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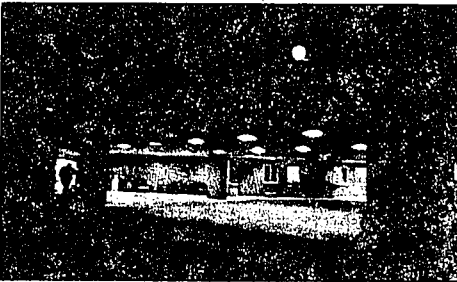


6 in '06

Six things in 2006 that could change Magic Valley forever

TWIN FALLS — What a difference this year will make! Voters will decide if they want a second high school in Twin Falls and a new hospital. A judge will make a decision that could affect every tap in Magic Valley and the smokestacks of a coal-fired plant may soon share the skyline with a golden Angel Moroni.

What follows are six issues in 2006 that could forever change south-central Idaho:



Voters will decide fate of county-owned hospital.



How water is distributed in the area will decide fate of water rights in 2006 and beyond.

Management of water rights

What: Fifth District Judge Barry Wood is hearing a case that questions the constitutionality of "conjunctive management" of water rights. Put simply, water in south-central Idaho comes from two sources: from the aquifer and from the surface (runoff, rivers, etc.) There's not always enough water for everybody who wants it, so the state applies two rules to decide who gets its "prior appropriation," which means that people with the oldest water rights get first dibs. Usually, those older rights are held by surface water users like the canal companies. The other rule is "conjunctive management," which treats the two sources of water as inter-related. Conjunctive management

means that when demand for water exceeds supply, the holder of the oldest water right doesn't necessarily get first dibs. A judge or state administrator decides how the water will be shared. Where: The case, brought by five Magic Valley canal companies, is being heard in Gooding County. What: Wood agreed in November to hear the case, rather than summarily dismissing it. He could issue a ruling at any time. Why should I care? In addition to farmers, ranchers and canal companies, every city holds water rights. If the ruling changes some Magic Valley cities could find themselves short of water.

Sale of county hospital

What: Proposed sale of county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to Boise-based St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. When: This sale goes before voters in May. Obstacles: Criticism has focused not so much on St. Luke's, but on the fact that county commissioners didn't entertain other bids. Several hospital chains have

offered competing bids. Commissioners have agreed not to consider those bids unless voters reject the St. Luke's transaction. Why should I care? All sides agree the existing hospital building no longer meets the needs of a growing region. St. Luke's purchase agreement includes a commitment to build a \$120 million hospital and medical center.

Growth in northwest sector

What: The newly widened Pole Line Road extends west like a feeding tube to the housing subdivisions cropping up on what was once farmland. Poised to follow the growth are big-box retailers such as Wal-Mart; a \$120-million hospital and a second Twin Falls high school. When: Homebuyers already are driving the growth. Voters will decide the fate of support services. A bond issue for a second high school goes to voters in the spring. It would be built near the College of Southern Idaho. A proposed hospital sale goes to voters in May, and if approved it would bring a \$120 million hospital to the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview; construction on a second bridge between Jerome and Twin Falls is scheduled to start within 10 years. Why should I care? Key votes in the



From new businesses to schools to power plants, growth is changing Magic Valley.

first half of 2006 could determine how fast and in which direction Twin Falls grows.

Second Twin Falls high school

What: \$49.7 million bond issue for second high school, improvements to existing school. Where: The proposed second high school would be built near the College of Southern Idaho. When: The bond issue will go to a vote this spring. Why should I care? Twin Falls has outgrown its school facilities. Beyond that, two high schools in one town would spark intracity sports and academic rivalries that could carry the district to new heights. At the same time, a second high school would mark the passing of an era in which every high school student bore the Bruin bond. See Sports Editor Joe Paisley's column for more about the proposed second high school, Page C1.

Have an opinion?

Want to add to the "Six In '06" list? Disagree with some of our picks? Visit <http://www.magicvalley.com>, click "big" on the right-hand side of the page, and share your thoughts.



An LDS temple could be completed in 2007.

Power plant

What: \$1.4 billion, 600-watt coal-fired plant. Where: 640 acres northeast of Jerome. When: The plant's first permit, for a weather station, was approved Nov. 1. The weather station will monitor air quality conditions for one year. That data will then be used in the plant's applications for state air-quality permits. By the end of 2006, Sempira could be well on its way to winning the necessary permits to start building a power plant. Construction could begin as early as late 2007. Obstacles: Numerous citizen groups large and small oppose the

plant. Also, several state legislators have said Idaho needs stricter laws regarding the location of power plants. Why should I care? Sempira says building the plant would take about three-and-a-half years and create 1,000 construction jobs. The company says the plant would create about 125 permanent jobs and would pay more than \$15 million in local and state taxes. Opponents say the plant would create long-term pollution problems. Regardless, the mere presence of a 600-watt coal-fired plant, with its smokestacks, rail lines and waste ash piles, would change forever the Jerome County landscape.

Latter-day Saints temple

What: Temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Where: northeast Twin Falls, west of Eastland Drive on the grounds of defunct Candleridge Golf Course. When: Groundbreaking is scheduled for April. The temple could be finished as early as fall 2007. Why should I care? The temple, with its 159.5-foot

spire topped by a gilded statue of the Angel Moroni, would be the tallest structure in town. Twin Falls would become a focal point for an estimated 42,000 Mormons in 14 stakes through south-central Idaho. Several rites of the Mormon church can take place only in a temple. It would be the fourth temple in Idaho.

Lots of jobs and environmental concerns arrive with Sempira power plant issue.

Summaries compiled by Times-News writers Sandy Miller, Michelle Dunlop, Joshua Palmer and Terry Smith.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Getting fit
Senior exercise program expands to rural towns.
Monday

Red Hot Mamas
Gooding welcomes new Red Hat Society chapter.
Tuesday

Co-op cooking
Families collaborate to prepare meals ahead.
Wednesday

Sein of the Times
Jerry Seinfeld comes to Boise.
Thursday

Upcountry skiing
High mountain fun.
Friday

Redeeming grace
There are many definitions of redemption.
Miscarriage
The heartache, the coping, the effects.
Saturday

Saturday
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy... Tonight: Breezy and cool... Tomorrow: A little cooler...

BURLEY WEATHER FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance for a shower... Tomorrow: A little cooler...

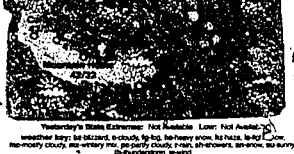
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SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly cloudy with a chance for showers...

BOISE Mostly cloudy with a chance for showers... A slight chance for showers...

NORTHERN UTAH FORECAST

Mostly cloudy with a chance for showers... We may see some snow mixing in with the rain...



TWIN FALLS 5-DAY FORECAST

	Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High	44	44	41	42	39	40
Low	34	34	31	29	26	27

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
44 / 34	0.00	41 / 29	30.25	6:51 AM - 5:18 PM

MOON PHASES

Date	Phase
Jan 3	New Moon
Jan 14	First Quarter
Jan 23	Full Moon
Jan 29	Last Quarter

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dallas	38-52	30-39	24-31	26-35	30-40	30-39
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Biggest story of the year

Hurricane Katrina overwhelming choice for 2005's top story

NEW YORK (AP) — The onslaught of Gulf Coast hurricanes, notably Katrina and the deadly flooding which devastated New Orleans, was overwhelmingly picked by U.S. editors and news directors as the top story of 2005 in The Associated Press' annual vote.

The hurricanes received 242 first-place votes out of 289 ballots cast. No other story received more than 18 first-place votes.

The death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Joseph Ratzinger to succeed him as Pope Benedict XVI, was the No. 2 pick, followed by the situation in Iraq where news of violence and politics vied almost equally for attention throughout the year.

Iraq was voted the top story in 2002 and 2003, and was runner-up in 2004 to the U.S. election in which President Bush won a second term.

Here are 2005's top 10 stories, as voted by AP members:

1. HURRICANE KATRINA: Days in advance, America knew it was coming. But even though Hurricane Katrina weakened slightly from its frightening Category 5 strength, its impact was stunning. It killed more than 1,300 people in five states, ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast and set off flooding that submerged 60 percent of New Orleans, forcing the largest urban relocation in U.S. history. Hurricanes Wilma and Rita also inflicted severe damage.

2. PAPAL TRANSITION: John Paul II's death marked the passing of the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and ended a 26-year pontificate, third-longest in history. In a remarkable show of affection, many millions attended services worldwide on the day of his funeral. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, expected to continue a conservative doctrinal approach, became the new pope and promptly waived the normal waiting period so John Paul could swiftly be considered for sainthood.

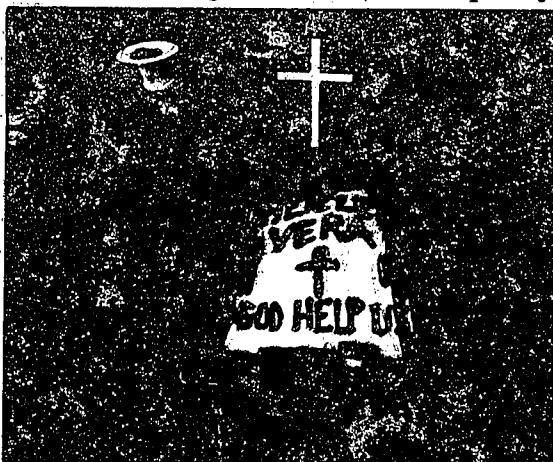
3. IRAQ: As in 2004, news from Iraq ranged from the grim, including a devastating wave of suicide bombings, to the promising. U.S. military deaths topped 2,000, and President Bush estimated that the conflict had cost 30,000, but he insisted U.S. forces would stay until Iraq forces could contain insurgents on their own.

4. SUPREME COURT: Not since 1994 had a Supreme Court seat become vacant. Suddenly there were two openings due to Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement and Chief Justice William Rehnquist's death. John Roberts was smoothly confirmed to succeed Rehnquist, but President Bush's next nominee, Harriet Miers, had to bow out amid conservative complaints. The right liked the next choice, Samuel Alito, but he could face tough Democratic opposition at confirmation hearings in January.

5. OIL PRICES: Crude oil prices hit an all-time peak of almost \$70 a barrel in August before subsiding. Costly gasoline prompted some motorists to rethink their driving habits; the beleaguered U.S. airline industry had to spend \$3 billion more on jet fuel in 2005 than in 2004.

6. LONDON BOMBINGS: Attacks on three rush-hour subway trains and a bus killed 56 people on July 7, including four bombers with ties to Islamic militants. Authorities said three of the alleged bombers were born in Britain to immigrant parents from Pakistan; the fourth was from Jamaica.

7. ASIAN QUAKES: A massive earthquake near the Pakistan-India border killed more than 87,000, and left more than 3 million homeless. Worried relief officials applied for more emergency aid as winter arrived in the stricken region.



A makeshift grave at a New Orleans street corner conceals a body that had been lying on the sidewalk for days in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, in this Sept. 4 file photo. The message reads, here lies Vera. God Help Us.



Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein berates the court during his trial in Baghdad, in this Dec. 5 file photo.



Pope John Paul II's body is carried across St. Peter's square at the Vatican, in this April 4 file photo, on its way for public viewing inside St. Peter's Basilica.

8. TERRI SCHIAVO: A family feud escalated into a wrenching national debate as the husband of brain-damaged Terri Schiavo struggled and finally succeeded in getting clearance to remove the feeding tube that had kept her alive for 15 years. President Bush, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and members of Congress joined Terri Schiavo's parents in efforts to have the tube reinserted before she died.

9. CIA LEAK: Vice President Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis Libby, was indicted and several prominent journalists were entangled in complex offshoots as a special prosecutor investigated the Bush administration's leaking of Valerie Plame's CIA status to the news media in 2003. Plame's husband, a former U.S. diplomat, had accused the administration of manipulating press intelligence on Iraq.

10. BUSH'S STRUGGLES: Multiple factors, including public doubts about Iraq, a flawed response to Hurricane Katrina and a failed Supreme Court nomination, drove President Bush's national approval ratings below 40 percent, the lowest of his presidency.

Just missing out on the Top 10 was the start of toppled Iraq leader Saddam Hussein's trial on charges of mass murder and torture.

Voters in the AP survey were invited to write in their own suggestions of top stories. Three cited the auto industry's woes, including layoffs at General Motors, and one suggested the revelation that former FBI official Mark Felt was the Watergate source "Deep Throat."

Mark Bowden, editor of The Gazette in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, offered a general observation on his ballot.

"The world was wracked with pain in 2005, ending a parade of natural disasters," he wrote.

"And, of course some of the pain was self-inflicted — war, terrorism, rebellion, violence, crime, drug abuse, business fraud ... There is never a slow day in the news business."

New year ushers in a variety of new state laws

The Associated Press

The new year dawns with an array of state laws taking effect across the country, offering a snapshot of issues that matter to Americans — from identifying theft and sex offenders to dangers on the road.

Personal challenges such as taxes and health care crop up among the new measures, as do steps to improve elections and enforce ethical behavior among politicians. New issues are being raised, too, including an Illinois law that targets human trafficking.

Legislation approved in 2005 formally becomes law in many states on New Year's Day (though some measures take effect upon governors' signatures on July 1).

This year, several states will take action to guard against the theft and misuse of personal information as more and more commerce moves to the Internet: several companies admitted in 2005 that hackers got into their supposedly secure databases. New Jersey and Virginia will bar making public a person's Social Security number, while Minnesota will require businesses that hold such information to quickly notify clients if there is a breach of security.

After several high-profile sexual assaults against children, many states are placing more restrictions on offenders. Michigan, for one, will now demand background checks of just about anyone working at

schools, and it will ban convicted sex offenders from living or working within 1,000 feet of a school, or even loitering in the vicinity.

Florida is taking steps to limit the influence of lobbyists, barring them from paying for any food, alcohol or gifts for lawmakers and other state and local officials. The state also is adding a slew of new reporting requirements for lobbyists.

"Just pay for your own stuff," said state Sen. Gwen Margolis, a Democrat. "It's as simple as that." Legislators left loopholes in the law, dropping language that would have barred lobbyists from giving money to political parties so they could, in turn, use it to pay for lawmakers' food and drink.

Legislatures sought ways to improve safety on the highways, demanding seat belt use in taxis and shuttle vans in Oregon, requiring motorists hogging the left lane to move to the right in Florida, and trying to discourage drunk driving in Tennessee by requiring that offenders help clean up state highways while wearing vests emblazoned with the phrase "I am a Drunk Driver" in 4-inch lettering.

Taxes drew lawmakers' attention, too. Oklahoma cut taxes for newly everyone, and New York cut them for those making more than \$150,000 a year. Florida cut taxes on stocks and bonds. Nevada gave a tax break to property owners, while West Virginia lowered its tax on food from six cents per dollar to five cents.

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THE Lure of a lighthouse

The Washington Post

SMITH POINT, Va. — Behind them stretched the long, foamy "V" carved in the frigid water by the Coast Guard work boat, and the weekend drive from the Richmond airport, and the trip from Minnesota, and the three kids and the family business back home in Winona, a thousand miles away.

Ahead in the distance was Dave McNally's adventure, spotted on the horizon maybe eight miles off. "See the flash?" he said. "There See it!"

There, indeed, was the tiny stink of the Smith Point lighthouse at the mouth of the Potomac River.

McNally hurried out of the cabin to his wife, Teri, standing on the wind-blown deck. There it was: the squat, ramshackle, guano-stained, century-old brick octagonal tower with a crescent outdoor porch and 24-hour foghorn. Their lighthouse.

Not many people in Winona, Minn., probably knew this, but the McNallys had just bought a lighthouse in the Chesapeake Bay. Even though neither one had seen it in person before. Or been on the bay before. Or been to Virginia before.

Actually, it was Dave who bought it.

He saw it in a federal online auction in October and picked it up for \$170,000. Having grown up near the Mississippi River in Minnesota, he has been a boater for years and has always loved lighthouses. He had mentioned it to Teri: "I'm thinking about buying a lighthouse in the Chesapeake Bay."

"Yeah," she thought. Dave got these crazy ideas. "Here goes another one."

But when he took her to dinner one night at the Hillside Fish House — across the Mississippi River in Wisconsin — and started spreading lighthouse pictures on the table, she thought, "Oh, my God, this guy's really serious about this."

It was ridiculous, she thought: "What do you do with a lighthouse?" Plus, they lived in Minnesota. Plus he checked the name in support of the group's anti-KFC campaign.

"There isn't any land," he said. "Then she realized: 'Dave, you want to do this.' Yeah, he said, he did. They told the kids, Molly, 23, Sam, 19, and Caitlin, 15, who said, 'Wow.' Dave wired the final payment

early this month, and the couple, both 54, left a few days later for the airport in La Crosse, Wis. "It's the most exciting thing I've done in my life," he said of the purchase.

Now here they were, decked out in orange-and-black Coast Guard survival suits, surging across the chattering Chesapeake to see the lighthouse for the first time.

They weren't sure what they'd find but it pored by, to turn it into a family retreat. They had left the Coast Guard station at Millford Haven in Matthews County, Va., sequestered by Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Richard W. Condit for the 90-minute run to Smith Point. The Coast Guard will own and maintain the light and foghorn atop the lighthouse, which marks a historically treacherous shoal in the bay formed by the river's outflow.

But the rest of the structure, which was built in 1897 about three miles offshore, will be the McNallys' property.

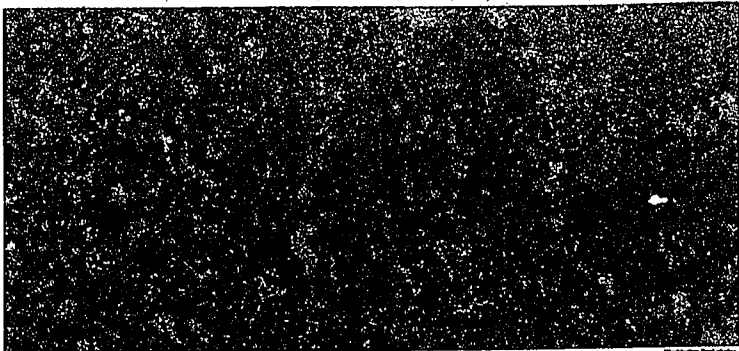
Dave, who owns a lumberyard and runs a construction business, had brought a big black bag filled with work gloves, binoculars, measuring tape, three flashlights, a camera, a pencil and paper. "I'm ready," he said.

They motored past Gwynn's Island, then Stingray Point and Windmill Point, Jangle Island lay to the northeast, Diskmakers Creek to the northwest. They spotted the flash about an hour out, and it quickly gave way to the lighthouse, a two-story brick building 24 feet in diameter and painted white atop a cast-iron cylinder called a caisson.

Smith Point has been considered hazardous to mariners for centuries. Numerous groundings and sinkings have happened there, and the current commercial shipping channel veers dramatically east away from the spot, the Coast Guard said.

The caisson construction, in which a huge cylinder was sunk into the bottom of the bay and filled with concrete, replaced the old lighthouse, built on screw-tipped iron pilings. The old house was swept away by ice during a freeze in 1855, according to news accounts of the time.

The big freeze also led to a mysterious murder. According to one newspaper, the first assistant lighthouse keeper was apparently slain by his wife when he returned to his home after the destruction of the lighthouse. In those days, keep-



Above, Smith Point Lighthouse, whose foghorn sounds every 15 seconds, sits about three miles off the Virginia shore. Dave McNally of Winona, Minn., bought it in an online auction for \$170,000. Smith Point has been considered hazardous to mariners for centuries. Left, Teri and Dave McNally of Winona, Minn., arrive for the first time at Virginia's Smith Point Lighthouse, a century-old structure.

ers' absences from their homes could be long — and not always lamented. "That old devil is home to stay," his wife reportedly told her lover before the crime.

The days of manned lighthouses are long gone. The Coast Guard maintains the navigational aides on about 300 lighthouses throughout the country, but Smith Point, like most others, is now automated.

Even so, as the McNallys watched their lighthouse loom closer, with its rusty caisson and peeling white paint, Teri stood in the bow of the boat and said: "It looks like a floating castle." But as the boat eased toward the two corroded metal ladders they would climb to reach the top of the caisson, something got her attention: the foghorn. Which grew louder as they approached and which went off every 15 seconds.

"That's not a bad sound," her husband said. "Is that how often it goes off?" she asked.

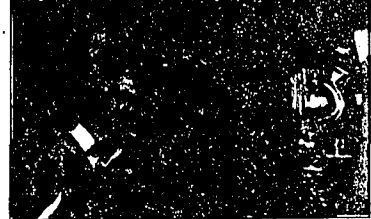
"At least it's not a grating, aggravating sound," he said. "She looked momentarily perplexed. They knew that there was a foghorn and that it ran 24 hours

a day, fog or not. But this was the first time they had heard it. It wasn't a painful sound, exactly. It was like a hunting horn, only designed to be heard for miles.

But now it was time to climb the ladders. Dave hoisted his bag and asked whether it was OK to carry it up. Condit said it was but urged caution. "General rule when you guys are on there: Trust nothing," he called out. "No handrails. No ladder rungs. Even where you're stepping."

Anything might collapse. "Am I first?" Dave said. He was. He started up. "It's easier than it looks," he called to his wife. She followed, uncertainly.

After they reached the five-foot-wide walkway around the caisson's rim, Dave thrust both arms in the air, Rocky-style, and proclaimed: "We made it!" Then they looked around. There were vacant rooms, collapsed ceiling boards, graffiti. ("Expletive" this light, someone had carved near the steps to the second floor. A crowbar hung over a banister. An empty beer can sat on a shelf. In the attic, Condit retrieved a tattered keeper's log from October 1965. The base-



The McNallys of Winona, Minn., are bathed in the light of the Smith Point Lighthouse they purchased. The Coast Guard will maintain the light and foghorn atop the Virginia lighthouse.

ment, down in the caisson, smelled of diesel fuel.

Outside, the iron outhouse, which hung over the water, was stained white with bird droppings. It had two portholes and no door.

But there were touches of faded elegance in the woodwork and brickwork, and out every window glittered the bay.

"It's not as bad as I thought," Dave said. He pulled out his

measuring tape and gripped a pencil with his teeth. The kitchen, pantry and sitting room could be on the first level, two bedrooms on the second. You'd need a boat and a place to moor it.

It would cost money, maybe \$75,000, Dave thought. And it would take time. Teri got out her video camera. The McNallys had a lot of work to do. Inside, the foghorn didn't sound quite so loud.

PETA staffer legally changes name to Kentucky Fried Cruelty.com

NEW YORK (AP) — A 19-year-old PETA staffer has legally changed his name to Kentucky Fried Cruelty.com.

Chris Garnett, youth outreach coordinator for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said he changed his name in support of the group's anti-KFC campaign.

"People don't believe me at first when I tell them my name, but it never fails to spark a discussion," Garnett, ex-Kentucky Fried Cruelty.com, said in a statement. "Many vow to boycott KFC after I explain the company's indifference to cruelty to animals."

Norfolk, Va.-based PETA's complaints against KFC stem from video footage shot last

year recording alleged mistreatment of birds at a Pilgrim's Pride Corp. plant in Moore, W.Va. The plant is a KFC supplier.

Yum! Brands, the parent company of KFC, has disputed the claims of mistreatment. In June, a grand jury indicted former workers at the West Virginia chicken plant.

"Stucked" star Pamela Anderson, who has narrated a PETA video showing the alleged abuse, supports Garnett's name change.

"I'm sure Chris can't wait till KFC stops torturing chickens so he can change his name back," the actress said in a statement, adding that the chicken abuse "is awful and has to stop."

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New era begins for Medicare recipients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare's prescription drug coverage rolls out today, a benchmark hailed as the most significant advance in the program's 40-year history.

Most senior citizens should see their medicine become more affordable because of the new coverage. Still, not everyone will save, and Medicare's 42 million beneficiaries have been patient. If not hesitant, about enrolling in a private plan.

Dr. Edward Langston, a family physician from Lafayette, Ind., says the elderly make up about a third of his patient load. The most common question he gets from them is, "Do you think I should sign up?"

His reply: "Certainly." "My average Medicare patient has heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, and then a few other things you want to throw in there," Langston said. "They're

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the most vulnerable patients we have out there except for the infant. We have some excellent drugs to help treat them, but a lot of them have fixed incomes, and they need the help."

The best way to ensure that people get the most out of the new coverage is to find the private plan that best suits their needs. It's a task that takes time and effort.

People can compare plans on their own through the government Web site www.medicare.gov or they can call 1-800-Medicare and get an operator to do the comparison

for them. In each state, beneficiaries can choose from among dozens of plans. Those offering drug coverage include the biggest names in the health insurance industry. In Langston's state, for example, there are 42 private plans offering prescription drug coverage. The choice increases even more when including Medicare Advantage programs. Those programs operate like an HMO and offer more comprehensive medical coverage, such as visits to a doctor.

All the choices have proven daunting for some senior citizens, but government officials counter that choice is good. The competition drives down beneficiaries' expenses and improves benefits, they say.

"Choice can be baffling when it's hard to tell the differences between the different plans," said Diane Rowland, executive

vice president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, a research organization. "I think for people who don't have coverage, who are very low income, this is an important supplement to their Medicare coverage. But people above the low-income subsidy really have to look at the plans closely."

While the plans differ in many respects, the benefit package they offer must at least be equal in value to what is called the standard benefit. And the standard benefit looks like this:

Beneficiaries will pay a monthly premium of \$32.20 per month. They will also be responsible for the first \$250 in drug expenses, and then will pay, on average, 25 percent of the costs until they reach the benefit limit of \$2,250.

Once they reach the benefit limit, they will face a gap in coverage. They will have to pay all of

their drug costs up to about \$5,100 in total drug spending. Medicare will then pay 95 percent of drug costs above that amount.

That's a lot of numbers for beneficiaries to take in. But the federal government offers some suggestions about the type of plan beneficiaries should consider.

If you're a senior citizen with little-to-no drug expenses, you'll want to consider plans with extremely low monthly premiums. Every state in the country except Alaska has one plan with premiums below \$20 a month.

If you want your drug expenses to be balanced throughout the year, consider a plan with no deductible, and that way you won't have a lot of out-of-pocket expense at the beginning of the year.

If your annual drug expenses fall within \$2,250 and \$5,100,

consider a plan that offers some coverage within the so-called doughnut hole.

And always remember that if you take specific drugs important to your health, make sure those drugs will be covered by your plan.

The agency responsible for making sure the benefit gets off to a fast start is the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Mark McClellan, the agency's administrator, said he's heartened by the number of people who have applied for the benefit as well as surveys of those who have enrolled.

"They are overwhelmingly saying it is worth the effort, and they will get savings and security, and in many cases, more savings than they expected," he said. "And we have the resources to help any other senior who is interested in taking advantage of the same program."

Chief justice wants raises for judges

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his first year-end assessment of the federal judiciary, Chief Justice John Roberts urged Congress to increase judicial pay to help keep good judges on the bench and to recruit new ones.

Roberts, who succeeded the late William Rehnquist, wanted Congress that judges' pay is an issue that is driving them off the bench and deterring qualified lawyers from throwing their names into consideration for judgeships.

"A strong and independent judiciary is not something that, once established, maintains itself," Roberts wrote. "It is instead a trust that every generation is called upon to

renew. My sense is that the values it secures can be lost as readily through neglect as

direct attack." In many of his 19 year-end reports, Rehnquist put judicial pay raises at the top of his wish list for Congress' consideration, once pointing out that he realized he was "beating a dead horse."

Roberts opened his report on the federal courts by stating that he didn't want to seem presumptuous after just three months on the job. But, like Rehnquist, he did not mince words on the pay issue and called it a "direct threat to judicial independence."

He said judges are leaving the bench in greater numbers than ever before, compared to the 1960s when only a handful of federal judges retired or resigned. Since 1990, he said, 92 judges have left the bench, 59 of them to go into more lucrative private practice. In the past five years, 37 judges have left, nine of them last year, Roberts said.

Read pay for judges has declined substantially, the chief justice said. "If Congress gave judges a raise of 50 percent tomorrow, judges would — after adjusting for inflation — be making about what judges made in 1967," he wrote. "This is not fair to our nation's federal judges and should not be allowed to continue."

Students play underwater Monopoly game

PLAINVILLE, Conn. (AP) — It's been super-sized, made entirely out of chocolate and played upside down for 36 hours. So taking the game of Monopoly underwater wasn't too far-fetched for students at Plainville High School.

It was made the game a little more difficult to play. Eleven members of the school's scuba club played the board game Friday while submerged in 12 feet of water in the school's pool.

Designed by club member Tim Penney, the board is printed on 11-by-4 pieces of Plexiglas. Students were split into teams and took turns playing for 30 minutes. They had to learn hand signals to buy, sell and trade property.

Instead of playing with paper bills, they used painted washers, to denote different denominations of money. The dice were made of brass and the property deeds were laminated and held down by binder clips.

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Saying goodbye to the notables who died in 2005

The Associated Press

Pope John Paul II's death prompted a remarkable outpouring of grief and respect, not just from Roman Catholics but from admirers of all faiths. The throngs that brought parts of Rome to a standstill paid homage to a man who helped bring freedom to his native Poland, traveled tirelessly to more than 120 nations and inspired young people to maintain their faith.

He was among the notable people who died in 2005. So, too, was Rosa Parks, whose history-making achievement played out one evening in 1955 on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Ala., when she refused to give up her seat.

"The only tired I was," she later wrote, "was tired of giving in." When she died in October, just a few weeks shy of the 50th anniversary of her arrest, she was mourned for a courageous woman who kindled the civil rights movement and made the Rev. Martin Luther King a major leader.

Other heroes we lost in 2005 included Simon Wiesenthal, who hunted down Nazi criminals and campaigned against prejudice; Shirley Chisholm, the pioneering black congresswoman and former governor, who challenged the Internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

In the arts, we lost playwright Arthur Miller and novelist Willa Cather. Nobel-winning physicist Leo Szilard and architect Philip Johnson.

Actress Anne Bancroft inspired audiences in "The Miracle Worker" and raised eyebrows in "The Graduate." Johnny Carson amused "Tonight Show" viewers while joking about presidents, firing off the-cuff quips or clowning as Aunt Babby. Peter Jennings fought to keep international events in the spotlight in television news.

The world of government and politics lost Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Gen. William Westmoreland, and former Sen. Eugene McCarthy. Gaylord Nelson and William Proxmire.

Leaders in business who died included Peter F. Drucker, publisher John H. Johnson and auto innovator John DeLorean. In sports, we lost boxer Max Baucus and baseball Hall of Famer Al Lopez.

Here, a roll call of notables who died in 2005. (Cause of death or young notables is given when available.)

JANUARY
Shirley Chisholm, 80. First black woman elected to Congress; first black person to seek a presidential nomination.

Jan. 1. Will Elser, 87. Artist who revolutionized comic books ("The Spirit"), helped pioneer the graphic novel. Jan. 3.

FEBRUARY
Max Schmeling, 93. German heavyweight whose bouts against Joe Louis set off a propaganda war. Feb. 2.

Feb. 2. O. S. Davis, 87. Actor and civil rights activist who led a club of baritone and elegant bearing graced stage and screen. Feb. 4.

Feb. 4. George Herman, 85. CBS political reporter; longest-serving moderator of "Face the Nation." Feb. 8.

Feb. 8. Arthur Miller, 89. One of the greatest playwrights of the 20th century, who wrote the world "Death of a Salesman," married Marilyn Monroe. Feb. 10.

Feb. 10. Rankin Hall, 60. Reporter who led the rebuilding of Lebanon as its prime minister. Feb. 14. Bombing in Beirut. Sandra Dee, 62. Teen-queen actress ("Gidget"); married Bobby Darin. Feb. 20. Complications of kidney disease. Hunter S. Thompson, 67. Acerbic counterculture writer ("Fast and Loose" in *L.A. Vez*). Feb. 20. Suicide. Jeff Raskin, 61. Conceived Apple's Macintosh computer. Feb. 26.

MARCH
Hans Bethe, 88. Won Nobel for figuring out how stars generate energy. March 6.

March 6. Sweet-faced, Oscar-winning actress ("Mrs. Miniver," "The Best Years of Our Lives"), March 6. George R. Kenan, 101. Diplomat on the winning historian; gave the name "containment" to Cold War policy. March 17.

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State enlists shame to fight drunken driving

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A new Tennessee law is enlisting the power of shame to discourage drunken driving — even though law enforcement, the government and various experts have called it an expensive and bad idea.

Starting Jan. 1, convicted drunk drivers who are arraigned to do 24 hours of roadside cleanup while wearing orange vests emblazoned with the phrase "I'm a Drunk Driver."

The new law is aimed at first-time offenders, says one of its sponsors, state Rep. Charles Curtis. "I've come them to go out and pick up trash in front of their friends and neighbors, the embarrassment is going to be such that they'll never go out and do that again," Curtis said. "Hopefully you can turn them around to never become a second-time offender."

But warning offenders with orange vests could have the opposite effect, said Jacqueline Helgott, chairwoman of the state's Judicial Department at Seattle University.

"If I'm forced to wear a sign saying that I'm a drunk driver, then I'm going to feel worse and drink more and because I feel shamed," she said.

Jeanne Mejeur, a research manager at the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver, said Tennessee's law "is pretty much a unique program nationally."

Ohio requires yellow license plates with red letters for some convicted drunken drivers, and other states use less obvious wording on tags to alert police about DUI convictions. On those measures, like sex offenders registries, law targeted more at public safety than shaming the individual, Mejeur said. One Arizona county attorney posts the names and faces of drunken drivers on a Web site, but that text mandated by state law.

Tennessee offenders will have to plead at least one day in jail, followed by three eight-hour cleanup shifts. The previous minimum sentence for driving under the influence was 48 hours in jail.

The bill becomes law today without Gov. Phil Bredesen's signature. "Although I am generally supportive of innovative forms of punishment to address this issue, I am concerned about the possibility of reduced jail time for DUI offenders," Bredesen wrote in a letter to legislative leaders.

That sentiment is echoed by the state chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "The best deterrent to drunk driving is jail time, not community service," said Laura Dial, Tennessee's MADD director.

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EDITORIAL

Final fix for school facilities still elusive after court ruling

Good news and bad news are coming from Idaho's Legislature with the state Supreme Court's ruling on school facilities just before Christmas.

The good news is the case is over. The bad news, the state lost — big time. By a 4-1 decision, the court sent a resounding message to the Legislature.

The Legislature's method of building school facilities with local bonding measures was unconstitutional. The ruling comes weeks before legislators head back to Boise for the 2006 session. Suddenly, the issue appears to be right smack near the top of the legislative priority list.

The 21-page decision detailed the entire 15-year history of the facility case between the districts in the School Districts for Equal Educational Opportunity and the state. The case has come down to the safety issue. The court upheld a 4th District Court's 2001 ruling that criticized the "lack of any mechanism to deal quickly with major, costly, potentially catastrophic conditions by districts which are low in population, have a low tax base and are in economically depressed areas."

Other than some lottery money, Idaho provides no school building funds from the state's general fund. All buildings are supported by local taxpayers' property taxes. In recent years, the state has provided interest subsidies when local districts pass bond issue elections with a supermajority (66.7 percent) vote. But even those funds didn't come out of the general fund.

Justice Linda Coppel Trout wrote how the Idaho Constitution's mandate to the Legislature "to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools" points directly to the need for a facility funding mechanism. The court found the evidence and state safety studies supported the district's court's decision. It noted numerous cases, including two in Wen-

dell and Jerome, where passing school bond measures to replace unsafe schools was difficult. (But it wasn't impossible. Both districts eventually passed their own bond issues.)

The justices went out of their way to catch legislators behind the scenes for doing more to fund interest subsidies on school construction. But, that still was a part of it.

The court said it's now the Legislature's job to fix the problem. It then proceeded to tell the Legislature some things to consider, including:

- Reducing the supermajority requirement in the Idaho Constitution for passing bonds

- Having taxpayers do certain portions of income tax refunds for school repairs
- Funding school facilities out of state general fund
- Doing a study to determine costs of a "thorough education"

- Creating a school facilities fund through corporate income tax revenues

While legislators and plaintiff districts may try to put a happy face on this ruling, it still has the buzz of a hornet's nest. Many Idahoans are screaming for property tax relief, while other groups are pushing for a return to 6 percent sales tax. Now the Supreme Court is telling legislators and taxpayers, get ready to pay up.

For starters, you can expect Gov. Dirk Kempthorn to lobby again for a constitutional amendment dropping the supermajority requirement to 60 percent. If legislators approve that change, it would also require approval from Idaho voters.

But changing the supermajority requirement is still putting tax decisions in local taxpayers' hands, just with a lower standard of approval. Idahoans are a conservative lot who will still be hesitant to take the bill for more schools. That's not saying they shouldn't, just that they're gun shy in making it happen.

So while the case may be viewed as over, the solution appears to be a long ways away.

Expect the unexpected in 2006

January, Travis County, Texas, DA Ronnie Earle enters race for Democratic gubernatorial nomination. House Republicans bust Rep. Tom DeLay as majority leader and pick Rep. John Boehner of Ohio. President Bush calls for flat tax in his State of the Union speech. Texas wins national football title.

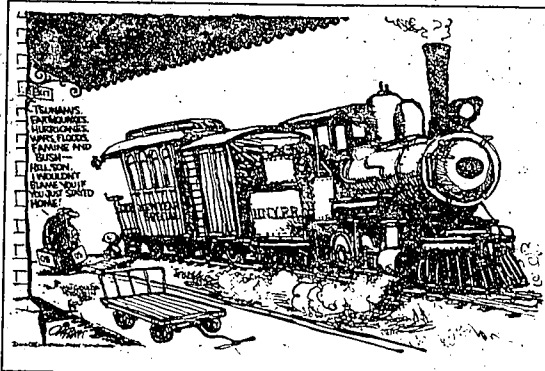
CARL LEUBSDORF

February: Bush vows to cut federal budget and names long-time aide as chief of staff. Indianapolis Colts win all-Manning Super Bowl over New York Giants. President says it's too soon to withdraw troops from Iraq. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton says she has no plans to run for president. Iraqis fail to agree on a new prime minister.

March: President Bush sends DeLay to Baghdad to help form new government. Roger Clemens joins the Texas Rangers. Four Democratic Reps. Martin Frost, Charlie Stenholm, Max Sandlin and Jim Turner urge Supreme Court to overturn GOP redistricting plan. Bush announces presence in a matter of principle, not personal ambition. President Bush's job approval drops to 35 percent. He announces conditions in Iraq allow withdrawal of 25,000 troops by June 30.

April: President Bush begins 60-day tour in support of his Iraq war plan. Bush names Karl Rove ambassador to Baghdad. Clemens pitches opening day no-hitter. Bill Parcells resigns as Cowboys coach and is succeeded by University of Texas' Mack Brown.

May: Supreme Court rules Texas redistricting plan unconstitutional and restores power to state legislators. Frost, Stenholm, Sandlin and Turner announce candidacies for Congress. White House sends Laura Bush to Baghdad to help form new government.



Delay asks for early trial. While Mrs. Bush is overseas, Bush announces his presidential library will be at Baylor.

June: Mrs. Bush announces agreement on fuel coalition government, headed by U.S. ally Ahmad Chalabi, who names former New York Times reporter Judith Miller as his national security adviser. Mrs. Bush is hailed at joint meeting of Congress, and grateful president decides to build his library at SMU, his wife's alma mater. Mrs. Clinton, during three-day visit to New Hampshire, says she has no plans to run for president. Ottawa Senators win Stanley Cup, and MMA Hunt take NBA title. At end of Bush tax tour, support for his proposal is 37 percent in Gallup Poll.

July: Baghdad court convicts Saddam Hussein on one count and sentences him to prison at Abu Ghraib. Justice Antonin Scalia retires from Supreme Court to become chief justice of new Iraq. Supreme Court. President names Attorney General Al Gonzales to succeed him. Mrs. Clinton, speaking in New Chester, N. H., says she has no

"immediate" plans to seek presidency.

August: Congress ends first part of election year session without passing major legislation and/or bills funding the government. Administration announces \$50 billion request for Iraq but says it won't count against deficit. On anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Bush pledges to do all he can to help stricken Gulf Coast.

September: Rangers clinch American League West as Clemens wins 16th game. Rep. DeLay's money-laundering trial scheduled for mid-October. Congressman charges Democratic plot to interfere with re-election race. Gonzales confirmed for Supreme Court with support of 41 Democrats and 10 Republicans.

October: Rangers edge Yankees 3-2 to reach World Series but lose to New York Mets. Government says budget deficit for year dropped to \$225 billion but concedes to state of Texas \$180 billion for Iraq, Afghanistan and Katrina relief. Iraqi Prime Minister Chalabi says he has found a large cache of "weapons of mass destruction" in a former Saddam Hussein palace.

November: Democrats gain five Senate seats, leaving Vice President Cheney with deciding vote in 50-50 Senate.

In heated Dallas House contest, GOP Rep. Kenny Marchant squeaks past Democrat Martin Frost, giving Republicans their 218th seat and continuing control. Democrat Nick Lampson ousts Del. in Houston area. Gov. Rick Perry edges Kinley Kendrick for governorship as Ronnie Earle runs this.

December: Mrs. Clinton announces she will run for president and names husband Bill her campaign manager. DA Earle drops charges against defeated Rep. Tom DeLay. Bush announces his top goal for 2007 will be to cut federal deficit. He announces further withdrawal from Iraq, but says United States will keep troops in Iraq "until the last terrorist dog dies."

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New era of teamwork needed for Idaho schools

It is time to call a truce in the ongoing "education war" in Idaho. We have woken up to do.

For more than 15 years of litigation, the Idaho Supreme Court has declared that the state has failed to meet its obligations in funding education. We can argue as to whether or not the ruling is correct, but court has placed the responsibility squarely in the hands of the Legislature. As with ongoing conflicts between the elected Idaho superintendent of public instruction (and the department she heads), the Idaho Department of Education and the appointed Idaho State Board of Education have increased over recent years. One does not have to look far to see who is funding this. Since 1989, appropriations for the state board have increased from less than a million dollars to \$95 million, a whopping 924 percent increase.

During the same period, funding for the state department has fallen from \$85.1 million to \$13.4 million, a 77 percent decrease. In other cases, both the board and the department have employees who share the same general

responsibilities, but during the course of their work seldom communicate with each other. The result is duplications of effort, which costs precious taxpayer money.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act has also had an adverse effect on Idaho's schools, much of which is positive. This comprehensive and complex law, however, has changed almost every classroom in the state. Progress is now measured by how well children score on batteries of standardized tests. Schools which score too low are labeled as "not making adequate yearly progress."

The law has 41 ways in which a school can fail. Not only must the entire school score above average, every subgroup must also meet the state standards. Each year, the standards get higher. Eventually, the standard will be that every child in Idaho

must meet the standards. The fact that it is statistically impossible for every child to be "above average" seems to be lost in the rush.

On other front, some have decided that the Idaho Education Association is somehow responsible for everything wrong with public schools. Forgetting low funding, social pressures, changing populations, increased poverty rates, immigration or, alas, parenting skills and pervasive child abuse are among the classroom doors — the teacher's union is the root of all that ails us. The true answer is much more complex.

Calling people names only polarizes and divides, when what we really need to do is get people to work together. These rifts have resulted in bad consequences for Idaho. We have already discussed the Supreme Court ruling, the U.S. Department of Education recently informed the state that approximately one-fourth of the state department's Title I annual budget will be withheld because of non-compliance with complex federal testing and accountability requirements. The department blames the

board, the board says that it ran out of time. The reader can choose which should be held accountable for the mix-up. Local school districts and children in Idaho, however, will suffer. None of these disagreements have helped decide how the state will find the money to pay for the implementation of both federal legislation and court decisions have recently mandated.

Education in Idaho needs to get back on the same team. Twenty-eight years in the classroom and four terms in the Legislature have taught me that, just like in a family, children benefit when the adults work together. Children are harmed when adults fight. When the situations escalate from mere differences of opinion into all-out conflict, it is time for cooler heads to prevail. Let us all work together to make Idaho's educational system better.

Steve Rep. Steve Smylie, R-Boise, serves as vice chairman of the State Affairs Committee and on the Environment, Energy and Technology Committee. He is a member of the state board of trustees for superintendent of public instruction.

LETTER

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Your attempt at tweaking my sarcasm into humor only strengthened the exact point I was trying to make. As an American, I should not have to

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Most among my friends and discourse behind closed doors with our nation or its leaders are failing as suggested by you. We are not communists — yet.

The last time I checked, freedom of speech is, fortunately, one of the last constitutional rights we have in this country. We

Americans who do value patriotism and freedom should not be silent. We should stand against and raise a loud voice against injustices that have and will take place right before our eyes. Being silent is a crime, nothing.

A lot of the reason we are facing such drastic changes in our nation is because of the people who choose to live their lives tucking their tails between their legs like a kicked dog and never lifting back! I am sorry, but I don't think any other in that. The truth simply is that our country has taken some wrong turns, and no, I don't think it's a joke — nor will I keep silent.

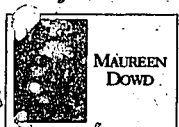
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OPINION

Vice president axes that '70s show

We start the new year with Dick Cheney. The vice president who believes in unwarmed, unlimited snooping, is so pathologically secretive that if you use Google Earth's database to find his home residence, the view is scrambled and obscured. You can view satellite photos of the White House, the Pentagon, the Capitol — but not of the Laird of the Underworld's lair.

Vice is literally a shadow president. He's obsessive about privacy — but, unfortunately, only his own. Google Earth users alerted The New York Times to this latest bit of Cheney concealing. It after a front-page story last week about the national fears inspired by free Google software that features detailed displays of things like government and military sites around the world.



MAUREEN DOWD

With a clarifying correction on Tuesday that said "The view of the vice president's residence in Washington remains obscured."

Guys argue that women tend to be a few more hold grudges more. Sometimes popping up to blow the whistle on a man's bad behavior years later, like a missile out of the night, as Alan Simpson said of Anita Hill.

power back toward Congress. The '70s were also a heady period for the press, which reached the zenith of its power when it swayed public opinion on Vietnam and exposed Watergate. Reporters got greater access to government secrets with a stronger Freedom of Information Act.

Cheney thought the press was running amok, that leaks should be plugged and that Congress was snatching power that rightfully belonged to the White House.

So these two crusty pups are 30 years' dreaming of inflating the deflated presidential musculature. Cheney christened himself vice president and brought in Rumsfeld for the most ridiculously pumped-up presidency ever. All this was fine with "We, whose family motto is: "Who knows best. Trust us."

But it was Cheney's turned back the clock to the Nixon era, bringing back presidential excesses like wiretapping all phones with presidential power. As a general, he pushed Ashcroft clamped down on the Freedom of Information Act. For two years, the Pentagon has been sitting on a draft of "The Times" Jeff Gerth to cough up a secret 500-page document prepared by Halliburton on what to do with Iraq's oil industry — a plan that reduces the nation before the invasion of Iraq and before it got a no-bid

contract to implement the plan (and overbill the U.S.). Very convenient.

Defending war crimes while tapping last week, the vice president spoke of his disaster for the erosion of presidential authority in the wake of Watergate and Vietnam.

"I do believe that, especially in the day and age we live in, the nature of the threats we face, it was true during the Cold War as well as I think what is true now, the president of the United States needs to have his constitutional powers unimpaired. If you wish in terms of the conduct of national security policy," he intoned. Translation: Back off, Congress and the press.

Checks, balances, warrants, civil liberties — they're all so 20th century. Historians must now regard the light transitional tenure of George Ford as the pettiest dish of this darkly transformational presidency.

Consider this: When Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, supported by Ford, pushed a bill to have the government help develop alternative sources of energy and reduce our dependence on oil and steel. It was the business who helped scotch it!

Dick Cheney. Then and now, the man is a menace.

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Failures of 2005 don't diminish optimism

What a year that was — 2005! It's surely a year that George Bush is proud to see past, since his path politically was mostly downhill from inauguration Day onward. The president was standing at year's end, but no longer were Democrats intimidated by him and no longer were Republicans in automatic lockstep.



DAVID BRODER

Iraq was the major source of his troubles, with the outcome of the struggle still uncertain as the third anniversary of the war approached. But at home, high energy prices and stagnant incomes kept millions from enjoying the healthy economy.

It was also not a year that enhanced the reputation of Vice President Cheney, whose top aide was indicted for perjury and whose adamant defense of our indefensible policies did little to pry his standing.

As a group, the former presidents fared better than the current occupant of the Oval Office, with Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton drawing praise for their humanitarian efforts and Jerry Ford continuing to serve as a model of civility.

Three of the new Bush Cabinet members helped bolster the performance of the administration: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice brought a healing touch to U.S. relations with Europe. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings showed sensible flexibility in addressing the No Child Left Behind law, but protected its essential features. And Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt negotiated Medicaid fixes while planning for the contingencies of a possible avian flu outbreak.

By contrast, the Department of Homeland Security flunked its big test in Hurricane Katrina, and the Justice Department besmirched its reputation by allowing politics to override impartial judgment in the civil rights division's handling of the Texas and Georgia voting cases. Messing with the franchise is an ongoing, mounting congressional investigation of that department.

On Capitol Hill, in a landslide capped by scandal and puritanism, two veterans stood out: John McCain played host to the gang of 14 and the Arizona Republican was instrumental in averting a crippling showdown over judicial filibusters. At the end of the year, he also prevailed — over Bush and Cheney — on the moral issue of barring abuse of terrorist suspects.

On the other side of the Capitol, in the other party, Rep. Jim Murtha of Pennsylvania offered a similar profile in courage. Murtha became famous late in 2005 by offering a serious (if ill-timed) proposal for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. His larger and largely unheralded, contribution

was the appropriations language requiring periodic reports to Congress on benchmarks of progress in Iraq, the essential tool for getting the policy right.

Among governors, my favorite group of public officials, 2005 was as good a year as it was dismal for Congress. With revenues up and welfare rolls down, many of them were able to try innovations in schools, transportation and other areas that actually improved life for their constituents.

One of them, California's Arnold Schwarzenegger, had a rocky time of it, launching a badly misjudged battle with the legislature and the public employe unions and losing re-election in a public referendum on his bailor initiatives. But he is resilient politically and is continuing to cast himself as a Republican realignment of Pat Brown, the great California Democratic governor, positioning himself for a comeback in November.

It's hard to foresee an equally swift recovery for the press corps, for whom 2005 was a difficult year. Two main-stream organizations — The New York Times and The Washington Post — had reporters and editors cast in unflattering light for their handling of sensitive "leak" stories, and many other news organizations reduced staffs and news coverage in response to the continuing migration of readers to the internet — or to indifference.

Regaining trust — and reviving the audience — will not come easily. At year's end, one journalist who earned that trust from a broad range of readers, Bill Raspberry, announced he was giving up his column to focus on his teaching at Duke and his good works in his native Mississippi. Bill has been a great friend and colleague at the Post — and is exactly the kind of reason you yearn to have to lose at a moment like this, when so many others seem only to rant and rave.

Meanwhile, the structural challenges that shadow the nation's future continue to go mostly unattended. Nothing effective was done to address the linked problems of long-term budget deficits, Social Security and Medicare reform. And the dysfunctional health care system got only a few marginal repairs.

Let's hope for better in 2006. David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@washpost.com.

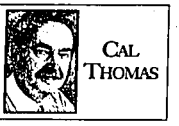
From Mississippi to Washington triumph

To be born black in Okolona, Miss., in 1935 was to have two strikes against you and a football coming at your head. Unless, that is, you are William Raspberry, the syndicated columnist who has announced his retirement from column writing after 40 years, but not retirement from life after 70 years.

Raspberry told me his greatest inspirations were his parents. They loved each other and all of us," he said of himself and his siblings "and they instilled in us a love of freedom and a sense that we could do it."

They didn't give him the "you can be president" speech, but they instilled in him a desire to read and a belief that he and his brothers and sisters could succeed. They all succeeded for which they can thank their mother on her 100th birthday in February.

Raspberry might have become bitter over racial injustice, as did many of his generation. Instead, he poured himself into study and earned a B.S. degree from Indiana Central College in 1958. He spent 1960 through 1962 as a public information officer for the U.S. Army in West Germany, following his military service, he joined the staff of The Washington Post, beginning as a typelist



CAL THOMAS

and working his way up to writing obituaries, the city desk, the "Potomac Watch" local column and then, in 1966, moving to national and international subjects for the Post and for syndication.

As a white Washingtonian, who grew up in the white suburbs and who didn't know any black people other than my parents' maid until I began playing basketball, Bill Raspberry was my early link to black thought. He did not rant about injustices so much as he tried to persuade people that injustice against anyone was objectively and morally wrong. In this, he was more like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or the young El-dridge Cleaver.

Raspberry developed a journalistic persona as a local tax driver in and through whom he argued important issues with the tax collector. It was a "not the hills" (the metaphor was Washington) following the minds of readers and forcing them to consider subjects

that were important to him. In a 1995 All-Land Lecture at Kansas State University, Raspberry lamented the loss of community in America that, he said, had led to violence in our streets, apathy about schools and hopelessness among our young people. He said a lot of these things resulted from "our crisis of community."

He said he is all for the "normal game and take for the various sectors and ideologies of the society." But he feared "our growing inability to see even to think — in the interest of the nation. It's almost as if there is no national identity. ... The whole society seems to be disintegrating into special interests."

Raspberry plans to invest more time in a program called "Baby Steps," about which he says in his final column. "It is my attempt to renew faith in the magic of education and to speak a faith in the efficacy of community. I believe that pulling a community together around the future of its children can do wonders to transform both."

Here's the posting on the Okolona, Mississippi Chamber of Commerce Web site: "Baby Steps" involves more than "pasty" along parenting tips; it involves the notion that an entire town can rally around its

children. Raspberry states, "I truly believe we have the possibility of transforming Okolona by uplifting its children, perhaps even creating an example that other communities can learn from."

According to the Okolona Chamber of Commerce, "Baby Steps" first phase began in Okolona in August with more than 20 parents involved. It is a parental leadership program based in Washington, D.C. Working closely with school superintendents and teachers parents receive information on early childhood education, child motivation, and role-playing. The University of Mississippi has agreed to partner in the early reading effort.

Bill Raspberry is coming full circle. He'll remain in Washington, teaching Duke University students, but he will also spend more time in his hometown encouraging young people. One or more might become the next William Raspberry.

I'd bet such a thing would trump his Pulitzer Prize in personal satisfaction. Cal Thomas accepts mail at Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 1144, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207. Readers may also leave e-mail at www.calthomas.com.

LETTER

Iraq missile reveals GOP incompetence

"Liberal" is not a bad word. "Conservative" is not a bad word. Right now, those who are conservative, people in government are making

"conservative" a bad word! Our secretive government, herefore, has withheld information from us that is necessary in assessing the real cost of the current war. Only when the government has admitted that about 30,000 Iraqis have died defending their country from the terrorist insurgency."

Given the incompetence of the government in executing other elements of this war, it is not surprising that 30,000 is an approximation. Even allowing for a margin of error of 10 percent, the death toll for the Iraqis, ignoring our own death toll, is horrendous.

This bloody cost to our mankind is approaching the magnitude of the bloodletting in the unnecessary, unprovoked war in Vietnam. To realize the total magnitude of the carnage, honest government would also provide the death count of the following groups: American civilians, Iraqi civilians, coalition personnel (Brits, Uzbeks, Italians, Poles, etc.), innocent bystanders, so-called victims of "collateral damage," etc. Do these groups

feel unappreciated, insulted or humiliated that their dead are uncounted by our government? Does the government not revere the dead of these groups who are also fighting the insurgents?

Add the number of insurgents killed, most of whom are also Iraqis, and the figure evokes even more revulsion.

Is the government's reluctance to disclose total body count deliberate: Is it deliberate in concealing the total cost in blood, hides the truth from the American people and our allies in the war?

Does such policy not promote yet another lie, i.e., that the cost is only 2,200 lives? Does the Pentagon want to leave the impression that the 2,200 American lives are an insignificant price to pay for war?

Perhaps the ultimate questions, "At what body count does victory occur? Or, at what body count do we stop the war, victory or not?"

Hiram Johnson noted that the first casualty of war is the truth. This observation certainly applies to this war. In addition, truth has obviously been slipping in conjunction with the corruption we are seeing exposed every day in government — and in government's corporate partners.

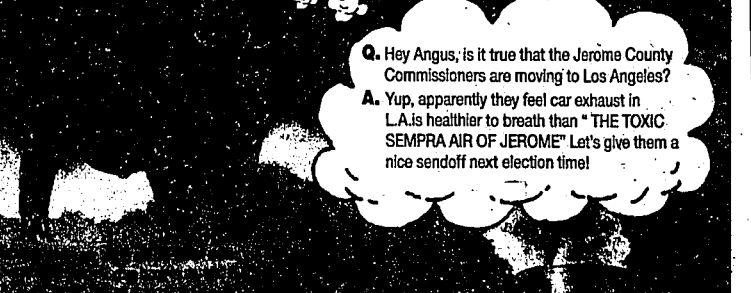
Stay alert! JACK HARTLEY Twin Falls

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ASK A.N.G.U.S. columns are fictitious questions, answers and standpoints. A sticky cow named Angus, Angus, born and raised in Southern California, has already suffered from the effects of breathing in toxic-raincid air and grazing on mercury-poisoned lands. Angus has stepped forward in order to unite us against the devastation of a coal-burning plant's smack in the middle of Jerome County.

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Q. Hey Angus, is it true that the Jerome County Commissioners are moving to Los Angeles? A. Yup, apparently they feel car exhaust in L.A. is healthier to breath than "THE TOXIC SEMPRA AIR OF JEROME" Let's give them a nice sendoff next election time!

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Reuse of disposable surgical devices suspected cause in dozens of deaths

By Alec Klein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — One day, Danel Eblejer died of a fever. The next, he couldn't recognize soap.

Over the following eight months, the scientist from Alexandria, Va., deteriorated quickly. In June, he could barely speak. Three months later, he lost his vision. And on Jan. 2 last week, he died in a Washington hospice at the age of 52.

"There is no person there," said his wife, Hette. "All that's left is the body."

While she learned the cause of her husband's death — a rare brain disease called Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD — she still does not know how he got it. She believes he may have contracted the disease from contaminated surgical devices when he had a series of brain operations from 1977 to 1980 in Texas and Massachusetts to relieve cranial pressure and remove a tumor, or from human contact with tissue used in one of the operations.

Surgical devices used during brain surgery frequently are reused on other patients after being sterilized. Hospital reports say traditional sterilization methods do not always eradicate the infectious agent from surgical instruments exposed to CJD because it is not a conventional bacteria or virus; it is believed to be an abnormal protein, or prion. In addition, CJD and other prion diseases are highly infectious and can take years to emerge — through dementia or neurological impairments.

As a result, when hospitals reuse such devices, medical experts say, there is a small risk that they may be exposing patients to a fatal disease with no known cure. Over the past five years, dozens of patients in at least four U.S. hospitals have been potentially exposed to the disease because their surgeons reused medical instruments used on patients who had the rare brain disorder, according to documents and interviews.

In 2001 at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic in New Orleans, an autopsy revealed that a patient who underwent brain surgery had already reused some of the surgical instruments on eight other patients whose deaths he did not document. The hospital said it had changed its procedures to protect against a recurrence.

Also that year, at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver, a patient who did not show prion symptoms had a brain biopsy, according to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Three weeks later, the pathology report confirmed the patient had CJD. But by then, six other patients had already undergone brain procedures using the same instruments.

One of those patients, 73-year-old



Hette Eblejer, right, with daughter Ariella, says contaminated surgical instruments may have caused her husband's death. Over the past five years, dozens of patients in at least four U.S. hospitals have been potentially exposed to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease because their surgeons reused medical instruments first used on patients who had the rare brain disorder.



Danel Thomsen of Littleton, Colo., said he was in "disbelief and shock" when his doctor told him that some of the instruments used in his surgery may have been contaminated.

Thomsen said he has struggled with depression and sleepless nights, wondering if he will contract the deadly disease. Jeffrey Selberg, president and chief executive of Exempla HealthCare, which operates St. Joseph Hospital, said it has revised instrument procedures to protect against another such accident.

Then, in 2001, at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash., a tumor was placed in a patient to reduce cranial pressure during a brain operation.

according to hospital officials. Later, at a California hospital, she was diagnosed with CJD. Madigan said it suspended its neurological surgeries and destroyed all equipment reused in such cases, but not before five unnamed patients may have been exposed.

In 2004, at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, up to 12 patients whose names were not released were potentially exposed to a prion disease. During brain surgery on a patient who showed signs of dementia, a surgeon used a reusable biopsy forceps, said Richard Ellenbogen, chairman of neurological surgery at the University of Washington, which manages Harborview. Ellenbogen said the hospital sterilized the biopsy forceps, which were used on the other patients. The risk of exposure was "minimal," he said, when it was sterilized. The hospital first used on a patient who the hospital did not think had a prion disease. He added that it can cost about \$600 for reusable biopsy forceps.

"That's a lot of money," he said. "There's a cost-benefit ratio." So far, Ellenbogen said, none of the patients has shown signs of a prion disease. The hospital has changed its policies so that if the diagnosis is uncertain, it will use disposable instruments only once.

The Association of Medical Device Reprocessors said that none of its three members, which dominate an industry that recommissions some disposable medical devices, recommissions in-

vasive devices used in brain surgery. It is unclear whether any hospitals restituted neurological devices specifically designated for one-time use.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends using disposable surgical devices for the brain only once, said Erimias Belay, a medical epidemiologist there. Reusable devices should either be cleaned using sodium hypochlorite and a high-temperature autoclave or quarantined until a biopsy confirms that the patient is not infected with the fatal disease. Belay said these are CDC recommendations. "We don't make rules," he said.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations recommends against reusing instruments in brain biopsy procedures when a patient's diagnosis is uncertain. But it does not have any requirements about how to handle devices potentially exposed to prion diseases. "The reality is, we're dealing with a small number of cases," said Rick Crotau, executive director for the group's patient safety initiatives. "It's a matter of picking your fights."

The Food and Drug Administration has not imposed rules to address the issue, either. The agency said it is unclear from research how to effectively decontaminate devices potentially contaminated by prions. As a result, the federal agency said in an e-mail response to questions. "There are no specific rules/regulations that address this issue presently nor any acceptable decontamination protocols."

Environmental rules get benched in Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — From the moment New Orleans' filthy floodwaters were pumped into Lake Pontchartrain, regulators said environmental rules had to be set aside to save the Gulf Coast from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina.

Federal and state agencies waived environmental laws regulating open burning. They ruled the laws regulating asbestos removal. They waived rules for landfills, gasoline and diesel fuel standards, and water and air pollution — all in the name of recovery and rebuilding.

Meanwhile, Louisiana's U.S. senators pushed for long-term waivers of environmental laws in business-hit states to quicken rebuilding, tacking the proposal onto a stalled bill on oil-revenue sharing plan presented to Congress.

Mostly, said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the waivers were harmless. But some say they went too far, padding the pockets of oil companies and creating long-term environmental hazards.

What these waivers represent is the government waving regulations of the public's health, said Adam Bahari, director of Tulane University's Environmental Law Clinic. "A lot of this seems to be happening under the radar without any public participation."

In Louisiana, the waivers and variances to permits came fast and furious after Katrina hit Aug. 29. DEQ documents show. More exceptions were issued a month later after Hurricane Rita.

Some waivers, like the one that allows the burning of dead animal carcasses, appeared harmless. But many others have raised questions.

Records show the oil industry was quick to seek and receive waivers and exceptions from state and federal agencies. EPA said it would use "discretion" in its enforcement of emissions at refineries because of the gasoline shortage throughout the nation.

Hugh Kaufman, a senior policy analyst at EPA and longtime environmental lawyer in the Gulf, said EPA's move to

allow refineries to take longer to report emissions and not comply with environmental rules helped the companies make the record profits.

"The bottom line is everyone is taking major hits across the country except for one sector that's become a profit center, and that's not right, that's not American," Kaufman said.

Darrin Mann, a DEQ spokesman, said the permits did not allow the refineries "to hog wind" and emit large amounts of pollutants. Instead, DEQ says the waivers were needed so the refineries could work through kinks their systems when they were shut down by the storms.

EPA and DEQ officials have said that air monitors have shown no problems with air quality at the refineries.

Federal and state agencies waived environmental laws regulating open burning. They waived the laws regulating asbestos removal. They waived rules for landfills, gasoline and diesel fuel standards, and water and air pollution.

But Anne Roloff, a Louisiana activist, insists that EPA tests after Katrina showed high levels of benzene near oil refineries.

"We're asking the neighbors of these refineries to put up with a lot of increased fears and increased noise from these refineries so that we can enjoy the benefits of cheaper gasoline," Babich said.

Meanwhile, environmentalists are challenging state regulators for sending much of the waste from gutted homes and businesses in New Orleans to an old city landfill that is not lined to keep contaminants from leaching out.

The trucks hauling debris into the landfill are inspected from towers at the dump's entrance. But there are concerns that contractors are trucking in paint, household cleaners and chemicals by hiding the hazardous material at the bottom of their loads.

Similar questions abound. In hard-hit Plaquemines Parish, waste is being burned 24 hours a day and mounds of debris will be buried in New Orleans. "To get businesses and communities back and running, you have to kind of bend the rules to a certain extent, but not to the point where you are creating a situation where it's unsafe for people," said William Sempas, the parish's director of public service.

Tax breaks await hybrid car buyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hybrid cars are a good bet for tax breaks in 2006.

This year will bring more savings for buyers of at least 13 gas-electric vehicles, with those showing the most improvement in fuel efficiency securing bigger tax breaks for their new owners.

The breaks will come in the form of tax credits, and they range from \$3,150 for buyers of the Toyota Prius to \$2,500 for Chevrolet's Silverado pickup truck, according to an analysis by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.

Credits give buyers of American hybrids incentives similar to those now enjoyed mostly by Honda and Toyota owners.

Official figures on the hybrid tax credits weren't available Friday from the Internal Revenue Service.

Like some car-shoppers already have figured out they would do better to hold off on buying a hybrid until after Jan. 1, when the new credits take effect.

The law previously allowed buyers of one of eight hybrid models in 2005 to qualify for a \$2,000 tax deduction from their income taxes. That would come out to about \$700 for people in the 35 percent tax bracket, and less for those in lower brackets.

"For our family, it made the most sense to not take delivery until 2006," said John Krivit, an associate professor at the New England Institute of Art whose wife, Robin, drives 52 miles a day shuttling their children to school around Boston.

A few months after a car maker has sold 60,000 hybrid vehicles, the tax credit begins phasing out, reducing the change buyers live in the year will get the same break as those who buy in January or February.

At least 13 vehicles in 2006 are expected to qualify for tax credits, which are determined by how much fuel efficiency is improved. Alternative-fuel cars can get credits, such as \$3,600 for a natural gas-powered

Honda Civic GX.

Some states provide additional incentives to hybrid buyers.

Even buyers of hybrids that are less efficient than some gas-only vehicles would get breaks, including \$650 for a four-wheeled Chevy Silverado. It only gets 17 mpg in the city, but that is still an improvement over the fuel efficiency of a gasoline-fueled Silverado.

Although a non-hybrid Volkswagen Jetta gets twice the mileage of the hybrid Silverado, the Jetta does not qualify for the tax credit because its fuel efficiency did not improve enough to qualify.

The focus on hybridization instead of actual gallons-gained hurts efforts to reduce oil dependence, said John Cooeynt, an energy policy specialist for the environmental group Consumers. "Handing over a little title rebate to the inefficient hybrids is a way to recognize their very hesitant acceptance of this technology."

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RAIDING THE ICEBOX

The United States' master plan to invade Canada

By Peter Carlson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Invading Canada won't be like invading Iraq. When we invade Canada, nobody will be able to grumble that we didn't have a plan.

The United States government does have a plan to invade Canada. It's a 94-page document called "Joint Army and Navy Basic War Plan — Red," with the word SECRET stamped on the cover. It's a bold plan, a bodacious plan, a big step plan to invade, seize and annex our neighbor to the north. It goes like this:

First, we send a joint Army-Navy message force to capture the port city of Halifax, cutting the Canadians off from their British allies.

Then we seize Canadian power plants near Niagara Falls, so they freeze in the dark.

Then the U.S. Army invades on three fronts — marching from Vermont to Montreal and Quebec, charging out of North Dakota to grab the railroad center at Winnipeg, and storming out of the Midwest to capture the strategic nickel mines of Ontario.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy seizes the Great Lakes and blockades Canada's Atlantic and Pacific ports.

At that point, it's only a matter of time before we bring these Molson-swigging, maple-mongering Zenoist devils to their knees. Or, as the official planners wrote, stating their objective in bold capital letters: "ULTIMATELY TO GAIN COMPLETE CONTROL."

It sounds like a joke but it's not. War Plan Red is real. It was drawn up and approved by the War Department in 1930, then updated in 1934 and 1935. It was declassified in 1974 and the word "SECRET" crossed out with a heavy pencil. Now it sits in a little gray box in the National Archives and is available to anybody, even Canadian spies. They can photocopy it for 15 cents a page.

War Plan Red was actually designed for a war with England. In the late 1920s, American military strategists developed plans for a war with Japan (code name Orange), Germany (Black), Mexico (Green) and England (Red). The Americans imagined a conflict between the United States, Britain and England, an international treaty. The war aim of RED in a war with BLUE is conceived to be the definite elimination of BLUE as an economic and commercial rival.

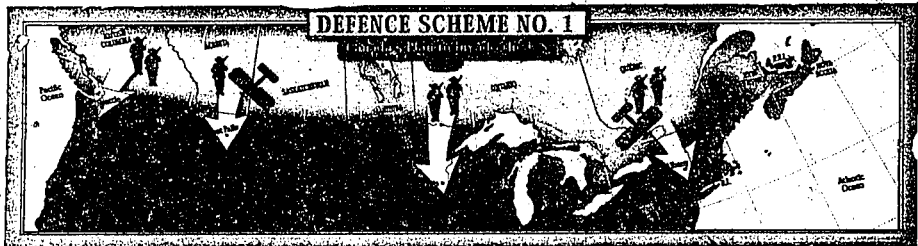
In the event of war, the American planners figured that England would use Canada (Green) — a "neutral" and pseudo-independent British dominion — as a launching pad for a "direct invasion" of the U.S. territory. The invasion might come overland, with British and Canadian troops attacking Buffalo, Detroit and Albany. Or it might come by sea, with amphibious landings on various American beaches — including Rehoboth and Ocean City, both of which were identified by the planners as "blue" sites for a Brit beachhead.

The planners anticipated a war "of long duration" because "the RED race" is "more or less phlegmatic" but "not for its ability to fight to a finish." Also, the Brits could be reinforced by "colored" troops from their colonies. Some of the funniest names however come of good fighting stock, and, under white leadership, can be made into very efficient troops.

"The states were to fight if the British and Canadians won the war, the planners predicted. "CRIMSON will demand that Alaska be awarded to her."

"Imagine that," demanding a huge chunk of U.S. territory? Them's fightin' words! And so the American strategists planned to fight England by invading Canada (Green), Jamaica (Barbados and Bermuda). And they didn't plan to give them back.

"The intentions are to hold in perpetuity all CRIMSON and RED territory gained," Army planners wrote in an appendix to the war plan. "The policy will be to prepare the provinces and territories of CRIMSON and RED to become states and territories of the BLUE union upon the declaration of peace."



None of this information is new. After the plan was declassified in 1974, several historians and journalists wrote about War Plan Red. But still, it remains virtually unknown on both sides of the world's largest undefended border.

"I've never heard of it," said David Blette, director of the Canada Institute in Washington, which thinks about Canada.

"I remember sort of hearing about this," said Bernard Eizinger, spokesman for the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

stand up tall in defense of our country," Katz said last year. "We have many, many weapons."

"What kind of weapons?" "We have peashooters, slingshots and snowballs," he said, laughing.

But the Canadians' best weapon, Katz added, is their weather. "It gets to about minus-50 Celsius with a wind chill," he said. "It will be like Napoleon's invasion of Russia. I'm quite convinced that you'll meet your Waterloo on the banks of the Assiniboine River."

As it turns out, Katz isn't the first Canadian to speculate on how to fight the U.S. In fact, Canadian military strategists developed a plan to invade the United States in 1921, nine years before their American counterparts created War Plan Red.

The Canadian plan was developed by the country's director of military operations and intelligence, a World War I hero named James Sutherland "Buster" Brown. Apparently Buster believes that the best defense was a good offense: His "Defense Scheme No. 1" called for Canadian soldiers to invade the United States, changing toward Albany, Minneapolis, Seattle and Great Falls, Mont., at the first signs of a possible U.S. invasion.

"His plan was to start sending people south, quickly because surprise would be more important than preparation," said Floyd Rudmin, a Canadian psychology professor and author of "Bordering on Aggression: Evidence of U.S. Military Preparations Against Canada," a 1993 book about both nations' war plans. "At a certain point, he figured they'd be stopped and then retreat, blowing up bridges and tearing up railroad tracks to slow the Browns down."

Brown's idea was to buy time for the British to come to Canada's rescue. Buster even covered the United States in civilian clothing to do some reconnaissance.

"He had a total annual budget of \$1,200," said Rudmin, "so he himself would drive to the areas where they were going to invade and take pictures and pick up free maps at gas stations."

Rudmin got interested in these war plans in the 1980s when he was living in Kingston, Ontario, just across the St. Lawrence River from Fort Drum, the huge Army base in Upstate New York. Why would the Americans put an Army base in such a wretched, frigid wilderness? he wondered. Could it be there to ... fight Canada?

He did some digging. He found "War Plan Red" and "Defense Scheme No. 1." At the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., he found a 1935 update of War Plan Red, which specified which roads to use in the invasion ("The best practicable route to Vancouver is via Route 93").

Rudmin also learned about an American plan from 1935 to build three military airfields near the Canadian border and disguise them as civilian airports. The secret scheme was revealed after the testimony of two generals in a closed-door session of the House Military Affairs Committee was published by mistake. When the Canadian government protested the plan, President Franklin Roosevelt reassured it that he wasn't contemplating war. The whole brouhaha made the front page of the New York Times on May 1, 1933.

That summer, however, the Army held what were the biggest war games in American history on the site of what is now Fort Drum. Rudmin said.

"He worried that the Yanks will invade his country from Fort Drum?" "Not now," he said. "Now the U.S. is kind of busy in Iraq. But I wouldn't put it past them."

He's not paranoid, he hastened to add, and he doesn't think the States will simply invade Canada the way Hitler invaded Russia.

But if some kind of crisis — perhaps something involving the perennially grumpy French Canadians — destabilized Canada, then well, Fort Drum is just across the river.

"We most certainly are not preparing to invade Canada," said Ben Abel, the official spokesman for Fort Drum.

The fort, he added, is home to the legendary 10th Mountain Division, which is training for its third deployment in Afghanistan. There are also 1,200 Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

"And it's very hard to believe that we're planning to invade Canada," Abel said. "We have a lot of Canadian soldiers training here. I bumped into a Canadian officer in the bathroom the other day."

Canadians are well aware of our invasion talk. Not surprisingly, they take it a bit more seriously than we do.

When "The West Wing" had a subplot last winter about a U.S.-Canada border incident, Canadian newspapers took note.

When Jon Stewart joked about invading Canada on "The Daily Show" last March, Canadian newspapers covered the story.

When the Toronto Star interviewed comedian Jimmy Kimmel last year, the reporter asked him: "Is it only a matter of time before a Canadian invasion?"

"I'm not sure," Kimmel replied. "In 2003, the Canadian army set up an Internet chat room where soldiers and civilians could discuss defense issues."

"One of the hottest topics on the site discussed whether the U.S. will invade Canada to seize its natural resources," the Ottawa Citizen reported. "If the attack did come, Canada could rely on a search-and-seizure policy similar to what Russia did when invaded by Nazi Germany, one participant recommends."

"With such empress (sic) land, and with our cold climates, we may be able to hold them off, even though we have the much weaker military," the individual concludes.

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EH?

Bernard Eizinger, spokesman for the Canadian Embassy in Washington, isn't worried about an American invasion because Canada has a secret weapon — actually thousands of secret weapons.

"We've got thousands of Canadians in the U.S. right now, in place secretly," he said. "They could be on your street. We've sent people like Caroline Dion and Mike Myers to secretly infiltrate American society."

Pretty funny, Mr. Eizinger. But the strategists who wrote War Plan Red were prepared for that problem. They noted that "it would be necessary to deal internally" with the "large number" of Brits and Canadians living in the United States — and also with "a small number of professional pacifists and communists."

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EH?

“I'm sure Winnipeggers will stand up tall in defense of our country. We have many, many weapons. . . . We have peashooters, slingshots and snowballs.”

— Sam Katz, mayor of Winnipeg, Manitoba

"It's the first I've heard of it," said David Courtemanche, mayor of Sudbury, Ontario, whose nickel mines were targeted in the war plan.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said he'd never heard of the plan. He also said he wouldn't admit to knowing about such a plan if he did.

"We don't talk about any of our contingency plans," he said.

Has the Pentagon updated War Plan Red since the '30s? "The Defense Department never talks about its contingency plans for any countries," Whitman said.

"We don't acknowledge which countries we have contingency plans for," Whitman said. "The Manitoba capital, whose rail yards were slated to be seized in the plan — Brad Salyon, the city's director of communications, said he didn't think Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz knew anything about War Plan Red. "You know he would have no clue about what you're talking about, eh?"

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Beauty pageant winner Susan Cortizo, who will represent Venezuela at Miss World, is surrounded by photographers the day after she won her title in Caracas, Venezuela, Sept. 15.

Beauty binds divided nation of Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — For Yohana Bernal, the decision to have her breasts enlarged was an easy one. After all, most of her friends had already done it, and the 22-year-old felt that being small-breasted in Venezuela carried a bigger stigma than plastic surgery.

"I see it as something normal. It's like putting highlights in your hair," said the petite brunette.

In Venezuela, beauty isn't necessarily something you're born with — it's a pursuit that has evolved into an industry, a national obsession, a staple of daily life.

Beauty salons and spas outnumber drugstores in Caracas telephone listings; women unabashedly apply full makeup in packed subway вагоны; teenagers are known to get breast jobs as their traditional "quinceañera" coming-of-age gift at age 15; Venezuelans consistently place among the finalists in the Miss Universe pageant.

Men are doing it too, going for the metrosexual look that entails waxings, liposuction, bleph and pectoral implants.

President Hugo Chavez, an admirer of Fidel Castro's Cuba, says his country is undergoing a socialist "revolution," and though the gap between rich and poor may be wide, beauty-driven consumption is rampant at all income levels.

Chavez himself reminisces fondly about attending past pageants. But when his televised speech to the United Nations interrupted the September 2005 Miss Venezuela broadcast for 15 minutes, hundreds of angry viewers in Caracas protested by banging on pots from their windows, blowing whistles and even firing shots into the air.

In 2004, the Venezuelan beauty products and toiletries market was worth \$1.1 billion, according to Euroonitor International, a London-based research firm. Per capita, that makes Venezuelans among Latin America's biggest spenders on cosmetics.

For 5-year-old Julberlyn Sanchez, December's "Little Model of Venezuela" contest was her third title. She and her classmates at Caracas' Garcia & Casas modeling school practice dancing in heels that would topple most grown women. They are trained in diction, manners and strutting catwalks.

Alba Achique, the schools'



Young girls lit with stage lights learn to dance at a Mattel fashion event promoting a Barbie clothing line in Caracas, Venezuela, Sept. 14.

“ Today, at least in Venezuela, almost every woman wants to have surgery.”

“ — Dr. Islas Bello, a plastic surgeon

founder, denies the girls are learning to value appearance over intellect, saying beauty is a career asset like any other.

"Here, we prepare them for life," Achique said. "This place is a talent machine."

The success of a lucky few feed the hopes of thousands. Veruska Ramirez, nicknamed "Cinderella," was abandoned as a child and grew up poor; cleaning houses before becoming Miss Venezuela 1997 and embarking on a modeling career. Former Miss Universe Irene Saenz became a mayor and later a presidential contender, losing to Chavez in 1998.

The annual Miss Venezuela pageant is the year's most watched program and a source of national pride. Venezuelans proudly point out that their country is the world's fifth-largest oil exporter, is known abroad for three things: oil, baseball stars and beauty queens.

Venezuela has won four Miss Universe, five Miss World and four Miss International crowns — in total, more than any other country. Miss Venezuela made the Miss Universe pageant's 10 finalists for an uninterrupted 20-year span until 2003.

A few Venezuelans criticize the fixation on physical appearance as frivolous in a country where more than half live in poverty. But most don't see it that way.

The no-pain, no-gain quest for beauty often means going under the knife.

"Today, at least in Venezuela, almost every woman wants to have surgery," claims Dr. Islas Bello, a plastic surgeon, saying many from poor backgrounds save up for an operation. He and some colleagues are urging banks to provide financing for surgery.

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Europe revisits nuke power

Nuclear option finds way back onto the table

By Tod Robberson
The Dallas Morning News

LONDON — It's the core question radiating across Europe today: How can governments fight global warming while continuing to meet their populations' growing demands for energy?

Facing few viable answers, European leaders are showing greater willingness to buck the trend toward environmental correctness and enter that politically unspeakable N-word: nuclear power.

The nuclear option, widely discarded only a year or two ago as too unpopular and a surefire way to lose votes, is finding its way into political discourse as European leaders scramble to avert what they warn is a looming energy crunch.

Environmental groups already are gearing up for battle, although they admit the nuclear-power lobby has made tremendous progress in advancing its cause — not only in Europe but also in the United States, which is revisiting nuclear power after a 27-year hiatus in new construction orders.

"There's very much a sense of reopening that debate," said Russel Marsh, director of energy policy at the Green Alliance environmental group in London. "It's clear that other governments are changing their positions ... and it's certain that the nuclear industry has been lobbying quite hard across Europe recently."

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the disposal of radioactive waste, remain unresolved.

Analysts say that nuclear power's growing popularity is rooted, ironically, in the successful campaign launched by major environmental groups in recent years to draw attention to global climate change.

After pressuring world leaders to adopt policies aimed at sharply reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, environmental groups may have opened the door for the nuclear power lobby to argue that its technology meets those cleaner environmental standards.

“ In my view, an ideologically motivated phase-out does not reflect economic demands.”

— German chancellor Angela Merkel

The issue back on the agenda with a vengeance is energy policy. British Prime Minister Tony Blair said in a Nov. 29 speech. "Round the world, you can sense feverish rethinking: Energy prices have risen. Energy supply is under threat. Climate change is producing a sense of urgency. I have no doubt where policy is heading here, in the U.S., across the emerging economies of the world."

He added, "The future is clean energy. And nations will look to diversify out of energy dependence on one source." But the energy sources favored by environmental groups — wind, solar and thermal — will not come close to filling the country's needs, Blair said. He has ordered a policy review that will include, specifically, the issue of whether to facilitate the development of a new generation of nuclear power stations.

Nuclear power provides 22 percent of Britain's total energy needs, but most of the country's

23 nuclear reactors are due for decommissioning over the next 15 years. Europe's 204 nuclear power plants account for more than half of the world total.

Germany in November, a nuclear power debate that seemed to have been put to rest long ago has been rekindled. The nation has been decommissioning all of its 19 nuclear power plants by a goal of becoming nuclear-free by 2020. Now, however, the conservative government of Chancellor Angela Merkel, who took office in November, is indicating it wants nuclear power back.

"In my view, an ideologically motivated nuclear phase-out does not reflect economic demands," Merkel was quoted as saying this past year. She has been particularly mindful of neighboring France, which relies on nuclear power for almost 80 percent of its generating capacity and is the world's largest exporter of electricity.

For me, the question is: How can Germany, with its technical know-how, profit from this export potential? As a patriot, I would like to see my country profit from our expertise, not switch others take the profits," Merkel said.

Poll results across Europe suggest that the public is amenable to a new discussion of nuclear power. In March, a European Union poll among 21,700 citizens in its 25 member states found that more than 60 percent agree that nuclear power would help diversify Europe's energy resources, would be a viable way of reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and would help reduce Europe's reliance on imported oil.

But most respondents agreed with the environmental lobby's claim that the storage and transport of radioactive waste is risky and potentially dangerous to the environment and public health.

Three-quarters of respondents described themselves as not well-informed about nuclear energy. Environmentalists say ignorance makes the public vulnerable to the nuclear power industry's arguments at a time when renewable energy sources appear to be falling out of favor.

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Official: Eviction death toll rises to 25

Cairo, Egypt (AP) — Several Sudanese migrants injured when Egyptian police violently cleared a makeshift camp died later from their wounds, raising the death toll from the camp to 25, a security official said Saturday.

Police using water cannons and swinging truncheons evicted more than 1,000 Sudanese men, women and children from a Cairo park early Friday, ending their three-month

protest against the U.N. refugee agency's refusal to consider their refugee status.

The interior Ministry said Friday that 12 protesters died and 74 policemen were injured, but other officials said 20 people were killed. A security official speaking Saturday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists, said several more protesters had died from injuries, raising the

toll to 25.

On Friday, protest leader Boutros Deng said 28 Sudanese died, including two women and seven children.

The migrants had camped in the park since Sept. 29, demanding the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees promise to resettle them abroad and interview them to determine their refugee status. At times, as many as 2,000 Sudanese were crammed into the

park, about the size of four tennis courts.

The UNHCR stopped hearing the cases of Sudanese seeking refugee status after a January peace deal ended a civil war in the south of their homeland.

Antonio Guterres, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, criticized Friday's eviction, saying that "there is no justification for such violence and loss of life."

Putin will freeze gas price

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin ordered Russia's state-owned natural gas monopoly Saturday to supply Ukraine with natural gas at the current price for three months, if the agreement in Kiev immediately agreed to a big price hike to take effect later.

Putin said in televised remarks that his offer was valid only until the end of the day. There was no immediate acceptance by Ukraine, which faced a Russian threat to cut off

gas supplies Sunday morning.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko's office said he told Putin in a telephone conversation that he felt a compromise could be reached. "It is extremely important that the sides refrain from political or economic pressures," he was quoted as telling Russia's leader.

Valentyn Mondryevsky, a Ukrainian Cabinet spokesman, said only that talks with Gazprom continued.

Survivors of quake may soon see snow

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Heavy snow was forecast for quake-ravaged Pakistani Kashmir to start the new year, threatening to hinder relief operations to the nearly 10 million people made homeless by the disaster, officials said Saturday.

Aid agencies have warned the Himalayan winter could hamper aid deliveries and create conditions ripe for illnesses among survivors of the massive Oct. 8 quake.

A cold wave followed by rain was expected to hit Pakistani Kashmir late Saturday, with heavy snow to follow a day later, Pakistan's Meteorological Department said.

According to Pakistani officials, the 7.6-magnitude temblor killed 87,000 people and left 3.5 million homeless. The U.N. estimates that 2.5 million people are living in tents below 5,000 feet, while others are still at risk in higher areas, where snow and rains may make it more difficult for helicopters and trucks to reach them.

In Pakistani Kashmir's capital Muzaffarabad, however, officials said they believed they would still be able to fly helicopters through the storm.

Army engineers would also work to keep the roads open.

"We are prepared to face heavy rains and snow, and we will continue (relief) operations even during the harsh winter," said Pakistan army spokesman Maj. Farooq Nasir.

Some snow fell on mountaintops above 7,000 feet in Kashmir, and in northeastern Pakistan weeks ago, but it did not interfere with relief operations.

Andrew MacLeod, chief of U.N. relief operations in Pakistan, urged the world community to continue contributing money to enable U.N. and other agencies to keep helping survivors.

"I don't think the world fully understands how big this natural disaster really is," he told reporters Friday in Muzaffarabad.

Also Saturday, an eight-member Congressional delegation headed by Rep. Jon Porter, R-Nev., visited Muzaffarabad where they met with survivors and doctors at the U.S. Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. They also visited Shinkani, a town in Kashmir where a Marine medical unit is providing care for about 200 people a day.

Porter said the lawmakers were saddened over the destruction in Kashmir and assured their continued support to Pakistan in its efforts to get aid to survivors.

"We are very proud of what we are doing, and we need to continue our help," he said.

Kidnappers free German hostages

SANA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni kidnapers released a former German diplomat and his four family members Saturday, the diplomat's wife told The Associated Press.

"We are safe, thank God," Magda Chrobog told the AP reporter as she flew to the airport from Aden from eastern Yemen with her husband, Jürgen, and their three children.

The Chrobogs were on a helicopter with a top government negotiator, tribal chief Awadh bin al-Wazir. Magda Chrobog spoke to the AP on the negotiator's cell phone.

In Berlin, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said the Chrobogs had been freed and were on their way to Aden.

Jürgen Chrobog and his family are in safety," Steinmeier said.

The family and three Yemeni assistants were kidnapped Wednesday when armed tribesmen stopped their two-car convoy on a remote mountain road.

The Chrobogs were in Sana'a, Yemen, where they were vacationing.



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Section B

I never signed up for January

Who's responsible for the calendar around here?
 Tomorrow — Monday, Jan. 2 — is an appalling combination of the worst day of the year (Jan. 2) and the worst day of the week (Monday). That's like running into your ex-wife in the waiting room of the dentist's office. . . .
 Nice to put two pins on the calendar, but January is a complete waste of time, a vast Siberia of the workday. Fittingly, January's only holiday apart from New Year's Day — Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, which falls on the 16th this year — is completely ignored by most employers in the United States.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Fact is, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a majority of full-time workers in America don't get a holiday between Jan. 1 and Memorial Day — a stretch, this year, of 148 days. That might be endurable in the summer or during the fall, but January is longer because it's so damned obnoxious.

It was named after a two-faced Roman god of dubious character whose job was to close the gates of Rome against looming peril. According to the Roman historian Livy, Janus managed to do so only twice in six centuries, leading to an awful lot of riffraff and, quite possibly, a barbarian or two.

But did Caesar Augustus hand Janus his walking papers when he revised the calendar and named August after himself? Nope. He kept Dr. J. as the year's leadoff hitter.

January has gone downhill ever since.
 • On Jan. 26, 1998, President Clinton went on TV and declared, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

• On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition begins.

• On Jan. 3, 1521, the Catholic Church excommunicated Martin Luther.

• On Jan. 16, 1547, Ivan the Terrible crowned himself czar of Russia — and thus ruined forever his chances for the Nobel Peace Prize.

• On Jan. 17, 1912, British explorer Robert Falcon Scott discovered the South Pole — five weeks after Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen.

• On Jan. 9, 1522, the head of the Inquisition — Cardinal Adrian Florisz Boeyens — was elected pope.

• On Jan. 1, 1862, the first federal income tax went into effect.

• On Jan. 29, 1933, German President Otto von Hindenberg appointed Adolf Hitler as head of the government.

What were these people thinking? They weren't, obviously: January does that to folks. More than any other month, January has the power to offend and to hoggle. Things that turn out to be impressively stupid — using water-softener salt to melt the ice on the sidewalk, sticking your fingers into the snow blower while it's still running, dashing to the grocery store in flip-flops and cutoffs — sometimes seem like Really Good Ideas at the Time.

January is a land with no horizon, a cold sore of a month that deteriorates into National Nurses Anesthetists Week (Jan. 22-28), January never ends, it's the road never bends, and if —

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Goal
Balgon	118%	67%
Big Wood	132%	83%
Little Wood	132%	83%
Big Lost	134%	82%
Little Lost	102%	42%
Upper Snake	118%	67%
Upper Snake Basin	110%	46%
Oakley	143%	83%
Saltmon Flat	125%	67%
Watershed of Dec. 31		

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this date with a 50-year average.

U.S. Marine still on the mend

Greene making improvements a little at a time

By Sandy Miller
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Marine is eating real food. It might be hospital food, and he can only take a few small bites at a time, but it's a welcome break from nutrition in a tube.

The dialysis machine and the ventilator have been taken out of his room at the National Naval Medical Center. He's getting through surgeries without needing blood transfusions. He even watched some football on Friday.

Marine Cpl. Travis Greene seems to be on the mend. "He's doing really good," said

his mother, Sue Greene, in a phone interview Friday from his home in Bethesda, Md. "He's still in ICU, but he's off the vent and taking really good progress."

Doctors have managed to get Greene's pain under control without dosing him up too much, said his father, Terry Greene.

"The good news is he's sobering up," Terry Greene said Friday. "I told him he's going to have a bad hangover."

The Marine had surgery Friday morning and his orthopedic surgeons said things were looking good.

"Both of us are very, very encouraged by his progress," Terry

Greene said. "But he's still in very critical condition and he's still a long way from being out of the woods. I'm pretty delighted with what's going on, but I'm also still very concerned. He's a long way from being healthy. When they move him up to the surgical floor, I'll be feeling a lot better."

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Bruin track and field team, lost both of his legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, an insurgent hotspot west of Baghdad. One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were

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Marine Cpl. Travis Greene of Twin Falls is with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine. He was on his third tour of Iraq when he lost both legs Dec. 7 when an improvised explosive device detonated in Ar Ramadi.

A party Twin Falls style



Above, David Woodhead, owner of Woody's bar and grill, holds the copper ball that he bought a few years back at an auction for \$45 because it was odd and he wanted it. "We may ceremoniously shine it up," Woodhead said Saturday afternoon of the ball that will be dropped from the silos for New Year's Eve festivities. Top, a sign advertising the ball drop from the historic silos in the Old Warehouse District of Twin Falls sits in the back of David Woodhead's Lar-phouse Theatre vehicle at the liquor store where Woodhead is stocking up for New Year's Eve. "It's missing an 's' but I think you got the point," says Woodhead of the sign.

City drops 'the ball' for New Year's Eve

By Joshua Palmer
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With the New Year's celebration behind us, most of us are looking back and thinking about the previous 365 days, as well as what may be ahead in 2006. And maybe that is why we invest so much into the festivities — because we're celebrating the past and the future.

Each community celebrates New Year's with its own unique gusto. In Twin Falls, a copper ball is lowered from the top of abandoned grain silos in the by a man who is as unique as the curious copper ball. It was the third year that David Woodhead — owner of Woody's bar and grill — organized the unique dropping of the ball event.

"Just look at it," said Woodhead on Saturday afternoon as he dropped the large metal ball on the bar's floor. "Isn't it beautiful?"
 A few men sipping beers at the bar turned to look at it, wondering what it was. Actually, Woodhead doesn't really know what it is, but he thinks it might be part of an old whiskey still. Nevertheless, it's now the ceremonial ball that was lowered at 20 seconds to midnight to ring in the new year.
 For Woodhead, it's no less of a ceremony than the one

celebrated in the Big Apple — New York City's famous lowering of the Waterford crystal ball in Times Square.

"When I was putting it up on the silos I would call it into the bar and update them, just let them know we had ceremoniously attached the ball to the line, and that we were ceremoniously ready," Woodhead said. "It's a good ceremonial ball. I mean, it has a little tarnish on it, but hey, we can always ceremoniously shine it up."

Woodhead, an entrepreneur who has been described as "a man with the metabolism of an ant" started working early on New Year's Eve to prepare for the event — and also to prepare his bar for the New Year party.

This celebration was different from those in the past because it was the first New Year's that Woody's served liquor.

Preparing for the evening was more science than bartending. Woodhead weighed the liquor bottles on the shelves to calculate how much of each liquor was consumed the previous night. Then he estimated the liquors that would be popular for the party, and makes a purchase order to the local liquor store.

But his real passion seemed to be organizing the event, which is why he was so proud of the copper ball. "I've been looking on eBay



David Woodhead checks levels on liquor at his bar Saturday afternoon in preparation for New Year's Eve.

to find another one just like it," Woodhead said. "That way we can have a Twin Ball Drop. I've even thought about using a mirror-ball, but the spotlights light would probably reflect all over town and blind some drivers, and I don't want that kind of liability."

Woodhead said he never really feels like everything is prepared for the celebration,

so he just hopes for the best. He said it takes a lot of work, and usually some problem arises that makes things more difficult.

But, asked why he continues to organize the event, Woodhead said, "It's because I should be living in New York City, but by a twist of fate I ended up in Twin Falls, so I'm making lemons."

Humane Society seeks to make dogfighting a felony

By Anne Wallace Allen
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — Animal cruelty advocates will focus on dogfighting when lawmakers return to the Idaho Statehouse.

Idaho is one of only two U.S. states where staging a dogfight isn't a felony. The Humane Society of the United States and other groups hope to change that with a law aimed at those who organize, attend or gamble at an event that uses dogfighting as entertainment.

Last winter, the groups tried to make staging a cockfight or dogfight a felony — both are misdemeanors now — and to make animal cruelty and abandonment a felony.

But the proposal died in committee after the group ran into resistance from cockfighting advocates.

"They were pretty much blamé about it — that the legislation would shut them down, and they didn't want to be shut down," said Jeff Rosenthal, the director of the Idaho Humane Society in Boise.

Now advocates have scaled back their ambitions for Idaho, reasoning that because dogfighting is less prevalent, dogfighting advocates are less likely to fill Statehouse hearing rooms with supporters.

"Felony animal cruelty and felony cockfighting are definitely two things that need to be revisited, but our focus is getting the dogfighting through," said Inga L. Gibson, a Seattle-based lobbyist for the Humane Society who will work in Boise during the legislative session.

Although Gibson argues that it is common knowledge that staged dogfights are cruel, it's hard for anyone who has been to see one.

Idaho veterinarians supporting Gibson's efforts say they see dogs that have clearly been injured in such fights.

"What alerts me to a problem is always an impound of one to five animals that are scoured severely, with ears cropped all the way to the head, level with the head," said Tami McReynolds, executive director of the Lewis Clark Animal Shelter in Lewiston. "That's a typical fighting dog conformation so other dogs can't grab their ears and have slippery blood-caked teeth."

Boise animal shelter and sheriff's departments say they haven't seen evidence of fights.

"I've heard rumor there's staged fights that have clearly been injured in such fights," said Ken Danson, the animal control officer for the Twin Falls Shelter's Office.

Rosenthal said he's seen much evidence of dogfighting at his job in Boise. He had 25 pit bulls — which are often used in fights — up for adoption at the animal shelter. Christmas week — about a third of all the dogs available. But none of them looked like they were used for fighting.

Rosenthal said the practice might become more common as cities like Boise grow.

"Dogfighting tends to thrive as places become more urban," he said. A new law would also bring Idaho into line with almost all other states.

"We don't want our state to be . . ."

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Pearl Klausner



pearl in various card clubs. She looked forward to the jacket trips with the senior citizens and also liked the bingo games at the center.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her two

daughters, Donna (Larry) Meade of Heyburn and Tomia (Harold) Prosser of Burley, two sisters, Edna Murrell of Sacramento, Calif., and Eunice (Dale) Hagen of Boulder City, Nev.; six grandchildren, Dixie Conway, Heidi Hollinger, Lori Kawazumi, Eric Klausner, Jeff Meade and James Meade; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Albert; two sons, Larry Klausner and Albert Saul "Ted" Klausner, two brothers; and two sisters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St., Burley. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1356 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

James 'Jim' Gergens



panded to the rest of the family. He would place bets with his children and grandchildren before the games would begin. This was a lot of fun for him. He loved his vegetable garden, in which he worked in until his illness. He also loved to fish and to cook chili for his family. Jim and his family always enjoyed their summer vacations at Red Fish Lake, where that became a tradition.

He adored his grandchildren and was a wonderful grandfather. He was known as "Dad" to more than just his family. He is survived by his wife, Irene; his daughters, Heather (Michael) Burns of Kimberly, Idaho, and Holly (Steve) Carlson of Jerome, Idaho; his son, James (Heather) Gergens Jr. of Boise, Idaho; grandchildren, Nicholas, Amanda, Sarah, Stephen, and Danika; and his sister, Mary (Duane) Carrell of Jerome, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents and his granddaughter, McKenzie Burns.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 32 E. Main St., with Pastor John Zulkowski officiating. Burial will be at the West End Cemetery in Buhl, Idaho. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gergens family in care of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

BURLEY — James "Jim" Gergens, 62, resident, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Cassia Regional Medical Center with his family beside him.

Jim worked at the Green Giant Company and farmed in the areas of Buhl and Jerome. He also enjoyed his employment as a long-haul driver for Chrysler.

Jim enjoyed sports, his favorites being football (the Denver Broncos) and NASCAR. Her favorite was after dinner with his son and from this it ex-

Laurence DeVon Andersen



community service and government. He was a founding member of the College of Southern Idaho Booster Club, Lions Club, and a member of the Magic Valley Hospital Board. DeVon enjoyed hunting, fishing and recreating with his family. He enjoyed the memories of his backcountry of Challis and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and returned often to Challis for family reunions and hunting trips.

DeVon was a humble man despite his many accomplishments and awards. His greatest joys came from the successes of his children, family and of those he taught and coached.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; his brothers, Joe of Challis and LaDell (Donna) of St. George, Utah; sister, Verma (Parker) Richards of Pocatello; 10 children, Lou (Teresa) of Fairfield, Idaho, Ron (Terri) of Murtaugh, Idaho, Jannett (Steve) Tucker of South Weber, Utah, Casey (Pam) of Burley, Idaho, David (Diane) of Malad, Idaho, Jill (John) Crozier of Jerome, Idaho, Jack (Jeanne) of Pleasant View, Utah, Marilyn (Jim) Cornell of Twin Falls,



Idaho, Stephen (Inger) of Boise, Idaho, Steven (Cindi) of Twin Falls, Idaho; 40 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. DeVon was preceded in death by his parents, Laurence and Elizabeth Andersen; two brothers, Loren "Cy" and Andy; one sister, Alta Matthews; and three daughters, Nora, Cora and Alane.

A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Murtaugh LDS Chapel, 23705 U.S. Highway 30, Murtaugh, Idaho, and a short service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Malad 2nd and 5th Ward LDS Chapel, 20 S. 100 W., Malad, Idaho. Friends and family may pay their respects from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Murtaugh LDS Chapel. Interment will take place in the Malad City Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to The DeVon Andersen Memorial Scholarship Fund at any D.L. Evans Bank branch. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1243 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83339.

DEATH NOTICES

Walter W. Wheeler

KIMBERLY — Walter Worth Wheeler, 82, of Kimberly, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Bennis Hopworth

JEROME — Donnie Hopworth, 78, of Jerome, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at the Jerome 2nd Ward LDS Chapel with Bishop Lon Thompson officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

SERVICE

Gail L. Diamond of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

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A LABOR OF LOVE

Carey couple builds home despite setbacks

By Jamey Colter
Times-News correspondent

CAREY — Some people can be called extraordinary, even remarkable. But Rogers and Rebecca Peck just like to be called normal.

But "normal" couples don't erect a 2,500 square-foot, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath home with their own two hands.

[A couple constructing their own home is often a difficult task, if not an amazing one. But building a house when one spouse is handicapped is downright phenomenal. And that's just what the Pecks have done.]

Rebecca is paralyzed on her left side. After graduating high school in California, she took a job and began her life as a normal graduate. But tragically, that normalcy was stolen from her in a horrendous car accident, which was only one block from the safety of her home.

Rebecca was a passenger in a car with two friends when a drunk driver charged through an intersection and hit them. The driver of the car she was riding in was killed and the

other passenger sustained minor injuries. However, Rebecca remained in a coma for three months, with her future being anything but certain.

"Nothing happened to a drunk driver," said her husband, Roger.

"He had some modest injuries, and did absolutely no jail time that we know of."

But that certainly didn't stop Rebecca from living. She met Roger online.

"We met through an LDS dating service in 1996," said Roger. The couple corresponded and then dated before getting married on May 24, 1997 at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple Church.

"When we met I was living in Pocatello, repairing office equipment," Roger said.

After getting married Roger brought Rebecca to Carey, where he was raised.

"Her troubles were soon to follow."

"We were renting a home by my parents' place, out Fish Creek," said Roger.

"The home was sold and we learned that we would be evicted."

"We had 30 days to find a place to live — that's not very

much time."

"That's when we decided we better build a home of our own," said Roger.

So Roger and Rebecca and their children, now 6, 4, and 2 years old, moved into a little trailer next to the site of their future home, and got to work.

"We started in August of 2004," Roger noted.

After taking on this enormous task, Roger soon learned that he could do most of the work himself.

"I did all the plumbing and electrical work," Roger said.

"I just learned how to do things through out the course of my life, and I applied them to building our house."

But Roger didn't stop with the plumbing and electrical. He also did all the framing, sheet-rocking, most of the insulation, painting, and interior work.

"But he didn't work on the house all day every day."

"I was able to work half days from April through July, at the Idaho Clinic," said Roger.

"That helped so I was able to get more done."

And get it done he did.

The only thing that's really

left is the texture and paint in the upstairs, the trim around the doors and baseboards, some finish work on the kitchen cabinets, and bathroom vanity," Roger said.

Building a house is colossal task, but Roger didn't seem to think it was beyond his abilities.

"I had friends and family to help me out with the hand saw like hanging trusses, and I hired someone to come do the roofing and shingles," Roger said.

"The only really hard thing about it was staying organized."

"I just did everything I could do," Rebecca said.

"It was really hard work, but it was really fun," she said.

This year the Peck family spent Christmas in their new home.

"We were able to move into the house, eleven months to the day after we started," Roger said.

A miracle, maybe not, phenomenal, definitely. But when it's a labor of love, wonderful things can happen.

Jamey Colter lives in Carey and can be reached by e-mail at colterj@ewskyan.net

Only one-fourth of contractors complying with new Idaho law

BOISE (AP) — Less than one-fourth of Idaho's contractors have registered under a new law designed to protect consumers from dishonest builders.

The Contractor Registration Act, which takes effect Sunday, requires builders to register with the state and show proof of workman's compensation insurance and a \$300,000 general liability policy.

The state Bureau of Occupational Licenses said 4,152 contractors had signed up for a registration number by Dec. 31, according to the agency's Web site. The state estimates there are 17,000 contractors operating in Idaho, based on population and comparisons with other states that require licenses or registrations.

Those who haven't registered by today will be guilty of a misdemeanor and could face a \$1,000 fine, six months in prison, or both.

Unregistered contractors will lose their right to sue homeowners for breach of contract in Idaho courts. Contractors will not be able to hire other contractors or sub-contractors who are not registered.

There are exemptions in the statute for builders who do voluntary work or who do work valued at less than \$2,000.

The new law, signed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in March, allows the state to reject the registration of contractors who prove to be incompetent, dishonest or unprincipled. A five-member Idaho Contractors board registers the builders.

The vast majority of construction professionals within our state operate with integrity and skill," Kempthorne said when he signed the bill. "Those few who do not, however, pose a great risk to Idaho consumers."

The law requires local governments that issue building or construction permits to have the contractor's registration number "conspicuously added on the face of a permit."

The Association of Idaho Cities has instructed cities to adopt ordinances governing registration for breach of contract in Idaho courts. Contractors will not be able to hire other contractors or sub-contractors who are not registered.

Dog

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more attractive to people who engage in these activities, as the one place in the country where you can go and do this," Rosenthal said.

Wyoming is the other state where staging a dogfight isn't a felony, advocates there plan legislation in 2007.

Cockfighting is technically banned in every state except Louisiana and New Mexico. But Louisiana, a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., who has worked with cockfighting advocates in several states, said he thinks it goes on in every part of the country. He said a "significant number" of Idaho farmers raise fighting birds for sale in Idaho doghouses — and should be allowed to keep doing so.

"What you're doing is criminalizing hardworking farm families who just don't view roosters the same way some body does who has a pet dog or pet cat," said Haddow, who has been a few cockfights in the course of his work. "These are not bad people; they're everyday farmers."

Gibson disagrees with Haddow, saying staged fights of any sort are cruel to the animals and serve as breeding grounds for other crime.

In the case of dogs, she added, the practice produces

animals trained for fighting that are dangerous to humans.

"The dogs are bred and trained for this activity; they pose a huge threat to public health and safety if they're abandoned — to children and other animals," Gibson said. "Dogfighters have been known to steal people's pets and use them as bait for training. There's real inherent activities that go hand in hand with people who fight animals."

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, will sponsor the animal cruelty legislation. It would punish anyone who knowingly owns, trains, or trades in fighting dogs, or in any other way contributes to a staged dogfight.

"We're referring to the intentional use of dogs for fighting — not the occasion where one dog attacks another due to lack of restraint by the owner," Gibson said.

Other animal welfare legislation is also in the works. Rosenthal will be lobbying for a bill — sponsored by Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise — that would require animal owners whose pets were seized in cruelty cases to pay for the animals' care while the case was in court, or give up the animal. Otherwise, the Humane Society fears for bills in cases that can drag on for months, Rosenthal said.

Amber Alert issued for missing children

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Box Elder County officials issued an Amber Alert about 9 p.m. Friday after a pair of brothers were taken from their grandmother's home in Plymouth.

The children, ages 7 and 12, disappeared sometime between

3:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and are believed to be with their biological mother, who is not their legal guardian.

Box Elder County Sheriff Sgt. Kevin Putter said, "Tessa Marie Morton has not had custody of the children since 2001, but was on a supervised visit with them, Potter said.

Judy Cline, their grandmother and Tessa's mother, told police she last saw all three about 6 p.m. They were awoken about 6 p.m., they were gone and her car was missing. Cline called police immedi-

ately, but the Amber Alert was only issued after Cline and police tried to locate Morton by contacting friends and family. Putter said,

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Greene

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badly injured and are recovering at the same hospital as Greene. One of the Marines, who also lost both of his legs, visited Greene in his room the other day.

"One of his buddies — they call him 'Frog' because he has a small and difficult last name — came in to see Trav in his wheelchair," Sue Greene said. "It was the first time any of the guys have gotten any of the guys have visited Greene in his room the other day."

"Since that day in Iraq, Greene's life has been a series of almost daily surgeries and endless blood transfusions. He's spent most of the last month slipping in and out of consciousness.

"The really lost concept of time," his mother said, "I told him, 'You've been here 27 days. You slept through Christmas.' I told him he had lots of presents but in his hotel room so he kind of smiled."

His mother said he remembers bits and pieces of what that day was like.

"He remembers seeing his legs and an thinking, 'Ah s---! How am I ever going to get a girl now,'" she said. "Then everything got gray. He remembers a helicopter

ride and people calling his last name out. He remembers people saying, 'Greene, Greene, you're going to be OK.' He doesn't remember Germany or the flight.

Greene was taken to the military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, before being flown to Bethesda.

"It was a lot about the incident," she said.

It was Greene's third tour of Iraq. His mother remembers how he tried to reassure her he'd be extra safe this time around. "He's considered infantry, but he was hand-picked for the quick response team," Sue Greene said. "When the infantry gets into trouble, they go in. Before leaving for Ramadi, he said he'd be much safer because he'd be in an armored Humvee and they were worried that they were going to be a dangerous spot."

President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush dropped by the Marine's room Dec. 21 to present him with a Purple Heart. He also received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Once Greene is out of the hospital, he'll head off to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in

Words of encouragement

As Marine Capt. Travis Greene recovers at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., friends and strangers alike have written touching messages of support in his guestbook on the family's CaringBridge Web site. Greene's parents also provide daily updates on their son's condition. To read more, or to leave a message yourself, go to the Web site at www.caringbridge.org and click on "visit" in the first box, type in "travisgreene" and click again on "visit."

Blood drive

Twin Falls High School — Greene's alma mater — will hold a blood drive for Greene from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the school. Anyone at the school or in the community who would like to donate blood can sign up in the front office at 1615 First Ave. E. Those who would like to donate blood at another time should call 1-800-274-4024 for times and locations.

Washington, D.C., or Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to begin the work of physical therapy. He'll have to learn to walk, stand over again on prostheses. And then it will probably be back to school. He left college his junior year to join the Marines.

"Travis told me he's definitely going on to school to be a teacher and a coach," Sue Greene said. "I told him Jerry Kleinkopf has a job for you and he needed his help."

Kleinkopf was Greene's track coach at Twin Falls High School. Now retired, he continues to coach part-time at the school. His father believes his son can do anything he sets out to do.

"He's a fighter and it's all because of his spirit," Terry Greene said. "His heart is keeping him going."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Crump

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God forbid — you should die in a truckless car accident, you're dispatched to a corner of hell where it's always the Day After the Super Bowl.

One text this morning comes from Bill Murray, whose TV weatherman character Phil Connors in the 1993 movie "Groundhog Day" has become the Patron Saint of Truck.

"I was in the Virgin Islands once," Connors says. "Met a girl. We ate lobster and drank pina

colodas. At sunset we made love like a couple of idiots. That was a pretty good day. Why couldn't I get that day over and over and over?"

Sony, Phil, but that happens only in July, which the Brigadoon shows up every 100 years.

So happy National Health Colon Awareness Month.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump, who had the wit to be born a Sagittarius instead of a Capricorn, can be reached at 735-3223.

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The family of Duane Wagner and his son James Merata would like to express our thankfulness to our friends throughout the community who offered prayers and support, sent all the thoughtful cards, and flowers and brought delicious meals.

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QUIRKY, HARD TO FIND, ORDINARY

It's all at Smith and Edwards

FARR WEST, Utah (AP) — Two men in camouflage came for crossbows. A paintball enthusiast was eyeing a ghillie suit. And Doug Hollett, well, he just couldn't resist buying five World War II army helmets. For \$3 a piece, why not, he thought he checked out. "I'm not sure what I'm going to do with them yet — I think I'll shoot at a few of them to see how well they work out."

Welcome to Smith and Edwards, "The Country Boys Store," a quirky 100,000-square-foot variety outlet on 20 acres in Farr West. Although the store, just off Interstate 15 north of Ogden, stocks such ordinary products such as Western apparel, hardware and kitchen appliances, it is perhaps known best for its quirkier, hard-to-find merchandise — items such as the 750-pound inert practice crossbow used by the U.S. Air Force that sell for \$20. (One customer came in on a recent weekday and bought four.)

Each week, the store attracts thousands of people, some of whom drive hundreds of miles from cities in Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada to shop.

In an industry dominated by

Wal-Mart, the store has defied the odds by surviving. What keeps people coming back?

"You can find stuff here you can't find anywhere else," said Erich Alfred of Tremonton as he filled his cart with items for a 72-hour kit. He said he has bought a variety of things at the store, from candy to building supplies.

Smith and Edwards is the vision of Best M. Smith, 55, who opened the store in 1947 in West Ogden with Lawrence Edwards, a Marine Corps buddy with whom he parted company in the 1960s. The store, which later moved to Farr West, originally focused on military surplus items that Smith purchased at auction. In fact, he bought so much stuff that today much of the store sits on display with everything you can imagine that was used in past wars and everyday military life.

But in recent years, under the direction of Bert's son, Jim Smith, who runs the store with another brother, Jim's brother-in-law, son and daughter — the store has shifted focus into new merchandise such as hardware, kitchen items, equestrian supplies, Western and outdoor

clothing and shoes, camping supplies, guns and hunting and fishing equipment and supplies.

To sell more of the new merchandise, the Smith family embarked on a major cleanup and organizational effort in recent years.

The store is cleaner, more organized and better lit than ever, and Jim Smith said he believes the redesign is helping it compete with the continued expansion of Wal-Mart and other discount retailers.

Although customers years ago would spend hours poring through items scattered throughout the store and an outside lot, most of today's customers want to find things quickly — even the obscure, weird stuff, Smith said. "We decided we needed to get with it and modernize," Smith said. "People these days want to shop where it's easy to find things. ... Things are finally in places where people can easily find them."

The Smith family also has expanded its Ace Hardware outlet inside the store and beefed up

both their higher-end merchandise — such as a \$4,000 saddle or a \$1,000 gun — as well as their value-priced products, such as those that would be found in a dollar store.

Although variety stores that carry such a wide range of merchandise and cater to such a spectrum of price ranges have gone out of business in droves in recent years, Smith said he isn't worried about the future of Smith and Edwards.

He is confident that people always will want a place that has "just about everything" and has things that no one else carries.

He also believes that his company's way of doing business gives it a competitive advantage. Its operating hours — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday — are short in today's world of 24-hour-a-day, 7-days-a-week big-box chains. And its share of employees who work full time and get benefits — 80 out of 100 workers — is undoubtedly expensive in relation to most other retailers, who rely on part-time help.

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N.M. men accused of trying to bribe a BLM employee

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — A second Farmington businessman faces charges of trying to bribe an employee of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

A federal grand jury in Albuquerque this month indicted Curtis Slade, 43, on charges of offering a bribe to Ralph Mason, of the BLM's Farmington field office.

Slade is a former business partner of Norman Geoff McMahon, 71, who was indicted earlier this month on four similar counts. Slade and McMahon owned NewCo Aggregate and both were involved in securing mining permits from the BLM. McMahon is accused of giving Mason \$7,000 between Dec. 15, 2000, and Feb. 15, 2002 in connection with a BLM permit to mine humate, an organic mineral used in fertilizer and soil supplements. Mason, who resigned on Dec. 3, 2003, was a

geologist handling the permit process.

The new indictment accuses Slade of giving Mason \$4,000 for bills to mine sand and gravel. Bill Tappich, a spokesman for the BLM office in Farmington, referred questions to the U.S. attorney's office in Albuquerque, where a spokesman said the office does not comment on pending investigations.

The federal charges come nearly three years after the San Juan County district attorney charged Slade with racketeering, embezzlement and bribery of a public official. Those charges are pending.

Joe Romero Jr., Slade's attorney, said the state had access to the same information the federal government reviewed, but chose not to charge McMahon. McMahon's business attorney, Gary Risley, said he believes the charges stem from a misunderstanding by the U.S. attorney.

Utah's first female metro police chief to be fired

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) Utah's first female police chief in a metropolitan area will be fired Tuesday when a new mayor takes office in South Salt Lake City.

South Salt Lake Mayor-elect Bob Gray said Friday he plans to oust Theresa Garner, an 18 1/2-year veteran of the Police Department in an effort to return to "community policing."

Gray, who retired as South Salt Lake's police chief in 1997, has known Garner for many years. "I've worked with Theresa since she started. We got along great. She was a good employee and a good worker," Gray said. "It was tough for me to let her go, but I had to do what is best for the city."

Garner was promoted to the chief's position four years ago by Mayor Wes Losser, whom Gray defeated in last month's election. Community policing was a major issue in the campaign.

"We need to reinstitute that philosophy," Gray said. "And I felt she wasn't all that enthused about it. I feel I needed a change of leadership."

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Immigrants mix traditions, docs' advice

Governor will adopt second child

MADERA, Calif. (AP) — A thick tangle of marigolds reaches chest-high around 19-year-old Carolina Cruz, who plucks one of the deep orange flowers and explains to her little sister how to prepare it in a tea that soothes indigestion.

The teenager was born to one of Mexico's native Indian tribes, and grew up steeped in healing traditions that predate the Spanish conquest. To her and other immigrants to Mexico's dozens of indigenous groups, a garden tucked behind a whitewashed church in rural Madera County is a pharmacy.

With Cruz's care, the plot eventually will sprout plants that other Mexican Indians in the area may use to treat insomnia, kidney problems, stomach cramps and other ailments.

The garden is part of a larger effort to preserve pre-Columbian health care customs even as community leaders work to forge ties with the local medical establishment. It was planted with the help of a non-profit group that speaks up for the Mixtecs, Zapotecs, Triquis and other native Mexicans who labor as migrant farmworkers in California's Central Valley.

The arrival of immigrants with radically different beliefs about health and the patient-healer relationship is pushing doctors to broaden their understanding of what it takes to care for their new patients. For example, doctors working with Hmong refugees who arrived from Southeast Asia in the 1980s have had to bridge a language barrier and a gap between Eastern and Western medicine in situations where miscommunication could be the difference between life and death.

Indians from Mexico unwilling to let go of customs that have served them for generations are also reaching out to health care



Carolina Cruz stands in a garden of marigolds near a rural church, Nov. 7, in Madera, Calif. With Cruz's care, the plot eventually will sprout plants that other Mexican Indians in the area may use to treat insomnia, kidney problems, stomach cramps and other ailments.

providers here, trying to find a delicate balance between the Old World and the new.

Members of Mexico's 60 Indian groups are even more likely than other recent immigrants to fall outside the reach of the American health care system, said Nayanin Martinez Coss-Dio, of the indigenous organization Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño.

Isolated in remote farmworker settlements and usually uninsured, they often speak languages most Spanish-speaking Mexicans don't recognize. It's an added barrier when a baby gets sick or when a pregnant woman wants a prenatal checkup.

Often discriminated against in Mexico, they also are "at the bottom of the ladder" in the United States, said Jonathan Fox, a researcher at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

"No one represents their interests, here or in Mexico," Fox said. "They have to speak up and do it themselves."

The 2000 Census showed there were about 154,362 such immigrants in the state, according to an analysis by researchers at UC Santa Cruz.

But Mexico's Indians are making up a growing share of migrants entering the country, according to estimates from the National Agricultural Workers Survey. Between 1993 and 1994, Mexicans from states such as Oaxaca, Chiapas and Guerrero accounted for 9 percent of immigrant farmworkers coming to the country, a figure that rose to 19 percent between 2001 and 2002.

As the population grows, the need to ensure its health also increases — and not just for the immigrants' well-being. The itinerant group may carry infectious

diseases from state to state while following the harvest, health officials said.

"They're difficult to reach and they're difficult to treat because they travel so much," said Norma Penolosa, a communicable diseases specialist with Fresno County's Department of Community Health. "One case can become many cases spread around the country."

In 2003, Fresno County health workers identified a tuberculosis outbreak that would eventually spread to dozens of Mixtecs. Centro Binacional raised money, held education meetings in the community, and tested more than 1,000 people — playing a key part in containing the outbreak, said Penolosa.

There have been other successful public health campaigns, but permanently closing the cultural and phys-

ical distance between the rural migrant population and English-speaking health providers who tend to be city-bound takes years of work.

Martinez and others with Centro Binacional are taking on the task. They have sent 15 immigrants who speak a variety of Indian languages to train as interpreters at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. They've visited hospitals and clinics around the Central Valley to offer translation — something hospitals are legally required to provide.

They've delivered workshops in far-flung rural towns on AIDS, prevention, diabetes, nutrition, and other health problems farmworkers might encounter in the United States.

In November, they brought three healers from the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca to California for a conference. Hundreds of American nurses, doctors and social service providers heard about some of the health customs and beliefs held by Indians from the region.

Traditional healers told their American counterparts they rely heavily on herbal remedies and rituals to treat diseases, many of which are believed to be caused by problems outside the body, such as offending the spirits or doing an injustice to others.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's first family could be expanding in 2006. Gov. Jon Huntsman and his wife are reportedly in the process of adopting another child, this time from India.

The Huntsmans have six children — five biological children and Grace Mei, who was adopted from China in 1999 after she was abandoned in a vegetable market. She is now six-years-old.

The Huntsmans, who returned to Utah Thursday from a family vacation in San Francisco, have not shared their plans with many people even some members of their own families were not aware of what they were doing.

Governor's spokesman Mike Mower declined to provide details, saying only that to date there is no official announcement.

The Huntsman family has long been believers in the joy of life that adoption can provide," Mower said. "Ever since the adoption of their daughter, Grace, they have considered the possibility of another international adoption."

It is unknown why the Huntsmans selected India for an adoption.

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Storm causes mudslides in California

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — A powerful storm set off mudslides that blocked major highways and scuttled rivers and creeks over their banks and into cities across Northern California on Saturday. At least half a dozen people had to be rescued from the rushing water, and forecasters warn a warning of another storm on Sunday.

California officials urged residents along the Napa and Russian rivers to go on hillside to collect their valuables, gather emergency supplies and get out.

In the city of Napa, near the heart of wine country, the river was already 5 feet over flood stage. Further inland, Reno, Nev., was seeing its worst flooding since a 1997 flood that caused \$1 billion in damage.

Firefighters in the Sonoma area rescued two people from a mobile home park, where 4 feet of rushing water washed at least one home off its foundation, and they were searching for a third person, said Division Chief Bob Norborn with the Sonoma Valley Fire Authority. Cars floated through the park, pushed by the water.

Elsewhere, television footage showed a stranded driver being plucked from the back of a pickup truck by a rescue helicopter, and another person being pulled to safety through the water. Rick Diaz went out into a flooded Petaluma neighborhood in a 14-foot Zodiac boat on his own to ferry residents to dry ground and rescue their pets.

"He's a hero," said a fearful Diaz rescued two pet lizards from her home. In downtown San Anselmo, the creek overflowed into as many as 70 businesses, said town administrator Debbie Stutsman. Two people rescued from the rising water there were hospitalized with hypothermia, she said.

"I'm looking out of my office



Santa Rosa City firefighters rush an injured woman to an ambulance after a mudslide destroyed her home and damaged two others in Santa Rosa, Calif., early Saturday morning. Two people were slightly injured.

now at merchants bringing their damaged goods out into the street," Stutsman said. "The entire downtown area was under 4.5 feet of water."

"It's pretty bad all across town," she said.

Meteorologists had warned that parts of Sonoma, Sacramento, Shasta and Tehama counties were ripe for their worst flooding in years, and they said severe was anticipated upstream in Calistoga, St. Helena and Yountville, as well.

In St. Helena, the Napa River was at record levels, seven feet over flood stage. The last record flood there destroyed dozens of homes and businesses.

Mudslides closed several major roads, including Interstate 90 in the Sierra Nevada about 25 miles west of Reno. Six tractor-trailer rigs were caught up in one slide on the interstate early Saturday, but no injuries were

reported.

I-90, the major corridor linking Northern California and points east, was expected to remain closed for at least two days, said California Department of Transportation spokesman Mark Dinger.

"No work can be done until the slide stabilizes and we don't know when that will occur," Dinger said.

The Russian River at the Sonoma County town of Guerneville could rise as high as 11 feet above flood stage after if the storm expected on Sunday hits as expected, officials said.

Together, the two weekend storms could add as much as 6 inches of rain to the already water-logged region, said Rick Canepa, a weather service meteorologist in Monterey.

Judge: Church assets subject to suits

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A bankruptcy judge ruled Friday that the Archdiocese of Portland, not its parishes, owns church assets, dealing a major blow to its efforts to protect church property from lawsuits filed by alleged victims of priest sex abuse.

U.S. Bankruptcy judge Elizabeth Peritis, in a pair of opinions, ruled that church property and real estate is under the control of the archdiocese, not its individual

parishes, as attorneys for the archdiocese had argued.

Her ruling settles one of the main questions on the bankruptcy — whether accepting the jurisdiction of a federal court might violate the First Amendment rights of the church to the "free exercise" of religion by forcing it to ignore church law on ownership.

"There is no First Amendment impediment to this court's jurisdiction," Peritis wrote.

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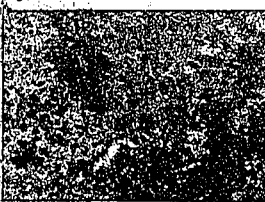


Riedlinger of Paul, Teresa (Irm) Carr of Rupert, and Glenn (Norman) McCann of Eagle Lake, Fla.; grandchildren, John and Sarah Riedlinger, Sean (Nickel) Goodsell, Cori, Kayla (Keith) Goodsell; Carr, Yenya

PAUL — Donna Lea Hagar Riedlinger, 71, of Paul, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Mindako Memorial Hospital. Donna was born Jan. 7, 1934, in Delbert, Idaho. She was the daughter of John and Loretta Hagar Falchlid. She married Otto Riedlinger on Sept. 12, 1954, in Paul. Donna worked for the Mindako County School District as a cook at Paul Elementary, and retired after 20 years. Donna was a member of the Paul Baptist Church, the America Legion Post No. 77 Ladies Auxiliary, and the West End Fire and Rescue Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed dancing, fishing, crossword puzzles and spending time with her family and friends. Donna is survived by her husband, Otto Riedlinger (Paul); three children, Keny (Theresa)

Chis and Johnny McCall; step-grandchildren, Robert and Sandy (Doris) Dwyer; and grandchildren, Robert (Bob) and Bruce (Katherine) Hagan; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Norma Davis of Boise, Idaho. She was a member of the Paul Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Brian and John. Burial will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Paul Baptist Church. Pastor John J. Williams is officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the Paul Baptist Church. Burial will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Paul Baptist Church. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the Paul Baptist Church. Burial will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Paul Baptist Church. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the Paul Baptist Church.

Nubert (Bud) Mason



grandchildren, and two brothers, Dean Mason and Ed (Bud) Mason.

TWIN FALLS — Nubert (Bud) Mason, 72, passed away on Dec. 30, 2005, at his home following an extended illness with his loving family by his side. He was born Sept. 14, 1933, to Nubert John Mason and Grace Bertha Deam Mason in Jerome, Idaho. He was raised and attended school in Wendell, Idaho. Upon graduation, Bud entered the Navy, married Bonita Fockner and to this union two sons were born, Rodney Scott and Bradley Ray. In 1971, he married Georgeanne Higin Hine and became a father to Phil (Phid) Bolyard, Tim (Debbie) Hine, Penne (Elmer) Freeman and Mel (Melanie) Hine. He was proud of all his children and spent many hours enjoying them and the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bud was an insurance agent for Farm Bureau, worked for Carter Meat Packing in Buhl, drove for Wagner Transportation, and approximately 30 years ago Bud started his own business, Bud's Deal and continued until his retirement. Bud was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman. He enjoyed camping with his family, and was always searching for a new fishing hole. He spent many hours tying flies and sharing them with his sons, grandsons and friends. If someone wanted to go hunting or fishing, Bud would always help you, share a story, or draw a map from memory to these spots. Bud was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Shirley Sammelin. He is survived by his wife, Georgene, and his six children, 15 grandchildren, seven great-

Lala Gallegos

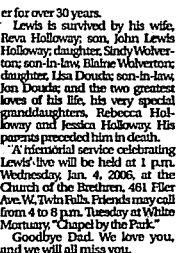


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RUPERT — Lala Gallegos, 88, of Rupert, passed away Dec. 29, 2005, at Mindako Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Lala was born on April 10, 1917, in Lamadan, N.M., the daughter of Abraham and Abriana Grego Gallegos. She attended schools in New Mexico. She married John Gallegos on April 8, 1936, in Grand Junction, Colo., and he preceded her in death in 1986. They moved to Rupert in 1953, where she had since resided. Lala is survived by her children, Manuel (Joyce) Gallegos of Burley, Tarry (Carolyn) Gallegos of Heyburn, Alfonso (Betty) Gallegos of Burley, Rene Anjelita of Rupert, John (Murrell) Gallegos of Rupert, Henry Gallegos of Rupert, Delores (John) Martinez of Rupert, Genevieve (Margarito)

Deary, Lily (Darcy) Haun of Rupert, Andy (Diana) Gallegos of Burley, and Dennis Anderson of Rupert. Also 43 grandchildren, 189 great-grandchildren, 48 great-great-grandchildren, as well as two sisters, Ruby Gallegos of Sacramento, Calif., and Bernida Cordova of Ontario, Ore. Her husband, John, two sons, George and Michael, four sisters, and four brothers preceded her in death. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Christian Center - Assembly of God Church, 317 W. 27th St., Burley, with Pastors Doyle Faulkes and Randy Gardner officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Rupert Cemetery.

Lewis James Holloway



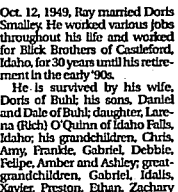
er for over 30 years.

TWIN FALLS — On Dec. 30, 2005, this world lost one of the best husbands, friends and darts players ever created with a twinkle in his eye and the love of his family. Lewis James Holloway passed away at his home surrounded by his wife and kids. Lewis was born July 1, 1943, to George and Lela Holloway of Filer, Idaho. Lewis may have been an only child; however, when he was born, his father, Jean, died in 1966 he inherited many brothers and sisters that loved him very much. Lewis and Reva had three children, John Lewis Holloway, Cindy Lynn Holloway Webster, and Lisa Ann Holloway Douda. Lewis was a long-haul truck driv-



and Alexis; his brothers, Ralph (Claudine) of Buhl and Ace of Featherhite; and sisters, Dorothy Ferraris of Salinas, Calif., and Nancy (Woody) King of Mountain Home, Idaho. His parents are a granddaughter, Stephanie; and his brothers, James and Homer, preceded him in death. His graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the West End Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Ray Meierhoff



which he was very proud of. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is survived by his children, Walter (Bobbie) Fox of Burley,

BUHL — Ray Meierhoff, 81, of Buhl, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl. Ray was born Aug. 27, 1924, in Clements, Kan., the fourth child born to Arnold and Mary Evelyn (Fox) Meierhoff. Following his father's death in 1928, his mother married Roy Meierhoff. They had three children. The family moved to Idaho in 1933. Ray served in the U.S. Navy from Dec. 5, 1941, through Nov. 5, 1945. On

Floyd T. Fox



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BURLEY — Floyd T. Fox, a 93-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center. He was born Oct. 5, 1912, in Downey, Idaho, the son of Raymond and Mary Elizabeth Burrup Fox. He attended school and completed his education in Downey. He married Ilean Ross on May 30, 1938, in Declo, Idaho. Floyd worked as a sheepherder in his younger years and then was employed for J.R. Simplot Company in Declo for a short time before later working for the Burley Flour Mill as a custodian until his closure. He enjoyed playing with his children and grandchildren and liked going and hiking with his family. He always had a beautiful garden

Revelers pour into Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — And you thought your relatives were a handful. City officials, boosters and residents are braced to entertain 300,000 out-of-town guests for a New Year's blowout — an annual experiment in champagne and crowd control. On the agenda this year was a scheme to break the Guinness world record for the largest simultaneous toast, a smattering of promised celebrity sightings and velvet-rope parties, and a pyrotechnic show with a \$500,000 price tag. "We do everything to excess in Las Vegas," Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said Friday. Last year's party brought 253,000 people and event planners expected more Saturday. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates that 88 percent of the area's hotel rooms are booked. The bureau says the one-night party should generate \$187 million — not counting gambling. Celebrations will range from high brow to accessible. When Las Vegas, the Strip's newest luxury hotel, celebrated the opening of Byst, a nightclub with its own 90-foot waterfall and secluded lagoon, for \$2,000 clubgoers got a VIP table for up to 10 people and a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne. Non-VIPs paid a cover charge of \$180 for women and \$150 for men, about five times the standard fee. At Caesars Palace, the nightclub Pure was promising to deliver celebrity sightings. Herbie Hancock, her boyfriend Kevin Connolly, the star of HBO's "Entourage," Kid Rock was scheduled to appear at the opening of Jet, the Bellagio hotel-casino's latest club. At the Fremont Street Experience downtown, \$40 got partygoers a ticket to see the hip-hop groups The Clinique Mob and Cheap Trick, and a commemorative plastic wineglass filled with 2004 Beaulieu Vineyard Chardonnay. The Napa winery supplied 200 cases of the wine for the toast, which must see more than 10,081 people drink in unison to seize the "world's largest" title from a Japanese sake maker, winery spokeswoman Pipp Jones said. The company chose the wine for its mass appeal and easy cleanup. "Chardonnay doesn't stain, a great thing on New Year's," she said. Law enforcement officials were prepared to ramp up security around the revelry. Hundreds of increased private security forces and six Nevada National Guard units were on call. Police are warning people who park the Strip for the New Year's countdown not to bring bottles or cans, and say large bags or backpacks are subject to search. Traffic was backed on the Strip after 6 p.m. and nearby freeway exits were closed.

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NATION

Notion of designated driver parks in American society

By Susan Campbell
The Hartford Courant

Any party worth its salt includes a moment where someone pouring wine asks, "Who's driving?"

Some for antitragic campaigns of the 1960s and '70s, even social engineering initiatives have been more successful than the idea of a designated driver. Today, it's hard to imagine a world without designated drivers, but in this the drinking season let's refresh our memories a bit.

In the early 1980s, the grassroots organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving began concentrating on reducing alcohol-related highway fatalities. Their message got through.

But by the mid-'80s, to a large extent the press and the public had turned their attention elsewhere. In stepped Jay Winstein, a Harvard University professor. When Winstein began to seek a solution to drunk-driving fatalities, there were nearly 24,000 alcohol-related deaths on the nation's roads every year. The professor decided to launch a program in Norway — where the legal blood alcohol limit is a

low .02 — called "the designated driver." In any group of revelers, one person volunteers not to drink in order to drive everyone safely home. The title rotates.

For two years, Frank Stanton, an old-school broadcaster who had served as president of CBS, tried to convince Winstein to use television programming to get his point across in an embedded message before "embedded" was a buzzword. Winstein, a molecular biologist by training, was hesitant, but Stanton, who'd helped bring the landmark Kennedy-Nixon presidential debates to

television, won him down and organized meetings with people like then-NBC chairman Giant Tinker — who was particularly intrigued with the idea — and accorded writers and producers to encourage them to introduce the idea into their shows.

"We know about product placement already, a character raises a can of Coke to take a long, slow drink and the camera lingers lovingly. For that shot, Coca-Cola pays handsomely. It's an ad without looking like an ad. The Hollywood initiative was to be a kind of idea placement, a

suggestion for a new social pattern placed innocuously into a story line. With Stanton's and Tinker's encouragement, characters on "Cheers," "L.A. Law" and "The Cosby Show" — role models whether we like it or not — began to talk about "designated drivers." President Clinton taped a public service announcement encouraging it. It was a cheerful propaganda campaign, aimed at saving lives. Critics who decried social engineering were mostly shouted down.

It worked. In 1989, a Gallup

poll said 67 percent of adults said they knew about designated drivers, and in 1991, 97 percent of all U.S. adults said they'd refrained from drinking at least once to be a designated driver, up from 29 percent in 1989. Harvard Alcohol Project studies said "the campaign worked particularly well with younger adults, the target audience."

That same year, 1991, three years after its introduction, the phrase appeared in Random House's Webster's College Dictionary. One industry magazine called the cooperation among

networks in getting the message out "unparalleled." By 1994, the idea of a designated driver had been shown on 160 prime-time shows.

Recent government figures say that alcohol consumption is down 20 percent since the early '80s. In 2004, there were 16,684 traffic fatalities related to alcohol, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Credit tougher laws, but for at least some of that credit a sustained, embedded message that driving drunk is avoidable.

Inmates, guards tell different versions of prison fight

LEESBURG, N.J. (AP) — By every account, the New Year's Day 2005 fight between inmates and guards at the New Jersey State Prison was terrifying, with broomsticks and clothing irons used as weapons and blood splattering the floor and walls.

But inmates and guards tell vastly different stories about the scope of the fight and what happened after it ended. Guards say they were attacked by unruly inmates in a prison riot. Inmates allege the guards abused them after the fight was over.

"All of us got beat up. You hear me everybody down there got beat up. A lot of people didn't have nothing to do with it got beat up," inmate Ernie Ford said in a telephone interview from New Jersey State Prison in Trenton, where he was moved after the Bayside fight. Ford, serving five years for dealing in drugs and fake drivers' licenses, was found guilty of the prison charge of disruptive conduct.

Guards and prisoners agree that the fight began when 25-year-old convicted drug dealer Omar McCarty, who was indicted for his alleged role in the fight, was stopped at the entrance to a unit where inmates live in open pods rather than locked cells. Guards took away contraband chicken he was carrying and, within minutes, guards and inmates were fighting.

Guards said McCarty called for help from members of the Bloods gang, yelling "Bloods out, rat-a-tat, Bloods out." Guards radioed a distress signal and 54 officers poured in from other parts of the prison.

In legal filings, letters to Department of Corrections officials and interviews and correspondence with The Associated Press, 24 inmates allege that guards dragged prisoners from their bunks, punched them, stomped on their backs, spit at them and used metal slurs after the initial skirmish was over.

The guards' unions say no prisoners were abused during or after the fight. The guards say they were attacked by members of the Bloods street gang. They also maintain that administrators downplayed the scope of the fight, refusing to classify it as a riot to avoid embarrassment and additional scrutiny from lawmakers and the public.

Corrections officials and inmates said only four prisoners were involved in the fight; guards said about 30 inmates fought.

Twenty-nine guards were treated for injuries ranging from chipped vertebrae and pinched nerves to shortness of breath, according to records provided by a guards' union. Two of them may never return to work, the union said.

Bayside, a medium-security prison for men about 33 miles west of Atlantic City, has a history of violence. In 1997, an inmate fatally stabbed a guard, the state's last murder of an on-duty correction officer.

Four inmates were indicted in November for their alleged roles in the fight and could face criminal trials. Those four also were found guilty of violating prison rules by assaulting guards, a charge six other inmates were cleared on. In all, 20 inmates were found guilty of breaking prison rules, most of them for leaving their bunks during the fight.

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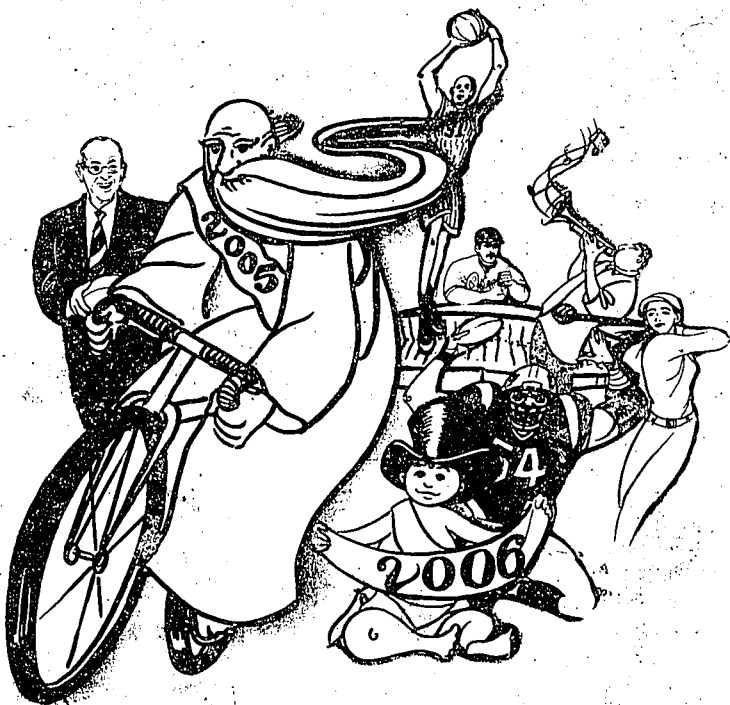
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Parents, hug your kids every chance you get. Tell them you love them. You never know when it will be your last year.

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— Coils coach Tony Demy at the funeral of his son James, who died last week in an apparent suicide

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 In the Buffalo Bills-Cincinnati Bengals game on Christmas Eve, a player became the first to run both a kickoff and an interception for a touchdown in the same game. Who was that man on the move?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Minco boosters plan giveaways

RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will present a Red & Gold Night on Jan. 7 for the Minico boys basketball game against Burley and for the Minico girls' basketball game against Burley on Jan. 13.

If you wear red or gold that night to the game you will receive a ticket for prizes that will be given away during the game. For more information, call 439-5260.

Spartans boosters meet next Monday

RUPERT — The Minico High School Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 in the Minico High School Library. Parents are urged to attend 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 439-5260 for more information.

Jerome girls bounce Minco

RUPERT — The Jerome Tigers hit 10-of-15 free throws during the stretch Friday night to pull away for a 52-40 girls' basketball win over Minico in Rupert.

Jerome was aided in its frequent trips to the charity stripe by offensive rebounds.

The Tigers used a significant rebounding margin to gain breathing room in the final period. Minico coach Clint Stannum told the Spokesman-Idaho Press that was the difference in the game.

Lindsay Williams led Jerome with 12 points, including a timeseal. Lindsey Kuhn had 10 points in the win. The Tigers also got nine points from All German.

Sarah Schenk paced Minco with 12 points, including a timeseal of 3-points. Tina Short added nine points in the loss for Minico, while Dany Ramirez had seven points. Mary Fennell finished with eight points in the loss.

Minco (4-8) has now lost four straight games, dating back to Dec. 14. The Spartans' last win was a home victory over Wood River on Dec. 8.

The Spartans return to action Tuesday at Bonneville, which hands Minco a 47-39 home loss on Nov. 17.

Burley boosters meet Monday

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, in room 100 at the Burley High School.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Thurman McGee of the Bills ran a kickoff back 89 yards for a touchdown and returned an interception 48 yards for another in a 37-27 win over Cincinnati.

'It's not like he murdered somebody or stole Mona Lisa'

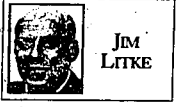
Sport in 2005 was pretty much like every other year.

There were wins and losses, failures and redemption, heroes and weasels, comings and goings, and random acts of generosity and sportsmanship undercut and then overshadowed by selfishness and petty jealousies.

What made 2005 different was the nagging feeling that, in a few high-profile instances, a drug screen, a Wonderlic test or even Judge Judy could have cleared up the confusion about which was which.

Baseball finally swore off the juice, thanks to tough love administered by Congress. But not before Jose Canseco became a best-selling author; Barry Bonds doctored in the safe harbor of the disabled list; Mark McGwire testified like some flimsy Mafia don; Rafael Palmeiro fubbed like one; and a tough-talking baseball lifer took a swing at the question still on everyone's mind.

"Where do you go back, stop



JIM LITKE

and say 'OK, when did he start using steroids?'" said Frank Robinson, a Hall of Fame player now managing the Washington Nationals. "To eliminate all that, and get the players' attention, you wipe the whole thing out."

Like that's going to happen.

Win or loss?

Lance Armstrong rolled to a seventh straight Tour de France title, then scolded cynics, saying, "I'm sorry for you." Armstrong wound up pedaling even faster afterward, trying to keep a French newspaper's doping allegations from over-taking him.

Redemption or failure? Everybody wondered, too, what LOA was ingesting to make him merry all over again. Turns



Major League Baseball player Rafael Palmeiro, center, flanked by former Major League player Mark McGwire, left, and Boston Red Sox pitcher Scott Schilling, testifies on Capitol Hill, on Dec. 27, 2005.

out it was nothing more than greed, on his own terms, for more money and even more attention. In the Eagles locker room, he became the envy of

Conference pride swells in postseason

By Ralph D. Russo
 Associated Press writer

It's not just Alabama against Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl. It's the Southeastern Conference against the Big 12. Virginia Tech against Louisville in the Gator Bowl is a chance for the Big East's new heavyweight to take down the team that abandoned the league for the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Conference pride: always

College bowl picks

comes out during the postseason, especially when the elite teams from the power leagues go head-to-head in the New Year.

With 2005 starting on a Sunday, college football's marquee bowl examination will be on Jan. 2 with six games, including two Bowl Championship Series matchups.

Penn State and Florida State

in the Orange Bowl get the spotlight to themselves the next night, before Southern California and Texas settle the national championship on Jan. 4 in the Rose Bowl.

Eight games in three days with nothing but teams representing the founding members of the BCS.

The SEC has four teams playing, including the Crimson Tide in the most fascinating game outside the Fiesta, Sugar, Orange and Rose.

Defense dominated the Deep South's favorite conference this season and no team in the country was tougher to score upon than Alabama (10.7 ppg), with All-American linebacker DeMeco Ryans leading the charge.

Under coach Mike Leach, Texas Tech's Air Raid cracked out another season of gaudy numbers. Tech was fourth in the nation in scoring (42.1 ppg) and tops in passing at 403 yards per

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Sports quirks included bumps, boomerangs

The Associated Press

Maybe the cry from beyond the grave got the NHL going again.

Before he died at 64 early this year, Archie Benzell had some paring words for NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and union boss Bob Goodenow. He felt the lockout was depriving him of an insalubrious right hockey.

So Benzell, — a Toronto Maple Leafs fan who grew infamous in the league watching a steady diet of labor negotia-

tions — ordered that his death notice denounce hockey's leadership. Duffily, his son assailed Bettman and Goodenow in the Ottawa Citizen as "skunks for denying him the pleasure of watching the NHL on TV this year."

His requests in 2005 were not limited to the ice. The soccer power Real Madrid rejected more than 300 applications to have ashes of loved ones scattered at the team's stadium.

City authorities did not object, the newspaper El Mundo re-

ported, but the team was wary at the prospect of its grounds becoming a "place of pilgrimage."

The year in sports — its passion in even stopping for death — made for some quirky bumps and boomerangs in 2005. Yes, there was normalcy: Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France again, and Larry Brown took another job. But consider this was a season that gave 50-1 shot Giacomo a Kentucky Derby victory and the Chicago White Sox their first

World Series title since 1917.

And consider Eric James, who was to serve a 30-year prison term in Oklahoma for intent to kill and robbery, James was unhappy with the sentence. He wanted to serve longer — 33 years, to be precise. He wanted Larry Bird's number.

Two never seen anything like this in 26 years in the courthouse," Judge Ray Elliott said. "But I know the DA is happy about it."

And consider the Homeless

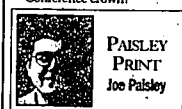
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Second high school would aid sports scene

Gaze into my crystal ball, gentle reader, and see what 2008 portends.

I see large crowds in high school gymnasiums as Twin Falls High battles Burley with the conference crown on the line.

Conference crown?



PAISLEY PRINT
Joe Paisley

Yes, a vote to build a second public high school in Twin Falls could move both schools into the Class 4A ranks, making for natural and meaningful rivalries that so many other cities enjoy.

Instead of playing Highland and Skyline for a state playoff berth, imagine the intensity of a Twin Falls-Jerome game or even better, playing a cross-town rival.

That is a definite possibility since Twin Falls voters will consider a bond issue for a second public high school in 2006.

Look at how things are now and how much better they could be in the future.

Twin Falls High's numerical advantage has made such rivalries like The Battle of the Bridge pretty watered down of late.

It's been a big adjustment from November 2004 numbers posted on the Idaho High School Activities Association Web.

Splitting the Bruins enrollment in half (1,970 to 985) would still make it one of the larger 4A schools around. Burley's enrollment then was 891, Jerome's 875 and Wood River 633. Minico's was 1,154, making the Spartans the big boys on the block.

Dropping the Bruins enrollment to Class 4A levels would simply level the playing field, not put Twin Falls High at any disadvantage.

Such a move would help the district with more ticket revenue and shorter road trips. Twin Falls entering the Great Basin West Conference would mean all its league games are 45 minutes or a hour away instead of 2-3.5 hours.

More Bruins fans could make the trip while fans from the Mini-Cassia area and Halley may come down for more meaningful conference contests.

Other nearby rivalries could develop or be renewed in most sports. 5A schools don't play varsity games below 4A.

As a smaller school, Twin Falls High and the other TFI school could schedule 5A foes.

"Think Buhl or Declo wouldn't like a shot at the Bruins? You know that answer already.

Another benefit for Twin Falls teen-agers would be more opportunities to play varsity sports with a second high school. Twice as many athletes could stay in varsity sports longer.

Don't underestimate the importance of that.

In Butte, Mont., where I covered sports for six years, the two high schools showed how great a cross-town rivalry can be.

The private Catholic school, Butte Central, was a Class A program (similar to 4A in Idaho) that enjoyed a heated rivalry with Butte High, even though the Class AA public school was three times the size.

In boys and girls basketball, for instance, the games were quite competitive, even though most of the Central Maroons would have been cut if they were enrolled at Butte High.

Instead, they were playing varsity sports throughout their high school years and enjoying considerable success against the hated Butte High.

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There's plenty that must happen first. The \$49.7 million bond issue will cause many to pause and obviously sports is only part of the equation.

But consider the benefits for high school sports and the athletes.

An already vibrant Magic Valley sports scene could be even better, while the athletes and their fans deserve.

SPORTS

Steroids dominate year in baseball

NEW YORK—Baseball took a lot of hits in 2000 — from politicians, commentators and players themselves — but the sport struggled with steroids.

While the Chicago White Sox were getting plaudits for their first World Series title since 1905, Rafael Palmeiro "cut a big blot when he voted positive for a steroid after poking a finger in the air and emphatically telling Congress 'I have never used steroids.' His Aug. 1 suspension came a day after he got his 3,000th career hit.



JIM MILLER

Mark McGwire sat alongside Palmeiro and Sammy Sosa at the March 17 hearing but refused to say whether he had used steroids, leaving his reputation shattered and his Hall of Fame chances in jeopardy.

"Yes, we caught quite a bit of heat. But in the end, the only thing that really matters is how did it end?" commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday. "And we ended up with the toughest steroids program in American sports."

Baseball went from no drug policy in 2002, to strenuous testing in 2003, to counseling for positive tests in 2004 to a dozen 10-day suspensions this year. Palmeiro was the most prominent player to flunk a urine test.

Starting next year, an initial positive test will result in a 30-game suspension. A second positive will be tested for amphetamines for the first time — with penalties for a second positive. After refusing Selig's proposal from April 9-November 6, the players' association gave in after Congress threatened to enact a law, which likely would have provoked lengthy and complicated litigation.

"Hopefully we can move on to other things," union head Ed Staszko said. "It still feels like something much better handled by agreement than it would have been by legislation."

Management and the union will be bargaining again in 2006, this time over a subject that's far more significant to most players and owners — money.

Baseball's labor contract expires Dec. 19, 2006, and with it the sport's luxury tax, designed



Former Oakland Athletic and Texas Ranger baseball player Joe Jackson testifies during a hearing on Capitol Hill to examine the use of steroids in baseball, in Washington, on March 27, 2005.

to slow spending by the New York Yankees, who despite baseball's first \$200 million payroll failed to advance past the first round of the playoffs.

New York has run up tax bills of \$3.15 million in 2003, \$25.96 million last year and \$34.05 million this season. The only other team to exceed the payroll thresholds were Boston (\$3.15 million in 2004 and \$4.16 million this year) and the Angels (\$27,059,053 last year).

"That figures to be a point of contention with the union, which thinks teams are benefiting from a boom. The fiscal and economic landscape is not at this point equivalent to what it was in 2001 and '02. And obviously, when you go into bargaining, you deal with what is not with what used to be," Fehr said. "The clubs have made a lot of comments in virtually all of our negotiations about distressed economic conditions. I will be very surprised if we hear very much of that this time."

the big story, going 11-1 in a postseason that included a World Series sweep of the Astros. Roger Clemens, Houston's 43-year-old ace, led a 187 ERA to lead the major leagues for the first time in 15 years.

Barry Bonds, another 40-something star, missed most of the season after knee surgery, returning in September and hitting just 42 at-bats. While his streak of four straight MVP awards ended, he hit five homers to boost his total to 708. His quest to top Babe Ruth (715) and career leader Hank Aaron (755) will be a big part of 2006.

Bonds, too, was part of the steroids story. His trainer and friend since childhood, Greg Anderson, was sentenced to three months behind bars and three months in home confinement after pleading guilty to money laundering and a steroid distribution charge as part of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative Investigation.

Jason Giambi, who like Bonds testified in 2003 before a federal grand jury investigating BALCO, didn't do much at the start of the season before rebounding. He batted .271 with 32 homers and 87 RBIs for the Yankees, and led the AL with a .470 batting average. He finished AL comeback player of the year honors.

His former Oakland teammate, Jose Canseco, sparked the latest round of steroids scrutiny with an autobiography released in February that accused several top players of steroid use. "Yes, we had some problems. We solved those problems. That's all part of what made it a great year," Selig said.

Storms blow Louisiana sports away

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — As the evacuation of Hurricane Katrina storm victims wound up, dozens of youngsters frolicked on the soggy artificial turf where the New Orleans Saints had played a preseason game just weeks before.

Strips of sunlight glared down from huge rips in the Superdome roof, water stood in corridors, mounds of trash were everywhere. The children held their cameras as the goons and vainglorious cheerleaders did touchdown dances and yelled with delight.

The killer storm that battered the giant stadium Aug. 29 also pounded athletic programs, facilities and athletes scattering teams across the country and wiping out programs.

College recruiters struggled to keep track of athletes who had fled the area. Everyone from the New Orleans Hornets to organizers of high school championships scrambled to hold seasons together.

"We had our teams everywhere," said University of New Orleans athletic director Jim Miller. The basketball team went to New Mexico State, men's and women's basketball went to the University of Texas at Tyler, the swim team went at Emory, track and field went to LSU, men's golf to LSU-Shreveport, the women to Nichols State. And we canceled our football season."

Sill, Miller feels lucky. Every sport except men's and women's tennis will return to campus this spring. The basketball arena, like the Superdome, received major damage, but the basketball teams will return in January and play in the old gym, Miller said.

At Tulane, the damage was much worse. The university cut half its athletic programs — men's track and cross country, women's swimming and tennis, men and women's tennis as well as men's and women's tennis as part of the cuts the hurricane caused. The cuts affected about 100 athletes.

After being evacuated to Jackson, Miss., the Tulane football team flew to New Orleans on Dec. 15 — playing 11 games in 11 different stadiums. After a few days in Jackson, the team moved to Dallas and eventually to Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La., for the rest of the season.

At McNeese University in Lake Charles, La., the football team played the last two games of the season at home after a double hit from Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Katrina forced LSU to postpone its opener with North Texas until Oct. 25, and its home game against Arizona State the following week was moved to Tempe.

For most of the season the school's stadium was used to house refugees.



Part of the Tulane University campus, including an athletic field, is shown covered in floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina on Sept. 7, 2005 in New Orleans.

Thirty-one high schools lost their football seasons due to Katrina and Rita, said Tommy Henry, commissioner of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. As many as 10 or more may not even have athletic programs by next fall, and that number could increase given that there are approximately 16 New Orleans area schools facing uncertain athletic futures.

That same damage sent the Saints to San Antonio, Okla. home for the week after the hurricane, at the Alamodome, at LSU, and were the "home" team when they traveled to New York to play the Giants.

A study has put the price tag on repairing the Superdome, which hoisted refugees for a week after the hurricane, at \$139.1 million. Officials hope to have it repaired by Nov. 2006.

The New Orleans Hornets of the NBA moved to Oklahoma City following the hurricane and quickly changed their name to the New Orleans-Oklahoma Hornets.

The Hornets hope to play one to three games in New Orleans in March, which could give them an idea of how a return would go.

Review

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every player who resented how much money he would receive. The contract time with everyone but Donovan McNabb. To the rest of us, he was the same old backstabber. ... I had my own franchise, killing me first. ... Hero or weasel?

Bersabe held his breath waiting for the first player to fall a steroid test. After chasing the busted, Alex "Who, Me, Mc" Sanchez was claimed off waivers by the San Francisco Giants, then given a ringing endorsement by the manager, Felipe Alou. "It's not like he murdered somebody or stole Mona Lisa."

Chicago swept the Houston Astros in the World Series, changing the postseason to a 16-game series. With few bona fide superstars and a wacky Latin wizard named Ozzie Guillen pulling the levers, this team is the element of surprise, a devastating franchise — in the Boston Red Sox year earlier — whose most memorable previous appearance in the Fall Classic was in 1919, colts delayed a dive.

The Indianapolis Colts delayed what might be America's longest-running necktie party — the 1572 Miami Dolphin annual champagne toast — but only for 14 weeks. Tony Dungy, Peyton Manning & Co., and a reworked defense were perfect in record only up to that point. But all that seemed so meaningless when the news came that Dungy's 18 year old son had died in an element suicide, a devastating blow that understandably took the NFL's resident family man out of the equation for the foreseeable future.

The sweetest moment involved one of sport's most noted curmudgeons, Bill Belichick, who grew up more interested in putting out his father's garbage than playing with the other 5-year-olds in the neighborhood, had his dad on the sideline one last time to see Tom Brady bring those schemes to life.

They embraced after the Patriots beat Philadelphia to win their second straight Super Bowl. ... Nine months later, Steve Belichick, a coach, assistant or scout with the U.S. Naval Academy, died in a heart attack over 50 years old. ... Almost as sweet was seeing Roy Williams get the win that validated all the others. As the coach of the program for over 50 years, died at 83.

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"They should make him out of gold," Faldo said, "and stick a big black on every tee box."

The administration at Notre Dame considered gold-plating rookie coach Charlie Weis for Oklahoma City following the hurricane and quickly changed their name to the New Orleans-Oklahoma Hornets.

Repeating was still possible for Larry Brown and the Detroit Pistons when they arrived in San Antonio for the NBA Finals. Instead, it was the Spurs and Tim Duncan, America's most reluctant superstar, who walked off with the hardware. Duncan played so meekly in stretches that on the eve of Game 7, the NBA's promotional tagline for the series, "Where Legends Are Born," began to sound like a dare.

A very workmanlike 25 points, 11 rebounds, three assists and two blocks later, Duncan had his third Finals MVP and joined some legendary company — Jordan, Magic Johnson and Shaquille O'Neal — as the only player enough to drive herself to the bank.

Danica Patrick remained the circuit's only recognizable star until she and special girl got uniform. Attracting attention was rarely a problem for NASCAR drivers, even if former bad boy Tony Stewart usually had a good reason for ducking cameras. This year, though, he kept his cool and capped his best season with a second Nextel Cup championship.

The best shot was provided by — who else? — Tiger Woods. He claved his way back atop the golf world after palatially losing his crown by his swing, winning another green jacket at Augusta, with a delicate chip from behind the ball that, when someone said "it's a good one," it was just trying to throw the ball up there ... let it feed down ... hopefully have a malleable put ... I missed pretty good ... looked, like, really good ... looked like, how could it not go in? ... how did it not go in? ... all of a sudden, it went in.

Then just for good measure, and with impeccable timing, he and Jack Nicklaus' retirement parties. ... Andrew's pass by and blistered the Old Course to capture his second major of the year. About to turn 40, his one-time prodigy can only hope to be remembered long after fellow British Open winner Nick Faldo suggested we commemorate Nicklaus.

Even more difficult was finding someone in tennis who could beat Roger Federer. The president Swiss, instrument beat 81-4 on the season, successfully defended his Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles and held onto the sports to ranking.

"You've got to win a lot of tournaments," David Nalbandian told Federer after denying him a third consecutive Tennis Masters Cup triumph, "so let me keep this one."

Keeping his place as the best quote in sports was no problem for Mike Tyson. ... "You smart too late and old too soon," Tyson said after his latest comeback effort was cut short in June by a pug named Kevin Moran on "I just got caught up in that stuff again. I feel like Rip Van Winkle right now."

Pride

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game, with quarterback Cody Hodson playing triggerman. ... They were the unique bunch we've played, Albanna coach Mike Shula said.

If Albanna can ground the Red Raiders in this, it'll help confirm what SEC supporters have said all season: The league-wide scoring slump was more about stingy defense than inept offensive play.

Florida, Auburn and SEC champ Georgia also play on Jan. 2.

The Gators and Tigers face Big Ten opponents, with Florida getting Iowa in the Outback Bowl and Auburn facing Wisconsin in the Capital One.

Only the SEC has a top heavy season. The Big Ten was the deepest conference in the country and the only league with two teams in the BCS.

Ohio State is in the Fiesta Bowl for the third time in four seasons, facing Notre Dame on Jan. 2. Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions are in the BCS for the first time.

Georgia faces West Virginia in the Sugar Bowl, with the Mountaineers trying to restore respect for the much-maligned Big Tech.

West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez quietly did a tremendous job with a young team, getting big seasons from Chris Byrd and Matt Slaton and redshirt freshman quarterback Pat White.

Last season in the Fiesta Bowl, Big East champ Pittsburgh took the lead in the fourth and so did the league's reputation. The Mountaineers and Louisville have a chance to top the Big East in victory of its automatic BCS bid. A Louisville win over Virginia Tech, which bolted for the ACC, along with Miami after 2003, would be especially sweet.

The picks

MONDAY
Cotton Bowl — Alabama (plus 3) vs. Texas Tech: Tide's first Cotton Bowl since Bear Bryant lost to Texas in 1982 ... TEXAS TECH 27-21.

Outback Bowl — Iowa (plus 5) vs. Florida: Hawkeyes beat 23-led Gators 37-17 in Outback two years ago ... FLORIDA 24-20.

TUESDAY
Orange Bowl — Penn State (minus 8) vs. Florida State: Bobby Bowden's 69th bowl winning percentage is best; Paterno 20-10 in bowls ... PENN STATE 34-17.

WEDNESDAY
Rose Bowl — Texas (plus 8) vs. Southern California: Trojans have won 21 Rose Bowls; Texas one ... SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 45-28.

The plane first had to stop in Lima. That meant the fans might not get the game. So the pilots told the control tower they were low on fuel and headed for Paura, where emergency crews stopped by.

At baseball, the Red Sox played the Jays game of Sept. 14 was plenty odd. Boston's Gene Kapler was hustling around second base on Tony Grafano's homer when he tripped on the infield dirt with a torn Achilles tendon.

Grafano wisely did not pass his fallen teammate on the base path. The Red Sox were allowed to bring in a pinch-runner for Kapler. Out trotted Alfredo Machado. It was the first time he had been on base in the majors.

Nor did Colorado Rockies pitcher Darren Oliver imagine the kind of outing he was in for during spring training in Tucson, Ariz. He was sent scurrying from the mound by swarms of bees. The Astros' "Killer B's" are one thing, but the bees are the real deal.

Oliver suspects the coconut oil in his hair gel made him irresistible. And fight — his, not the bees' — was the prudent course.

With the Turin Olympics just a toe-loop jump away, 2006 was a reminder that the Winter Games bring their own curiosities.

A competitor in curling — curling — was suspended for two years on a doping violation. And that great melodrama of the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics starring Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding is being the way of "La Traviata" and "Carmen." The figure skating saga has been set to music: "Nancy and Tonya: The Opem," to be performed this spring in Boston.

Quirks

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World Cup, an amateur soccer tournament in Scotland. Starting rosters filled with the down and out, players facing poverty, drugs, alcohol and depression. Some two dozen nations took part, but only 10 were held as six for African teams. They were deemed too poor to pay their way.

Madrasians were not the only ones in soccer with otherworldly concerns. Raymond Domenech, coach of the French national team, delayed naming his starting goalkeeper because the zodiac portended bad tidings.

"I consulted the stars," he said. "It was not the right day."

Also up in the sky was the jet carrying nearly 300 Gambian soccer fans to Peru for the FIFA Under-17 World Championship. The game involving their country was in Peru, but

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

BASKETBALL
Women, UCLA at Stanford, 7 p.m.
FOOTBALL
Seahawks at Packers, 8 p.m.
Baseball at Chicago, Fox, 2 p.m.
Rams at Cowboys, ESPN, 6:30 p.m.

Where's the score?
Due to an early deadline, results from late afternoon and evening games will be published in Monday's Times-News.

BASKETBALL

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WESTERN BASKETBALL

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Friday's Games

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Saturday's Games

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NBA Box Score

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Monday's AP Top 25

Table with columns for Rank, Team, W-L, Coach.

Friday's Late NBA Boxes

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Portland's AP Top 25

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Women's AP Top 25

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Area ski report

Male
Boys' Team... 1st 10:00, 2nd 10:15, 3rd 10:30...
Female
Girls' Team... 1st 10:15, 2nd 10:30, 3rd 10:45...

NBA Leaders

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Rapids soccer club holds open-ups

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club is seeking boys and girls 8-18 to participate in its spring soccer program.

USA ties Switzerland at junior

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Eric Blum and Mattias Johgi scored power-play goals in the third period to help Switzerland rally for a 2-2 tie with the United States on Friday in the world junior hockey championship.

Cal Ripken registration starts next month

TWIN FALLS — Cal Ripken Baseball registration for players ages 9-12 (as of April 30, 2003) will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Park.

Jerome Rec offers hoops tour

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold a basketball tournament for girls in grades 7-8 and boys in grade 6 on Jan. 6-7.

Elks hold Hoop Shoot

BURLEY — The Burley Elks will hold its annual Hoop Shoot for boys and girls ages 8-12 on Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Civic Center in Burley.

Hearing set for harassment claims

With less than a week until the U.S. skeleton team begins its final round of preparations for the Turin Olympics, the sports national federation is naming someone to hear sexual harassment allegations made against coach Tim Nardello.

Randa returns to Pirates eight years later

PITTSBURGH — Joe Randa never wanted to leave Pittsburgh eight years ago when the Pirates didn't protect him in the expansion draft.

Dallas to host 2007 NHL All-Star game

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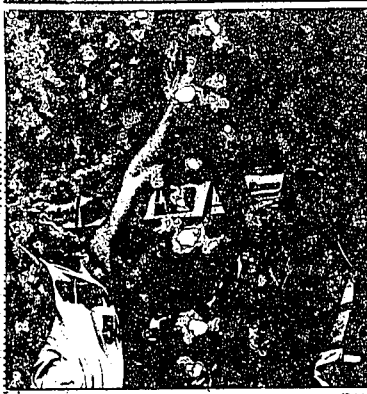
Hedrick wins 10,000 in world-record time

KEARNS, Utah — Watch out, Eric Holden. Chad Hedrick might be coming after your record in five speedskating gold medals in one Olympics.

Compelled from staff and wife reports

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Advertisement for Honda CRV 4x4 LX and Ford F-250 crew cab Lariat 4x4. Includes prices, features, and contact information for Middlekauff Honda.



Yakama Sun King's Ronny Turiaf (44) shoots over Idaho Stampede's Eric Chomowitz (10) during the first half of their basketball game last Monday in Boise.

Turiaf hopes for short CBA stint after heart surgery

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Ronny Turiaf admits he's shy about anyone seeing the scar that runs down the center of his chest. Still, pink five months after surgery, instead, the former Gonzaga star points people to the "Never Lose Faith" tattoo across his back.

"The tattoo was there long before doctors cracked open his chest to repair a potentially life-threatening heart condition that at least temporarily derailed his future with the Los Angeles Lakers, who chose him in the second round of the 2005 NBA draft.

"It definitely means more to me," he said of the tattoo's message. "I'm a prime example that anything can happen to anybody. I've always said you have to ride your life 'til the wheels fall off."

His wheels may be the only thing holding the 22-year-old back from joining the Lakers. Two games into a stint with the CBA's Yakama Sun Kings to rehabilitate following surgery, Turiaf has scored 26 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in just 39 minutes.

The jump hook is still there. The defense remains as intense as his passion for basketball. Turiaf is the first of the bench to congratulate a teammate and the first to berate himself for a mistake. The shots he's missed have largely been short of the rim, a sure sign that surgery isn't the only part of his game that hasn't returned.

"Five months ago, it was very hard to think about playing," he said with a grimace. "It was difficult, and it was a long process, but I'm pretty happy it came to an end. It's not over yet, but it's still a pretty good step, to be able to play five-on-five, being in front of referees. It's a first step."

The 6-foot-10 forward averages 29.3 points per game, second rounds as a senior last season at Gonzaga, a small private Spokane school that's a Top 25 college basketball fixture. He became something of a hero there, known as much for his dreadlocks and jolly nature as his name (pronounced Roon) and his skills on the court.

After heart surgery, Turiaf turned up the heart abnormally; an enlarged aortic root that required open-heart surgery. The last thing Turiaf remembers before going under the knife is admitting to the doctors he was scared.

"I don't remember my family waiting for seven hours knowing that I had my chest open. I don't know what happened. I don't want to know what happened. I don't want to think about it," he said.

What followed were the longest months Turiaf would spend in a hospital bed since he first took up the game at age 14, at home on the Caribbean island of Martinique.

After the surgery, he couldn't even lift his arms. He spent weeks resting, then slowly rehabilitating, until doctors cleared him to play. Now he said he feels fine, though his chest is still sore and he tires more easily.

The Lakers voided Turiaf's contract following the physical, but the team paid for his pre-operation medical costs and the cost of the surgery. His post-operation costs have been paid through a fund approved by the NBA.

The Sun Kings also drafted Turiaf in the CBA draft, after the surgery, on the off-chance he might rehabilitate in view of fans in his adopted state.

Spokane is about 150 miles northeast of Yakima. Sun Kings coach Paul Woolpert and his assistants have kept a close eye on Turiaf's health.

"It's constantly in the back of my mind," Woolpert said. "Fortunately, there are very few of us who've been in this situation, but I think the only way to go about this is with extreme caution. It's uncharted waters."

The Lakers retain the rights to Turiaf and have monitored his progress closely. Already, Woolpert knows his chances of keeping Turiaf for long are slim.

"Realistically? Ronny Turiaf is a long-term NBA player. I think we will all have to recognize that and just enjoy the moment, whether it be two weeks or six weeks. Just be happy with what you can get," he said.

Mark Strickland, an NBA and CBA veteran from Temple, agreed. The Sun King signed Strickland at the same time as Turiaf, hoping to give the team more size.

Crosby steers Pens past Rangers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sidney Crosby scored the game-winning goal with 1.5 minutes left in overtime by steering a rebound past New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, and also set up the first goal as the Pittsburgh Penguins won 4-3 Saturday despite squandering three leads.

Crosby has three goals in two games and has five goals and assists in four games since being snubbed for the Canadian Olympic team. The No. 1 draft pick has six goals in six games since being limited to one goal in his previous eight games and 19 goals in 37 games.

With Tomas Svobota scoring twice for the second consecutive game, the Penguins outshot the Rangers 37-17, two nights after being outshot 46-25 in a 6-2 victory over the New Jersey Devils. But the Rangers bounced back from deficits of 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 with goals by Jermol Jacin, Martin Rucinsky and Ytchu while going 3-of-8 on the power play.

Pittsburgh also 3-of-8 on the power play, but won successive

games for the first time since beating the Devils and Islanders on the road in early November.

Capitals 4, Flyers 3, 50

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N.C. State defense stuffs USF

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Charuck Amato dived right, then danced left, successfully missing the bucket with his victorious North Carolina State players tried to dump on him.

Minutes later, Amato tried to accept the Meineke Car Care Bowl trophy, but he quickly ran out of moves and received a chilly dousing down his back.

It was the relief he was looking for after a trying up-and-down season.

The Wolfpack used stout defense and just enough offense to cap a late-season rally with a 14-0 victory over South Florida on Saturday that gives them a three-game winning streak to close the year.

"This might be one of the big wins, but it's not the end, and none of this university could have had," Amato said. "It could be the steppingstone for a lot of things."



North Carolina State's Mario Williams (9) recovers a fumble by South Florida's Carlton Hill (4) during the third quarter of the Meineke Car Care Bowl in Charlotte, N.C. on Saturday.

"For us to come here, win like we did and shut them out ... it settles it down a little bit," said defensive end Mario Williams, who indicated he'll likely go out on top by declaring for the NFL draft sometime next year.

Brian Clark caught a 9-yard touchdown pass and Andre Brown scored on a 1-yard run to move up to Division 1-A in the second quarter then held on to hand South Florida (6-6) its first shutout in school history.

It was a disappointing end for the Wolfpack, who were playing in their first bowl in school history. They launched their program nine years ago, moved up to Division 1-A in 2001 and capped their first season in the Big East with a bowl bid.

But their 100th game didn't turn out the way they hoped.

"I don't want South Florida to be 'We just did this. We just did that.' That's baloney," coach Jim Leavitt said. "We want to win football games. I get disgusted when we lose and we came here to win."

Tulsa 31, Fresno State 24

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Paul Smith ran 4 yards for the winning touchdown with 2:55 remaining, and Tulsa's defense had two key fourth-quarter interceptions in a 31-24 victory over Fresno State in the Liberty Bowl on Saturday.

Smith, the game's MVP, finished 18-of-27 passing for 234 yards with a 54-yard touchdown pass to Ashlan Davis, that made his biggest play on the ground when he scrambled around three Fresno State defenders and into the end zone to secure Tulsa's first bowl victory since 1921.

Defensive back Anthony Ger-

many set up that play by picking off Paul Pinegar's pass with just under 7 minutes remaining. Smith then led Tulsa on the decisive eight-play, 52-yard drive.

Fresno State had one final chance to force overtime and Pinegar drove the Bulldogs to the Tulsa 42 before his pass to the sideline was picked off by linebacker Nelson Coleman.

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ning streak to 10 games, the third-longest in the nation behind No. 1 USC (34) and No. 2 Texas (18).

LoCoCo's field goal was TCU's only score in the second half after the Horned Frogs built a 24-17 halftime lead.

The Mountain West champion Horned Frogs were out to prove themselves after being snubbed by the BCS. TCU has the best record among teams from non-BCS conferences.

The win gave TCU (11-1, 9-0) 11 victories for the fourth time in school history and the first time since 2003.

It was an sloppy game with four fumbles, three interceptions and 20 penalties.

Quarterback Jeff Bland improved to 9-0 as a starter by throwing for 275 yards and a touchdown, despite being sacked six times.

TCU had a chance to go ahead early in the fourth quarter, but running back Robert Merrill fumbled at the 1-yard line after a 21-yard run, and Iowa State recovered.

Bret Meyer threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Todd Blythe to move Iowa State (7-5, 4-4 Big 12) into a 2-1 tie in the third quarter of the season.

Blythe hit the end zone with his helmet following the diving catch.

The score was Blythe's school-record ninth touchdown, and his 17th career.

Meyer was 20-of-33 for 254 yards and three touchdowns.

USC looks into possible recruiting violations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Southern California is looking into whether its adopted state program violated any NCAA rules by taking recruits to a restaurant owned by a former Trojans player.

Pete Carroll acknowledged Saturday that USC's

athletic department had given information to the school's compliance department about the frequent visits. He would not comment further during a Rose Bowl news conference.

The top-ranked Trojans play Texas for the national championship on Wednesday.

As a former player, Papadakis is prohibited from speaking to recruits about the Trojans.

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14. TCU 27, Iowa State 24

HOUSTON — Peter LoCoCo kicked a 44-yard field goal with less than 6 minutes remaining to give No. 14 TCU a 27-24 win over Iowa State in the Houston Bowl on Saturday.

The win extended TCU's win-

Cavaliers record big win against Pistons

CLEVELAND (AP) — One day after LeBron James turned 21, the Cleveland Cavaliers may have come of age, too.

James scored 30 points with seven rebounds and seven assists in the Cavaliers' 97-84 win over the Detroit Pistons.

He had their winning streak stopped at nine and lost for just the fourth time this season.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 18 points. Larry Sandusky and Drew Gooden 13 with 13 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who posted their most impressive victory and improved to 13-3 at Qwest Field.

Cleveland has won the last

three meetings at home against the Pistons, the team they're trying to catch in the Central Division and the franchise they aspire to be like someday.

The Pistons, who came in on pace to win a record 73 regular-season games, shot a season-low 36 percent (92-of-81) from the floor and dropped to 24-4 — still one of the best starts in NBA history.

Timothy Lincecum, who came in averaging 15.1 points, had just four on 2-of-12 shooting. Chauncey Billups was only 2-for-11 from the field and had 14 points. Wallace and Richard Hamilton had 21 points apiece

to lead the Pistons and Ben Wallace added 11 with 16 rebounds. The Cavaliers, who led by 19 points in the first half, pushed it to 20 late in the third quarter and then held off a late push by the Pistons, who got within 92-82 on Carlos Delauney's free throw with 3:41 remaining.

But James, who posted up in the lane more than usual, drilled a 3-pointer with 3:17 left, and after Ilgauskas' basket made it 97-82, Cleveland fans began to celebrate an unlikely blowout of the league's top team.

"I'm not sure if it's the best of the season," Cleveland coach Mike Fratello said. "The Pistons started cold from

the floor and remained that way in the first half, shooting just 31 percent in falling behind by 19 points."

Donyell Marshall made consecutive 3-pointers and James completed a three-point play as the Cavaliers opened the second quarter with 11 straight points to open a 12-point lead, forcing the Pistons to play from behind the rest of the game.

Detroit, though, recovered and closed within 36-28. However, Ilgauskas scored five points, and Wallace forced five turnovers, called for a technical foul and went off another 11-0 spurt and ended up 49-30.

Heatley is thriving as he begins anew in Ottawa

OTTAWA (AP) — Dany Heatley understood it was time to leave. He wanted to begin again, and he asked the Atlanta Thrashers to trade him before the NHL's trade deadline.

"His motivation was clear — the death of friend and teammate Dan Snyder."

"I knew I wanted to come in and play for the good guys, a back to playing 'hockey the way I can,'" he says. "And it's worked out that way so far."

Heatley is playing sensationally for the Ottawa Senators, who have the best record in the league. He was acquired from Atlanta in an Aug. 23 trade for the Thrashers' top scorer, Devin Settle, and picked up points in each of his first 22 games.

He had 17 goals and 21 assists during the streak, which broke Heatley's team record and fell one game short of Wayne Gretzky's mark for the longest point streak upon joining a new team. That was set in 1988 after Gretzky's trade from the Los Angeles Kings to the Vancouver Canucks.

His address may have changed but Heatley remains shadowed by those days before the trade. Heatley, a budding superstar, was riding with Snyder and lost control of

his black Ferrari and crashed while speeding on a residential Atlanta road. The car was torn apart. Heatley was injured; Snyder died in the hospital not long after.

Heatley was sentenced to three years' probation on Feb. 4 after pleading guilty to second-degree vehicular homicide and three other charges.

"Anyone who has ever gone through anything like that, or lost a friend or a family member, they know what it's never going to leave you," Heatley said. "But at the same time it gets better, and as time goes on it gets better."

Heatley was left with a broken jaw and serious knee injury from the wreck and missed the first 51 games of the 2003-04 season. He had 13 goals and 12 assists in 31 games upon returning but was injured again last season while playing in Switzerland during the lockout. A puck hit him in the left eye, breaking an orbital bone that required surgery.

General manager John Muckler says the Senators had concerns about trading for Heatley.

"People were saying that he couldn't see the puck in his foot," he said. "He'd had a poor train-

ing camp with Team Canada," he says. "All those things were negative but I still kept in mind what the upside was going to be if he got back on track."

"I'm in a new environment, a Canadian city coming to a Canadian city," he added. "He wanted to play with what we have in Canada, more pressure because we talk about hockey all the time — it's a religion in Canada. He wanted all those things and I decided it was the right thing to do."

The addition of Heatley created immediate buzz in Ottawa. He's the first to admit he thrives in the city's hockey-mad environment.

"I love the pressure they put on the team and on me personally," he says. "I grew up in that atmosphere in Calgary and I love people talking about it. I think it brings out the best in you and your team."

Heatley scored Ottawa's second and shootout goal to clinch the Senators' season-opening win in Toronto on Oct. 5, beginning his point streak with an assist in regulation. He has had five multi-goal games this season, including a career-high four against the Maple Leafs on Oct.

29 to the Hossa's team record.

Carolina defenseman Glen Wesley faced Heatley regularly when he was a Southeast Division rival.

Heatley was the NHL's rookie of the year in 2001-02. The following season he scored 41 goals and finished ninth in scoring with 69 points. He was the MVP of the All-Star game after a four-goal performance.

Heatley is grateful for the support he received from Snyder's family, which urged the trial judge to keep him out of jail. Heatley prefers not to discuss the accident.

"Through it all, there is passion for hockey."

Heatley's first game of the New Year will be his first in Atlanta as a visiting player. Thrashers fans greeted him with a huge ovation when he returned for his first game following the accident in 2004. He had 60 goals and 101 assists in 190 games with Atlanta.

It's unclear what kind of reception awaits when he steps on the Phillips Arena ice Monday in a Senators uniform. Whatever it may be, Heatley is at peace with his decision for a change of scenery.



Broncos knock around Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — John Lynch sent the San Diego Chargers into a painful offseason. The Denver safety, who's from San Diego, keyed a 23-7 Broncos win on Saturday by knocking Drew Brees out of the game with a shoulder injury. The forcing Philip Rivers to fumble in the end zone, resulting in a safety. Tatum Bell scored three touchdowns for Denver, but he was held to 52 yards on 17 carries. He needed 131 yards for 1,000. He and Mike Anderson, were trying to become the first running back tandem in NFL history to finish with 1,000 yards each. The game, played on a rainy afternoon in front of a crowd that included thousands of Broncos fans, meant nothing in the standings. Denver (13-3) had already clinched the AFC West title and a first-round bye. Quarterback Jake Plummer got banged around a bit, but led the Broncos to a 14-7 halftime lead before making way for Bradlee Van Pelt. The division (13-3) had already won the last year, lost three of its last four games. After ending Indianapolis' shot at a perfect season on Dec. 18, the Chargers were knocked out of the playoff picture with a lustrous performance in a 20-7 loss at Kansas City on Christmas Eve. San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson did set two club records. His 6-yard scoring run in the second quarter was his 20th touchdown of the season, breaking out of a tie with Chuck

Muncie, who scored 19 TDs in 1981. He also eclipsed Hall of Famer Lance Alworth's team career mark of 9,721 yards from scrimmage, pushing his total to 9,755. Tomlinson hadn't scored in the previous four games, matching the longest drought of his two-year career. He gained 92 yards on 19 carries, his fifth straight game under 100 yards. Bell had a 19-yard touchdown run late in the game, one play after Curme Cox intercepted Rivers and returned it 48 yards. The Broncos got another play after Rivers tipped off Cox's helmet at the end of the play, drawing a 15-yard face-mask penalty. Brees hurt his right shoulder late in the second quarter when he dropped back to pass in his own end zone and was blindsided by the blitzing Lynch, who hacked at his right arm. Brees fumbled and was hit again while going for the ball, which was recovered by Denver's Sam Bradford at the 1. Bell scored on the next play to give the Broncos a 14-0 lead. Rivers had been in for only one play this year, taking a knee to end an 49-10 win over Buffalo on Nov. 20. Rivers led the Chargers on a 10-play, 63-yard scoring drive late in the second quarter, going 10 for 39 yards. The Chargers are lined up for a field goal attempt on fourth-and-1 from the Denver 6, but when the officials reset the play clock, they went for it and Tomlinson scored to cut Denver's lead to 14-7.

No denying Alexander

SEATTLE (AP) — When Shaun Alexander finished a yard behind the New York Jets' Curtis Martin for the league's rushing title last season, he criticized Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, saying he "stabbed me in the back." Holmgren called a quarterback sneak to end the season instead of one more Alexander carry that might have clinched the individual honor. So it was startling to see Holmgren grabbing at the back of Alexander's jersey and pulling him into the field late in the Sunday's win over Indianapolis. Alexander looked like a caged tiger trying to claw to a fresh, all-year rushing title. The steady 27th touchdown of his delicious season, which would tie Priest Holmes' 2003 NFL record. But in yet another example of how the season is different for Alexander and the rest of the Seahawks, Holmgren was just calling a timeout. "He just wanted to let the crowd get really fired up as I came in," Alexander said. "It was really cool." Alexander then coolly plowed Lynch into the end zone and the record books. "I didn't want him to miss out if it could help it, like he did last year," Holmgren said. Entering Sunday's meaningless regular-season finale at Green Bay, the Seahawks (13-2) have already clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs and plan to rest their starters for much of the game. Alexander, who spent part of the week in Cincinnati for the funeral of his aunt, is expected to rejoin the team in time to start the game. "I would like to see him get the record if he can," Holmgren said. "He kind of knows he benefited from that. And at the same time, he also knows that being healthy for the playoffs is the most important thing." Alexander calls the record a non-issue. "The touchdown record to me, I already got it. That's how it felt," he said. "When I see guys who has the most touchdowns all year, they are going to say Priest Holmes and Shaun Alexander also is in position to get that elusive rushing crown. With 1,807 yards, he leads the New York Giants' Tim Lincecum by 150. But Barber and more meaningful game Thanksgiving night at Oakland, where the

Giants can clinch the NFC East title. That sets up the possibility of Barber making past a reading, Alexander and a repeat of his bitterness that ended last season. Or does it? "I think last year was made more dramatic than it really was to me and Mike," said Alexander, who apologized for his "stabbed in the back" remark a few days after he said it. "Everybody in this whole organization, their big goal is to win a bunch of games, go undefeated here at home, get to the Super Bowl and see what happens," Alexander said. "When everybody has that as their goal, it eliminates all the other personal goals." But it doesn't eliminate personal achievements. Alexander's preseason began with the Seahawks' designation him their franchise player. That meant no free-agency riches. Instead, he had to accept the team's one-year, \$6.323 million offer. He took it without holding out, but only after the team agreed not to use the same franchise tag on him this coming offseason. Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said Alexander reporting to camp on time sent a clear message that the team is more important than Alexander's personal wants. He has really earned a lot of respect from his teammates this year," Hasselbeck said. "He came to camp on time when a lot of people didn't expect him to. That said a lot about the kind of commitment he was going to have to our team this year." Technically, Alexander was actually three days late to camp because of another 2005 gift: the birth of his second daughter.

Seahawks at Packers

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- One Director from District No. 1
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ACROSS	1	Come into sight	68	Oriental nanny	119	Old gas	41	Phone	81	Sailing vessel
7	2	Locher to DDE	69	Auto	120	Old pol. divisions	42	One concealing	82	One concealing
8	3	Lubricates	70	Ron Wu	121	Scottish Gaelic	43	Pert's creator	83	A peek at a
9	4	Color alterer	71	Pick up anew	122	Takes an oath	44	Relating shaping	84	Gilbert of
10	5	Not busy	72	Above, in poetry	1	Comrades	45	Preferred	85	Approaching
11	6	Ginger cookies	73	City Avenue store	2	Coyote State's	46	mobility?	86	the end
12	7	Kind of long	74	Disintegrative suffix	3	capital	47	Faust's	87	Slugs to
13	8	Iron pitcherman's	75	Hauled	4	Thin growth	48	Comic French	88	Mob members
14	9	suggestion?	76	Middle East grp.	5	layer of	49	comment	89	Weather-map
15	10	"American	77	Man with an	6	corrosion	50	Route	90	lines
16	11	Beauty	78	Bawl out	7	Black, to Blake	51	Director Spike	91	Wood of disgust
17	12	Color alterer	79	Had best bunch	8	Romulo's lead?	52	Without stopping	92	Elctra
18	13	Appt	80	Spand to excess	9	Publishing	53	Tent post	93	Low god
19	14	Not busy	81	Spand to excess	10	pitchman's	54	Eloquent speaker	94	Tennessee's
20	15	Taberna's trees	82	Stock items	11	suggestion?	55	Woe	95	izzard?
21	16	Schedule figs.	83	Use the earth's	12	Stitched border	56	Risks a ticket	96	More inside
22	17	Matchmaking	84	Singer Ocasek	13	Portable light	57	Chosen pursuit	97	Turns into
23	18	service's	85	Concerning	14	100 Creek truck	58	Wine cabinet	98	102 Takes five
24	19	Pat Neal	86	Big name	15	100 Creek truck	59	Antiblast. abbr.	99	Bakery workers
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27	22	Aglow	89	finds	18	100 Creek truck	62	Antiblast. abbr.	102	110 Lacoste of tennis
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29	24	Island hopper	91	100 Creek truck	20	100 Creek truck	64	Wearing	104	One Ted's
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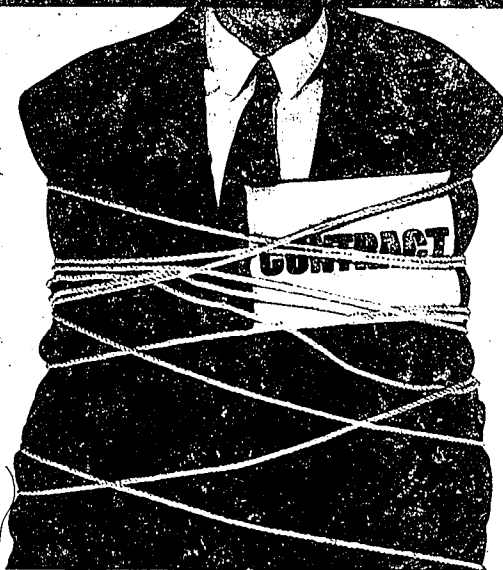
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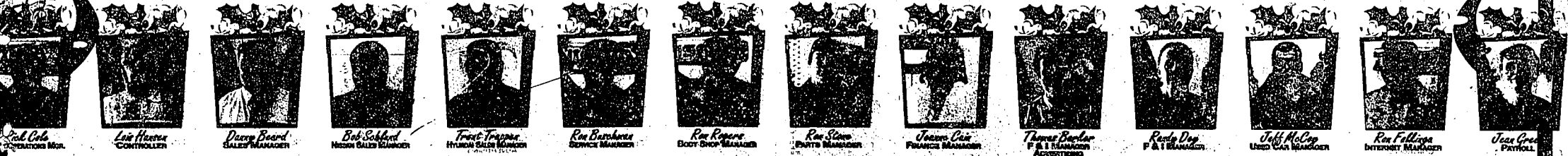
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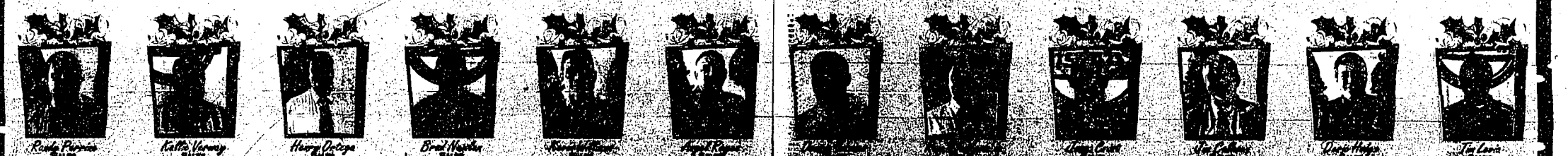
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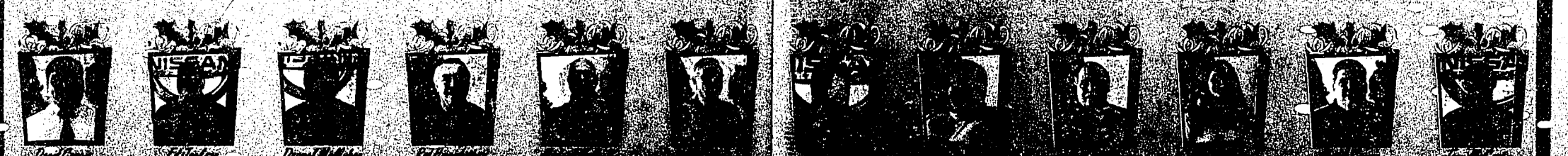
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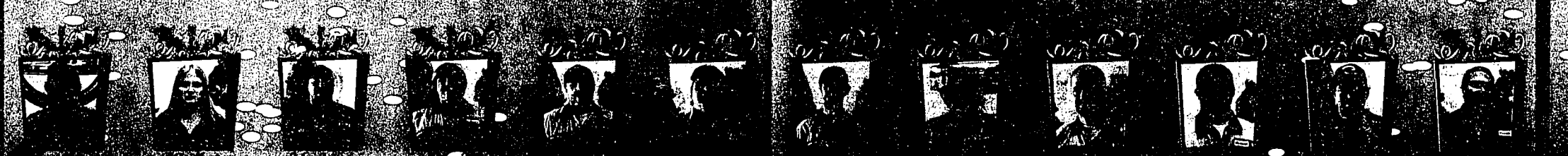
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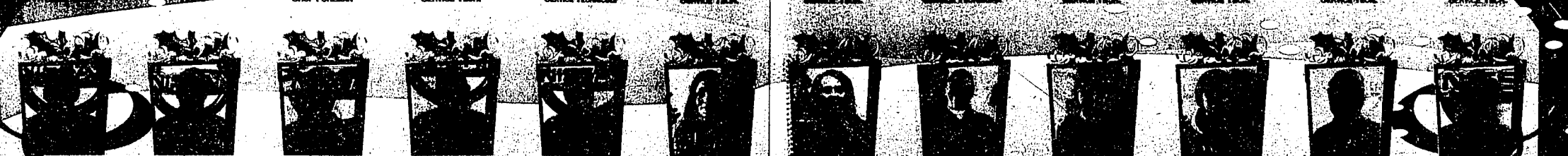
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Even after two centuries, asteroids still surprise us

In the early hours of Jan. 1, 1801, Italian astronomer Giuseppe Piazzi was at his telescope for nearly 10 years he had been carefully measuring star positions to determine stellar distances. Then he spotted something that wasn't on his charts.

Piazzi assumed the starlike object was a new comet, but subsequent observations revealed otherwise. Instead of an orbit like a comet's, its orbit was more circular and lay between Mars and Jupiter. Its faintness indicated that it was far too small to be a planet. Piazzi had discovered Ceres, the first—and largest—of the asteroids.



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday

- **Planets:** One hour before sunrise: Jupiter: SSE, low Saturn: W, low One hour after sunset: Venus: WSW, extremely low Mars: SE, high • **Moon:** First quarter 11:57 a.m. Friday. • **Other data:** Earth at perihelion (closest to sun) for 2006 at 91,406,200 miles) 9 a.m. Wednesday.

(terrestrial rocks, and the rest are metallic).

The first hint that asteroids could be more easily pigeonholed came in 1983 with the discovery of Phosihun. While it looks like an asteroid, its orbit, size and brightness more closely resemble a comet's. Yet it lacks a comet's tail and gas-enriched head. Leading some to believe it is a burned-out comet whose gases have all vaporized, leaving only rock behind.

The nebulous boundary between asteroids and comets was further blurred by recent observations from the Hubble Space Telescope, indicating that Ceres may possess a layer of ice beneath its surface. About the third century of asteroid science, these mysterious objects still harbor surprises.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Herriot Planetarium at the Herret Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

study. By sifting through the color they reflect, it's possible to determine the chemicals of their surfaces. About three quarters are carbon-like, a fifth are similar to

Your new year can start out right, with positive resolutions

DEAR READERS: Rise and shine, everyone! Welcome to a brand new year. To determine our chance for a new beginning, the day we discard destructive habits for healthy new ones. With that in mind, I'm printing Dear Abby's 10 requested list of New Year resolutions — adapted by my mother from the original credo of Al-Anon.

Just for Today, I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once. I know that it is do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for Today, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

Just for Today, I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for Today, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This year, no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Padres say, "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bandages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of God." The following prayer of Saint Francis contains a powerful message:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
"Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
"Where there is injury, pardon me;
"Where there is doubt, faith;
"Where there is despair, hope;
"Where there is darkness, light;
"Where there is sadness, joy.
"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
"To be understood as to understand;
"To be loved as to love.
"For it is in giving that we receive;
"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

May we all be granted peace and joy in this new year.
To one and all, a happy, healthy 2006!
— Love, ABBY

Don't be a bump on a log, Virgo; take a brisk walk outside, play cards

IF JAN. 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Have faith in your abilities and be fearless when faced with change in the year to come. Make your resolutions for the New Year count by pressing for the advantage in late March and early April. This is when you are most likely to luck into beneficial situations and helpful people. In late April and July only hard work and a sterling character can keep you on track, so avoid making promises or entering into agreements during those times. Spread your wings and fly over obstacles in August when plans can easily be launched and Lady Luck is on your side again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Happy New Year! Actions speak louder than words, so set three stars, so take the first concrete step towards achieving a New Year's resolution. Take pride in your ability to entertain your guests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Happy New Year! Stretch muscles. Playing football in the backyard may be more fun than watching on TV. How easily you can stick to a resolution is in direct proportion to your effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Happy New Year! "Forgive and forget" should be your motto for

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the year to come. Patch up quarrels and find ways to compromise with the special people you love the most under these stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Happy New Year! Circumstances may remind you to make a firm resolution to be more thrifty and penny-wise. But that doesn't mean you should charge your guests for their drinks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Happy New Year! All must hold up their ends of the bargain. Avoid guilt by doing what you promised to do. You will reach your goals faster by building up rather than tearing down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Happy New Year! Don't be a bump on the log. Take a brisk walk in the woods. A letter dinner or get out the cards. A little healthy competition might clear the air with family members.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Happy New Year! The home or family may be the center of activities today, so put on your best manners. Whether you are a guest or a host, an aura of good

will puts past disagreements into limbo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Happy New Year! Tell it like it is. Encouragement in the stars so you are sure to achieve your New Year's resolution if you share your secret aspirations with significant others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Happy New Year! Be a cheerleader for the football game or just drip with enthusiasm for whatever or whoever knocks on your door. Fearlessly ante up your pennies to share in the fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Happy New Year! Don't let doubts or a little hard work stand in a great time. Clouds of uncertainty quickly blow away when you shine with confidence and push a little harder.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Happy New Year! Be clear about your desires as well as your wants and needs. Those who crave nothing at all are probably depressed. Set your goals and then take action to achieve them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Happy New Year! Don't nuzzle words or be afraid to voice your resolutions. Sometimes it's best to be direct and to the point. Be determined to secure what you want when you want it.

SENIOR CALENDAR

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Dinners served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

Menu:
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Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, cornbread, honey butter, trail mix, frosted cake
Thursday: Roast beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered carrots, fruit salad, ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Cards, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Foot clinic, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, noon
Friday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, eggs; \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, corn, fruit cookies
Wednesday: Biscuits and sausage gravy, pickled beets, fruit, tapioca pudding
Thursday: Chicken salad, casserole peas, Jell-O with fruit, cake, garlic bread
Friday: Barbecue chicken, potatoes and gravy, creamed corn, fruit, three-bean salad, coconut cream pie
Activities:
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar 8 p.m.
Early Bird, 6-8:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Old Time Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

Menu:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy, eggs, hash browns, fruit
Wednesday: Porcupine meatballs, baked potato, vegetables, chocolate pudding, peanut butter cookie
Friday: Beef stroganoff, Jell-O, carrots, spinach, apricots, brownie
Activities:
Monday: AA meeting, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menu:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, peas, cottage cheese, fruit, brownies, bread
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, baked squash, Mandarin oranges

omelets, dessert, bread sticks
Wednesday: Fish and chips, broccoli, carrot salad, dessert, corn muffins
Thursday: Obed steak, potato, puffs, vegetables, pears, oatmeal cake, roll
Friday: Leftovers

Activities:
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Wild One, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Music with June Koonce, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert
Friday: Fajita salad, fruit salad, cabbage salad, cottage cheese, bread, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bake bake days.
Menu:
Tuesday: Cheese enchiladas, beans, rice, salad, chips, salsa, peach cobbler
Thursday: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, colelaw, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Senior exercise, milk and coffee served daily.

Menu:
Tuesday: Combination pizza, mixed green salad, garlic sticks, peanut butter cookie, apple sauce
Wednesday: Taco soup, deviled eggs, cornbread, coconut cream pie
Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, homemade rolls, frosted cake
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilling, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Closed
Thursday: Potato soup, grilled

cheese sandwich, custard pie
Bellevue County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menu:
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, California vegetables, peas, cottage cheese, ice cream sundae
Wednesday: Baked potato and salad, brown gravy with honey butter, banana pudding
Thursday: Roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, carrots, julienne, orange almond salad, coconut cake with ice cream
Friday: Roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, carrots, julienne, orange almond salad, coconut cake with ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Caregivers, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Cury center
55 Alive, 8:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Camas County Camas Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
127 meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

Menu:
Tuesday: Baked potato bar, salad, appleauce, dessert
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, fruit, dessert
Friday: Roast, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dessert
Activities:
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.
Art class, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with dessert. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menu:
Monday: Salad, finger steaks, tater tots, vegetables, fruit bowl
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, cobbler
Wednesday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, salad, chocolate mousse
Thursday: Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, ice cream
Friday: Smogasbord

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHIBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

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Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	Sometimes
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Sometimes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes

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The heartache, the coping, the effects.

How to deal with a toddler's new habit

Question: My just-turned 3-year-old daughter started masturbating about six months ago, seemingly to calm herself when she was upset. That didn't bother me, but she's doing it more and more frequently now, and I'm beginning to get concerned. How can I get her to stop?



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Answer: It's not all that unusual for little girls as young as 3, and sometimes younger, to discover the "magic button" and become somewhat obsessed with "pushing" it. Masturbation is more common in girls this age than it is boys, which may have something to do with the fact that boys are generally more active than girls. In any case, it's nothing to worry about, not in and of itself. (I should mention, however, that excessive masturbation, if not the result of early attempts at self-pacification as is the case here — may be a marker of sexual abuse. Parents with suspicions/concerns along these lines should contact their child's physician.)

This age child is very much a pleasure seeker with a limited sense of what adults generally consider right vs. wrong, so it is why a toddler keeps climbing up on the counter for the cookie jar, no matter how many times he's reprimanded. So, what to do? Tell your daughter that children are not allowed to do "that" — give it a neutral name or just call it "rubbing" anywhere except in a certain bathroom (or any place in the house that isn't awful, just boring).

Furthermore, if caught doing "that" anywhere except the bathroom, they have to go to the bathroom and stay for 5 minutes. It's the rule. Period. Now, it's important that when you apprehend your daughter in the act that you not make a big deal of it. Just say, "You know the rule. You have to go to the bathroom for 5 minutes." If she promises to stop, say, "That's OK, but you still have to go to the bathroom because it's the rule. You can stop in there."

It's important that you not make this seem like punishment, which it isn't. It's simply a gentle means of helping her begin exercising some control over pushing it, which she's probably going to continue doing, for a while at least.

Once a little girl finds this particular button, she's going to keep pushing it, and the more attention she gets for it, the more adult hand-wringing that ensues, the more she's going to push. You can get your daughter to limit her masturbation, but she probably won't stop completely until she finds a sufficient number of other things to do, and activities with which to occupy her time.

Aloft those lines, if she's not already involved in a preschool program, enroll her in one. Don't let her watch much television, if any at all. Keep her as active as possible, but don't run yourself ragged in the process. This is not a test of how good a mother you are.

In the final analysis, where your daughter puts her hands has nothing whatsoever to do with you. Keep that perspective, please.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at www.rosemond.com.

G-rated lingerie appeals to tweens

By Lane H. Von Bergen
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — En route to dressing rooms, Lily Feingold and Brittany Garrison, both barely glanced at the nearly nude mannequin in her red tasseled bra and high-cut pantie at Victoria's Secret — one of their favorite stores.

"We don't use that," Brittany said, nodding toward the bra.

Neither Lily nor Brittany would have much use for any of Victoria's Secret's bras, actually. "They're just outwardly mobile," joked Lily's mother, Suzanne Bonsall Feingold.

Marketing experts call Lily and Brittany's yearnings "aspirational," and that aspiration may explain why the girls and many of their friends are regular Victoria's Secret customers, despite their tender age.

The company says it is absolutely not marketing to this young customer. But experts say that in a society where sexuality is omnipresent, young girls inevitably will look to a time when they can become sophisticated and young women like those they see on TV.

Or maybe they just look at cute lounge pants with the hearts and the glitter.

"I'm a customer, but that age group," said Anthony Helbron, a Victoria's Secret spokesman. "Our typical customer ranges from 20 to in her 40s."

Oops. Somebody forgot to tell Lily and Brittany.

At the mall, the girls headed directly to a Victoria's Secret department called "Pink" Helbron said the concept was introduced in 2004.

Pink's target market is the college aged 19 and up. "It's what you see around the dorm," he said. "It's the fun, playful stuff she needs, but still fashionable."

There are purple-panted mannequins in see-through negligees on one side of the store, the Pink side and PG-13, where G and PG-13, where stoned lounge pants in pink and shirts deconstructed with



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trunkmark mascot, a pink dog. Even the heart-covered things are more cute than racy.

It doesn't surprise retail experts that tweens like Lily and Brittany enjoy Victoria's Secret.

"It's something mature, something sophisticated," said David Morrison, who heads TeenSomething, a Radnor marketing company focused on younger consumers.

Even though the girls shop in the "Pink" part of the store, they see the other merchandise and living the lives they see on TV and online, he said.

"They can't put their full finger on what it means, but they know it's desirable," he said.

What's helping Victoria's Secret, said Martin "Marty" Rogoff, a visiting retailing professor at Philadelphia University, is what's hurting toy sales.

"There's something we call age compression," he said. Young people are leaving their childhoods early, forsaking toys for other pleasures, such as shopping.

On the fashion side, his colleagues are wearing pajamas to class, and so are

their younger siblings, when they can get away with it. That creates an instant market for Victoria's Secret's less provocative lines.

One of Rogoff's colleagues, Natalie Westheiser, an assistant professor of fashion-industry management, said Victoria's Secret is also tapping into a tween trend known as co-shopping — or shopping with Mom. "They are advising their daughters about their purchases, and their daughters are advising them," she said.

"They are not little girls and they aren't teenagers, but they have a lot of access to sophisticated information about what the media says is beautiful, what is pretty, what is hot and stylish and cool," she said. "They are very visually literate."

Morrison said he's not surprised that Victoria's Secret denies marketing to tweens.

"There is a definite potential for backlash," he said. "If Victoria's Secret is blatantly catering to seventh- and eighth-graders, that might be considered exploitative," he said. Also, Victoria's Secret's core customers might prefer their store sexy, not sweet.

"You don't want it to be so accessible that you lose the sense of sexiness. I think it's a brand that is walking a very fine line," he said.

On recent Tuesday, Lily and Brittany were shopping sweet, not sexy. And they definitely don't want to imagine their parents want to imagine their Secret merchandise. "I'll see my mom looking at anything," Lily said. "I say, 'Ewww, Mom, what are you doing?'"

The girls eyed a leather-covered stuffed pink dog, but put it back when they saw the \$70 price tag. They looked at cotton lounge pants, but each owns several pairs.

They settled on the sweet pants. Lily bought the white pair, Brittany preferred the green. They cost \$68 apiece.

"When I was little, I used to put on makeup to be like my sisters," said Brittany. "But you're wasting your time trying to be grown-up and not enjoying your life. Some girls do try to be older than themselves and that's why they go to Victoria's Secret."

Lily nodded in agreement. "We just did it because we like their sweat pants," she said.

Thinking of getting rid of the cat to avoid getting schizophrenia? Don't

It may seem like a perverse zoonotic (diseases transmissible from animals to humans) threat-of-the-month club, first it was mad cow disease, then West Nile virus, with stories about avian flu still more common than bird flu droppings.

New is toxoplasmosis's turn. Toxoplasmosis is caused by toxoplasma gondii, a parasite that infects nearly all mammals. The felinae, including domestic house cats, are the definitive hosts; all other warm-blooded animals are intermediate hosts.

Dr. Milton H. McAllister, professor of pathology in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, recently announced the strong likelihood of a link between toxoplasmosis and schizophrenia.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

sending a SASE to THE HSUS, 1100 N. St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. More information about toxoplasmosis and keeping all family members safe is available at www.hsus.org.

To protect cats from toxoplasmosis, is found in the feces of cats who ingest raw meat, birds, rodents or contaminated soil (like garden areas) that cats defecate in. Indoor cats have a low risk of carrying toxoplasmosis, with outdoor cats carrying a higher risk.

People face a much higher risk of contracting toxoplasmosis from raw or undercooked meat or gardening in contaminated soil than from the family cat.

To protect cats from toxoplasmosis:

- Keep your cats indoors where they're not exposed to contaminated garden soil and sandboxes.
- Keep your cats away from wildlife (birds, rodents) and

don't let them eat flies and cockroaches.

- Don't let cats drink unpasteurized milk (especially goat milk).
- Feed cats only commercially prepared cat foods (no raw meats).

- To protect people from toxoplasmosis (especially women who are pregnant or may be pregnant, or anyone who is immunocompromised or immunosuppressed).
- Don't handle or eat uncooked or undercooked meat.

- Clean all surfaces and utensils that come in contact with raw or undercooked meat.
- Have someone else clean the litterbox daily.

- Importantly, scoop feces at least once a day, or more often, at least 24 hours to become infective.
- Disinfect litter boxes with boiling water.

- Use latex or rubber gloves and follow with a thorough hand-washing if you must clean the litter box. Also wear rubber gloves when gardening.
- Keep sandboxes covered to prevent cats from defecating in them.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker hosts "Top Vets Talk Pets" on www.healthlinknetwork.com.

Breastfeeding may protect moms from disease

By Jonathan Bor
The Baltimore Sun

Dr. Alison M. Stuebe suspected that something good was happening to her patients who breastfed their children, something beyond the usual health benefits that have cropped up in the medical literature.

One thing she noticed: Diabetic mothers who nursed their infants required less insulin than others who bottle-fed. Perhaps, she thought, the act of producing milk protects women in general from type 2 diabetes, a disease that is dangerously on the rise across America.

To find out if her theory was solid, the Boston physician turned to the Harvard-run Nurses Health Study, which has tracked thousands of nurses over the past 29 years — recording information about diet, exercise, health and illness. For the diabetes study, researchers were able to mine data on 150,000 women who had given birth.

"Lo and behold, when we looked in lactation duration and the risk of diabetes, there was a clear dose response —

the longer a woman breastfed, the lower her risk of diabetes," said Stuebe, a maternal-fetal specialist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

To Stuebe, who breastfed her son, Noah, while toiling through her medical residency, the study carries a strong message — not only for new mothers but for society as well. "This isn't just about breastfeeding women, but their families and friends and people in the park who give dirty looks when you breastfeed your baby," she said.

Stuebe, whose study appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association in late November, cautioned that the study needs to be replicated in a broader population before the link between nursing and diabetes can be considered, fact. There is always the possibility, she said, that nurses — who tend to be more health-conscious than average Americans — are doing something else to prevent diabetes that masked the researchers' notice.

Beyond that, it will be important to study the possible biological mechanisms behind

the phenomenon, she said. That could be done by collecting blood samples from mothers and looking for differences among women who breastfed for shorter or longer durations — or not at all.

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which the body doesn't produce enough insulin or its cells don't use the insulin the body does make. Insulin is a chemical needed to break down the sugar glucose into a usable form. Abnormally high glucose levels in the blood can damage the eyes, heart, kidneys and circulatory system.

In her study, Stuebe and her Boston colleagues found that the risk of developing type 2 diabetes dropped by 15 percent for every year a woman breastfed. That meant, for instance, that a mother who nursed two babies for six months each lowered her risk by that amount.

And the benefit lasted years after delivery. Researchers measured the protective effect among women who had delivered at least one child during the preceding 15 years.

Whether the benefits last longer than that, is open to question.

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"Real Estate Corner"
NEGOTIATE REPAIRS BEFORE SALE

by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/MAX American Dream Realty

The home you seek to buy may have a few minor nightmares to be dealt with to make it the home of your dreams.

Updating heating and cooling systems; repairing a water leak; or replacing outdated wiring can add thousands of dollars to the cost of a home after the purchase.

A seller may opt to have the repairs you

require done before the sale. In other cases it is more expedient to reduce the purchase price in accordance with the expected costs. If you negotiate for the latter method, be sure to get at least two cost estimates from reputable companies.

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How to tell if your partner is cheating on you

By Pat Barson
Newbury

You're reading the newspaper, and your husband or wife could be cheating on you at this very moment.

Not possibly, you think? Of the 19,008 U.S. adults responding anonymously to a national survey about their sexual behavior between 1991 and 2004, 13 percent of women and 22 percent of men reported having a sexual partner other than their spouse while they were married, says Tom W. Smith, director of the General Social Survey at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. Although the figures remained relatively stable for men throughout that time, Smith says the numbers for women fluctuated between 11 percent and 14 percent, indicating "a small but clear upward trend."

So, how can you be sure they are—or aren't? Relationship and infidelity experts, private investigators, technology specialists and divorce attorneys say if you know the subtle and not-so-subtle signs to look for, they'll point you to the answer.

You can put your five senses to work. Or you can shell out hundreds— or thousands—of dollars to hire a private detective. You can also invest in the newest high-tech products on the market—computer spyware, electronic tracking devices, in-home eavesdropping kits and hidden cameras—an effort to catch cheating mates.

David Vitell, a private investigator and chief executive of The-Tech Forensic and Applied Sciences Center in Newburgh, N.Y., says that recently his company began marketing a patented home eavesdropping collection kit that will help spouses detect with 100 percent accuracy whether their mates have

been intimate with someone else.

The kit contains an ultraviolet light that will detect stains on your mate's clothing that are normally impossible to see or feel. Protein and enzyme formulas included in the kit also will identify the presence of bodily fluids. And if you require further proof, you can mail specimens you've collected in an enclosed envelope to a laboratory for testing to determine whether they match your DNA, your mate's—or someone else's. The kit costs \$79.95 (877-362-9900) or www.truestinct.com. Sending specimens for laboratory DNA testing will cost at least \$500.

Suspicious spouses also are now using global positioning systems, or GPS, to track their mate's whereabouts. Larry Wasylia, vice president of sales and marketing for Magnolia Probe of Boonville, N.J., has seen it firsthand in recent months during business trips to Asia. In one instance, he says, he was dining at a restaurant when a colleague pulled out and stared at his cell phone.

"I said, 'What are you doing?' He said, 'I'm looking to see who my wife is.' She was picking up the kids from an after-school program. He said, 'She'll be home in about 30 minutes.' They're standing in line now under a brand I don't know," he adds. "The idea is it allows parents to ensure the safety of their children... It's not controlling. It's like to know where their spouses are."

Cell phones that capture video can do the same thing, he says, allowing a private eye to tape your mate and then stream data to you.

To Ruth Houston, the New York author of "Is He Cheating or Is He Just Telling Signs" (Lifestyle Publications, \$29.95), gizmos and gadgets won't tell the whole story. For example, she says, GPS will tell you where

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People will do and say anything they possibly can to avoid admitting they were caught cheating.

—Mark Barondess, Los Angeles attorney, author

they are but not what they're doing or with whom. Spyware on your computer will tell you the content of the e-mails going back and forth, but there is no information you still will not be able to detect, such as the seriousness of the relationship or the identity of the other person. Even private investigators are limited by what you tell them. The more detailed information you can give them, the better.

"You don't need a lot of gadgets," says Houston, who has been researching infidelity for more than a decade since discovering her ex cheated on her. "If you know what to look for, you can find countless signs of infidelity using only your eyes, your ears and your personal knowledge of your mate. The key is knowing what to look for."

That involves being tuned into your mate's work habits, daily schedule and likes and dislikes, Houston says. "Then you can zero in on what's happening. You will see changes across the board. There will be things you pick up in their conversation, personal hygiene, how they relate to you, personal behaviors, changes in all those areas, which she lists on www.infidelityadvice.com.

Some focus on obvious signs (lipstick on the collar, coming home late) and overlook the

Ways to survive an affair

By Pat Barson
Newbury

That a husband or wife would spend time and money trying to catch his or her spouse cheating "is a huge red flag that this is a relationship that's circling the drain already," says clinical psychologist Tom Merril who does relationship seminars, consulting and counseling with his wife, Bobbie Sandoz-Merril.

The couple, who split their time between Honolulu and Phoenix, offer solutions in their new book, "Settle for More: You Can Have the Relationship You Always Wanted... Guaranteed!" (SelectBooks, \$21.95).

They say spouses can head off problems in a marriage, including infidelity, by working to fuel the fire that ignited divorce courtship.

"We settle for less once we're married," Tom Merril says. "Keep alive what you had in your courtship... by making every moment be a loving kind of moment. As soon as you start letting down on those moments, your partner doesn't feel attracted to you in those moments, and they feel they want to step away. If they don't honor them, then they start to plan their escape."

If you want a relationship that's loving, committed, con-

nected, open, seamless and sexual, "hold yourself to the standard that you want to live in," Sandoz-Merril adds.

Divorce isn't the only solution after an affair, says Manhattan psychologist Debbie Magids. "Sometimes couples counseling helps you out a bad situation or mends a broken situation," she says. "You need to find out what happened and fix the root of the problems."

If the marriage is to have any chance at survival, she says, the spouse who cheated must work to regain trust. In turn, the spouse who was betrayed must resist the urge to punish or seek revenge and be willing to forgive. "Without forgiveness," Magids says, "you can never have a marriage again."

Before entering a new relationship, establish your own "minimum standard of care" list with what you must have (honesty and monogamy, say) and won't tolerate (your mate being too chummy with an old flame), says Dianne Manette, author of "Ultimate Betrayal: Recognizing, Understanding and Dealing With Infidelity" (Square One, \$12.95).

"Write it down so you can refer back to it," she says. "Not only will it help you evaluate your partner and your relationships, it also will help you evaluate yourself and what is healthy."

speers his bills and what he's sending his money on," Houston says.

Don't confront your spouse with only your suspicions, she says. "If you do, you need to come directly into contact with this person about the facts of the matter and the emotions of the matter," she says.

Even with that, some cheaters will never admit betrayal, says Mark Barondess, a Los Angeles attorney and au-

thor of the new book "What Were You Thinking?: \$600 Per Hour Legal Advice on Relationships, Marriages & Divorce" (Phoenix, \$25.95).

"They could be having sex right in front of their spouse and tell them, 'It wasn't me,'" he says. "People will do anything to avoid admitting they were caught cheating."

When you confront your spouse about suspicions, pay close attention to his or her reactions, looking for anything that would be a break from the norm: a glitch in their body language or a change in the cadence or pitch of their voice, says Greg Hartley, a U.S. Army interrogator for 35 years who co-authored the new book "How to Spot a Liar: Why People Don't Tell the Truth... and How You Can Catch Them" (Career Press, \$14.99).

"This is what catches most liars: We can't practice, rehearse or create enough details to sustain a lie. It's the little details that break a story," Hartley says. "You can ask, 'Where were you at 2 this afternoon?' I can lie and say, 'I was at work.' But if I know you give me a time line of your day, the details will bite you."

Hartley's co-author, Maryann Karinch, also says it's important to approach the conversation logically and calmly so that it doesn't get ugly or out of control.

Ultimately, Karinch says, you have to take yourself which you come you want. To catch your spouse in a lie? To salvage your marriage? To get a big divorce settlement? To hear he or she is deeply sorry?

"If you want to save the marriage and you are genuinely distressed that the person is cheating on you, then you need to come directly into contact with this person about the facts of the matter and the emotions of the matter," she says.

Tell us your table rules

The Times-News

Does your family adhere to the unwritten table rule at dinner time? Perhaps the law of the dining room is never whining about work or relatives.

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Vacation ideas

Continued from E3

Pool play

On Monday, you and the youngsters can make a splash in Twin Falls city's covered pool. There are just two special rules for "open swim": You can't bring your 8 or younger must be accompanied by an adult. And everybody has to wear swim-suits.

* **Today:** Closed
* **Monday:** Open swim hours from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.
* **Where:** 756 Locust St. N., Twin Falls
* **Admission:** \$1 for ages 3 and under; \$2 for ages 4 through 17; \$3 for ages 18 and over
* **Questions?** Call 734-2336

Exotic animals

Looking for an unusual excursion for your youngsters? Harold and Jeanette Peterson's farm between Twin Falls and Filer, is home to miniature donkeys and horses, a camel, unusual cattle, miniature deer, orange antique and various exotic livestock breeds.

And the Petersons offer an open invitation to all ages: Come and see.
"Kids love it," Jeanette said. "But before walking around, all visitors should go down to the couple's house and check in."
"We just need to know who's here," Jeanette said. "Some of the animals are mean, and we have some rules."
"We're an unaccompanied children. Don't get onto any fences or inside any pens. Don't get near the buffalo, the wallabies or any long-horned animals. They're all basically wild animals," Jeanette said.
But you're welcome to bring carrots (and only carrots), to miniature deer, a camel and the camel by hand, to pet the miniature donkeys, and to throw carrots into any other pens.
* **When:** In winter, visitors are welcome from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.
* **Getting there:** The Peterson home is at 21226 U.S. Highway 30, between Twin Falls and Filer.
On Highway 30, drive three-tenths of a mile west of the railroad tracks at Curry Crossing, then turn north onto Peterson Road. The road curves to the left; continue west three-tenths of a mile to Peterson Lane, and turn right. Follow the lane past haystacks, a shop and the animal pens to reach the house.
* **It's free:** The Petersons don't charge for admission, but they accept donations toward the animals' feed and care.
* **Large groups:** If you want to take a group with more than half a dozen people, please call ahead. The Petersons will arrange to have space reserved for you. Call 734-5990 or Harold's cell phone at 731-5990.

How can men and women connect when they approach relationships so differently?

By Andrew Eder
Knight Ridder News Service

Sean Ziph is fed up. The 39-year-old Kansas City resident has been divorced for almost four years, and he can't seem to make sense of today's singles scene.

"Honestly, how women view dating is God's own private mystery because I have no earthly idea," Ziph said. "It seems to me to mix what I do, it's always wrong."

On the other side of the gender divide, things aren't much better. "I am a 'Scinfeld' episode, pretty much," said Carrie Hickman, 30, of Kansas City, Kan. "I have the worst dating stories ever."

In the 21st century there are more ways for singles to meet than ever before—Internet sites, speed-dating programs, specialized dating sites. Still, that can disguise the basic fact: Men and women are often worlds apart when it comes to dating.

"Women by nature are more security-minded," said David Steele, founder of the Relationship Coaching Institute and author of the new book "Conscious Dating." "They're more aware of the consequences of getting involved and having sex. They take a whole lot more seriously, it general."

"Men tend to have a particular style of dating. They want to have fun first. And then they want to get involved in a relationship."

A poll done by Kansas City Star showed that men are more likely than women to say they are satisfied with their dating lives.

Men also report going on more dates each month than women.

Part of that may be due to the verger of choice for singles to search for love.

"In Kansas City we meet in bars; that's what we do," Hick-

By the numbers, by the gender

In a poll, we asked 600 singles between the ages of 20 and 34 their thoughts on dating. Here are some of their responses, broken down by gender, in percentages:

Are you satisfied with your dating life?
Satisfied: men 63, women 55
Unsatisfied: men 37, women 45

What is your dating goal?
Long-term committed relationship: men 46, women 25
To meet new people: men 25, women 19
To fall in love: men 17, women 23
To have sex: men 8, women 1
Other: men 4, women 3

How many dates do you go on each month?
0: men 23, women 33
1-2: men 31, women 37
3-4: men 23, women 16
5+: men 23, women 14

How long after dating someone do you consider the relationship to be committed?
A week: men 3, women 1
2 weeks to one month: men 18, women 13
2 to 4 months: men 34, women 31
More than four months: men 45, women 55

How would you like a good first date to end?
Handshake: men 5, women 7
Kiss: men 22, women 37
Kiss on the cheek: men 22, women 28
Sex: men 33, women 25
Sex on the floor: men 14, women 8
Other: men 2, women 1

man said. "When men go to bars, they go to find a girl for the night. When girls go to bars, they go to find the man of a life-

time."
But Steele says bars are among the worst places to find a date mate.

"If you go into a bar, that's what you're going to hook—no bartender," he said.

Still, some success stories have come out of the bar scene. Amy Wicklander met her boyfriend, Eric Nash, in a bar. "The girls at the bar aren't really that bad," Wicklander said. "When my friends go to the bar, it's for the specific purpose of having fun."

Wicklander, 33, and Nash, 26, had three years ago, but they've been together for only a year. Nash didn't want to be serious at first. Wicklander said they both went through the "I don't know if I want you, but I don't want anyone else to have you" phase.

"You're thinking something else might be better out there," she said.

Eventually, though, they both came around.

"It just felt right, maybe the timing you know," Nash said. "I just knew if I want you, I don't want to stop (procrastinating)."

Steele says it's a common pattern for men to take a little longer to commit to a relationship. He sees the issue in biological terms.

"Research shows that girls mature faster than boys, so men are more relationship-oriented than men," he said.

"Men are wired to be hunters and warriors. We're wired to be doers, not feelers. This relationship is somewhat, but we do. If we don't understand the nuances or larger ramifications, we're just going to do what feels good."

"To put it honestly, men are a bit backward when it comes to

relationships."

Don't tell that to Ziph, though. Field like to find a serious date mate. "My dating life has been pretty bleak."

"I have gone up to women in different places, said 'Hi, I'm Sean,'" he said, and they look at him like, "Who the hell are you and how dare you talk to me?"

Ziph has given up on the bar scene.

He has tried online dating sites and a service for professionals called It's Just Lunch, but those have just caused him more frustration.

Hickman has faced many of the same disappointments as Ziph. She's had no luck with on-line dating, and the bars have little to offer.

"You can meet people, but you can't meet people for the night. That's easy," she said. "But whenever you outgrow that, it becomes a problem."

In today's world, gender roles among singles, today's dating scene seems to offer more before.

And some women are acting more like the stereotypical male—approaching potential mates and seeing more than one man at a time.

"We can choose our own style. Women can be aggressive and go for it. Men can be more soft and gentle and indirect."

Women, however, have a certain advantage: They talk about relationships and dating more than men do.

"Women are always in charge of relationships, because they're smarter than we are about relationships," Steele said.

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Family struggles with matters of the heart

By John Fisher
Bismarck Journal Sentinel

It was a joyous spring day as Gina and Jim Spicka walked into their Wisconsin home with their infant daughter, Paige, hoping, finally, for a semblance of normalcy after a three-month hospital drama.

But in short order, their home life became a nightmare. Their inconsolable baby was addicted to morphine.

Paige Elizabeth Spicka was born Feb. 10 at Froedter Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Watwautesa, Wis., with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a congenital condition that leaves four out of 10,000 babies faintly with half a heart.

She approached death and spent so much time in an intensive care unit recovering from two major heart surgeries and open procedures, by the time she was released from the hospital, she had been on morphine much of her three months.

Jim and Gina were aware of the problem. Indeed, she was being weaned off the narcotic with methadone when she headed home.

When they did not know how high intense and how long the withdrawal symptoms would last.

At the hospital, there were doctors, nurses and aides to deal with the addiction. Even though they spent much of their days in the hospital, the couple could go home at night to sleep.

At home, it was just the two of them and a screaming in-

fant.

"At her worst, she screamed for 18 out of 24 hours," Gina said.

Paige could be consoled only when she was held.

"It was a dark time because I had gotten my hopes up," Gina said. "I was beside myself depressed."

Jim finally reached out for help, calling Karen Flood, who lives next door but who knew the Spickas only casually.

"They needed time not knowing the doctor to get everything else done," Flood said. "They were just exhausted."

Flood became one of seven women, all neighbors and many of whom the Spickas barely knew, who agreed to take turns holding Paige through the day. Working in shifts, they started at 8 a.m. and stayed until 10 p.m. They prepared and brought over meals and just bounced.

When there is a drug-addicted baby, you get on the exercise ball and just at and bounce and hold her," Gina said. "We would just pass her off."

Paige had a drugged, sleepy look on her face, often drifting in and out, but naps were out of the question.

"You just didn't put her down," Flood said.

Letting the baby cry herself to sleep also was not an option. Because her heart had been surgically re-engineered to do things it was never intended to

do, a long, intense bout of crying could put enough stress on the organ to be life-threatening. Doctors told the couple to rush her to the hospital, if crying caused her to turn blue.

"That happened twice, but both times she avoided a hospital trip because she calmed down and her color returned."

The withdrawal lasted three weeks, without a break. Finally, by early June, Paige smiled for the first time. Her big, green eyes were clear and alert.

She smiles all the time now. "She's become a baby," Gina said.

Fifteen years ago, almost all babies born with Paige's condition died, usually within a few days or weeks of birth. However, thanks to the 1950s, as surgeons perfected the series of three extensive surgeries needed to correct the defect, survival improved dramatically. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Watwautesa, where Paige already has undergone two heart surgeries, now has a survival rate of about 90 percent for babies to have the surgery. The hospital is one of the national leaders in treating the condition.

Surviving the surgery is one thing; everyday life is another. Less than three weeks after the addition order, the Spickas got an e-mail from Marguerite and Ven Potter, an east side couple whose son Christopher, was born a week after Paige got out of the hospital.

Christopher also had hypoplastic left heart, but unlike Paige, his surgery and stay at Children's Hospital was a breeze. He was in and out in three weeks.

They brought Christopher home, and things were going even better. He was eating a lot, gaining weight, and the oxygen saturation in his blood was exceptional.

Gina hates to admit it, but she was envious of how well Christopher was doing. "Through, less than a week after

being home, the boy's appetite suddenly dropped off. He started crying and began to turn blue. The Malys called 911. Their son stopped breathing before paramedics arrived.

They rushed him to Columbia St. Mary's Hospital, Columbia Campus, a few blocks away.

Nancy Ghanayem, a Children's Hospital critical care doctor who has reviewed several hypoplastic left heart babies, was notified that Christopher was headed to hospital. She drove to Columbia St. Mary's to assist the ER doctors.

"She threw her purse and phone down and started yelling out orders," Laura Maly said. "But he was gone."

The Malys eventually sent out e-mails to a few dozen families around the state with hypoplastic left heart children. "Jim read it to Gina at their home."

"I thought, what a Jackass I am for ever being envious of them," Gina said.

A few days later, the Spickas attended Christopher's visitation. They walked past a tiny open casket containing a month-old boy in a light blue suit.

It was mid-July, and Gina was standing in her kitchen holding 5-month-old Paige in her left arm, a large syringe tucked under her chin. She put a plastic hose into the feeding tube coming out of Paige's stomach, poured baby formula into the syringe and let gravity do the rest.

In the hospital, Gina often backed away when simple medical procedures were done. But at home, she was becoming a seasoned professional.

Paige has had a stomach feeding tube since after her first surgery in February, and it is likely to remain in for a few more months. She has been on a strict diet with specific amounts of formula that must be consumed each day. If she doesn't drink it all by bottle, the rest goes down the tube. The tube is held in place by an in-

flatable balloon about the size of a grape under the skin, about an inch above her belly button.

A month earlier, Gina, who was home alone with Paige for the first time, went to the crib to get her up.

Paige had pulled the feeding tube out of her stomach, leaving a hole in her belly. In a panic, she used Saran Wrap to get the opening. She called Jim, a firefighter/paramedic, and the two of them rushed Paige to Children's Hospital to get the tube reinserted.

A short time after the feeding tube episode, Gina returned to her job at a claims manager with an insurance company. She had long since exhausted all of her paid maternity leave and vacation time.

Mysteriously, her psychics had continued coming.

She found out that co-working had anonymously donated two months of their vacation time to her.

"The most difficult thing for me is, I'll never be able to thank them," she said.

The donations could not have been better timed. Shortly before Gina went back to work, her doctor told them it would be too much of a medical risk to enroll Paige in day care because of the potential for picking up an infection.

That meant they had to find and pay for a nanny, an expense that was twice as much as day care.

To finance the cost, they took out a second mortgage on their house.

By August, Paige's medical bills were more than \$300,000, but insurance had covered almost all of that.

It was a cool, sunny morning in the flickering day of summer, and the Spicka house was stirring. Becca Pultiz, the nanny, walked in through the garage door. Paige, her eyes alert, smiled.

Gina came downstairs and needed another syringe and needle from the refrigerator. Because

of a blood clot in her leg, Paige has needed daily injections of blood thinner for several months.

In addition to the shot, Paige also gets four other daily medications, given by syringe through her feeding tube.

On Sunday nights, Jim spends late for hours at the kitchen table drawing up all the drugs before arranging the syringes in the refrigerator. It's enough to last the week.

One entire weight drawer is the pharmacy, Gina said.

Jim put Paige on the living room floor, and Gina swabbed the baby's thigh with an antiseptic.

"I like to give her at least 15 minutes to wake up before I poke her," Gina said as she injected the medication.

Paige put a little whimper. Standing in the kitchen holding Paige, Gina gave the baby her first bottle of the day. Gina was late for work, so after four minutes, she passed Paige up to Jim so he could finish feeding her. Paige threw up on his T-shirt.

Jim calmly took Paige onto the living room couch, unscreeching the opening to her feeding tube and poured in the rest of the formula. As a chaser, he squirted in medication from four different syringes.

As the fluids drained into her stomach, Paige looked around the room, content with a pacifier in her mouth.

It's a high-maintenance lifestyle. But the Spickas have begun for the first time since Paige's birth to have a well-known predictability to their days.

The future remains uncertain, though. Paige, now about 9 months, will require a third heart surgery in 2007. It's unknown whether her re-engineered heart will hold up for decades, or whether she'll need a transplant.

"Every week that goes by, it gets a little less stressful," Gina said. "There has been a silver lining with everything."

ENGAGEMENTS

POCOCK-SCHNOOR

TWIN FALLS — Kent and Sandra Pockock of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Cara Pockock, to Kyle Munson Schnoor, son of John and Marcia Schnoor, of Twin Falls.

Pockock is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a senior at Boise State University, majoring in community health. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Germany Hamletburg, Missouri.

Schnoor is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School and also attends BSU, majoring in finance. He is a general contractor and owns Northstar Homes Inc. in Boise. He served an LDS mission in the California Los Angeles Korean-



Kyle Schnoor and Cara Pockock speaking Mission.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 6, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the LDS Church on Casswell Avenue in Twin Falls.

CRANNEY-JACKSON

OAKLEY — Doug and Karla Cranney of Oakley announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Cranney, to Christopher Lee Jackson, son of Paul and Tamara Jackson of Boise.

Cranney is a 1997 graduate of Oakley High School. She is a real estate consultant in Boise.

Jackson is a 1997 graduate of Declo High School and a 2001 graduate of Northwest Nazarene University. He is a project engineer for Tumarek Resort in Donnelly.

The wedding is planned for



Christopher Jackson and Natsya Cranney

Friday, Jan. 6, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

LANTERMAN-TIBBITTS

BURLEY — Ashley Leone Lanterman and Dylan Scott Tibbitts announce their engagement.

Lanterman is the daughter of Dave and April Halgren of Upland, Calif., and Tim Lanterman of Payette.

Tibbitts is the son of Monte and Linnell Walton and Scott Tibbitts, all of Burley.

Lanterman is a graduate of Upland High School and attends Utah State University, majoring in English literature.

Tibbitts is a graduate of Minico High School and attends USU, majoring in business administration.

The wedding is planned for



Dylan Tibbitts and Ashley Lanterman

Friday, Jan. 6, in Logan, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held at evening at the LDS Cache West State Center in Logan.

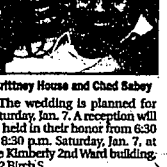
They will reside in Logan while they continue their education.

HOUSE-SABEY

HAGERMAN — Davonn and Ginger House of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Britney Vonn House, to Chad Larry-Gene Sabey, son of Rick and Christine Sabey, of Hick and Christine Sabey, of Modesto, Calif. She is employed as a freelance model.

Sabey is a 1999 graduate of Kimberly High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the South Africa Durban Mission.

He is employed at Hollywood Video in Twin Falls.



Britney House and Chad Sabey

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 7. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Kimberly 2nd Ward building, 222 Birch S.

ANNIVERSARY

THE POTTERS

WENDELL — Von and Marguerite Potter of Wendell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a four-generation family dinner.

They were married Dec. 29, 1947, when he was on leave from the U.S. Navy.

The couple made their first home in Hagerman, where they farmed until moving to Halley to ranch. They are the former owners of Deer Creek Ranch north of Halley. They also lived in Mackay and owned a hotel in Stanley.

They worked for Blaine County for 40 years before retiring. They live now retired and reside in Wendell.

They were active in the Sawtooth Rangers Riding Club and the Southern Idaho Draft



Marguerite and Ven Potter

Horse Association. The celebration was hosted by their son, Michael Potter of Fifth. Their grandson Ven Potter and great-grandson Kyle Potter of Meridian attended the event.

The couple has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

MILLER-TURNER

DELO — Jill Miller and Travis Lee Turner were married Dec. 30 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Maudie O. and Annette Miller of Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Roger and Lee Ann Turner of Burley.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Idaho State University in Pocatello, majoring in dental hygiene.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Declo High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Manchester, N.H. He attends ISU, majoring in zoology/pre-dentistry.

A reception will be held in



Jill and Travis Turner

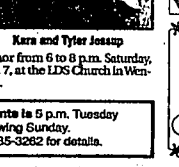
their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at the LDS Church at 847 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. An open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Unity Ward building, 275 S. 250 E., Burley. The couple will reside in Pocatello while continuing their education.

ORMOND-JESSUP

WENDELL — Kara Rae Ormond and Tyler Jessup were married Dec. 29 in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Raeburn and Sue Ormond of Wendell.

The groom is the son of Phillip and Nancy Jessup of Wendell. The bride is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg. She is employed on campus as a math tutor. The groom is a graduate of BYU-Idaho. A reception will be held in their



Kara and Tyler Jessup

honor from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the LDS Church in Wendell.

MACK-TAYLOR

RUPERT — Rollinda Mack of Rupert and Kevin Taylor of Salt Lake City were married Nov. 6 in Las Vegas.

The bride is the daughter of Earl and Judith Wright of Rupert.

The groom is the son of Dar and Marjorie Taylor of Yakima, Wash.

The groom is employed with Delta Air Lines in Salt Lake City.

An informal reception was held Dec. 28 at the home of Norvin Dickson in Rupert.



Kevin and Rollinda Taylor

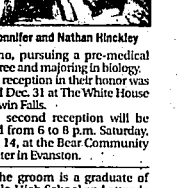
BROWN-HINCKLEY

TWIN FALLS — Jennifer Lynn Brown and Nathan John Hinckley were married Dec. 30 in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Keith and Debbie Brown of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of Stan and Christine Hinckley of Evanston, Wyo.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg, pursuing a master's degree in elementary education.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Evanston High School and served in the Pennsylvania Philadelphia Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU.



Jennifer and Nathan Hinckley

Idaho, pursuing a pre-medical degree in zoology/biology.

A reception in their honor was held Dec. 31 at the White House in Twin Falls.

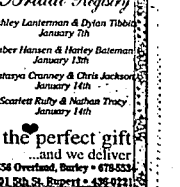
A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Bear Community Center in Evanston.

BUNNELL-BAXTER

BURLEY — Janel Bunnell and Jimmy Lewis Baxter were married Nov. 30 in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Helen Bunnell of Provo, Utah.

The groom is the son of Susan Baxter of Orem, Utah, and Lewis Baxter of Burley.



Janel Bunnell and Jimmy Baxter

The bride is a graduate of Mountain View High School and attended Brigham Young University. She is attending Weber State University, majoring in radiology. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sweden.

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Jessica Hunt excelled in record keeping, better citizenship and by point, receiving the Ovals Horse Awards and a saddle donated by Tax Construction at the Mindok County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office awards ceremony for 4-H participants. It was one of many awards.



Young people earn 4-H honors

RUPERT — The Mindok County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office recognized young people and adults at a 4-H awards ceremony.

The following awards were presented:

Leader Years of Service — Connie Barnes, Karina Etherington, Adelle Holman, Kari Latta, Lecanna Meier, Sherri Moon, Bob Urigen, Shawna Urigen and SueAnn Woodward, first year; Tina Fox and Dell Woodard, five years; Sherma Peet and Dawn Zunino, 10 years; Polly Carney and Jim McCall, 15 years; and Josie Wolfe, 20 years.

Outstanding First Year Leader — Shawna Urigen.
Outstanding Overall Leader — Julie Hulet.
Distinguished Service — Tama Muecke.
Willing Hands Homemaker Club Award — Cheyanna Hawkes and Jordyn Hulet. The club donates \$10 to the beginning food winner and \$10 to the beginning clothing winner each year.

Adaline Beaver Award — Amanda Studer, top overall project in clothing; and Damon Turner, top overall project in food. Turner received a \$50 savings bond.

Outstanding Black Angus Breeding Project — Justin Borden. The Idaho Angus Auxiliary sponsors a belt buckle.

Idaho Cattle Association belt buckle — Ainslie Gillette for excellence in fitting/showing, quality average daily gain and record book and outstanding sportsmanship. She also received a sweatshirt from the Idaho Shorthorn Association for Outstanding Shorthorn project.

High Point Horse Awards — Walk-Trot, Keona Etherington, Junior I Division; Tristen Handy, Junior II; Taylor Stauffer, Inter-

mediate; Katelyn Forman, Senior; Jessica Hunt and Junior Horse, Sydney Meier.

Wells Fargo Watch Award — Mark Lloyd for outstanding citizenship.

Mindok County 4-H and FFA Dairy Program — Ryan Hruza, Grand Champion Quality; Haylee Muecke, Grand Champion Showman; and Sarah Schenk, Overall Dairy Project.

American Youth Foundation — "I Dare You" leadership award — Mark Lloyd and Amanda Studer.

Idaho 4-H Key Award — Amanda Studer and Brendon Young for significant leadership in the club and in the county.

Minidoka County 4-H Leaders' Association divider contest — the 4-H Cookbook — Taylor Van Tassel, Jacobi Noble, Nikki Nboon, Alyssa Reno, Cheyanna Hawkes and Ethan Tyler.

Skills-a-Thon — Tyrell Morris, Kaylie Steedon, Dakota Goff and Cindy Walker.

Each 4-H member who received either a Best of Class or a Grand Champion ribbon at the fair also received a special award sponsored by the Mindok County 4-H Leaders' Association.

Style revue, clothing and food — Kolbee Tibbets and Kayla Naylor, style revue; Jared Studer, Vallian Hess, Jordyn Hulet and Ashley Hulet, clothing; Brendon Young, Rachel Wysoong, Damon Turner, Andrea Day, Jessie Naylor, Cheyanna Hawkes, Casey Rawlings and Nicole Turner, foods.

Demonstrations, public speaking and job interviews — David Borden, Kris Copeland, Mercedes Vincent, Brooke Potteit, Austin Walker, Derek Walker and Sarah Brannum.

Miscellaneous — Albert Turner, Brendon Young, Derek Walker, Ashley Hulet, Jacob Neiswert, Aubrey Turner, Tyrell Morris, Jessie Naylor, Kolbee Tibbets, Mark Lloyd, Amanda Studer, Kelsey Montgomery,

Workshop teaches teens personal finance

RUPERT — "Personal Finance for Teens" will be presented Jan. 11, 17, 24 and 31 at the Mindok County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office.

This workshop will encourage teens to investigate potential careers, receive a monthly salary and more. Participants will deduct taxes, open a savings account and spend their "salary" on the necessary and luxury items reflecting the career and lifestyle they have chosen. Each session

is one hour long. There is no cost. Registration is due by Tuesday.

For more information, call 436-7184.

Mary Time Club meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Mary Time Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Betty Slika's home.

Roll call will be "home health remedy."

The club met Dec. 6 for its Christmas potluck dinner at Connie Smith's home. The hostess was Dorothy Stroud.

Thirteen members were

Public dance held at DAV Hall on Friday

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoop Ave.

Loren Perkins will provide the music, and the cost is a \$2 donation. For more information, call Commander Dorothy Warren at 734-5208.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI dental assistant students help at care center, gain experience

JEROME — October marks the beginning of the third annual clinical rotation by College of Southern Idaho Dental Assistant students to St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

The program includes a six-week clinical rotation where about 16 students visit St. Benedict's twice a week to assist with oral care on residents, according to CSI.

"I feel the clinical experience for the dental assisting students at St. Benedict's is a win-win situation," said Tanya Bocut, CSI Dental Assisting Program manager. "It gives them a picture of the variety and types of patients they will see in a dental office and some of the more difficult obstacles they may encounter such as wheelchair, walkers, non-verbal patients, etc. It has definitely added a new dimension to the clinical aspect of the program."

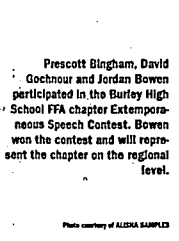
Some students were a little nervous at the prospect of working with the elderly, but they quickly adjusted, according to CSI.

And, St. Benedict's has opted to continue the program because of the positive impact it will have for the overall health care of its residents.

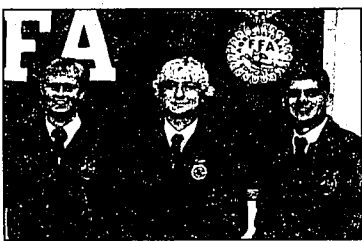


CSI dental assistant students help provide care to the residents at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

FFA PARTICIPATION



Prescott Bingham, David Galloway and Jordan Bowen participated in the Bartley High School FFA chapter Extension Speech Contest. Bowen won the contest and will represent the chapter on the regional level.



Hope by Donna Vanlister, "Welcome to the Great Westons" by Lorna Lewis, "Beck" by Company Man" by Joseph Finder, "Dead on the Dance Floor" by Heather Graham, "Black Water" by T. Jefferson Parker, "My Ex-Best Friend: A Novel of Suburbia" by Beth Brophy, "Deep Pockets" by Linda Barnes, "Heart of Texas" by Constance O'Banyon, "The Last Rogue" by Connie Mason, "Olifson" by Dean Conance, "Shophaholic Takes Manhattan" by Sophie Kinsella, "Don't say a Word" by Barbara Freethy, "The Devil's Necktie" by Kat Martin, "Perfect Nightmares" by John Saul, "Ordinary Heroes" by Scott Brown, "Beyond the Threshold" by Linda Lael Miller, "Every Inch of Her" by Peter Sheridan, "Boonville" by Robert Malter Anderson, "The Duchess" by Linda Lael Miller and "Secret Sanction" by Brian Hall.

Adult non-fiction: "Hansen Celebrates 100 Years in Cooking" by Hansen Centennial Committee, "Cassia County, ID: The Foundation Years" by Kathleen Hedberg, "Absolute Beginner's Guide to Computer Basics" by Michael Miller, "Kovels' Antiques &

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Gabriel Isagan Diaz, son of Adrienne Chapo of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 16, 2005.

Isabel Lucero Cisneros, daughter of Maria Esther Diaz and Mauricio Cisneros of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 18, 2005.

Demisi Lia Stricker, daughter of Trina Rachelle and Daniel Leroy Stricker of Idaho, was born Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005.

Grechen Macy Burch, daughter of Jesse Lynn and Robert Burch of Filer, was born Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005.

Vayda Leann Kimbrough-Alanz, daughter of Kimberly

Lynn Kimbrough and Gilbert Alanz of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005.

Cortez Samson Magalogo, son of Camille Marie and Vilponlasio Magalogo of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005.

Karol Eliseo Correa, son of Elida Delacruz and Eliseo Correa of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.

Isalah Ramirez, son of Maria Madryna and Rogelio Ramirez of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.

Hudson Joseph Reinke, son of Candia Lynn and Jeremy Charles Reinke of Filer, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.

Magganne Irene Libbyaye Akira, daughter of Katherine

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Pam Whited, The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 648, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to: 734-5538.

Deadline: Noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.

More information? Call Kami at 735-3278.

Helen and Mark Raymond Akins of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 26, 2005.

Kimberly Public Library opens shelves to new books for adults, children

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books to its shelves.

Adult fiction: "Saving Fish From Drowning" by Amy Tan, "Forever Odd" by Dean H. Koontz, "Red" by Nora Roberts, "Mary Mary" by James Patterson, "The Black Angel" by John Connolly, "S is for Silence" by Sue Grafton, "Night Fever" by Diana Palmer, "The Gift" by Pete Hamill, "The Hot Flash Holidays" by Nancy Thayer, "Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman" by Elizabeth Buchan, "The Christmas

Collectibles Price List 2006" by Ralph M. Kovel, "Love Smart: Find the one you Want - Fix the one you Got" by Phillip C. McGraw, "John Paul The Great: Remembering a Spiritual Father" by Peggy Noonan, "Like Father, Like Son" by Robert Scott, and "The General Care" and "Maintenance of Box Turtles" by Philippe DeVojoil.

Juvenile fiction: "Dragon's Nest," "Tale of the Dead" "Swampwater" and "The Sister of the South" by Emily Rodda; "Flush" by Carl Hiaasen; "The Mistler" by James Howe; "Fall of a King-

dom" by Hilari Bell; "A Snowglobe Named Just So" by Mark Kimball Moulton; "All Pupae'd Out" by David Kirk; "The Berenstain Bears Bedtime Battle" and "Berenstain Bears Lend a Helping Hand" by Stan and Jan Berenstain; "The Biggest Snowman Ever" by Steven Krull; "Good for Me and You," "A Snowman's Trip to the Hospital" by Mercer Mayer; "I'm Sorry" by Gina and Mercer Mayer; and "Vampire's Promise" by Chloë B. Cooney.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

Marine completes basic training in San Diego

Marine Corps Pvt. Garrison D. Herzinger, son of Gena L. Herzinger of Buhl, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Herzinger spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

SERVICE NEWS

Airman is deployed overseas as inspector

Air Force Staff Sgt. Eric M. Sjoberg is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Inqui Freedom.

Sjoberg is a hazardous materials joint inspector regularly assigned to the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Wash. He is the son of James and Iyla Sjoberg of St. Johns. Mich. Sjoberg's wife, Tiffany, is the daughter of Brad Coleman of Twin Falls.

Wendell marine completes basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Tyler J. Anderson, son of Becky Pope and Ted Anderson of Wendell, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Anderson spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.



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Lucky's gets radical change, goes precious

Lucky's has changed. The downtown Twin Falls night club has new owners and a radical new look, which includes white walls topped with clouds, Boy Scout scrapbooks, tubes of cotton candy acrylic paint, rubber stamps and cute little M&M sticker collages.

and the bar is gone. Not much use for it in the newly opened "Scrappers & Stamps' Delight" of Tiffany Square.

The sign for the nightclub, which closed in May, is still out front, however. It will be replaced in the next two weeks, said Doug Ash.

Ash and Doug Ash completed their purchase of the building at 156 Main Ave. N. with the nightclub and 24 hotel rooms in October. After extensive remodeling, including installing a new heating and air conditioning system, they opened their new store just down the block from Tiffany Square, at 132 Main Ave. N., which they've had for 15 years.

CHRIS BALDUS
Money Editor

Their new store has 5,000 square feet of retail space, compared with the original store's roughly 1,600 square feet. The original will specialize in menswear, knitting and cross stitch supplies, while the new one focuses on scrapbook and stamp craft supplies, said Mary Ash.

The family business will likely add two or three part-time employees to operate the original store, said Mary. She's working her way through applications now.

They haven't settled on what to do with the former hotel rooms above their store yet, said Doug.

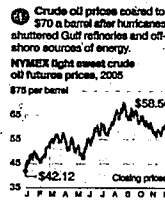
Magic Postale is the coming to Adele Valley Mall. The national retailer sells casual apparel and accessories, principally targeting 11- to 16-year-old women and men. The new store will be next to Sears, according to plans filed with the city of Twin Falls. The first Magic Postale store opened in 1987, and as of June 1, the company had 610 stores in 47 states, according to the company Web site.

Living Word Christian Bookstore opened downtown in December at 233 Main Ave. E. A new algebra textbook is being volunteered at this point, it carries Bibles and Christian books, gifts, music and videos, said Tricia Venstra, store manager.

All sales from used books donated to the bookstore will be used to help Christian Learning Centers for Adults, said its Web site, www.living-word-books.com.

The store's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The 10 biggest business stories



SOURCE: Center for Economic and Policy Research; Department of Energy

1 The domestic auto industry's problems worsened. General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., saw their debt downgraded.

2 Massive Hurricane Katrina ravaged Louisiana and Mississippi, inflicting huge losses on insurers and businesses—followed less than a month later by sister storm Rita, which shut down much of the region's energy infrastructure.

3 Some airlines took refuge in bankruptcy, as the nation's established airlines continued their struggles to remake themselves.

4 Real estate boom may burst. Since 1997, the difference between housing sale prices and rents increased by 51 percent, compared to a difference in their inflation rates of 0.42 percentage points from 1993 to 1998, suggesting a possible bubble in the real estate boom.



5 Scores of troubled companies defaulted on their pension promises, turning over to the federal government retirement plans covering 235,000 workers and retirees.

6 Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan announced his retirement after 18 years. President Bush has nominated replacement Ben Bernanke.

7 Former WorldCom Inc. CEO Bernard Ebbers and another Tyco International Ltd. CEO L. Dennis Koszowski were sentenced to lengthy prison terms on corporate fraud charges.

8 The economy showed surprising resilience, continuing to expand steadily despite soaring energy prices and a series of hurricanes.

9 2005 consumer confidence index of attitudes about the economy, finances and job security (January 2005 = 100)



10 Courts saw a rush of activity, as weary consumers sought bankruptcy protection before October, when a new law took effect tightening filing requirements.

2005: A LOOK BACK Spiking energy prices top year's business news

By Adam Geller
Associated Press writer

When drivers line up to pay \$3 a gallon for gasoline and offshore oil platforms go missing, it's much more than an energy story. It's the story of the economy.

Energy proved its economic power this year, as soaring prices reshaped the way consumers spend, put the squeeze on airlines and manufacturers, and ratcheted up pressure on already struggling U.S. automakers dependent on sales of SUVs. Then Hurricane Katrina hit.

The consequences and questions prompted by soaring oil and natural gas prices drove many of the year's top business stories, as chosen by the U.S. newspaper and broadcast editors surveyed by The Associated Press.

The named energy as the biggest business story of 2005, with Hurricane Katrina's impact on the economy ranked second.

It marked the second year in a row that energy prices rose to the top of the business headline ranking.

But some other perennial business newsmakers were notably absent from this year's Top 10 list, including the Federal Reserve's continuing campaign of interest rate hikes, competition from China and the fall and rise of Martha Stewart.

Here, according to editors polled by the AP, are the top business stories of 2005.

Energy prices

When it topped \$55 a barrel in 2004, it was big news. But by



Dennis Kutzley looks out from an oil rig beached just off of Dauphin Island, Ala., in a file photo from Aug. 30. Energy prices were already soaring, putting the squeeze on consumers, airlines and manufacturers when Hurricane Katrina hit, making the situation worse.

this fall, those numbers seemed almost quaint. Crude oil prices, already high, soared to \$70 a barrel after hurricanes shuttered Gulf refineries and offshore sources of energy. It has eased since, but the still-high prices could crimp consumer spending and contribute to rising inflation into the new year. Energy continues to squeeze a broad range of businesses, and could force

others to adjust their offerings.

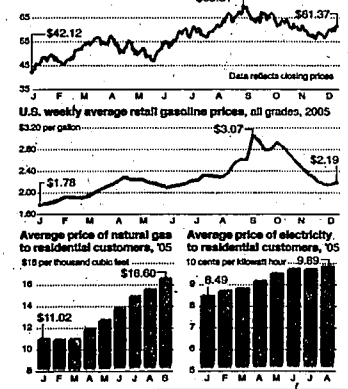
Katrina's toll

The massive hurricane ravaged Louisiana and Mississippi, inflicting huge losses on insurers and businesses. Katrina, followed less than a month later by sister storm Rita, shut down much of the region's energy infrastructure.

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Energy costs soar in 2005

As crude oil soared to almost \$70 a barrel in late August, consumers started paying on higher prices in gasoline and other energy.



SOURCE: Department of Energy

A new retail landscape emerges and waits for shoppers to react

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—The shakeout from this year's frenzy of retail consolidation will become more visible to consumers next year, from local department stores disappearing into the Macy's chain to a better selection of store-owned labels on the racks.

But consolidation, particularly Federated Department Stores Inc.'s purchase of May Department Stores Co., means less competition, and less incentive for stores to keep discounting, which is bad news for shoppers. On the other hand, a bigger Federated will be able to negotiate lower prices from its suppliers and pass on those savings.

After last year's string of deals, capped by the Sears-Kmart marriage, there was plenty more transactions this year, fueled by merchants' need to keep growing amid sluggish apparel sales and higher costs. The latest was Saks Inc., which announced in late October that it was selling its Northern department store group for \$1.1 billion in cash to Bon-Ton Stores Inc. Following Bon-Ton as a regional player in the Midwest. That followed Saks' announcement in April that it was selling its ProfitFirst.



A shopper crosses Herald Square near Macy's on Monday in New York. The nation's shoppers headed back to malls that morning for post-Christmas deals as retailers wooed them with green deeper discounts, expanded shopping hours and fresh new merchandise in an effort to salvage sales in a season that's turning out to be only ho-hum.

Americans likely to face high energy prices in 2006

By Brad Foss
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON—Terry Grandchamp's Virginia home-remodeling business is booked through spring and he's planning to bump up his prices to help cover the high cost of gasoline and building materials. But when it comes to his own finances there is no passing the buck, so Grandchamp is doing his best to conserve fuel at home and on the road.

Chemical maker Tomah3 Products Inc. of Wisconsin is somewhat less confident customers will continue to absorb the soaring price of natural gas in 2006. That's forced company president Steve King to shrink his work force through attrition and hire a commodity broker to manage his fuel purchases.

At North Carolina-based Family Dollar Stores Inc., the biggest worry this holiday is that the already tight budgets

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YOUR BUSINESS

Doug Adams

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center recognizes employees who provide exceptional customer service. Each month a trophy is displayed in the employee's work area and then that person chooses the next recipient.

Jerilyn Maughan passed the award to Doug Adams in the Ambulance Department in December.

"I am passing the 'Catch the Spirit Award' to Doug Adams. Over the last 30 days, I have witnessed him show a great deal of kindness to his patients," said Maughan. "As an ambulance driver, Doug sees people at their very worst. He knows exactly how to treat them from the very young to the elderly. He is always willing to help out others in different departments. Doug never acts too busy and I've never ever seen him get angry. We are truly lucky to work with him as he is a great example of our mission: Vision and Values."

Bob Arnold

TWIN FALLS — January 21 Greater Valley Properties welcomed Bob Arnold to its team.

Arnold was the facilities director at Campbell Community Memorial Hospital in Gillette, Wyo., until retiring in 2004 and moving to Twin Falls with his wife, Cleo, in 2005. He is retired from the U.S. Navy and a real estate graduate of the College of Southern Idaho in 2005. He enjoys hunting, fishing and home improvement projects and spending time with his family.

Sean Bennett

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center announced a new addition to its administrative team, Sean N. Bennett.

Bennett has eight years of experience as chief nursing officer at Madson Memorial Hospital in Rexburg. In 1999, he received master's degree in nursing at the University of Phoenix in Arizona. He has provided patient care for the last 22 years in intensive care units, the emergency department and home health care services. Bennett is a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, assigned as a deputy flight commander at Mountain Home Air Force Base. He and his wife and four children will be living in the Burley area.

Lindsay Stoddard

TWIN FALLS — Lindsay Stoddard is a new independent Comfort Specialist with Jockey Person to Person Inc., a new party-plan business and wholly owned subsidiary of Jockey International Inc.

Jockey Person to Person offers a line of women's intimate apparel, sleepwear, activewear, men's loungewear and underwear, and an apparel collection for infants and toddlers offered exclusively through an in-home party with a comfort specialist.

Sandy Miller

TWIN FALLS — *Times-News* reports Sandy Miller won a 2005 C.B. Blethen Memorial Award for "Idahoans in Iraq," a series of stories on local troops.

The awards, presented by the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Foundation, were created in 1977 to honor C.B. Blethen, one of the Northwest's most distinguished newspapermen and publisher of *The Seattle Times* from 1916 until 1991. Miller received a plaque and a cash award.

Sandy Gleason

HAGERMAN — Sandy Gleason is a new sales associate at Silver Sage Realty Inc. Gleason is a licensed Realtor. She started with Silver Sage Realty in December and works in residential and land sales. She formerly owned a Christian book store in Nevada.

Barry Langdon

TWIN FALLS — Lithia Motors Inc. announced Barry Langdon, general manager of Chevrolet Cadillac in Twin Falls, was promoted to the position of multi-store manager in the Midwest. Langdon has been general manager at the Twin Falls dealership for the past 2 1/2 years and has been in the automobile business in Twin Falls for the past 18 years. His new responsibilities include overseeing day-to-day operations of several dealerships. Lithia Motors has 95 dealerships in 13 western states.



Darin Stoddard, left, and Nikki Garza of Wal-Mart in Burley present a \$3,000 check to Jeff Poulson of the Rotary Club. The civic grant will be used for a variety of community projects including Centennial Park.



Smith's Food & Drug Store's 'Dollar Per Pound Food Drive' and The Kroger Foundation teamed up with the Boy Scouts of America 'Scouting for Food Project' on Nov. 5 to help needy families in the Magic Valley. Food products totaling more than 8,000 pounds was collected from Smith's Food and then divided between the South Central Community Action Partnership and the Salvation Army. The Kroger Foundation also matched \$1,000 for each agency. Pictured from left are Ken Robbette, executive director of the SCCAP; Smith's Food & Drug Store manager Jim Fathknee presenting the check to Lesae Trappen, SCCAP community services director, and Steven Nelson, executive and chief executive officer of the Snake River Council, Boy Scouts of America.



D.L. Evans Bank donated \$5,000 to the Rupert Centennial Committee for its kick-off celebration and other upcoming events commemorating the city of Rupert's 100th anniversary. The bank will be donating another \$5,000 to the committee's efforts in January. From left are Gary Schorzman, Dan Lloyd, Audrey Nelwert, Ron Clawson, Patty Howard, Dore Stansbury, John Evans Jr.,ileen Coats, Scott Hershey and Diane Nielsen. Rupert's Centennial Celebration will kick off with a Centennial Gala beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday at Minico High School in Rupert. For more information on the centennial, call Schorzman at 436-3982.



The Respiratory Therapy staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center recently recognized Respiratory Therapy Week by donating \$500 to the Cassia Health Care Foundation in memory of its colleague, Aaron Cohen. From left are Jay Wight, Jeff Critchfield, Shama Rotter, Maria Delis, Brian Hickenlooper, Elise Cohen and Joyce Lusk.



Pictured from left are Amy Brinkman of Wells Fargo Bank, Siegal, Sherry Cann of the Office on Aging, and Matt Stokes of State Farm Insurance.

AARP Driving Program

officer says thanks
Charlie Siegal of the local AARP Driving Program for people 55 and over presented awards to State Farm Insurance, the Office on Aging and Wells Fargo Bank to thank

them for being dedicated sponsors and helping the American Association of Retired Persons make the Magic Valley a safer place to live.



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Energy

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of low-income shoppers will be nearly busted by the expected surge in home-heating costs this winter. The company also tries to stabilize itself by selling fewer discretionary goods and more essentials such as food and health products.

Such a lull for consumers and companies grappling with the prospect that today's high energy prices may stick around for a while. Crude-oil prices, while sharply below the 2005 peak of almost \$71 a barrel in August, are expected to average more than \$55 a barrel through the end of next year and potentially longer than that. That is more than two-and-a-half times the \$19.70 a barrel that crude-oil prices averaged during the 1990s, and above the \$20 more than the average price since 2000.

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Traders work in the crude oil futures pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Aug. 8. Oil prices slipped below \$60 a barrel on Friday, but were up about 42 percent from the start of the year, buoyed by increased demand and events that constrained supplies, such as the war in Iraq and hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

tight supplies are and how easily a disruption could push up prices, he said.

At the consumer level, Brown sees the discounting of SUVs and the premiums auto dealers are charging for gas-electric hybrids as the early signs of a slow but significant change.

"These things take time," he said. "Quite often, people mistake the amount of time it takes to adjust to prices as evidence of society not responding."

Grandchamp, who lives in Annandale, Va., said he hopes at some point to own a hybrid vehicle, but for now he and his wife simply try to drive their gas-guzzling van and SUV less — a change in behavior that he says is permanent.

"I don't believe in just wasting money," said the 55-year-old Grandchamp, who coordinates errand-related driving with his wife and has asked his kids to take the bus home from school. Similarly, Tomal3 Products,

which manufactures chemicals used in industrial cleaning fluids, has grudgingly adjusted to the high price of energy. Natural gas, which the company uses to heat its boilers, is about twice as expensive as last year, while the cost of the petrochemicals Tomal3 uses as raw materials is up by about 30 percent.

Company president King said he's increased the price of his finished products more than a dozen times since the summer of 2004, but that it hasn't fully offset the jump in expenses. King has tried to make up the difference at factories in Milton, Wis., and Reserve, La., by operating with 5 percent fewer workers, but profit growth is lagging.

"I've assimilated the hit," King said. "I've passed along most of what I can and now I'm prepared to live with it. But in my opinion, prices will come down."

That would be welcome news for Family Dollar Stores of

Matthew N.C., which saw its profits erode in 2005. Its main customers are people who earn less than \$25,000 a year and therefore most vulnerable to rising energy prices.

With its clientele spending less on clothing and other discretionary goods, Family Dollar intends to boost sales by stocking its stores with more essential goods, such as milk, bread, cleaners and health products.

But even that strategy may increase its costs. Experts say when utility bills soar this winter, many poor families may decide to cut spending on clothing, health care and food in order to keep their homes warm.

"This winter will be a catastrophe," said Skip Arnold, executive director of Energy Outlook Colorado, a nonprofit that helps the poor pay their utility bills. "The overall economy is a little better than it was two years ago, but that doesn't seem to have benefited our most vulnerable households."

Oil prices are forecast to average \$58 a barrel in 2006. While that is up slightly from \$37 a barrel in 2005, the good news, according to several economists, is that prices are expected to fall in the back half of 2006.

Increased energy prices and interest rates are expected to dent consumer spending in 2006 and that is why economists are calling for U.S. economic growth of about 3.3 percent in 2006, down from 3.5 percent in 2005. But they also say slower consumer and corporate spending should help offset energy prices' effect on inflation.

Economist Nariman Behavesh of Global Insight said core inflation could climb as high as 2.5 percent in the first half of 2006 as 2005's energy prices trickle through the economy. But price pressures will ease by the second half of 2006

as oil and natural gas costs make a post-winter retreat and the Federal Reserve continues to gradually raise interest rates.

"That will cool down the housing market," Behavesh said. "And if your home price isn't rising, you'll be less likely to take a home equity loan for a car or some other big purchase."

The rising rates will also make it more expensive to take on credit card debt and that could further dampen spending by consumers who are already tapped out, economists said.

"I'm actually encouraged by how well the economy hung in there in September and October during the worst of the energy price spikes," said economist Douglas Porter of BMO Nesbitt Burns. "The bigger threat to growth is the rising interest rates."

Analysts believe that the cost of oil, natural gas, gasoline, diesel and other fuels will remain high — by historical standards — as will the risk of shortages.

The smaller-than-usual spread between the global demand for energy and the industry's capacity to produce it leaves a thin margin for error, so that the impact of any output disruptions is magnified.

The fear of such events — sabotage to Iraq oil pipelines, hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, etc. — is enough to keep upward pressure high.

Oil prices peaked in the U.S. in 2005 at \$70.85 in late August; average retail gasoline prices peaked at \$3.07 a gallon in mid-September and diesel prices hit a high of \$3.17 in late October.

"Unfortunately, 2006 is a year where those records are still possibly threatened," said analyst Tom Kloza of Wall, N.J.-based Oil Price Information Service.

Perhaps no other industry has been clobbered as badly by high

fuel prices in recent years as the U.S. airlines, which cling to budget carriers Southwest Airlines Co. and JetBlue Airways Corp., the rest of the industry has been aggressive about cutting costs but has had difficulty raising fares to profitable levels.

Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp. were not up to the challenge and filed for bankruptcy in 2005, but other carriers have become much more efficient as a result of the soaring oil prices and they are cautiously optimistic about 2006.

"In that sense, it has been rewarding in a sick way," said Paul Tate, the chief financial officer of Denver-based Frontier Airlines, which earned \$6.9 million in the July-September quarter. "We're leaner and meaner with oil at \$55 a barrel coming off the peak than we were going up to \$55 the first time."

Brian Jennings, the chief financial officer of Oklahoma City-based oil and gas producer Devon Energy Corp., said he does not believe oil prices will ever reach the 1980s average of \$20 a barrel again because producers are struggling to keep up with demand growth and production costs are higher.

However, Jennings also believes that conservation will gradually have an impact on the U.S. consumer.

"The U.S. consumer is underestimating the impact it can have on global energy prices," said Jennings, who has been driving the same Mercury Capri since 1997. "I've had a lot of the energy efficient windows he recently installed at home."

"If conservation falls by the wayside — if there is a resurgence in oil sales as gasoline prices drop — Jennings believes 'this economy will remain subject to economic shocks driven by energy.'"

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But the damage reached far beyond, disrupting shipping traffic, driving up prices for some goods and eliminating more than 600,000 jobs. The economic fallout was largely contained to the region, but on a scale that will take years to resolve.

3. Auto woes

The problems facing the domestic auto industry steadily worsened. General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. weighed down with high costs and a need with slow sales. The GM would follow suit. The automakers won concessions from the autoworkers union for cuts in employee retirement and health care costs, but analysts wondered if the GM reached will be enough to allow a turnaround.

4. Airlines fatter

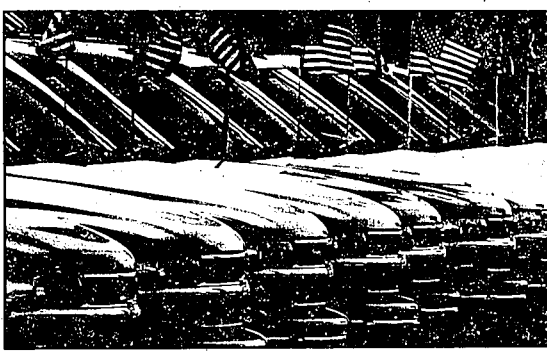
Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp. took refuge in bankruptcy, as the nation's established airlines continued their struggles to re-make themselves. Both carriers fought through the year to cut their costs. At Northwest, that included replacing staffed mechanics with lower wages it had sought to cut.

5. Pensions retired

Scores of troubled companies defaulted on their pension promises, turning over to federal government retirement plans covering 235,000 workers and retirees. The problems that began with big steel companies and airlines earlier in the decade continue to afflict auto and parts makers seek bankruptcy protection.

6. Housing cools

The red-hot housing and real estate market finally shows some signs of cooling after a record run. But not by much.



New Chevrolet sport utility vehicles sit on a Jacksonville, Ark., dealer lot Oct. 27. Analysts are forecasting a year-over-year decline in sales for the month as consumers continued to lean away from the gas-guzzling trucks that are the Big Three's best sellers.

Construction of new homes remains near record levels, and prices for existing homes remain sky-high in many markets.

Gull, rising interest rates have taken some of the edge off demand.

7. Fed changeover

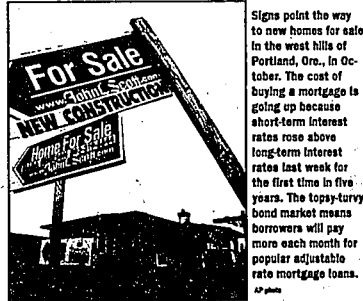
After 18 years at the helm of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan is readying to step aside. President Bush has nominated replacement Ben Bernanke, currently chairman of his Council of Economic Advisors, who has pledged not to veer dramatically off the course set by Greenspan.

8. Jail time

Former WorldCom Inc. CEO Bernard Ebbers and one-time Tyco International Ltd. CEO L. Dennis Kozlowski were sentenced to lengthy prison terms, following trials on corporate fraud charges.

9. Growth continues

The economy showed



surprising resilience, continuing to expand steadily despite soaring energy prices and a series of hurricanes. It grew 4.1 percent in the third quarter, and analysts said they expect that growth has extended — although likely at a slightly slower rate — through the end of the year.

10. Rush to court

Courts saw a rush as weary consumers sought bankruptcy protection before October, when a new law took effect tightening filing requirements. Bankruptcy petitions hit over 2 million for the year, all above the previous record of 1.68 million.

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and McEneaney's department stores to privately held retailer Belk Inc. for \$622 million in cash. That leaves Saks with Saks Fifth Avenue Enterprises and upscale Parisian department stores.

Meanwhile, luxury retailer Neiman Marcus Group Inc. was purchased by private-equity firms Texas Pacific Group and Warburg Pincus LLC for \$5.1 billion, a transaction that was finalized in late August. But the \$30 billion merger between Federated and May will have the most impact on shoppers, analysts say. The deal, finalized in late August, created a retail force with nearly 1,000 stores.

The most obvious change, of course, will be the disappearance of such May nameplates as the storied Marshall Fields — and such as Hecht's, Filene's and Kaufmann's — and the expansion of Macy's to some 450 stores. These moves will take place in the third quarter of 2006. Federated is also studying strategic options for Lord & Taylor.

But, more importantly, given its increased clout, Federated is expected to redefine overall retailing.

"Federated will be resetting the table. They will have more opportunity to take more initiatives," said Allan J. Eniger, senior managing director of M.M.G., an investment banking firm for retail vendors.

Eniger noted that Federated could redefine when apparel is sold, timing shipments to the weather, which reflects how consumers really shop. Shoppers might see a plentiful selection of shorts and swimwear in August, for example, instead of heavy sweaters.

A key challenge for the new Federated will be how to balance an efficient operation while keeping the merchandise compelling. Overall sales at stores opened at least a year, known as same-store sales, have averaged a re-

spectable 3.9 percent gain so far this year despite a multitude of challenges, from unseasonable weather to a spike in gasoline prices. But the department stores' same-store sales, which same-store sales have averaged a modest 2.2 percent gain this year, still lags far behind discounters, warehouse clubs and luxury retailers.

Next year, stores face bigger challenges, including rising interest rates and a softening housing market, according to Philip Zahn, an analyst at Fitch Ratings. He expects a slowdown in same-store sales.

"In the first quarter, consumers will be faced with really high heating bills," he said. "The industry will be closely watching how the new Federated will fare. Joan Caggan, a spokeswoman at Federated, declined to give details about merchandise changes, but Federated officials say they will expand their store labels to set the company apart from its competitors. About 40 percent of Federated's current apparel assortment and one-third of its overall assortment can be found at other stores.

Industry executives speculate that some of the labels at Macy's stores that duplicate Federated's will be cut.

C. Brit Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C., foresees that consumers will see an expansion of home furnishings throughout the new chain, and higher quality products at the stores.

At least one supplier, ABS by Allen Schwartz, believes it will be business as usual. Lloyd Singer, president sales of ABS — which sells \$300 trendy jeans to Bloomingdale's and Macy's, as well as Marshall Fields and Lord & Taylor, said he doesn't see ABS's business expanding or shrinking with the new Federated.

"Because of our high prices, that some of the labels at Macy's (stores) it can be sold," he said.

11. A group of dissident unions split away from the AFL-CIO, reflecting bitter debate in the labor community over struggles to keep membership from eroding.

12. The Federal Reserve steadily raised bank lending rates, announcing its 13th hike in December.

13. Google Inc.'s profits soared, as the search giant scored above \$400.

14. President Bush efforts to appeal an anti-privatization Social Security stalled, leaving questions at the heart of the debate unresolved.

15. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. launched a public relations blitz in an attempt to turn back repeated criticism about its treatment of workers.

16. Telephone companies selected a five-month jail sentence, after her conviction for lying to the government about a stock sale, and her re-

17. Mark & Co. lost its first defense of Vioxx in a state court but won the second, cut 7,000 jobs and announced plans for plant closings. But after a mistrial in federal court, the drug maker continues its battle in the New York.

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turn home put her back in the spotlight.

19. Federated Department Stores, parent of Macy's and Bloomingdale's, took over the May Department Stores, owner of the Lord & Taylor and Marshall Fields chains.

20. Procter & Gamble Inc. brought back a new product, marrying some of the biggest names in consumer products.

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Digital mapping only begins with the roads

By Anik Joodann
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — You can pull up satellite and aerial images, discover neighborhood jazz clubs and check the latest traffic conditions. You can even get e-mail messages, hopefully only one day, tips on foot and bike trails through parks.

Digital maps produce so much more than driving directions these days.

And as features get added, mapping companies are having to build better technologies and find better sources of data — in order to please users.

Microsoft Corp. is working on a mechanism that would have avoid mountain bikers, for example, by specifying good trails.

Yahoo Inc. is planning to use its users to add information on local businesses and places of interest. Yahoo even recently bought a weather, a collaborative calendar of events.

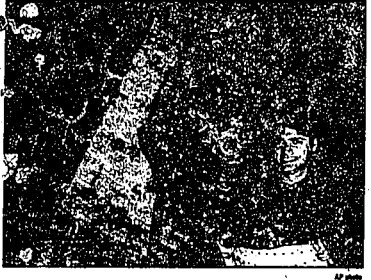
More and more data has to become available to provide these kinds of great offerings," says Steve Kretler, a specialist in operations for product manager for maps. "These kinds of information will come from people around local areas continuing."

While mapping is hot and highly competitive, Nielsen/NetAnalyst recorded a 28 percent jump in visitors this year, with one-third of Web users visiting at least one mapping site in November.

Microsoft, Yahoo, MapQuest and Google Inc. get their primary revenue from operations. Nielsen and Tele Atlas Inc. both of which have been aggressively canvassing the nation's highways and byways to get their databases complete and accurate.

Data companies are typically paid for each map consumers generate. Christian Dwyer, Nielsen's director of operations, estimates that driving directions cost his company a penny apiece and a static map much less — expenses recouped at the sites of ads displayed.

"To set themselves apart, mapping providers must decide individually which of the various attributes provided by



Jeremy Kretler, Yahoo's senior product manager for maps, poses for a photo in front of a map of New York's Central Park in the company's headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif., on Tuesday. Online mapping is hot and highly competitive. And as features get added in response, mapping companies are having to build better technologies and find better sources of data, including their own users.

Navigo and Tele Atlas to embedding multiple-point directions, in case someone wants to stop off to buy a gift on the way to a friend's. Yahoo, along with MapQuest, also provides real-time traffic information for some cities.

Google and Microsoft have satellite imagery from private and government sources. Microsoft also is testing aerial, bird's-eye-view images and is working to create 3-D maps over Web browsers (Google does these through free software called Google Earth).

The mapping providers also are working to get their products on mobile devices. And to make their services more useful, they've been merging maps with data on local businesses like shops, restaurants and theaters.

All this will require data well beyond what Navteq and Tele Atlas alone can provide. Microsoft already has bought aerial imagery from a company called Pictometry International Corp., which provides bird's-eye views, taken at 45 degree angles from four directions. As well, Microsoft is shopping around for altitude data required to cre-

ate models of city buildings in 3-D.

As Google maps tries to fill in Central and Western Europe, it is looking for potential vendors in China, Japan and other countries, said Tom Bailey, director of marketing for Microsoft's mapping products.

Beyond that, there's talk of making maps friendlier to those who don't drive.

Google recently unveiled a prototype of its Transit Trip Planner. The tool checks bus and subway schedules for Portland, Ore., to plot the best itinerary. Microsoft promises to add other cities, but offers no timetable.

Expanding the planner nationally will be tough, though. MapQuest, which Tim Warner Inc.'s America Online unit bought in 2000, has considered such an offering for five years but has not assembled all the required subway, bus, train and taxi data or develop the right software to make sense of them all, said James Greiner, MapQuest's director of marketing.

Also a big challenge is creating directions for walking or biking. Even though the services are extending their offerings to wireless devices, mobile maps are geared toward driving.

It's simple to tell the computer that its OK to travel both directions along a one-way street and to avoid highways; more difficult is programming the fact that you can cut through a park or along a path that may connect two dead-end streets.

But engineers still have much work to do on just the driving directions, said Bret Taylor, who oversees Google's mapping products.

For instance, exit numbers are important in some regions, but not in California, where they have been introduced gradually, Taylor said. The challenge, he said, is to figure out what's important where and to take it into account.

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Bookmark lists can be merged but it's a chore

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It is possible to make a copy of all of the material in this Favorites folder on one computer and then copy the whole lot and caboodle on top of the Favorites on a second machine. When you do this, Windows will overwrite any files with the same name, but it will simply add any pages with different names to the mix. This gives you the merged list you are seeking, but there is a caveat worth noting.

First, you need a floppy disk, a thumb drive or some other way of moving files between computers. So fine up whatever removable storage gear you want on the first machine and then right-click on Start and then select Explore from the pop-up menu. Scroll down the list in the Windows Explorer to play to that Favorites star icon and open it. Now tap Control+A to select all of the folders and then in the Favorites folder and then tap Control+C to copy them.

Now open the folder for your thumb drive or other storage device. Tap Control+V to paste the folder's contents.

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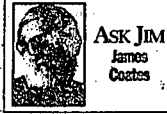
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Ready access to info means smarts — or stress

By Anik Joodann
Associated Press writer

Books are being scanned to make them searchable on the Internet. Television broadcasts are being recorded and archived for online posterity. Google, Amazon.com, publishers and authors groups have

used Google.) The online access will let students and everyday readers obtain firsthand accounts from nearby or distant locations. It also provides secondary interpretations in Web postings. It can be more accurate or biased.

"There's a lot of really good, well-known books that are really almost impossible to get hold of," said Steve Jones, a professor of physics at the University of Oregon. Jones, who seeks older books for bible teachings. "They are locked up in somebody's library and nobody else is even willing to have access to it."

Alan Staples Jr., 23, a Lawrence, Kan., businessman, likes the idea of online books so much that he's even willing to pay a few pennies a page just to have a library.

Indeed, Amazon.com Inc. announced such a program in November and is working with publishers to get the necessary rights.

Television shows formerly locked up in network or studio vaults are starting to emerge online.

"Before, once it has been aired, it's gone, and it doesn't really contribute to our knowledge space," said Jakob Nielsen, a Web design expert with Nielsen Norman Group.

For the past year, Google has been digitizing news and other programs from several TV stations in the San Francisco area (although Google has even willing to still images and closed-captioned text until it settles copyright matters).

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Apple Computer Inc. recently started selling episodes of shows old and new from ABC and NBC. Universal for \$149 each. The catalog includes "Lost" and "Law & Order."

Tivo Inc. is also getting more mobile, expanding its digital recording service to permit video transfers to iPods and Sony Corp.'s PlayStation Portable.

In audio, National Public Radio has been producing free podcasts featuring clips or entire programs. Anyone with a music player can listen anytime, anywhere.

And then there are materials eligible: Photos taken by digital cameras can now be easily shared, even among strangers, at sites like Yahoo's Flickr.

Steve Jones, a professor of communications at the University of Illinois at Chicago, says centralization and easy access make people smarter. Instead of wasting time finding information, they can focus more on assessing its worth.

There's the danger, he says, that people will simply take information for granted. Assuming that whatever pops up first is the best.

Worse, people may simply tune out.

Field research by Jennifer Kayahara, a sociology graduate student at the University of Toronto, shows people are overwhelmed as it is.

"For people who don't search extensively online, that's the reason they give: 'There's too much.' She said adding that people worry they might miss something yet don't have the time to seek it out.

The key may lie in technologies that push to the top items you seek. Search analyst Danny Sullivan describes such a tool as "some sort of metal detector or magnet to pull all the good stuff out of one haystack."

Virtual communities may contribute to that end.

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Tuber moth puts Ag Department on alert

TWIN FALLS — The arrival of the potato tuber moth into southwestern Idaho has put the Idaho State Department of Agriculture on the alert. Officials are planning to ask the 2006 Legislature to up the amount the state can spend to control the pest.

By law, the ISDA only has \$500,000 at its disposal to take such measures for row crops. When foot-and-mouth disease hit Europe a few years ago, the Idaho livestock industry convinced lawmakers to increase their deficiency warrants to \$5 million.

Crop producers want the same favor, especially potato farmers. ISDA spokesman Wayne Hoffman said.

But there's another \$5 million appropriation lawmakers might have to consider. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he plans on asking for a \$5 million loan as a match for money coming from the federal government to implement a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program agreement to take irrigated land out of production.

Water managers show optimism for water year

TWIN FALLS — Rain in the valleys and snow melting up in the mountains at the end of December has water managers in southern Idaho hoping for a good 2006.

Vince Albend, general manager of Twin Falls Canal Co., is optimistic about the coming irrigation season.

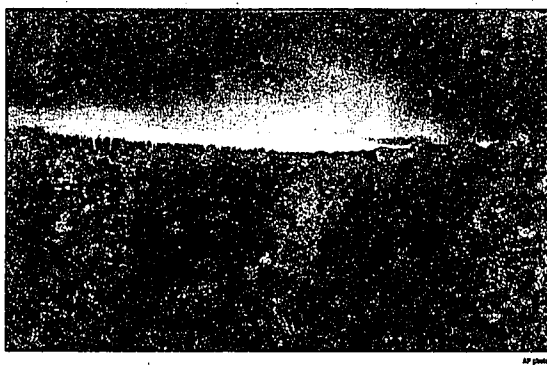
"It feels like a different winter to me," he said.

Fueling that optimism is the fact that the Upper Snake Reservoir system ended the 2005 season with about half of a million more acre-feet of water in storage than at the end of 2004. That provides a cushion water managers didn't have a year ago.

Feed price outlook remains mostly stable

TWIN FALLS — A huge corn crop is expected to keep feed prices fairly low in 2006, but increasing demand for hay could push hay prices higher.

Cattle numbers continue to grow in Idaho. Mary Patten, head of the state Dairy Bureau, told legislators and conservationists at a meeting in December that she expects to see an additional 100,000 dairy cows in the Midwest region within the next five years. To support that kind of growth, another 100,000 ani-



As the sun sets on 2005, Idaho agriculture gears up for challenges and opportunities in the coming year.

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imals will be needed in the pipeline to replace those milking animals.

Pork export market holds on strong in 2005

TWIN FALLS — In the black, remarkable prices, exceptional export market — could things get any better for pork producers? Probably not, said Steve Meyer of Farnam Economics in Iowa. With new export markets opening in 2005, pork imports to Russia up 90 percent and predictably low feed prices due to increased corn production, 2006 is off to a good start.

Even if the market has a few pitfalls this year, Meyer said pork producers balance sheets are in "exceptional shape so they should be able to handle a tough time if it happens."

Sheep markets expected to hold

RUPERT — Idaho's lamb market is expected to hold steady in a coming year. If the weather holds, that will make two good years in a row for an industry hit hard by recent droughts.

"I think it's going to be pretty good," said Tom Rich of Rich Livestock Co. in Rupert. "Lamb prices are holding pretty good, and sheep numbers have increased."

Aquaculture industry battles rising costs

HAGERMAN — If the good news of 2005 was increased demand and higher prices, the challenge in 2006 will be meeting that increased demand as production costs increase.

Idaho trout prices finally rose above 2001 levels last summer, about the same time transportation costs nearly doubled for an industry that is heavily dependent on shipping product to out-of-state markets.

Leo Roy, an aquaculture producer and processor in Hagerman, said his transportation costs have gone up 75 percent in the last year, from about 10 cents a pound to nearly 20 cents.

Beet growers look to opportunity

TWIN FALLS — Idaho sugar beet growers are coming off a year of improved prices in 2005, and foresee both opportunities and challenges in 2006, producers and industry officials said.

On the bright side, grower-owned Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Boise was able to add all its stored sugar because hurricanes in Louisiana and Florida shorted the cane sugar supply. The federal government, which regulates sales to ensure adequate returns to growers without paying subsidies, opted to release all stored sugar for sale to compensate that boosted returns for producers and improved prospects for 2006 by reducing supply.

Cost, price squeeze

BOISE — Identifying strategies to cope with rising fuel and fertilizer prices in a time when grain prices are remaining on the low side will be a top priority for grain producers across Idaho in 2006.

"The cost/prices squeeze is going to present a difficult challenge for growers," said Kelly Olson, administrator for the Idaho Barley Commission.

To help growers meet the challenge, IBC has initiated a project with the University of Idaho to develop best management practices for managing rising input costs and getting that information to producers.

Bean industry plants seeds for future

Promoting sales of dry edible bean seeds from Idaho will continue as a priority for producers and industry officials in 2006.

"I still raise the best seeds you can buy in the United States," said W.K. "Buck" Moore, of Moore's Inc., in Hansen. Idaho's dry climate and irrigation capabilities provide ideal growing conditions for disease-free, top-quality seed beans, said Moore, who is president of the Western Bean Dealers Association in Buhl.

And the 2005 commercial market for dry edible beans in Idaho highlights why producers and industry groups are promoting greater sales of seed beans from Idaho.

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Hypnosis makes its way toward ordinary

By Susan Kreimer
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Hypnosis has caught on as a weapon in the battle of the bulge — and various vices.

And mental health experts say it's drawing dusters to their doorsteps.

"I get more referrals from physicians than ever for habits like tobacco-use cessation, weight control, nail-biting and others," said Dr. Douglas Belamy, 64, a psychologist in Texas who has practiced hypnosis since the early 1980s.

"Hypnosis is becoming more recognized as an important technique in the treatment of many medical and psychological conditions."

In turn, health professionals — from doctors to psychologists, dentists, social workers and nurses — are availing themselves of training through the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis (www.sch.net), which has about 2,300 members.

"Based on the traffic on our Web-based referral database, the number of people seeking a practitioner who will use clinical hypnosis in their treatment is increasing," said a spokeswoman for the society, based in the Chicago area.

Smoking cessation, labor and delivery, and weight loss generate the most interest. But requests also stream in from people with phobias or chronic pain, cancer patients and those dealing with mental health issues.

Statistics indicate that 65 percent of U.S. adults age 20 and older are overweight or obese. More may well be heading in this direction, cautions the American Obesity Association.

In counseling compulsive eaters, Dallas psychologist Dr. Harold Crasnick "does an age regression," said his wife, Sherry, who assists with therapy and his private practice.

"He goes back in time and space in their lives, asking them to raise their thumb when they reach the point of onset, she said. Then they recall what happened to bring on the bingeing."

As the demand for hypnosis has mushroomed the last few years, Crasnick has been "snowed with people who come to see him," his wife said.

Many come to Crasnick because of his expertise with burn victims. One patient, battling excruciating migraines, journeyed recently from Australia to consult the 64-year-old practitioner, who has sworn by hypnosis since 1953.

"He also travels to train the burgeoning number of health professionals interested in the technique."

"The single most important thing in the use of hypnosis is the patient's unconscious motivation," said Crasnick, clinical professor of psychology, anesthesia and psychology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. "If that motivation isn't there, it's not going to work."

But when it is, experts say, hypnosis can work wonders.

"Hypnosis is a therapeutic technique that can provide the openness to access greater resources and strengths already within you," said Deborah Beckman, a licensed professional counselor in Dallas.

She doesn't use hypnosis directly to help clients shed excess pounds, dig for repressed memories, or "erase" bad memories.

"Hypnosis can help with pain and stress management, anxiety, depression and disturbed sleep as well."

With so many medical professionals having a psychological bias, doctors often choose the referral option, said Dr. George R. Mount, 64, a Dallas psychologist who has offered hypnosis since 1974.

"I use it weekly on about half of his clients," said Mount, past president of the North Texas Society of Clinical Hypnosis in Dallas (www.ntschs.com), "a component of the national group." Patients with anxiety-based disorders are a good example.

Sessions last 50 minutes and incorporate cognitive behavioral techniques. Of that 20-30 minutes are devoted to hypnosis, he said. Treatment length ranges from about eight to 10 visits.

Hypnosis also serves a purpose in forensics. Mount employs it with witnesses and crime victims in law enforcement.

Belamy uses hypnosis on a minority of patients, depending on the most suitable treatment. "I get requests for things that would be inappropriate, such as to find out if someone is deceitful," he said. "Hypnosis is not a lie-detection tool."

Dairymen keep eye on rising milk supply

By Alice Sherman Hansen
Ag Weekly correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Strong, steady milk prices helped dairy farmers swim a few lengths ahead in 2005. With U.S. dairy cow numbers and per-cow milk production creeping up, however, they're wondering if they will be just breaking water in 2006.

"Prices don't look to be as good in '06 as in '05," said Chris Galen, information director for National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Va.

USDA's November milk production report is the shark in the water that is otherwise relatively calm waters. The report, released Dec. 16, showed milk production in the top 23 dairy states was up 4.6 percent from year-earlier levels. Cow numbers were up 60,000 head from last November and per-cow production rose 59 pounds.

Three states posted double-

digit percentage increases: Idaho, with 12.2 percent, and New Mexico and Texas, both up 12.2 percent. New cheese processing plants are open or planned in New Mexico and Texas, according to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's Dec. 20 Daily Dairy Report.

With figures like that, it's no wonder why the Idaho Dairyman's Association has made a New Year's resolution to boost Idaho milk processing capacity.

"That will be our biggest challenge in 2006," said Executive Director Bob Naerbut.

Idaho made Hilmar Cheese's short list of potential sites for a new cheese plant this year, but the company awarded the project to Texas.

Despite the ominous November milk production report, cheese prices held relatively steady late this year at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

The market was likely helped

by Cooperatives Working Together's latest herd retirement program, which removed 0.7 percent of the U.S. milk supply. It was expensive, with the highest-yield bid of \$6.75 hundredweight.

"That's more than 50 percent increase," Galen said in a telephone interview.

CWT's average annual bids have risen in tandem with milk prices. In 2003, the average bid was \$4.02 cwt.; in 2004, it was \$5.24 cwt.

"Already, some are wondering if increased milk production warrants yet another program in 2006. But Galen said unless changes are made, that might be impossible.

"We don't have the money to do it again in '06," he said.

Dairy industry analysts will be watching demand closely in 2006 with such aggressive supply-side increases.

"Demand has been very robust (in 2005), which has been

very positive," said Michael North, executive director of Modesto, Calif.-based Western United Dairymen. "As long as that continues, that's going to help us."

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Trade issues, drought add uncertainty to beef industry

By Cathy Roemer
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TWIN FALLS — After a year of ups and downs in the cattle industry, Lloyd Knight, Idaho Cattle Association executive director, said he is looking for more certainty for 2006.

But Auburn University extension economist Walt Prevatt of Alabama said he sees just the opposite. In his 2006 market outlook report, Prevatt predicted the coming year will open up with a great deal of uncertainty.

For profitability, Prevatt advises producers to monitor domestic beef production, growing supplies of lamb and poultry and import and export markets.

"Abrupt changes in these factors could potentially saddle a producer with the 2005 cattle markets," he said.

Prevatt also said that after several years of strong and fairly



A shopper looks at U.S. beef at a supermarket in western Japan, Monday.

stable prices, herd expansion is in full swing.

"Low levels of cow slaughter combined with larger numbers of replacement heifers being reared during this year's calf crop support that herd expansion is taking place," he said.

Wilson Gray, University of Idaho extension economist,

said he expected to see herd building begin before new but trade uncertainties and drought conditions made producers hesitant to rebuild too soon.

"We just finished a 15-year cattle cycle," Gray said. "It was one of the longest cycles in history. A new cycle began in 2005, and producers are starting to

hold back heifers."

A plus for 2006 is the reopening of the Japanese market to U.S. beef. Gray predicts that the United States will not regain what it once had in exports to Japan but could get back "4 to 6 percent in the next two to three years."

Mike Webster, Idaho Cattle Association president, said all the figures show expansion is underway.

"As soon as we (producers) get a little money, we tend to want to get bigger," he said.

On the Idaho front, Webster said his organization has several legislative priorities lined up, including what the Legislature will be doing with property tax reform, eminent domain issues and mandated ethanol use.

Webster said ICA will continue its work on Endangered Species reform and working with the Environmental Protection Agency to bring producers and the agency together in a productive way.

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