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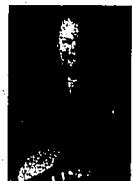
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What's it like to live in a town with a coal-fired power plant? Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop traveled to Texas recently to find out. Her three-part series explores the issues surrounding Sempra Generation's plans to build a plant near Jerome.

Starting Sunday in The Times-News



Open wide!

Children get free dental care

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Tristen Pamparuta, 12, of Twin Falls surely has something to smile about. He stands proudly grasping the X-ray of his teeth like an award certificate and grinning ear-to-ear, telling his grandma that the dentist didn't find one cavity in his mouth. "I don't have any cavities," Pamparuta said. "And this X-ray is so cool."

The dentist says ...

- Brush at least twice a day — in the morning and evening.
- Floss once a day; children are ready to floss at around two years of age, when the primary molars grow in, or if any teeth are touching.
- Stay away from soda: Its high sugar content and acidity level creates a lethal combination for tooth decay.

The dentist, Dr. Adam Hodges from Rupert, compliments the young patient on his brushing.

"He brushes a lot better than his brothers," Hodges said. Tristen's younger brother, Kenny, said he does brush — just not as much as he should. "I will brush more now," Kenny said. "The dentist explained that I should brush for at least two minutes."

The brothers participated in Friday's "Give a Kid a Smile Day," a free dental clinic held at the College of Southern Idaho's Aspen Building.

The clinic was put together by CSIS Dental Assistant Program in conjunction with the South Central Idaho Dental Society. Students and dentists from around the Magic Valley volunteered their time and talents. Tony Rowett, project manager of the Dental Assistant Program, said that this was the second year the clinic has been provided and it has been a tremendous success. "We were able to provide some care for about 50 children who would have gone without,"



Dr. Justin Cross works on 10-year-old Kristopher Wiedmeier's teeth Friday morning at the College of Southern Idaho.

Rowett said. "Most of the care is preventative and every child got an exam and X-ray; some still need cleaning or other work to be done."

She explained that for procedures unavailable at Friday's clinic, some dentists will provide free or reduced-rate care. Every child was given an educational packet on how to better

care for their teeth at home, including an activity book, toothpaste, toothbrush and floss.

"The patients were given their X-rays and diagnosis charts to take with them the next time they visit a dentist."

"It is good to have mom and dad around to listen about what they need to be doing at home," said Hodges. "Children really

need guidance in developing good oral hygiene."

He notes that everyone needs to brush at least twice a day and flossing once every day is probably the most important aspect of oral care.

"It is good to stay away from pop," he said. "The high sugar

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Will anyone live there?

Governor's mansion sees controversy

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Two of three candidates to be Idaho's next governor wouldn't live in the mansion donated by billionaire J.R. Simplot in December 2004, extending a debate that's been a feature of Idaho politics for two decades.

Since 1987, when Gov. Cecil Andrus refused to live in the then-governor's house, Idaho has been plagued by what to do about its head honchos' living quarters.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has added to the discussion this year with his \$2 million plan to buy land adjacent to the Simplot mansion to shield it from development.

Jerry Brade, the lone Democratic candidate, calls the house on a prominent Boise overlook "fit for a medieval king."

Dan Adamson, a Clatskanie businessman and Republican candidate, would turn it into a bed and breakfast, with the proceeds benefiting Idaho education.

U.S. Rep. C.L. "Burt" Otter, R-Idaho, the leader in campaign fundraising at \$760,000, won't say where he'd live if elected, though he's expanding his home in Star.

The continuing drama is a sign of the uneasiness libertarian Idaho has with the notion of a home that some say sets the governor apart from the people he or she represents. It's a common theme across America, where tussles over governor's mansions reveal a citizenry that's still defining its relationship to power political experts say.

"This is a down-to-Earth, blue-collar state, and there are a lot of states like that," said Richard Moore, a retired political science professor at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston.

"Just calling it a mansion sets off alarm bells for a lot of people. Until Simplot made the \$2.1 million house donation, Idaho was one of just six states, including California and Vermont, without an official governor's residence."

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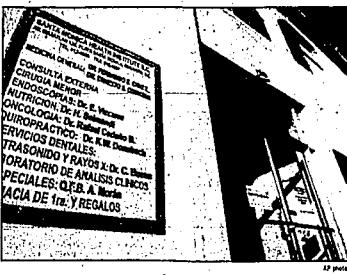
Cancer patients turn to Mexico

Officials warn of unproven treatments

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Like thousands of other desperately ill Americans, Coretta Scott King was apparently hoping for a medical miracle when she crossed into Mexico. For a half-century, patients have flocked to clinics south of the border for treatments that are shunned, prohibited or regarded as outright quackery in the United States. Among the treatments offered: blood transfusions from guinea pigs, colon cleansings, and the zapping of cancer cells with electrical current.

Supporters say the clinics Please see CANCER, Page A2



Signs posted by the Baja California state health department are on the doors of the Santa Monica Health Institute on Friday, indicating activities have been suspended in Rosarito Beach, Mexico. Coretta Scott King had been seeking treatment at the facility before she died.

The Super Bowl of 'methane moments'

By Charles Leroux
Chicago Tribune

Is Super Bowl Sunday a holy day for you and your friends? Are you thinking about the feast: the cheese and sausage plate, the hot wings and hot dogs, the chili with beans, some pizza, cheeseburgers, the bean dip — all of which you'll wash down with a beer or four and some pop. Maybe, in a concession to healthy eating, you'll dip into the broccoli and cauliflower.

You know what not what you do. Bill Downs is here to inform you that the typical Super Bowl party turns the gastrointestinal tract (or GI as pros like him call

it) into a natural gas pipeline — specifically people's gas. Your party could go up in flames — if you're into that game — or at least become a series of what Downs calls "methane moments."

Certainly by the end of the first quarter, said Downs, 54, a specialist in the causes and calming of flatulence. "It's time to stand back, there's gonna be an earthquake!"

Downs, a nutritional biologist and president of Allied Nutraceutical Ingredients, is a company dealing with dietary supplements, explained that the usual fare of his parties is also pretty much the top 10 list of gas-producing compounds.

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Memo: Cuts in spending, drug program straining Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration is straining from spending cuts and extra work brought on by the new prescription drug benefit, according to internal correspondence from an agency official.

The agency is helping senior citizens and the disabled enroll in the drug benefit, plus it has been working to determine who qualifies for extra government help in paying for medicine. The agency is seeing a huge increase in phone calls and office visits as a result.

One out of three calls to the agency's 1-800 number for information results in a busy signal, and people are visiting Social Security Administration offices at a rate of nearly 200,000 per day, said an e-mail to employees from Linda McMahon, deputy commissioner of operations for Social Security.

"Ever since the Medicare Modernization Act passed, those of you on the front line have been expressing your deep concern that SSA is not resourced well to help people understand, enroll in and negotiate the new Medicare Part D coverage," McMahon said. "Now we are seeing the consequences of that fact."

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., obtained the e-mail and sent it to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. The Social Security Administration confirmed that the e-mail was legitimate.

Asked about the e-mail, agency spokesman Mark Hinkle said, "We continue to provide Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits and assistance with timeliness and professionalism."

Waxman told Hastert that the agency is considering closing offices for certain periods to allow staff to complete other work. He asked that the appropriate congressional committees investigate.

In her Jan. 21 e-mail, McMahon told employees that Congress had passed the agency's budget in late December, delivering \$300 million less than President Bush had requested. The agency's budget is \$9.1 billion for this fiscal year — a cut of almost \$200 million.

To cope, McMahon said, the agency would do fewer reviews of whether disabled adults and children should continue getting monthly cash payments called Supplemental Security Income. It would also look at non-personnel spending to free up more money for overtime.

Egyptian ferry sinks in Red Sea

Most of 1,400 passengers feared dead

SAFAGA, Egypt (AP) — An aging ferry sank in the choppy waters of the Red Sea on Friday with more than 1,400 people on board, mainly Egyptian workers returning from Saudi Arabia. Most were feared lost, but at least 324 apparently made it to safety.

Transportation Minister Mohammed Lutfy Mansour told reporters early Saturday a "small fire" broke out on the ferry before it sank. He said investigators were working to determine the fire's connection to the sinking, but that there was no explosion on the vessel.

At the Egyptian port of Isthghada, nearly 140 survivors were brought to shore early Saturday — the first significant group to come to shore. They walked off the ship down a ramp, some of them bandaged and shivering, wrapped in blankets, and immediately boarded buses to take them to the hospital.

"The fire happened about an hour or 90 minutes into the trip, but they decided to keep going. It's negligence," one survivor, Nabil Zikry, told journalists before he was moved along by police.

Ataf Abed Babho, another survivor, said the fire broke out 2.5 hours after the ship left Saudi Arabia and that the vessel started to sink at 2 a.m. "We were in the Red Sea for 18 hours," he said.

"It was like the Titanic on fire," another one shouted.

Police tried to keep the survivors from talking to journalists, but several bawled their anger that the rescue had taken so long.

"They left us in the water for 24 hours. A helicopter came above us and circled, we would signal and they ignored us," one man shouted. "Our lives are the cheapest in the world," another said.

A spokesman for President Hosni Mubarak said the ferry did not have enough lifeboats,



Relatives wait next to the entrance of the port in Safaga in Egypt on Friday for news of friends and relatives who may have survived the sinking of a ferry in the Red Sea.



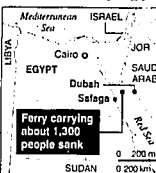
Radwan Sideeq holds a photograph of his nephew, Haltham Ezz Eddin whom Radwan believes was on board the ferry which sank in the Red Sea, as he awaits news at the entrance to the port in Safaga in Egypt on Friday.

and questions were raised about the safety of the 35-year-old, refitted ship that was weighed down with 220 cars as well as the passengers.

"It's a roll-on, roll-off ferry, and there is big question mark over the stability of this kind of ship," said David Osler of the London shipping paper Lloyd's List. "It would only take a bit of water to get on board this ship and it would be all over.... The percentage of this type of ferry

Egyptian ferry sinks

About 325 survivors were rescued Friday after a ferry sank while traveling from Dubai, Saudi Arabia, to Safaga, Egypt.



SOURCE: ESPN AP

involved in this type of disaster is huge."

"Weather may also have been a factor. There were high winds and a sandstorm overnight on Saudi Arabia's west coast."

Officials said more than 185 bodies were recovered while hundreds remained missing in the dark, chilly sea nearly 24 hours after the ship went down. One lifeboat was spotted from a helicopter during the day bobbing in the waves with what appeared to be about a dozen or more passengers.

Hundreds of angry relatives of the passengers crowded for hours outside Egypt's port of Safaga, where the ferry had been heading.

"This is a dirty government, may God burn their hearts as they burned mine," one woman wailed, slapping her face in grief. "I want my brother. I have no one else in this life."

Mansour said 324 people, including a 3-year-old child, were rescued.

Some of the survivors were taken from the ferry's lifeboats, others from the water, rescue craft dropped into the sea by helicopters, and others were pulled from the water wearing life jackets, the governor of Red Sea province, Bakr al-Bushlali, told The Associated Press.

A police official at the operations control room in Safaga said 185 bodies were pulled from the sea. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Rescue efforts appeared confused, Egyptian officials initially turned down a British offer to divert a warship to the scene and a U.S. offer to send a P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft to the area. Then Egypt reversed itself and asked for help — then finally decided to call on the British ship, deciding it was too far away to help, said Lt. Col. Charlie Brown of the U.S. 5th Fleet, based in Bahrain. In the end, the U.S. craft — which has the capability to search underwater from the air — was sent, but the British ship was not, he said.

Four Egyptian rescue ships reached the scene Friday afternoon, about 10 hours after the ferry likely went down some 57 miles off the Egyptian port of Isthghada.

Any survivors still in the Red Sea could go into shock in the waters, which average in the upper 60s in February and are up to 3,000 feet deep.

Mubarak's spokesman said an investigation was under way.

"The swift sinking of the ferry and the lack of sufficient lifeboats suggests there was some violation, but we cannot say until the investigation is complete," said presidential spokesman Suleiman Awad, quoted by the semi-official news agency MENA.

Egyptian regulations require life jackets on the boat, but implementation of safety procedures is often lax.

The ship, Al-Salam Boccaccio 50, left Thursday at 7:30 p.m. from the Saudi port of Dubah on a 120-mile trip to Safaga. It had been scheduled to arrive at 3 a.m.

The vessel went lost between midnight and 2 a.m., when authorities lost contact with it. No distress signal was received.

The ferry was carrying 1,200 Egyptian and 112 other passengers as well as 36 crew members, the head of Al-Salam Maritime Transport Company Mamdouh Ismail told AP. The passengers included 93 Saudis, three Syrians, two Sudanese, and a Canadian, officials said. It was not clear where the other passengers were from.

Tens of thousands of Egyptians work in Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf countries — many of them from impoverished families in southern Egypt who spend years abroad to earn money. They often travel by ship to and from Saudi Arabia across the Red Sea, a cheaper option than flying.

But some on board the ferry were believed to be Muslim pilgrims who had overstayed their visas after last month's hajj pilgrimage to work in the kingdom.

President Bush offered his condolences.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with all Egyptians and citizens of other nations who suffered losses in this terrible accident," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said in Texas.

The agent for the ship in Saudi Arabia, Farid al-Dostadi, said the vessel had the capacity for 2,500 passengers. But the owner's Web site said 327-foot-long boat had a capacity for 1,487 passengers and crew.

The Genoa-based Italian Naval Registry, which is certified the ferry for safety since its construction in 1976, said the vessel never had any problems and passed its last structural inspection in June 2005.

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NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Lawmaker seeks faster speed limit

BOISE — A Mountain Home lawmaker who owns a trucking company is seeking to change the 75 mph on Idaho freeways, he says.

Republican Sen. Tim Conrad proposed the bill Thursday, saying the 65 mph limit is unrealistic for today's trucks with their high-powered engines.

"We like ours to run the most efficiently, which saves fuel, and oftentimes that speed is greater than the 65," Conrad told the Senate Transportation Committee.

"By the way, not one of my truckers has been cited, not one, and I can tell you not one of 'em is driving 65," he added, conceding that it's more dangerous to have cars and trucks traveling at different speeds.

Committee Chairman Skip Brundage, R-Kooskia, said he agreed.

"Currently, with the load of congestion that we do have on our highways, you put in a truck or anything that's holding back the flow of traffic, and people do stupid things," Brundage said. "Everybody's in a hurry."

Dave Carlson, director of public and governmental affairs for AAA of Idaho, said his group opposed similar legislation last year because faster trucks are dangerous and cause more wear on roads.

Judging by the public reaction we got, I would say Idaho citizens would be very much opposed," he said.

The committee will hold a full hearing on the bill in coming weeks.

Bill to seal border to imported elk is dead

BOISE — An effort to seal Idaho borders to outside elk, llama, reindeer, elk, deer and moose has died in a Senate committee.

"Hunting groups" had sought the bill to protect wild herds from chronic wasting disease, a condition that affects grazing animals.

Stan Biddle of Eagle, who testified on behalf of a group called Deer Hunters of Idaho, said importing deer and elk only helps the 40 game farms in Idaho — 10 of which allow hunting.

Thirty states have banned imports of elk, deer and moose and five states have restricted imports, noted Sen. David Laughton, D-Boise, who sponsored the bill in the Senate's Agricultural Affairs Committee.

But several elk ranchers told the panel they test for the disease in every animal killed and import only from herds that have been free of the disease for five years.

"The disease" will come in from the wild, elk rancher Clint Deans of Garden Valley told the committee Thursday. "It's not going to come in from elk ranches."

Deans said he needs access to out-of-state herds to maintain genetic diversity and keep up with the demand for meat. He said the US imports 2 million pounds of venison from New Zealand each year.

Idaho Fish and Game manager James Unsworth told the committee that chronic wasting disease has not yet been found in Idaho.

— compiled from wire reports

Coming tomorrow

Chariot races in Richfield? The Romans would be impressed. Read about it Sunday in The Times-News.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	As of Feb. 3	% of 1999
Salmon	131%	82%
Big Wood	146%	95%
Little Wood	149%	87%
Big Lost	134%	60%
Little Lost	112%	67%
Henry's Fork/Furnace	124%	63%
Upper Snake Basin	127%	81%
Oakley	168%	111%
Salmon Falls	152%	97%

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire winter season, which peaks in April.

INL may dismantle 3 experimental reactors

Tribes, public will have chance to comment

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — Three nuclear reactors at Idaho National Laboratory, instrumental in leading to the understanding and construction of more advanced reactors, will likely be dismantled beginning this fall.

"Projects only move so long," Emory "Sam" Mabley, who worked on all three reactors during his 37-year career, told the Press.

Debris will either remain at the site in a special, lined area, or be shipped to other sites, including a permanent underground repository in New Mexico.

"It really depends, when we get in there, what the waste types are," Amy Lentz, vice president of communications for GWI, told The Associated Press on Friday.

She said the INL would keep waste with lower hazards associated with it.

State officials, the Shoshone-Bannock tribes and the public will get to comment on the plan

to dismantle the reactors and dispose of the materials.

"We're going through the public comment process this year," said Lentz. "Not until we have an opportunity to have the plan reviewed will we have the opportunity to start work."

The INL went on line in 1952 as the world's first materials testing reactor, enabling engineers to see what happened to materials bombarded with radioactivity. It was shut down in 1970 after researchers built more advanced reactors.

In 1957, the INL became the second test reactor at INL. It closed in 1991 when the INL

advanced Test Reactor took over the research load.

Engineers started using the INL reactor in 1972 to test nuclear accident scenarios. That reactor went on standby in 1995, and is now awaiting demolition.

Lentz said the only operational reactor at INL now is the Advanced Test Reactor, which runs experiments for the U.S. Navy. The Department of Energy wants to use it to make plutonium-238 for nuclear batteries used in space missions.

GWI is a joint effort involving Denver-based CH2M Hill and Boise-based Washington Group International. Lentz said.

POETRY IN MOTION



Wylee Gustafson of Wylee and the Wild West jumps into the air during the 'Cowboy Laughter' show Thursday at the Elk Convention Center.

Cowboy poetry finds its sea legs at this year's event

By Marianne Kobak For The Times-News

Go to the Gathering

The National Cowboy Poetry Gathering continues through today at the Western Folklife Center in Reno, Nev. Single-day passes cost \$18. Special shows require an additional ticket. For more information, call (888) 880-5885 or visit <http://www.westernfolklife.org>

ELKO — The National Cowboy Poetry Gathering is a time to speak of cowboys, their horses and the land, but this year the poems and songs also give voice to fishermen, their boats and the sea.

People may have questioned why the gathering was including fishermen this year, but after this week's "Fishing for Words" performance, the people who packed the Western Folklife Center received their answers.

Christina Bate, who introduced the artists Tuesday, said it made sense for the fishermen to be here.

"Everyone writes poetry about what's important to them," Bate said. "Fisher poet Ian Broderick said cowboys and fishermen have many things in common."

"I recognize there's an affinity between what the cowboys do and the fishermen," Broderick said. "We have enough in common; it makes sense for us to be here."

Cowboys and fishermen both showed their love of the land or the sea they work on through their poetry. The weather and the people who taught them how to be cowboys or fishermen also were spoken of through the poems and songs.

"The show began with Laurie Wagner

Buyer and W.C. Jamison. In one of her poems, Buyer said being a cowboy is more than just a job. "It shows how much you care about the land and the waterways," she said. "It shows the way you live inside."

After each of Buyer's poems, Jamison sang. One of his songs was about fives, becoming a cowboy and the man, Buck, who worked with him. In the song he was 14 and Buck was older and taught him how to cuss, play a guitar and ride a horse.

"Back when I dug the postholes and Buck strung the wire," Jamison sang. "Buck eventually was sent to war and never returned, but Jamison sang, "It's been 40 years and I still think of Buck."

Buyer also spoke about what it was like to be a ranch wife and said, "Blatting taught me to let my man be what he was meant to be... cut from the earth."



Cowboy entertainer Sourdough Slim of Paradise, Calif., tosses his hat in the air during 'Cowboy Laughter.'

They ended their portion of the show with audience participation in singing. "Life was a whole lot better when Roy Rogers was around."

Jamison sang that, "Roy never gave up, never gave in, never bucked down and never compromised with the bad guy."

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Carey has enough affordable housing, P&Z says

By James Colter Times-News correspondent

CAREY — Affordable housing is no longer an official issue in this small but growing Blaine County community. At least, not for now. That was the consensus Thursday night as Planning and Zoning members decided the fate of what to do with the issue.

"I don't think we're ready, or there is really a need for affordable housing right now," said P&Z member Mike Green.

"I feel like it needs to be put on the back burner for now," she said.

Last month, the Carey City Council asked P&Z members if they would review the issue of affordable housing for the Carey area. The members were then asked if they would make a recommendation to the City Council.

"I spoke with three different developers from Las Vegas last week about affordable housing," said P&Z member Jim Peterson.

"The developers from Vegas said that the city of Henderson (Nev.) had tried affordable housing and it turned into just another level of bureaucracy."

"And the different levels of bureaucracy is already a major issue facing developers and property owners."

"Mike Kelsey was right; we don't want to add another hoop to jump through," Peterson said.

Local business owner and Carey resident Mike Kelsey said that he had never seen affordable housing work in any environment. But the commission did agree that the issue would likely resurface at some point in

the future. "The price of housing is getting out of control (and) this issue will need to be addressed, but I'm not sure affordable housing is the answer," said commission member Greg Carlson.

It was another subtle reminder that the county is experiencing growing pains and will likely continue to do so.

As the P&Z discussed the Comprehensive Plan — which was initialized in 1996 — the issue of keeping Carey "rural" surfaced.

"This has always been a beautiful farming community, but I'm not sure it will always stay that way," said commission member Rick Mechem.

"Lots of people are going to want to subdivide and sell off their property."

"I feel like rural is being able to see something besides your neighbor's windows," said P&Z member Ieta Jamison.

"We have a lot of one-acre lots here in town," said Planning and Zoning Administrator Sara Mechem.

"(And) developers may want to build duplexes on some of these acre lots."

"The issue surrounding multi-family unit development will be discussed at a later date. For now, P&Z will continue to work on the city's Comprehensive Plan."

"We already have too much bureaucracy; developers will not look favorably on adding another level," said member Rick Mechem. James Colter lives in Carey and can be reached at colterj@skylink.net.

Richfield is in grip of Krazy Dayz

Chariot racing is the highlight of annual event

By Torrell Williams Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD — It's always a little crazy each winter at the chariot races in Richfield.

Drivers in lightweight standing-room-only chariots fly down a wide straight track racing two and three teams at a time, through a spray of mud past a rail of cheering fans.

But this Saturday is the official "Krazy Dayz" event held by the Silver Creek Chariot Racing Association, marked with visiting teams, additional races, various fundraising events and a jockitk dinner.

"We start an hour earlier because we have so many races," said Rose Pope, race announcer for the association. "Outside teams come in to make it a larger race day than normal at the Silver Creek, many celebrating its 30th anniversary. We have members from Gooding, Wendell, Jerome and throughout the rural Richfield area. This year there are 35 teams vying for year-end awards."

Pope said there are 16 races scheduled for Saturday's special event.

Pope said a highlight of Krazy Dayz is the annual Adonna Boyer Memorial miniature horse chariot race.

"This year, local mini-teams will be matched up with teams arriving from Hamer and Delbos in eastern Idaho, and from Wells, Nev.

"Mimies appeal to both kids and adults," Pope said.

"Miniatures are just as excited and fired up as the big horses."

Weekly races

Chariot racing in Richfield, population about 400, is home-made winter fun for local residents. Richard cars and their loyal fans turn out on Saturday afternoons from the first week of December through the end of February.

The association's top teams win their way to state competition in Idaho Falls March 4 and 5, followed by world competition in Ogden, Utah. These world races draw teams from throughout the West, including Wyoming, Oregon and northern California.

Chariot racing is not as risky as it might look, even driver Don Wayment said, adding, "It's not as dangerous as getting on a horse."

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Gettin' Krazy

Krazy Dayz in Richfield, sponsored by the Silver Creek Chariot Racing Association, begins at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. The track is located at the west end of town on Highway 93. Cost is \$2 per person. Children under 12 are free. Spectators may park along the rail toward the finish line and watch races from the comfort of their vehicles. The public is welcome to a community potluck dinner following the races.

Twenty workers to lose jobs at lumber mill in Kooskia

KOOSKIA — Twenty workers will lose their jobs at the Clearwater Forest Industries lumber mill.

Some of those workers will move to the Tamarack Mill in New Meadows, which is also owned by the company. The Kooskia plant this spring, he said.

The plan to cut 20 of the company's 60 Kooskia jobs was announced earlier this week. Residents have been talking about little else since, said Mayor John Schurborn.

because of high mercury levels, the state Department of Health and Welfare says.

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Mercury warning issued for Priest Lake trout

SANDPOINT — Pregnant women and small children should limit their consumption of lake trout from Priest Lake

and other air-pollution regulations.

Public warned about rising level of Boise River

BOISE — Officials are warning the public to keep a close eye on kids and dogs around the Boise River next week, because the water is expected to be dangerously high.

Water is being released from upstream reservoirs to prevent flooding when the snowpack in the mountains melts this spring. The snowpack is larger, than average.

The public should be aware of the danger associated with these increased flows, said Brian Sauer, acting water operations manager for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. "The water is deep, velocities are

high, and water temperatures are very cold. Extreme caution should be used when river-bathers."

Canoeists and rafters also should avoid the fast-flowing river.

"The water is up in the brush, and if you have a problem, there is no escape," said Stan Kolby, owner of Idaho River Sports, a kayak and canoe shop.

Boise River reservoirs are now at 52 percent of storage capacity. Projected runoff for April through July is expected to be close to 130 percent of average.

That doesn't mean the river will flood during that period. Water is being released from the reservoirs, and in mid-April will be diverted into the irrigation system for farm fields, Sauer said.

"Timing is everything when

you are talking runoff," Sauer said.

Star holding 'Big Flush' to test treatment plant

STAR — The Star Sewer and Water District wants kids to simultaneously flush every toilet bowl in town today to test capacity at the city's new sewage treatment plant.

The district is handing out hundreds of packets of red Kool-Aid to make the test fun. The "Big Flush" is part of a celebration to mark the opening of the new \$5.2 million sewer plant. The district is also holding an open house.

Citizens are being asked to flush their Kool-Aid-tinted toilets at 2 p.m.

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Emily Fuller



Jerome Orange. Emily loved her family, flowers and was a wonderful cook.

Leibbeter of Somers, Calif., Shirley Wilkerson and Kenneth (Irene) Fuller, both of Jerome. Also surviving are one brother, Ivan (Helen) Hopworth of Jerome; two sisters, Beatrice Lersene of Jerome and Effie Snyder of San Diego, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and five sisters.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Ronald Mutheny officiating. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel to sign the register book.

JEROME — Emily Fuller, 88, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at home.

She was born Feb. 22, 1917, at Malta, Idaho, the daughter of John W. and Alice Ashcroft Hopworth. The family later moved to the Hunt area where Emily was reared and educated. She worked in the nursing program at the Twin Falls County Hospital for a while and later at Mosley's Market and then the City Market in Jerome. Emily married J. R. "Bob" Fuller at Gooding on Feb. 24, 1943, and they farmed northwest of Jerome for many years.

She was a member of the Jerome First Presbyterian Church, the Eldorado Heights Golden Rod Club, Holstein Breeders Association and the

Mary Ellen Rosenbaum

KIMBERLY — A memorial service for Mary Ellen Rosenbaum will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at the Kimberly Christian Church, 307 Madison Ave. E. Rodney Hopwood, Pleasant Valley, will officiate at this remembrance. Mary died at 80 years on Jan. 25, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born Oct. 27, 1915, near Hickory, N.C., and was the eldest child of Joseph Garnewald and Nellie Made. Powell Hamby, both of families long in North Carolina. They came to Idaho in 1925, when Mary was 10, and settled in Pleasant Valley south of Kimberly. She attended Pleasant Valley School and Kimberly High School until 1934. Her senior year, when she traveled by light plane and train with her grandmother back to North Carolina. She remained there several years and attended beauty school in North Wilkesboro, N.C.

Mary was married to Delma R. Rosenbaum at Glade Spring, Va., on Nov. 8, 1936. They had a son, who died in early childhood and two daughters. Just before the legendary snowy winter of 1948-1949, the family moved from Virginia to Idaho and purchased a farm that is now Pleasant Valley Golf Course. About 1955, Mary launched Wayside Beauty Shop adjoining her home, then continued it at a new location when the Rosenbaums moved to a farm northeast of Kimberly in 1960. She retired in 1980, was widowed the next year, and thereafter made a number of journeys to New York State to visit her grandchildren.

A longtime member of Kimberly Christian Church, she was active in the church's flower provision, of which he was president in his young years past. In elementary school, she won first place in state art competition with a small watercolor, and in 1977 began

to paint again. She was a member of the Art Guild of Magic Valley, and enjoyed displaying her paintings at art shows.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarah Rosenbaum of Kimberly and Susan (Allen) Vaala of Pittsford, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Lindsey Vaala of Williamsburg, Va., and David and Sarah Vaala of Pittsford. Three of her six siblings survive as well, Ray Powell Hamby of Kimberly, Lucy Savage, formerly of Gooding, and now of Kimberly, and Lena Schmechel of Twin Falls.

Charles Helman of Rock Creek Canyon led a graveside service Monday at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, assisted by Tobie Helman and by Robert Reid of Firth. White Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. In recognition of Mary's compassion for children, those who wish may send memorials to the Kistler Safe House, 142 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Roy Ray Johansson



ness visited them. The comfort he would share was the message of God's mighty work and provision, of which he knew first hand. His life was an encouragement and inspiration to all who knew him. Roy had the highest regard for God's word, the Holy Bible. His confidence for eternity rested in having trusted Christ's sacrifice on the cross as redemption for his sins, knowing to be absent from his body was to be present with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Roy's family was his priority. Roy loved Kelly very much. Through the years he strove to fulfill his God-given role as the leader of their home, he learned more and more what it meant to love her as Christ loved the church. Roy's greatest desire for his children was that they would grow to love and serve the Lord. Apart from his wedding day and the births

of his children and grandchildren, he spoke of the two most important dates of his life as: Walking his daughter down the aisle and placing her in the "Paps to Congress" gown. He loved and were committed to serving the Lord as one. And equally important, standing as best man in Willer's wedding to Paula — a confident that they too loved Jesus and would serve Him together. Roy would say he entered the wedding with two children and left with four. Roy's children, their children, they brought him more joy than he had ever imagined possible.

Roy is survived by his wife, Kelly of Gillette, Wyo.; his children, Walter (Paula) Johansson and Jessica (Sam) Andrew; his grandchildren, Chloe, Ethan and Elias Andrew; his parents, Wayne and Edna Johanson; and his sister, Rose (John) Schmitt, and their children, Randy and Raymond.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at the Twin Falls Congregational Church. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at the Paul Congregational Church with Pastor Brian Lawrence officiating. Burial will be at the Paul Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Congregational Church, 200 E. Broadway, Burley-Mission Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hanson Mortuary Burley Chapel.

BURLEY — Roy Ray Johansson, formerly of Burley, Idaho, entered the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Jan. 31, 2006.

Roy was born June 2, 1951, to Wayne and Edna Johansson. He married Kelly Reno on June 21, 1981. The Lord blessed them with two children, Walter and Jessica. Native to the Burley area, Roy and Kelly resided there until January 2005 when they moved to Gillette, Wyo. Roy graduated from Burley High School in 1969. He worked at the J.R. Simplot Company until 1989. A dedicated racquetball player prior to his disability retirement, Roy developed and taught youth racquetball as well as working with the adult leagues. An avid sportsman, Roy enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as coaching Wal's youth baseball teams. When Walt entered high school ball, Roy continued coaching from the stands.

Roy's love for the Lord was the compass of his life. Having accepted Jesus as his personal Savior in 1975, he drew his strength and direction from Him. Battling increasing physical illness for nearly 10 years, his hope and his strength came from God. As the related trials came and went, Roy's character grew in wisdom, patience and perseverance. Arriving at his final home, he would not hesitate to arrive to console, comfort and minister to those he knew when tragedy and ill-

SERVICES

Farnum F. Warr of Mur-tough, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 First Ave. E. in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Beverly Beatrice Bowles of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Clover Lutheran Church (Park's Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Dess R. Johnson of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Life Church, 25-A E. 100 S. in Jerome (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Louis L. "Buck" Spevak of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Family will greet friends one hour before the service.

Geraldine L. Graf of Nampa and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; viewing at the cemetery (Nampa Funeral Home, Yreagan Chapel).

Kendra Sue Cordler of Kimberly, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Gordon J. "Mick" Helmer of Twin Falls, friends and family are invited to an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the home of Kevin and Sidney Bond, 3419 N. 3300 E. in Kimberly (White Mortuary).

David Don Ivie of Harpster, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Camanche County High School gymnasium (Blackner Funeral Home in Grangeville).

Eldon V. Lancaster of

Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS Stake Center, 26 N. 100 E. visitation will begin at 1 p.m. before the service at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary).

James Thomas Dealy of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday at Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

William K. "Bill" Wakewood of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Episcopal Church, 802 Sixth St. in Rupert; viewing for friends and family from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth, and one

hour before the service at the church.

Connie Clark Cummins of Nuevo, Calif., and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Miller Jones Mortuary in Perris, Calif.; burial at 11 a.m. Wednesday under direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; viewing from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Kenneth Wayne Russell of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. Feb. 11 at the Jerome Cemetery, followed by a get-together at the Jerome Rehoboth Lodge, 101 E. B St. (Howe-Robertson Funeral Home).

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Harry E. Warnke HEYBURN — Harry Emil Warnke, 94, of Heyburn, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Community Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.

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

Edna Ogden NAMIKA — Edna Ogden, 86, of Nampa and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Mercy Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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

High court rules life sentence is right for mentally ill murderer

BOISE (AP) — A mentally ill man who brutally beat a child to death and never begged for return to society, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled this week.

John Mark Cope was sentenced to life in prison for the 2002 decapitation murder of Brian Elliot. But Cope — who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder — appealed his sentence to the state's highest court.

Cope said the penalty was excessive and that the district court judge had violated Cope's right against self-incrimination when he allowed psychologists' and psychiatrists' testimony to be used to sentence him. Two mental health professionals agreed Cope suffered from anti-social personality disorder.

The high court unanimously rejected Cope's arguments.

"This was a gruesome and horrifying crime that warrants the sentence imposed by the district court when all the appropriate information and factors are considered," Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder wrote. "It would be difficult to rationalize any other sentence."

Cope's attorney, Eric Fredrickson, could not immediately be reached for comment.

In the pre-sentence investigation report, Cope testified that he may have been drinking beer or using the over-the-counter allergy medication Benadryl, and was hearing voices when Elliot knocked on his apartment door.

When Elliot, who wanted to remind Cope that he had three days to move out of the apart-

ment, knocked a second time, Cope grabbed a knife and decapitated him. He then mutilated the severed head, later telling authorities he was trying to stop the head from talking.

In a poorly spelled and rambling statement Cope told authorities he was following the instructions of something called "melreclark."

"I had god say finish him off he's the mark of the beast. Get your knife and answer the door. And there was a man who I thought was the mark of the beast, a black man named white and that's when I slit both sides of his neck and ran him

down cut off his head and tossed it," Cope wrote.

It took four months of confinement in a medical facility for a judge to find Cope competent to stand trial. Prosecutors originally charged Cope with first-degree murder, but agreed to reduce the charge to second-degree in exchange for Cope's guilty plea.

Second District Judge Carl Kerkick appropriately weighed Cope's continuing threat to society when deciding on his sentence, the high court found. In the past, Cope had failed to take his medications when he wasn't under strict supervision, the court noted.

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Defense says others to blame for smuggling deaths

Prosecutor asks jury to focus on victims instead

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney for one of three people accused in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt argued Friday that his client hadn't physically done anything to cause the 19 deaths, and another lawyer blamed federal immigration policies.

The prosecution in the case asked the jury to focus instead

on the victims.

"These were people—with hopes and dreams whose lives were ended," Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez said, showing the jury graphic photos of the dead.

After closing arguments, the jury deliberated about two hours before adjourning. Deliberations were set to resume Monday.

Victor Sanchez Rodriguez, 58; his wife, Emma Sapata Rodriguez, 59; and Rosa Sarra Gonzalez, 51, Sapata's half-sister, are accused of being part of a smuggling ring that trucked more than 70 immigrants from

South Texas to Houston in May 2003.

During the trip, the immigrants began to succumb to the airtight trailer's deadly heat. The driver abandoned the trailer in a remote, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. Seventeen immigrants died inside and two died later, all from dehydration, overheating and suffocation.

"It's time to send a message to these three (smugglers) that their days of making money on the pain, desperation of others has come to an end," Rodriguez said.

The three defendants, all from Texas, had each been

charged with 58 counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants. But on Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore dismissed most of the counts, saying it was the actions of other smuggling ring members that put many of the immigrants in danger.

Sarra, now faces three counts, while Sanchez and Sapata each face 20 counts, including two charges alleging they held for ransom the 3-year-old son of a Honduran woman who survived the smuggling attempt.

If convicted, they could face life in prison.

Emergency repairs begin on leaking Priest Lake breakwater

SANDPOINT (AP) — Bonner County commissioners have declared an emergency at Priest Lake, saying a 200-foot-long breach in a wooden breakwater at the north end is threatening private property.

"What they're telling us is that the water has found an escape under the breakwater," Marcia Phillips, one of the commissioners, told The Associated Press on Friday. "That's pulling sand out and causing the pilings to weaken. So when the wind comes up,

it's causing the breakwater to be less stable than it should be."

The declaration Tuesday allows the county to avoid bidding requirements for repairs and allows money to be taken from a reserve account containing state money the county receives from boat registrations and gas taxes. The repairs are expected to cost \$65,000.

The breakwater provides access to a channel called the Thorofare that connects Priest Lake with Upper Priest Lake.

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lucking horse."

A few drivers fall out and there are occasional wrecks, he said.

Marsha Hlatt watches her daughter Darcy, 18, race the Hlatt family chariot with quarter horses now after driving miniature horses for several years.

Does this mother worry? "Always. Every time," Marsha said. "Even when she did minutes. You just stand there and watch and make sure they're

coming back. Anything can happen at anytime."

"You just sort of go in knowing that."

Chariots in decline

Pope said chariot racing is not as popular as it used to be.

"There are no young people getting into it to speak of," she said. "There are fewer ranches and farms. The children are going to college and moving away."

"We're not old as much as we were in the old days."

Hlatt said, "Darcy was the only kid in her class that drove (chariots)."

Idaho used to have 18 chariot-racing associations, said Pope whose husband, Roy, has been racing chariots for 49 years. Now, there are only eight or nine associations in Idaho, including one in Rupert, she said.

"It's not a really well-advertised sport," Pope said.

"It's not like you're on NBC or ABC every week. We're not."

Although there are a few pay-

checks to be won at world competition, and the Krazy Day prizes are nice, there is no money to be made at chariot racing.

"So, with all the expense, cold weather and danger, why do these racers keep at it?" They're insane," Hlatt said with a laugh. "They all really enjoy it. They're horse people and they just like it."

Terrill Williams lives in Wendell and can be reached at terrellwilliams@yahoo.com.

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Sourdough Slim got the crowd laughing with his jodeling jokes and accordion playing.

"This is probably the best jodeling you'll ever hear," Sourdough Slim said and then paused before continuing. "At this price range, is what I meant to say."

He also bridged the cowboy and fisherman performances with a song about Barnacle Bill the Sailor.

Broderick of Astoria, Ore., began the fishermen poems with the story of Kelly of the Dakotas, one of the best deckhands he's ever known.

"If you want a good deckhand, you get them from the Dakotas or Montana, somewhere tough," Broderick said. The poem also was about

Kelly and his relationship with his wife. Kelly radiated her and asked if she needed him home early to help with the house and the kids.

"All she said was keep fishing and he did," Broderick said.

Broderick told the audience he always thought most sailors have salt in their veins, but he had mud.

Many of the fisher poems were about the men working together and relying on each other while at sea but they also were about love and loss.

Geno Leech spoke of life at sea with love and a good dose of reality.

One of his poems was about Walter True, "the biggest Bler" he ever knew.

"He could talk a dog off a back of wagon or a buffalo off the back of a nickel," Leech said.

He also spoke of fishing by the "pink-orange glow from sodium lights" also known as "Norwegian sunshine."

After the show, one of the audience members, Betty Seidel of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, said she and her husband, Blair, enjoyed the fisher poets and were seeing Sourdough Slim for the first time.

"We were here in 2003 and we enjoyed it so much we had to come back," Seidel said.

"The fisherman music was wonderful and Sourdough Slim always makes you laugh," said Jaehna Denton of Elko. "Anyone who can hit their eyeballs like that, my hats off to them."

Martienne Kabuk writes for the Elko Daily Free Press. She can be reached at (775) 748-2719 or by e-mail at crimeek@kodiak.com.

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Ag chief: Probe will show beef is safe

DENVER (AP) — An investigation into how well containing backboned was shipped to Japan in violation of a trade agreement will reaffirm that U.S. beef is safe, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said Friday.

"This should not have happened, but it did," Johanns told the Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show. "We have to identify why it happened and put in place safeguards to ensure it doesn't happen again."

Japan stopped beef imports in January after the veil shipment, because it, considers disease in beef to be at risk for mad cow disease. The bones are banned under the deal that re-opened the Japanese market to

beef in December. Japan had shut down U.S. beef imports in December 2003 when a case of mad cow disease was confirmed.

Thomas Schieffer, the U.S. ambassador to Japan, said Friday the investigation should be finished and presented to the Japanese government in about a week. Johanns said there was no timetable for completing the review.

Johanns, who described the latest beef ban as a "temporary setback," acknowledged that a Japanese importer might have ordered the beef with the bone in, but he said it still would have violated the trade agreement.

"We don't want to blame any

body. The shipment got there and it didn't comply with the agreement we reached," he said.

Johanns said imposing sanctions on Japan for halting beef imports again would not help.

An Agriculture Department audit released Thursday said investigators could not determine whether slaughterhouses were following rules designed to keep mad cow disease from reaching humans.

The audit, performed throughout 2005, turned up a case of mad cow disease last year in a Texas cow, but the agency's inspector general said there was no indication that at-risk tissues such as brains, spinal cords and other nerve

parts from older animals had entered the food supply.

Johanns said the Agriculture Department agrees with all recommendations in the audit, and has already acted on many of them, including improved documentation of cattle-tracking efforts.

Johanns said the regulations are nearly complete for a national system to track cattle from birth to slaughter and he hopes it can be in place soon.

He said tracking could someday be mandatory to ensure the health of cattle, even though some ranchers oppose the system. He called it a crucial tool in safeguarding animals from disease.

Papers show debate over eavesdropping in Ford administration

WASHINGTON (AP) — An intense debate erupted during the Ford administration over the president's powers to eavesdrop without warrants to gather foreign intelligence, according to newly disclosed government documents. George H.W. Bush, Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney are cited in the documents.

The roughly 200 pages of historical records obtained by The Associated Press reflect a remarkably similar dispute between the White House and Congress fully three decades before President Bush's administration acknowledged he authorized wiretaps without warrants of some Americans in terrorism investigations.

"Top brass was right: It's deja vu all over again," said John Blanton, executive director for the National Security Archive, a nongovernment research group at George Washington University.

"It's the same debate," Blanton, former director of the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings begin Monday over Bush's authority to approve such wiretaps by the ultra-secretive National Security Agency without a judge's approval. A focus of the hearings is to determine whether the Bush administration's eavesdropping program violated the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the 1978 law with origins during Ford's presidency.

"We strongly believe it is unwise for the president to exercise any lack of constitutional power to authorize electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes," wrote Robert Ingersoll, then-deputy secretary of state, in a 1976 memorandum to President Ford about the proposed bill on electronic surveillance.

George H.W. Bush, then director of the CIA, wanted to ensure "an unnecessary diminution of collection of important foreign intelligence" under the proposal to require judges to approve terror wiretaps, according to a March 1976 memorandum he wrote to the Justice Department. Bush also complained that some major communications companies were unwilling to install government wiretaps without a judge's approval. Such a refusal "seriously affects the capabilities of the intelligence community," Bush wrote.

In another document, Jack Marsh, a White House adviser, outlined options for Ford over the wiretap legislation. Marsh alluded Ford to objections by

Blake files for bankruptcy protection

Los Angeles Times

Actor Robert Blake, who last year stood trial on both criminal and civil charges in connection with the 2001 murder of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, filed for bankruptcy Friday.

Blake has said publicly for months that he was broke as a result of his legal troubles. He was acquitted of murder charges in a criminal courtroom last March. However, a civil jury found in November that Blake had "intentionally caused" his wife's death and awarded her children \$30 million in damages. (The civil case had a lower burden of proof than the criminal one.)

In the filing, Blake listed as his biggest liabilities the \$30 million judgment along with a \$1,274,783 federal tax bill and a \$334,337 state tax assessment. He also listed as a creditor his civil attorney, Peter Ezzell, whom he owes \$7,903.

Blake declared his assets to be in the range of \$100,001 to \$500,000.

Ezzell said Friday that he had capped his legal fees at \$250,000 plus costs and written off financially more to help him prosecute the client. Ezzell said he was convinced that Blake was financially destitute. "Otherwise, I wouldn't have written off \$200,000 in fees," he said.

PIE DAY



Ray-Lelgh Bain, 9, right, of Kuna, enjoys a slice of pie with her mother, Amy Bain, and her brother, Joshua Bain, at the Statehouse during Legislative Day, also known as 'Pie Day,' on Wednesday. Legislative Day has been held for about 15 years and is sponsored by the Idaho Coalition of Home Education.

Sex-offender bill sent to Senate floor

BOISE (AP) — Two new sex-offender bills have been sent to the state Senate for a vote.

Both bills are from the Idaho attorney general's office. One is designed to ensure that sex-offenders stay on registry lists. The other would set mandatory minimum prison sentences for those who re-offend.

Senate Bill 1304 would close

a loophole that has enabled some sex offenders to petition judges for removal of their names from the sex-offender registry, said Bill von Tegen with the attorney general's office.

"What's happened is that some people go through the judicial expungement statute to be taken off the sex-offender registry, and the state police

don't find out until after it's a finished deal," von Tegen said. "This bill just puts in that if you're a sex offender, you can't have your record expunged."

Senate Bill 1301 is designed to protect the public by requiring lengthy prison terms for registered sex offenders who commit another sex crime, von Tegen said.

Mansion

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Even so, Idaho's capital is dotted with homes once used by former governors, including the north Boise bungalow the state bought in 1947.

By the late 1980s, however, that home had fallen into disrepair, and Idaho sold it in 1990 after Andrus opted to stay in his own residence.

Plans to build a \$950,000 home on 15 acres northeast of the Statehouse collapsed in 1994 when Democrat Larry Echolfawk and Phil Batt, the eventual Republican winner, called the effort a waste of money.

Simplet's donation of the 7,400-square-foot home, which cost \$18,000 in taxes in 2004, was meant to end the rancor. A \$3 million effort to renovate and expand the house to a 12,000-square-foot has been left in private hands, in order to deflect criticism. By Dec. 23, the group had raised \$235,000. On Friday, it declined to give current fundraising totals.

Even so, the debate continues.

"It's not my cup of tea," said Batt, in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday. "I don't think [discussion of the Simplet home] will end, because the simple of the very unique nature of it."

Brady, making another run after losing to Kempthorne in 2002, said he'd live in his two-bedroom Boise townhouse if he wins next November.

"It's been given to us very generously," Brady said, adding he'd use the Simplet place for public events. But "it's way above everybody else. You look at the people. It doesn't strike me as the right house for a governor in a democracy."

Adamson sees it as a potential money-maker for schoolchildren.

"I've seriously thought about having state Parent Teacher Associations come in and open a bed and breakfast," he said. "I could show them how to make a ton of money doing it. I might



Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, right, stands next to potato magnate J.R. Simplet on Dec. 21, 2004, at Simplet's home in Boise. Simplet's family has since given their home in Boise to the state for use as the governor's mansion.

stay there, but I wouldn't live there."

Otter is guarded, saying it would be "presumptuous" to comment before he's even contested the May primary against Adamson. Otter's ex-wife, Gay Simplet, is the daughter of J.R. Simplet.

At his 70-acre ranch in Star 18 miles west of Boise, Otter is expanding his home to include additional living quarters, fitness facilities and a new barn.

"Everything he owns, he seeks to improve, whether that's for himself, or to increase its value down the road," said Blair Kestis, Otter's spokesman, in his boss's plans for the ranch when he leaves Washington.

Members of the Governor's Housing Committee, the five-

nor's residence revamp. Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee drew fire for how he spent money dedicated to running the state's official residence. In 2002, Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura shuttered the governor's mansion after lawmakers cut nearly \$400,000 from his office's budget.

And the debate in Idaho mirrored the 1958 furor that swirled around the Colorado governor's mansion in Denver.

Then, officials initially rejected the Boettcher family's gift of a 1908 Georgian Revival home, including a Waterford crystal chandelier from President Grant's White House and Italian Carrara marble statuary, on concern it was "too elegant," said Edna Pelzmann, visitor services manager for the Colorado State Capitol. They eventually relented.

Four decades later, extravagance is still viewed with suspicion.

The mansion is a symbol, Bush's become a functional substitute for the truth, and the truth is, government is expensive and its regulatory and it can be seen as an infringement on personal freedom, Moore said. "The mansion becomes the symbol for that generalized unhappiness."

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Lobbyist comes clean about not lobbying

JEERS: To Phil Reberger, a powerful former official to the publicignor who can't give a clear answer about lobbying.

Reberger goes together with lobbyist Pat Sullivan in the political consulting firm Sullivan & Reberger, which has lobbied for Qwest, CIML Hill and Washington Group International.

Reberger was with Sullivan and their clients from Unisys Corp., a company that is vying for a \$50 million state contract on Medicaid systems, in a dinner last month with state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. State law requires all lobbyists to register and give disclosure of meetings with legislators. Reberger was facing a possible investigation by Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa for the

State Ben Ysursa for the same. When argued he was a quiet bystander in the meeting, and told Ysursa his involvement was not lobbying. "I have not lobbied. I do not lobby and Mr. Secretary, I have no intention of lobbying," he wrote.

But just to be sure, Reberger plunked down the \$10 fee and lobbyist registration form. So he's not a lobbyist, mind you. But he has registered as a lobbyist because he's tired of telling people he's not.

CHEERS: To Sen. John Goedde, LeCoeur d'Alene, for a bold plan to get more math teachers in Idaho schools.

Goedde introduced a new bill in the Senate Education



Committee on Monday, which would increase salary pay for math and science teachers. Goedde said the plan would cost Idaho about \$2.8 million a year. His plan would add 3.75 percent to pay formulas recommended by the state Department of Education. That 3.75 would add about \$1,200 a year to a teacher with a \$40,000 salary. We don't need more math teachers. The final decision to use that cash would rest with local school districts which set teacher salary scales. But the bill is

an excellent start for attracting the teachers we need in the middle grades.

JEERS: To Jim Shackelford, executive director of the Idaho Education Association, for missing the message of Goedde's bill.

While it's no surprise to hear a union official dismiss a proposal veering from traditional pay scales, Shackelford's response didn't do him any favors.

"Differentiating between the subject matter sends a message to the students that certain subject matter is more important than others," he said. "It also sends a message to other teachers that what they're teaching is not as valuable."

That's a lame excuse. While all courses are impor-

tant to school programs, there's a reason we call math, science and English the core subjects. State and national tests reflect those needs because colleges and employers gauge skills in those high-priority subjects. It's about time our hiring practices did the same.

CHEERS: To Earl and Carol Holding, committed owners of Sun Valley Resort.

At a festive celebration held on Sunday to honor the owners for their 29 years at the helm of the resort, Earl Holding trumped them all.

The 79-year-old multi-millionaire has slowed down since he survived a stroke in 2002. But he told the crowd at Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge that the future is bright for Sun Valley.

"And as long as I'm alive and as long as Carol's alive and as long as my three kids are alive, this will never, ever be sold. We'll run it."

That promise was music to the ears of Sun Valley officials, employees and residents of the Wood River Valley-Sun Valley's fair for the grandiose still holds a quaint charm compared to many ski/summer resorts worldwide. That's a reflection of the Holdings and their love for Idaho. We're enthused to know they don't intend to leave.

Cheers and Jeers is a mix of compliments and quibbles from the week's news. Send your ideas and suggestions to Opinion Editor David Cooper, at dcoop@emagivalley.com.

LETTERS

Library a bargain worth a full expansion

What a bargain, our Twin Falls Public Library! As the town grows, so grow the demands on our public library, but it cannot keep up with the needs of the area if it does not expand.

I totally support the library bond election on Tuesday, Feb. 7, and will vote "yes." The library purchases some 9,600 books, plus about 1,000 paperbacks, DVDs and CDs each year. Just to keep its collection of 172,000 items fresh and updated. That is about 15 percent of the total of new titles published nationally each year. Shelf space, however, is running out.

We have five options: (1) Stop the city's expansion; (2) Decrease the library's great collection; (3) Increase the annual elimination of many good books from the shelves; (4) Stop buying new items; (5) Increase our building size by passing the general bond obligation on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Options 1-5 are all logical options.

There are 17,000 library cardholders, about one-half of the city's population; average 1.3 per household. Last year, 228,354 people visited our library — each person in Twin Falls, on the average, visited 6.5 times. On an average, 20 items of the collection were checked out last year per library cardholder. These figures show what a very active, excellent library we do have.

The cost for the new addition and expansion to the taxpayer will be only \$18.70 per \$100,000 home per year after homeowner exemptions for 15 years. The last library bond issue of 1990 was repaid in 14 months.

Our Twin Falls Public Library is rated as one of the best in Idaho. Let's keep it that way! Put it on your calendar for Feb. 7. Don't forget! And vote "yes!"
DAVID R. MEAD
Twin Falls

Public involvement a key part of American spirit

Today, our community is faced with a vast array of common issues that other communities are faced with — drug-related crime, limited drug treatment programs, limited drug prevention programs, educational funding, etc., most of which are birth pains to a future that we all hope to enjoy.

Instead of heeding the signs, we outmaneuver our problem, by sidestepping the issues instead of taking the initiative and heading straight on. We sit in front of our televisions and computers, entertaining our minds with meaningless information when we should be playing a part in our community, when we should be demonstrating an interest in our government, when we should be displaying a common concern for the welfare of our fellow human beings. The problems Americans are facing stem from lack of responsibility. Responsibility — each of us are born with — is Americans.

Conditions are progressively getting to get worse as we continue to neglect our responsibilities as Americans. A lot of Americans view their citizens making little difference. Why write your congressman, why call your governor, why try? "It just doesn't make a difference."

This self-deception is what allows us to sit back and do nothing at all. This is the thinking that prevents us from taking up our flag and accepting our convictions.

When people get involved, people listen, things change and problems get solved. You don't have to be a highly motivated person to make a difference, but you do at least have to invest in someone who is. Still, there are those who cast their ballot every year and put themselves on the back for playing their part in their community. Yes this is the ethos of their participation. This is the same attitude of those who have been placed in positions of extreme responsibility, yet their performance is one of only doing what is required to please the voters.

Has the American true spirit been reduced to such a distant, feeble representation? I have our expectation to duty and country men are irrevocably compromised.

The problem is the people who are unwilling to face them. We need people to stand up their positions of responsibility, not because it is a career requirement but more so because it is their call to duty!

DAVID R. MEAD
(Editor's note: Shaun Daniels is an inmate at the Twin Falls County Jail.)

Rejecting library needs will be short-sighted

Tuesday, Feb. 7, is the referendum on the Twin Falls Public Library \$18.7 million bond. This bond would cover the costs of renovating and adding 20,000 square feet to the existing structure. In order to ensure that this is not a major contributor to our community's quality of life — it is able to accommodate our city's current growth, we must move forward now.

While it is tempting to defer this issue in light of other bonding proposals currently on the table, it would be short-sighted. The cost to expand will never be lower than it is currently. Building costs simply decrease over time. The projected cost of \$18.70 per year for a \$100,000 home after exemptions for the proposed bond may seem like a bargain just a few years down the road.

Supporting the Twin Falls Public Library bond proposal is not only frugal, it is wise and timely.

Vote "yes" on Feb. 7.
KARA KRAL
Twin Falls

Revise food pyramid to reflect eye emissions

The government has revised our food pyramid. Lately, we have heard about elements and minerals which exist both naturally and as a result of man's earthly management. Perhaps it is time to add mercury, plutonium, and other carcinogens to our food (nutritional) pyramid, setting forth a "maximum daily allowance."

This issue of mercury emitted via the activities of coal-fired generators among us should be disturbing to all who expect to continue living and breathing in Idaho. We read that pregnant and lactating women should not eat fish from some waters in our area. The rest of us can have something like two a week. That sounds nice! Where is it

going in my body, as a nonpregnant, nonlactating woman? What about men? How much are they allowed, what is their maximum daily allowance?

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Sempra proposal faces long odds in Idaho

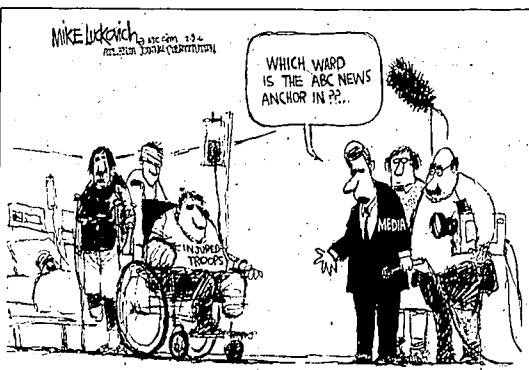
Sempra would build here. There are reasons:

When Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller decided to build steel mills, they chose the Pittsburgh, Pa., area. They figured it was less costly to haul the iron ore from Michigan and Minnesota to the coal source than to haul the coal to the iron ore. The same thinking applies to Sempra.

It is less costly to build a plant at the coal source and send the power via transmission lines than vice-versa. Montana, Wyoming and Utah have plenty of coal. We have little to none.

Also, Sempra would be a heavy water-using facility and have a water polluter. We have no water to spare. Sempra has considered these things. If it goes ahead and builds here regardless, it would be dumb, which it is not.

Would Sempra provide jobs? Yes, probably paying higher wages than average here. Magic Valley is a good location for low wages, nonpolluting industries. The relocation of Buck Knives to Idaho is a good example. It went to the Boise area, but there are other possibilities. Let the coal-producing states have the smoke industries. The prevailing winds are westerly, and we can still enjoy the clean air. This is a great state. Let's keep it that way. I voted for all the states and settled here.
A. LACY JOHNSON
Twin Falls



LETTERS

Face up to the truth about discrimination

Well, I've decided to join the small chorus of high-school students putting their thoughts on racism into the public domain.

I have given racism a great deal of thought. I may be the most racist person I know because I spend a lot of time mulling racism over. I've come up with a 15-minute lecture on the topic, which most of my friends have heard. Guys, if you see this letter you don't need to read it. You've heard it all before.

I've decided that everyone is racist. Yes, even all of you reading this. Sure, not all of you are malicious racists, but no one among you is color-blind. Even the person that says, "I'm not racist, some of my best friends are Mexicans" needs to re-examine what they just said. Same goes for religion.

Not a day goes by without us judging someone based on appearance or beliefs. It's a natural thing to do. But there is such a thing as malicious judgment, which should be avoided at all times because malicious racism is for chumps.

I have no problem with pride in one's race, but I do have a problem with tainted pride, the kind that stirs up race riots and makes affirmative action necessary.

Personally, I see no reason to be ashamed or proud of my race, because I was just born this way. What I accomplish and who I become after birth is what matters. If I had some disadvantage, whether being poor or being handicapped, I could be twice as proud of what I do.

Everyone's a little bit racist sometimes, but that doesn't mean we go out and commit hate crimes. So why not relax? Life would be incredibly dull if everyone was white, of a generically Christian religion and middle class. After a while we'd get so bored we would have to find some other way to judge each other.

ROSS IRWIN
Jerome

Pick 'none of the above' for a real statement

How does one overcome all of the current rampant corrup-

tion in our local, state and national governments? How does one get the common man back into the political process?

We have seen big money, political party machines, big global industry and slick lobbyist from special interests groups slowly strangle our nation. A large percentage of the population never even bothers to vote because they feel their vote doesn't count and they are right. Both parties are controlled by the same special interests, so what is the meaning of one's vote — nothing! In a political sense, the common man now gets a choice between the firing squad, lethal injection or hanging, OK, we have defined the grin truth, so is there a solution?

There is one solution that will allow us little folks to have some influence. The solution is "none of the above." Yes, you read it right, "none of the above." Let's have a box for every office and every referendum on the ballot that says, "None of the above." As it is now, the special interests and the political parties purchase a stable of equally controlled candidates for both parties and give the public a choice of bad and awful. These candidates are all purchased ahead of time or they never get on the ticket, and it really makes no difference which one is elected — the same special interests own them.

After watching a debate between a recallist, illiterate, ignorant like Bush in a cardboard, state waffler like Kerry, who both graduated from a patrician school and Bonus school like Yale, we can simply go to the polls and check that "none of the above" box on Election Day. Fifty percent of the votes would be a requirement for election or all those special interests can spend all of that influence money again and again until they get a candidate accept-

able to be the people. We won't need a potentially stacked Supreme Court to make a choice for us between two unacceptable candidates.

With this new plan, the bought politicians' new greatness will be that old "none of the above" box and not the special interests or the party machine. We the people would no longer have to choose hanging, lethal injection or the firing squad but rather to mark "none of the above."

MAX D. HATFIELD
Dallas, Texas

A few lighthearted responses to letter

Regarding letter from Gene New on Jan. 20:

I want to apologize for taking so long to reply to your letter. The paper thought that my letter was too muted and wanted me to start a Times-News Jerry Springer happening. Just kidding. Sorry, just kidding.

I do want to thank you for the laugh about Ann Coulter. The best scenario would be for her and Hillary to engage in a costume showdown and charge big bucks for admission. It would be a huge fundraiser for both parties. I chuckle every time I think about it.

I will respond to one item in your letter. I hope you notice the Associated Press article on the same day as your letter, which identified I Harry Reid as a recipient of Indian tribe money. All the items you noted, I have read but will not respond to. I believe I have caused you enough angst already.

I do not believe political debate should be taken quite so seriously. Bad for the health. Again, I want to thank you for a good laugh. I have a nice day.
DARRIEL HAMPTON
Twin Falls

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After much delay, Moussaoui sentencing trial starts Monday

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — More than four years ago, Zacarias Moussaoui was arrested by the FBI while taking pilot training in Minnesota. He was still in custody when al-Qaida hijackers attacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

After a tortuous trip through the legal system, the 37-year-old Frenchman admitted last April that Osama bin Laden ordered him to train to fly a jetliner into the White House. He pleaded guilty to conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers but claimed not to know their plans.

On Monday, a federal court begins picking a jury to decide whether Moussaoui, the only person charged by the United States in the nation's most deadly terrorist attack, will be executed or spend life in prison.

Whatever the jury decides, Moussaoui's impact has been both unexpected and peculiar. —Once thought to be a missing 20th hijacker, he generated a false alarm: The nation's 3,500 crop-dusters were temporarily grounded based partly on what FBI agents found on his computer. But Moussaoui is no longer believed to be a 20th hijacker, and the government's deleted references to his interest in crop-dusters from its indictment.

—His case was central to the



Moussaoui

finger pointing. Investigations and information that followed the attacks. An obscure FBI lawyer in Minneapolis made the cover of Time magazine as a person of the year for her whistleblowing complaint that the bureau dropped the ball in investigating Moussaoui.

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—One of the nation's most effective federal courthouses, proud to be nicknamed the "Rocket Docket," has been slowed to a crawl by a defendant with no legal training serving largely as his own lawyer.

The pace picks up Monday when 500 potential jurors show up at the courthouse in Alexandria to fill out detailed questionnaires about their knowledge of the case and feelings about the death penalty. Opening statements in the sentencing trial are set for March 6, and the trial is expected to last one to three months.

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that Moussaoui knew less about 9/11 than the government, citing investigations that turned up multiple missed opportunities to possibly prevent the attacks.

Those investigations were fueled in part by FBI agent Coleen Rowley's public complaint that the FBI failed to aggressively investigate Moussaoui after his August 2001 arrest. Selected as a Time Person of the Year in 2002, Rowley is now running for Congress.

Defense lawyers have indicated they will introduce testimony about Moussaoui's difficult personal life in hopes of persuading a jury to show leniency. Moussaoui was part of a broken family of Moroccan descent with a history of mental illness. Moussaoui's lawyers said in a report that Moussaoui maintained only a superficial connection to Islam when Zacarias was growing up.

His turn toward militant Islam came in the 1990s when he moved to London and fell under the influence of radical clerics at a time when his personal life was in disarray, according to the lawyers.

"When Moussaoui went to London, he effectively severed his ties to the only anchors he had in his life," the defense team wrote in pretrial motions.

Man sent to prison in terror case

NEW YORK (AP) — An ice cream shop owner from Yemen was sentenced to 15.5 years in prison Friday for illegally funneling nearly \$22 million overseas in a case stemming from a major terrorism investigation.

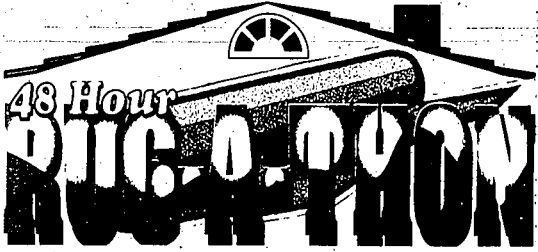
Abad Elgeeh, 51, was convicted last year of running an illegal money-transmitting business and structuring bank deposits to avoid reporting laws. Prosecutors alleged that at

the behest of a radical Yemeni sheik, he sent money around the world from bank accounts linked to his tiny storefront in Brooklyn.

Before being sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sterling Johnson, the defendant — a naturalized U.S. citizen — insisted he was a loyal American who didn't realize he was breaking the law by helping fellow immigrants transfer money to relatives in their homeland.

"While it is true that I am an active member of the Yemeni community in this city, and I am a Muslim, these affiliations have not interfered with my pledge of allegiance to this country," he said, reading from a prepared statement.

In court papers, prosecutors had accused Elgeeh's lawyers of "grossly mischaracterizing the defendant as a naive, innocent pawn who had no idea that he was doing was wrong."



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Pentagon plans to work more closely with other countries on terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new blueprint for U.S. defenses, the Pentagon proposes not only to build better weapons but to work more closely with other countries so they can do more to help win the war on terror.

"We know we cannot win this long war by ourselves," Ryan Henry, the deputy undersecretary of defense for policy, told a Pentagon news conference Friday in unveiling a 92-page defense review ordered by Congress.

The report, which takes a 20-year look into the future, is submitted to Capitol Hill on Monday with President Bush's proposed \$439 billion Pentagon budget for 2007.

The budget, representing a 4.8 percent increase over this year's spending, eliminates no major weapons programs and includes an 8 percent overall increase for weapons to \$84 billion, from the budget year starting Sept. 30. It excludes the Energy Department's nuclear weapons programs.

Unlike the highly detailed budget, the defense review published Friday focuses mostly on defining and diagnosing weak points in U.S. defenses, and writing a broad prescription for improvements. It reiterates the Pentagon's strategies toward the war on terror and away from conventional threats.

Private analysts praised the review for defining the challenges ahead, but some questioned its solutions.

Michelle A. Flournoy, a former Pentagon official who is now a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the review makes important refinements to the way the Pentagon thinks about its missions but "failed to make the tough choices required to implement the strategy fully."

Flournoy endorsed the emphasis on working with other militaries, saying, "Building the

capacity of others to fight terrorism is now essential to U.S. strategy."

The Pentagon report said the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have shown the importance of adopting a more indirect approach to the war on terror — "shifting emphasis from performing tasks ourselves to enabling others."

The U.S. has worked with other countries before. But the move toward cooperation contrasts with what critics say was the Bush administration's decision to invade Iraq in 2003 with a "go it alone" approach to defense and foreign policy.

One way the U.S. military would build new partnerships is to spend more time training other armies, navies and air forces, particularly in places like Africa where U.S. troops have not traditionally operated. That would require Americans to master more languages and learn more about foreign cultures.

More officers will serve stints in foreign militaries to develop long-term relationships and regional expertise. Also, the Navy would create a force of small boats that can be used in inland

waterways abroad to help countries build their own maritime forces to combat terrorists.

"The department must foster a level of understanding and cultural intelligence about the Middle East and Asia comparable to that developed about the Soviet Union during the Cold War," the report said.

It calls for expanding the ranks of special operations forces — the Army's Green Berets and the Navy's SEAL commands, for example. They are trained in specialized warfare skills, like capturing fugitives and conducting sabotage, and they work quietly — sometimes secretly — with the armed forces of small countries.

Also, the Marines for the first time are establishing a special operations force, with an initial goal of training 2,600 Marines for that duty. The other military services have had special operations forces for decades.

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Speeding car crashes into clinic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A car racing another vehicle through the streets at up to 90 mph veered out of control and crashed through the front doors of a health clinic Friday, injuring 13 people, six of them critically, authorities said.

Emergency workers rushed to treat the victims in a chaotic scene of gore, screams and shattered glass, with the black Nissan ZX still inside the clinic.

"You just saw bones and blood all over," said Ana Rodriguez, a medical assistant at a clinic across the street. "I saw a woman whose legs had been severed, another woman who lost one leg and a man who was bleeding profusely from the head. It was a terrible scene. I wanted to start shaking," El-desnosky said.

Witnesses said the Nissan and a Lincoln Town Car were racing through a South Los Angeles business district when the Lin-



Police work the scene where a car, racing at speeds up to 90 mph, crashed into a health clinic filled with patients on Friday in Los Angeles.

coln clipped the Nissan, sending it off course, police Lt. Paul Vernon said. The Lincoln drove off.

The driver of the Nissan, Juanma Owens, 33, of Los Angeles, was taken into custody and could face reckless driving charges, or vehicular manslaughter if anyone dies, Vernon said. The occupants of the Lincoln were wanted for hit-and-run, he added.

Driver in crash had been awake 34 hours

LAKE BUTLER, Fla. (AP) — A truck driver who plowed into a car at a school bus stop last week, killing seven children, had been awake for 34 hours, except for a short nap, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday.

Alvin Wilkerson, 31, was driving a load of bottled water from High Springs to Jack-

sonville, a distance of 85 miles, when he crashed into the other vehicle.

David Rayburn, the NTSB's lead investigator in the crash, said fatigue was one of "many factors" being reviewed.

"He was driving quite a bit during those 34 hours," Rayburn said, adding that Wilkerson was making deliver-

ies and loading and unloading his truck.

Wilkerson, who has not been charged with any wrongdoing, has refused to speak with investigators. Rayburn and the Florida Highway Patrol would not release the name of his attorney.

Blood tests showed he had not been using alcohol or drugs.



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Computer worm causes few problems

The Associated Press

Companies and individuals heeded this week's warning — some may call it "hype" — about a file-destroying computer worm known as "Kama Sutra," helping minimize its damage Friday, security experts said.

One Italian city shut down its computers as a precaution, but otherwise the worm's trigger date arrived with relatively few reports of problems.

For days, experts warned that the worm could corrupt documents using the most common file types, including "doc," "pdf" and "zip." It affects most versions of Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system, prompting the software giant to issue a warning Tuesday.

Hundreds of thousands of computers were believed to be infected, but security vendors say many companies and individuals had time to clean up their machines following the alarm, carried by scores of media outlets including The Associated Press.

"Certainly, right now, we and our anti-virus partners are not seeing a widespread impact of this attack," said Stephen Toulouse, a Microsoft security program manager.

For Milan, Italy, though, the discovery came too late. Technicians switched off 10,000 city government computers after discovering the infection Thursday and deciding they didn't have enough time to clean the machines.

"It has spread to all our computers," said Giancarlo Martella, Milan's councilman for technological innovation and public services. "Knowing how destructive it is, we turned off all personal computers to avoid losing our data."

Only the municipality's registry office had been kept open because its "passive terminals" don't store data. Martella said, adding he hoped the computers would return to normal by Monday.

Unlike other worms generally designed to help spammers and hackers carry out attacks, Kama Sutra sets out to destroy documents by overwriting data.

The worm — called "CME-24" but nicknamed after the Hindu love manual Kama Sutra because of the pornographic references in e-mails spreading it — also includes a reliable anti-virus software, but vendors have generally posted updates that should protect users.

Assuming the computer's calendar settings are correct, users can also avoid the worm by leaving their machines off through today, although the worm is set to trigger again on March 3.

Security vendors Trend Micro Inc. and CA Inc. both assessed the overall risk and distribution as low. The worm wasn't designed to spread any more quickly Friday. Rather, Friday was the first trigger date for the file-destroying code.

Ajit Pillai, India's manager for U.S. security firm Watchguard Technologies Inc., said about 10 percent of his customers in the country had the worm, but they "followed the remedial and managed to avoid any problem."

"We didn't have to do any firefighting today," Pillai said.

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I can't believe I was on the last championship team. It's too bad you have to cite ancient history to talk about the Lions as champions.

— former Detroit defensive lineman Lou Creekmur on the team's 1957 NFL championship title

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Pittsburgh is the seventh wild-card team to make it to the Super Bowl since the NFL went to two wild-card teams per conference in 1970. Name the three wild-card teams to win the Super Bowl.
ANSWER: Below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL
Lighthouse Christian at Higgenbotham, 2:30 p.m.
Magle Valley Christian at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
Dietrich at Sho-Ban, 7:30 p.m.
Wendell at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Castelford, 7:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
Murtough at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Postseason
5A Region-4/5: Six Idaho Falls at Twin Falls, 7 p.m.
4A Great Basin West Minico at Jerome, 7 p.m.
WRESTLING
Gooding, Buhl at Weiser Tournament, 4:30 p.m.
Declo, Filer at Challis Inv., 9 a.m.
Rivers/Oakley at Aberdeen Tournament, 9 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Employee can wear Steelers jersey

SPOKANE VALLEY, Wash. — When her co-workers at a Spokane Valley Safeway began donning Seahawks jerseys, life-long Steelers fan Wendy Reagan broke out her Pittsburgh apparel, but was told she couldn't wear it. So, she wore the jersey anyway. And when someone told her again this week that the Steelers clothing wasn't welcome in Super Bowl-bound Seahawks country, she and her husband, Bob, decided to fight for their team.

"I didn't think it was fair that I couldn't wear my Steelers," Wendy Reagan said. "You can't wear a Super Bowl with one team," her husband said. After Bob Reagan called media outlets in Spokane, Seattle and Pittsburgh to complain, word filtered back to Safeway's head office, where someone called Wendy personally to tell her the jersey was OK to wear to work. A spokeswoman for Safeway in Seattle said Thursday the matter was simply a misunderstanding and the company encourages employees from both teams to get into the Super Bowl spirit.

The Reagans were married after meeting in a Spokane area restaurant where they learned they were both Lutherans and both fans of the same football team. Reagan attended Steelers games as a kid with his dad, while his wife has been a Pittsburgh fan since childhood, when her father told her to pick a team and she liked the one with the diamonds. "I would root for Seattle if the Steelers weren't there," she said.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Oakland Raiders, 1980 season; Denver, 1997; and Baltimore, 2000.



Wendell and Buhl players battle for the ball Friday night in Wendell.

Trojans' fourth-quarter comeback falls short

By John Dorr Times-News writer
WENDELL — The night belonged to Allen Kelsey, but the game was all Buhl. The Indians took control in the first quarter and withstood a furious comeback by Wendell as they spoiled Kelsey's celebration with a 70-54 victory in boys non-conference basketball Friday night. The game marked the final regular season home game for Kelsey. He has been the head coach of the Trojans for 18 years. "It was a very emotional night with it being senior night also. The tribute was very humbling," said Kelsey. "We may not have been as ready as we should have." On a night when eight seniors were honored before the game, Buhl went on an 11-0 run late in the first period to take control. The Indians simply shot "lights out" according to coach Ryan Bowman. "Our kids played hard tonight," said Bowman, who spoke of the respect he had for Kelsey. "Defensively we played our hearts out. I am just really proud of them." With a packed house in attendance, the Trojans (15-3, 3-0) held the early 5-2 lead behind a pair of

buckets by Zac Davis, who finished with a team-high 19 points. The Indians pushed the ball up the court quickly, scoring 11 straight to end the quarter. Will Chivers, who tossed in a game-high 23 points, hit two shots in the lane and Mitch Bourner nailed a 3-pointer for the 16-7 lead after one. "We wanted to get a win. We have had tough battles with them," said Bourner, who finished with 22 points. "He (Kelsey) is a great coach who has done so much for his town. It is an honor to play against him and his team." Austin Laine, hit a three-pointer for the Buhl (13-5, 5-1) as the Indians stayed red-hot from the field. Two more buckets in the paint from Chivers and a steal and lay-up by Bourner sent the Indians on top 36-17 at the break. "We were ready to play tonight and had good ball movement," said Laine, who knocked down a trio of 3-pointers and finished with 11 points. The Indians led 52-31 heading into the final period. TJ King hit two straight in the key and the deficit was down to 17 points at the 6:05 mark of the fourth quarter. The Trojans continued to push with Matt Myers scoring seven points and suddenly the lead was down to 12

with three minutes on the clock. With Wendell forced to foul late, Bourner went 7-of-9 from the charity stripe to seal the victory. "Buhl is a heck of a team and if you get behind it is tough to catch up. Hopefully it will help us reflect and get ready for district," said Kelsey. The Trojans travel to Filer today and face Glenns Ferry on Tuesday. Buhl, currently tied with Kimberly for the lead in the SCIC, plays Valley on Tuesday then travels to Declo on Thursday in SCIC action. The halftime featured a ceremony in honor of Kelsey. Nearly 40 former players came on the floor and he took the time to acknowledge each one. Many of Kelsey's accomplishments were announced at halftime. They are: 264-98 overall record, six district titles and trips to state, two third place trophies and a state championship in 2004, eight 20-win seasons, and nine players who went on to play college ball.

Kimberly boys hold off Valley, 60-53

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
KIMBERLY — Their last regular season home game is in the books. Now the Kimberly Bulldogs can focus on making sure Friday's 60-53 senior-night victory over the Valley Vikings isn't their final home game of the 2005-06 season. With Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference road games at Declo and Filer looming, the Bulldogs patiently executed their high-post halfcourt offense to exploit the Viking's smaller frontcourt players to gain an early advantage in Friday's tune-up. "Right in the second quarter, they started to hit at the free throw line," Vikings head coach

Shawn Moffit said. "We adjusted and went to our 2-3 zone, and that helped us stay in the game." The contest looked like it was getting away from the 8-11 Vikings in the second quarter, as the Bulldogs gained a 29-20 advantage when 1:55 left in the half, mainly off accurate post-entry passes from reserve post Brady Overacre. The pass-first player found fellow senior Cody Funk for three easy second-quarter layups, while junior Jason Mumm also added six second-quarter points off the Bulldogs' high-post set. Overacre finished with 11 points, seven rebounds, and five assists to help his Bulldogs improve to 9-7 on the season. "Basically, I'm just seeing my

teammates open and just giving them the ball." Overacre said of his high-post passing. "I want us to win. Getting the 'W' is all that counts." Mumm finished with a game-high 16 points to pace the Bulldogs, while Funk finished with 10 of his own. Starting Bulldogs point guard Todd Adamson finished with four points and seven assists. It was Overacre's boost from the bench that was key in the Bulldogs' win though, something Kimberly head coach Roger Keller hopes to see more of in the postseason. "Brady did a good job for us, and rebounded well, too," Keller said. "He's been solid for us, which is big for him. We'll need"

Highland hands Bruins a loss

The Times-News
POCATELLO — A thrilling comeback came up short as the No. 2 Highland Rams held off No. 1 Twin Falls High for a 65-58 win. The loss drops Twin Falls into a tie for first place in the Region Four-Five-Six standings as the postseason approaches. "We're still one of the best teams in the state and we played one of the best ones tonight on our home floor," Bruins coach Matt Harr told 1270 AM KTFH. "How many short shots did we miss? And they made all of them." One short-range shot with 1:26 remaining was critical. Highland's Travis Martin drove to the basket and drew a foul, making the subsequent free throw to make a 3-point lead into a 62-56 advantage. That turning point came after Twin Falls rallied from down 16 early in the third quarter, getting with three on two Brady Jardine free throws. Highland's half-court trip drove the Bruins to a 65-58 win. "They took advantage of a lot of our miscues, especially in the final two minutes," Harr said. "We weren't going to the ball and that's when Highland's

quickness got us. We must have had six turnovers there." Turnovers proved costly throughout for the 16-2-3 Bruins. Highland came out running in the first half as the Rams (5-1 record) pushed the ball up court and 6-foot, 9-inch forward Wil Carter scored 14 of his game-high 20 points before the break. He beat our big guys up the floor," Harr said. "Carter hit some big shots with (Brett) Vriesman in his face." Vriesman scored 17 points to lead the Bruins while Brady Jardine added 14 and Brandon Stokes 11. Highland 65, Twin Falls 58

Table with sports scores including basketball, volleyball, and tennis results.



Pittsburgh Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau watches practice Friday in Pontiac, Mich.

Steelers' LeBeau hopes to find a winner

The Associated Press
DETROIT — His zone blitzes are so common, so copied, Dick LeBeau sees high school teams running them. A cornerback or safety pressures off the edge, a linebacker drops into coverage to replace him. A nose tackle stuffs a run, on one play but passes rushes on the next. Back in 1988, this kind of scheming was innovative and creative, and LeBeau was the man who designed it. Then the Cincinnati Bengals' defensive coordinator, LeBeau needed an answer to the relatively new West Coast offense that was so perplexing to stop. Basically, he needed something to counter Bill Walsh and Mike Holmgren. "Funny how times, teams and tactics change, but the principal characters do not." Sixteen years after he lost a Super Bowl to the 49ers and Holmgren, then San Francisco's offensive coordinator, LeBeau will coordinate the Pittsburgh Steelers' defense Sunday against ... the Holmgren-coached Seattle Seahawks. "When you coach against coach I Holmgren, you know he's going to make you defend against all his people — you're going to have your hands full," LeBeau said. "They're going to go uptempo the whole game. They're going to get out there

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and snap it in 10 or 11 seconds, so you've got to have your guys up there." For LeBeau, the game also represents a chance to get that elusive ring. An NFL player or coach for 47 consecutive seasons, this will be his fourth Super Bowl. He has yet to win one, losing two with the Bengals and another with Pittsburgh. "At 61, he doesn't know if he will be back for another or how much longer he will coach. He doesn't imply there is a sense of urgency to win this time, but he knows there is no guarantee he will be back." For now, he's trying to come up with a way slow a speedy offense led by a dynamic running back. In NFL MVP Shaun Alexander and smoothly directed by quarterback Matt Hasselbeck. Not that his players are worried. To them, nobody schemes like LeBeau, who still employs many of the fire zone blitzes he designed back in the 1960s — though they have been tweaked and re-tweaked constantly. The fire zones were the basis of the Pittsburgh defense in the mid-1990s, the one led by Rod Woodson, Kevin Greene and Greg Woodson. Please see WINNER, Page B4

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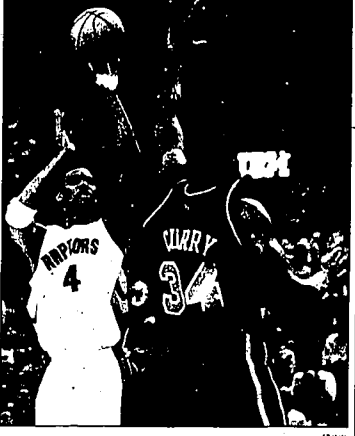
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Questions abound over Super Bowl

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Both teams are capable of winning big games.

Seahawks coach said they had been lucky. Will luck take them to Super Bowl ring?



Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh (4) shoots over New York Knicks forward Eddie Curry during the fourth quarter of the Raptors' 104-90 win in NBA basketball action in Toronto, Canada, on Friday.

Raptors rip Knicks

TORONTO (AP) — Chris Bosh scored 29 points and the Toronto Raptors beat the struggling New York Knicks 104-90...

ers, who played without the injured Lamar Odom... Rockets 100, Sonics 77

Jazz 89, Kings 79

SALT LAKE CITY — The Sacramento Kings did not make a field goal in the fourth quarter...

PHILADELPHIA — Richard Hamilton scored 30 points and Rashad Lewis added 21 points...

Bobcats 112, Lakers 102

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jameel Jones scored a career-high 31 points to help Charlotte lose seven points with a snapper over Los Angeles.

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson sank a jumper over DeShawn Stevenson with less than a second remaining to lift Atlanta over Orlando.

Clippers 98, Celtics 81

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OS basic ball splits again

Local sports

followed by Shayne Buckner with 13 points and Matt Lezanski added 12 for Richfield (15-5-9-2).

Richfield 78, Community School 40

High School Boys basketball

Wood River — The Wood River Wolverines came close, but were narrowly defeated by the Burley Bobcats 51-46 in overtime in Great Basin West.

Glenns Ferry 64, Gooding 54

GOODING — Junior guard Cody Darrington scored 21 points including five 3-pointers to lead Glenns Ferry to a 64-54 nonconference win over Gooding Friday.

Shoshone 54, Carey 36

SHOSHONE — The Carey Panthers marked another victory on their way to the Class IA Magic Valley Northside tournament next week, this time defeating Shoshone 54-36 on Friday.

Bliss 55, Dietrich 46

BLISS — The Bliss Bears pulled together to defeat the Dietrich Blue Devils 55-46 in IA Magic Valley Northside Conference play Friday night.

Richfield 78, Community School 48

RICHFIELD — Richfield picked up a home Magic Valley Northside Conference win as senior Max Piper lit up the Richfield gym to tip the Richfield 78-48 Friday.

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North Gem 53, T.F. Christian 51, 0T

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors led in overtime to visiting North Gem 53-51 Friday.

Agat wins Wanamaker Mile, Campbell takes 60

NEW YORK (AP) — The flag-waving Ethiopian fans came to Madison Square Garden to see distance star Kenenisa Bekele.

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Tiger gets wet in the desert, falls into tie for second

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Two shots into the water cup Tiger Woods the lead at the Dubai Desert Classic.

North Gem pulled off the two-point win with solid shooting from the free throw line to seal it.

Overall, the Warriors were happy with the effort after losing to North Gem by a margin of 30 a few weeks ago on the road.

Sophomore forward Caleb Howard lit up the scoreboard for the Warriors with 26 points. He made two 3-pointers and went 10-of-16 from the line.

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Senior post Judd Green terminated the count from the inside with 18 points. On the outside, senior wing Tyler Cook netted 13 points and Carey's lone 3-pointer.

There was too much hand-drawn and nobody could handle him. He had his day, Shoshone head coach Larry Messick said. "With Cook on the outside, it's a good combination for Carey."

Senior guard Zach Spauld poured in 10 for Shoshone.

The Indians (1-17, 1-9) host the Community School on Monday at 6 p.m. This is a make-up game from Jan. 10.

There will be no junior varsity game. The Panthers (9-19, 12-4) are finished with regular season play. The tournament starts Thursday at Shoshone.

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Jeff Hartwig, won the pole vault at 19-9.5, and Mary Saer won the women's shot at 14-5.25, beating Jillian Schwitz, Dana Miller and Jeri Stuczynski on the number of misses.

In other events, shot putter Reese Hoffa successfully defended his title at 71-0.5; Dominique Arnold, won the boys' 100-meter dash at 1:19.58.

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A Super week worth noting for 13-year Seahawk Strong

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Mack Strong is a rugged 6 feet tall and 245 pounds. He is a fullback built like a floor safe. A neck nearly as wide as some people's waists. Arms as wide as necks. He wears a helmet during games, of course. It just doesn't always look like it.

His nose has a horizontal scar running of its bridge from banging face-first into a Carolina player two weeks ago when the Seahawks won the NFC championship. His left eye is just now whitening from the nasty red stain he got that same day from getting poked while blocking a Panthers defender.

So, Mike Strong, a first-time Pro Bowler and first-time Super Bowl, has a, um... diary? "Uh, a JOURNAL," Strong said, correcting himself while revealing how he is detailing his days before Sunday's Super Bowl against Pittsburgh. "A little something for my kids," said the father of two boys, Isaiah (6) and Ivan (1.5).

The person vanguard to NFL MVP Shaun Alexander has taken notes on the NFC championship game scene, the conflict filling, the on-field podium, and the conference trophy he held after beating Carolina. Of the fan rally at Qwest Field last Sunday morning immediately before the team left for the Super Bowl.

Of the reception the team got arriving at the Detroit airport Sunday. Arriving the 40th police escort the team buses received from the airport for the 10-minute ride to the hotel.

"Just things that I've never experienced in my life," Strong said.

This week has been extra special for Strong, who frequently acknowledged being moved by the Super Bowl. He is the longest-tenured Seahawk, 13 years removed from Seattle signing him as an undrafted free agent. He spent his first season on the Seahawks' practice squad and the initial eight games of his second season inactive and in street clothes.

He has played 180 games since — the third-most in team history. That's 13 long years of wondering if he would ever get to the Pro Bowl, Or, the Super Bowl, Or, heck, to merely just a single playoff win.

"This season, he got his trifecta. "I think I'm living proof that dreams come true," he said.

Mike Holmgren said recently that in each of the previous few offseasons he has drafted young fullbacks with the idea that Strong is about to retire, the latest being rookie free agent Leonard Weaver. And each of the previous few seasons he has drafted well-structured.

"You could make a pretty good case that Mack is as valuable as anybody we have," Holmgren said. "It's not flamboyant. It's such a good guy and so unselfish."

This season, Strong was strongest when Seattle



Seattle Seahawks fullback Mack Strong carries the ball during their NFC divisional playoff football game against the Washington Redskins, on Jan. 14, in Seattle.

needed him most. In the Jan. 14 playoff opener, the Seahawks led Washington 17-10 midway through the fourth quarter. Los Angeles was on the bench, out since the first quarter with a concussion. On a third-and-six play, quarterback Matt Hasselbeck audibled to an inside run for Strong, who had run just 17 times in 16 games.

He shocked the Redskins by barreling 32 yards to set up Josh Brown's game-clinching field goal. It was the longest run of his career — and perhaps his most important, the biggest chunk of what Holmgren calls the "cookies" he gives Strong when he rarely carries the ball.

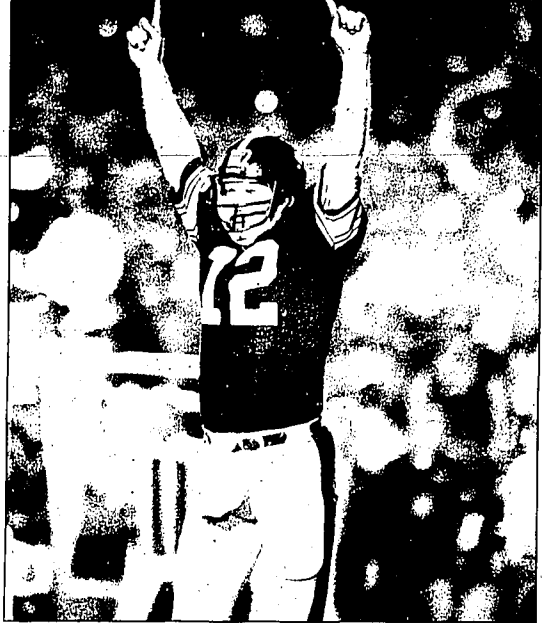
One win later, Strong and his Seahawks were in the Super Bowl.

"It's just a real satisfaction for my career," he said.

He talked excitedly about being at the Super Bowl — "It will probably be a while before I forget this whole experience."

But the quiet, behind the scenes Strong hasn't exactly ripped up Detroit while here. His big cutout has been a lone night out to dinner at a Berkley Bar, new since he arrived. The other nights have been room service and preparing for his job Sunday.

"I'm really a low-key guy," he said. "I don't know anybody in Detroit, anyway."



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw throws up both his arms and indicates his team is No. 1 after the Steelers won their fourth Super Bowl over the Los Angeles Rams, in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 20, 1980 photo.

Steelers of the '70s won four Super Bowls — and then became a success

DETROIT (AP) — They won four championships. Then they really became a success.

They remain the early team to win four Super Bowls in six years, yet what might separate the Steel Curtain Steelers of the 1970s from other NFL champions is what they did off the field.

Playing in an era before most NFLers made enough money during their careers to live comfortably for the rest of their lives, many of the '70s Steelers went on to be wildly successful in their post-football ventures.

Lynn Swann is running for governor of Pennsylvania as a Republican after being a longtime ABC-TV football sideline reporter, John Stallworth, his fellow Hall of Fame receiver, founded an aerospace company in his native Alabama that employs hundreds.

Franco Harris launched a successful bakery and is one of the most visible NFL players from the 1970s, making numerous public appearances. Terry Bradshaw might be the most recognizable TV studio host in NFL history. Heck Han runs his own company in Pittsburgh and is a color analyst for NFL games on Westwood One radio and for Penn State's radio network.

And former cornerback Duane Woodruff must be called "Your Honor." A successful Pittsburgh attorney, he was elected an Allegheny County Common Pleas Court judge last year.

No doubt, some had an "in" on getting good jobs because of their Steelers' connections. But others successfully started businesses or careers on their own.

To this day, every Steelers team is compared to the teams that won the Super Bowls in the 1970s, 1975, 1978 and 1982 seasons.

Wide receiver Linus Ward has heard all about those teams, met some of the former players and knows he will keep hearing about them until he leaves. Steelers team wins a Super Bowl.

The Steelers will make only their second Super Bowl appearance in 20 years on Sunday, and no Pittsburgh team has won a Super Bowl since January 1980.

"You are based on what you do in the Super Bowl," Ward said. "These guys had the opportunity to win four Super Bowls, and getting this opportunity is a dream come true for me."

Especially when there is such a legacy to live up to.

This was the greatest football team that was ever put together," team chairman Dan Rooney said of the 1970s Steelers.

Key 1970s Steelers

- **WR John Stallworth**, founded a 500-employee aerospace company in Huntsville, Ala.
- **WR Lynn Swann**, longtime ABC-TV football sideline reporter, running for governor of Pennsylvania.
- **WR Frank Lewis**, regional executive director of Louisiana Tech University, a coalition of organizations that supply training and funding for youth job programs.
- **TE Benjie Cunningham**, high school career counselor in Westminster, S.C.
- **TE Randy Grossman**, financial planner (for Pittsburgh investment company).
- **LT Larry Brown**, restaurant operator in Pittsburgh.
- **G Gerry "Moon" Mullins**, manager for an industrial metals company; directed a home rebuilding program jointly founded by the Steelers and a lumber company.
- **C Mike Webster**, former NFL assistant coach; died on Sept. 24, 2000, at age 50.
- **S Sam Davis**, retired, lives in suburban Pittsburgh.
- **OT Jon Kolb**, former assistant coach at Grove City (Pa.) College; directs vehicle and fitness programs for a hospital in Sharon, Pa.
- **OT Ray Plinney**, commercial insurance salesman in his hometown of Seattle, says he will root for Seahawks in the Super Bowl.
- **OL Steve Courson**, died in a farm accident near Pittsburgh on Nov. 10, 2005, at age 50. One of the first NFL players to admit to steroid use.
- **OL Ted Peterson**, athletic director of Upper St. Clair High School in suburban Pittsburgh.
- **QB Terry Bradshaw**, NFL studio host for Fox.
- **RB Rocky Bleck**, motivational speaker, partner in a company that builds communication towers.
- **RB Franco Harris**, founded Super Bakery in Pittsburgh, makes numerous public speaking appearances.
- **DE L.C. Greenwood**, operates a coal and gas marketing company and a construction materials supplier in Pittsburgh area.
- **OT Joe Greene**, Steelers' special assistant for pro and college personnel.
- **DE Ernie Holmes**, works for pro sports athletic marketing company.
- **DE Dwight White**, managing partner at employee-owned investment company, serves on the boards of several charities; does radio commercials.
- **DL John Banaszak**, former head football coach at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., former assistant coach at Robert Morris University.
- **DL Gary Dum**, owns sports bar in Key West, Fla.
- **DL Steve Furness**, died on Feb. 9, 2000, at age 49. Was the first to die of the 22 Steelers who won four Super Bowl rings.
- **LB Jack Ham**, radio analyst for Penn State football and NFL games on national radio; formerly was a coal company executive; president of a drug-testing company.
- **LB Jack Lambert**, retired from Pennsylvania Game Commission, lives on a farm near Pittsburgh and coaches youth baseball, basketball and softball.
- **LB Andy Russell**, businessman in Pittsburgh, recently wrote two books about 1970s-era Steelers.
- **LB Robin Cole**, operates summer youth football camps and is a public speaker.
- **DB Mel Blount**, runs youth camps and is a public speaker.
- **DB Bobby Warden**, investment banker in Canonsburg, Pa.
- **DB J.T. Thomas**, businessman in suburban Pittsburgh.
- **S Donnie Shell**, director of player development, Carolina Panthers.
- **S Glen Edwards**, businessman in Pileatus County, Pa.
- **S Mike Wagner**, investment banker in Pittsburgh.
- **DB Tony Dunny**, Indianapolis Colts coach.
- **DB Ron Johnson**, worked for an educational publication company and coached high school football.
- **DB Dwayne Woodruff**, elected Allegheny County Common Pleas Court judge last year.
- **P Rocky Bleck**, retired in Thomasville, Ga.
- **P Craig Colquhoun**, business owner in Knoxville, Tenn.
- **K Matt Bahr**, business consultant in Pittsburgh.
- **R Roy Gerola**, assistant football coach at New Mexico State.
- **Coach Chuck Noll**, retired since 1992, has split time in recent years between homes in Virginia, Florida and Pittsburgh. His condo in Pittsburgh is located near Chuck Noll Stadium, a high school field named for the former Seahawks coach who grew up in suburban Pittsburgh.
- **Assistant coach Dick Hoak**, Steelers running backs coach since 1972, has been with the team as player or coach for 44 of last 45 years.
- **Owner Art Rooney Sr.**, bought Steelers in 1933 for \$2,500, also owned harness racing tracks, died Aug. 25, 1988, at age 87.
- **Owner Dan Rooney**, one of NFL's most influential owners, serves as team chairman and devotes most of his time to NFL-related duties.

Holmgren, Allen seek extension

DETROIT (AP) — Mike Holmgren was standing a few feet from the shiny Vince Lombardi trophy when someone asked if he had any superstition against touching the prize.

"No," he quickly said Friday. "I'd touch it any chance I get."

Monday, when the Seattle coach dutifully placed his right hand on the silver football that rests atop the NFL's Javel.

He may be extending that hand to a new Seahawks contract soon.

What was unthinkable 12 months ago in Seattle will be Holmgren's first item of business following Sunday's Super Bowl: He will meet with owner Paul Allen to discuss a contract extension beyond 2006.

The talks are part of what Holmgren has described as Allen's increased accessibility and involvement with the team this season.

Holmgren, 57, will coach in his fifth Super Bowl when he faces Pittsburgh. He won one and lost one as Green Bay's head coach a decade ago. He won two other Super Bowls as also assistant, after the 1990 and '89 seasons.

He has one year and \$7 mil-

lion remaining on the eight-year contract, \$32 million left he signed to become Allen's executive vice president/general manager and coach on Jan. 9, 1999.

Following the 2002 season — after a 31-34 start to his Seattle tenure — Holmgren relinquished the GM job.

He is 34-18 since — including the first two playoff wins for the franchise in 22 years.

This week, the nation has returned to college football, and the coaching world has with Brett Favre in Green Bay in 1996 and '97.

Emmitt: How can you keep Irvin out of Hall?

DETROIT (AP) — Emmitt Smith believes Hall of Fame voters are holding Michael Irvin's personal problems against him.

And he's incensed by it.

Smith, the NFL's career rushing leader and eligible for the Hall in four more years, campaigned last Friday for his former Dallas Cowboys teammate.

Irvin is on the ballot for the Dallas team, and election results will be announced Saturday. Smith senses the wide receiver didn't get in last year because of his off-field life.

"But you're going to try to bring this personal side of Irvin," Smith said. "This is what's done off the field — what has that got to do with what he's done on the football field?"

Pounding his finger on a table and emphasizing every single word, Smith made his point.

"This is the Pro Football Hall of Fame, not the Hall of Fame. His stats are what they are. They are not going to change."

Irvin was arrested in November for an outstanding warrant on an unpaid speeding ticket, then charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia after police searched his car.

In 1996, Irvin pleaded no contest to felony cocaine possession in exchange for four years of probation, a \$10,000 fine and dismissal of misdemeanor marijuana possession charges. He also was arrested on drug possession charges in 2000, but they were later dropped.

Irvin is one of 15 finalists for Saturday's election. Also on the ballot are former Cowboys Triplets, quarterback Troy Aikman, in his first year of eligibility.

The late Reggie White, Warren Moon and Thurman Thomas also are eligible for the first time.

Other finalists are Harry Carson, L.C. Greenwood, Russ Grimm, Clark Haskin, Steve Kuechenberg, Art Monk, Derrick Thomas and Gary Zimmerman. John Madden and Rayfield Wright are senior candidates.

Winner

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Lloyd and Carmel Lake. Now, in LeBeau's second year running the Steelers defense (he also was on their staff from 1992-97), the principals are Joe Porter, Casey Hampton, James Farrior and Troy Polamalu.

"You know he's going to throw something out there," they've never seen before," Farrior said. "You can't describe how good he is. It's seen everything and done everything."

The Steelers knew of LeBeau and his schematic handiwork, but some hadn't met him until his first meeting with them 20 months ago. He impressed them with his fast-paced offense.

"He shocked everybody," Porter said. "He told us he came here because it would be a pleasure to coach us. When you have a coach like that who tells you that he has nothing else to prove,

that he's done everything he wanted to do in his life, but to turn down money to be here and coach you — you've got to go out and give him your all."

LeBeau's portfolio gives him credibility with his players. After playing for coach Woody Hayes at Ohio State, LeBeau made 62 interceptions for the Lions from 1959-72 — the seventh most in NFL history. His 171 consecutive games played are the most by an NFL cornerback.

The Steelers had the NFL's top-ranked last season and were the fourth-best statistically this season.

Seattle presents a different challenge with its fast-paced offense that doesn't take time getting off plays.

"They spread the field and make you defend the whole area," LeBeau said. "Generally, they don't hold the ball very long.

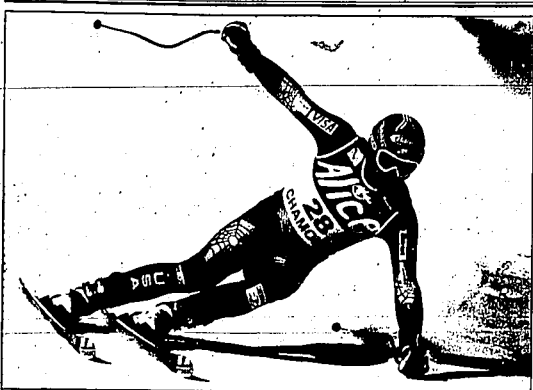
"The ball is out of there quick." Win or lose, LeBeau intends to keep coaching. His players don't want to see him leave any time soon, given their loyalty to him.

They displayed that before their fan. I visited with the Lions when they wore his throwback No. 41 Lions jerseys in his honor.

"It was a tremendous compliment," LeBeau said. "I've never seen anything like it in the league."

His players say the same thing about LeBeau's master scheming.

"We love the guy to death," Farrior said. "He's a great coach and a great mind. He's done so much for us defense and helps us out tremendously both ways with his wisdom and knowledge. When he puts together a game plan we feel like, if we execute it, we have a great chance to win the game."



Bode Miller, of the United States, speeds down the hill on his way to take third place in an alpine ski men's World Cup Super-Combis race in Chamoula, France, Friday.

Bode returns

Skier performs well after break

CHAMONIX, France (AP) — Benjamin Raich of Austria rallied from 17th place after the downhill leg to win a men's World Cup super-combi Friday, while American Bode Miller finished third after a nine-day break from racing.

Miller completed the morning's shortened downhill and lengthy slalom to win in combined time of 2 minutes, 36.48 seconds and extend his lead atop the overall standings. Teammate Bode Miller finished runner-up in 2:37.41.

Miller, returning from a golfing break in Dubai, placed third in 2:37.47 for his third podium result in the combined this season. The reigning overall champion, Miller is favorite for the Olympic title later this month.

Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway who posted the fastest leg, finished eighth. American Ted Ligety was 10th.

Michael Walchhofer, who tied for fourth, Raich and Schoenfelder have three of the four berths available on the Austrian squad. The fourth Austrian intended to compete, Mario Matt, crashed in Wednesday's downhill training session and went home.

It is uncertain whether he will compete at the Turin Olympics.

Spain's Rienda wins women's giant slalom

OTTENBERG, Germany — Maria Jose Rienda of Spain won her second giant slalom of the season Friday, while American Julia Mancuso finished 10th.

Rienda had the fastest time in both runs to win in 2 minutes, 19.52 seconds, becoming the first skier to win the discipline twice this season. She was 64 ahead of Sweden's Anja Paerson, and Austrian Kathrin Zettel finished third.

"I'm feeling good and I will try to feel the same at the Olympics," Rienda said. "I'm skiing so well — I think it was perfect today."

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Anja Kostelic, was 14th after two mistake-riddled runs.

The 30-year-old Rienda won her fourth career race, all giant slaloms, and picked up her second win this season after a victory in Aspen, Colorado. The five previous giant slalom races had produced five different winners.

Like Kostelic, her longtime rival, Paerson is a threat to win several golds at the Olympics. Both have recorded World Cup wins this season in all four major disciplines.

German skier Anja Biberinger will miss the Turin Olympics because of injuries from crash Friday at practice. She sustained a "concussion," broken hand and torn neck ligaments.

The 24-year-old placed a career-best 12th and 14th this season.

Usher not around with Cavaliers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Has Usher been shown the door by the Cleveland Cavaliers?

The Grammy-winning R&B artist, who said "I look for Cleveland to be my home away from home" when he became a minority owner last year, has not attended a Cavaliers home game this season.

On top of that, his hit song "Yeah" is no longer blasted inside Quicken Loans Arena, and perhaps more telling, Usher does not appear in the club's media guide along with principle owners Dan Gilbert, Gordon Gund and David Katzman.

It's as if Usher, known for his slick dance moves and smooth persona, has disappeared — at least from the NBA spotlight.

What's more, both the Cavaliers and Usher's camp have tried to say on the matter of his absence.

Simone Smalls, Usher's publicist, responded to questions from The Associated Press in an e-mail on Friday.

"Usher is still a minority owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers and remains very active in building the brand," she said.

The Cavaliers did not immediately respond to a request to



explain Usher's role with the club.

The scene was far different last March, when Usher, whose full name is Usher Raymond IV, became part of a group headed by Gilbert that bought the NBA franchise from Gund for \$375 million.

On March 1, 2005, when Gilbert took control of the team and operating rights to the 20,000-seat arena, Usher was introduced at a glistening ceremony attended by star LeBron James.

At the time, Usher pledged his support for the Cavaliers and said he wanted to live in Cleveland into a vibrant city for entertainment. In the first weeks after he became involved with the Cavaliers, he sat in a front-row seat near mid-court during several games.

During one game in March that he came to with mega-hit producer Jermaine Dupri, the 27-year-old Usher, wearing a leather Cavaliers jacket, walked on the floor with a microphone during a timeout and boldly guaranteed a victory over Orlando.

After the Cavaliers beat the Magic that night, Usher mingled with players in Cleveland's locker room and exchanged numbers with James.

During another game, Usher crossed and raised both arms and formed "C's" with his hands, a salute to the Cavaliers he called the "Double C" that was later imitated by some fans.

"This season, there have been no signs of Usher at all. His single 'Yeah,' which seemed to play without interruption last season, has been noticeably absent from the team's game presentation. And the only place you'll find him on the team's Web site is after doing a search for his biography."

Usher's financial investment in the Cavaliers was never made public. Katzman described Usher's ownership share as "very, very significant" last year.

Usher followed hip-hop artists Nelly (Charlotte) and Jay-Z (New Jersey) in becoming celebrity owners of an NBA team, and now he might be the first one out.

Gophers walk-on puts Harvard on hold to pursue Big Ten dream

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Zach Puchelt surprised his parents when he first told them he was going to Harvard.

So imagine their reaction when he revealed his desire to leave one of the world's most prestigious universities after his junior year to walk on with the Minnesota basketball team.

"We turned to him and went, 'Are you serious? You have one more year left,'" said Beth Puchelt, Zach's mother. "He actually talked us into it again... He just really wanted to give Division I sports a fair shake."

Gophers coach Dan Monson certainly is pleased that Puchelt's parents were so understanding.

With his team 6-6 in Big Ten play and desperate for a win to keep a chance at the conference, 6-foot-6, 250-pound forward into the starting lineup Tuesday against then-No. 13 Indiana.

He stymied Hoosiers star Marco Killingsworth on the defensive end, spurring the Gophers to a stunningly easy 61-42 victory at Williams Arena.

"Probably the most fun athletic performance I've ever been a part of," Puchelt said. "It was just awesome to get out there, muck it up with the guys, diving on the floor, slipping hands, just a great, great time."



Zach Puchelt, left, guards an Indiana player during a Big Ten game in which Minnesota beat then-No. 13 Indiana last Sunday.

The kind of time he had been yearning for since his days starting for the football and basketball teams at Hopkins High School in suburban Minneapolis. Puchelt caught up passes and 12 touchdowns as a senior tight end for the Royals. Wisconsin offered him a scholarship, but Harvard was also interested. No athletic scholarships there, but hey, it's Harvard.

Puchelt was resistant initially.

"I've wanted to look at the Ivy League," Beth said with a chuckle. "I told him he didn't want to tell his children that he passed up just the option. There had to be one by League school visit. I wasn't going to tell my grandkids that their father didn't even consider it."

So Puchelt went to Boston for a visit. Two days later, he made his choice.

"We said, 'No, you didn't have to go there. You've got three more options.'" Beth said. "We couldn't talk him out of it. They must've made some kind of mark. We couldn't believe he made the decision. We thought he'd be a Big Ten, rah-rah type of athlete."

Part of him was. Big Ten football and basketball for the Crimson were all it was cracked up to be.

"I think at first it was not a perfect experience," Beth said. "There was zero student participation. He would play football and no one would be in the stadium. Football athletes were really frowned upon... They did a great sales job. In essence, it

wasn't the case."

"Though he thoroughly enjoyed the academic and social sides of Harvard and felt comfortable with the community there, he wasn't fulfilling his athletic potential. So he inquired about walking on for the Gophers, where his mother was on the dance line and his father, Scott, played football in the 1970s."

"It was just one of those things you just can't pass up," Puchelt said. "The chance to Harvard, I couldn't pass that up — the chance to play Division I basketball. I had always wanted to do it, and it was just a great opportunity."

It hasn't been all smooth. Puchelt had to sit out last season because of NCAA transfer rules and played just 38 minutes through the first 17 games of this season.

"Zach's very limited as a basketball player," Monson said. "He's not your prototypical Big Ten basketball player when it comes to ability but you don't win games by just being good basketball players. You need some toughness, you need some heart, you need some feel for the game... and he gives you those things."

Spy chief says Olympics, Super Bowl precautions taken but risks remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of the Super Bowl and Olympics, the top U.S. intelligence official cautions that the events will be major attention magnets and says all security precautions possible have been taken to prevent terrorist attacks.

"Look, these are both very important, widely attended events to which there is a great deal of public attention," National Intelligence Director John Negroponte said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"But by the same token, an enormous amount of effort has gone into the planning the security of these events and preparing for any possible eventuality."

More than 65,000 people are expected to attend Sunday's Super Bowl in Detroit. The Olympics in Turin, Italy, are expected to draw 1 million.

Negroponte said that FBI Director Robert Mueller returned from a trip to review security measures for the Olympic Games, which start next week. While Mueller reported the precautions were excellent, Negroponte said, "there is no guarantee that somebody won't try to carry out some kind of untoward act."

Previous Olympic Games have been targets of attacks.

At the 1996 Atlanta Summer Games, serial bomber Eric Rudolph exploded a knapsack at the Centennial Olympic Park to embarrass the U.S. government for sanctioning terrorism. One woman died, and more than 100 people were injured.

Eleven Israeli athletes were taken hostage by the Palestinian group Black September at the 1972 Munich Winter Olympics. A rescue attempt left 11 Israelis, five terrorists and a policeman dead.

Negroponte said vigilance and preparation have helped



Olympics staff, left, are checked by security as they enter the Olympic Village in Turin Italy, Thursday.


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chief in April, spoke from his temporary office one block from the White House. With only one narrow window, the head of the nation's 15 spy agencies has plenty of wall space for pictures of his five Honduran children he adopted as the U.S. ambassador there from 1981 to 1985.

Negroponte and his staff will move to more permanent accommodations at the Defense Intelligence Agency's new building in Southwest Washington next month.


His job takes him to the White House almost daily for presidential intelligence briefings, which cover issues from aviation fit to the Palestinian parliamentary elections.

Negroponte said he does not view it as an intelligence failure that U.S. agencies were unable to predict that Hamas — listed as a terror group by the State Department — won a majority of seats in last month's polling. Hamas itself was surprised, he said, and following elections is not "strictly speaking" a clandestine intelligence matter.


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Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$24.96	▲ .20
Con Agra	\$24.15	▲ .41
Dell Inc.	\$29.26	▲ .26
Idacorp	\$30.91	none
Micron	\$14.89	▼ .06

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$65.37	▲ .69
(March, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$59.27	▼ .32
Gold (Feb.)	\$567.40	▼ 5.10

Unemployment drops to 4 1/2-year low

Jobs picture shows companies feeling more optimistic

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate dropped to a 4.5-year low as businesses cranked up hiring in January, an encouraging sign that the economy started the year on the right foot.

The latest jobs picture, provided by the Labor Department on Friday, suggested that companies are feeling better about the economy's prospects as well as their own and thus are more inclined to hire. Good weather in parts of the country also helped, especially for construction work.

The unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 percent from 4.7 percent, the lowest since July 2001.

For blacks, the rate fell to 8.9 percent, the best since September 2001. The unemployment rate for Hispanics dipped to a five-month low of 5.8 percent.

"The economy fired on all cylinders in January," said economist Sung Won Sohn, president of Hamt Bank. Payrolls grew by 193,000 in January, up from 140,000 in December. Job growth for December as well as for each of the months going back to August turned out to be stronger than the government previously reported.

Employment gains were fairly widespread last month. Construction, manufacturing, health care, financial activities and other industries boosted payrolls. That included job losses in other areas including retailing, government and broadcasting.

"There's no question we're getting back to better days for job creation," said Ken Mayland, economist at ClearView Economics. "There's been a sense of unease in the American

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The economy fired on all cylinders in January.”
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— economist Sung Won Sohn, president of Hamt Bank

workplace and this should help relieve that." Americans have expressed anxiety about the economy, polls indicate.

President Bush, coping with relatively low job-approval ratings, is seeking to ease those fears. Bush, who welcomed the new jobs figures, spoke Friday about ways to make the country more competitive and is pushing plans to deal with pocketbooks issues, such as high energy prices and rising health care costs.

"We want our people working. We want people to be able to realize opportunity and hope. And in order to do that you've got to have a growing economy, obviously," Bush said. "I think keeping taxes low is an important way to make sure this economy continues to grow."

The president wants Congress to make his tax cuts permanent. Democrats, however, contend that the tax cuts mostly helped the wealthy, did nothing to help the jobs climate and are a big reason why the government's balance sheets are bleeding red ink.

For all of 2005, the economy created 1.98 million jobs — close to the 2.1 million generated in 2004, according to annual revisions to the payroll figures released Friday. The economy lost jobs in 2001 and 2002 but posted a tiny gain in 2003.

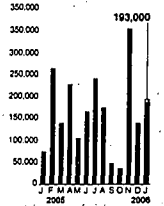
The economy suffered through a brief recession in 2001, starting in March and ending in November.

Unemployment

Monthly unemployment rate for the past 13 months



Monthly net change in nonfarm payroll employment



SOURCE: Department of Labor

OUTFITTING OLYMPIANS

Peak performance for athletes at the 2006 Winter Games includes outerwear

By Sandy Shore
Associated Press writer

BOULDER, Colo. — When he hits Olympic slalom gates at about 50 mph in a few days, American Erik Schlopy will have extra protection in his ski suit, courtesy of some bright orange, waffle-like padding that was first whipped up in a blender.

The material, developed by English engineers and sewn into Spyder racing suits, is designed to be flexible yet stiffen on impact to protect fragile elbows and shins as skiers roar down icy slopes. "When you're racing and when you're training you don't really feel that much until after — when you're looking at the bruises in the mirror," Schlopy said. "I'd have to say the new pads are definitely minimizing the bruises and the blows that we get."

Companies are spending millions on research and hiring engineers specializing in aerodynamics and other sciences in hopes of gaining a product edge. The payoff comes with publicity surrounding the Olympics, especially if the athlete is a medalist.

"If people who are wearing this product seem to be performing better, we're going to be seeing marketing like you've never seen before," said Marshall Cohen, chief analyst at NPD Group Inc., a Port Washington, N.Y., market research firm. "Anything that can help someone get an edge or perform better, an athlete will go to the end of the earth to get it."

Some technology in apparel and equipment seems to boost performance, Cohen said, while other advancements perhaps give athletes a confidence boost. And the technology that's tested is as broad and as wide as the imagination. Speedo, for example, mimicked a shark's dermal denticles — essentially, skin with tiny teardrop features — by weaving ribbing and texture into first a swimsuit and then a triathlon outfit for recent Summer Olympics. The material, called Fastskin FSII, has been added to outfits for Olympic bobsled and skeleton athletes this winter to reduce drag yet maintain movement.

Each suit is adjusted to fit the specific athlete. "It also allows them greater freedom of



Phil Shettig, director of product development for Spyder Active Sports Inc., shows their new Olympic suit at the company's headquarters in Boulder, Colo. This Spyder race suit is designed to be flexible yet stiffen on impact to protect elbows and shins.

motion and greater flexibility than the traditional sliding suits of the past, which tend to have a center and less porous," said Stu Isaac, a marketing senior vice president with Los Angeles-based Speedo. Speedo suits will be worn by skeleton

athletes from a handful of countries, including the United States, and by U.S. bobsledders.

At Portland-based Nike Inc., aerodynamic research helped produce Swift

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Web site helps you get a human on the line

Cheat sheet offers fast relief from phone-tree hell

By Richard J. Dalton Jr.
Newspaper

Click gethuman.com to reach an operator. The site, launched Thursday, offers a cheat sheet of hundreds of ways to escape phone-tree hell — the seemingly unending computerized prompts that callers often face when calling companies. Fidelity NetBenefits, an in-

vestment service for employees, requires callers to hit 1 followed by the pound key — 17 times, the cheat sheet reveals. At Macy's credit customer service, callers seeking an operator must say "No," then "More options," then "Other options," then "Agent."

The site's creator, Paul English, the chief technology officer at travel Web site Kayak.com, previously hosted a popular cheat sheet on his own blog, paulenglish.com, reaching a million visitors last month. His blog became overwhelmed with traffic, so he created gethuman.com, which can handle a large volume of visitors. English said he launched the

cheat sheet because of difficulty his father had using the phone. "As he got older he just became intimidated by these computers," English said. "It was kind of devastating for him."

Richard Shapiro, president of the Center for Client Retention, a research organization in Springfield, N.J., focusing on customer satisfaction and loyalty, said seniors especially have trouble with the voice-response systems. Many customer-support representatives for Medicare have told him callers are trying to reach an operator after just pressing two buttons on Medicare's phone-tree menu. Callers to Medicare can reach

an operator immediately by saying "agent" to pressing 0, according to the gethuman.com cheat sheet. Peter Combs, a board member of the International Customer Service Association, an industry trade group promoting customer service, said phone menus help customers avoid busy signals and unanswered phones and help direct customers to the right department. "It may not be the warm and fuzzy that we all appreciate, but it's an effective tool," he said. "Are there places where this doesn't work, where the menus

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ConAgra to sell its cold meats business

Armour, Eckrich, Butterball brands are part of the deal

By the Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — ConAgra Foods Inc., one of the nation's largest packaged-foods companies, said Thursday that it will sell off its refrigerated meats business. The unit generated about \$1.9 billion in sales last year.

The sale includes 15 plants in nine states and about 6,000 employees of the Omaha-based company, and ConAgra plans to part with its Armour, Butterball and Eckrich brands. ConAgra spokesman Chris Kircher said the company expects that most of those 6,000 employees would become employees of the new owner after a sale which is expected to take 10-12 months to complete.

The sale of the refrigerated meat business is one of the first major changes ConAgra's president and chief executive, Gary Rodkin, has made since joining the company in October. "Our actions today reflect our commitment to simplify operations and to concentrate in areas where we have the strongest competitive positions," Rodkin said. "They put us in a much better position to execute and drive consistent and sustainable growth."

During the past 7 1/2 years, ConAgra changed from a decentralized conglomerate based in agricultural commodities into a retailer of packaged food with centralized research, sales and administration.

The proposed sale of the refrigerated meats business will not affect ConAgra's Healthy Choice, Hebrew National, Brown 'N Serve, Slim Jim or Pemican brands.

Last week, ConAgra announced it was selling Cook's, a smoked-meat business, to Smithfield Foods Inc. That sale included three plants employing 1,540 people. It also announced plans Thursday to move its grocery food headquarters from Irvine, Calif., to Naperville, Ill., which is already home to ConAgra's dairy and meats businesses. That move will be completed by June 1. The grocery division includes ConAgra's shelf-stable products, such as Hunt's, PAM and Chef Boyardee.

ConAgra also plans to move about 135 jobs to Omaha to further consolidate shared functions such as product quality and development and sales and operations planning. ConAgra will consolidate its retail and culinary products divisions into one "consumer foods" unit. The retail and foodservice sales units will also be combined into one sales organization.

Jerome ConPaul, ConAgra's chief financial officer, says the company will consolidate its retail and foodservice sales units.

— compiled from wire reports



Matlin Scott, left, director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center, and Tena Petter, a local dairy farmer from Jerome and co-chair of the United Dairywomen of Idaho Auction, hold a check from an auction that benefited the center and other organizations.

Idaho's dairy farmers give back

The Times-News

BOISE — At the annual meeting of the United Dairywomen of Idaho held in November, Idaho's dairy farm families raised more than \$38,000 for local organizations.

"Each year at our annual meeting we have an opportunity to meet our peers and be involved in our farmer-funded checkoff organization," said Frank Teimissen, auction co-

chair. "This year we wanted to add a benefit auction that would help local charities. It was a great way for individual dairy farmers to get together as a group and help organizations that help people in our communities."

The money raised at the auction will benefit Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, South Central Community Action Partners in Twin Falls, the Preg-

nancy Crisis Center in Twin Falls and the Jubilee House in Twin Falls, a shelter for women and children.

Auction co-chairs, Frank Teimissen from New Plymouth, Tena Petter from Buhl, and Steve Whitesides from Rupert, solicited auction items, which were donated or purchased from local companies. More than 75 dairy farm families participated in the auction to raise funds for the charities.

Contest showcases gingerbread displays

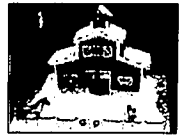
TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Learning Center held a Gingerbread Village Display and Contest Dec. 9 through 11. Community members competing for prizes in both gingerbread house and gingerbread-theme quilt categories. Entrants were judged on imagination, construction and decoration details.

Winners in the gingerbread house category are: Amateur, Adrian and Kevin Blair and age 13 to 17, Travin Mapes. Youth Group: Higher Ground Church Youth Group. Adult: Mary Michener Commercial: Mix 103 Quilt Stockings: Lynn Ponzio Quilt Wall Hanging: Cora Hendricks

Spectator's Favorite: Nancy Knoone

Proceeds from the Gingerbread Village Display and Contest benefited the Southern Idaho Learning Center programs and scholarships.

Photo courtesy of MELISSA LINDER



Nancy Knoone's Red Barn gingerbread display received the Spectator's Favorite Award.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Donations — Safe Harbor is in need of adult clothing, a locking chest freezer and food for Saturday meals. Call Phyllis at 735-8787.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers to visit patients in their homes and relieve caregivers. Volunteers can run errands or just be there for families. Office help is also needed. Call Susan or Grace at 734-8069 or visit the office at 826 Easthand Drive, Twin Falls.

Bed, freezer — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging is in need of an elderly disabled man in need of a hospital bed and small chest freezer. Call 308-8377.

Volunteers — Catholic Charities of Idaho is in need of volunteers to help in the Family Support and Learning Center in Jerome. Help with child care, tutoring and driving is needed. Call Millie Cawthra at 324-4286.

Dinner — Hospice Visions is in need of groups, clubs, com-

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties of Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122. For more information, call the sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

unity organizations or individuals to help with the organization's service of providing dinner for a family after the death of a loved one. Call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

Clothing — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging is in need of baby beds in good condition and winter clothes, especially for men. To donate items, drop them off at 1526 Highland Ave. E. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call Teresa at 736-2166.

Volunteers — The Building Excellence in Academics, Character and Health program is in need of volunteers to mentor a BEACH student, age 9 to 13 for one hour a week. Mentors are needed from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Central Elementary, 311 N. Lincoln in Jerome and the Jerome Middle School, 116 Third Ave. W. Training and activities are provided. Call Joy Karvacas at 324-3396, ext. 2831.

Transportation — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley, a Faith in Action Program, Inc. is in need of volunteer drivers to transport two dialysis patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the nephrology center, located north of the Montana Steakhouses. One patient is located south of the airport and the other is in Gooding. Treatments begin at 11 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Delivery or pickup of either patient on one or both days is needed. Mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance is available. Call 733-6333.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

M.V. New Neighbors Club holds luncheon

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Outback Steakhouse, 1965 Lake Lakes Blvd. N.

Dave Hildebrand of the police department will speak on identity theft.

For more information, call 731-2092.

Mary Time Club will discuss formal dances

TWIN FALLS — The Mary Time Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Rose Crawford with hostess Marie Gibbs. Roll call is the members' first formal dance, who they went with and what they wore.

On Jan. 3, the club met at Betty Silfer's home. Eleven members were present and roll call was Home Health Remedies. Secret pals were thanked for cards and the white elephant was won by Florence Sheridan.

T.F. Senior Citizens Center holds dance

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is holding a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at 526 Sheehane St. W.

Music will be provided by Melody Masters. The cost is \$4.

For more information, call 734-5084.

Community blood drive takes place next week

TWIN FALLS — An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., at the Fellowship Hall on the east end of the church.

Donors must be age 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Photo identification or Red Cross Blood Donor cards are required.

A poster will be available for people to sign for Travis Greene at Bethesda Medical Center. Anyone who missed the blood drive held in Greene's honor can call for an appointment.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Sharla Warren at 734-4566.

Former director to speak on Buhl library history

BUHL — Fay Parrott, a former director of the Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., will speak on the history of the li-

brary from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the meeting room.

Parrott was born and raised in Buhl. She became director of the library in 1976 and retired in 1999. Parrott will share stories, photos and facts on its history. Other historical items include photos, books and the 1922 Buhl Herald will also be on display.

For more information, call the library at 543-6500.

Assisted living center announces events

BURLEY — Resetta Assisted Living, 1919 Hilland Ave., has announced several upcoming events.

An all-day Super Bowl party will be held Sunday at the center. The Mini-Casita Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the center and a free caregiver clinic will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in Idaho Falls. The center is also in need of volunteers to provide LDS church services for the residents.

For more information on the center or the events, call 677-5451.

Life Line screening events begin Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — A Life Line Screening will be held Wednesday at the Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive. A screening in Rupert will be held on Thursday at the United Methodist Church, 605 H St. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A screening lasts about 10 minutes and includes scans for potential health problems including blocked arteries, aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs.

A complete vascular screening of the stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm and ankle brachial index is available for \$109. A complete vascular package and the osteoporosis screening is available for \$129.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 697-9721. Pre-registration is required.

Caregiver classes are offered in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — A caregiver class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Office on Aging annex building, 998 Washington St. N., on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The topic will be "How to Avoid Caregiver Burnout." The

guest speaker is William Dobson, Ph.D., psychologist and licensed professional counselor with Positive Connections. He will discuss how to recognize and cope with mental illness such as depression, hostility and guilt.

For more information, call Sherry Cann at 736-2122, ext. 308.

Free tax assistance available through CSI

TWIN FALLS — Volunteers who have been training at the College of Southern Idaho for the past several months are available to provide free tax return assistance to seniors, low and moderate income individuals and families.

Tax Aide volunteers can determine filing requirements, filing status, dependent eligibility, taxable vs. nontaxable income, certain tax schedules, standard vs. itemized deductions and certain tax credits. Assistance in some cases may be limited to the level of the volunteer's training.

Twenty Tax Aide sites in south central Idaho are in operation through April 17, some staffed with volunteers who can assist in Spanish, Basque, Chinese, Korean and German. Some sites accept walk-in while others prefer appointments being made in advance.

For the nearest site, call the Idaho Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho at 736-2122.

Guest artists to appear at CSI jazz workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Justin Nielsen Trio will be special guests at the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 315 Falls Ave.

CSI Jazz Program Director Brent Jensen says Nielsen is a two-time winner of the collegiate piano division at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. He is the artistic director of many regional jazz festivals including the Twin Falls Jazz in the Canyon, Jazz Under the Stars and the Sun Valley Jazz Festival.

Nielsen will conduct the Riverside Music Academy in Eagle. Joining him for the evening will be Boise-based musicians Tom Jensen on bass and Damien Bord on drums.

Nielsen will conduct jazz master's class for CSI jazz students from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Either event is free and open to the public. Both will be held in the Fireside Lounge of the CSI Student Union. The Eagle's Nest

will feature two-for-one coffee, drinks during the event.

CSI North Side Center offers variety of classes

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E., is offering several courses this spring.

"Self-Defense" will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 6 to March 6. There will be no fee on Feb. 20. The class will teach participants how to avoid bad situations and how to react if a problem occurs, practical techniques to help escape a would-be attacker, what to do after the escape and some easy ways to disarm an armed attacker. The cost is \$30.

"Home Improvement Ideas" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 8 through 22. The class will feature experts who will provide valuable information to help complete a project that has been started or plan a brand new one. The cost is \$30.

"Valentine Card Stamping" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Students will create Valentine cards for their loved ones. The cost is \$15.

For more information or to register, call 934-8678.

Kimberly library holds book discussions

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly City Library, 120 Madison W. is holding its Let's Talk About It book discussions sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council, the Idaho State Library and U.S. Bank.

The discussions will be held at 2 p.m. at the Kimberly or Hansen libraries.

Feb. 8: "Black Elk Speaks" by John G. Neihardt; Feb. 23: "Letters of a Woman Homesteader" by Elaine Pruitt Stewart; March 6: "Dessie" by Yoshiko Uchida; and March 23: "One Writer's Beginnings" by Eudora Welty.

Refreshments will be served in both books are available at the Kimberly or Hansen libraries.

For more information, call 423-4556.

M.V. Symphony League holds benefit card party

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Symphony League is holding a benefit card party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Sheehane St. W.

Homemade desserts for all players will be served and raffle tickets for prizes will be available. Bridge and pinocchio is \$8 per player with prizes for the

top three. Texas Hold 'em is a no limit game \$20 buy-in, \$10 re-buy and cash prizes for the top three. There is a \$20 entry level players. Reservations are needed by Sunday.

For more information or to make reservations, call Dottie Miller at 733-7789.

American Red Cross blood drive set in Jerome

Jerome — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E.

For more information or an appointment, call 324-5692.

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For partners or more information, call Kathy Rooney at 200-934-9732.

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First in B, Madeline Burns and Mary Lee Pfefferle; second, Veta Roberts and Maxine Watkins;

and third, Ruby Grimes and Linda Fix. First in C, Beverly Reed and Vi Crosshaw; and second, Elaine Brown and Ruth Skeed.

David Stoker, a member of the Bridge Club, recently attained Life Master status at a regional bridge tournament in Buena Park, Calif.

Jan. 31: First in A, Jan Fitzhugh and Pauline Mulliner; second, Joyce Astorquia and Ruby Skutumpah; and third, Jessie Lingnaw and Sue Skinner and Wallace Hobkirk and Suzanne Hickman; fifth, Beverly and Lonnie Burns; sixth, Renee Bulcher and Patricia Coyle; and seventh, Anglin and Sam Smuty.

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BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League sanctioned open pairs play for Jan. 31:

North/south: First, Ella Annest and Lela Moormann; second, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolf; third, Marlene Temple and Pat Adams; and fourth, Mary Alice Sanders and Vera Mel.

East/west: First, Don Cranson and Sylvia Newton; second, Jan Huzinga and Naomi Lynch; third, Clarence Nelwert and Max Price; and fourth, Jim and Trudy Carter.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served. All area bridge players are welcome. For more information, call 878-3997.

To tell the truth ... or to lie

Were people really upset about the James Frey-Oprah Winfrey fuss? The case of the semi-biographical "A Million Little Pieces" fame, and she of television iconic status. With her blessing, his book became a bestseller.



TOM SCHAEFFER

Then his memoir about personal addiction began to unravel. The Smoking Gun, an investigative Web site, posted numerous errors in Frey's book, and Oprah decided to haul him before the public bar of justice: her popular talk show.

American colonists put the sinner in stocks and pillory in the town square to be humiliated. Oprah, who offered her own apology for originally defending him, put Frey on a comfortable couch and proceeded to excoriate him for his lies.

It was a public flogging, minus the whip. And like our ancestors, we relish watching such a spectacle.

Whether it's former vice-presidential aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby, journalist Jayson Blair, pop singer Ashlee Simpson, or other high-profile people, we are interested when we're lied to and want to see the guilty punished.

Until ... the phone rings and we urge our child to say we're not home. Or we skip work and make up a story about our absence. Or we fudge our taxes to rake in a somewhat bigger return. We do it even though we know that lying is wrong. Moral codes clearly condemn it.

The Torah declares: "Thou shalt not bear false witness" (Exodus 20:16). Christianity underscores it: "Bid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind" (1 Peter 2:1). Islam asserts in the Quran: "Truly Allah hates those who transgress and lie" (Surah 40:28).

Case closed. Except each of these religions allows for exceptions. The Talmud (rabbinic commentaries) permits a lie to promote peace or to prevent harm in cases where honesty might result in harm.

Some early church leaders argued that lying is permissible in extreme circumstances (to protect the life of the innocent). It permits lying when, for example, a person is faced with two evils and must choose.

With such extenuating circumstances (and who among us can't devise our own), why should we care whether someone lies or whether we bend the truth for our own benefit?

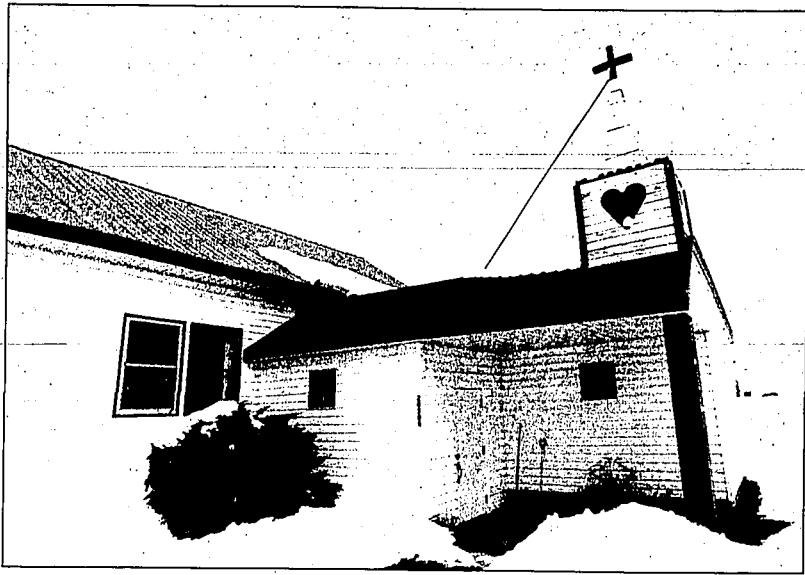
Here's what faith asserts: If the world was ordered for truth, then lies are its destroyer. Every time you or I justify a lie, we debate what is the God-ordained order for life. And as truth is soiled, trust is diminished.

That makes lying more than a matter of mischievous behavior. Even a secular attitude about life recognizes the danger. In "Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life," philosopher Sissela Bok wrote about unintended consequences of lying.

Yet unlike those whose members were unable to distinguish truthful messages from deceptive ones, would collapse. But even before such a general collapse, individual choices and survival would be imperiled. Her point: When we lie, we not only undermine ourselves but also the communities in which we live — whether family, school, town, state or nation.

High-profile public scandals — Enron's corporate corruption, the Catholic Church's deception about pedophile priests and lobbyists' illegal dealings with congressmen — diminish the bonds of trust we need to live in peace and with goodwill. Does that mean that honesty is required in every situation we face? Clearly, there are times when silence, not a lie, is best.

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The Larkin Community Church in Carey was moved 45 miles from East Fork to its current location in 1958.

The little church that could

By Jamey Colter
Times-News correspondent

CAREY — Nestled off U.S. Highway 93, the little church with the heart carved in its steeple has a colorful past.

Named for Carey schoolteacher Robert Larkin, who donated \$3,000 to the congregation in 1958, the non-denominational Larkin Community Church has overcome many obstacles — including transformation from a boomtown schoolhouse located 45 miles up the road.

After forming the Carey Valley Community Church in 1945, church members met in different homes throughout this small Blaine County community, eager for a place to worship. After Larkin made his donation, the congregation began searching for a parcel of land on which to erect a church.

It bought the property the church sits on today for \$1,000 and spent the rest of

the money on a building. But instead of constructing a new church, church members bought an existing structure.

"The building was part of the North Star School, located up Triumph Mine in East Fork," said Richard Kimball, pastor of the Larkin Community Church. Nowadays, East Fork Road is a busy county thoroughfare between Hailley and Keetchum. But in 1958 it was a quiet drive; church movers weren't as concerned about traffic as they were about the size of the building and the equipment it would take to transport it.

"The morning they began to move the church down to Carey, they reached the bridge at East Fork and discovered the truck that was carrying it wouldn't fit over the bridge," he said.

So the movers forded the East Fork of the Wood River with the truck on their way to the highway. "It was late in the year and the water was way down, so they were able to cross with little trouble," said Kimball with a grin.

After glomerally passing through the river, the movers were shocked to run into a different problem.

"The building was too tall to fit under the power lines on the highway," Kimball said.

So once again, they had to use their imagination.

They cut the top off of the building and loaded it on a different truck, so it would be short enough to travel the remaining 35 miles without disrupting the flow of electricity. After arriving at its new home, the little church was re-assembled.

"The first service held in the new church was Christmas 1959," he noted. Today, it's dwarfed by the neighboring Carey Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; but that doesn't seem to bother Kimball.

"We have about 15 regulars, the most we've had on a normal Sunday service is 25," he said.

But more can fit in — the pews in the church will seat 70, and 130 once squeezed inside for a funeral.

"When we run out of space in the pews, we filter folks to the back where we set up chairs for whatever service we are having," Kimball said.

Although Carey and much of the rest of south-central and southeastern Idaho is primarily Mormon, non-denominational churches such as Larkin are growing in popularity.

"Arao, Mackay, Howe, and Richfield all have little churches in them," Kimball noted. But sometimes little churches can be hard to find.

"I had one resident in Carey — who I know had been a resident for a long

time — ask me where my church was," he said. "I know she drove past it at least twice a day on her way to work."

A lifelong Blaine County resident, Kimball has been pastor at Larkin since 1994. He and his wife, Chris, moved to Carey from Bellevue a year later. "The church had been without a pastor, myself and another pastor had been traveling to Carey from the Calvary Bible Church in Bellevue to fill in for members in town," he said.

So the Kimballs made the decision to relocate. "I work for KBBS (Inc.); we sell roofing supplies such as nails and staples," he said. "I run the local route here in the Wood River Valley and sometimes travel to Twin Falls to do certain sales."

With his job flexibility, the Kimballs were able to transplant themselves. "Most of my relatives grew up in or around Carey, so it wasn't like I was a complete outsider," he said.

More than a decade later, Kimball is still presiding over Sunday services — always preceded by Sunday school. "We study the literal understanding of the Bible, and take the word of God as his teaching."

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

Despite the odds, independent small-town congregation hangs on

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Many Christians find inner peace gradually

Chicago Tribune

She has been a member of the Wheaton, Ill., Christian Center for 20 years, but Linda Richardson remembers initially steering clear of the predominantly African-American church when she began her spiritual journey because she saw "too many white people" screaming out the doors.

God has changed her, says Richardson, who can still recall a skating rink in her Tennessee hometown choosing to close forever in the early '60s rather than allow black children to skate alongside whites.

"It takes God to take a black woman raised under Jim Crow and give me a new heart and love for my fellow man and not look at skin color," said the Warrenville, Ill., woman. "That's God. When we get to heaven, it's going to be diversity."

Yet unlike, say, Saul being struck blind on the road to Damascus in the New Testament, Richardson's conversion story

came without lightning bolts. "It's been a gradual process," she said.

In that respect, Richardson typifies an emerging trend called "spiritual formation," a fancy way of saying that people grow in their faith through steps. That lines up with a new study by the University of Chicago, which says that more than 50 percent of Americans have undergone a spiritual transformation or been born again. But most people, it adds, found their faith unfolding in small steps. That surprised lead researcher Tom Smith, who has been studying U.S. behavior for decades.

"I thought there would be more (dramatic) experiences at the point of the transformation," he said.

He said he also thought the faith of these new believers would be just a phase. But most of the transformations occurred more than 10 years ago, and these people "are much more

likely to say their life is exciting," Smith added.

Dallas Willard, a university of Southern California philosophy professor and author of "The Divine Conspiracy" (Harper San Francisco, \$23.95), says the growth process is something that had disappeared from American Christianity. "That's been replaced by either some ritual at a point in time — baptism, confirmation — or a type of decision like Billy Graham's meetings, or a kind of revelation like (Martin) Luther or Francis of Assisi."

The Chicago research team did encounter some people whose lives were changed by dramatic or near-death experiences.

"We found, on average, these experiences are quite enduring," Smith said. The study also found that spiritual transformation is twice as common among Protestants as Catholics (62 to

Toward 'spiritual formation'

Faith is more than a conversation. It's a process. And that comes straight out of the Bible, says Adele Ahlgren Calhoun, author of "Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us" (InterVarsity Press, \$16). "There are all kinds of illustrations in the Gospels that our relationship with God, like any other relationship, has cycles and seasons and high points and low points," she said. Calhoun, director of spiritual formation at Christ Church of Oak Brook, Ill., offers a bounty of tips for spiritual growth. Though her book is geared toward Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox groups, a number of her suggestions can be applied to other faith traditions. Together her hints spell out an ascetic called WORSHIP: W: Worship. Embrace classical disciplines such as celebration, gratitude, community and Sabbath. G: Open yourself to God. Journal.

ing, going on a retreat, simplifying your life, self-care and unplugging from the modern world can be helpful. R: Reinluah the false. This involves confession of sin, detachment from addictions and welcoming silence and solitude. S: Share your life with others. A spiritual journey, Calhoun says, is meant to be done in community. Small groups, hospitality, mentoring and discipling are paths in this direction. H: Hear God's word through Bible study, devotional reading, memorization and meditation. I: incarnate the love of God, witnessed by service in the world, justice, stewardship, humility and care of the Earth. P: Pray. Calhoun's book offers 14 ways of entering into prayer, including conversational, liturgical, centering prayer, breath prayer, healing prayer and pilgrimage prayer.

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Christian bookstores report losing sales to Wal-Mart

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — At the annual convention of the Christian Bookellers Association, retailers continued to fret over competition from Wal-Mart and big bookstore chains.

Association membership peaked at around 3,000 stores in the early 1990s but now totals less than 2,300. CBA said 337 retailers closed last year.

CBA President Bill Anderson said the independent retailers should emphasize their wider selection, knowledgeable employees and partnerships with

local churches.

To compete, independents like Steve Gray of Edyville, Ky., look beyond books to sell music, gifts, jewelry, stationery, hymnals and communion supplies. Books now account for only 40 percent of sales in Christian retail stores.

Religious books, primarily Christian, generated U.S. sales of nearly \$338 million in 2003, a 37 percent increase over the previous year. In 2004, the religious segment grew 5.6 percent while the overall book publishing industry remained flat.

in evangelical circles. But Smith says many religions point to transformation as a journey.

"Most falshs — Christians, Muslims and Jews in particular — have weekly services. They have a whole machinery to take you through the process."

Richardson says her growth process started with a decision she made in a blizzard while driving to her sister's home in Indianapolis for Christmas in the early '90s. "When the literature at a virtual parking lot, two drunken men whose car had gone down an embankment jumped in her car after no one would pick them up. She says that she prayed for protection from the strangers and that God answered her prayer — she was unharmed and, within an hour, she and other motorists were picked up by authorities to shelter in a nearby school building.

The next morning, a local pastor came and celebrated a Christmas service in the gym for the stranded travelers — the two men had been bused elsewhere — and Richardson said she turned to Jesus at that time, thanking him for her safety.

"Before my life changed, my life was about living for the weekend, going to the next disco, looking for the next guy. It kind of gets old after a while," she said.

Peggy Ebersole said she and her husband have faced similar difficult choices about faith and attitude in the last few years. Amanda and Jessica, who were born premature with cerebral palsy.

"When you're in my way over your head, there's no place to look but up," Peggy said. "It sounds really cliché, but you have to hang on to your faith, your relationship with Jesus, because there's nothing else that's solid."

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In birthplace of Baptist church, strains develop among the faithful

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Grace Harbor Community Church's young congregants meet in a crowded hotel conference room. Learn Scripture via PowerPoint and listen to a "praise team" play the bongos.

The Web site of the 4-year-old Southern Baptist church includes a cartoon proclaiming "God said it, that settles it!"

Less than a mile away, the gray-worshipers at The First Baptist Church in America prefer Bach to bongos, listen to a black-robed minister who quotes Winston Churchill; and meet in a white-steeped National Historic Landmark.

First Baptist's historic congregation planted the faith in America, where 30 million people now claim themselves Baptist. But in the movement's birthplace of Rhode Island, just over 2 percent of the population is Baptist, and some of its earliest churches are struggling.

Southern Baptist churches like Grace Harbor have emerged as the higher-profile public face of the tradition — which has evolved to become far more conservative than the church's roots in a liberal blue state would suggest.

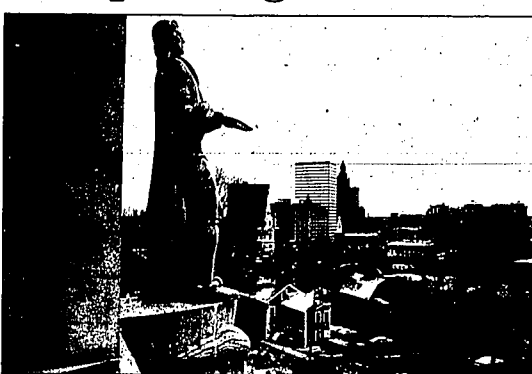
Most Baptist factions trace their roots to Roger Williams, the 17th-century minister who founded Rhode Island and organized the nation's first Baptist congregation in 1638. The uncompromising proclaimer was banished from Massachusetts for attacking state-sponsored Puritan congregations, demanding the separation of church and state and arguing that American Indians had property rights.

Williams was fiercely committed to what he called "soul freedom" — or freedom of religion.

Just months after organizing the first Baptist congregation, he left it and rejected the institutional church altogether.

Williams said he had a "restless uneasiness" in his soul, and one of his contemporary critics called him "constant only in his inconsistency." Scholars say those attributes continue to mark the faith today.

Wherever two or three Baptists are gathered together,



A statue of Roger Williams overlooks Providence, R.I. Most Baptist factions trace their roots to Williams, a 17th century minister who founded Rhode Island as a haven for religious freedom and organized the nation's first Baptist congregation in 1638.

there's a schism," said J. Stanley Lemons, the First Baptist church historian.

Over the centuries, Baptists have split into three major branches: the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptists, mostly black congregations with diverse beliefs. Dozens of smaller groups populate the Baptist family tree.

The largest denomination by far is the Southern Baptists, which split from the American Baptists in 1845 after delegates meeting in Providence banned slaveholders from serving as missionaries. Once confined to the South — the denomination spread north during the 20th century and claims 16.5 million members, making it the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Williams' old congregation remains American Baptist, which has about 1.4 million followers and is concentrated in the North.

The different groups subscribe to many of the same

beliefs. They only baptize adults, and consider the Bible their sole source of authority. Their churches are autonomous.

But they differ widely on a host of social and political views. Southern Baptists ban women from serving as pastors and, in their Baptist Faith & Message, say a wife should "submit" to her husband's leadership. Most American Baptists tend to be moderate to liberal.

Conservative Baptist positions can be a turmoil for churchgoers in progressive Providence, a city run by an openly gay mayor, said Evan Howard, pastor of Community Church of Providence, formerly Central Baptist Church.

Howard's 200-year-old American Baptist congregation changed its name two years ago

in part because the pastor realized his neighborhood could no longer support a traditional Baptist church, and because church members feared the term "Baptist" would deter newcomers who associate it with Southern Baptists — who

hold views they dislike. "We're not comfortable with that sort of black and white feeling. We're more comfortable saying, 'All welcome,'" he said.

But he recognizes that other Baptists would spurn his teachings, such as that parts of the Bible should be read metaphorically, rather than literally. Southern Baptists believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God.

"The Southerners would say, 'This guy's not Christian, how could he even be a minister?'" he said.

Some Baptists lament that conservatives are considered the main representatives of the tradition; Walter Shurden, executive director of the Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., left the Southern Baptist Convention because he felt it strayed too far from Williams' beliefs.

"Do we follow the vision of Roger Williams that affirms this role of freedom, or do we become Baptists who try to conform everyone into our image?" Shurden asked.

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30 percent).

Is more common among blacks (64 percent) than whites (49) or other races (46).

Jon and Peggy Ebersole of Oak Park, Ill., have been Christians since they were young teenagers in the Methodist Church, but slow and steady spiritual growth has been the tone for most of their lives.

Jon Ebersole said he prayed a prayer surrendering his life to God at 13 in his basement bedroom in Archbold, Ohio.

"I probably prayed a similar prayer a half-dozen times over the course of a month, because I think I was looking for something dramatic," he said. "And there wasn't anything dramatic."

For the Ebersoles, life itself has given them enough to baffle without any drama. Fourteen years ago, they had twin daughters, Amanda and Jessica, who were born premature with cerebral palsy.

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Massachusetts House kills a bill on disclosing church finances

BOSTON (AP) — The Massachusetts House voted 147-3 against a bill to force religious organizations to disclose their finances.

The proposal was partly a reaction to clergy sex abuse scandals in Boston's Roman Catholic Archdiocese. Some lawmakers and parishioners sought more information about church finances and real estate after the archdiocese settled damage lawsuits and closed dozens of parishes.

The bill, which passed the Senate last year by 34-4, was opposed by the archdiocese and a wide range of Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish and Muslim groups.

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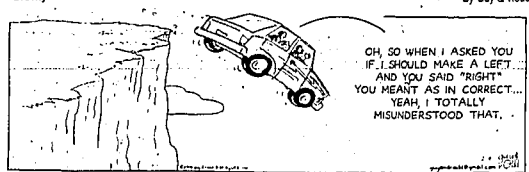
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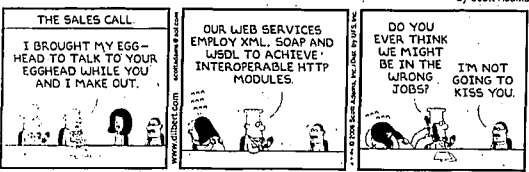
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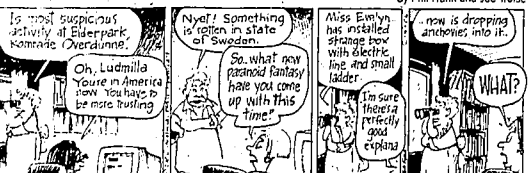
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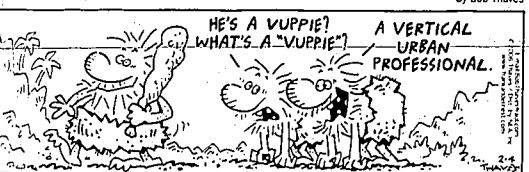
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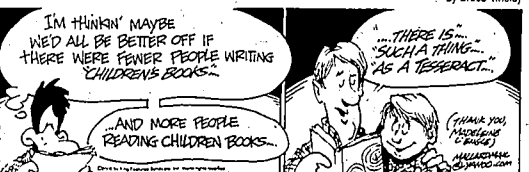
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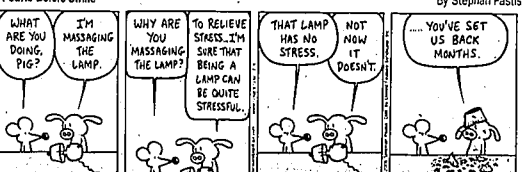
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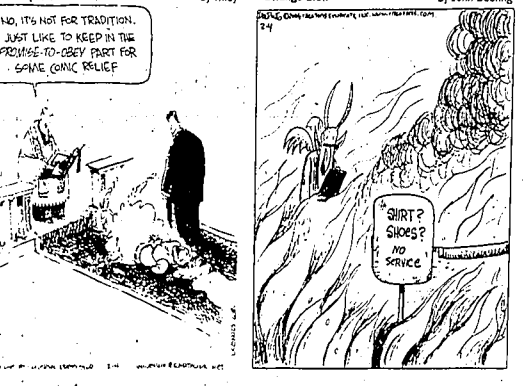


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Libra longs to be center of attention

IF FEB. 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, pick and choose your best times and the year ahead will flow positively uphill. The end of May or early June is the best time to plan a prosperous future, launch new initiatives or look into a helpful opportunity. It is wise to have routine health matters, like dental care and checkups, attended to while the stars are shining favorably in your direction. In August you must live up to responsibilities, even if it seems that no one is willing to give an inch. Issues from the past that you have neglected may cause you some problems and it is a poor time to risk engaging in any activity outside the law. September may bring mixed blessings and you may need to weigh choices carefully. Overconfidence is your worst fault at that time, so get advice from trusted friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be short-tempered or take unnecessary risks. No one will accuse you of being chicken. But those who are so "cock sure" of themselves could end up in the frying pan as Sunday dinner.

TALIBUS (April 20-May 20): Little aggravations may distract you like gnats at a picnic. Shoo them away and stick with an important new ambition. Don't

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get caught up in a battle over a minor difference of opinion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Zip it up. If you can't say something good about someone, say nothing at all. The chip on certain-shoulder might beg to be knocked off but you weren't appointed the judge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Strike a happy medium! One side yearns to be scorable but another side finds reasons to hide away. Pay attention to an irritating straw that might break the camel's back of a relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Tuck your money away in a safe place. You may be plagued by myriad temptations to buy ostentatious or unnecessary items this weekend. Someone close may want to spend freely, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Slow down and get your foot off the gas pedal. You are apt to jump to conclusions or talk your self into trouble. Avoid conflicts with others by thinking carefully before you speak or act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You desire to be the center of

attention if you play with a bull, you could get gored by a horn. Don't distract a lover obsessed by a new toy or business venture or you may end up at odds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Burning the candle all night long may be in the stars for you. Career objectives or a new love might enthrall you — but either way, you possess the stamina to endure long hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Work hard. It may be the weekend, but some things wait for no man (or woman). Don't waste energy on lost causes or temporary luxuries when you can produce concrete results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get real. Some things can be blown entirely out of proportion under these stars. You may imagine money grows on trees or that yours is the only valid belief system or religion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be well informed. Take a wide range of information into account before challenging someone's belief system.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay on an even keel. Going to extremes can be counterproductive and can rock the proverbial boat. Remember that charity begins at home if you feel obliged to squabble over an issue.

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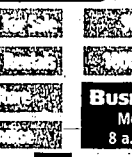
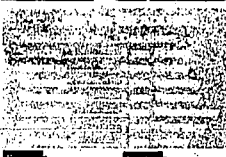
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BY: ROBERT K. STOKES
Elko County Manager
January 27, 2006

PROPOSALS must be made upon the proposal forms found in the Bid Documents and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Elko County Treasurer in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid documents, provided through Elko County are priced at eighty dollars (\$80.00) to cover document reproduction and shipment. If bid documents are obtained from a plan room or exchange, the fee will be the cost of reproduction of all Bid Documents as set by the individual plan room or exchange. Return of County distributed documents is not required and the amount paid for the documents is non-refundable.
No bid for a construction contract shall be considered by the County unless the bidder is properly licensed with the State of Nevada State Contractors Board prior to the bid opening.
This is a contract for a public work subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a) and no bid will be received or considered unless the bid contains a statement by the bidder as part of the bid that the provisions of 40 U.S.C. 276a are to be complied with.
Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing rate of wage must be paid on this project in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes, and that the Contractor must ensure that the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age, or disability.
Elko County reserves the right to reject any or all bids not in compliance with all prescribed public procedures and requirements, and may reject for good cause any or all bids upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so. A contract cannot be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the actual date of opening.
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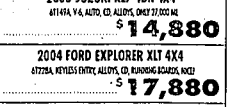
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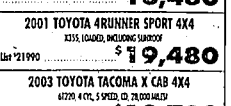
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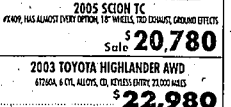
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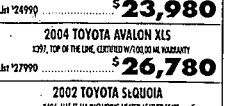
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4 CYL, 2.4L, 140,000 MILES
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Lot #5005 Sale \$17,880

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Lot #5006 Sale \$18,480

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Lot #5007 Sale \$19,480

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Lot #5010 Sale \$20,780

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4.0L V6, 140,000 MILES, SEE AND DRIVE!
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3.5L V6, 140,000 MILES, SEE AND DRIVE!
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HAFFD #40

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page C-16.

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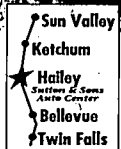
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SWF, 51, outdoorsy-type, likes dining out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Nelson #810188 @ DocFrythobop!

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SF, 21, 5'2", short brown, dark brown 150lbs, looking for someone child-friendly, outgoing, fun, maybe to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Hollister #874280

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SWF, 36, hombody ready for a change. I am looking for somebody to hang out with and just have a good time. If you interested, contact me! Twin Falls #863033

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DF, 40, 5'2", brown/blk, great smile. Enjoys fishing, slow dancing, romantic evenings and more. Looking for a SM, 38-43, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, funny and outgoing. Burley #879825

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WF, 19, 5'6", black/blue, with an daughter, good cook, enjoys anything fun with the right person. Looking for WM, 18-25, to have fun with. Hollister #859300

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

GIVE ME A CALL
Loyal, loving SM, 38, 5'10", sandy blond hair, attrac+ve, enjoys camping, fishing, looking for kind, considerate, commitment-minded SF, 21-35, for friendship, fun times, more. Hollister #888904

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
SWF, 54, enjoys outdoors, hikes, bike riding, exercises, doing about anything. Seeking SF, 47-57, to share same activities. Hollister #847528 @ onoherewego

BURLEY MAN
SHM, 21, Leo, N/S, loves to fish, camp, and play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-29, to have fun with. Burley #854545

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SWCM, 34, devout conservative, sincere, sensitive, empathetic, N/S, N/D. Enjoys going to movies, candlelight dinners, indoor/outdoor activities. ISO SWMF, 24-34, my race, honest, dependable, church-going, has personal relationship with the Lord. Hollister #828262 @ JesusFonatic

ISO HONEST RELATIONSHIP
SM, 39, 5'7", 150lbs, black/brown, enjoys fishing, taking walks, dancing, etc. Looking for SF, 18-50, for a LTR. Kids ok. Cottrell #855647

I'VE BEEN LOOKING
SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BBW that keeps herself up. Gooding #873680

COULD IT BE YOU?
Sociable SM, 64, likes movies, dining, dancing, country music, bowling, fishing, hunting, home life, laughs. Seeking sweet, humorous SF to share friendship and lasting happiness. Hanson #929488

ONE WOMAN MAN
SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing. Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. #851957

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN
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JUST AN ORDINARY GUY
HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, very hard-working, seeks a woman, 25-45, to connect with. Hollister #899654 @ pokerpro-

WHY NOT CALL?
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W, 62', 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet times at home and time with a significant other. Seeking WF, 45+ for dating. Hopefuly leading to LTR. Hollister #838262

PRETTY OPEN
Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #849856

NEW! THE DATING SCENE
SWM, 35, very fit, honest, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, skiing, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and cherish. Hollister #867057 @ lustme10205.

WORTH A TRY
SWM, 28, father of 2, likes dancing, having fun, walks, family times. Seeking child-friendly lady who likes camping, nights out, and hanging out, to share lasting friendship, possibly more. Gooding #849116

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, N/D, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #850460

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
WM, 45, black/green, likes movies, theater, walks, bowling, dancing, most music and more. Would like to meet a WF, 45+, for a possible relationship. Hollister #858908

MAKE IT HAPPEN
SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks WF, 18-50, N/S, just as a friend. Curry #756992

ARE YOU DOWN TO-EARTH?
W, 62, hardworking, looking for an honest, lush-gourthy woman, 20-35, who likes to go out and have a fun time. Gooding #860014

MAKE ME YOURS
SWM, 27, outdoorsy, likes diners, movies. I just got back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SWF, 18-27, to have fun and love life to the fullest. Hollister #883843 @ aethershrock

WORTH IT!
SWM, 26, 6'2", shaved head, red goatee, 225lbs, very athletic, enjoys martial arts, music, snowboarding. Looking for an outgoing girl who wants to have fun. Hollister #874113

ROOM IN MY HEART
SWM, 59, 5'10", 250lbs, great SOH, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor sports, gardening. Seeking SF, race open, 30-45, slender to medium build, with similar interests for LTR. Paul #892445

LET'S HANG OUT
SHM, 18, People know me as a cowboy. I don't wear my wranglers all the time, only when I am out riding bulls or horses. ISO SF, 18-25. Wendell #898679 @ cowboy8180

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WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, sports, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls #556969

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SM, 52, hardworking, active, enjoys family times, golf, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking similar child-friendly woman, like me, who I am able to enjoy life. Fairfield #742631

HANG OUT
PARTNER WANTED!
SWM, 41, financially secure, loves to try new restaurants, weekend getaways, sporting events, very open to new ideas, seeking SF, 18-45, let's explore. Hollister #877625 @ funtime1111

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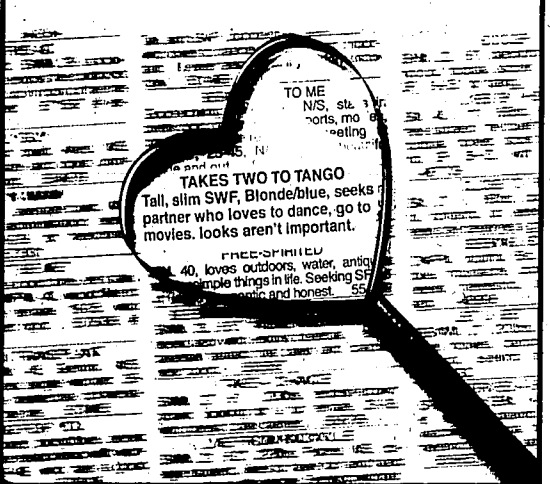
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SWM, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding the way home, seeks SF, 35-55, to get to know each other. Paul #875331 @ beltnak

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SWM, 28, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton #851341

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Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"Tip-Toe Through the Tulips With Me."
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The heart jack is the obvious lead against four clubs, and South wins in hand performance and at once leads a low diamond toward the queen rather than playing ace and another diamond. East takes dummy's queen with the king and leads a spade to his partner for another top heart to come through, South ruffing in hand.

The entry position is very delicate now. South has to play ace and another diamond, and when West discards in front of North, declarer knows he can safely ruff low and will not be overruled. But declarer has to plan the next trick too, since he has to commit himself in clubs immediately to try to hold his trump losers to one.

If East has the doubton club jack, leading either trump from dummy will work. The critical holdings are when West has the doubton club jack, or East three clubs to the jack. In essence, no other holdings are relevant. Since the jack is far more likely to be in the longer holding than the shorter one, South should play East for the club jack by immediately running the club 10 from dummy. Any other play in trumps will lead to the loss of two club tricks as the cards lie.

Since East has the club jack, and it comes down in three rounds, declarer makes his contract, losing only a spade, a diamond and a club.

NORTH
♠ K Q 5 2
♥ K 8 5 2
♦ Q 4
♣ Q 10 7

EAST
♠ A J 9 8 4
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ 9 7
♣ A 5

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ A
♦ A 10 8 6 5 2
♣ K 9 8 6 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
1♠ South 1♥ North
2♣ South 2NT North
3♣ South 3♦ North
4♣ All pass

Opening lead: Heart jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ 7
♥ A
♦ A 10 8 6 5 2
♣ K 9 8 6 4

South West North East
1♠ Dbl. Rtbl. 1♥

ANSWER: Bidding two clubs now would not be wrong, but my instincts are to jump to three clubs, showing extra shape in a minimum opening hand. With extras on this auction, it is generally right to make a forcing pass, so any call suggests no real extras, but more shape.

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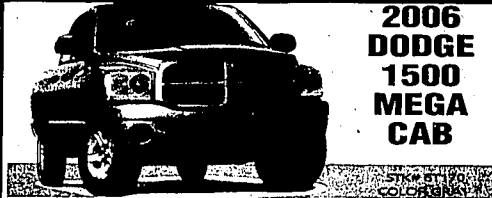
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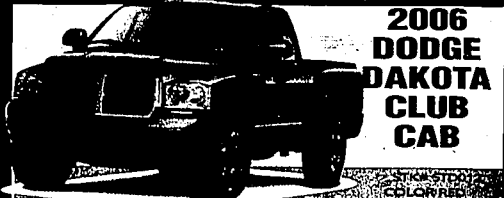
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