the U.S. Open when they got to the 15th hole. Campbell sought the advice of a three-time major champion.

"He told me to get your hands ahead of the ball and hit a feisty, running shot," Campbell said. "It pops out and high and floats, so there's no check spin."

On the last day of the tournament, Campbell had a two-shot lead when he hit into the bunker on No. 15. Using the tip from Singh, he blasted out to 6 feet to save par, the pivotal shot in his first major title.

Campbell did not see Singh again until they were at St. Andrews for the British Open. As they passed each other on the range, Campbell smiled and said, "Hey, thanks for the tip."

David Duval brought his family to St. Andrews for the British Open, but got off to a late start when he tweaked his back and had to spend an hour in the fitness trailer before his first practice round. He joined his group on the fourth hole, and was walking up the fairway when he stopped and took from his bag what appeared to be a

DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

range finder.

It was a digital camera. Duval paused and took pictures of his steps on the Old Course — Deano standing beside a pot bunker, Nick on the tree with Fred Couples, and Davis Love III. Duval never looked more at ease.

He had another tough year, with more rounds in the 80s than the 60s. But on that day, Duval showed he is far from miserable on the golf course.

The relationship between Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia can best be described as curt, and the 25-year-old Spaniard is not afraid to get under Woods' skin. That much was clear at the Players Championship.

The tour has a policy that practice rounds cannot start on the back nine after 4:30 a.m., but Garcia squeezed in front of Woods and Retief Goosen on Wednesday. Woods, who tees off at dawn and tries to finish before breakfast, found himself waiting on nearly every shot.

Worse yet, Kenny Mayne of ESPN joined Garcia for some fun on camera the last few holes.

Garcia is a friend of Goosen, and waited for him behind the green. As they chatted, Woods came over to shake Goosen's hand.

He never looked at Garcia, standing a shoulder's length away.

Robert Allenby had not played Doral in four years. He was walking by a row of lockers looking for the gold plate with his name on it when he gave up and asked the attendant, who has showed him a locker with his name written on masking tape.

"You must have been one of the late entries, but we're working around the attendant today. We should have it up this afternoon, don't you worry. We're great to have you back here."

Allenby was leaving to eat lunch when the attendant called after him.

"Oh, by the way Stuart, you get the upper and lower lockers."

Allenby and Stuart Appleby are from Australia who often are mistaken for each other, for no reason other than the spelling of their names.

SPORTS

Sports figures we lost in 2005

By The Associated Press

Notable deaths from the sports world in 2005.
Jan. 4 — Bud Paul, 80, hockey Hall of Famer.
Jan. 5 — Robert Teas, 84, former NFL player.



Former Baltimore Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson listens during a memorial service for former teammate Ed Hendricks.

Ed Hendricks died of a heart attack on Dec. 21.

Jan. 11 — Richard Hinrichs, 57, a court reporter of Chicago.
Jan. 15 — William Thomas "Bud" Brown, 87, former NFL player.

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Jan. 21 — Stephen O'Roberts, 65, coach of the Baltimore Orioles.
Feb. 2 — Clear Odell, 81, a basketball player.

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Italians say evidence against CIA agents is piling up

By Tracy Wilkinson
Los Angeles Times

ROME — The secret agents who captured Abu Omar were very secret.

In the days surrounding their abduction of the radical Egyptian cleric on a Milan street three years ago, they chatted openly on their cellular phones, ran up huge bills at luxury hotels and even managed to let their rental cars be photographed by traffic cameras as they drove illegally through pedestrian walkways.

The case became the most well-documented example of a secret CIA practice aimed at hunting down terror suspects.

In Italy's efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice have stalled, a casualty of political stonewalling, international intrigue and public apathy. Italy has issued European-wide arrest warrants for the alleged captors of the cleric, whose full name is Hassan Osama Nasr, 22 CIA operatives, including the former station chief in Milan. Italian prosecutors say Abu Omar, whom investigators suspected of heading a terrorist network, was transported by U.S. agents to an Egyptian prison, where he has said he was tortured.

The operation in Milan was one piece in what is now known to be the much wider use of European soil and airspace by U.S. intelligence services for the possibly illegal detention of dozens of suspects, involving hidden prisons and clandestine flights in and out of European airports.

Getting to the bottom of the account has proven difficult and, in some cases, embarrassing for governments not only in Italy but also Germany, Spain, Switzerland and Britain.

The man and woman who grabbed Abu Omar as he walked to a Milan mosque in February 2003 are long gone, the last of them having left the country

ahead of the decision of an Italian court in June to issue nationwide arrest warrants. Last week, another court expanded the warrants to the European Union, so the suspects now risk arrest anywhere in the 25-nation bloc.

State prosecutors based in Milan, who are pressing the case, believe the paper and electronic trail left behind by the CIA operatives provides a remarkable trove of evidence, especially for an operation that was supposed to be clandestine. The prosecutors asked the government to demand extradition from the U.S. of the 22 suspects.

And that is where the case has stalled. The pro-U.S. government of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is refusing to forward the extradition requests and instead asked for more documentation, a highly unusual request that prosecutors regard as a delaying tactic.

Berlusconi has repeatedly denied that his government knew about or authorized the abduction, even as former CIA officers in Washington said the operation was conducted with Italian government cooperation.

Berlusconi shrugged off the contradiction. Last week, he justified the operation, saying governments should not be expected to fight terrorism "with a law book in hand."

The ease and openness with which the operation acted in Milan suggests they knew they had the green light from Italian authorities. Among other activities, they ran up bills totaling more than \$150,000 at some of Milan's best hotels.

Abu Omar's captors took him to the U.S.-run side of the Aviano Air Base in northern Italy from there he was flown in a CIA-leased Learjet to the U.S. Ramstein Air Base in Germany, where he was transferred to a Gulfstream executive jet for the

last leg of the journey to Egypt, according to Italian investigators and court documents.

He has told friends and family that he was questioned for hours at Aviano and tortured in prison in Egypt by interrogators who beat him and used electrical shocks on his body.

Phone records suggest that one of the CIA agents — former Milan station chief Robert Seldon Lady — may have been present in Egypt during the torture, prosecutors say. They have forwarded a request asking U.S. authorities to question Lady and his boss, the home CIA station chief, about his presence in Egypt.

Italian prosecutors have tried to broaden the prosecution of Abu Omar's captors. But, in addition to official roadblocks, they are confronted with a general sense of resignation among Italians, another obstacle to the criminal case. Outrage over the abduction has been tempered by a feeling among many Italians that the Americans will do as they choose on national territory, and nothing can be done about it.

"In a certain sense, Italians expect Italy to be taken for granted," said Giuseppe Cuccia, a retired army general with Italy's civil protection office who is familiar with intelligence operations.

Cuccia, who for years was Italy's representative to NATO, pointed to two incidents in recent years that have fostered this belief. A senior Italian intelligence agent was killed by American troops in Iraq earlier this year at a checkpoint shooting. The U.S. government cleared its officers of any wrongdoing, despite Italian objections. Seven years ago, a U.S. Marine pilot crashed the tail of a ski lift in northern Italy, killing 20 people; the Americans cleared their personnel of wrongdoing.



Yun Young-ku, a supporter of South Korean stem cell pioneer Hwang Woo-suk, holds a portrait of Hwang in front of Seoul National University in Seoul on Thursday.

University probe says all stem cell lines were falsified

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — An already disgraced scientist lied about all of the stem cell lines he claimed were matched to different patients through cloning, investigating researchers said in a new jab to the shattered reputation of Hwang Woo-suk.

Thursday's announcement all but ends the fraud investigation into one of three major cloning breakthroughs claimed by the one-time scientific superstar and national hero. Probes of Hwang's two other groundbreaking experiments are still under way at Seoul National University where he worked before resigning in disgrace last week.

The latest news was one more disappointment to the scientific world, which had viewed Hwang's achievements as holding great promise for treating people with a variety of ailments, and for spinal cord injuries to Parkinson's disease.

One researcher bemoaned the most recent development. "The bottom line is that it's a major disaster to our whole field because the expectations were so high and now we are back to square one," said stem cell scientist Joseph Blau, director of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, Israel.

In the experiment deemed fraudulent, Hwang had claimed in a paper published in May in the journal Science that he had created 11 colonies of human embryonic stem cells genetically matched to specific patients.

An investigative panel at the university reported last week that Hwang had faked the research on nine of the stem cell lines. On Thursday, it confirmed he also fabricated his research for the two remaining cell lines

as well. "The panel couldn't find stem cells that match patients' DNA regarding the 2005 paper and it believes that Hwang's team doesn't have scientific data to prove that (such stem cells) were made," said Jong-yeop, the university's dean of research affairs.

The university said that by next month it expected to wrap up all work on that case and have findings on two others: Hwang's first blockbuster claim in 2004 in the journal Science that he created the world's first cloned human embryos and extracted stem cells from it, and his research published in Nature last August claiming to have produced the first cloned dog.

Prosecutors said last week they are waiting for the university investigation into all Hwang's research before launching their own probe. The scientific journals also await those findings.

"We were already worried about the 2004 paper and this doesn't do us any less worried," said Katrina Kelner, an editor at Science, who said the 2005 paper would be retracted.

Since sailing to international renown last year, the 53-year-old Hwang had become the local point of pride in South Korea, a nation obsessed with education and achievement. That has quickly turned to disbelief and anger as escalating revelations of fraud have been the final blow to many who initially supported him even as the first doubts emerged.

The problem grew bigger and bigger as Hwang was trying to hide something about his research," said Jeon Jeon, a 33-year-old part-time worker in the port city of Incheon, near Seoul. "Hwang would not have

faced a difficult situation like this if he had taken ethical issues into consideration."

Hwang first came under suspicion in November when he admitted, after more than a year of denial, that he had used eggs donated by lab workers, in violation of ethics guidelines. He also acknowledged that some of the eggs he used were bought, after first saying all the eggs were donated.

His fraudulent research first came to light when a former colleague alleged faking involving some of the patient-specific stem cell lines.

On Thursday, Hwang's whereabouts were unknown and he could not be reached for comment. A mobile phone number he gave to journalists has been changed.

Despite Hwang's fall from grace, some were not ready to give up the dreams that his claims inspired.

"The confidence in Hwang remains unchanged," said Jung In-woon, 40, secretary general of the Korea Spinal Cord Injury Association. Since Hwang himself has not admitted all the cell lines were faked, "we would like to believe that he created patient-specific stem cells," said Jung, paralyzed from the waist down since a 1987 traffic accident.

Hwang filed a complaint with prosecutors last Friday that some of the stem cell lines his team created were replaced by those made at Seoul's Mizmed Hospital, which had collaborated with his research team.

Rose said that while the university's investigation found that some of Hwang's purported stem cell lines originated from Mizmed, probing any possible switch is beyond the scope of the panel.

Taliban suicide bombers killed

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Two suspected Taliban suicide bombers died Thursday when explosives they were strapping to their bodies exploded prematurely in southern Afghanistan, officials said.

The blast followed a string of suicide attacks and comes days after a top rebel commander claimed that more than 200 insurgents were willing to kill themselves in assaults on U.S. troops.

Militants also used a roadside bomb to wound two U.S. troops driving in a desert in southern Helmand province Thursday, a military statement said. A purported Taliban spokesman, Qari Mohammed Youssif, claimed responsibility.

The attack came a day after a U.S. soldier was killed and two others wounded in another roadside bombing in mountains in eastern Afghanistan.

Fighting this year in Afghanistan has killed more than 1,500 people, as militants belonging to the Taliban and al-Qaeda have stepped up attacks.

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Life, romance in 160 characters

Popularity of cell phone text messaging continues to soar

By Yuki Noguchi
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Andrew Weigle can fully express himself in several dozen characters or less.

That's the amount of space he gets on his Motorola flip phone to compose text messages, which he sends mostly to friends and, on at least one occasion, to a girlfriend to break up.

"It was easier to say, 'Look, things just aren't working out' over the text message," said Weigle, 23, of suburban Falls Church, Va. "I'm not the most verbal person when it comes to expressing emotions," he admitted, but with text messaging, "I can put it out there and feel like I'm not saying it. I find there's a little more freedom to say what you're feeling."

A generation ago, those kinds of missives came in handwritten form, taking days or weeks to arrive. Even e-mail made communication much quicker but still allowed time and space for reflection.

Now, text messaging — like its older cousin instant messaging — is giving rise to a new, electronic written culture that is truncating all that. A text message sent via mobile phone is usually confined to 160 characters of less and takes several seconds to send. In accommodate this short form, language is acquiring acronyms — "lol" (that's "laugh") or "love you" and "ruok" (are you OK) — that allow text messages and other instant messages to relay information about life's mundane details as well as its emotional tumbles.

About 7.3 billion text messages are sent within the United States every month, up from 2.9 billion a month a year ago, according to CTA, the wireless industry's trade group. After Hurricane Katrina knocked out or overloaded communication systems, one of the only ways to reach lost relatives and friends was through text messaging, which transmits in steady little

bursts of data that can often make it through even when voice lines are snafled.

Compared with an ink-and-paper letter, messages may seem disposable. The relative inconvenience of typing out words using a numeric keypad — the letter, "c," for example, requires three presses of the "2" button — and the brevity of the message may seem a hostile environment for heartfelt discussion. But the discipline of having to distill thoughts into short bulletins, then waiting to receive the response, allows users to pour more meaning into the writing, some text-message users say.

"There is something different about how communicators that are mediated by a piece of technology it is easier to talk about difficult subjects, and that is both good and bad," said Amanda Lenhart, senior researcher at the Pew Internet & American Life Project, who has interviewed many teen-agers about how they use technology.

"You don't see the person's upper lip tremble. You don't hear their voice quiver. You don't get those external, non-textual cues," she said, so delicate subjects might be easier to broach, if also sometimes easier to misunderstand.

Text-based intimacy went on display during a recent Bon Jovi concert at the MCI Center, when Sprint Nextel Corp. invited the audience to send in text messages, which then scrolled across a gigantic screen behind the stage, including proclamations of love, birthday shout-outs and even several marriage proposals.

Robert Heisel III and his two sisters high-fived when their text message to their baby brother lit up the screen: "Jodd heisel here in our bars."

"In June 2002 our little brother was killed in a car accident," said Heisel, of Elton, Md. Jodd was 18 and a week shy of his high school graduation.

"We grew up on Bon Jovi. We've always been huge fans; we always wanted to see Bon Jovi before we died," Heisel said

“
It was easier to say, 'Look, things just aren't working out' over the text message.”

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— Andrew Weigle, who used a text message to dump his girlfriend

over the din of the crowd. Seeing Jodd's name appear over the stage was a kind of fulfillment of that, he said. "It was like closure. It just made it feel like he was right there with us."

The brevity of a text message gives it a certain poetic beauty, said Washington resident Erik Lang, 34. As an enigmatic haiku, "there's a lot of space for reading between lines, particularly in an early-stage romance."

"You can send a quick little message saying you're thinking of her," the operations research analyst said. Then "you start paying attention not only to what the message says, but you care about the response time."

There's a meta-message: The shorter the response time, the more she cares.

Text messages also feel more personal because the cell phone is always physically close, Lang said — a feature that works for and against him. He recently got into an argument with a friend, for example, who sent angry messages in all capital letters, berating him for ignoring her. "She started insulting me over text message ... and it was not a good scene. It annoyed the hell out of me," he said. "Text messaging will catch you no matter where you are."

Messaging alters language and composition style, said Tom Keeney, director of mes-

saging for T-Mobile USA. Lang has gotten more detailed and sophisticated, making it possible to say more on a tiny canvas, much like poetry, he said. "It's almost like letters gave way to postcards. It was a way to say something on the go."

Text messaging became popular in the United States about three years ago, coinciding with the first television season of "American Idol," which allowed viewers to vote for contestants by sending messages to the show. Now, almost a third of the country's 200 million cellular phone subscribers use text messaging regularly for social or business purposes.

In a recent survey, more than 60 percent of U.S. adults used text messages to tell others they missed or loved them, according to a survey by Tegic Communications, a company that makes predictive spelling software used on most U.S. cell phones. In the same survey, 27 percent said they used them to flirt, 7 percent to ask someone for a date, and 2 percent to break up. Two percent proposed marriage via text.

In Europe and Asia, where text-messaging started earlier, emotional messaging is more common, according to Tegic. Among Germans, 70 percent said "I love you" or "I miss you" over text; 13 percent of Italians and 12 percent of Chinese subscribers admitted to breaking up over text.

John Mallory of suburban Alexandria, Va., said he has developed emotional attachments to some old text messages but occasionally must erase them to make room for new ones. "It says, 'Your mailbox is 90 percent full,'" said Mallory, 24, opening his phone to read an old message. "I'm in a constant battle to pick which ones to save."

But the saved messages can come back to bite. "I've had a friend in particular whose girlfriend was going through his phone and saw flirtatious text messages to an ex-girlfriend," he said. And that was a deal breaker.

American Kobe beef has replaced the real Japanese thing

MABANK, Texas (AP) — For the first time in four years, a gourmet extravaganza — authentic Japanese Kobe beef — is allowed back into the U.S.

The question is whether anyone will care. An American "Kobe-style" brand has taken its place on restaurant menus.

Kobe beef is the essence of

fine dining: The meat bursts with flavor, and the fat melts like butter and coats your mouth with velvety richness. The best American Kobe-style steak will cost \$80, \$90, even \$100 at a high-end steakhouse. A Kobe-style hamburger can run \$40.

The Japanese call it "white steak."

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YOUR WEEKEND

Boogie fever



- **What:** The Boogie Machine, the disco dance revue act, will perform in jackpot.
- **Where:** Gala Showroom, Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- **When:** Saturday, from 10:15 p.m. to 2:45 a.m. There will be an open dance floor from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
- **How much:** It's free.

Bad Santa



- **What:** The West End Theater Co. will present Jeff Goeder's adult comedy "The Eight Reindeer Monologues."
- **Where:** Lamphouse Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- **When:** Today, 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door. The Lamphouse is at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Zany

- **What:** The Mad Hatr Theater Co. will present David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr.'s comedy "The Farmdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol."
- **Where:** Black Currant Theater for the Community, 157 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.
- **When:** Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$15, are available by phoning 734-ARTS or at the door.

Dinner theater

- **What:** Company of Hoots will present Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner."
- **Where:** Liberty Theater, Hailey.
- **When:** Today and Saturday, 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students 18 and under and seniors 62 and over, are available at the theater box office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, by phoning 578-9122, or at the door.

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Little Wood	125%	45%
Salmon Falls	114%	42%
Oakley Basin	125%	43%

As of Dec. 28.

*A comparison of basin averages, on this day, with a 30-year average. **In and over, or below, respectively.

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A grand jury has determined that three Hagerman children died under circumstances that could lead to the death penalty for their father.

Jim Junior Nice, 33, has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the poisoning deaths of the children last week in Twin Falls.

A grand jury indictment issued Wednesday night alleges the children died under "aggravating circumstances" in a

manner "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel, manifesting exceptional depravity."

Nice is accused of killing the children with a combination of over-the-counter medicine and rat poison. The children, 6-year-old twins Spencer and Justin Nice, and 2-year-old Raquel Nice, were found dead Dec. 21 at their father's home at 1631 Fourth Ave. E.

"I don't want anybody to think we've made the decision," Loebs said. "But you lose the option to ask for the death penalty if the grand jury doesn't find aggravating circumstances."

Ultimately, Loebs said, a death sentence must be imposed by a trial jury, which must also determine that aggravating circumstances exist.

The grand jury indictment alleges that aggravating circumstances exist because more than one life was taken, the deaths were committed in a cruel manner and Nice "exhibited utter disregard for human life."

The indictment was one of two issued by the Twin Falls County Grand Jury. The second charges Nice with three counts of first-degree murder.

Loebs said the second indictment replaces a three-count criminal complaint that was filed against Nice last week. The charges are basically the same, but the indictment offers prosecutors three alternatives for pursuing the case.

All three alternatives fall under Idaho's first-degree murder statute.

Specifically, the indictment says Nice can be prosecuted for murder in the first degree, murder by poison, or felony murder.

Under the "murder by poison" alternative, Loebs said

prosecutors do not need to prove premeditation. Under the "felony murder" alternative, prosecutors do not need to prove either premeditation or malice.

Nice is being held without bail in the Twin Falls County Jail. He likely will be arraigned in 5th District Court on the grand jury indictments on Tuesday, Loebs said.

Once Nice enters a plea, the prosecutor's office has 30 days to decide whether or not to seek the death penalty. "We'll give it a lot of consideration during that time," Loebs said.

Nice could face death

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Introductions for the Art Hieb Quartet are simple. On drums, Art Hieb. Piano? Art Hieb. Accordion and harmonica? Hieb and again, Hieb.

The 73-year-old retired resident sits in the middle of a contraption of his own design and plays all four instruments at the same time. It's a solution he came up with after having a hard time finding people to make music with him.

Hieb has played accordion most of his life. He and wife, Dorothy, love nothing more than to hear a lively polka. He loves it even more when the accordion is accompanied by piano, harmonica and drums.

So he built a one-man band. He sits in the middle. To his left is an electronic keyboard with four separate foot pedals, each one controlling a chord. Artificial fingers press down on the keys.

In front of his mouth is a harmonica, and to the front and left a bass drum operated by a foot pedal.

In any case, music is a big part of the family.

He and his sister and sister-in-law formed a polka band, and they played weddings, polka festivals, parties, dances and weddings in the Dakotas, there are even polka masses in the Catholic church.

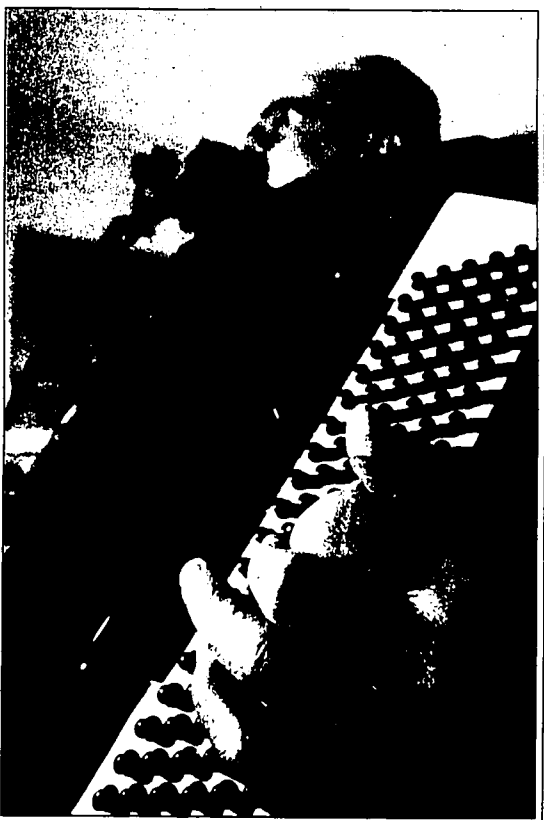
"It's the regular hymns, but we just put them to a polka beat," Hieb explained.

When his brother, Ted Hieb, passed away, the family gave him a polka funeral.

They were invited to perform at locations from Elk and Laughlin, Nevada to Denver, Colorado and some Wyoming towns. They've even been back to Hague, N.D. to play for a family reunion. Rupert resident Haldegard Holey, Hieb's sister, went along, taking her accordion. When a friend heard they were traveling there for a family reunion, he asked them to play. He ad placed in the local paper billed them as "Art Hieb and the Idaho Polka Kings."

"People remembered us from when we moved away in 1941," Holey recalled. "Since there were so many of us, we left a big group in the school. These friends of ours rented the hall of the Catholic church and ran ads in the paper."

He left the farm, near Strasburg, at age 15 to move to Idaho. The family of eleven children and their parents worked hard all summer, but in the fall there was more time for music and fun. The combination taught him skills that went into his finest creation —



Art Hieb, 73, plays polka music at his home in Rupert. Hieb is a one-man band who plays a harmonica, electronic keyboard and bass drum simultaneously.

his music machine. The trouble was, sometimes he couldn't find other musicians to join him. He got a lot of invitations to play, but thought it sounded better with a piano, harmonica and drums.

Hieb has been designing farm equipment since he was old enough to be allowed into the machine shop. Sprinklers and tractor-drawn equipment were some of the things he modified to simplify his chores.

"Anything to make it a little easier," he says with a North Dakota-German lilt.

One year he was working on a combine. The wrench slipped, and Hieb fell to the ground, injuring his shoulder. It bothered him for a long time.

Then one evening he and Dorothy were sitting around a fire at a campground. A woman got out an accordion and began to play. The music was a pleasure, but later he was chatting

with her and learned something that would help him a great deal. She said her doctor had recommended she play the instrument to exercise her injured shoulder.

"When we got home, I got out that old accordion I had in the closet," Hieb said. "At first, boy that hurt. I could just play for maybe ten minutes. But after a few weeks, I could play longer and longer. Now my shoulder is

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Weather blamed in plane crash

The Times-News

TRUCKEE, Calif. — A private business jet bound from Twin Falls to the Truckee-Tahoe Airport crashed and killed the two pilots aboard Wednesday afternoon as it attempted to land in inclement weather, the Federal Aviation Administration reported Thursday.

The Sierra Sun newspaper in Truckee identified the pilots Thursday as John and Alan Adams, a father of four, who has been flying for about 10 years, and Brett Karp, 34, of Washington, D.C.

The twin-engine Learjet 35 reportedly attempted to refuel in Sun Valley Wednesday afternoon but was diverted south to the Twin Falls airport because of bad weather.

Around the valley

According to reports filed Thursday, the jet refueled in Twin Falls and departed for the Truckee-Tahoe Airport to pick up two passengers. At the time of the 2:08 p.m. (PST) crash, the National Weather Service had issued winter storm warnings and advisories for the Truckee area, including reports of wind shear and light rain and mist.

The official FAA report released Thursday noted that the last radio contact with the eight-passenger plane was when the jet was cleared for approach approximately 15 miles from the airport. The aircraft was on instrument approach when it went down in a rec-

recession area just short of the runway, reported the Placer County Sheriff's Department and the FAA.

The FAA reported that the plane is owned by R.S.B. Investments, a Pennsylvania-based company doing business as Skyward Aviation. The passengers the plane was reportedly attempting to pick up, have not been identified.

The last crash at the Truckee-Tahoe Airport occurred on July 4, 2003 when a single-engine plane crash killed an elderly couple attempting to land at the airport.

Christmas Eve crash victims recovering

DECLO — Five injured occupants were seen **VALLEY**, Page C7

The Times-News

WENDELL — A patch of black ice on Interstate 84 west of here Thursday morning led to four rollovers within the span of 10 minutes, reported law enforcement authorities. One woman was killed.

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough identified the woman as Sandra L. Barrow, 65, of Meridian. She was a passenger in a vehicle driven by her husband, Mark Barrow, 64.

Gough said Mark Barrow was seriously injured and flown by helicopter to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

An Indiana couple, involved in another of the rollovers, was transported to Gooding County Memorial Hospital with "non-

life threatening injuries," Gough said. He identified them as Robert and Carol Barkow, of Michigan, Ind.

No one was injured in the other two rollovers.

Gough said the four accidents occurred within about 10 minutes, between 10:45 and 11:15 a.m. Thursday, 1.5 miles west of Wendell.

He said the ice formed on only a one-mile stretch of the interstate. Drivers lost control of their vehicles after hitting the ice patch at highway speeds.

Gough said it was a frustrating experience for emergency responders. "Even with all the fire trucks and emergency vehicles out there, we were still clogging people at 83 miles per hour," he said.

Officials upset by hiring of T.F. auditor

The Associated Press

LAPWAI — The mayor of this northern Idaho city, whose rocky tenure included a string of city firings, a vote of no confidence and intervention by the governor in a City Council appointment, is again under fire, this time for hiring a Twin Falls accountant for the city as one of his last official acts.

Mayor James Angle, who leaves office next week, hired the accountant at a public meeting Tuesday. The meeting had originally been described as a closed meeting to discuss personnel issues and no notice was given it would be open to the public.

The accountant, Nancy Koonce, is a certified fraud examiner who provides litigation support and fraud consultation, according to her employer, LeJong, Bragg and Donnelly. She has been hired to do a forensic audit, according to Lapwai City Councilor Robert Brown.

At a meeting, city councilors Charles Spencer and Brown told Angle any decision to hire Koonce should be left to the new council, which will take office next week. Brown is the only elected city official continuing in office. City Councilor David Holt moved to hire Koonce, but neither Spencer or Brown seconded the motion, Spencer said.

"(Angle) went ahead and hired her, which I felt was illegal," Spencer told the Lewiston Tribune.

Angle did not immediately return a message left for him at Lapwai City Hall on Thursday.

Spencer said that Koonce sat through the discussion and should know the council didn't consent to hiring her. He said he doesn't know if she will be paid or if money is available. She was working at Lapwai City Hall on Wednesday.

"I think the new council will have to deal with that situation because it's completely illegal," Spencer said.

Lapwai's former city clerk and deputy clerk have claims against Angle and Holt, alleging the two clerks were harassed and falsely accused after questioning city transactions in which Angle and Holt were involved. Angle and Holt have alleged misconduct by the former clerks.

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One dies in truck wreck

The Times-News

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FILER — Leora Young, 100, longtime Magic Valley resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at her daughter's home in Boise, Idaho.

Leora was born March 30, 1905, to George and Mabel Lack in rural Kansas. At the age of 14, she moved with her family to the Magic Valley, where she graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1924. Leora married Charles E. Young in 1926 and, throughout 60 years of marriage, they made their home in Twin Falls. Wendell, Buhl and finally Filer, where they retired. She was active in the Bible PTA and Boy Scouts in Twin Falls, belonged to the Hill and Dale Club in Wendell, and the Filer Senior Citizens Center. In 2004, Leora moved to Heatherwood Retirement Center in Boise.

Leora was preceded in

Leora Young



death by her husband, Charles, and by several brothers and a sister. She is survived by two sons, James F. Young of Modesto, Calif., and Charles E. Young and his wife, Evelyn, of Pocatello, Idaho; and a daughter, Barbara Pickering, and her husband, Charles, of Boise; as well as 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Leora was an inspiration to others with her positive outlook on life, her active lifestyle and the enjoyment she had walking, playing cards, knitting and crocheting. She was dearly loved by all and will be truly missed.

A celebration of Leora's life will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Private arrangements will take place at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Contributions may be given to the Filer Senior Citizens Center, 222 Main St., Filer, ID 83328. Donations should be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Zelda Wiseman



(Chickie) to her parents in Metropolis. After Buck's death, Zelda used his veteran's insurance to attend beauty school. In 1932, she went to Metropolis for a visit and met an old friend, Richard Parker. They were married in Elko, Nev. Dick was living on Spruce Mountain, where he ran the mill. They lived there for 18 years. They moved to Wells, where Zelda worked for Jack Donnelly at the Allen Hotel and Cafe in 1949. Dick and Zelda divorced. She moved to Downey, Calif., where her daughter lived and worked as a nursing attendant at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. She worked there for four years until she met Emmett Corneil Wiseman, who had been Buck's best friend. They were married in Yuma, Ariz. They had four happy years together until he died of a heart attack.

She retired and moved back to Wells, where she lived on the Corneil property, refurbishing an old house there. She remained very active in church, senior citizens, Art Club and others until she had a stroke in 1999. She went to live with her daughter in Twin Falls, Idaho, until 2002 when she had another stroke, which left her severely disabled. Zelda went to live at the Twin Falls Care Center, where they gave her much tender, loving care and kindness. Zelda lived a very difficult life and worked very hard at any endeavor she attempted. She is survived by her daughter, Elaine McIntyre; five grandchildren, Elaine Deryn Crossman, Kathleen McIntyre (Charles Ford), Christine (Lester) Holmes, Jack (Melissa) McIntyre and Paul (Brenda) McIntyre; 19 great-grandchildren; and 25 and counting great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Gladys (Savage) Baker and Merle (Savage) Baker. She was preceded in death by her husbands; five brothers, Wayne Baker, Arta Baker, Eural Baker, Alfred Baker and Dean Baker; two sisters, Wanda Cole and Bernice Hyde; her parents; a great-granddaughter, Jessica McIntyre; and a great-grandson, Timothy Crossman.

Lola M. Austin



Schroyer of Central Valley, Utah; grandchildren, Becci (Paul) Maloney, Richard (Carol) Edle, Russell (Kelli) Edle, all of Nevada; Nathan Wade (Victoria) Austin of Sacramento, Calif.; Mizi Austin of Vancouver, British Columbia; 10 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Ralph Mulliner of Twin Falls; two sisters, Iva Wixson of El Dorado, Calif., and Alice Rae Born of Seattle, Wash.; also a very special friend and nearly daughter, Vivian Bodenstab of Twin Falls.

C. Larry York

made Florida his home. He had recently retired and was looking forward to a happy retirement with his family and friends.

Larry is survived by his son, Larry Jr. (Cheri), and granddaughter, Julianne, all of Palm Bay, Fla.; parents, Catherine Kay and W.L. Busch; two sisters, Kathy Sutton and Linda (Dean) LaMoit and their families, all of Boise, Idaho; his

extended family in Florida and many aunts, uncles and cousins in the Burley-Rupert area. His father, Dr. Clifton Ruppert, formerly of Rupert, preceded him in death.

At Larry's request, no services will be held and cremation will take place in Florida.

Larry will never forget your smile, your laugh, and your wonderful attitude toward life.

SERVICES

Abble Barker Pyne of Twin Falls, Burial at 10 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 4th Ward chapel on Harrison Street; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Vera B. Howell of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St.; friends may call one hour before the service at the mortuary.

Karol McClellan Hodges of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis; viewing from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Lola Ernestine Noh of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl First Presbyterian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Ila Marie Moon of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Emerson Ward Chapel, 950 W. 125 S. of Paul; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church. (Payne Mortuary).

Zelma Cordingley Jorgenson of Jerome, funeral at noon today at the Jerome LDS 1st and 3rd Ward chapel on East Avenue B (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Frank T. McAuley Jr. of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N.

Phoebe Charlotte Greer of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral.

Thumny Maureen Seabrough of Wendell, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church; burial at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Brunson Cemetery (Demary Funeral Service).

Zola Maude Lemmon Fillmore of Albion, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Eckersell Memorial Chapel, 101 W. Main St. in Rigby; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the Eckersell Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

James Gargons — James "Jim" Gargons, 82, of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Pearl Klausner — Pearl E. Klausner, 80, of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at the Burley Care Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Ray Meierhoff — Ray Meierhoff, 81, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at the Snake River Rehab Center in Buhl.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the West End Cemetery. Arrangements will be made

Russell Bancroft Shockey of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Chapel, 1350 E. 16th St., and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Robert Ivan Mitchell of Ogden, Utah, and formerly of Wendell, funeral at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the graveside in the Ogden City Cemetery (Larkin & Sons Mortuary in Ogden).

by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Lala Gallegos — Lala Gallegos, 88, of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary.

Gordon Hagler — Gordon R. Hagler, 82, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ken Griffith — Ken Griffith, 85, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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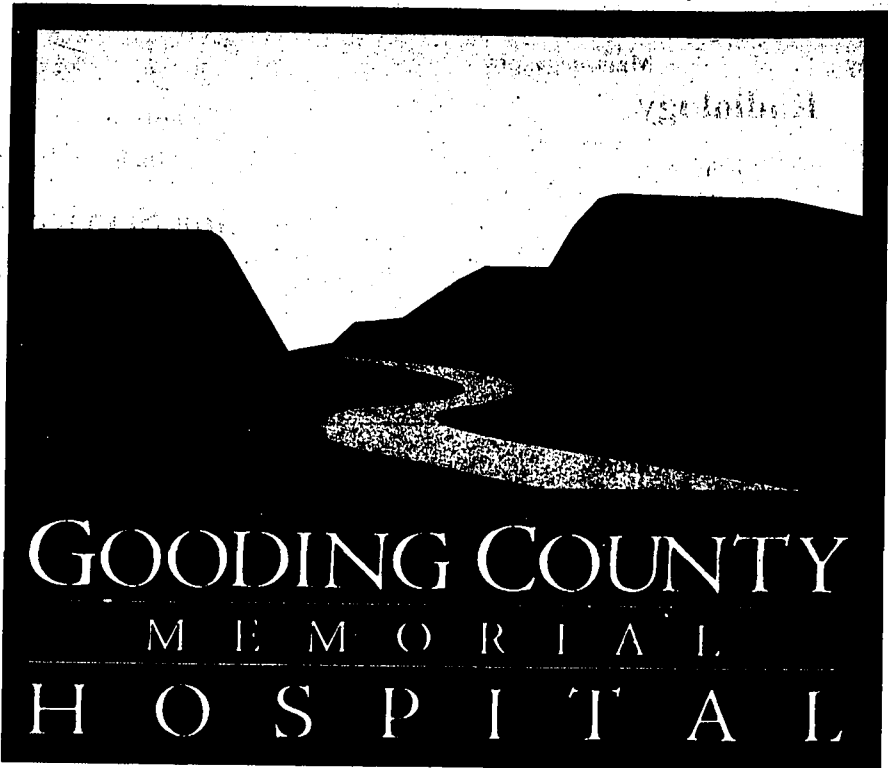
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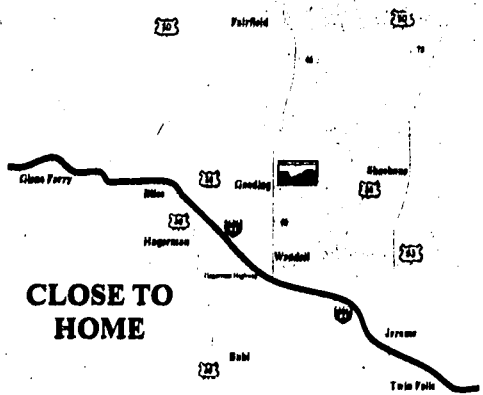
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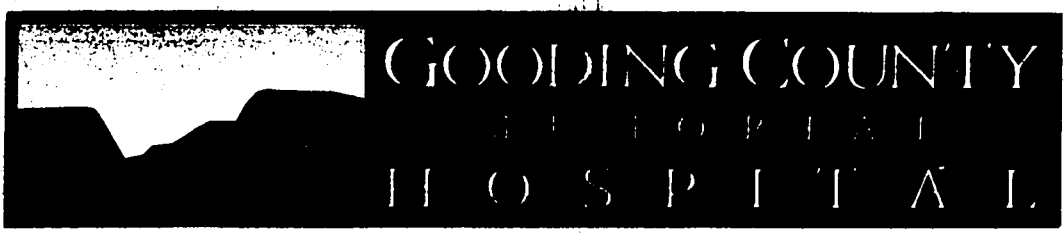
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fine, and there were no doctor bills or nothing for all that there, say, just a lot of fun."

Because the contraption is very heavy and awkward, Heib doesn't play it much except at home. He and his wife, Dorothy, have quite a time setting it up. That's the reason he doesn't accept many invitations these days, but he has fond memories of the dances.

"Anyway, at our age, it's nice to relax," he said with a smile.

"You can always tell which crowds are going to dance, and which crowds are there to visit," Dorothy said. "And you can spot a North Dakota crowd. They're the ones where 90 percent of the people know how to do a fast waltz. It's just like ice skating. Beautiful."

Dorothy and Art Heib agree that polkas are good for the family. In the Dakotas, polka is for all ages.

"One night, the dance we were playing for was the same night as the senior prom," said Art. "After the prom was over, the teenagers started showing



JAMLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Art Heib learned to play the harmonica in the evenings after a day of herding cattle.

up in their fancy clothes and dancing the polka. By the time the night was over, there were little pieces of cloth on the floor where their heels had caught in their dresses. But all the generations were there, dancing together."

Times-News correspondent Corven Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or by email at jimrenee@safelink.net.

Auditor

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Angle was criticized after the city's insurance policy was canceled in August, after which three of the council members resigned. Before they left, however, the council took a vote of no confidence in Angle, who had fired one of the city attorneys and the police chief.

The Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, which provided the insurance, said the city's string of firings, resignations and personnel settlements presented too great a risk to other members to justify continuing coverage for Lapal. The program had already paid the former police chief \$32,779 to settle a claim

against the city.

The police chief, clerk, deputy clerk and two city attorneys have left their posts.

After the three council members resigned, Angle attempted to appoint a hand-picked council member but that move was declared illegal. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was forced to intervene in August when he appointed Brown and Spencer to the council.

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Counties may get back tax money

State borrowed liquor dollars to settle with Hagerman company

POCATELLO (AP) — Liquor sales are up in eastern Idaho but spirits are low among area officials after the state didn't distribute all the tax money the sales generated.

As a result, Pocatello has had to pass on several projects due to lack of money, and the police department didn't get a new patrol car, or a laser range finder to use in accident reconstruction.

"We've been discussing that with legislators to see if we can't get that money returned to cities and counties," Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, told the Idaho State Journal.

Bannock County liquor sales were up 10.7 percent in fiscal year 2005, and liquor profits rose 13.8 percent.

However, Pocatello will get about \$23,000 less in liquor taxes than from the previous fiscal year.



Ryan Shaw searches through a variety of spirits for an upcoming New Year's celebration inside a state liquor store on Tuesday in Pocatello. Despite a banner year for local liquor sales, Bannock County and Pocatello recently learned they will receive less revenue than last year from state taxes on distilled spirits.

cal year. Bannock County will get about \$24,500 less.

The state distributed less money because legislators borrowed \$7.2 million in liquor taxes on the last day of the 2005 legislative session to pay off a

water rights settlement with a Hagerman irrigation company and to create a revolving loan fund to resolve water rights fights throughout the state.

Chadwick and Dyke Nally, superintendent of the state liquor

Dispensary, said the state is close to approving an agreement to repay the borrowed money to Idaho cities and counties.

"We should have a deal within the first few weeks of the (legislative) session," Chadwick said.

Besides not getting all the liquor tax revenue expected, Pocatello Chief Financial Officer David Swindell said the city has received less in gas tax funding. Pocatello received \$1,955 million in gas tax revenue in 2005, down from \$2,348 million in 1999.

Pocatello's take of gas tax revenue declined because communities are allocated money based on the percentage of Idaho's population they represent. Other cities are growing faster than Pocatello.

State Rep. Elmer Martinez, D-Pocatello, said he plans to introduce legislation in the next session, which starts in January, that would prevent cities from receiving less gas tax money than in previous years.

Swindell said a reduction in traveling because of high gas prices, a reduction in state and state fuel tax that has been frozen at 25 cents per gallon for several years, also has contributed to lower gas tax money payments.

Post Falls man charged with taping family members during showers

POST FALLS (AP) — A local man has been released on \$75,000 bail after police found he had set up a hidden camera to videotape his 14-year-old stepdaughter and others as they showered at the family home.

Douglas Kenneth Barnett, 49, was arrested Christmas Day after his stepson discovered the camera. He has been charged with three felony counts of video voyeurism.

In addition to setting bail Tuesday, First District Judge Penny Friedlander ordered Barnett not to contact the alleged victims. She said she could not order the Lakeland School District bus driver not to have contact with minors.

District officials did not immediately return calls for comment.

The hidden camera in the bathroom was found by Barnett's stepson, police said. Officers found a second camera mounted in the frame of the door to the stepdaughter's bedroom. They said they also found several tapes containing nude images of the stepdaughter, the stepson and the stepson's girlfriend as they dressed and showered.

According to a police report, Barnett admitted in a videotaped interview with Officer Chris Rice that the cameras

were his. He also told police that he viewed live images using a portable DVD player in his bedroom.

Barnett said he installed a camera to catch underage drinking at the home but then began watching his nude stepdaughter, according to the police report.

The stepson told police that he found a wire inside the cover of an exhaust fan while he was showering, and then discovered the wire was connected to a camera. He took his mother aside and showed her the camera, and they agreed to call police.

It's the third such incident in Kootenai County since Idaho's video voyeurism law went into effect.

A prominent Post Falls doctor was the first in the area to be charged. William Fouche, 60, was sentenced in November to four years in prison after pleading guilty to a single count of video voyeurism — also involving a hidden camera in a bathroom at his home.

Hayden landlord Roger D. Hills, 42, was arrested after a renter said she found a videotape taken of her in the home's bathroom. Hills was sentenced to 180 days in jail and a year's probation on a reduced charge of disturbing the peace.

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parts of a GMC Suburban that rolled on Interstate 84 near Declo in the early afternoon on Christmas Eve are expected to recover from their injuries.

A 4-year-old girl, Julianna Faith Hutchinson, of Selah, Wash., was killed in the crash, which occurred when the driver of the Suburban, Theresa Hutchinson, Julianna, 10, tried to attempt to pass another vehicle and lost control, according to a report issued by the Idaho State Police.

The wreck shut down both eastbound lanes of I-84 about a half-mile west of Exit 216 for hours while the crash was investigated.

A friend of the family in Selah, Lee Arnett, said Theresa Hutchinson, 37, was pregnant at the time of the crash and lost the baby. No further details were available about her, except that she is expected to recover from her injuries. Theresa is from the Yakima/Toppenish area of central Washington.

Theresa's husband, Daniel Hutchinson, had just received his degree in accounting and had secured a job with the Internal Revenue Service audit division in Boston, Mass. Arnett said. He had gone ahead to work and the family was following to live in the Boston area. He is now with the family in Boise.

The Hutchinsons' 12-year-old son, Joshua, has a broken pelvis. Arnett said. Their daughter, Rebecca, 14, dislocated her shoulder and has broken ribs. Ten-year-old daughter, Letah, broke her wrist.

Seven-year-old daughter, Brianna, suffered a fractured skull and had to have facial reconstruction surgery, Arnett said. She remained in intensive care this week but is expected to recover.

Funeral plans for Julianna have not been announced, but Arnett said services would likely be held in Selah.

Parks and Rec holds Cabin Fever Day

TWIN FALLS — The annual

Cabin Fever Day, sponsored by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, will be held Jan. 7.

For one day only, Twin Falls businesses will open their doors to the public for free. Activities include scuba diving, kayaking, scrambling, rock climbing, golf, roller skating, photography, pottery and more.

Anyone interested can call 736-2265 for more information.

Want to be a Parks and Rec commissioner?

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking applications for a position on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Deadline to apply is Jan. 20, 2006. For more information or an application, call the parks and recreation department at 736-2265.

Applicants galore for T.F. development job

By Terry Smith Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city has received more than 40 applications for community development director, a position that has been vacant since LaMar Otton retired in June.

The community development director will oversee four city departments: planning and zoning, building inspection, parks and recreation and economic development.

"It's a very important position," City Manager Tom Courtney said Thursday. "That's why we've taken so long to fill the position. We want to make sure we get the right person."

Courtney said Personnel Director Susan Harris was reviewing a "big stack" of applications in order to narrow down the field of candidates.

Finalists will be determined next week and interviews will start in January, he said.

In other city business, Courtney said a candidate has been selected to replace retiring city engineer Gary Young, who last day on the job is today.

Courtney declined to name the candidate since a formal job offer is subject to City Council approval. That decision is likely to be made when the council meets on Tuesday.

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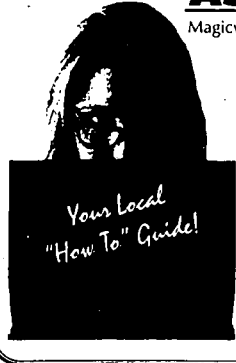
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Deadline approaches for immigrants rejected in '86 amnesty program

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As Congress gears up to consider legislation that could resolve the status of millions of undocumented immigrants, as many as 100,000 have been asked to apply for green cards under the last amnesty program.

The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act set out to grant residency to some 3 million undocumented immigrants, but it had a caveat: People who had left the United States between 1982 and 1987, even for a brief trip, were disqualified.

Immigration experts say many of the 250,000 who had their applications rejected stayed in the United States. Two class-action lawsuits successfully challenged the disqualification and, after many government appeals, the cases were settled last year.

Beginning in May 2004, those immigrants were allowed to apply for residency.

The window is still open, but closes Saturday, said Chris Bentley, spokesman for U.S. Cit-

izenship and Immigration Services.

Bentley said it was impossible to know how many may be eligible and declined to say how many had applied.

Some of those who had their applications rejected in the 1980s have died, while others have applied for residency under the Legal Immigration and Family Act of 2000. That law made it easier for immigrants to get residency through relatives who are already legal U.S. residents.

But immigration lawyers estimate as many as 100,000 people from the 1980s may still be eligible.

To apply, immigrants must submit proof that they lived in the United States from 1982 through 1987, that they never traveled out of the country at any point during that time and originally applied for amnesty.

Evidence can be school or medical records, rent receipts and tax returns.

Groups against illegal immigration say lawmakers only need to look at complications surrounding that 1986 program for evidence that such initiatives don't work.

"It took more than 20 years to deal with 3 million people," said Chris Simcox, co-founder of the Minuteman Project, a civilian patrol group that opposes illegal immigration. "How long would it take today to bring 10 to 15 million people out of the shadows?"

But proponents of broad immigration reform, which includes regularizing the status of illegals, say granting residency gives immigrants incentives to get educated and contribute to society.

"When people live as marginalized temporary workers, they act like marginalized temporary workers," said Tamar Jacoby, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. "When they get residency, they invest in themselves, get educated and

learn English."

Earlier this month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that would build more fences along the U.S.-Mexico border, make illegal entry a felony and enlist military and local police to stop illegal migrants.

But President Bush, and a number of Democrat and Republican senators, have called for a guest worker program to be implemented along with any increase in border security.

Watchdog: INL reactor is not safe

Wyoming group says documents legitimize its concerns in Idaho

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A watchdog group in Wyoming is questioning the U.S. Department of Energy's plan to produce plutonium-238 at the Idaho Engineering Laboratory, saying it has found safety concerns in documents it has obtained.

Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free got the documents through a Freedom of Information Act request filed after DOE officials announced plans last June to build a new plutonium production plant at INL.

"The more we've examined this plutonium production project, the more we've learned about the Advanced Test Reactor," Tom Patrick, president of KYNF, told the Jackson Hole News-Press.

INL, an 890-square-mile Energy Department complex headquartered in Idaho Falls, has one of the largest advanced reactors in the country. The lab is about 100 miles west of Jackson and upwind of Yellowstone National Park.

DOE officials want to move all plutonium-238 production to the Idaho reactor, where about 5 kilograms a year would be produced. Plutonium-238 is used to generate power, sometimes as batteries in satellites, but a minute amount can cause cancer.

To produce the material, a new plant for purification and encapsulation processes would have to be built at INL. Those functions are currently done at Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico.

Officials with KYNF oppose the consolidation plan and have questioned the safety of having a new program on the 40-year-old Idaho reactor.

The group has said DOE should build a new reactor, but DOE officials say that would cost too much.

"We have performed a number of upgrades to the reactor and its support systems in recent years, as well as the core internal change-out process, which essentially results in a new reactor core every eight to 10 years," said Brad Bugger, a DOE spokesman.

Bugger said a consultant's report about the information KYNF obtained said some of the concrete walls at the facility might not withstand an earthquake. The consultant also said the fire protection system, designed to prevent a reactor meltdown, could be damaged in an earthquake because the system's piping is not supported by reinforced concrete walls.

The group also said it had concerns about mechanical failures of control rods in the reactor, dependability of a radiation monitoring system, and a lack of spare parts to fix older systems.

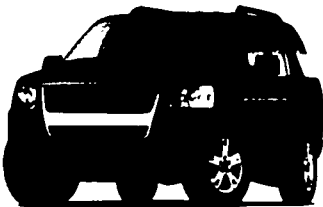
Bugger said he would follow up on those concerns.

"DOE and our contractors have not done very well to make sure the Advanced Test Reactor continues to operate safely, as it has throughout the life of the reactor," he said.

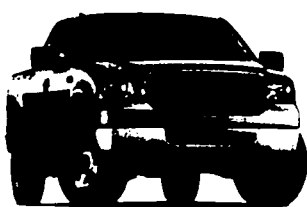
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Jed Hill, left, puts the brakes on his board as Pomerelle Instructor Chuck Schaeffer looks on.

Sliding on Santa's gift

Be properly trained when using new skis and boards

By Sandra Bosteder
Times-News correspondent

The story is familiar. Bright and early Christmas morning, a diligent, yet inexperienced winter sports enthusiast discovers a shiny new snow toy under the tree.

The recipient, young or middle-aged, envisions himself swooshing down a mountain slope, launching from a cornice, landing waist deep in freshly fallen powder. The next day, usually before birds wake up the dream-eyed novice, accompanied by practiced veterans, climbs in to a sturdy sport utility vehicle and heads toward the slopes.

The unskilled amateur feels his stomach tighten as the mountain looms before him like the Matterhorn. His expert buddies promise to teach him the skills he will need. He relaxes a little, mistaking their hearty back slaps, uproarious laughter and slapstick comments as "sure, you'll teach you how to get down the mountain," as good-natured taunting.

Soon his smile is replaced with clenched teeth as his comrades' words, "we'll see you at the bottom" echo off the imposing peaks. Standing alone, he imagines the black advanced only trail marker flapping in the wind is emblazoned with a skull and crossbones. Yowing, "I'll get you down from here..." the beginner swears under his breath and begins either a slow and awkward decline or a head over heels plunge down the steep precipice.

Hours later he emerges at trail's end. Having survived the initiatory hazing, he is embraced by his treasured fraternity brothers. In



Skiers and boarders ascend Cottontail with the magic carpet escalator at Pomerelle.

their frivolity his anger melts away and all is forgiven, but not forgotten. Especially not forgotten are the bad habits learned while clumsily barreling down the slopes and chutes.

Kalen Snelson, a first-year snowboarding instructor at Pomerelle Mountain Resort, understands the quandary faced by novice boarders. He went through the fraternity initiation process and learned the same bad habits

that he now teaches others to overcome.

"Lessons really pay off," he stated while guiding a new student. "The basics allow boarders to develop good habits early. Some people come for lessons after they've learned to board off balance with their shoulders open. They try to turn by throwing their upper body into it, but it needs to be done from the waist down."

Snelson, who has been snow-



Joseph Bosteder of Jerome eases down Pomerelle's Cottontail run.

boarding for seven years, said some people refuse to listen to instruction. "They come to learn," he said. "Then they just do what they're comfortable doing." He reasons with them and usually succeeds in reversing their complicated thinking. While holding tightly to the handle of a parked lift, Snelson said, "I really love the sport and want to share it with others."

Another entrenched bad habit the instructor assists his students in conquering is the failure to wear proper equipment. "I don't recommend step-in bindings," he stated. "Two strap conventional

bindings are best." Snelson is adamant about the use of local gear for safety and protection. He said, "Boarders should always wear a helmet and goggles."

Pomerelle Mountain Resort along with most Idaho resorts offers ski/snow instruction and lessons in a package rental of 1 1/2 skis or 1 BOD, 1 1/2. The costs vary from \$60 to \$205, depending on location. Kalen Snelson encourages everyone to get off the couch and get on the slopes. "There's nothing in this house," he declared. "Everyone should come try it. If you don't like it, you're only out a lift ticket."

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Men are welcome, but only a few male instructors have ventured into this howling den of woman power — aka the "becoming an Outdoors Woman" multiday workshop. Held in late October at Wonder Valley Ranch Resort east of Fresno, Calif., BOW — as it is known — teaches outdoors skills for women.

The notion that women would rather learn outdoors skills in the company of other women might seem archaic, even patronizing. But 40 women — twenty-something to septuagenarians, engineers, doctors, college professors, bookkeepers, lawyers and administrators — have signed up. For \$350, they spend two nights sharing a dormitory-like room and choosing among shooting, fishing, kayaking, archery and

orienteering classes.

At a buffet lunch in a packed banquet room on opening day, BOW California president Susan Hergessell, a diminutive duck-hunting dynamo, kicks off the event. Hergessell, latter, then the room gross-out as Hergessell riffs on BOW's 15-year history (begun in Wisconsin, administered for a time through the California Department of Fish and Game, now a nonprofit), the membership roster (up to 5,000 women have taken classes) and the growing participation of women in outdoor sports.

"Ten years ago I went to Cabela's to buy waders," she says, "and the only thing they offered for women were little sweaters with bunnies or kittens on them."

The audience howls.

"Now they have an entire cat...
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Lisa Wicker practices fly fishing at a lake dotted with other beginners taking part in the workshop.

OUTDOORS

GRAB THE BINOCULARS

Wildlife viewing in season in northcentral Idaho region

By Eric Barker
The Lewiston Tribune

HAVANON (AP) — Most big game hunting seasons are over and bird hunting is winding down. But December is a time to give up pursuit of wild game. The late fall and winter months are a great time to take a walk or drive and look for wildlife. The outdoors are filled with wintering and migrating birds. Animals such as mule deer and elk have moved to lower elevations. Bighorn sheep can often be seen south of Asotin, Wash., along either side of the Snake River all the way to Heller Butte. The sheep were in rut last November and can still be seen in large groups, with rams and ewes hanging out together. During most of the year, ewes and lambs live together and problems with the ewes segregate themselves in small bachelor groups. Recently, large groups of sheep could be seen on the Idaho side of the river across from the Asotin fall fields. In fact, a drive along the river south of Asotin is a great destination for wildlife viewing. The entire stretch from Asotin to Heller Butte is loaded with large and small groups of mule deer. Both bucks and does are easily seen. Try the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Asotin Slough Wildlife Area in the late afternoon for a look at scores of deer, including a few nice bucks. The slough is also a good place for bird watching. A drive, or even a boat ride, farther south and upriver should also bring glimpses of winged wildlife like ducks, geese, great blue herons, hawks and maybe even a few bald and golden eagles, not to mention several species of songbirds. A drive up the Grand Ronde River toward Joseph Creek often brings wintering elk scattered on the steep hillsides that dive into the river canyon. The deeper the snow you top, the more likely elk will be seen.

Take a drive in another direction, like to the Clearwater and Lochsa rivers, and elk can often be seen on south-facing slopes that are open and bare of snow. When the pressure of hunting season ends, deer let down their guard and can be found milling about in open fields. A drive along the Middle Fork of the Clearwater or the lower stretch of the Lochsa is a great place to spy large flocks of wild turkeys. The somewhat homely birds also can be seen along the lower Selway River. Both turkeys and white-tailed deer like to hang out near the Fern Ranger Station there. Those who are lucky and have good eyes can sometimes spot mountain goats on the rocky outcroppings above the South Fork of the Clearwater River. A drive across the Palouse or the Camas Prairie is always a good place to see hawks and other birds of prey. Also look for game birds like pheasants, quail and gray partridge on the

Palouse and prairie. To make a wildlife-viewing drive or hike a little more fun, take along a good pair of binoculars, a spotting scope or a camera. All of these devices can get you a little closer to the animals. Wildlife viewing has become one of the most popular outdoor activities in the country according to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service surveys, and the pastime has far more participants than hunting and fishing. According to a 2001 survey, 82 million Americans fished, hunted or watched wildlife. Of those, 34.1 million people went fishing, 13 million hunted and 66.1 million participated in some form of wildlife watching. One likely reason for the high figure for wildlife watchers is it includes both hunters and anglers. People who like to hunt and fish generally also like watching wildlife and will combine both activities into the same trip or make special trips just to wildlife watch.

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Leaking water, sewer lines at park need fixing

COULDAINE (AP) — A 2 million-gallon-a-month leak in the water system and problems with the sewer system at popular Lagunita State Park in northern Idaho have led officials to propose a new treatment facility at a cost of about \$22 million. "It's primarily for angler protection," Randall Brill, park manager, told The Coeur d'Alene Press. "The secondary reason is the majority of our systems were put in about 40 to 60 years ago, so they're all coming

ing of the age that they're going to be replaced. So rather than doing individual ones, going to a central one is probably more prudent." The 3,000-acre park was originally the Farragut Naval Training Station, built by the U.S. Navy in 1942. Nearly 300,000 sailors received basic training there. Converted into a park after World War II, the area now has exhibits about Farragut's role in the war, and has Navy remnants each September.

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Favorable weather improves avalanche outlook

DENVER (AP) — Following a deadly "avalanche" season marked by two deaths within Ski areas, forecasters are and the Wilderness favorable weather has kept the risk of slides relatively low so far this winter. Even in Colorado, where the northern and central mountains have some of the deepest late December snow levels in the area, favorable weather has helped strengthen the bond between snow layers. Still, forecasters are keeping a wary eye on the region, which includes such popular ski resorts as Aspen, Vail, Copper Mountain, Breckenridge and Steamboat Springs. "We have small slides that have weak foundations, but now it's much deeper," said Brent Cooper, a forecaster with the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. "Our concern is that as the winter progresses, we'll come to a point where the danger that list in of snowfall and wind-blown snow onto primarily north and northeast-facing slopes that will be the areas that have the most slides."

Colorado's Annapahic Basin in northwestern Nevada, Mount Charleston in January killed one person each. In the previous 19 years, just three of the 416 known avalanche deaths in the nation were within ski areas boundaries, according to the National Avalanche Center. So far this season, the center said, the only two known avalanche fatalities in the United States have been in Colorado. One was a hiker on snowshoes, the other a backcountry snowboarder.

Recent warm weather and exhibits about Farragut's role in the war, and has Navy remnants each September. "When we do lose buried, weak layers on the ground, that's one less thing to worry about," said Janet Kellum, director of the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center in Ketchikan, Idaho, near the Sun Valley resort. "In spite of rainy, crummy, gray days in Ketchikan, we're actually quite pleased." Doug Chabot, director of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center in Borzeman, Mont., said weather conditions in Montana have created generally safe snow conditions so far this season, but he noted that officials are concerned about conditions in one of the most popular snow-molding areas of the state — the mountains around West Yellowstone. "We're dealing with some pretty unstable snow in those

southern mountains," he said Tuesday. "One of the things we're always most concerned about is a human trigger, and having a lot of people out in the area means we have that many more potential triggers." Utah forecasters were expecting more storms soon, bringing new snow quickly enough on the heels of previous snowfall to prevent the development of weak layers that could increase the avalanche danger, said Drew Hardesty, a forecaster for the Utah Avalanche Center. "I think things are shaping up to be OK."

Winter Target league continues in Twin Falls

The club uses regular targets and stacked targets for 22-mile and pistol. The club is also open each Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the public. Members cost \$1 and non-members pay \$5. Annual dues are \$20. For more information call Wayne Coetz at 123-1247.

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'no ardent spirit' Lewis & Clark Journal. The expedition finally completed work on winter quarters. The walled fort was about 50 feet by 50 feet, with three rooms on one side and across the way four rooms, one of which was a smoke house. Between the two rows of rooms was a parade ground. December 25, 1805 - We had no ardent spirit of any kind among us; but are mostly in good health. A blessing, which we esteem more, than all the luxuries this life can afford, and the party are all thankful to the Supreme Being, for his goodness towards us, hoping he will preserve us in the same, & enable us to return to the United States again in safety. December 30, 1805 - our fortification is completed this evening and at Sun Set we let the natives know that our Custom will be in future, to shut the gates at Sun Set at which time all Indians must go out of the fort. - William Clark (Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lex Enterprises.)

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Magic Valley fly fishers will meet on Jan. 13. Events will happen at various times in the day. Remember that class sizes may be limited and participation is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Activities will include: Water sports at YMCA/City Pool, Open Swim hours, Kayaking with the CSI Outdoors program, Dive/Magic instruction. Dance at the Dance Center. Various music and dance styles will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The right gear at proper age can launch a lifelong passion

By Mike Correll
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — So you want to get your little kid on skis this year. What's a parent to do?

"Pick a nice day when the kids will be comfortable and they'll have fun," advises Tom Pettigrew, Park City Mountain Resort's director of skier services. "And when they're not too young," he quickly adds.

How young is too young depends a lot on the kid, but in general, Pettigrew figures a 1½ is the earliest most can cope with going to a ski area and actually being out on the snow.

Even then, it is important to make sure conditions are right otherwise, "they don't want to do it. They get cold. They feel incapacitated. Then you fight the battle through their formative years. It just does not work."

Pettigrew, naturally, believes it is best to start a child with lessons from professional ski instructors. "But even if a first lesson is from Dad or Mom, the child feels children should first experience the sensations of skiing on flat terrain so the kids can feel like they can maneuver around the way we want to go. They have to know how to stand up, how to propel themselves."

Keep initial lessons short — 75 minutes max for preschoolers — and in small groups, he says. "Kids need to have touch-ess. They need to see and feel and talk to whoever their in-

structor is. You want it to be a club feel."

Perhaps the most important component of starting to ski — most resorts suggest waiting a couple of years to try snowboarding — involves getting the right equipment.

Numerous options are available. Complete ski packages (boots, skis, poles) can be purchased. Daily rentals are available at ski shops and the resorts. Most shops also have season rentals, often for as little as \$70.

"At the rate children grow, the skis outlast the kids," said Roy Ostendorf, owner of Ski-N-See, which has a half-dozen outlets in northern Utah. "When you have a couple of kids, it makes sense to buy them and pass them down," he said.

But renting, especially the season package, may be the best route to go. "It's very convenient. You can go on a whim, out of your garage and up the mountain," he said.

Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA), offer advice on their Web sites to help families. "Get proper gear: Waterproof outer jacket and pants, goggles, neck gaiter to protect against wind and sun, sunscreen for the face.

Layering is the way to go. High-quality, breathable synthetic fabrics — not wool or cotton — should be worn closest to the body. A fleece sweater or vest on top of that adds

warmth. The outer layer should be shell or windproof.

Boots: The most important piece of equipment. Sore feet can make skiing a miserable experience. A proper fit also is important to helping kids to do what a skier wants them to do.

Boots should be comfortably snug and worn with only one pair of socks," the PSIA recommends. "Don't be afraid to speak up if your child is in pain and says the boot is not fitting correctly."

Helmetts: A really good idea, ever more popular with adults as well as children. Warner, too.

Skis: Shaped skis work much easier than older, straight skis. They should be about chin-high.

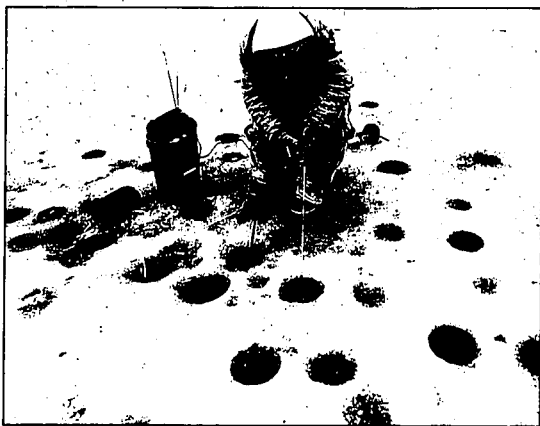
Ski lessons: Even though resorts has lessons targeted toward beginners.

It's best to get to the ski school an hour or more before the lesson begins so there is time to answer all of a parent's questions: How many children are in a lesson? Is lunch included? Any package deals for more than one kid? Don't be afraid to ask. Also, be on time for pickup. Early is even better, so your kids can show you what they've learned on the last run down.

Lift tickets: Utah resorts all offer reduced-price day and season passes for youngsters.

Attitude: Do everything possible to make sure it is the day's dominant feature. After all, as the PSIA notes, "If your children are happy, you'll be happy."

'X' MARKS THE SPOT



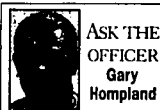
Ice fisherman Pat Hagner is surrounded by holes drilled in four inches of ice while fishing on Credit Island Harbor near Davenport, Iowa on Thursday.

Most licenses, tags and permits will expire at the end of year

Question: "Some Fish and Game licenses expire at the end of the calendar year while others go into 2006. Can you explain which ones need to be renewed in January?"

Answer: Even though several hunting and fishing seasons extend into the New Year, most licenses, permits, and tags expire on Dec. 31.

As a general rule, all individual licenses, tags and permits expire at the end of the calendar year. Examples of individual licenses include all fishing, hunting, and combination licenses for juniors, adults, seniors, and disabled persons. Permits and validations such as migratory waterfowl, archery, muzzle loader, and two-pole permits expire with the license. These are permits and validations that are printed onto a person's license. Big game tags also expire at the end of the calendar year.



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

waterfowl stamp, also known as the "duck stamp," is valid through the end of the waterfowl hunting season. This permit is in the form of a stamp issued by the United States Postal Service. This stamp should be kept by the hunter since the waterfowl season extends into late January.

If you have questions about the expiration date of a license or permit you can call your nearest fish and game regional office. The expiration date is also listed on all licenses and most permits issued by the department.

Mountain lion hunters must purchase a new tag and hunting license in the New Year even though their hunting season goes into February. Waterfowl and upland game hunters must also purchase a new license to hunt the end of their season, at the beginning of the New Year.

Licenses that carry over into the New Year are generally considered commercial in nature. Some examples are trapping, shooting preserve operators, and commercial fishing.

There are always a few exceptions. The federal migratory

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alog for women and sponsor women's sporting events.

The howling, participants soon learn, evolved from a popular contemporary book, "Come With Us or Die With Us" by Clarissa Pinkola Estes, a mix of anthropology, spirituality and self-help.

Before participants rush to the cabin, they get a final word of advice from one of the instructors: "Remember — what happens in Wonder Valley, stays in Wonder Valley."

It could warm and cozy here, except for the assortment of shotguns and rifles laid out on a table at the front of the room. Introductions are brief.

"I'm married to a hunter, and I sure don't want to be taught by him," says one student.

"My dad was a hunter — a really bad hunter. He'd pick up his shotgun and I would go off. We had holes in the roof," says another.

"I want to kill a bear that's harassing my pets," announces one grandchildly attendee.

Using an overhead projector, three instructors demonstrate how to load and load, and pass around various types of ammo. They open the class to questions, which come thick and fast, then: "What's the best gun to scare away an intruder?"

A pump-action shotgun, the instructor recommends, picking one up and demonstrating a sound familiar to action-movie fans.

"What about night scopes?" illegal.

"Even for bears?"

If there's an armchair philosopher for the women, it's Sally Stoner. For three decades, Stoner has taken men and women into the wilds of California and Montana and taught them to fish.

She believes that women and men approach the outdoors differently and prefers not to teach mixed groups. She also believes that women are experiencing a "culturally driven" disconnect from the outdoors.

"Centuries ago," she says, "we lived outdoors and being in nature was an important part of the rhythm of our existence. In the last 50 years we have gone to live in the concrete jungle and drive the freeways. We have garage door openers, and we don't even have to interact with our yard."

In Stoner's experience, women lead high, busy lives, and when a woman goes outdoors, she attends to the kids first and then to everyone else.

"For many women, something is deeply missing," says Stoner, "and they don't always know what it is — until they are outdoors with no responsibilities." Then they experience a "heavenly bliss" so primal that it speaks to them.

Wonder Valley isn't Walden Pond. The next morning, many of the women, even as they scatter around, shouting for classes, are on their cellphones, negotiating family matters back home. There are prom dresses, a broken toe, a friend's new baby. The problems are resolved, then it's back to the outdoors.

At the map and compass class, students put away cellphones and walk side by side across a field in the middle of the resort, as if committing a crime scene.

Nearly, the fly-fishing class practices casting at a valley fly net. Yards and yards of line sail through the air and catch the light.

Smoke from a log and charcoal fire wafts from the Dutch-oven cooking class. One student realizes her pot is hissing and rattling dangerously.

"Potatoes, staa!" she yells to her cooking partner.

Gonnie Meyer, a mother of two, takes a break and sits on a bench, her curly hair tucked into a cap. She's here for the cooking classes, her father and brother were both hunters.

"I grew up in a house full of guns and hunting, but it was never passed on to me," she says, with a slight edge in her voice. "It was taught to the boys."

In a large field several miles from the resort, eight women sit on a bench under the shade of cottonwood trees. They peer at a skeet-throwing machine and wait their turn to blast a 20-gauge shotgun at bright orange clay pigeons.

Wearing oversized hunting vests and large blue ear protectors, they watch as a fellow student positions the pump-action shotgun against her shoulder and peers down the barrel.

"Halt!"

A small orange disk sails over the field, and the shooter squeezes the trigger. The gun recoils against her shoulder as the disk falls to the ground, intact.

"We definitely need bigger clay pigeons," says a woman

from the bench.

A few turn out to be excellent shots. Cynthia Boriskin hits several in rapid succession. A star is born.

The afternoon fly-fishing session finds a dozen women around the pond casting lines with increasing confidence.

One of them, Mahaffey, had never caught a fish. But in today's fly-fishing class, she gets a bite — her second of the day.

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Stoner gets out her pliers and pulls the hook up the fish's gullet, ignoring caroline along the way. Blood spills onto the pliers. Mahaffey gulps as she looks at the fish, then at Stoner.

"Do you think he's going to make it?"

Stoner isn't surprised by Mahaffey's sudden squeamishness. In fact, one of her students dropped out of her fishing class. She asked her, "Why do you do this? How do you justify it?"

Stoner says, "She couldn't wrap her arms around the fact that she was going to kill an animal. In my experience, women consider the consequences more."

On the last day, "Exploring Wild California" is filled to capacity. The women get a primer on binoculars, ticks and poison oak, then head outside and learn how to tell a coyote track from a fox paw print. After two days of padding, casting, shooting and belly-crawling, the students talk among themselves as they poke at scat.

Stoner believes that women are more inclined than men to experience outdoor sports as social opportunities.

"Women generally like to fish in groups," she says. "You rarely see a woman jump in a pickup truck and spend a week alone eating out of a sardine can. A lot of women go fishing and don't remember how many fish they caught. For them, it's all about the experience."

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AHA! I'M GETTING THE PICTURE HERE. YOU'VE BEEN BAD THIS YEAR AND DIDN'T GET YOUR LUMP OF COAL.

—NOT ONLY THAT!

HE PURVED A BARREL OF OIL IN MY STOCKINGS!

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

5 THINGS YOU REGRET SAYING ALMOST AS SOON AS YOU SAY THEM—

WHATEVER IT IS, JUST SPIT IT INTO MOMMY'S HAND.

Baldo By Hector O. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

WE THOSE KID SUCCE? YEAH MY TA CARNE GAVE THEM TO ME. WEEED SHE GET THEM? AT THE STORE. WAC-O-NEE? I'M PRETTY SURE BOTH OF THEM.

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IS THAT YOUR RESUME? IT'S TED'S.

WHEN THE POINTY-HEADED BOSS WALKS TOWARD THE SHARED PRINTER, I PRINT TEN COPIES.

IT TURNS OUT THAT I'M NOT A PEOPLE PLEASER.

Doonesbury By Gary Trudeau

WOULD GOD TO GET IN... POLICE MAN OVER THE... DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ROMANCE... YET BUT IT'S NICE.

IT'S NEVER BEEN HAVE... TO BE PERFECT I ACTUALLY... NICE SUCCE. SO... I'M TELLING YOU I'M NOT THAT GOOD.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

So Ludmilla, what are the holidays like in Russia? Oh, is much different. We wait for Grandfather Frost to come.

Who's that? Is like your Santa but he wears blue. Arrives on New Year's Eve.

We gives gifts to good children. And do bad children get coal in their stockings.

Nyet! Bad children are turned into blocks of ice. I better warn my grandkids not to go to Russia.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WARDEN AND I PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH. WE WILL.

YOU'VE CHOSEN THE POLICE MAN OVER THE... DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ROMANCE... YET BUT IT'S NICE.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD THING! I GUESS YOU DO—AND YOU'RE VERY MEAN!

IT'S CHRISTMAS. WE'RE ALL GATHERING FOR THE... AND THE KIDS ARE... DON'T YOU JUST LOVE HOLIDAY !!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING GOING ON IN FRONT THAT THEY DON'T WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT.

Luann By Greg Evans

MAYBE KITTY'S NAME SHOULD... OR NEWIEY. ARE YOU TRYING TO BE STUPID?

SHE LIKES IT. SHE'S SAYING 'EH'.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

ANY CHANCE YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU GOT IT? OKAY, CHET, I'VE GOTTA LEVEL WITH YOU...

I DON'T REALLY HAVE A CELL PHONE! I'VE JUST BEEN TALKING TO MY HAND TO MAKE YOU THINK MY PHONE WAS TINIHER THAN YOURS!

YEAH, RIGHT... HOW GULLIBLE DO YOU THINK I AM? ON A SCALE OF SAY... NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN GEORGE CLOONEY?

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WELL, WE'VE GOT OUR 'A'S BACK A WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM.

WHERE'D YOU GET THEM? I 'BORROWED' THEM.

BORROWED THEM? FROM WHERE? WH T JUST H PPEDED?

Pickles By Brian Crane

TREE OR BUSH? WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE? TREE OR BUSH? TREE OR BUSH?

TREE OR... TREE OR...

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

CONSTANT SMILING AT LARGE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS MAY BE A CERTAIN TEMPORARY FACIAL MALADISE!

IS YOUR FACE FROZEN, TOO? I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS!

Zhs By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I BELIEVE THAT EVERY LIFE HAS A PURPOSE.

I BELIEVE THAT I WAS BORN FOR A REASON.

AND I BELIEVE THAT REASON WAS TO GIVE YOU SOMEBODY TO HUG.

THEN YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR DESTINY. NOW PICK UP OUR GAGES.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

WELL, RIT FOR IS BEGINNED. YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIRE HIS ABILITY TO HANDLE A SKI POLE.

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING?

NOS TRADUOS AT HOME

It's time to bury hatchet, Capricorn

HOROSCOPE
Jeralaine Saunders

IF DEC. 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your moral fiber may be tested in the year ahead—but your popularity could soar as well. Avoid making crucial decisions for the next two weeks. By the end-of-January your wishes can come true, and by tapping into inner strengths you may find along your path. Opportunities that come your way in March may have strings attached, so exercise extreme caution about entering agreements of making promises. In June avoid starting anything new, as judgment could be seriously impaired or you may receive bad advice. In the last quarter of 2006 you may entertain serious romantic commitments or achieve a long-awaited promotion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Relationships can make an unpredictable turn. Don't skirt danger or walk a tightrope to impress an amorous partner. A new-affection hookup could be here today and gone tomorrow.

TALURIUS (April 20-May 20): Try something new and different this year. Rather than traipse from party to party, make your home the center for holiday celebrations and ignore the lure of the bright lights in the big city.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Unexpected meetings with unusual or fascinating people could brighten the night. Group activities might be just the thing to break you out of old patterns and infuse fresh air into stale relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look on the bright side. With a new moon in your opposite sign, New Year's resolutions may focus on finding ways to improve partnerships and relationships in the coming weeks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A quiet night with a few close friends could be more satisfying than attending a big party. Plan your weekend around traditional activities even if those close surprise you with attractive ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A recent gift may trigger a new passion or pastime that can absorb your attention for the next few weeks. Your creativity may be moving into high gear, so spend time with your hobbies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect the unexpected where others are concerned. Glitter and glitz may offer a temporary flurry of excitement. If looking for the real thing, it's probably right in your own back yard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bend with the wind. Don't let the itch to be at the center of the action lead you down the wrong alley. Plans may not go as expected and affections may be set spinning by a new conquest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Iomgih's new moon could mark the shift of your attention to finances or focus inner contemplations on your value systems. Unconventional people could upset your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Bury the hatchet. Past animosities could spoil the fun if you let them. The new moon in your sign can mark the start of a new phase of creative solutions that improve your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An itch for excitement or an impulsive fling could send you to heaven or land you on the hot plate. Be sure to elect a designated driver before heading off to a party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be where the action is, but don't stir things up. A penchant for thrills can cause unnecessary risks. Stay within the speed limit on roads and within the bounds of propriety with people.

COMICS

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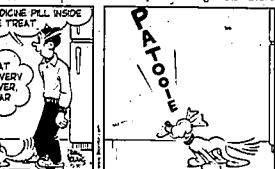
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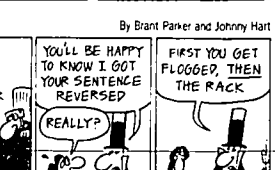
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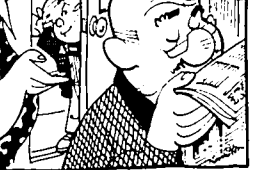
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The Family Circus

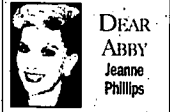


By Bill Keane



Budding bully doesn't listen to parents' reason or rebuke

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is a tall, thin, blond-haired, blue-eyed little beauty. She calls other girls at school fat and ugly to the point of bringing tears to tears. The mothers complain to the teacher, who calls me and her father. Today her teacher told me that a schoolmate asked my daughter for a piece of candy, and she replied, "You don't need it. You're fat enough already." The kicker, Abby — my daughter is only 5!



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I met a guy through an online dating service. We talked on the phone and e-mailed each other for a couple of weeks. He said he wanted a picture of me, so I sent him a couple.

I didn't hear from him for a few days. Then he sent me an e-mail and a text message. His message said, "I'm moving way 2 fast for me." I have tried to e-mail and call him, but he doesn't answer.

I don't know where she learns these things. We have always taught our children never to call names or pick on others because they are different. She has certainly never heard things like that at home. Her older brother is a sweet, well-mannered child who has never given us a moment's trouble.

Before this, I always thought that bullies were from homes where they were neglected or abused in some way, so they took it out on other kids.

Is she just spoiled, or is this something serious we should be worried about?

—DISTURBED MOM IN DELAWARE

DEAR MOM: If your daughter were my child, I'd be concerned for a couple of reasons. She seems never to have learned that while "pretty" is an asset, it's more important to be a nice person. Regardless of how attractive people may tell her she is — or she thinks she is — she has developed an extremely unattractive personality trait. And her fixation on "skinny" could lead to an eating disorder when she's older.

But my daughter comes from a happy, loving family, and I can't for the life of me figure out how she can be so mean-spirited at such a young age. I didn't think kids that age were even aware of their appearance, but my daughter will tell you in a heartbeat that she's "beautiful" or "skinny." Her father and I talk and punish, but it does no good.

I am also concerned because your daughter seems unwilling or unable to learn when you correct her. A child psychologist might help you understand what's going on. If I were you, I would have her see one NOW. You need to understand why your child has no empathy for others, and why she doesn't learn from being reasoned with or punished.

I stopped calling and sent him a couple more e-mails, but again — nothing.

I'm unsure what to do next. I don't want to hint because we both are looking for the same thing in a relationship. I would still like to meet him and straighten things out and see how we get along. Do you think there's a chance we could get together?

—LONELY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR LONELY: What you should do next is go back to the online dating service and continue fishing, because this "catch" has lost interest. What he was trying to say in his e-mail, but didn't have the courage to tell you on the phone, is that the chemistry is wrong for him. My advice for you is the sooner you move on, the better your life will be, because pursuing this relationship further is a waste of your time.

Oregon flag has two different sides

Oregon's state flag is the only one with a different image on each side. The front side has the state seal and "State of Oregon — 1859"; the back has a succession of its (since Oregon is the Beaver State).



and sensational, would never have won it.

This day in history: On Dec. 30, 1916, Russian noblemen, alarmed at the "Mad Monk" Rasputin's control over the last czar and czar's empress, poisoned, shot, shot again, beat and then finally drowned him.

Does your hot water faucet start strong and then slow to a trickle? Change your washer. Warm washers can swell up when heated, reducing the water flow to almost nothing.

How was a medieval battle axe different from a wood-cutting axe? The battle axe had a shorter handle, so swinging it was faster and more accurate.

Domestic sheep are born with long tails. Sheep owners usually both the tails some time after birth to get dragged through mud and dung, and to prevent parasites. In New Zealand, these tails are considered a culinary delicacy.

There's a great irony in the Pulitzer Prize, given for excellence in journalism, named for Joseph Pulitzer, a specialist in the lurid

Poor Lassie. On television, the doggy heroine was played by a succession of male colts. On radio, she was played by a smutman named Earl Kenton.

According to those in the know, expressions that have seeped into the general language from the vernacular of freemasonry include "being on the square" and "on the level" and "putting someone through the third degree."

You may already know that the first two atomic bombs were code-named "Little Boy" and "Fat Man." You might not know that Fat Man was called that in honor of Winston Churchill and that Little Boy was originally called Thin Man by members of Franklin Roosevelt.

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Wisconsin man fibs his way to title

BURLINGTON, Wis. — Don't believe a word that Bill Meinel says. He's a World Champion liar — no, really, he is.

Odds & Ends

Meinel won his second title at the Burlington Lions Club with the fib: "My son's high school grades went from all As to all Ds. This happened right after he had his wisdom teeth extracted."

Meinel, 62, also won the contest in 2003 with this tall tale: "My wife is so indecisive about choosing paint colors, our 1,800-square-foot home is now 1,000 square feet due to all the coats of paint."

on Monday when her cat Monk, one of three in the car, stepped on the automatic door lock. She couldn't unlock the door because she had left her car keys on the driver's seat.

"He wouldn't unlock the door for me," Stewart said Tuesday. "He" was standing there, saying, "Why aren't you opening the door? I want to go inside."

year," she said of her statement seeking \$2.5 billion.

Meinel said his latest winner comes from a line he used to pull on students.

"Whenever one would tell me they were going to miss class to have their wisdom teeth pulled, I would suggest they take all their tests ahead of time," Meinel said.

Stewart went into her house and called the fire department for help.

"They rescued my three little kitties," Stewart said. "I didn't need a rescue for me, just for them."

Thief pays for flowers that were stolen in 1970

Bills asking for \$2 billion give France sticker shock

GREENSBORO, S.C. — Someone who once stole some flowers from a Piggly Wiggly more than three decades ago has apparently been feeling mighty, mighty guilty.

TOURS, France — More than 100 people in France got a particularly large, nasty bill in the mail.

An unsigned letter of apology was sent to the grocery store a couple of weeks ago — along with some cash.

Their pension fund was asking them each to pay more than \$2 billion in dues.

"In 1970 I was in the store. I purchased several azaleas. I went outside to put them in the car. I picked up several that I didn't pay for. The azaleas were 39 cents each. This bothered me for sometime. I want to make this right. Accept this \$5-for-payment—read the letter."

"I had to sit down when I saw the sum," recipient Christine Valle, a bar manager in the Lake Valley town of Tours, said Monday of her statement — received last weekend and asking for payment by Jan. 12.

It was signed "A customer from years ago."

Alain Lavie, a regional director for pension fund Organic, said a computer glitch was behind the mistaken mailings to 113 people, adding that their accounts would not be affected.

Store operator Jill Maddux was so impressed by the letter she sent it to Piggly Wiggly's headquarters in Hales Summit.

The sticker shock prompted Valle to call a lawyer.

"I wasn't laughing when I read the last paragraph: 'We take this opportunity to offer you our best wishes for the new year.'" — compiled from wire reports

"It made me feel good, knowing people realize their mistakes and want to correct them," Maddux said. "It's good to know that still goes on in the world."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Concept car comes equipped with Xbox

Holy arcade action Batman! Nissan Motor Co. next month will unveil at Detroit's auto show a concept sports car, called the Urge, equipped with Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox 360 video game system.

When the car is parked, the steering wheel, gas and brake pedals and a 7-inch liquid crystal display screen that drops from the rearview mirror function together as a personal video arcade so the driver can play the "Project Gotham Racing 3" game.

The car-racing game, which works only when the Urge is stationary, allows players to virtually speed through the streets of London, Tokyo, Las Vegas, New York and to compete on a German test track.

Twin Falls chamber's banquet Jan. 23

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's annual members banquet will be Monday, Jan. 23, at Radio Rondevo in downtown. The chamber will present its 2005 Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards. Tickets are \$30 per person and available by calling the chamber office at 733-3974.

Gas inventories drop, oil prices rise

NEW YORK — Oil prices rose Thursday after the U.S. government released data showing a significant drop in domestic gasoline inventories. The Department of Energy said the supply of gasoline declined by 12.2 million barrels last week to 202.9 million barrels, or 6 percent below year ago levels. Gasoline futures traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange climbed 6.13 cents to settle at \$1.624 per gallon.

But the Energy Department also reported that commercial inventories of crude oil grew by 100,000 barrels last week to 322.6 million barrels, or 13 percent above year ago levels, and that appeared to temper oil's rise.

Nymex light sweet crude for February delivery rose 50 cents to settle at \$60.32 a barrel, while Brent crude traded on the ICE Futures exchange increased by 5 cents to \$57.69 a barrel.

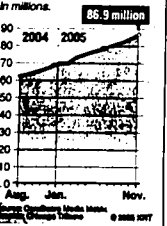
Home sales decline nationally in U.S.

WASHINGTON — A cooling housing market may put buyers in the driver's seat, economists say. Either way, analysts read an economic report Thursday as indicating a soft landing for the high-flying housing sector nationally. Sales of previously owned homes fell for the second month in a row, declining a moderate 1.7 percent in November to an annual rate of 6.97 million units, the lowest since March, the National Association of Realtors reported. "As more listings of homes come on the market during this period of modestly declining sales, more homebuyers will find themselves in a better position to negotiate," said the association's president Thomas Stevens.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Broadband use surging

Americans accessing the Internet from home using a broadband connection. In millions.



Women narrow Internet gender gap

By Yuki Noguchi
The Washington Post

Traditionally, women have lagged behind men in adoption of Internet technologies. But a study released this week by the Pew Internet & American Life Project found that women under age 65 now outpace men in Internet usage, though only by a few percentage points. But the survey also noted that the disparity between women and men on the Web is even greater among the 18-to-29 age group and African-Americans.

The report, "How Women and Men Use the Internet," examined use by both sexes, looking at what men and women are doing online as well as their rate of adopting new Web-based technologies.

Internet use by the numbers

Percentage of men and women who go online:		College graduate or graduate degree:		Marital status	
By Sex		Race		Married:	
Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Online overall:	68 ... 66	White:	70 ... 67	Not married:	62 ... 66
Age 18-29:	80 ... 86	Hispanic:	67 ... 66	Parental status	
30-49:	76 ... 79	Black:	50 ... 60	Parent (of child under 18):	81 ... 80
50-64:	63 ... 66	Other:	72 ... 66	Non-parent:	61 ... 57
65 plus:	34 ... 21			Source: Pew Internet & American Life Project. Margin of error plus or minus 2 percentage points	
Education		Annual household income			
Men	Women	Men	Women		
No high school diploma:	32 ... 27	Under \$30,000:	49 ... 48		
High school:	58 ... 56	\$30,000-\$50,000:	66 ... 76		
Some college:	79 ... 79	\$50,000-\$75,000:	84 ... 87		
		Over \$75,000:	90 ... 95		

The Washington-based organization, which has been conducting surveys on different aspects of technology and Inter-

net usage for several years, highlighted the disparity among younger people, noting that it could set the stage for usage in

years to come. "I think the real interesting story is the young women, because that is the one age cohort

where there are many more women online," said Deborah Fallois, who wrote the report based on findings from surveys conducted over the past five years. "The youngest women are just much more comfortable with the Internet."

The report found that 86 percent of women ages 18 to 29 went online, compared with 80 percent of men in the same age group. Among African-Americans, 60 percent of women are online, compared with 50 percent of men.

In other age groups, the disparity is only slight, with women outpacing men by 3 percentage points. However, among the older group, those age 65 and older, 54 percent of men are online, compared with 21 percent of women.

'Put your thrusters in an upright position'



South African Internet millionaire Mark Shuttleworth gives a thumbs-up from inside the Soyuz capsule after landing near Arkalyk, Kazakhstan in May 5, 2002. File photo. Itching to take that next vacation on the moon or circling the earth? It won't be as laid back as a cruise ship. The government on Thursday issued 120 pages of rules governing the future of space tourism, specifying everything from your pre-flight physical to the training of your fellow travelers.

Rules for tourist trips to outer space being formed

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Thinking of spending that next vacation on the moon or Mars or circling the Earth? Better off, then, than a list of things that would be "space flight participant" should know.

More than 120 pages of proposed rules, released by the government Thursday, regulate the future of space tourism. This don't-forget list touches on everything from passenger medical standards to preflight training for the crew.

Before taking a trip that literally is out of this world, companies would be required to inform the "space flight participant" — known in more earthly settings as simply a passenger — of the risks. Passengers also would be required to provide written consent before boarding a vehicle for takeoff.

Legislation signed a year ago by President Bush and designed to help the space

On the Net

Human space flight requirements for crew and space flight participants: <http://www.faa.gov/regulations/policies/rules/air/med/a57.pdf>

industry flourish prohibits the Federal Aviation Administration from issuing safety regulations for passengers and crew for eight years, unless specific design features or operating practices cause a serious or fatal injury.

This means that the FAA has to wait for harm to occur or almost occur before it can impose restrictions, even against foreseeable harm," the proposal says. "Instead, Congress requires that space flight participants be informed of the risks."

Physical exams for passengers are recommended, but will not be required, "unless a clear public safety need is identified,"

the FAA says in the proposed regulations.

Passengers also would have to be trained on how to respond during emergencies, including the loss of cabin pressure, fire and smoke, as well as how to get out of the vehicle safely.

Pilots meanwhile must have an FAA pilot certificate and be able to show that they know how to operate the vehicle. Student or sport pilot licenses would not qualify.

Each member of the crew must have a medical certificate issued within a year of the flight, and a crew member's physical and mental state must "be sufficient to perform safety-related roles," the rules say.

The FAA also would require each crew member to be trained to ensure that the vehicle will not harm the public, such as if it had to be abandoned during a flight emergency.

The legislation that Bush signed last year tasked the FAA with coming up with rules to regulate the commercial space flight industry, which has been

slowly getting off the ground.

Laws governing private sector space endeavors, such as satellite launches, have existed for some time. But there previously has been no legal jurisdiction for regulating commercial human spaceflight.

In 2001, California businessman Dennis Tito became the world's first space tourist when he rode a Russian Soyuz capsule to the international space station, Mark Shuttleworth, a South African Internet millionaire, followed a year later on a similar trip, also paying \$20 million for the ride.

Last year, in a feat considered a breakthrough for the future of private spaceflight, But Rutan won the \$10 million Ansari X Prize by rocketing his SpaceShipOne to the edge of space twice in five days.

Two months ago, Greg Olsen, who made millions at a Princeton, N.J., technology company, became the world's third paying space tourist, also on a launch to the international space station.

Telecoms mum on any role in eavesdrop

By Jon Van
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — In the days following revelations that the Bush administration ordered the National Security Agency to spy on domestic telephone and Internet communications without a court order, one involved party has remained silent.

The nation's telephone giants — which control the data pipelines — have neither commented on nor denied their reported participation, nor have they reacted to the charge that they may have been complicit in violating privacy rights.

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Without commenting directly on a classified topic, industry officials — when asked — suggested they would not stand in the way of a request for help.

"Our members have worked for years with law enforcement with an objective to preserve lawfully authorized surveillance," said Tom Amortee, a spokesman for the US Telecom Association, the industry group representing most phone companies. "We have no comment on national security matters."

Added Eric Rabe, a spokesman for Verizon Communications Inc., one of the nation's phone giants: "We typically make law enforcement agencies get a court order. Our default is to cooperate, but we don't have a specific information policy. We try to make sure what we do is in compliance with the law."

During the Cold War, telecom companies closely cooperated with government agencies regarding national security, and there seemed to be little worry about whether the requests were accompanied by court orders, one expert said.

"In the 1960s, I worked for an international tele and telegram carrier in their Washington office," said Bob Atkinson, policy research director of the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information. "Every day a government agent stopped by to pick up copies of all telegrams that were sent overseas."

Soft drink maker takes fizz out of cola giants

Low-price strategy works in Peru, Mexico

By Maria Dickerson
Los Angeles Times

HUEFOTZINGO, Mexico — The founders of the upstart cola maker Ajeegroup know a thing or two about guerrilla marketing.

When Shining Path rebels took to hijacking Coca-Cola trucks in the late 1980s during Peru's civil war, the Ananos family started peddling its own line of soft drinks in recycled beer bottles to meet local demand. Today the company controls more than one-fifth of the cola market in Peru.

Ajeegroup is still taking pot-

shots at Coke, but the battle has shifted north to Mexico, where the Peruvians are once again making gains through unorthodox methods. In a little more than three years, the company has grabbed 5 percent of Mexico's soft-drink trade, a market that Snadapta International estimates at \$6.5 billion. And it has forced titans Coke and PepsiCo Inc. to lower prices in a country where they have long reaped some of their fattest profits.

The privately held company has done it without big-budget advertising, fancy trucks or an extensive product line. The se-

cret: lots of cola for a little money. A 3.3-liter container of its flagship Big Cola brand sells for about \$1.12 and sometimes as little as 86 cents on special.

"Half the population of Mexico is poor," said Ajeegroup spokesman Alfredo Patedes. "For us, that was an opportunity."

The low-price strategy is attracting budget-conscious consumers such as Carlos Lopez. The construction worker was recently in a convenience store in Mexico City's upscale Polanco neighborhood buying a monster bottle of Big Cola to share with his buddies back at the job site.

Lopez said some of them prefer the Real Thing, and he

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State of Idaho guards unclaimed property

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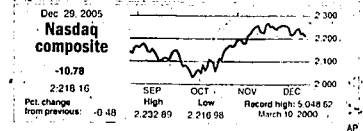
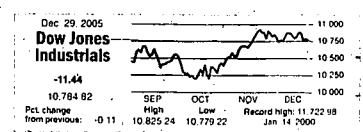
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Continued from D6. I asked about it once and was told we'd been making copies available to the government since World War II. I think the practice only ended when people stopped sending telegrams. The Bush administration has been responding to critics since the Dec. 23 disclosure that it directed the NSA to comb through huge volumes of telephone and Internet communications with out first seeking court orders. The New York Times reported that since Sept. 11, 2001, unidentified American telecom companies have helped the government gain "backdoor access" to streams of communications flowing into and out of the United States in the search for terrorist suspects. A Bush spokesman, Trent Duffy, called the current use of wiretaps without the usual court authorization limited.

Bobbe, of Verizon, said it's true that phone companies have always been willing to help government inquiries, though times have changed. In the Cold War era when there was great concern about Communists, "probably a lot of things went on," Bobbe said, "but today we're more circumspect." Last year when agents of the U.S. music industry asked Verizon for information about its Internet subscribers, the phone giant refused and went to court to protect its customers' privacy. He noted that no telecom companies have been named in disclosures about NSA eavesdropping and declined to say if Verizon cooperates with that program. Bob Dwyer, a spokesman for AT&T Inc, another phone giant, said, "We don't comment on national security issues."

The question of what the telecom companies can help find is difficult to answer because of the highly classified nature of the data. But experts say the computer technology that enables eavesdropping on a national scale may well generate enough data to overwhelm human agents. "Their idea of finding a needle in a haystack seems to involve getting more hay," said David Bickel, a fellow at the Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. People who wish to evade government eavesdropping probably can do so by encrypting their communications, he said. For example, calls made using Internet telephony from the European-based Skype services are all encrypted, he said. While government agencies might decrypt targeted communications, it's not possible to do this with the vast amounts of information apparently targeted by NSA, he said. The centralized nature of the Internet and the multiplicity of ways to communicate further complicate the task of wholesale eavesdropping, said David Berninger, a communications analyst with Tier 1 Research. By focusing on traffic that leaves the country, optical fiber lines that can bypass government lines that are buried on the oceans and on radio signals bounced off satellites in space, Berninger said. This process is some identifying "choke points" where communications enter and leave the country, he said, providing a easier task than trying to randomly monitor domestic traffic that flows on the Internet in all directions around the country, he said.



Stocks end mixed in sluggish trading

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended Thursday ending lower as investors ignored generally benign economic data and looked ahead to 2006 with a mix of optimism and concern. Wall Street was unmoved by the Labor Department's latest take on unemployment, the only economic indicator released before the session. First-time jobless claims rose by an expected 4,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 322,000. Other economic reports were likewise mixed. The Chicago Purchasing Managers Association index of Midwestern economic activity was steadily steady at 61.5 in December, compared to 61.7 in November. And home sales declined modestly in November, according to the National Association of Realtors. With the new year coming, investors consolidated their holdings with eyes toward the Federal Reserve, which is expected to stop raising interest rates early in 2006 — though exactly when remains to be seen. And that uncertainty made it difficult to trade. "The economic news has been very good, but the fed's very somewhat of a mystery," said Scott Wren, equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons. "It's the same problem that's really held us back all month and it'll continue to be a problem until we get some more clarity from the Fed." The Dow Jones industrial average fell 11.41, or 0.11 percent, to 11,444.78. Broad-based stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 1.75, or 0.14 percent, to 1,254.42, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 10.76, or 0.49 percent, to 2,116.78. Bonds rose slightly with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.46 percent from 4.37 percent last Wednesday. The dollar lost ground against most major currencies, while gold prices rose.

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Medicare drug plan will save money, study says

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Buying medicine under the new Medicare drug coverage may end up being cheaper than...
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Table of bean market prices for various types of beans.

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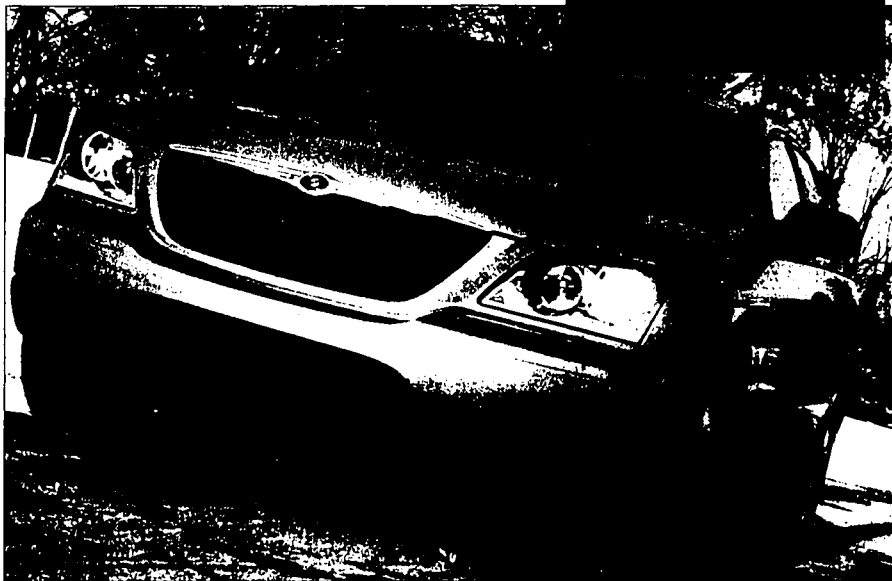
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Section E

2006 CHRYSLER PACIFICA

Safety, utility & value



The all-new 2006 Chrysler Pacifica - "The Handsome Protector"

ReadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

With a design theme referred to as "The Handsome Protector," the Chrysler Pacifica is engineered to provide active and passive protection to driver and occupants. The exterior has a solid, confident and handsome appearance, accomplished by using distinctive and protective design cues.

Offered in base, touring and limited trim levels, the Chrysler Pacifica is built at the automaker's Windsor, Ontario, Canada, manufacturing complex and available in front-wheel or all-wheel drive configurations. For 2006, power for the entire Pacifica model line is generated by a 3.5L V6 engine.

Torque is transferred to the road via a four-speed automatic transaxle with AutoStick. The all-wheel

WHEELBASE:
116.3; overall length: 198.9; width: 79.3; height: 66.5 - measurements in inches.
ENGINE:
3.5L V6 - 250 hp at 6,400 rpm and 250 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
TRANSMISSION:
Four-speed automatic transaxle with AutoStick.
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 city/23 hwy., (FWD); 17 city/22 hwy., (AWD).
CARGO CAPACITY:
92.2 cu. ft.
PAYLOAD CAPACITY:
1,166 lbs.

drive system employs a viscous coupling center differential with a front/rear torque split of up to 90 percent. The rear differential is of the open variety. On the road, the Pacifica equipped with front-wheel drive is smooth and responsive. Solid, safe and substantial, the Chrysler wagon is a reassuring experience for

2006 Chrysler Pacifica by the Numbers

Price: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Chrysler Pacifica wagon starts from \$25,165 for the base FWD model up to \$36,685 for the Limited. Destination charges add \$730.

TOWING CAPACITY:
3,500 lbs.
SAFETY FEATURES
Dual front airbags, battery saver, four wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, remote keyless entry, security alarm and engine immobilizer. Towing adds garage door opener. Limited adds power adjustable pedals, fog lamps, automatic headlamp control, rear parking sensors, front and rear side-impact airbags and tire

pressure monitor. Optional safety equipment includes high intensity headlights (HID), low-speed traction control, navigation system and full-sized spare tire.
WARRANTY
Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited. Roadside assistance: 3-year/36,000 mile, 24-hour.

charged shock absorbers, coil springs, asymmetrical lower control arms, link-type stabilizer bar and urethane jounce bumpers. The rear suspension features a five-link independent setup with coil springs, link-type stabilizer bar and gas-charged, self-leveling shock absorbers.

Inside the cabin, the driver enjoys SUV-like

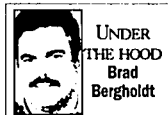
command-of-road seating, while passengers experience plenty of leg, hip and head room in each row. Chrysler-specific steering wheel controls use both sides of the steering wheel for audio and cruise controls for ease of use. All Pacificas are equipped with electro-lucent displays, easy to use controls and wide entry/exit access. Touring and limited models feature three row 2+2+2 six-passenger seating, while the entry-level model features two row, five-passenger seating. As befitting a Chrysler-brand vehicle, the Pacifica is loaded to the gills with creature comforts to surprise and delight driver and passengers alike.

For versatility, second and third row seats conveniently fold flat. A continuous, full-length center console features first and second row dual cup holders, storage area and adjustable air outlets.

Problem with erratic start-ups?

Q. I have a 1989 Jeep Cherokee that is very unreliable when it comes to starting. It will start right up nine times out of 10. I have had a new battery and alternator put in, but it still has the problem. When I turn the key it just does nothing, not even a grinding sound, which makes me think it is short in the switch. I have had it checked by my garage, but it is always in one of its starting moods and they say they can't diagnose it if the problem is not present. Should I go ahead and have a new switch put in or what should my next move be?

-Carra Wall,
Vashon Island, Wash.



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. Since you didn't mention the need to ever jump-start the engine, I'll assume the Jeep starts again on its own after its gray mood passes. If this is the case, we can rule out the battery and charging system as possible causes and focus on the starting system and related wire/cable connections.

Next time the fault occurs, try this: Turn on the headlights and observe their brightness during a starting attempt (perhaps via a helper or reflection). If the headlights dim considerably as the key is held in the "Start" position, the cause might be a dirty/rotted or loose battery cable connection or short/high-current condition within the starter.

If both battery cables feel warm or hot along their length, the starter is probably drawing excessive current, which means that it's defective.

If the headlights remain at the same brightness during a starting attempt, a high resistance fault is occurring in the starter control circuit. This includes the ignition switch, gear position or clutch switch and related wiring or the starter itself. If jiggling the gear selector lever (automatic transmission), and try the "neutral" position instead of "park." If the starter now operates, the gear position switch is faulty. Do this once again with the ignition switch Wiggle the key a bit more and less than the "start" range of motion.

If none of these inducements result in momentary or restored cranking operations, try going the other way: Start with a healthy metal object such as a tire iron, then attempt to start the engine. If the starter begins working after such encouragement, its brushes have worn excessively. If the fault still remains, my hunch would be an intermittent connection (high resistance) within the starter control circuit wiring.



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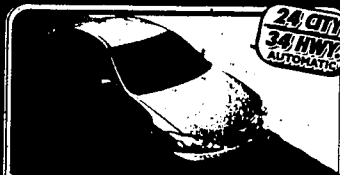


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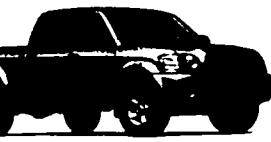
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Sometimes, for example, your aim in sacrificing an honor unnecessarily is to persuade the defense to keep plugging away at a suit, instead of switching their attention in a more fruitful direction.

Consider a full deal where you might have to keep your opponents on the hop. After North's jump to three no-trump, showing a balanced raise to game in hearts, you decide to punt slam. On the spade-queen lead, you find your chances of making 12 tricks appear to rest on the trump finesse. Can you improve the odds? Yes, so long as you remember to put up the spade queen at the first trick, so that when East covers, West does not know if a second spade is cashing. Now lead a careful club jack to dummy's ace (so that West has no advance warning of any discards looming in that suit), then run the heart queen. If, after all that, West works out that he needs to shift to a diamond on winning his heart king, give up and go join an easier game!

NORTH 12-30-A
 ♠ Q 3 2
 ♥ J 6 5 4
 ♦ Q 9 5
 ♣ A 10

WEST
 ♠ J 10 8 7
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ J 7 6 4
 ♣ 8 7 4

EAST
 ♠ K 9 6 5 4
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A 10 8 3
 ♣ K 2
 ♠ K Q J 6 2

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 3NT Pass
 6♥ All pass
 *Balanced raise to four hearts

Opening lead: Spade jack

BID WITH THE ACES 12-30-B

South West North East
 1♥ Pass 3NT Pass
 6♥ All pass
 *Balanced raise to four hearts

South West North East
 1♥ Pass 3NT Pass
 6♥ All pass
 *Balanced raise to four hearts

South West North East
 1♥ Pass 3NT Pass
 6♥ All pass
 *Balanced raise to four hearts

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds, planning to get your spades in at your next turn. You do not have enough for a call of two spades at this point in the auction (you need a king more). Limit your hand by raising diamonds first. You can then bid spades later without overstating your assets too much.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bawolff@msn.com or call 208-735-5277.
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STUDIO						
A.M.	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
6:00-6:30	Cardio Energy JoAnn	Yoga	Yo/Pilates	Yoga	Cardio Energy Keri	
6:30-7:00	Body Blast Express JoAnn	Rayette	Debra	Rayette	Body Blast Express Keri	8:00 a.m. Yoga
8:30-9:00	Cardio Energy Sonny	Cardio Energy Joyce		Cardio Energy Joyce	Cardio Energy Jamie	
9:00 - 9:30	Cardio Energy Sonny	Body Blast	Pilates	Body Blast	Step Jamie	Cardio Energy
9:30 - 10:00	Above the Belt (Upper body) Joyce	Joyce	Rayette	Joyce	BAT (butt, abs, thighs) Jamie	Body Blast
10:10 - 11:00	Back to Basic Joyce	Back to Basic Joyce		Back to Basic Joyce		
P.M. 4:15- 5:00	Body Blast Zatelle	Pilates Debra	Body Blast Jamie	Back to Basic Deanna	Pilates Deanna	
5:15-5:30	ABS IN GYM	Awesome Abs Jan	ABS IN CAGE	Awesome Abs JoAnn		
5:30-6:30	Pilates Deanna	Body Blast Jan		Body Blast JoAnn		

POOL						
A.M.	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9:00-9:50	Aqua Fit Amy	Aqua Fit Rayette	Aqua Fit LeeAnn	Aqua Fit Lisa	Aqua Fit Lisa	
P.M.	Aqua Therapy Julia		Aqua Therapy Julia		Aqua Therapy Deanna	
9:00-9:50	Aqua Fit Amy	Aqua Fit LeeAnn	Aqua Fit LeeAnn	Aqua Fit Julia		

CYCLING						
A.M.	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
6:00-6:45	Cardio Spin Keri	Cardio Spin JoAnn	Cardio Spin JoAnn	Cardio Spin Amy	Cardio Spin JoAnn	
P.M.		Cardio Spin JoAnn				
8:15-8:00						

GYM						
A.M.	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9:30-9:50						
P.M.	Awesome Abs Algot					
9:15-9:30	Boot Camp Algot					
8:30-8:30						

CAGE						
P.M.	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
8:30-9:30			Kickboxing Sonny	Kickboxing Cheryl		
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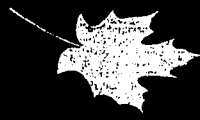
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5 Investigation
10 Gush out
14 Triumphant monument
15 Gene Tierney title role
16 Dance at a luau
17 Slight
18 Gumbo pots
19 West Point team
20 Run
22 Observer
24 Under sail
25 Discover slowly
26 Exchange possessions
29 Beds down on a branch
33 Instrument played with mallets
37 Nose into
38 Regret bitterly
39 Perplex
41 Ventilate
42 Sacrificial platform
45 In the same way
46 Toady
50 Twangy
51 Spry
53 Charley horse
57 Milk-related
60 Allergy sufferer
62 Reed instrument
63 Chocolate source
65 Wheels
66 Take's 'Star Trek' role
67 Likeness
68 Tie
69 Asterisk, e.g.
70 Birth-related
71 Holler

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1 Pago Pago's country
2 Approached stealthily
3 Parcels of land
4 Thither
5 Storyline
6 Fall cleanup tool
7 Sharer's pronoun
8 Free-for-all
9 Less complicated
10 Astronaut Lucid
11 Virtuous
12 Stately trees
13 Methods
21 Seniors' org
23 New Mexico art colony
25 Authentic
27 Signs of delight
28 Periods on the internet
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31 Work hard
32 Zippy
33 Like
36 Superman's vision
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BURLEY MAN
 SHM, 21, Leo, NS, loves to fish, camp and play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, to have fun with. Burley #854545

LOOKING TOO
 SWM, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding the way home, seeks SF, 25-55, to get to know each other. Poul #875531 @ helnbak

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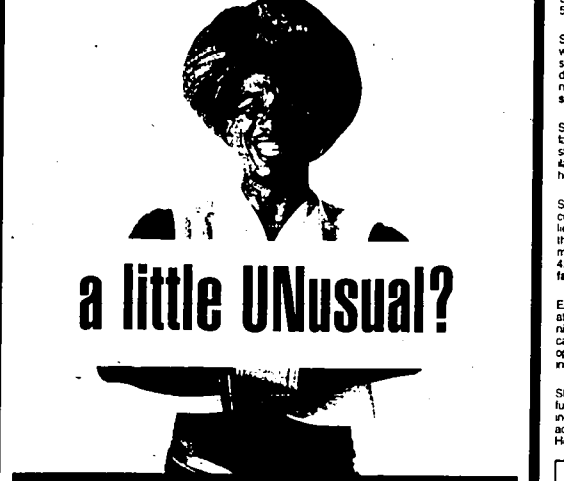
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