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Friends, family say goodbye to Luis Carlos Ramirez.



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A day of deals



Joe Simon, right, makes sure he doesn't leave anything behind as his girlfriend, Rosanna Gomez, and her children, Nereash and Easton Sanchez, wait Friday morning at the checkout stand in Target.

Despite long lines out for Friday bargains, most say it's worth it

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Black Friday started long before retail stores opened their doors Friday morning. Most shoppers began planning their day-of-deals on Thursday when store ads arrived in their morning paper. They searched for the sales that matched their gift lists, and even a few things on their own wish lists, before deciding on the stores they would visit first thing in the morning. Thank goodness for the sleep-aid in turkey because Friday was going to be long day. At the Target in Twin Falls, a line had formed even before Amylynn Parker, the store's team leader, arrived at 4 a.m. to prepare for her 17-hour day. People like Corine Faught of Twin Falls said shoppers had to arrive early to take advantage of the sales. "I started at about 5:30 this morning so I could get in line for a sale," Faught said. "I have a friend who was standing in line at Best Buy by 4:30,

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which I thought was crazy, but you really do have to be early to catch the sales before they're sold out." Most stores did start to run out of popular electronics such as video games and MP3 players before 10 a.m. In Burley, hundreds of people swaddled in blankets and sipping hot chocolate formed a line that snaked out across the Wal-Mart parking lot. While some were willing to endure the long wait and freezing temperatures to score bargains like a 42-inch plasma television for \$988 or mountain bikes priced under \$40, others came for the sheer sport of it.

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Season could be the priciest ever for holiday shoppers.

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Bargain-hunters line up around the nation for early sales.

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A relative reacts while taking part in a funeral procession for a victim of the previous day's attacks, in Sadr City district of Baghdad, Iraq, Friday.

Revenge: Shiite militiamen burn six Sunnis alive

By Steven R. Harst
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Revenge-seeking militiamen seized six Sunnis as they left Friday prayers and burned them alive with kerosene in a savage new twist to the brutality shaking the Iraqi capital a day after suspected Sunni insurgents killed 215 people in Baghdad's main Shiite district.

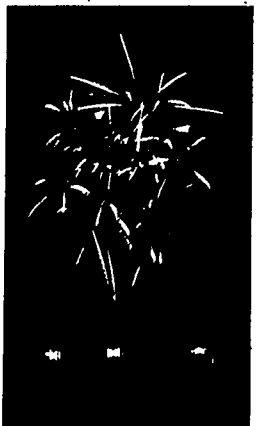
Iraqi soldiers at a nearby army post failed to intervene in Friday's assault by suspected members of the Shiite Mahdi Army militia or other Sunnis, including women and children, in the same neighborhood, the volatile Hurririya district in northwest Baghdad, said police Capt. Jamil Hussain.

Burning victims alive introduced a new method of brutality that was likely to be replicated by the other sect as the Shiites and Sunnis continued killing one another in unprecedented numbers. The gruesome attack, which came despite a curfew in Baghdad, capped a day in which at least 87 people were killed or found dead in sectarian violence across Iraq. In Hurririya, the rampaging militiamen also burned and blew up four mosques and torched several homes in the district, Hussain said. Residents of the troubled district claim the Mahdi Army has begun kidnapping and holding Sunni hostages to use in ritual slaughter at the funerals of Shiite victims of Baghdad's raging sectarian war.

Report: Gates advocated air strikes against Nicaragua in '84.

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A CHRISTMAS SKY



Fireworks light up the sky Friday during the Christmas in the Nighttime Sky event at Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls.

Snow may fall, but so will temps



Bryan Whipple, assistant manager at Les Schwab Tire Center on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, holds chains used for snowy and icy roads.

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Snow will fall, but so will the temperatures, say meteorologists. A developing storm system could drop up to 3 inches of snow on the Magic Valley area Sunday night, but meteorologists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's office in Boise say it's the temperatures that will pack the punch. "A significant thing that the Magic Valley will see next week, is some very low temperatures," said Ken Parker, NOAA meteorologist. "From Wednesday into Thursday we're looking at highs in the mid- to upper-20s, and that's just the highs." Parker said Magic Valley could see temperatures in the mid-teens at night. He said the effect of the storm system, which has been developing along the Gulf of Alaska, is not certain and that meteorologists will be

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Where's Mary? Generations and the name game

By Linell Smith
The Baltimore Sun

Careful, your name might reveal more about you than you realize. If you're a Linda or a Larry, for instance, it's a good bet you're older than 40 and probably closer to 60. The popular names of the 1940s and 1950s are aging along with the baby boomers who own them. From 1946 to 1964, the most fashionable girls' names were Mary, Linda and Lisa. Top names for boys were James, Robert and Michael, according to records at the Social Security Administration. These names have become, well, dated. Last year's most popular baby names were Emily and Jacob. Other names in the top 10: Christopher, Ethan, Joshua, Andrew, Olivia, Madison, Isabella and Ashley. Linda, Mary, Bob and Jim have graduated to popular names for grandparents. So have Pat, Carol, Sue, Ron, Jerry and Wally. The newest generation of names implies that boomer names are not only older but also what cultural anthropologist Robbie (officially a Robert) Blinkoff calls "vanilla and middle-of-the-road." Girls' names used to be just girls' names. Today a lot of children possess "either/or" names such as Taylor, Alex and

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Shopping

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"It's a bloody battle, I wear boots. People get hurt," Autumn Fowler of Rupert said as she stood at the front of the line for the sale that began at 5 a.m.

Despite the limited quantities of some popular items, many people said shoppers seemed more relaxed this year and the stores were better prepared.

Parker said Target called in all 170 employees to work on Friday to accommodate the shopping rush. The store also served coffee to customers who were waiting outside the store in freezing temperatures at 5 a.m.

Customers continued streaming in and out of the stores throughout the day while cashiers rotated shifts. By noon, exhausted shoppers perched wherever there was a seat — and mostly, they were men.

"A large part of our market is female customers," Parker said. "So, especially during this time of year, the women will be out doing their shopping while their husbands wait in the Starbucks."

But it was clear that exhaustion was wearing down most of the shoppers Friday afternoon.

Infants squirmed in their strollers, drivers leaned on

their car horns and shoppers were forgetting to take their purchases with them. Carolyn Ramboough, a cashier at Target, almost chased a customer all the way to his car after he forgot to take his bags with him.

When she returned to her checkout stand, she took a deep breath, smiled and greeted the next customer in line.

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Snow

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updating forecasts as they learn more.

"It's mostly to advise people of possible driving conditions, especially in the mountains," he said. "It's not a storm warning because things could still change and were just keeping an eye on it."

Although snowfall will not be significant in the valley, the mountains could receive 6 to 12 inches Sunday night.

Officials are urging drivers to be cautious, because the

snowmelt can freeze overnight and create hazardous conditions.

Officials also recommend that people prepare by draining water from outside faucets and insulating exposed pipes to prevent damage to plumbing.

Parker said the freezing temperatures are not an indication of long-term seasonal temperatures.

"This is just one storm system, and not something that will stick around," he said. "It

will probably seem abnormal to people in the Magic Valley because the last few weeks have been unusually warm."

Meteorologists have predicted a warmer and drier winter this year due to a weather pattern known as El Niño, which is caused by warm water currents off the coast of Mexico.

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Names

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Sydney says Susan Bartolini, a Baltimore school nurse who's proud to bear one of the most popular boomer names.

"We were named solid names," says Bartolini, 59. "A lot of us were named for saints — which meant we were supposed to live up to something — rather than being named after movie and TV stars."

Is she suggesting there's something of a generational name craze? "I hate names like Misty, names that could be cats," she says. "What really bothers me is misspellings: Tiffany with a 'ph', Sean's a lovely name, but it's spelled every which way. Why give your child a name with a misspelling? I don't get it."

Larry McGlinchey, a chocolatier, has trouble with the Tyler Taylors.

"They give me the creeps," he says. "They sound yuppie and gentrified. I like over-the-back-fence names for people. Noah and Madison? Give me a break. I feel like I'd have to dress up and give them a gift when I meet them."

McGlinchey, 54, grew up in southwest Philadelphia, where kids whose names ended in a consonant, like Jim, were given an "ee" sound, while kids whose names ended in an "ee" sound were stripped of it.

"So Frank was Frankie," he says. "Since I was Larry, I became Lars. But only people my age or older call me that now."

To: Alene Staples, 28, who works as a writers' assistant on HBO's "The Wire," names like Larry suggest men who tend to think of themselves as younger than she and her friends do. But every so often she bumps into an anachronism.

"I have a friend named Bob in his mid-20s," she says. "There's something incongruous about a Bob that age because you always have this image of an older, middle-aged man."

What about Gary, Sandy, Joan and Pat?

"You're naming my managers and bosses," Staples says. "The connotation is that people with those types of names tend to be more conservative. The names themselves feel kind of dated and dull. Obviously, that's an unfair generalization, but I think the association is there whether you realize it or not."

Since the 1970s, picking unusual names has been a trend in black communities, especially when it comes to girls. Because parents seek the opposite of trendy names, sometimes creating new names by blending sounds from various family names, they do not appear in the most popular lists.

In a study of baby names in California during the past 30 years, researchers Steven Levitt and Roland Fryer found that the typical baby girl born in a black neighborhood in 1980 was given a name that was 20

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times more common among blacks than whites.

"Today, more than 40 percent of black girls born in California in a given year receive a name that not one of the roughly 100,000 'baby white girls received that year," Levitt writes with Stephen Dubner in "Freakonomics."

"Even more remarkably, nearly 30 percent of the black girls are given a name that is unique among every baby, white or black, born that year in California."

(There were also 228 babies named Unique during the 1990s alone and one each of Uneek, Uneque and Uneqqe; virtually all of them were black.)

Nanel Wohl says she started spelling her name with an 'I' to set her apart from other Nancys in elementary school.

Wohl, 55, an assistant to the

director at a health club, has two siblings — Ronnie and Valerie — whose names brand them as boomers. Her youngest sister Margaux, also a boomer, started off life as Margu.

In 1951, when Wohl was born, Nancy was the seventh-most popular name for girls. Last year, it was 318th.

Perhaps more surprising is what has happened to Mary.

For most of the 1950s, it was the most popular girls' name in the country. In 2005, it didn't even make the top 50.

Its spot went to ambiguously gendered Mackenzie.

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Minidoka schools to enforce dress code

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

ROBERT — The weather outside might be frightful, but students are still showing too much skin in Minidoka County.

"We do not allow cleavage; we do not allow short skirts," Auzeta Elementary Principal Suzette Miller said at Monday's meeting of the Minidoka County School Board.

"I do not have a problem telling them to get dressed," she said. "We do not allow them to dress inappropriately."

But she said some male teachers are reluctant to address the issue for fear of being accused of sexual harassment.

Others agreed. "It's a complete embarrassment to me," said bus driver Colin Martin.

Superintendent Scott Rogers said dress codes are difficult to enforce because students can add or remove clothing throughout the day.

"We've talked specifically about that, and there are some problems with implementation. It's going to take every single teacher," he said.

The board resolved to more tightly enforce the dress code. Another item brought before the board was East Minico Middle School Principal Kevin Vogt's presentation of the school's accountability report.

His report focused on the problem of incorporating students with limited English proficiency into regular classroom framework.

He says the challenge facing this school is that the No Child Left Behind Act allows students two years to acquire English proficiency, while five to seven years is considered necessary for most students to use academic English well.

"We know there's improvement, but we need to focus on bringing them up to speed," he said. "They're just not quite there, so they need additional help."

Finally, the board voted to change Minico High School's yearbook delivery date to the spring instead of summer. Sixty-three percent of Minico students polled voted in favor of a spring release.

A Season of Giving

What: A food drive sponsored by the Times-News, Hiller Poly and First Federal for South Central Community Action Partnership.

How: Fill the plastic bag included with today's Times-News with canned goods and return the bag to the Times-News, 132 Fairfield St. W., or any First Federal office in the Magic Valley.

Monetary donations also will be accepted. Checks should be made out to Times-News Food Bank in care of Trisha Mitchell, and sent to the Times-News, 132 Fairfield St. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Shooting victim remembered

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

GOODING — A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Friday for Luis Carlos Ramirez at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding.

Ramirez, a Hagerman Junior-Senior High School graduate and College of Southern Idaho student, was fatally shot early Sunday morning in the parking lot of Phat Eddie's bar in Old Towne Twin Falls.

He was 21 years old. By the time the service started, every seat in the church had been filled, forcing some of the crowd of teachers, friends and Ramirez's large family to stand in the side aisles and in the area behind the pews.

"He was well-known and well-appreciated by a lot of people," said Pastor Isaac Tellez, a family friend.

"He was very kind, very

attentive — a gentleman." Ramirez's mother told the audience how grateful she was for the number of people who had turned out in support of their family, said Sharlene Taylor, another family friend.

It was the kind of guy who, when he got to know you, opened up his great sense of humor, Taylor said.

A passionate athlete, Ramirez played basketball, football and soccer through high school until he graduated in 2004.

Ramirez's family has chosen to cremate him and return his ashes to his birthplace in Mexico.

The autopsy and toxicology tests on his body were performed earlier this week.

A forensic pathologist in Ada County will send his report to the Twin Falls County coroner, who will sign off on Ramirez's cause of death, and the county prosecutor, who will incorpo-

rate the information into his case against James M. Steel, who has been charged with second-degree murder.

Police arrested Steel, 23, at his Heyburn Street apartment several hours after the shooting.

The bereaved family is handling Ramirez's death calmly, according to Tellez, after visiting them Friday after the funeral.

As soon as they can, they are going to fly his ashes to Mexico, the family told Tellez. Ramirez is survived by his mother, Irma Ramirez, father, Mario Carlos, older brother Jose Carlos Ramirez and younger brothers Braulio Carlos Ramirez and Edgar Carlos Ramirez.

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Luis Carlos Ramirez stands with his close friend, Eric Tellez, who caught Ramirez as he fell to the ground from a gunshot wound early Sunday morning, according to a police affidavit.

DECKING THE BOUGHS



Mark Mills, a co-owner of Master Tree and Yard Care, uses a crane Wednesday afternoon to put up Christmas lights in Twin Falls City Park.

Skydivers target Buhl

Caldwell company wants to expand

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Skydiving in Buhl

"The thought may become a reality. If the City Council gives Paul and Denise Jones the go-ahead for plans to expand their skydiving business to the West End.

The Caldwell couple own and operate two skydiving businesses in Oregon as well as Skydown Sport Skydiving in Caldwell and Skydive Idaho in Star.

To meet demand, they want to make their first jump by March 1 at the Buhl Municipal Airport.

Denise Jones told the City Council on Nov. 13 that about a third of their Caldwell clientele is making the drive from southern Idaho and that Buhl is the center of it all.

"It is a shorter commute for the Magic Valley, eastern Idaho and neighboring states to come to Buhl," Jones said.

"We want to bring skydiving opportunities closer to the market demand."

This is good news for the small airport.

"They came to us in September," said Buhl Airport Board member Gordon Hendrix. "I think that our council will give them the go-ahead, but it is up to the city because we are only an advisory board."

If the company is given the green light to begin operations, the Buhl Airport would benefit from more exposure and revenue from building and land leases and fuel sales.

The council will vote on the proposal Dec. 11, and has asked the airport board and the Joneses to iron out the details involving the Squire

The next step

What: Buhl City Council vote on skydiving proposal
When: 7 p.m. Dec. 11
Where: Buhl City Hall, 203 Broadway Ave. N

building at the field, which the couple would like to lease.

"It's perfect," said Paul Jones. "The building is ideal because there is office space and room for our equipment."

The council looked not only at the couple's business plan but also at their credentials. Paul Jones is the only tandem instructor/examiner in Idaho as well as a static line instructor, safety and training adviser and has a United States Parachute Association PRO Exhibition rating. He has more than 7,300 jumps since his first one in 1993. He also is a commercial and multiengine pilot.

His wife made her first jump in 1999 and has jumped more than 1,900 times. She is a private pilot, static line instructor, videographer and also holds the USPA PRO exhibition rating.

"Skydown Sport Skydiving was established in 1996 and we have been located in Caldwell since 2000," she said. "Within five years at Buhl, we want to operate year-round and increase tandem jumping from 100 to 900 per year as well as train 10 sport jumpers per year. We want to get people into the sport."

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Ornaments available for Buhl Memory Tree

Proceeds to benefit Boys and Girls Club

By Blasi Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — They are sparkly, festive and handmade.

Snowflake Christmas tree decorations to benefit the Buhl Boys and Girls Club are now for sale.

"The 'Holiday Memory Tree' will display the ornaments at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Main Street in Buhl through December and will be lit during a special event at 7 p.m. Dec. 9.

"These ornaments will be really unique for years to come," said Buhl Boys and Girls Club Board Member Florence Pierce. "They are designed to honor family, loved ones and even those serving in the military. They will offer a sparkle to Buhl and to these buying them for a long time."

To order

Holiday tree ornaments will be offered for a minimum contribution of \$5 each. Orders can be made at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Avenue, Buhl or by calling Pierce, 543-8887.

Proceeds from the ornaments will go toward the Buhl Boys and Girls Club.

"Right now, we are trying to build a clubhouse for Buhl," said Buhl Branch Manager Lindsey Westburg. "The location has been set next to Popplewell Elementary and now we just need to raise the funds to build it."

Last year's personalized ornament sales hit 400 and Pierce said this year



Members of the Magic Valley Decorative Artists have donated their time to decorate Christmas ornaments to benefit the Buhl Boys and Girls Club.

they want to sell more.

"We want to sell at least 500," she said. "Every one will benefit the local club so much and we want to sell as many as possible."

The ornaments are being decorated by the Magic Valley Decorative Artists,

who are volunteering their time.

"We aren't making any money. We are just doing this as a neat community service project," said club President Shirley McCoy.

Orders for the ornaments are being accepted through Thursday.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Salmon	79%	13%
Big Wood	80%	12%
Snake	83%	9%
Big Lost	59%	9%
Little Lost	51%	9%
Henrys Fork/Teton	77%	12%
Upper Snake Basin	84%	15%
Oakley	131%	17%
Salmon Falls	94%	13%

As of Nov. 24

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

** Percent of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

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DEATH NOTICES

Rosa E. Taylor

BURLEY — Rosa Elizabeth Nelson Taylor, 84, formerly of Burley, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, in Phoenix, Ariz.

A viewing for family and friends will be from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Ruth Walters

BOISE — Ruth Walters, 89, of Boise and formerly of Jackpot, Nev., died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise. A private family graveside service will follow. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at the funeral home.

Sharon R. McKee

GLENN'S FERRY — Sharon R. McKee, 66, of Glenns Ferry, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, 1000 Murray Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Catherine Laughlin

TWIN FALLS — Catherine Laughlin, 60, of Twin Falls, died early Wednesday morning, Nov. 22, 2006, at the Hospice Visions Home in Jerome, Idaho.



Catherine was born on Feb. 7, 1946, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Maurice and Charlotte NeIn Haynes. She grew up and attended schools in Hansen and Twin Falls.

In August of 1964, Catherine married Jim Ochsner in Elko, Nevada. To this union four children were born, Cory, Danl, Eric, and Casey. They were later divorced.

Catherine worked for over 23 years at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls as a Financial Counselor until ill health had led her to retire in February of 2006.

Catherine enjoyed reading, and thoroughly enjoyed spending her time with her children and grandchildren.

Catherine is survived by her four children, Cory (Cheri)

Ochsner of Twin Falls, Danl Ochsner of Twin Falls, Eric Ochsner of Twin Falls, and Casey (Mark) Thomson of Twin Falls; and her sister, Andrea Spencer. Also surviving are her five grandchildren, Tory Ochsner, Taylor Ochsner, Drew Ochsner, Collin Ochsner, and Rylee Thomson; as well as her stepmother, Charlene Hines of Twin Falls.

She was predeceased in death by her father, Maurice Haynes, and her mother, Charlotte NeIn.

A celebration of Catherine's life will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave., Twin Falls with Pastor Jim Tubbs of the First Christian Church in Twin Falls officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. At Catherine's request, there will be no public viewing. The family suggests memorials be given in Catherine's name to a trust fund that has been set up for medical expenses at Wells Fargo Bank. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or dropped off at any Wells Fargo Bank or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

SERVICES

Kathleen Peterson of Halley, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the St. Charles Catholic Church (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

May Mecham Tanner of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Basmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Calvin George Webb of Bluffdale, Utah, and formerly of Raft River, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Bluffdale LDS 1st Ward Church, 14400 S. Redwood Road (Broomhead Funeral Home in Riverton, Utah).

Cliff Harris of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the

First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E. in Jerome; burial will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Burli. Friends and family may call from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Jose Palz Beltran of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary - Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St.; friends and family may call one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

Judy Morgan of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley - United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; friends may call from noon to 12:40 p.m. today at the church (Basmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Byron L. Jones of Cordova,

Alaska, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Howe-Roberson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Billy Joe Morgan of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Truman Bradley of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Basmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Marion Jensen Kyle of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday, Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

At the request of the family, funeral and burial services are pending.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Craig's memory to numerous groups devoted to spinal cord injury research, including The Craig H. Nielsen Foundation, 550 Blue Lakes Blvd. North, Twin Falls, ID 83301-4033, Attn.: Tributes. For more information, call (702) 567-7072.

Ameristar announces Neilsen services

LAS VEGAS — The family of Craig H. Neilsen, chairman and chief executive officer of Ameristar Casinos, has arranged public memorial services that will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Craig died on Nov. 19 in his home in Las Vegas. He was 65 years old.

Neilsen grew up in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1959. Ameristar moved its corpo-

rate headquarters from Twin Falls to Las Vegas in 1996.

From noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, the public is invited to pay respects at a visitation at Palm Mortuaries and Cemeteries; 6701 N. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas.

At 5 p.m. Wednesday, there will be a public celebration of Neilsen's life at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Ballroom E, which will be followed by a reception.

Valley scouts earn Eagle honors

ACEQUIA — Several boys received their Eagle Scout awards at a Court of Honor Oct. 18 in the Acequia Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The boys are members of Troop 53.

Tanner Barton Hanson, 15-year-old son of Bart and Shelly Hanson of Rupert, has completed 30 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he replaced the flagpole and base at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. He served as several troop members, his troop leader, friends and family. The project took a total of 30 hours to complete. Tanner is in the 10th grade at Declo High School.

Ben Child, 16-year-old son of Steve and Janet Child of Rupert, has completed 37 merit badges and earned a bronze, gold and silver palm. For his Eagle project, he completed 350 school kits for the LDS Humanitarian Center in Salt Lake City. It took 427 hours to complete with 60 people helping. Ben is a junior at Minico High School.



Tanner Barton Hanson, Ben Child, Matt Child and Blake Harmon received Eagle honors.

Matt Child, 14-year-old son of Steve and Janet Child, has completed 36 merit badges and earned a bronze, gold and silver palm. For his Eagle project, he collected and repaired 50 bikes for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. It took 253 hours to complete with a total of 22 people helping. He also aided new snow cover, 2 water bottles, locks and bike helmets. Matt is in the eighth grade at East Minico Middle School.

Blake Harmon, 13-year-old

son of Donnie and Michaelle Harmon of Rupert, has completed 27 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he updated the pig pens at the Minidoka Fairgrounds.

He repainted the barn and the stall numbers, installed a missing pole and a missing system. He was assisted by Young Men from Acequia 1st LDS Ward and his 4-H club and his family. The project took a total of 107 hours to complete. He attends East Minico Middle School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROTARY GUESTS

Buhl woman celebrates 90th birthday today

BUHL — Julia Ann Stark Chandler will turn 90 years old on Dec. 2.

Her family is hosting a celebration from 1 and 4 p.m. today at the Buhl Second Ward Chapel, 501 Main St. Family and friends are invited.

Senior center hosts Super Bingo today

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., will host Super Bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. today. Cards are \$1 each or four for \$3.

Artisan Bazaar set for today in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — An Artisan Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at 1075 Wirsching Ave. W.

For more information, call Mickey 734-6758. Items include handcrafted gifts, such as kaleidoscopes, fused glass, jewelry, home decoration, pine needle basketry and ornamental goods and more.

New Organo PTSSO will meet this week

BURLEY — The newly-organized Burley High School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSSO) will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Little Theatre at Burley High School to continue planning and to elect new officers. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

For more information, call PTSSO presidents Daren and Valerie Moon at 678-9212 or vice presidents David and DeAnn Oniveros at 677-6560 or 677-9058.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced weekly winners: Nov. 6, tied for first, Tom Warner and Douglas Strand and Joe Blackford and Edna Pearson; and third, Duane Schneberger and Milo Pearson.

Nov. 7, first, Renee Bulcher and David Stoker; second, Wilma Driscoll and Elaine Bowen; third, Kay and Nathan Higer; fourth, Mary Kienten and Lonnie Burns; fifth, Vesta Roberts and Jeana Watson; and sixth, Jessie Lingnaw and Betty Grant.

Nov. 8, first, Mary Kienten and Beverly Burns; second, Riley Turner and Bobette Flahay; third, Edna Pierson and Linda Fie; fourth, Marilyn Nesbit and John Furth; tied for fifth, Robert Parish and Rueben Tschackolske and Jessie Lingnaw and Lonnie Burns; seventh, Elaine Bowen and Pauline Muller.

Games are held at 7 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. All



Congressman Butch Otter was a guest at the Twin Falls Rotary Club. With him are Rich Stevens and club president Dan Olmstead. Rotary meets every Wednesday at noon at the Turf Club.

BJ's Gang Duplicate Bridge Club lists results

RUPERT — BJ's Gang Duplicate Bridge Club has announced Nov. 14 results. North/south: First, Faun and Warren McEntire; second, George and Nancy Gibson; third, Steve Sams

and Kent Gillespie; and fourth, Bill Goodman and Dor Creason. East/west: first, Vera Mal and Nanette Woodland; second, Clarence and Sylvia Niewiers; third, Dee Keltcher and Leo Moore; and fourth, Dona Kunaw and Peggie Payne.

The club plays at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. All area bridge players are attend.

For more information, call 878-3997.

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NIC instructors struggle to afford homes as prices rise

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Some instructors at Northern Idaho College say that low pay and high house prices are making it difficult for them to continue teaching at the school, and at least one has quit for that reason.

"What I know is, on my income I can't buy a house here and I can't raise my son here," said Charla Chitnick, who earns \$38,728 per year. "I have nothing to lose since I'm leaving, so I'm fighting for them."

Chitnick said she plans to go to Scotland to get a doctorate degree in environmental history.

Other instructors also say that NIC's trustees should consider the importance of retaining faculty and staff.

"Too many decisions are made for political and economic reasons," Bob Bohack, a math instructor, told the *Coeur d'Alene Press*.

The average salary this year for a full-time instructor at NIC is \$49,916, according to the college's human resources department.

Averages for other community colleges in the region vary. Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Ore., pays full-time faculty an average of

\$54,928. Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash., pays \$47,624, while Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, Wash., pays \$51,237.

Bohack started at NIC in 1981. He left for nine years to teach in Wyoming before returning to NIC in 1998, but he said the college didn't add in that nine years in calculating his pay when he returned. Bohack, 62, makes \$53,754 per year.

"My concern is, \$53,000 is not a bad sum of money, but if you are a professional entering the work force that's what you would expect to be paid," Bohack said. "I've been in the profession 30 years."

In the last two years, home prices in Kootenai County have gone from an average of

\$185,000 to \$234,000. Prices for homes defined as "affordable" have increased from \$115,000 to between \$170,000 and \$185,000.

NIC spokesman Kent Propst said the school recognizes the problem.

"We compete on a national level for faculty," Propst said. "Our salaries are becoming less competitive on the national level, and at the same time our property values have skyrocketed. They look at the housing market, and say 'I can't afford to live there.' So we're seeing very, very few applicants."

Propst said the school offers faculty the same benefit package even though the cost to the college has increased by \$1 million.

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London investigators tracing steps of slain ex-Russian spy

By Tariq Panja
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — A swank hotel where he sipped tea. A sushi bar where he had soup. Investigators are tracing Alexander Litvinenko's last steps to find out how a rare radioactive substance could have killed the former KGB agent and vociferous critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Radioactive traces have been found at both places in London — the Millennium Hotel's dimly lit Turner Bar near the U.K. Embassy in Grosvenor Square and the Ista Sushi restaurant near Piccadilly Circus.

Litvinenko had meetings in both spots before he was taken to the emergency room suffering from stomach pains and nausea.

On the morning of Nov. 1, he went to the hotel to see another ex-KGB spy, Andrei Lugovoy, who was in London to attend a

secret match involving the Russian team CSKA Moscow, and two other men Litvinenko had never met before.

Lugovoy said in Moscow on Friday that he was accompanied by a friend named Dmitry Kovtun and a third man he did not identify. He told Russian media that Litvinenko discussed a business venture and said he was homesick for Russia.

Friend Alex Goldfarb said Litvinenko reported having a cup of tea during the meeting, but Lugovoy said he didn't recall the former agent either eating or drinking.

Litvinenko's friends said his sense of false protection from his British asylum prompted him to reach out to potential Russian dissenters who might have bolstered allegations that Putin's government was involved in corruption in the spy service.

"Alex was open to approaches from people who said they had information about abuses in Russia," Goldfarb told The Associated Press. "He would meet people without precautions, because he felt as a British citizen he would be protected from falling prey to

Russian government forces."

While at the hotel, Litvinenko told the group of his next meeting, Lugovoy said.

Litvinenko had arranged to see a contact who claimed to have information about the journaling of a friend, investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya — a death that critics of the Russian government have blamed on state security forces.

That meeting was the afternoon of Nov. 1 at Ista Sushi, a frequent rendezvous spot for Litvinenko and his friend Italian academic Mario Scaramella.

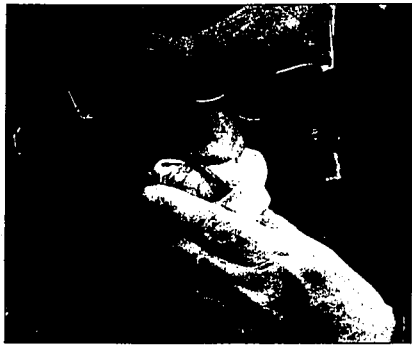
Scaramella said he brought along an e-mail purporting to list emigrés to Britain being targeted by Russian agents as well as the identities of the journalists of a friend, investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya who died in a plane crash in 2002.

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Akhmed Zakayev, a Chechen rebel exiled in London and a Putin critic, said he saw Litvinenko after the sushi meal and said the former spy was excited by the meeting. But Goldfarb said that after



Walter Litvinenko, the father of the dead former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko, reacts during a media conference outside University College Hospital in London Friday. The former Russian spy who died in an apparent poisoning after a statement on his death, naming Russian President Vladimir Putin for his death, friends said Friday. The statement accused the Russian leader of having "no respect for life, liberty or any civilized value."

Litvinenko carefully analyzed the four-page e-mail, he doubted its authenticity.

Hours after the sushi bar meeting, Litvinenko was taken to Barnet General Hospital in north London with stomach pains. His condition gradually worsened, over the next two weeks.

In a weakened state, he gave an interview to British Broadcasting Corp.'s Russian Service, saying for the first time that he thought he had been poisoned.

Unable to determine the cause of his illness, doctors transferred Litvinenko to a specialist unit at University

College Hospital in central London on Nov. 17.

He died late Thursday, and investigators announced Friday that he had been poisoned with radioactive polonium-210, a rare substance.

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Venezuelan health care system has critics

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez calls it one of his greatest achievements: a public health system with new clinics, refurbished hospitals and thousands of Cuban doctors providing free checkups for the poor.

The improvements, funded by Venezuela's oil wealth, have given the poor more medical options and helped the leftist Chavez secure support as he seeks another six-year term in elections Dec. 3. But patients at many public hospitals are still forced to wait weeks or even months for surgeries in dilapidated buildings that are just beginning to be fixed up.

Chavez's top presidential challenger, Manuel Rosales, accuses the government of not doing enough to improve hospitals and says having Cuban doctors in poor areas is no substitute for an effective health care system.

In a row of beds at the 1,000-bed Perez de Leon Hospital, Pedro Pinango has been waiting 20 days for a second operation on a bullet wound in his calf, while David Galien has waited 18 days for surgery on a broken foot.

"The care is very good, but the hospital is falling down," says Galien's mother, Neryuris Araya, sitting beside her 22-year-old son among beds with peeling paint and open windows with black plastic bags strung up to keep out the rain. A new hospital is being built next door, but for now there is only one operating room.

Nearly eight years after Chavez took office, Venezuela still has a two-tiered health system where wealthier, insured patients can usually afford prompt, better treatment. But his efforts to improve

health care have proven popular. An Associated Press poll conducted this month found about 74 percent approve of Chavez's handling of health care, based on interviews with 2,500 registered voters.

The government has spent \$52 million building a state-of-the-art children's cardiac hospital. Since 2003, more than \$1 billion has gone toward fixing up 44 hospitals, building some 600 diagnostic centers and opening more than 2,100 neighborhood clinics for the Cuban doctors who lead a budding campaign that "Mission Inside the Barrio."

The Cuban government, under Chavez's ally Fidel Castro, has sent Venezuela about 20,000 doctors since the program started in 2003 while the island receives shipments of Venezuelan oil under preferential terms.

The Venezuelan Medical Federation is sharply critical of what it calls Chavez's improvised methods and the use of Cuban doctors to create a parallel health system. The federation's president, Dr. Douglas Leon Natera, also says many hospitals are operating with a fraction of needed supplies.

Although infant mortality has declined, Natera says dengue and malaria are on the rise.

Heavy government spending is slowly repurting public facilities such as Caracas' giant Perez Carreno Hospital, which has 800 beds and last month opened nine renovated operating rooms.

The remodeling is under way in functioning wards, and squealing drills ring out within carshel of recovering patients. Automatic glass doors sepa-

rate the hospital's new wings from grimy hallways dating to the 1950s.

In a new operating room, Dr. Pedro Rodriguez complains after sewing up a patient's injured cheek that the surgical tools are old and dull.

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Have a nice trip to Arizona, Mr. Maxwell

CHEERS to Laird Maxwell, the anti-government activist who championed the unsuccessful Proposition 2 on the November ballot, who says he's moving to Arizona since that state passed a similar initiative.

We can only echo the words of a former Magic Valley legislator who once received a letter from a constituent threatening to move out of state if the Legislature didn't pass a bill that she supported.

"Gondyby," he wrote.

CHEERS to the volunteers at the St. Edward's Catholic Parish soup kitchen in Twin Falls for spending their Thanksgiving Day making it possible for others to have Thanksgiving.

St. Ed's has been running a soup kitchen for 18 years, and has always served up a holiday meal. But until this year, it was on the day before Thanksgiving.

By working on Thanksgiving, St. Ed's volunteers served up more than turkey and the trimmings. They served up the notion that doing something for someone who has nothing is the best way to say thanks for all that you have.

JEERS to the recently downvoted House Republican Congress for electing Idaho's newest congressman, Bill Sall, as president of his freshman class in Congress.

The combative Sall, who among other things professes that abortion causes breast cancer, is probably the best example of the new Republicans

CHEERS & JEERS

elect to the House earlier this month. By choosing a president (from so far out of the mainstream, the GOP freshmen are announcing they plan to ignore the voters' mandate for a Congress that gets along and gets things done.

CHEERS to Idaho State University Athletic Director Paul Bubb and the school's president, Arthur Vallas, for realizing it was time for a change in

the school's football program.

The Bengals just finished 2-9 under Coach Larry Lewis; the fifth losing season in his eight-year tenure. Bubb fired him, 10 months after men's basketball Coach Doug Oliver submitted his resignation after eight seasons — seven of them in the red.

Simply put, ISU fields one of the least successful men's athletic programs in NCAA Division I. It hasn't won a Big Sky Conference men's basketball championship since 1987. Its 2002 football co-championship was its first since 1981.

Richard Bowen, the university's president from 1985 until last year, was indifferent to intercollegiate athletics. Bowen revitalized many aspects of ISU, but the university's sports teams suffered.

Nobody expects ISU to become a

football factory. But there's no reason that its men's sports teams can't be respectable with the right leadership.

CHEERS to Gov.-Elect-Butch Otter for crossing partisan — and ideological — lines in choosing members of his transition team.

Former Democratic legislator Darrell Manning and Marty Peterson, who served as budget director under Democratic Govs. Cecil Andrus and John Evans, are on the team, along with former Magic Valley lawmaker Joyce McRoberts, a well-respected Republican moderate.

Otter's choices signal a willingness to work with the expanded Democratic minority in the Legislature — and more importantly that he'll listen to viewpoints different from his own.

Dems, be careful what you wish for

This week, some might be feeling especially thankful — but maybe shouldn't. And others might have more to be happy about than they realize.

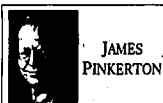
Let's start with a winner who might yet turn out to be a loser.

Yes, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is in line to be the next speaker of the House, just two heartbeats away from the presidency. But let's be honest here: Does anyone think she's been doing a good job since the election?

Was she deft in handling the battle royale between two fellow Democrats for the No. 2 post in the House? Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., was the obvious choice for the majority-leader job, but Pelosi, not hiding her dislike for him, supported Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., in his quixotic campaign to displace Hoyer. Murtha, hobbled by scandals and controversy, lost in a landslide.

Fresh from that defeat, Pelosi is embroiled in another intra-Democratic fight, this time with Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif. Harman is in line to serve as chairwoman of the House Intelligence Committee, but Pelosi wants another representative for the job, Rep. Alice Hastings, D-Fla. Whereas Murtha has merely been accused of corruption, Hastings has been adjudicated as guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors. In 1989, while a federal judge, he was impeached by the House (Pelosi was one of those voting "aye" on impeachment) and convicted by the Senate on corruption charges. And this is Pelosi's choice for a high-profile position, overseeing intelligence-gathering for the war on terrorism?

The situation on Capitol Hill told even The New York Times



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to observe: "Democrats are celebrating their big victory of Nov. 7 with recriminations, finger-pointing and infighting." Which is to say, Pelosi might discover the old wisdom: be careful what you wish for. The Californian proved effective in opposition to President Bush in the past four years, but the capricious returns on her leadership ability suggest that 2006 might be a happier year for her than 2007.

If Democrats find the fruits of their victory tasting bitter, the opposite might be true for Republicans: Defeat might be sweeter than they think.

Let's start with Bush. The '06 elections were an unmitigat-

able repudiation of his Iraq policy — the post-election firing of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld clinches that conclusion — but now the empowered Democrats must drink from the same poll-poisoned chalice that Bush has been quaffing from for the past few years. It was easy for Democrats to be critical of Bush's policy, but now, as the leaders of a co-equal branch of government, they have to step up and provide some solutions, even at the risk of staining themselves with the blood of Iraq.

So pervasively enough, Bush has an opportunity — an opportunity to dring the Democrats into the same Iraqi mess, down to his level.

It's worth recalling that President Clinton shone when he was fighting a hostile Congress, not when he was working with an allegedly friendly Congress. In 1993-94, the Democratic 42nd president floundered in his deal-

ings with Democratic barons and their baronies. But after the Republicans took over Capitol Hill in 1995, Clinton proved to be an adroit counterpuncher, using Newt Gingrich & Co. as foil.

So the question a dozen years later is whether the 43rd president can get the better of Pelosi and Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. D-Nev. Bush has his problems, but the Democrats have their problems, too. And more of those problems — the kind that come when one's back-ground in Nevada politics is fully unearched — will likely be visible when Reid moves his act to majority prime time.

Can Bush do it? Will the Democrats blow it? History reminds us that today's trend is rarely the same as tomorrow's trend.

In this holiday season we are reminded that America always confers its blessings, but politics isn't nearly so predictable or kindly.

Balance of power in the states shifting to Democrats

When the pack of presidential hopefuls and the reporters who follow them descend on New Hampshire in January, as the 2008 campaign begins, a surprise awaits them. For the first time in anyone's life, New Hampshire has turned into a bright-blue Democratic state.

Buried in the news of the national Democratic midterm election victory was an even more dramatic power shift in the state that has become famous as the site of the first presidential primary in each cycle.

In the words of veteran New Hampshire Republican leader Tom Ruth, it was "beyond history" when the Democrats took complete control of the handsome state capital in Concord for the first time since 1874.

Democratic Gov. John Lynch won a record term with 74 percent of the votes, providing coalitions for many others on the ticket.

The Executive Council, which has the power to confirm appointees and approve state contracts, switched from 4-1 Republican to 3-2 Democratic.

The state Senate, which Republicans controlled 16-8, is now Democratic by a 14-10 margin.

The state House of Representatives, which is dwarfed in size only by the British House of Commons and the U.S. House of Representatives, went from 242-150 Republican, with 8 vacancies, to 239-161 Democratic.

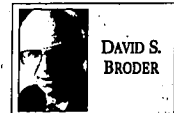
In addition, Democrats defeated both incumbent Republican congressmen in a powerful demonstration of party-line voting.

New Hampshire was not alone. Iowa, whose presidential caucus came even earlier than the New Hampshire primary, also elected a Democrat as governor and saw both houses of its Legislature flip to the Democrats.

Now that the Democrats emerged in control of 56 legislative chambers to the Republicans' 41, Democrats control both houses in 24 states; Republicans, in 16; and nine states have split control (Nebraska has a nonpartisan, unicameral Legislature).

These numbers become more important as we approach 2010 and another Census, which will provide the raw material for the next round of line-drawing for congressional and legislative districts. If Democrats can maintain their legislative advantage along with their new 28-22 lead in governorships, they will be in the driver's seat on that redistricting.

Dante Scala, a professor of political science at St. Anselm College and author on New Hampshire politics, said there were 80,000 straight-ticket Democratic votes — almost twice the number of straight



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Republican ballots in the state. The Democrats, who for decades were a scorned minority in New Hampshire, had "much better organization and far outclassed the Republicans this time," Scala told me.

"Combined with the national trend and the popularity of Gov. Lynch, the Republicans were just overwhelmed."

Ruth used similar language, speaking of "an enormous surge we (Republicans) couldn't stop." It was fueled, he said, by the same anger at Washington, frustration over Iraq and disgust with the Republican Congress that prevailed nationally. But it was abetted in New Hampshire by the growing number of political independents who this year joined the Democrats in voting for change.

The force of the movement spared no one. Peter Spaulding, a longtime member of the Executive Council and a leader in John McCain's victory over 2000 New Hampshire primary campaign, lost his seat to a 71-year-old opponent who, barely made any effort and who was vacationing in Belgium when the election returns came in. Dozens of longtime citizen-legislators, serving part-time for \$200 a term and rarely having to both-

er to campaign, found themselves voted out of office.

The only swing state where Republicans were the ones who were not on the ballot in 2006 — such as Sens. Judd Gregg and John Sununu, Ruth said.

The fathers of these two senators were famous for steering the New Hampshire campaigns of Republicans who became president, but that was in the days when Republicans were dominant. Now with Mitt Romney's resurgence and independents ever more influential, the kingmaker role may no longer be available to GOP operatives.

Republicans such as McClellan, Romney and independent Giuliani may face a more hostile climate, in both New Hampshire and Iowa. And Democrats will be dealing with a constituency that, this year, least, was strongly anti-war Democrat-Washington politician.

Lynch, who helped power the Democratic victory this year, has announced no favor for the presidential nomination. He has stayed above the political battle at home, hoarding his political capital. If he chooses to endorse, it will carry more weight than any Democratic endorsement in a long time.

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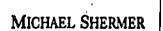
Comic's outburst reflects humanity's sin

After a paroxysm of racial viciousness at the Laugh Factory in West Hollywood, Calif., last week, Michael Richards, the 57-year-old comedian who played Kramer on "Seinfeld," explained to David Letterman and his "Late Night" audience Monday: "I'm not a racist. That's what's so insane about this."

Richards' shattered demeanor and heartfelt repentance leaves us with what I shall call Kramer's Commandment: How can someone who spews racial epithets genuinely believe he is not a racist? The answer is to be found in the difference between our conscious and unconscious attitudes and our public and private thoughts.

Consciously and publicly, Richards is probably not a racist. But he is so am I so are you.

Consciously and publicly, most of us are colorblind. And most of us, at the time, believe and act on that cultural requisite. You'd have to be insane to publicly utter racist



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remarks in today's society or temporarily insane, which both sentences are the law recognizing us sometimes being triggered by anger.

And alcohol — recall Mel Gibson's drunken eruption about Jews, or the college frat boys slurring alcohol-induced inanities about blacks and slavery in Sacha Baron Cohen's film "Borat."

The insidiousness of racism is because of the fact that it arises out of the deep recesses of our unconscious. We may be unaware of it, yet it lurks there.

How do we know this? One indication is the Implicit Association Test, developed by Harvard scientists, which asks subjects to pair words and concepts. The more closely associated the words and concepts are, the quicker the response to them will be in the key-pressing sorting task (try it yourself at <http://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/>).

The race test firsts asks you to sort black and white faces into one of two categories: European-American or African-American. Easy. Next you are asked to sort a list of words (joy, terrible, love, agony, peace, horrible, wonderful, nasty, pleasure) into one of two categories: Good or Bad. No problem.

The next task is a little more complicated. The words and black and white faces appear on the screen one at a time, and you sort them into one of these categories: African-American/Good or European-American/Bad. Again you match the words with the concepts of good or bad, and faces with national origin. So the word "joy" would go into the first category and a white face would go into the second category. The sort goes noticeably slower; but you might expect that because the combined categories are more cognitively complex.

Unfortunately, the final sorting task puts you to that rationalization. This time you sort the words and faces into the categories European-American/Good or African-

American/Bad. Tellingly (and distressingly), this sorting process goes much faster than the previous one. I was much quicker to associate words like "joy," "love" and "pleasure" with "European-American/Good" than I did with African-American/Good. I consider myself about as socially liberal as you can get, and yet on a scale that includes "slight," "moderate" and "strong," the program answered: "Your data suggest a strong automatic preference for European-American compared to African-American."

What? The interpretation is described as "automatic preference for European-American." If you responded faster when European-American faces and Good words were classified with the same key than when African-American faces and Good words were classified with the same key?

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Documents: Gates advocated air strikes against Nicaragua in '84

WASHINGTON (AP) — In 1984, Robert Gates, then the No. 2 CIA official, advocated U.S. airstrikes against Nicaragua's pro-Cuban government to reverse what he described as an ineffective U.S. strategy to deal with communist advances in Central America, previously classified documents say.

Gates, President Bush's nominee to be defense secretary, said the United States could no longer justify what he described as "halfhearted" attempts to contain Nicaragua's Sandinista government, according to documents released Friday by the National Security Archive, a private research group.

In a memo to CIA Director William Casey dated Dec. 14,

1984, Gates said his proposed airstrikes would be designed "to destroy a considerable portion of Nicaragua's military buildup" and be focused on tanks and helicopters.

His memo recommended that the United States prevent delivery to the Sandinistas of such weapons in the future. The administration, he said, should make clear that a U.S. invasion of the country was not contemplated.

The target of Gates' anxieties was Nicaragua's leftist president, Daniel Ortega.



Ortega

ironically, Gates' nomination to succeed Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was announced just days after Ortega capped off a surprise political comeback by winning election as Nicaraguan president after three previous bids were rejected by the voters.

Ortega has recast himself as a moderate, assuring Nicaraguans that his Marxist-Leninist days are over.

Gates saw a calamitous situation in Central America in December 1984. Congress had ordered a halt to U.S. support for the Contra rebels, leaving Ortega free, as Gates saw it, to establish Nicaragua as a "permanent and well-armed" ally of the Soviet Union and Cuba.

He said the United States should acknowledge that the

existence of a Marxist-Leninist regime in Nicaragua closely allied to Moscow and Havana is unacceptable to the United States and that the United States will do everything in its power short of invasion to put that regime out.

In addition to airstrikes, he recommended withdrawal of U.S. recognition of the Nicaraguan government and recognition of a Nicaraguan government in exile that would be entitled to U.S. military support.

Economic sanctions should be considered, "perhaps even including a quarantine," Gates said.

His proposals were never adopted, but the administration attempted to circumvent the Contra aid ban by secretly



Defense Secretary-designate Robert Gates, right, walks with Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., left, before their meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington on Nov. 20.

funneling money to the rebels that had been obtained through arms sales to Iran. Democrats say they will question Gates during his Senate

confirmation about his knowledge of the Iran-Contra scandal, which erupted two years after he sent his memo to Casey.

AROUND THE NATION

FLORIDA

Gunman at Miami Herald arrested

MIAMI — A cartoonist carrying a gun and dressed in camouflage surrendered to police at The Miami Herald's building Friday, more than two hours after arriving and demanding to see an editor of the newspaper's Spanish-language sister paper, police said.

No injuries were reported, and no shots were fired.

Jose Varela carried a semiautomatic pistol loaded with 30 rounds of ammunition, police chief John Timoney said. Varela had problems with El Nuevo Herald, where he worked as a contractor, that included its position on Cuban emigres.

Varela was a contract cartoonist for the newspaper and had routine access to the building, officials said.

A police negotiator talked Varela into surrendering peacefully at about 2:45 p.m., Timoney said.

ILLINOIS

Police defend actions in hostage standoff

CHICAGO — The family of a slain 22-year-old woman said Friday they were upset and confused by how police handled a 23-hour Thanksgiving Day standoff that ended with a gunman killing his hostage and himself.

"We're angry," said India Cooks, 30, whose cousin Tasha Cooks was killed. "This is about, 'Did you do the best job you could to save a life?'"

FBI's Deputy Superintendent Dand Starks said negotiators had talked for hours to coax Lane Johnson, 21, to end the standoff, but SWAT team members rushed the third-floor apartment immediately after

the sound of a gunshot shortly after 1 a.m. on Friday, he said.

"We saw protocols and procedures we had been following," Starks said, without elaborating. "At no time did the Chicago Police Department fire a weapon."

He (police) talked to him. He assured us he wouldn't kill her. He said, 'All I want is a cigarette and some soda pop.' He said, 'I'm not going to hurt her,'" India Cooks said.

CALIFORNIA

Religious teamroom fights against health codes

COSTA MESA, Calif. — A fight over what constitutes government oppression and religious freedom is brewing in a cozy townhome and cinnamon-scented quill-and-craft shop operated in violation of local health codes.

Three members of the small Piecemakers religious sect were convicted this week of multiple misdemeanor counts for refusing to let health inspectors into their kitchen.

The group, led by a feisty, 65-year-old, camouflage-clad grandmother, has battled the county for years over a laundry list of code violations, claiming the law of God is greater than the law of man.

Katalsinski and the two other defendants each face up to a year in jail when they are sentenced Jan. 12. They said they will appeal based on how officials handled the case.

"Put me in jail, shoot me, do anything. But I'm going to keep fighting this kind of thing until America wakes up," said Kolatsinski, who compares her actions to the civil disobedience of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Since the early 1990s, the Piecemakers have resisted health inspectors who accuse them of selling unpackaged

foods like homemade sandwiches and soup without a permit.

Bird watchers abuzz over arctic sea gull

CALIPATTA — A small white gull with an ordinary name had bird watchers flocking to the Salton Sea for what they call a "bird rarity."

The Salton Sea, a 35-mile-long lake straddling across the Imperial and Riverside county line, is a popular spot for birds heading south, and Guy McCaskie, co-author of "Birds of Salton Sea," believed he spotted a Ross' gull there a week ago.

The appearance of the arctic

bird nearly 100 miles east of San Diego would be the first reported in California and would place it hundreds of miles farther south than it had ever been seen.

The gull, which normally breeds in Siberia or Greenland, rarely appears south of Alaska, and is only spotted in even the northern part of the lower 48 states every few years.

"It was a really fancy bird," McCaskie said.

Mission to map Red Planet probably kaput

PASADENA — Two more attempts to regain contact with NASA's Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft failed this week.

The 10-year-old probe last had radio communication with Earth on Nov. 2, and NASA said earlier this week that the spacecraft's mission to map the surface of the Red Planet was likely at an end.

But efforts to find out if the

orbiting spacecraft was still working continued, including transmitting commands for Mars Global Surveyor to send signals to the NASA rover. Opportunity operating on the surface of Mars.

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Yucca dump site faces 'Democratic' roadblocks

By Erica Werner
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — When Congress targeted Nevada as the nation's nuclear waste dumping ground, the state didn't have the political power to say no.

Twenty years later, the most ardent foe of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump is about to become Senate majority leader. Nevada Democratic Sen. Harry Reid's new job, which gives him control over what legislation reaches the Senate floor, could deal a crippling blow to the already stumbling project.

Among Reid's first acts after this month's election was to convene a conference call with home-state reporters to declare Yucca Mountain "dead right now."

"It sure is different now than when I came (to the Senate) in 1986," the senator observed.

The dump, 99 miles northwest of Las Vegas, is planned as the first national repository for radioactive waste. It's supposed to hold 77,000 tons of the material — from commercial power plants reactors and defense sites across the nation — for thousands of years. About 50,000 tons of the waste is now stored in temporary sites at 65 power plants in 31 states. Reid would leave all of it in place.

Originally targeted to open in 1998, Yucca Mountain has been repeatedly set back by lawsuits, money shortfalls and scientific controversies. The Energy Department's best-case opening date is now 2017.

The effort to create a national storage site has already cost about \$9 billion, \$6.5 billion of which has been spent on Yucca. Four years ago, the Energy Department estimated the project would cost \$58 billion to build and operate for the first 100 years. New cost projections are being worked up, and they are expected to total more than \$70 billion.

The department proposed legislation earlier this year meant to fix problems with the dump, which is a mounting liability to taxpayers because the government was contractually obligated to take nuclear waste off utilities' hands starting in 1998. Energy Department officials say at least one legislative change — formally withdrawing land around the dump site — is needed before construction can begin.

Reid, however, pledged after the Nov. 7 election that not only will no bill to help Yucca Mountain reach the Senate floor under his leadership, funding for the project also will dry up quickly. Announcing on the dump that has ranged between \$450 million and \$550 million in recent years "will be cut back significantly, that will be for sure," he vowed.

Reid said he couldn't single-handedly kill the dump outright, something that would require a vote of Congress and approval by President Bush. But he added: "There's not much to kill."

The project also is losing some of its most persistent supporters as Republicans relinquish control of Congress. Senate Energy Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has been a vocal advocate for years; he'll be replaced by Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who supports Yucca Mountain but is viewed by Nevada officials as more open to their viewpoints.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who will chair the Environment and Public Works

Committee with authority over some aspects of the project, is a vocal Yucca Mountain opponent. Incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., worked unsuccessfully to corral opposition to the project in a crucial House vote four years ago, when she was minority whip.

Administration and industry officials insist the changing of the guard on Capitol Hill won't be the death knell for the project. About 1,500 people in Nevada are now employed there.

Yucca Mountain also has lured research grants to the University of Nevada, and even Reid aides say some spending should be maintained. "I don't think the program's gone off the edge by any means," said David Blei, executive director of the U.S. Transport Council, an industry group that works on nuclear waste transportation. "It'll be more complicated and take a more creative approach, and more of an approach outside the (Washington) beltway."



Senate Minority Leader **SEN. HARRY REID**, D-Nev., at left, is joined by **SEN. PETE DOMENICI**, R-N.M., on Capitol Hill in Washington in this Sept. 20 file photo. AP

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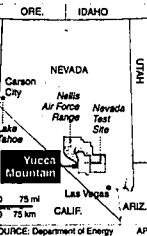
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CSI mauls Mustangs

Golden Eagles blow game open with 26-2 burst

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Here's Friday's story, boiled down to its most simple component: six minutes and one second into their game against Western Wyoming Community College, the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles decided they were the best team on the court. Then the No. 12 CSI men went about the business of making sure everyone in attendance agreed.

What transpired was a 26-2 CSI run over the next 4:47 that established the clear fact that the Golden Eagles would dominate the rest of a 123-58 win during Friday's late game of the 2006 Wolverton Challenge. During that run, Western Wyoming got off only five shots in 16 possessions as CSI forced 11 turnovers and scored on 12-of-16 forays down the hardwood.

"You know, a lot of guys played real well," CSI head coach Barret Peery said. "Brandon (Stores) bounced back and had a monster night down on the blocks. I thought he had more than four blocks, but maybe that was because he changed so many shots."

That overpowering run was part of a 56-19 spurt that put CSI up 65-33 at the half. That lead stretched to 51 as CSI hit the century mark at 8:57, going up 100-49 after a 13-2 tear. The Golden Eagles hit twice as many field goals as the Mustangs did (50-25), shot 58.1 percent from the field, and forced Western Wyoming into 32 turnovers for the game. The CSI offense clicked on all cylinders until it became apparent that the safest place for the Mustangs was at the free-throw line. CSI hit only 9-of-21 tries at the charity stripe, including a 2-of-10 debacle before the half-time break.

"We talked about that in the locker room and I told the guys that we're going to have to make free throws when it really, really counts," Peery said. "I don't think we were blowing free throws off, we just weren't knocking them down."

Stores had a monster game with a 20-point, 13-rebound double-double to go with four blocks. Freshman guard DeCarlos Riley scored a game-high 23 points to go along with six assists, while Brad Garrett hit for 20 points. Juan Pattillo rebounded from a slow first half for 18 points and six assists, while Bocar Ba scored 12 points and snagged 12 rebounds. Reggie Guyton started at the point and finished with 12 points and seven assists, while Adris DeLeon came off the bench to contribute nine points and 11 assists.

Western Wyoming was led by Harris Danesi's 21

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Phoenix College vs. Treasure Valley CC women, 2 p.m.

Western Wyoming CC vs. Eastern Utah men, 4 p.m.

No. 13 CSI vs. Yakima Valley CC women, 6 p.m.

No. 12 CSI vs. Chemeketa CC men, 8 p.m.



College of Southern Idaho guard Derek Lorenzen (20) sinks a 3-point shot during the first quarter of their game with Western Wyoming Friday night in Twin Falls.



Miami head coach Larry Coker walks off the field after the Hurricanes defeated Boston College 17-14 Thursday at the Orange Bowl in Miami. Coker was fired Friday.

Coker out at Miami

Will stay if 'Canes have a bowl game

The Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Larry Coker won nearly 80 percent of his games at Miami, got players to graduate, was revered for his classy manner and led the Hurricanes to a national championship.

Despite all that, even he acknowledged Miami needed to make a change.

Coker's tumultuous and disappointing season got its predictable ending Friday, when he was fired after six years leading the Hurricanes. The move came one day after Miami finished a 6-6 regular season by beating Boston College, snapping a four-game losing streak and becoming bowl-eligible.

"There's such a negative groundswell around the program," Coker said. "If I'm here, unless we just win all the games, I don't see that changing in the next few months. I really don't."

He may coach one more game: If Miami goes to a bowl, Coker will be on the sideline.

"He deserved it," said athletic director Paul Dee, who told Coker of his dismissal Friday morning — saying it pained him to do so. "He earned it. ... If we are invited, we will play, and Larry Coker will be our head coach."

Coker is 59-15 at Miami, but was derailed by 12 losses in the last three seasons and no conference crowns or Bowl Championship Series bids since 2003. He had three seasons left on a contract that paid him about \$2 million annually. There is a buyout provision in his deal, believed to be worth about \$3 million.

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CSI women use different looks in rout of Phoenix

Golden Eagles overcome ragged start in blowout

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Randy Rogers tried a little bit of everything that his No. 13 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team isn't known for Friday night. The Golden Eagles started four freshmen, backed off the press, and of all things, played zone defense.

It may not have looked much like CSI basketball at times, but the result was distinctly CSI — a one-sided 83-63 victory in the Golden Eagles' first game of the 2006 Wolverton Challenge at the CSI gymnasium.

The Golden Eagles looked ragged in taking a 43-33 lead into the half, although the numbers tell a story of a team in control of the game. CSI shot 50 percent from the field, outrebounded Phoenix by six at the half, and moved the ball for 12 assists. The reason for the Golden Eagles' ragged appearance was 13 first-half turnovers that matched the Bears' total. Rogers started the lineup of Amy Higbee, Ashley Thompson, Whitney Thompson, Kai Hess and Teri Trehaney, and stuck with that lineup until the 13:58 mark before bringing the bulk of his starters in with a 14-13 lead. Rogers kept his team in its little-used 2-3 zone defense for most



College of Southern Idaho guard Maria Moore hands the ball off to a teammate Saturday night in CSI's game against Phoenix College in Twin Falls.

of the half.

"It was late too," Rogers said of the different strategy and lineup. "Some of the starters found out minutes before the game. I was hoping the kids we did start would really come out, but it's

hard. This time of year you're playing so many games and unless you're running on a treadmill in the hotel rooms, you can't condition the way you want to. I thought the first group got real tired real early."

The Golden Eagles worked on a new, full-court press package during the game, one which initially led to some easy buckets for the Bears. Linda Ubaldino took advantage for some of her game-high 19 points. She also contributed 11 rebounds and four assists.

"I think we gave them some confidence early with some easy layups," Rogers said. "I was disappointed with our press. We had some kids not understand their responsibilities."

Some of those responsibilities were worked out through, as a 10-point halftime lead stretched out to 21 by the 8:50 mark of the second, as Higbee's layup put CSI up 70-49 to cap off a 12-2 CSI run midway through the period. Maria Moore led 6-1 CSI with 15 points, while Whitney Thompson finished 6-for-6 from the field and 2-for-2 from the charity stripe for 14 points.

"I thought she played very well," Rogers said. "When she asked for the ball, she caught it and finished."

Fellow sophomore Anita Burdick added a 10-point, 12 rebound double-double, while Britany Moore pounded in 11 points for the Golden Eagles.

Rogers was a bit disappointed that his team didn't react better to its rare shake-up with a better performance Friday, but may call upon them for a better look tonight against Yakima Valley Community College.

"You want a better response out of your

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SPORTS

Jazz rally for eighth straight win

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams scored 11 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and the Utah Jazz won their eighth straight, rallying to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 110-97 Friday night and improve to an NBA-best 12-1.

Carlos Boozer had 31 points and 16 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko blocked five shots in his first game back after missing five with a sprained ankle. Utah closed the game on a 7-1 run with Boozer punctuating it by grabbing an offensive rebound and putting it back in with 8.7 seconds left to put it out of reach.

Kobe Bryant scored 27 points and Lamar Odom finished with 26 for the Lakers, who had won four in a row.

The Lakers were just 6-for-17 from the floor in the fourth quarter and were outscored 32-20 in the final period. After making all five of their 3-point attempts in the third, the Lakers cooled off in the fourth and couldn't overcome Utah's huge advantage on the boards.

Utah outrebounced Los Angeles 45-27 and outscored the Lakers 23-9 on second-chance points.

Mehmet Okur also had a double-double for Utah with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Derek Fisher scored 11 points as his former team, the Golden State Warriors, added 12 points and Matt Harpring scored 10.

Kwame Brown scored 15 and Luke Walton finished with 13 points for the Lakers.

Mavericks 95, Spurs 92

SAN ANTONIO — Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points, 14 in the fourth quarter, as the Dallas beat San Antonio Spurs for their eighth straight victory. Jason Terry had 14 points and 10 assists. Josh Howard scored 20 points in his first game in the lineup, and Erick Dampier contributed 11 in the Mavericks' first game in San Antonio since their overtime victory in Game 7 of last season's Eastern Conference semifinals.

Tim Duncan made three free throws with 12 seconds left to bring the Spurs within one, but two in the line by Nowitzki and last-second misses by Robert Horry and Michael Finley sent the Spurs to their third home loss of the season. Duncan had 29 points for the Spurs followed by 16 from Fabricio Oberto 14.

7ers 123, Bulls 108

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored a season-high 46 points in his return to the lineup and Philadelphia led all the way and snapped a four-game losing streak.

Iverson, who missed two games last week after surgery to remove an abscessed wisdom tooth, had plenty of help. Willie Green



Los Angeles Lakers forward Luke Walton (4) has his shot rejected by Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko (47) during the first quarter Friday in Salt Lake City.

scored 16 of his 20 points in the second quarter and Andrei Kirilenko followed with a triple-double in his last game with 19 points and seven rebounds. Luol Deng scored 28 points for the Bulls, who lost their sixth consecutive game and eighth straight on the road. Andrei Kirilenko had 24 points and 10 rebounds, while reserve Ben Gordon scored 22.

Pacers 97, Cavaliers 87

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal scored 29 points to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 97-87 victory Friday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Jarrod Tinley finished with 19 points and six assists, and Saunders Jaskiewicz scored 15 points for the Pacers (7-6), who trailed by as many as 16 points in the first half.

LeRon James had 30 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Cleveland (8-5), which had won three straight games against the Pacers dating to last season. Drew Gooden added 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Magic 107, Heat 104

MIAMI — Grant Hill scored 24 points, including a jumper with 28 seconds left, and Orlando beat slumping Miami. Dwight Howard had 23 points and 12 rebounds for the Magic, who improved to 9-4, sent the Heat to their third straight loss and moved 4½ games ahead of the defending NBA champions in the Southeast

Division. Dwyane Wade had 33 points and a career-high 15 assists for the Heat, who were outscored 19-2 when Wade wasn't on the floor, and that was only a total of 5 minutes, 3 seconds.

Nuggets 140, Warriors 129

DENVER — J.R. Smith scored 31 points and made four 3-pointers as Denver set a league high for points, in a game this season in its fourth straight victory.

It's the most points the Nuggets have scored since a 140-122 win over Sacramento on March 29, 1991.

Carmelo Anthony had 30 points and seven assists. He's now scored 30 or more in eight of his last nine games.

Andris Biedrisins finished with 10 rebounds and a career-high 31 points for the Warriors, who were without Baron Davis. The star guard didn't make the trip because of a strained muscle in his ribs.

Matt Barnes had 21 points for the Warriors. Earl Boykins had 10 assists and 17 points for the Nuggets.

Timberwolves 86, Hornets 79

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ricky Davis scored 23 points and Minnesota used a 15-2 fourth-quarter run to hand New Orleans its first home loss of

the season. The Hornets, who had won their first four at home including the season opener in New Orleans, scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to erase a 66-60 deficit, but the Timberwolves responded with their big run to take control for good.

Kevin Garnett had 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Timberwolves. Chris Paul scored 18 points for New Orleans.

Hawks 97, Raptors 93

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 27 points and Tyrone Lue hit an 18-foot fadeaway with 30 seconds remaining to help Atlanta snap a four-game losing streak.

T.J. Ford scored 19 of his season-high 25 points in the fourth quarter, but the Toronto guard faded out after missing a layup with 17 seconds remaining.

The Raptors lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Nicks 101, Celtics 77

BOSTON — Steve Francis scored 22 points, Eddy Curry added 21 points and 10 rebounds, and New York beat Boston to snap a three-game losing streak.

Channing Frye added 13 points and six rebounds and David Lee had 11 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists for the Knicks.

Walley Sczerbiak led the Celtics with 16 points.

Grizzlies 95, Wizards 80

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hakim Warrick scored 18 points to lead Memphis over Washington, the Wizards' seventh straight road loss.

Chris Butler scored 22 points for the Wizards but got little help from Gilbert Arenas, who scored only three and was 1-for-12 from the field. Arenas, who came in fourth in the NBA in scoring, got his only basket on a dunk with six minutes left in the game.

The Grizzlies, 0-6 on the road, have gotten all three victories this season at home. Memphis got 15 points from Cheyke Atkins, and 14 points each from Dahntay Jones and Mike Miller.

Pistons 104, Bobcats 95

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Richard Hamilton scored 26 points and reserve guard Carlos Delfino fueled a fourth-quarter surge to lead Detroit over Charlotte.

Taysan Prince added 21 points and Rasheed Wallace had 19 for the Pistons, who have won five straight. The Orlando Okafor had 23 points and Brevin Knight 16 for the Bobcats.

— The Associated Press

No. 2 Tar Heels best Vols in NIT

NEW YORK — Tyler Hansbrough bounced back from one of the worst games of his college career to score 27 points and lead No. 2 North Carolina to a 101-87 victory over No. 22 Tennessee on Friday in the third-place game of the NIT, Season TIp-Off.

The 6-foot-9 sophomore had nine points — just his second game as a Tar Heel below double figures — an 2-for-6 shooting in the 82-74 loss to Gonzaga in the semifinals at Madison Square Garden.

On Friday, his teammates consistently got him the ball inside and Hansbrough, a three-team All-America and Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year last season, converted. He also picked up four offensive rebounds. He finished 8-for-18 from the free throw line and had nine rebounds.



North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough, center, is fouled by Tennessee's Ryan Childress, right, as Wayne Chism defends during the consolation game of the NIT Tournament Friday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

semifinals of the South Padre Island Invitational.

Missouri State (4-0) will face Oklahoma State in the championship game. Oklahoma State beat Auburn 66-65.

No. 10 Kansas 64, Ball St. 46

LAS VEGAS — Mario Chalmers hit three key 3-pointers and scored 13 points, and Kansas overcame awful first-half shooting in the Las Vegas Invitational.

Brandon Rush had 11 points after finally getting his game together in the second half for the Jayhawks (4-1), who worked out many of their offensive problems against the Cardinals before their showdown with top-ranked Florida on Saturday.

No. 16 Washington 90, E. Washington 83

SEATTLE — Justin Dentmon scored a career-high 23 points — 19 in the second half — and Washington (5-0) avoied its first non-conference home loss since December 2003.

Freshman Spencer Hawes and classmate Adrian Oliver added 14 points each to help Washington (5-0) avoid its first non-conference home loss since December 2003.

No. 25 Maryland 81, High Point 63

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Ekene Ibekwe scored 16 points, and James Gist and D.J. Strawberry each had 15 for Maryland.

Freshman Grévis Vasquez added 11 points for the Terrapins (7-0).

— The Associated Press

CSI men

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points, while Corey Kaminsky added 10 points and eight rebounds. The Golden Eagles held Western Wyoming to 43.1 percent shooting from the field and improved to 7-0 on the season with another blowout victory. The final game before opening Season West Athletic Conference play on Dec. 8 at North Idaho College. "Chemeketa has a real good structure-offensively," Peery said. "Coach David Abderhalden 10 a real tasking job as making them run and making them slow down when we want them to."

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Sophomore guard Tyler Kepney led 180-55 with 26 points and seven assists, while Rafael Moreira added a 12-

CSI women

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sophomores and I wasn't overly impressed," Rogers said. "Who knows what I'll do tomorrow."

Yakima Valley 60, Treasure Valley 31

The Yakima Valley Community College Yaks (Wash.) improved to 5-0 on the season with a convincing 60-31 victory over Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.) in Friday's first game. Christie Morrison led the way with 12 points, while Juna Stickeney added 11. Wendell native Hillie Kelsey added three points and four rebounds for the Yaks.

Treasure Valley was led by Ashley Macfarlane's 10 points and five rebounds.

Jerome natives Lindzie and Krista Kuim both played in the game for the Chukars.

Yakima Valley CC, Treasure Valley CC

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Plaisted, BYU rip Southern Utah

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Trent Plaisted scored 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead BYU to an 80-61 win over Southern Utah Friday night.

Plaisted scored 10 of the Cougars first 12 points in a 23-6 BYU run to begin the game. BYU (3-1) never trailed and led by as many as 21 points in the first half when Lee Cummar had two free throws with 1:13 in the period.

The first half was full of turnovers — SUU had 15 and BYU 14.

The Cougars out-rebounded SUU 22-8 by halftime and finished the game with a 39-24 rebounding advantage, including 17 on the offensive boards, which led to 24 second-chance points for the Cougars.

The Cougars extended their lead in the second half with a 15-0 run over a 6:25 span thanks largely to 8 consecutive points by Keena Young. The run ended with BYU holding a 61-30 lead with 12:15 remaining.

The Thunderblitz did cut the lead to 19 in 74:55 with 10:31 remaining on a shot by David Marek, but couldn't pull any other close on the stretch.

Young finished with 16 points for the Cougars and was joined in double figures by Austin Ainge with 11. Nurjudeen Adepoju and Steve Barnes each had 11 points for the Thunderblitz (3-2).

Coming Tuesday

A look at boys prep basketball in the Magic Valley

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BASKETBALL

NBA	
Team	Score
Atlanta	101-95
Chicago	94-87
Denver	101-95
Golden State	101-95
Los Angeles	101-95
Memphis	101-95
Minnesota	101-95
Phoenix	101-95
Portland	101-95
Sacramento	101-95
San Antonio	101-95
Seattle	101-95
Utah	101-95
Washington	101-95

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL
High school
Boys basketball
 Flair at Marsh Valley, 7:30 p.m.
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 Christian, 7:30 p.m.
College
Men's basketball
 CSI Mohave Challenge
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Women's basketball
 CSI Mohave Challenge
 Yakima Valley CC at CSI, 8 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

8:15 p.m.
SOXING
 ABC - Chopman on Manuel
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 Jaca (27-1), for WBO feather-
 weight championship, at
 Atlantic, Texas
10 p.m.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 ABC - Florida at Oregon St.
 and Kansas at Missouri
 round, at Melbourne, Australia
ESPN - South Carolina at
 Clemson
ESPN2 - South Florida at West
 Virginia
9 p.m.
NBC - Hoop
 Gambling vs. Southern, at New
 Orleans
8:30 p.m.
FSN - Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.

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CBS - Georgia Tech at Georgia
 Inst. - Louisville at Pittsburgh
8:30 p.m.
ESPN2 - Boise State at
 Nevada
9 p.m.
FSN - Arizona St. at Arizona
8:30 p.m.
ESPN2 - Division IAA Playoffs,
 first round, James Madison at
 Youngstown St.
8:45 p.m.
ESPN - Wake Forest at
 Maryland
6 p.m.
ABC - Notre Dame at Southern
 Cal
1:30 p.m.
GOLF
PGA TOUR, Skins Game,
 first day, at La Quinta, Calif.
 (same-day tele)
8:30 p.m.
TCG - PGA Tour Australasia
 and European Tour
MasterCard Masters, final
 round, at Melbourne, Australia
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
ESPN - Iowa at Arizona St.
9 p.m.
ESPN2 - Las Vegas vs. Kansas,
 Invitational, Florida vs. Kansas,
NBA BASKETBALL
ESPN - Chicago at New York

SKI REPORT

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One to go ...

Boise State can wrap up BCS bid with win at Nevada

By Dustin Lapray
Times-Herald correspondent

BOISE — It all comes down to this. The "all" of course being the Boise State Broncos season, the team's dream of becoming only the second non-BCS team in history to play in the big-money bowls, the never-dreaming goal of becoming outright Western Athletic Conference champions and ending the regular season undefeated for the second time in three seasons.

All that can be made possible with a win today at the University of Nevada-Reno (2:15 p.m. MST, ESPN2).

The Wolf Pack is 8-3 (5-2 WAC). The Pack sits comfortably in third place in the conference, behind the undefeated Broncos (11-0, 7-0 WAC) and the red-hot Warriors of Hawaii (9-2, 7-1 WAC). Nevada has won five games in a row, all in the WAC. The team has consecutive 42-0 wins over Louisiana Tech and Utah State. The Pack's defense only gave up seven points in wins against San Jose State and at Idaho.

"We definitely are going to have to be balanced," BSU senior quarterback Jared Zabransky said. "Nevada is a stingy team on defense. We need to be able to go to the air if we need to. We have three senior receivers. It's my job to get them the ball."

Fittingly, one of the Broncos biggest challenges comes in the final week of the regular season. They need to go to Reno, beat the Wolf Pack on its own turf or the season, though not a failure by any means, would mean a whole lot less.

"I think we know what's at stake. This week is huge for us," Zabransky said. "This is what it has all boiled down to. Five years of hard work has come down to one game."

There are no lengths or scales by which this game could be measured or weighed. It is priceless.

"It's going to be a huge game for us," BSU senior linebacker Corey Hall said. "They know that if they beat us our BCS dreams are down the drain."

By the looks of things, this could be a low-scoring affair. The Broncos and Wolf Pack are No. 1 and No. 2 in the WAC in scoring defense. Nevada has the best pass defense in the conference and the Broncos have the best rush defense.

The key for Nevada this season has been turnover differential. The Pack is plus-15 in that department, having forced 17 fumbles and picked off 18 passes, while committing nine fumbles and tossing 11 picks.

"It's going to be a hard fought game; that's the way college football is supposed to be," head coach Chris Peterson said. "With all the things that are going to be at stake, we're going to play a good game and we're going to have to play a good game."

One thing is certain. Both teams will look to establish the running game. Wolf



Boise State receiver Legedu Naanee, left, is tackled by Utah State's Antonio Taylor (24) Nov. 18 in Boise. The undefeated Broncos close the regular season at Nevada today.

Boise State at Nevada
When: Today, 2:15 MST
TV: ESPN 2; Radio: 670 AM
Line: Boise State is a 3-point favorite

Pack tailback Robert Hubbard is fourth in the WAC in rushing.

Boise State will have Ian Johnson back on the field. Coach Peterson said he was ready for the Utah State game, but was held out for precautionary reasons.

Johnson leads the WAC with 1,466 rushing yards and the country with 21 rushing touchdowns.

Peterson owns the best winning percentage in NCAA history (11,000). That's

what happens when you begin your career with 11 straight wins. A loss today would be the worst and the first for Peterson. No one or the staff or team wants to see that.

"It's on the line now," Peterson said. "We'll see. We need to keep our focus correct on it. I don't have to say OK guys, come on, it's on the line — they know that."

There is a certain team out there with more to gain with a Bronco loss than anyone else — Hawaii. If the Broncos lose today, the two teams will finish the season with identical conference records and even though the Broncos beat Hawaii earlier this season, they would share the WAC title.

"I know Lane Jones doesn't want us to lose," Peterson said. "I don't want to go out there and go through the motions. These guys will be ready to play. They'll be focused."

"We just need to keep them ready."



Fresno State's Anthony Harding (22) is tripped up by Idaho's Chris Smith (10) Nov. 18 in Fresno, Calif. The Vandals close their season today by hosting San Jose State in Moscow.

Similar teams to meet in Moscow

Idaho hosts San Jose State to close season

By Grant Ioli
Times-Herald correspondent

MOSCOW — Idaho bids farewell to 14 seniors today in a Kibbie Dome matchup with the San Jose Spartans. For both head coaches, Dennis Erickson and Dick Tomey, their programs parallel one another. Idaho (4-7 overall, 3-4 Western Athletic Conference) and San Jose (4-4, 3-3) have shown strength in victories against conference opponents New Mexico State, Utah State, and Louisiana Tech. But both have losses against Boise State, Hawaii and Nevada.

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"That's easy for you guys to ask that question, but you know, the bottom line is that we've all got to step up as group and go out and practice and get ready to play. There's nothing else you can do. I've been in the game a lot of years and questions like that I don't have an answer for. Good question. I guess."

Erickson and Tomey go way back. Both coached against each other in the Pac-10 when Erickson guided the Washington State Cougars and Tomey gained national recognition for the Arizona Wildcat program. They also met when Erickson's Wyoming team played a Tomey's Hawaii club. Ironically,

Erickson had a 22-11-1 stint as offensive coordinator for the San Jose Spartans.

Erickson hired Tomey as an assistant coach for the San Francisco 49ers in 2003.

"It's a great turnaround for that program since he's taken it over," said Erickson of Tomey and the Spartans. "Like I said, they're bowl eligible and are playing extremely well."

With Idaho's slide near-avalanche proportions, one may think that Erickson may look to new faces in starting positions as well. However, Erickson is holding with those that ignited that "once-promising season" back in October.

"I just can't do that," said Erickson. "It's just not me. We've got to play the guys that gives the best chance to win for our seniors. Whatever that may be — whether that means freshmen or sophomores. I've got to give our football team the best opportunity to win a fifth game. We're going to be playing the same guys we've been playing."

This will be the 17th meeting between the two schools with San Jose holding a slight lead in the series, 9-7-1. Last year, the two teams finished the season in a game that saw San Jose win 26-10.

Tomey sees the WAC as having three tiers. "Obviously, in the WAC, there's three distinct divisions. There's three teams at the top that seem to be the best (BSU, Hawaii and Nevada), then there's three of us in the middle and there's three that have, for whatever reason, struggled more than the rest of us."

An Idaho win would give the Vandals a 4-4 conference record and a shot at the fourth-place finish — and Erickson could use a good dose of positive for his springboard into recruiting and momentum for the 2007 campaign.

Notes: Receiver Max Komar (shoulder), defensive end Ben Alexander (ankle) and linebacker Jo Arlis (knee) are questionable for today's game. ... San Jose State averages 25.2 points and 362 yards per game compared to 17.3 points and 315.4 yards for Idaho.

BYU trying to end Utah's streak in rivalry

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There's really only one way No. 21 Brigham Young can make its best season in five years even better: Beat Utah.

With the Mountain West Conference already won and the Cougars on their way to the Las Vegas Bowl as the MWC champion, all that's left is the Utes, who have won the last four meetings in the state's biggest rivalry.

"I want to win, and so do a lot of other guys on this team that haven't beat Utah before. But we don't want to treat this game any differently than any other," BYU quarterback John Beck said.

Oh, but it is The Cougars (8-2, 7-0) visit the Utes (7-4, 5-2) on Saturday and eager to end the longest streak in the series since BYU won four straight from 1989 to 1992.

The Cougars remember well how the Utes celebrated a year ago at LeVell Edwards Stadium when Beck's pass on fourth-and-6 fell incomplete in the end zone, giving Utah a 41-34 overtime victory. The year before, the Utes completed a perfect regular season with a 52-21 win in Salt Lake City. And a year before that the Utes edged the Cougars 3-0, ending BYU's 28-year run of not being shut out.

"We're really not thinking at all about the conference," Beck said. "We're focused on this game like we have in the conference." Beck averages 41 yards of offense and the defense is holding opponents to 13.8 points per game. Beck, the second-leading passer in school history, has thrown for 3,135 yards and 26 touchdowns all this season.

"I can't find a weakness," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "They throw the ball well. They run the ball well. Their special teams are solid. Their defense is playing extremely well."



Brigham Young running back Curtis Brown (6) works his way through the line past New Mexico safety O.J. Swift (34) Nov. 18 in Provo, Utah. Brown, BYU's leading rusher, will lead the Cougars against rival Utah at 1:30 p.m. today.

2001 by winning their first 11 games. Coach Broder Mendellhall, who has guided the Cougars to the MWC title in just his second season, has been sticking with his low-key approach, trying not to let his players think much about avenging the last four years against Utah.

"Now that we've been together another year, our players acknowledge what has happened and intend to focus on knowing that is about us and our execution," Mendellhall said.

"That didn't stop a few Cougars from shouting things like 'Utah's next' after last week's 42-17 win over New Mexico. 'That's what they're good at. They're good at talking.' Utah defensive back Eric Weddle said. "When people talk like that, it's just extra fuel to the fire."

The Utes have won three in a row and are in a better position than they were entering last year's game, which they needed to win to be eligible for a bowl

game. Despite allowing 31 points in the second half, the Utes won it in overtime by scoring first, then stopping the Cougars.

It was the first start for Utah quarterback Brett Ratliff, who along with 14 other seniors will be playing in his final home game Saturday.

Whittingham, who played at BYU, was offered the Cougars' job two years ago, but instead took Utah's offer to replace Urban Meyer when he left for Florida. BYU ended up promoting Mendellhall from defensive coordinator.

Fans on both sides have wondered this season just which school made out better in the coaching search. "I don't respond to that," Mendellhall said. "I'm doing the best I can for our program, and that is where I would like to lead it."

The 1:30 p.m. game is being televised on both CSTV and the mtn.

Late score helps Texas A&M upset No. 11 Longhorns

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Stephen McGee had taken so many hard hits, he was throwing up. But yard by yard, McGee and the Texas A&M Aggies were pounding out six years of frustration in their rivalry with Texas.

With a stingy defense and two long scoring drives in the first and fourth quarters, the Aggies finally got past the Longhorns with a 12-7 victory Friday that they hope signals their return to prominence in the Big 12.

McGee, battered by the heat and the beating he was taking while running the option, punched in the winning touchdown with an 8-yard run with 2:32 to play.

"I looked those guys in the eye," in the huddle, McGee said. "And if I can't do it, I don't expect them to do it."

The Aggies churned out 244 yards on the ground against the nation's top rush defense. They snapped a six-game losing streak to the Longhorns and won in Austin for the first time since 1994.

"People have said this rivalry was dead," said Aggie offensive lineman Kirk Elder. "It feels great to get it going again."

The Longhorns struggled with only 230 total yards and quarterback Colt

McCoey was intercepted three times in his worst game of the season.

The redshirt freshman was also carted off the field with 20 seconds left after taking a hit on pass and it appeared that his head whipped to the ground. He raised his left hand to the crowd of 89,102 as he left the field. Team officials said McCoey had use of all his extremities and was taken to the hospital for observation.

Texas coach Mack Brown said he didn't see the hit but noted the boos from the crowd.

"It sounded like 89,000 thought it was dirty," he said.

For fourth-year coach Dennis Franchione, it was the signature win he needed to get some of the hard-core Aggies critics off his back.

"Did I have any?" Franchione joked. "I know it's an important game to win. But, you know, I'm kind of secondary in all of this. The players have been everything that's mattered this year."

Franchione is 2-10 against Texas, Texas Tech and Oklahoma in the Big 12 South, but has guided the Aggies to their first nine-win season since they won 11 and the league title in 1998.

"This is going to change a lot of

things for Texas A&M football," senior Aggie safety Melvin Bullitt said. "We beat the defending national champions at home."

Texas (6-3, 6-2) could have won the South division title with a victory but now needs Oklahoma to lose to Oklahoma State on Saturday. If the Sooners win, it will be OU playing Nebraska for the league crown on Dec. 2.

"I've gotten spoiled like everybody else," Brown said. "It's been a long time since we haven't won 10. It's disappointing for everyone."

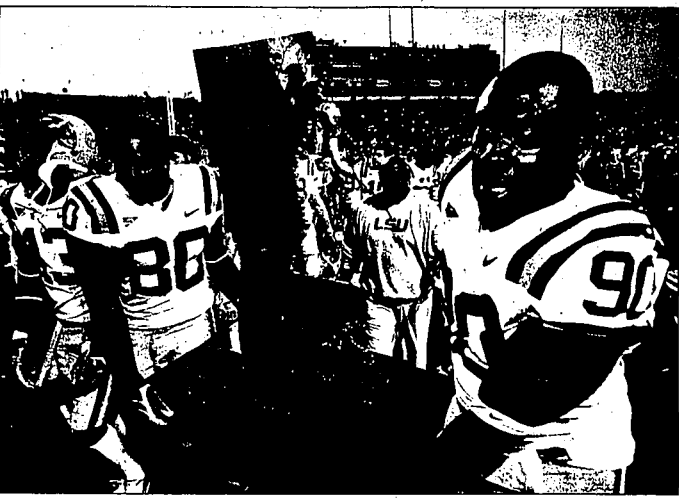
McGee, who was 7-of-13 passing for 58 yards, ran for 95 yards on 18 carries. The Aggies drove into Texas territory only three times but chewed up yards and critical minutes in the fourth quarter.

Texas led 7-6 lead in the third on Jamaal Charles' 6-yard TD run and had the Aggies pinned at their own 12 after a punt early in the fourth.

Texas A&M converted four third downs on the winning drive, including a 14-yard run by McGee three plays before his touchdown run. The Aggies converted 10 of 16 on third down in the game.



Texas A&M head football coach Dennis Franchione is dunked with water by offensive lineman Yael Babalola after defeating Texas 12-7 Friday in Austin, Texas.



LSU wide receiver Dwayne Bowe (80) and defensive end Ricky Jean-Francois (90) carry the trophy known as "The Boot" from the field after defeating Arkansas 31-26 in Little Rock, Ark., Friday.

LSU upsets Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — In Marcus Russell threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns, and No. 9 LSU held off No. 5 Arkansas 31-26 Friday, derailing the Razorbacks' slim national title hopes.

Arkansas was No. 6 in the BCS standings, but the Razorbacks hoped to jump with wins over the Tigers (10-2, 9-2) and next week against Florida in the Southeastern Conference title game.

Arkansas pulled within five at 31-26 on Felix Jones' 5-yard touchdown run with 4:53 remaining, and the Razorbacks (10-2, 7-1) got the ball back at their own 27 with 2:04 to play. But Casey Dick threw four straight incompletions, completing a miserable 3-for-17 yard in which he passed for only 29 yards.

Darren McFadden rushed for 182 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. That made it 24-19, but LSU's Trindon Holliday returned the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown with 1:14 remaining.

The Tigers are hoping to earn an at-large spot in the Bowl Championship Series after entering the game 10th in the standings. Arkansas' chances of an at-large bid took a hit, but the Razorbacks can go to the Sugar Bowl if they win the SEC title.

LSU has won the Golden Boot — a trophy shaped like a map of Louisiana and Arkansas — four straight seasons.

Jones ran for 137 yards, and he and McFadden became the first players to

rush for 100 yards against LSU this year. He now has 1,485 yards rushing on the season, breaking the school record.

No. 23 Nebraska 37, Colorado 14

LINCOLN, Neb. — Zac Taylor threw two touchdowns and passed on a key play on day and Nebraska pulled out all its tricks against Colorado.

Taylor threw touchdown passes to Terrence Nunn and Brandon Jackson to tie the Tommie Frazier's school career record of 43. Taylor finished 19-of-28 passes for 249 yards to run his season total to a school-record 2,789. He set the record of 2,653 last year.

The Cornhuskers (9-3, 6-2 Big 12) on entertained the homes fans with a hearty dose of trickery.

Barry Turner, normally a defensive end, caught a touchdown pass on a fake field goal. Tailback Marlon Lucky attempted two passes and Nebraska converted a fourth-and-one-on a direct snap to safety-turned-running back Terre Green.

The Huskers posted their 35th nine-win season in 38 years — and first since 2003 — and ended a streak of four straight wins by the road team in the Nebraska-Colorado series.

Colorado (2-10, 2-6) lost its 14th straight game against a ranked opponent and ended up with the third 10-loss season in its program's 117-year history. The Buffaloes were 1-10 in both 1980 and 1984.

Oregon State 30, Oregon 28

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Alonds Serna kicked a 40-yard field goal with 1:12 left, Ben Siegler blocked Oregon's potential game-winning kick less than a minute later, and the Beavers held off the Ducks in the 14-9 victory of the Civil War.

Oregon's Matt Evensen attempted a 44-yard field goal with 20 seconds left, but Siegler knocked it blown and the home team won this in-state rivalry for the 10th straight season.

Oregon coach Mike Bellotti started quarterback Brady Leaf after a week of speculation on whether he would stick with Dennis Dixon, who had struggled of late.

Leaf led a fourth-quarter drive, capped by a 26-yard scoring pass to Jordan Kent and a QB keeper for a two-point conversion, that put the Ducks (7-5, 4-5 Pac-10) up for the first time in the game, 28-27.

Oregon State (8-4, 5-3) took the ball down to the Ducks' 22 and settled for Serna's 40-yarder in a driving rain. It proved to be enough.

Matt Moore completed 16 of 22 passes for 255 yards and one touchdown for the Beavers, who have won six of their last seven games.

Leaf completed 25 of 42 passes for 274 yards and a TD. He was intercepted once. Oregon fumbled on its very first series and OSU recovered and scored.

— The Associated Press

Irish get their shot at revenge vs. USC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Most of the star power Southern California used to beat Notre Dame and almost everyone else the Trojans faced during the past four years is gone.

Nevertheless, the Trojans keep winning and once again have a chance to play for a national title. The reason is no mystery to Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis — it's coach Pete Carroll.

"All I know is the guy, in the last 37 games the guy played, they won 54 of them," Weis said. "You think about what I just said now. Fifty-four out of 57. I mean, three losses by a combined eight points over that span."

"I mean, if you give me that record right now, I'll take the next four years off. Go ahead, give me that record right now, I'll take a little sies."

One of USC's closest calls during the past five seasons came last year at Notre Dame Stadium, when the Trojans rallied for a 31-31 win on a 1-yard sneak by quarterback Matt Leinart in the final seconds.

Weis and his team have waited more than 13 months to avenge that bitter setback. They'll get that opportunity Saturday night at the Los Angeles Coliseum when the teams meet for the 78th time in one of college football's most intense rivalries.

"What a great thing this is — to have a football game of this magnitude and this style and class coming up," Carroll said. "They bring so much following from the middle of the country and we have tremendous following here and around the country but primarily set in the West."

As usual, the Trojans are packed into the stadium, having outscored three opponents 100-19 this month to raise their record in November games under Carroll to 19-0. In addition, USC has won 32 straight at the Coliseum.

"I just add spice to the game, as if it was needed, the Trojans (9-1) need a victory to stay alive in the national championship race. They've played in the BCS title game the past two years — winning one and losing one — and earned a piece of the national championship three years ago after being bypassed for this game."

Should the Trojans beat Notre Dame (10-1) and crossstown rival UCLA next weekend, they appear to have an excellent shot of playing No. 1 Ohio State in the BCS championship game Jan. 8.

"I don't know how to figure the thing out," Carroll said. "I think it's pretty hard to keep us out of it because of the strength of schedule that we've had to play."

"We're going to play these games and at the end of it, we're going to have a chance to have an extraordinary season and if that's worthy of the selection process for the BCS game, then we'll pack up and go. That's OK — we would like that."

The non-conference schools on USC's schedule are No. 6



Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn will lead the Irish against USC today in Los Angeles.



USC quarterback John David Booty will lead the Trojans against Notre Dame today in Los Angeles.

Notre Dame, No. 5 Arkansas and No. 23 Nebraska. The Trojans beat Arkansas 50-14 and Nebraska 28-10 in September. Their loss was a 33-31 setback at Oregon State last month.

Notre Dame's title chances aren't nearly as good because of a 47-21 home loss to No. 2 Michigan in September. Jumping over Michigan into the title game against Ohio State is going to be very tough for the Irish.

"Weis makes no argument. You had your opportunity. You lost a game at home," he said. "The bottom line is, if you wouldn't have lost, you'd be like Ohio State — guaranteed a spot."

With Leinart gone, John David Booty has taken over at quarterback for the Trojans, and he's done a commendable job, passing for 2,417 yards and 32 touchdowns with six picks.

"I'm just really excited to finally be a part of it," Booty said, regarding the Notre Dame-USC rivalry.

Tailbacks Reggie Bush and LenDale White, who starred for USC along with Leinart from 2003-05, have been succeeded by Chauncey Washington and a cast of freshmen. Only four of the Trojans' listed starters are seniors compared to 18 for the Irish.

Notre Dame's Brady Quinn, a Heisman Trophy candidate who has passed for 3,004 yards and 32 touchdowns with five interceptions, will be playing in his final regular-season game, and like all of his teammates, has hopes of finally beating USC.

"This team has a lot of confidence," Quinn said. "We've improved so much over the past couple months."

Coker

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"It has been evident this season that we have not progressed," university president Donna Shalala wrote in a statement. "It is time for us to reclaim our national championship tradition... I want to make it clear that no celebration is in order today. This was not an easy decision."

Meanwhile, major changes could be coming to Miami. Shalala announced "a six-

month fundraising sprint to secure commitments from our supporters/donors to finance competitive coaching contracts and build and renovate first-class facilities and programs."

"We need a new start," Shalala said.

There are plenty of potential candidates to replace Coker, two major names are former Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, who is close

with Shalala, and Rutgers coach and former Miami assistant Greg Schiano.

Former Florida coach and current South Carolina boss Steve Spurrier said this week that he expects to be back with the Gamecocks next fall for his third season —, trying to rebuke a story that identified him as Miami's top choice for Coker's job.

The school will hire a consultant — Chuck Neinas, a

Colorado-based headhunter and former commissioner of the Big Eight Conference — and begin a search immediately, Dee said.

"This program is a special place and it takes a unique individual," Dee said. "This is not a job for somebody that's a builder. This is a job for somebody that's out front and wants to be at the top and isn't frightened away by the ex-

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Boxing champion Willie Pep dies at 84

ROCKY HILL, Conn. (AP) — Willie Pep, a hall-of-fame boxer and one of the best fighters of the 20th century, has died at the age of 84.

His grandson, William F. Papaleo, confirmed Friday morning that Pep died Thursday at the West Hill nursing home, where he had been confined to an Alzheimer's unit since 2001.

The embodiment of finesse and speed in his prime, Pep won 220 of 11-1 with 65 KOs during his 26-year career.

Pep was inducted to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1999, he was listed fifth among the best fighters of the 20th

century as chosen by a five-member panel for The Associated Press.

"He was a very special fighter in a great era of boxing," Glenn Feldman, president of the Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame said. "You just don't see fighters today with a 26-year career."

Feldman said what was astounding about Pep was his prolific career.

"The funny thing is when you look at his record he only had 65 KOs," he said. "The reason I say that's funny is most boxers don't even have 65 fights."

Born Guglielmo Papaleo on Sept. 9, 1922 in Middletown, Conn., Pep dropped out of high school at age

16 to fight. The 5-foot, 6-inch Pep earned the nickname "Will o' the Wisp" for his elusiveness.

Pep turned pro in 1940 and won his first 63 fights, including a victory over Chalky Wright in 1942 for the world featherweight title. With the 15-round decision, Pep was the youngest boxer to earn the title in four decades.

The following year brought 63 undefeated bouts for Pep before he lost a non-title fight to Sammy Angott. Undeterred, Pep went on to win another 73 straight.

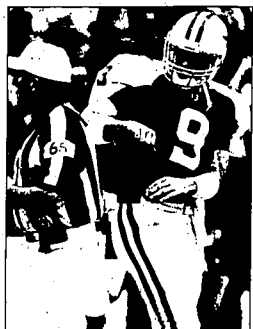
During World War II, Pep served in the Army and the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1944.

Four years later, he went up

against Sandy Saddler for the first of four memorable bouts. Pep was knocked out in the fourth round but regained his title the following year. Saddler won three of the four fights.

Pep retired in 1959, although he was back in the ring six years later. His nine-fight winning streak came to an end when he was stopped by Calvin Woodward in 1966, and Pep hung up his gloves for good.

When he retired, Pep worked in boxing as a referee and inspector as well as a sports columnist. He was elected to the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame in 1977.



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo laughs after throwing a touchdown pass against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Irving, Texas, Thursday.

Plummer plummeting

Denver QB's poor play could cost him his job

DENVER (AP) — Jake Plummer's been looking over his shoulder since the Denver Broncos chose Vanderbilt's Jay Cutler with the 11th pick in the NFL draft back in April.

It may not be cramping his neck much longer. A season-long slump that culminated with back-to-back losses to San Diego and Kansas City in a four-day span finally might have cost Plummer his starting job in Denver, where John Elway set the championship standard that has yet to be matched in the seven seasons since he retired with two Super Bowl rings.

Coach Mike Shanahan isn't saying who will be under center when the Broncos (7-4) host the Seattle Seahawks on Dec. 3, but the buzz is he'll turn to Cutler, the last of the "Big Three" quarterbacks taken in the draft, behind Texas' Vince Young and USC's Matt Leinart.

"I can't tell you what's going to happen," an emotional Plummer said after the Broncos' 19-10 loss to the Chiefs on Thursday night. "All I know is that I'm getting on the plane, going to take a few days off and come back. And if I'm still behind the trigger, I'm going to play as hard as I can, like I always have."

Like Plummer, Cutler said he's not been told by the coaching staff of any impending move — but he's ready.

"Yeah, I think I can go out there and play and be efficient with this offense," Cutler said. "I don't get a lot of reps in practice and haven't played since preseason, so I'll do get in there, I'll have to knock the rust off."

The Broncos' best signing about the future back in April, when they chose to go with Cutler after covering running back Laurence Maroney. Still, the plan was to stick with Plummer this season while letting Cutler absorb as much as he could while leading a clipboard.

Plummer, though, has looked nothing like he did last year, when he shook his "Jake the Snake" and "Jake the Mistake" nicknames from his wild days in Arizona. He threw 18 touchdown passes and just seven interceptions while leading the Broncos to the AFC championship. Plummer, 40-18 as Denver's starter, admittedly feels the season wondering if he'd get a quick hook if he played poorly. Shanahan, however, showed plenty of patience in Plummer, who has 11 touchdown passes, 12 interceptions and a completion percentage hovering around 50 percent and a passer rating that ranks near the bottom of the league.

It would have been hard for Shanahan to bench Plummer during Denver's 7-2 start, when a stifling defense covered for Plummer's mistakes. Plummer's backup, veteran backup safety Sam Brandon and Nick Ferguson out for the year.

Shanahan has been quick to point out the offensive struggles aren't entirely Plummer's fault.



Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer looks to pass against the Oakland Raiders in Oakland, Calif., Nov. 12.

—The pass protection has been spotty with Matt Lepsis (knee) and George Foster (inconsistently) forcing some shuffling at tackle.

—The tailback tandem of Tatum Bell and Mike Bell has been terrible. Tatum can't stay healthy and has been inactive three of the last four games; he's rushed for 27 and 37 yards in his last two starts. Mike can't stay consistent, and he's rushed for 25, 135, 29, 30 and 28 yards in his last five games.

—Wide receiver Rod Smith has lost a step, leaving newcomer Javon Walker facing almost constant double teams while David Keirsis and Brandon Marshall prove powerless to make teams pay for it.

—And the pass-catching tight end has all but disappeared from Denver's offense. Rookie Tony Scheffler was supposed to be that guy, but he's caught just six passes all year — none since Oct. 29 against Indianapolis.

So, just end Stephen Alexander wonders about the wisdom of switching quarterbacks now, suggesting Cutler certainly is no quick fix. "I've said all along that it's not all about Jake," Alexander said. "You guys want to make a big

deal out of Jake Plummer and what he's not doing, but this is not a one-man team. There are a lot of guys that need to go out and play better. Whether that's protection issues up front, whether that's guys running routes and getting the proper depth, dropped balls, there are a whole slew of things."

Plummer, however, got no words of encouragement or votes of confidence after his latest bad game.

"No, I haven't heard anything," Plummer said. "I get little bits and pieces from people around me. People are saying, 'Hey, hang in there. Don't listen to what's going on.' I realize it's the media; you guys that start that stuff because it is your job. And the best I can, I shut it out because I know I have a lot of fans that are rooting hard for me. Yeah, there are some that don't want me to play anymore, but I can't control their thoughts unless I play well."

Does he think he deserves to stay the starter? "I'm the starter right now," Plummer said, "and if Mike feels that he wants to put Jay in there, then my play hasn't warranted him to not do it."

Cowboys on a roll with Romo

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcells still isn't impressed with everything Tony Romo does.

Even after Romo threw for 306 yards and matched a team record with five touchdowns to lead the Dallas Cowboys' to their third straight victory, Parcells talked first about the scoring pass NFL's top-rated quarterback missed Thanksgiving Day.

"He drove that first pass to Perry (Glenn), the long one down the sideline. If he tucks a little air under that, then we have a chance to score right there," Parcells said. "There are things that happen out there that people aren't cognizant of."

Maybe not, but what's easily noticed is that Romo hit Glenn for consecutive touchdowns after coming up empty the opening drive. He threw two more TDs to Marilee Barber III and a record-setting fifth score to Terrill Owens in a 38-10 victory over Tampa Bay.

"I know, but I could have thrown those first two," Parcells said.

"I wouldn't go that far," Romo said. "They were so good they got away from me. I didn't get to get down there sometimes."

Still, Romo's making it look easy after waiting nearly 3½ seasons for his chance.

The Cowboys (7-4) have won four of five games since Romo, the undrafted Division I-AA standout from Eastern Illinois, replaced Drew Bledsoe as the starter. Sparked by Romo, the Cowboys have surged to the top of the NFC East over the New York Giants, the team they play next on Dec. 3. Only Chicago (9-1) has more wins in the conference.

"He's a little fireplug. When he gets a chance to get there and do something, you can see the energy in him," veteran cornerback Aaron Glenn said. "It's just love to play. When you have that type of energy, it trickles down to everybody."

Romo's three-game winning streak began when he was NFL offensive player of the week for his performance at Arizona. He then outperformed Peyton Manning when Dallas handed Indianapolis its first loss of the season, and then obviously wasn't a letdown four days later against the Buccaneers.

"This is the best we've played this year. Frankly, these back-to-back wins are the best we've looked in 10 years," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We're a team that's got time to take advantage of getting a lot better. What we're doing, and the arrow we've got pointed up, can pay off over the next four or five weeks."

Dallas had the same record heading to New York after Thanksgiving last year, then lost to the Giants. That was part of a 2-5 finish that kept the Cowboys out of the playoffs.

"This year the Cowboys lost to New York 35-22 on Oct. 23, when I think we look over after halftime and got his first extended action. Romo has been the starter since."

Jones admittedly lowered his expectations for the season after that loss and the quarterback switch, no longer convinced the team could be "special." A month later, the owner is again excited about the possibilities for this season.

"We didn't design it this way, but I ought to know by now you can't design them any way," said Jones, whose team hasn't won a playoff game in 10 years. "I didn't know it was going to end up being this way, but we've got a chance to compete at a high level."

Romo has completed 69 percent of his passes (125 of 180) for 1,656 yards with 13 touchdowns and only five interceptions, and was 29-of-31 for 409 yards and three TDs after halftime the last three games. He had never thrown a pass in the NFL before this season.

"This is what I always envisioned coming here, trying to be an explosive-type offense," Owens said. "This is not West Coast, but if you look at the way Romo is really racking up the yards, you would think we were a West Coast offense."

Expect something funky from Funk in Skins Game

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Fred Funk promises not to wear his pink skirt at the Skins Game this weekend. He doesn't completely rule out the possibility of a sports bra. "I've been humiliating myself my whole life, so I continued that tradition last year," Funk said. "I'm trying to figure out what I can do to one-up myself from last year, but it will be difficult with the heat now."

"I've had some ideas, but I've just got to get them set up properly. We've been working on it for a couple months — my caddie and me — coming up with some ideas, but we've got to see what works."

Funk won the last 15 Skins and a rookie-record \$925,000 in the 2005 Skins Game. He's back to defend his title in a foursome that includes Fred Couples, also known as "Mr. Skins," big boomer John Daly and Stephen Ames, winner of The Players Championship in March.

The 50-year-old Funk took a lot of guff in last year's Skins Game, where he layed out his wife, Annika Sorenstam and Couples.

The 5-foot-8 Funk is known for accuracy — as opposed to his distance — off the tee. Woods needed



Fred Funk, right, and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench chat on the driving range before the Pro-Am round of the Skins Game at Trilogy Golf Club in La Quinta, Calif., Friday.

him about it before the Skins began, saying he would never live it up if Sorenstam outdid him. Funk went along with the theme, gleefully donning the skirt in the fairway on No. 3 and wearing it until he finished that hole.

At the end of the 16-hole, two-day tournament, Funk laughed all the way to the bank. He had won \$225,000 by sinking a 28-foot eagle putt on the ninth and final hole of the first day, then collected \$550,000 more with a tap-in for a birdie on No. 18 the second.

"He got it all. I felt like last year was going to be my last hurrah at this thing and going out with zero was a little disappointing," said Couples, who was shut out last year and still ranks as king of the Skins with a record \$3,515,000 and five wins in his 13 appearances.

Woods won three holes worth a total of \$75,000 a year ago, and Sorenstam also was shut out.

The tournament, sponsored by LG Electronics, offers prize money, or skin, on each hole, with the pot building if there's a tie for the hole. Common among golfers good and bad, the skins is a "pals" game, where the players tend to joke and harass their playing partners, at least until the stakes get high.

"It's fun, but it is serious, especially the back nine on Sunday," said Daly, who won a total of \$120,000 in his two previous Skins

Game appearances. "The last few holes, if there's a big skin, we want to win, no doubt about it."

"But, then again, we want to heckle each other a little bit. I just don't want to tick any of these guys off. There's a fine line between how much you can heckle in this thing, and I just don't want to go overboard."

Daly chuckled and added, "And I'm not wearing a skin, either."

Ames, coming off a back injury and playing the event for the first time, said it was going to be a blast.

"I've always enjoyed playing these kinds of formats. The golf is serious. Obviously for these three it is. They've been here all week practicing," he said, already in ribbing mode.

Couples looked at the other two, rolled his eyes and shook his head in mock concern.

The first six holes at Trilogy Golf Club will be worth \$25,000 apiece; Nos. 7-12 \$50,000 apiece; 13 through 18 are \$70,000 each; and the final hole is a "Super Skin" worth \$200,000. Each player donates 20 percent of his earnings to charity.

Astros sign outfielder Carlos Lee to 6-year deal



Houston Astros outfielder Carlos Lee holds his jersey after agreeing to a six-year \$100 million deal in Houston Friday. Astros general manager Tim Purpura looks on at left.

Houston also inks righty pitcher Woody Williams

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros, the NL's worst hitting team, signed outfielder Carlos Lee and right-hander Woody Williams on Friday, bolstering its offense and a pitching staff that could be without Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte.

Lee, a two-time All-Star left fielder who played with Texas and Milwaukee last season, signed a six-year, \$100 million deal, the largest contract in Astros history. Last season was Lee's fifth straight with at least 30 home runs and 99 RBIs.

"I won't disappoint you," said the 30-year-old Lee, whose contract includes a no-trade clause for the first four years. "Let's go for the championship."

Adding Lee will give the Astros another power threat besides All-Star first baseman Lance Berkman, who had 45 home runs and 136 RBIs and finished third in NL MVP voting behind Philadelphia's Ryan Howard

and St. Louis' Albert Pujols.

Astros manager Phil Garner, who said Houston will be a better team with Lee in the heart of the order, said the deals show Houston owner Drayton McLane Jr. is "stepping up in a big way."

"We feel like these are two big questions that have been answered for us," Garner said.

Houston was last in the NL in batting average at .255 and languished out of the pennant race until a late-season run that almost overtook World Series champion St. Louis.

Lee hit 28 homers in 102 games for the Brewers before the Rangers picked him up a few days before the July trading deadline. His power numbers dipped after that, but he finished with combined totals of 37 home runs and 116 RBIs. He hit .300, including .322 in 59 games with the Rangers.

Williams, who grew up in Houston and was a college star there, is a 14-year veteran who was 12-5 with a 3.65 ERA last season with San Diego, his best ERA since 2002 with St. Louis. He

signed a two-year deal worth \$12.5 million, with a club option for a third year worth another \$6.5 million.

"I've been waiting to do this for a long time," said Williams, who grew up an Astros fan. "I always dreamed of putting this uniform on."

Williams, 40, is 124-101 with a 4.09 ERA in 391 career games, including 299 starts. General Manager Tim Purpura said Williams could be a steadying veteran influence on the club's younger pitchers.

The Astros' staff is anchored by right-hander Roy Oswalt, who signed a five-year, \$73 million contract in August. Both Clemens and Pettitte are free agents and haven't said whether or where they want to play next year.

Lee's signing Friday was the third major free agent loss for the Rangers in the last two weeks. Mark DeRosa, a valuable starter at several positions, signed with the Chicago Cubs, and All-Star center fielder Gary Matthews Jr. signed a five-year, \$50 million deal with the Los Angeles Angels this week.

These local businesses would like to congratulate the Buhl Indians on a fantastic season!



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Britany Youngclaus, left, and Cody Ghens, center, wade through the throngs of shoppers with their sale hauls at Target at River Park on Black Friday in Fresno, Calif.

Nation's retailers hope early start, generous discounts lure eager holiday shoppers

By Anne D'Ignazio
Associated Press writer

It was cold, it was dark and in some places it was foggy. None of that would stop millions of bargain-seekers from climbing into their cars for a pre-dawn run on their local malls, electronics retailers and discounters for the official start to the holiday season.

"Great deals. I'm shopping for everybody today. We hit Target. We're going to Meijer. We hit Sears. We started shopping at 5 a.m.," Joanne Dosant, a 36-year-old legal assistant from Windsor, Ontario, said Friday as she loaded her SUV with two cartloads of items from a Target store in Madison Heights, Mich.

The aggressive tactics used to lure shoppers out before sunrise on Black Friday apparently worked. Based on early reports, the expanded hours, increased discounting and free money as gift cards drove hordes of shoppers to stores to buy flat-screen TVs, computers and toys.

"Large crowds drive me nuts, but this is my Christmas present to myself," said Mark Demers, 23, of Bristol, Conn.,

How local stores fared
For more about how local stores fared on Black Friday, see Tuesday's Money section in the Times-News.

who had camped out overnight in front of the Best Buy store in West Hartford, Conn. for the 5 a.m. opening after seeing a TV commercial late Thursday touting \$500 off on the \$1,500 price tag for a 42-inch LCD TV made by Westinghouse.

Clearly, Black Friday is "becoming the biggest sport," said Marshal Cohen, chief analyst at NPD Group Inc., observing that shoppers this year bought fewer, but pricier items than a year ago.

A growing number of stores such as KB Toys opened at midnight. Some, like CompUSA Inc. and BJ's Wholesale Club opened on Thanksgiving Day for the first time.

Overall, the biggest draws were consumer electronics, particularly flat-screen TVs, laptop computers and digital

cameras. Toys fared well too. In addition to the hard-to-find Fisher-Price TMX Elmo, shoppers snapped up other items like anything Dom, robot toys, Fisher-Price's Kids Tough Digital Camera and Jakks-Pacific FlyWheel XTV according to toy merchants.

But clothing, mirroring a trend in recent years, took a back seat. Cohen said: "Apparel will be the late bloomer making mall-based apparel stores a little nervous."

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which promised the most aggressive pricing strategy ever, set the tone by plying shoppers with one-line offers such as a \$989 Vioro 42-inch plasma TV set. The discounteer declined to comment Friday about business; it's slated to announce estimated sales results for November on Saturday.

Sears Holdings Corp.'s Sears Roebuck and Co. stores, which offered \$10 reward cards to the first 200 people showing up for the 5 a.m. opening, drew increased traffic at many locations, spokeswoman Gail Lavielle said.

Toys "R" Us and KB Toys Inc. also reported increased traffic from a year ago.

Karen McDonald, a spokeswoman at Taubman Centers Inc., which operates or owns 23 malls in 11 states, said a handful of malls surveyed on Friday reported traffic and sales gains over last year.

"The line was literally wrapped around the building. I haven't seen that in years," said Terry Lundgren, chairman and CEO of Federated Department Stores Inc., who surveyed the crowds at the 5 a.m. opening of the flagship Macy's in New York as the chain began its first holiday season as a national brand. The hottest draws were discounted cashmere, \$50 luggage sets and \$100 one-carat diamond necklaces, Lundgren said.

The Best Buy store in West Paterson, N.J., had almost 2,000 people waiting for Friday's 5 a.m. opening, nearly 24 hours after they started lining up.

"They had turkey sandwiches," said Chuck O'Donnell, a district service manager for Best Buy, which sold out of all the early morning specials advertised in its circular, including the 42-inch Westinghouse TVs and \$80 digital cameras.

Chamber Ambassadors seek award nominees

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors are seeking nominations for two awards to be given at the Chamber's annual banquet in January.

The 2006 Person of the Year will be chosen based upon major contributions to improve the business climate and/or the overall community spirit during the past 12 months. To recognize those who consistently give exceptional service to the community, the chamber also awards a Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given to a person who has been a resident of the community for at least 10 years and who has shown volunteerism, service and dedication in his or her business and personal life that have significantly added to

the area's quality of life. A written nomination for either award can be submitted to the chamber and should include the primary reason the person is being nominated, biographical information and a listing of volunteer work. The nominator's name and contact information is also required. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 22. Nominations should be sent to Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Awards Nomination, 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Nominations can also be e-mailed to jessica@twinfallschamber.com or mailed to the Chamber at 733-9216. Nominations will be reviewed in January and awarded at the chamber's annual banquet. For more information, call the chamber office at 733-3974.

Consumers to keep closer eye on holiday spending, survey says

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers are a bit more inclined to cut back on holiday spending than in recent years, concerned about energy costs and credit card debt. A moderate rise in holiday spending, weaker than in the past few years, is expected as a result, the Consumer Federation of America and the Credit Union National Association said Tuesday in their annual survey.

When respondents were asked whether they intended to spend more or less this season, 32 percent said less compared with 30 percent in the 2005 survey. Eighteen percent said much less, up from 13 percent.

By contrast, 15 percent said they would spend more this year, close to last year's 14 percent, while 52 percent said they would spend about the same, little changed from 51 percent.

"Our experience with this survey is consumers tend to say they will spend less than they actually do, and our overall survey findings are slightly weaker than last year," said Bill Hampe, chief economist of the credit union association. "This suggests many households will feel financially 'hung over' in a couple of months unless they do something about it now."

"Though energy costs have declined in recent months, they remain a concern for consumers. The cost of gasoline and home heating

remains the most important factor influencing consumers' anticipated holiday spending, according to the survey, though the percentage of respondents saying those costs would cause them to spend less for the holidays declined to 32 percent from 41 percent last year.

Respondents expressing concern about paying off credit card debt from holiday spending rose to 35 percent from 25 percent in 2005, with those aged 18 to 24 showing particular concern.

A recent Federal Reserve report showed that consumer borrowing in the category that includes credit cards rose at an annual rate of 4 percent in September, weaker than the gain of 6.7 percent in August. Both of those increases were below the double-digit gains in May and June, months in which economists believe consumers were using their credit cards as a way to cope with soaring energy prices.

Economists have said they believe the recent declines in gasoline and other energy costs should help consumer spending in the months ahead and keep the country from falling into recession.

In the holiday spending survey, 43 percent of consumers expressed concern about meeting monthly payments on all kinds of debt.

It showed the least affluent consumers, with annual incomes under \$25,000, more financially strapped than last year.

Shopping season could be pricest ever

WASHINGTON (AP) — You better watch out: this holiday shopping season could be one of the priciest ever as the most tech-laden and expensive gifts for kids of all ages, from the \$299 animatronic pony Buttercotch to a \$300 pinball machine, show up at your neighborhood Wal-Mart or Target.

Even if Santa doesn't leave the elusive \$500 Sony PlayStation 3 under your tree, there's still Hasbro's \$249 Nerf Showtime Hoops, a basketball "gaming system" with an electronic scoreboard and a recorded voice that can announce whether your child has launched a "brick" or hit "nothin' but net."

Or you can go to Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to pick up a red Ford Mustang Power Wheels, a \$250 battery-operated car for children 3 years old and up. The Mustang is a Wal-Mart exclusive made by Mattel Inc.'s Fisher-Price division, though many other models can be

found at other retailers, such as Toys "R" Us.

"Every Christmas season, there's news of expensive toys," Scott McCall, Wal-Mart's chief toy officer, says. This year, toy makers are pushing prices up even more, he added.

Toys have gotten more expensive for several reasons, industry executives and analysts said. Demand's there: Parents have shown a willingness to spend more on children's gifts. Meanwhile, toy companies are able to make more sophisticated toys because computer chips and robotics keep getting cheaper. The companies can then charge more for those high-tech toys.

Higher prices don't seem to be holding back sales. "I would say that Buttercotch has exceeded our expectations," McCall said, referring to the newest member of Hasbro Inc.'s "Furreal Friends" product line.

Chris Byrne, a contributing

editor for Toy Wisher, a consumer publication, said that expensive toys have always been available at high-end stores such as FAO Schwarz, which emerged from bankruptcy protection two years ago. What's notable this year is that mass-market retailers like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. are stocking their shelves with more toys costing \$200 and above than they ever have.

One factor behind the trend is the global decline in the price of high-technology parts, such as computer chips and robotics. That allows toy makers to offer sophisticated toys at surprisingly low prices considering what the toys can do.

The "Buttercotch My Furreal Friends Pony," for example, is three feet tall with moving eyes, ears, head and tail. The pony can whinny and snort and can be "fed" a carrot, and if children sit on her she will "gently bounce," the company said.



In this Feb. 9 handout photo provided by Hasbro, Erin Leong, 7, from Hoboken, N.J., brushes Hasbro's new electronic plush toy, the Buttercotch My Furreal Friends Pony, in Hasbro's showroom at the American International Toy Fair in New York. The life-sized miniature pony will retail for about \$299.

Market Watch
Nov. 24, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	12,280.17	▲ 46.78
Nasdaq composite	2,460.28	▲ 10.52
Standard & Poor's 500	1,400.95	▲ 1.25
Russell 2000	792.28	▲ 1.25

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Advanced:	1,658	New high:	247
Declined:	1,412	New low:	3
Unchanged:	191		
Volume:	852,709,190		

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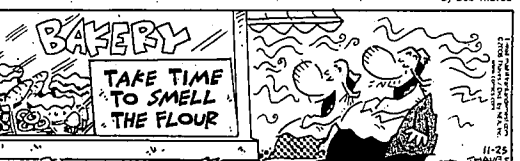


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The head may rule the heart, Cancer

HOROSCOPE
Heraldine Saunders

IF NOV 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: If you have some important wishes and needs they are almost sure to be fulfilled between now and mid-January. The direction of your life can take a decided turn for the better if you accept the wise advice of a friendly benefactor or embrace an unexpected opportunity without hesitation. Your happy and secure future rides on the contacts and conditions that you encounter during the next several weeks. This is the time to put the pedal to the metal and make as much progress as possible, even if you feel more like relaxing and enjoying some very happy holiday cheer. Use caution next September and October, and remember that when life hands you lemons it is best to make lemonade.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): True love knows no boundaries. If someone says that he or she wants to be "just friends" then go with the flow. It is more important to be in complete harmony than to get your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The grass really isn't any greener on the other side of the fence. Kindness and understanding will win you more affection and lasting happiness than wild

experimentation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink. Take into consideration that others have willpower and are capable of independent thinking. Try to go with the flow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The head might rule the heart for a few hours today. Don't let that "big one" get away because you think it is time to land him or her. Try to get in sync with someone else's desires.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Find creative ways to express the poetry in your heart. Don't let a few surprises upset your serenity. Soothing music or dancing check-to-check can put couples into "the mood."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relax as love isn't a job with a set of rules and predictable paychecks. Mesmerizing romantic encounters are probable tonight if you don't react like the controlled Mr. Spock.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Open your heart to love. Gaze deep into someone's eyes, ignoring the warts and freckles.

Being dependable and reliable is the first step toward building a lasting relationship. Rock-solid relationships can withstand some minor agitation, but they thrive under peace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look for the good in people and you will find it. Don't be so busy seeking excitement and change that you ignore the patient and enduring love right in your own back yard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go to the theater and be swept away by a romantic fantasy or turn up the music and feel the rhythm. Real love needs a glamorous stage set, not a change of venue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The warmth of your tender touches can unlock someone's heart. True love won't run away at the first sign of commitment. Don't disrupt a romantic mood by demanding freedom.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love is blind. Feel your way using intuition and extra senses. The love you live is very likely to melt into a pliable puddle under your kindhearted and careful caresses.

Delivering bad news is hard for some employers to handle



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

on day No. 8. Period.

DEAR ABBY: I am 11 years old and I have a problem: When I call some of my "friends," they don't return my calls. But the thing is, they said they'd return my calls. Well, guess what — they haven't. The only friend I feel I actually have is my boyfriend, but I need a friend who's a girl. My mom and dad say, "Wait for them to come to you," but I have been doing it for five years. I have a little brother, but he's annoying! I feel lonely, but also like a "nudge." What should I do?

— LONELY AND BAMBOOZLED
IN S. CAROLINA

DEAR LONELY: I'm sure that, at one time or another, everyone has promised to call someone and it has slipped his or her mind. However, when it happens consistently, then the promise-breakers are sending a message — and the message is they're not "friends."

Five years is more than enough time to "wait" for people to respond to offers of friendship. Please tell your parents that the time has come to help you get involved in activities outside this circle of acquaintances — possibly extracurricular activities and/or religious-based youth activities so you can meet girls who will be your "friends." Boyfriends may be great, but girlfriends usually last longer.

DEAR ABBY: What has happened to professional courtesy in the workplace? I am a high school teacher, and recently a colleague learned that he was being replaced by another teacher when he read in the school board minutes? The principal did not even extend the courtesy of telling him in person — although his room and her office are only yards apart. Abby, that teacher could have been applying for other jobs.

Another example: My daughter works in the television industry and is quite successful. Months ago, she was contacted by a major network asking if she was interested in applying for an opening with them. They interviewed her twice, then flew her cross-country at their expense for a final interview, at which time she was told she would hear from them the following week. That was two months ago. Is it that difficult for a prospective employer to call and say, "We offered the position to someone else," or "We haven't decided yet?"

Finally, my son, a college student, was told he would hear in one week when he was to start a new job. That was five weeks ago. Couldn't the employer have been honest up front and told him that perhaps they wouldn't need him right now? My son just has accepted another job and been earning money instead

of waiting. Employers: Prospective employees have lives and obligations. Put yourselves in their shoes. How would you like to put your life on hold while someone dangles a carrot in front of you? Please show some professional courtesy!

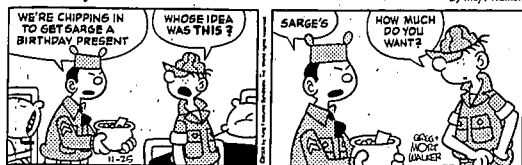
DISAPPOINTED
IN NEWPORT, PA.
DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Sometimes people have an aversion to giving others bad news, so they try nothing, figuring the message will get out — eventually. Obviously, the principal wimped out rather than face the teacher and tell him his contract would not be renewed.

As for your daughter's experience, "show biz" is notorious for its lack of empathy — and even honesty — when it comes to telling someone things aren't working out. I hope she lands a higher-paying job at another network.

Your son's experience this summer could provide a valuable lesson for him. In the future, if someone tells him he'll get work in seven days and it doesn't happen, he should resume his job search

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



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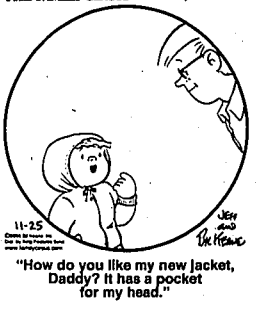
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



"IF TWO WRONGS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT, THEN HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE?"

White rhino isn't white, but it has a great snout for eating grass



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

The white rhino isn't white. It was called "wide" by the Dutch. They were describing the wide hippo's snouts, perfectly suited for eating grass. However, English-speakers misunderstood and called it "white" even though it is just as gray as the (equally misnamed) "black" rhino.

This day in New York City history: If you'd been in New York City harbor on Nov. 25, 1783, you could've seen the last of the defeated British troops boarding ships to go home to Britain. The "Two of Bars" had granted the United States its independence two months earlier, but it took a while for the news actually made it across the Atlantic.

Some say they had the right idea: After their respective revolutions, both Russia and France tried hard to eliminate lawyers. Didn't last long. How much does it actually cost to mint our coins? A penny

costs about half a cent a nickel, 25 cents a dime, 1 cent a quarter, 3 cents, and a half-dollar, 5 cents. There were lots of folks who drank legally during Prohibition in the United States. They just had to get sick to do so. Many medicines doctors prescribed by vendors contained alcohol.

Hey, it's tax deductible: Every year, American citizens donate about \$1 million to the United States government to reduce the national debt. Although protective parents fret about such things, the truth is that has never

been a documented case of a squirrel passing rabies on to a human.

In China, a country full of both divination and tea, reading leaves is all but unknown.

From the Romance files: Thomas Edison and his wife Mina used to talk to each other privately — but by tapping their messages in Morse code into each other's hands. In fact, that's how he proposed to her.

One of Marilyn Monroe's therapists was none other than Anna Freud, Sigmund's daughter.

We don't recommend cracking open your Etch-A-Sketch to see what's inside. The silver stuff is ground aluminum that's so fine that it'll stick to anything it comes in contact with.

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Man finds \$28,000 pot stash in new car

Odds & ends

EUNICE, N.M. — A New Mexico resident discovered an unadvertised option in a used car he recently purchased: a supply of marijuana.

The owner found the drugs and contacted police, who recovered 20 bricks — 22 pounds — of marijuana. The weed, valued at \$28,000, was stored under the back seat, police said.

The man told authorities he bought the vehicle in Hobbs, Lea County Drug Task Force Cmdr. Allyn Pennington said an investigation was under way and declined to speculate about why the drugs may have been inside the vehicle.

Thailand peddles panda poop paper

CHIANG MAI, Thailand — Thailand's panda Express — the panda mascot for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The forthcoming animated movie, "Kung Fu Panda." Even a Mexican rock band named after the cat's head.

Not to be outdone, Thailand has come up with another, seemingly unlikely way to capitalize on this globally loved, bamboo-munching animal: panda poop.

When keepers of the country's panda couple — Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui — got tired of disposing the 55 pounds of feces daily produced by the duo, Prasertsak Buntragulpanontawe came up

with the idea of turning it all into notebooks, fans, bookmarks and key chains.

"At first the Chinese were very skeptical," says the head of Chiang Mai Zoo's panda unit, referring to the proprietary attitude China takes toward its iconic animal. But the multicolored paper products have proved hot selling items at the zoo, with the \$8,200 earned to date helping balance the accounts of panda keeping.

The Thai government pays \$250,000 a year to China's Wulong Panda Research Institute to rent the pandas, who, depending on the weather, reside in either a \$1 million air-conditioned cage or an extensive, fan-cooled outdoor enclosure ringed by a miniature replica of China's Great Wall.

Panda poop paper production involves a daylong process of cleaning the feces, boiling it in a soda solution, bleaching it with chlorine and drying it under the sun. Experimentation continues on how to reduce the chemicals now used.

"We tried selling it on markets outside but so far with not so much success," Prasertsak says. "But in the zoo, when people see real pandas and their product, they're excited and buy."

Florida couple provide sanctuary for 300 cats

HIGH SPRINGS, Fla. — Cats can be found everywhere on Steve and Pennie Lelkowitz's property, perched on barrels, under bushes, hiding in doghouses and rubbing against the backyard fence.

The couple have turned their wooded property just off U.S. 441 into the Haven Animal Sanctuary. It's home to about 300 felines.

Pennie Lelkowitz, an animal control officer, began taking in foster cats about three years ago after she became concerned about the number of cats being euthanized in Alachua County.

"It was rather innocent to begin with," Steve Lelkowitz told the Gainesville Sun. "We took in our cats and adopted some more cats. Now, we have people dropping off their unwanted cats in our driveway."

He said while many of their cats are poor candidates for adoption because of behavior problems or health issues, other felines at the sanctuary would make great pets. The couple are trying to increase adoptions through Web sites such as Petfinder.com.

County Zoning Administrator Betty Beckham said the Lelkowitzs have been cited for a code violation for having more than 150 cats in a rescue facility.

— The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Generally cloudy with maybe a shower in the area. Highs mid 40s.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows mid 20s.
 Tomorrow: Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers. Highs mid 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy, maybe a shower in the area	Mostly cloudy	A few rain or snow showers	Colder, chance of snow	Colder still, some light snow	Slight chance of light snow
High 44	Low 27	46/34	36/21	32/19	35/26

Yesterday's Weather

City	HI	LO	Pres
Burley	43	19	0.07
Donnelly	43	21	0.07
Coeur d'Alene	38	34	0.15
Idaho Falls	42	21	0.07
Jerome	40	21	0.07
Lowell	37	34	0.42
Malheur	40	24	0.07
Mesa	40	24	0.07
Prater	41	24	0.07
Rusby	41	24	0.07
Staley	41	24	0.07

SURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Generally cloudy with maybe a shower in the area. Highs lower 40s.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows lower 20s.
 Tomorrow: Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers. Highs mid 40s.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 46	Month to Date: 0.00	Yesterday's Humidity: 77%	6 pm barometer: 30.22	Today: Sunrise: 7:43 AM; Sunset: 5:07 PM
Record High: 69	Year to Date: 0.00	Today's Humidity: 44%	Yesterday 30.21	Tuesday: Sunrise: 7:45 AM; Sunset: 5:07 PM
Record Low: 6	Normal Year to Date: 1.87	Today's Minimum: 26%	Monday: 30.22	Wednesday: Sunrise: 7:48 AM; Sunset: 5:07 PM

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Light snow will be possible at times through much of the weekend. Cold and breezy night with a continued chance for areas of light snow in Sunday night and Monday.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	42-50	38-48	32-42
Idaho Falls	40-48	36-46	30-40
Malheur	38-46	34-44	28-38
Lowell	36-44	32-42	26-36
Prater	34-42	30-40	24-34
Rusby	32-40	28-38	22-32
Staley	30-38	26-36	20-30

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Atlanta	50-60	48-58	42-52
Chicago	40-50	38-48	32-42
Denver	30-40	28-38	22-32
Houston	60-70	58-68	52-62
Los Angeles	60-70	58-68	52-62
Miami	70-80	68-78	62-72
New York	40-50	38-48	32-42
San Francisco	50-60	48-58	42-52
Seattle	40-50	38-48	32-42
Washington	40-50	38-48	32-42

GREGG MITCHELL'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There's little you set your heart upon. For it shall surely be yours."

— King James Version
 153 Bible Verse

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Calgary	10-20	8-18	2-12
Edmonton	10-20	8-18	2-12
Halifax	30-40	28-38	22-32
Montreal	30-40	28-38	22-32
Ottawa	30-40	28-38	22-32
Quebec	30-40	28-38	22-32
Regina	10-20	8-18	2-12
Saskatoon	10-20	8-18	2-12
Vancouver	40-50	38-48	32-42
Winnipeg	10-20	8-18	2-12

Some Idaho resorts celebrating new snow, others waiting for white

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Some Idaho ski and snowboarding areas have opened, particularly in the northern part of the state where storms have deposited more than a foot of snow on resorts in recent days.

Meanwhile, other ski areas around the mountains toward the southern desert continue to look to the skies for signs of powder, even though snow-making equipment has allowed areas such as Sun Valley Resort to fire up some lifts.

Idaho's western border runs 479 miles from Canada to Nevada. With plenty of rugged terrain in between, storms sometimes leave a portion of the state dry even as other areas see heavy snowfall.

"We're totally jammed," said Jim Schreiber, a spokesman at Lookout Mountain on the

Montana border where Interstate 90 intersects Idaho's northern Panhandle region. The ski area has received 18 inches in two days, for a total of nearly 5 feet. "When the people fill up the entire parking lot, and start parking on freeway entrance ramps ... it's nice to see."

Meanwhile, Brundage Mountain near McCall and Bogus Basin 15 miles north of Idaho's capital city have yet to get enough snow to begin lift operations. April Russell, a spokeswoman for the 45-year-old Brundage overlooking Payette Lake, said managers are hoping for wetter snow that will pack tightly beneath grooming machinery to cover vegetation, not the powder snow that skiers and boarders will inevitably covet later in the season.

"We're in base-making mode," Russell said. "We need a foot of the right kind of snow,

or over a foot of the wrong kind of snow."

It might sound whimsical — adults tilting their heads back in anticipation of flakes tumbling from the heavens. But in Idaho, skiing and snowboarding at the state's 18 total ski areas are big business, making up between \$210 million and \$225 million annually of the \$3 billion tourism economy in the form of ticket, lodging, equipment and other related sales.

"Ski area managers are nothing less than snow farmers," said Carl Willigs, assistant deputy director at the state Department of Commerce and Labor. "Unless they get a good crop of snow, it's hard to sell a product."

Lookout Mountain, west of Lookout Mountain, west of Interstate 50 in the traditional mining town of Kellogg, and Schweitzer Mountain above Sandpoint, have opened large portions of their ski areas fol-

lowing hefty storms this month.

"We opened with 15 inches of fresh snow," said Stephen Lane, spokesman for Silver Mountain, adding the mountain may have all five chairlifts running Sunday.

At Schweitzer, this is the first year the resort has been able to open for the Thanksgiving weekend since 2003.

"It was pretty much a bluebird day," said spokesman Patrick Sande, referring to Friday's sunny weather and fresh snow.

Sun Valley Resort, the 70-year-old central Idaho destination founded by Union Pacific railroadman Uverell Harriman to help boost western ridership of his trains, is offering five lifts on its two mountains, including top-to-bottom runs on manmade snow on the main Baldy Mountain.

"They've got the guns

been attracting local snowboarders, but spokeswoman Jessica Flynn said what she really said needs is cold, wintry weather.

"We're on hold until the temperatures start falling," Flynn said.

The same goes for Bogus Basin, where warmer temperatures near Boise have melted what had been more than a foot of snow to now just 7 inches. The mountain generally opens between Thanksgiving and Dec. 1, though lifts didn't start operating last year until Dec. 18 in what ultimately became a good snow year, said spokeswoman Gretchen Anderson.

"It all depends when the big snow rolls in," Anderson said, of 2006's prospective opening day. "We're hoping it's soon. We've got a storm forecast for Saturday, and early in the week as well, and the temps are expected to be low."

IDAHO

Family-owned lumber mill destroyed by fire

GARDEN VALLEY — A Thanksgiving evening fire in this mountain town along the Payette River destroyed a family-owned lumber mill that holds beams for high-end homes in communities around the West, including Sun Valley and Crested Butte, Colo.

The blaze at the Payette River Lumber Co. started about 7 p.m. Crews used water tankers to draw water from the Payette River and were still working early Friday to douse the remaining embers.

Guests at the nearby Garden Valley Motel were evacuated from their rooms for about three hours, but firefighters were able to keep the flames from spreading to the motel. Nobody was hurt in the fire.

The cause has not been determined, though the mill owner said some maintenance work had been completed during the day.

"We're looking at electrical," said owner Alan Ward, who has operated the mill since 1988. "It was such a hot burn, we may never know for sure."

Ward said he doesn't have an estimate of the damage, which included some lumber, along with tools and other supplies. He plans to rebuild at the site.

Inmate's letters of 'questionable' nature

POCATELLO — Brian Draper, who is being held in the Bannock County Jail on charges

AROUND THE WEST

UTAH

Car dealer finds charred cat in roasting pan

OGDEN — An Ogden car dealer found a charred cat in a pan of rice and vegetables outside his business.

"There were green bell peppers and sliced onions all on a bed of rice," said Ogden Police Lt. David Tarran. "It looked just like the cat had been cooked."

Police are trying to determine if the cat was alive or dead before the mutilation. That will determine if charges can be pursued.

NEVADA

Plane with six aboard crashes near Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS — A small plane with six people on board crashed Friday in North Las Vegas, but no one was hurt.

The Cessna 210 was flying into North Las Vegas airport from Salt Lake City at about 8 a.m. when it clipped phone

and cable lines, said police spokesman Tim Bedwell.

The pilot managed to land the plane on its belly, breaking

at least one of the wings on impact, Bedwell said.

— The Associated Press

The Snow Center

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Latin Mass would restore mystery

The Mass in the vernacular was a noble experiment that didn't quite work. The Latin Mass might soon be back, and that could be a good thing for the Roman Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict XVI plans to make it much easier for churches to use the 16th-century Latin Mass. That could help deepen faith and unite an American church whose members speak a veritable babel of languages.

The Catholic faith is, at its heart, a mystery. The Christian religion is best known in community. The Mass in English has done neither.



STEVE GUSHEE

The Latin Mass enhanced mystery and created community for more than a thousand years and might again.

The Roman Catholic Church only began to use English in worship in the mid-1960s following the Second Vatican Council.

English might have helped the English-speaking faithful understand what worship was about, but explaining a mystery in any language is an oxymoron. The use of English in the church's central act of worship, turned a profoundly moving and, yes, mysterious experience into a dull, pedestrian meeting with little power to stir the spirit or motivate the faithful.

St. Paul argued that the people should be taught in a language they understood. Sermons, instructions and teaching should be in such a language, but worship is another matter.

The faithful offer worship to God who is not bound by language. The soaring majesty of the Latin Mass served the church well long after few if any of the faithful understood the words. They knew the liturgy, the rhythm and the power of the service.

Latin words accompanied the action of worship but were essentially unnecessary. Everyone knew what was happening. With English, however, the words demand attention. The faithful attend the language rather than the mystery of redemption unfolding before them. Latin creates and preserves mystery. English dilutes it.

Latin also creates and preserves community. Any unfamiliar language will tend to bind together those who use it as a kind of tribal glue.

One of the most important tools Charlemagne used to unite his dispirited empire in the early ninth century was the Latin Mass. Alcuin, the emperor's liturgical genius, enforced the same worship everywhere in Charlemagne's vast realm, imposing a religious conformity that served to hold the empire together.

Catholics in America today speak countless different languages, including English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Polish, Portuguese and many more. The Mass in Latin might once again serve to create community even as it hallows mystery.

Steve Gushee is a retired Episcopal clergyman who works for The Palm Beach Post.



French artist Jean-Baptiste-Simeon Chardin's 1740 painting 'Grace at Table.'

Courtesy of The Louvre, Paris

Saying Grace

Make room at the table for simple words or eloquent expressions

Atlanta Journal-Constitution

As friends and families gather at the table during the holidays, most will offer an expression of gratitude before getting down to the business of eating.

In the West, we call it saying grace — a word with ancient roots that include the Latin *gratia*, meaning gratitude. Giving thanks for food and other blessings of life is a universal practice common to all mankind and all faiths — from Christianity to Zoroastrianism. Some blessings are somber exhortations or chants. Some are poetry, songs or prayers. Even the humorous and sometimes irreverent have found a place in our culture. But our modern lifestyles also make it difficult to say a blessing at the table every day.

Not during this season. The Christmas holidays offer a chance to resume the practice and to pass on family traditions that can be repeated at the table year after year. Here is an offering of stories and blessings:

Blessing five generations

One blessing has played an important role for five generations of the family of

Ed and Sharon McCoy of Atlanta.

It came from Grandfather Edward May McCoy, who was born in 1878.

"He started the tradition around 1934 and since then the family has used it on Thanksgiving, Christmas and any occasion that the family is all together," said Ed McCoy.

Years ago, Ed's father had copies made and gave them to each of his children. A framed copy hangs on the dining room wall of the McCoy's Atlanta home. It was written by Robert Louis Stevenson:

*"Lord behold our family here assembled.
We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell,
for the love that unites us, for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our lives delightful,
for our friends in all parts of the earth.
Amen."*

A joining of hands

In the Strickland house-

hold, the grace tradition includes holding hands.

Carol Strickland's mother, Frances, saved this blessing from her hometown newspaper many years ago and wrote it on a notecard.

Today, Carol Strickland keeps it safe in a dining room drawer in her Atlanta home.

"For every Thanksgiving and Christmas feast that I can remember when our family has gathered around the table our mother has asked us to join hands," Carol writes. "Then she reads this verse. ... While not strictly a prayer, it does poignantly remind us of the preciousness of life."

It originally appeared in "Christmas in the Adirondacks" by William Henry Harrison "Adirondack" Murray in 1897.

Blessing from around the world

Here are some blessings from the book "Saying Grace: Blessings for the Family Table" (Chronicle Books, \$14.95) edited by Sarah McElwain. It offers an eclectic collection of graces, food blessings and thoughts on gratitude from different centuries, cultures and areas of the world:

*"When eating bamboo shoots,
remember the man who planted them."
— Chinese proverb*

*"Oh Lord, now bless and bind us
And put old Satan 'hind us.
Oh let your spirit mind us.
Don't let none hungry find us."
— 18th-century African-American folk rhyme*

*"Gratitude takes three forms:
A feeling in the heart, an expression in words,
and a giving in return."
— Arabic proverb*

*"Heavenly Father, bless us
And keep us all alive.
There's 10 of us to dinner
And not enough for five."
— Anonymous*

*"For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*"Some have meat, and cannot eat,
And some wad eat that want it."*

*But we have meat and we can eat,
And see the Lord be thank it."
— The Selkirk Grace, Robert Burns*

*"Now that I am about to eat,
O Great Spirit,
Give my thanks to the beasts and birds
Whom you have provided for my hunger;
And pray deliver my sorrow
That being things must make a sacrifice
for my comfort and well-being."
— Native American grace*

*"Bless all the fruits and vegetables that grace our planet!
Especially the kumquat, rutabaga and pomegranate."
— Anonymous*

*"This ritual is One.
The food is One.
We who offer the food are One.
The fire of hunger is also One."*

*All action is One.
We who understand this are One."
— Hindu blessing*

*"Consider your table as a table before the Lord.
Cleave well and hurry not."
— Zohar, The Hebrew Book of Splendor*

Is it Christian rock? Or just Christians rocking?

Indie rockers like Suftan Stevens have developed secular followings regardless of their faiths — and it's not always an easy road with certain listeners turned off by any mention of a god.



The Denver Post

As Page France singer Michael Nau sings about burning bushes and Jesus rising through the ground on his band's latest record, "Hello, Dear Wind," it's easy to be presumptuous.

They're a Christian band, right?

Technically, maybe, but perhaps not. As indie rockers from Nau to Suftan Stevens are proving, that label is slippery — and confusing.

Much of Christian music's integration into the pop culture mainstream comes via the rockers who happen to be Christian — as opposed to the Christian rockers who wear their faiths on their sleeves and crosses around their necks. Each group of musicians is writing about

what makes them tick, but one crafts its art with more subtlety, yet its intentions are never fully hidden by metaphor.

But how does a band choose the path of subtlety over outright preaching?

It's a really big choice for a lot of Christian musicians: Are we a Christian band or are we Christians in a band? said Andrew Beaulieu, a journalist and the author of "Body Piercing Saved My Life," an unbiased look at Christian rock. "You have to make the decision of what's the purpose of Christian music."

Is it a conversion tool? Or is it simply art? Indie rockers from Dave Bazan (Pedro the Lion), Jeremy Enigk (The Fire Theft), Sunny Day Real Estate), Jeff Mangum

(Neutral Milk Hotel) and Stevens have developed secular followings regardless of their faiths — and it's not always an easy road with certain listeners turned off by any mention of a god.

Which is where Page France comes in. The Maryland band's music is soft and sweet, melodic and melancholy, literate and lush — and heavily laced with Christian symbols, ideals and history.

The band plays the delightfully saccharine, xylophone-inflected "lunkyard," a chamber-pop delight that could be interpreted a number of ways, secular or religious.

But it also takes on "Jesus" or "Bush," songs that, while artfully vague, are more pointed references to Nau's Please see MUSIC, Page C2

RELIGION

Turner speaks on 'Attitude for Gratitude'

TWIN FALLS — Revis Turner will be the guest speaker for services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church...

Church news

a.m., Sunday at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive. Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "A Strange Kind of King..."

Lemrick plans sermon on 'Spirit of Thanksgiving'

TWIN FALLS — Elder Steve Lemrick will speak on "The Spirit of Thanksgiving" for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Agape Foursquare Church...

Desert Hills church installs new pastor Sunday

GOODING — The Desert Hills Community Church of Nazarene, 129 Sixth Ave. W., will hold a service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday to install its new pastor...

Pastor Walsh speaks on 'Christ the King'

BUHL — Worship at the Buhl Presbyterian Church will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Blake Walsh will speak on "Christ the King..."

Ladies Vocal Group will provide special music

TWIN FALLS — The Ladies Vocal Group will provide special music for worship at 10

between the congregation and the new pastor. Borger will deliver the sermon.

'The Wards are originally from Richmond, Va., but spent the past five years in Colorado. Most of his career has been in industrial construction on the East Coast and Gulf Coast...

Koffer has topic of 'Something's Coming'

HOLLISTER — Elder Mark Koffer of Twin Falls will be the speaker at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church...

Several Advent studies offered at T.F. church

TWIN FALLS — Several Advent studies will be offered at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. The Road to Bethlehem: Spiritual Journey Through Advent is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Sundays and 1:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays...

MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

Elder Steven Jeffrey Warner will serve in the California Fresno Mission. Warner is the son of Jeff and Carol Warner of Twin Falls, an Eagle Scout and recipient of a Duty to God Award through Scouting...



Warner

2005 from Twin Falls High School, where he participated in Symphonic Band and Chamber Singers. He attended the College of Southern Idaho, participating in various choirs, and works at Longview Fibre Co.

Elder Paden John Mabey will serve in the Canada Calgary Mission.



Mabey

Mabey is the son of Stuart and Christy Mabey of Buhl and is in the Buhl 3rd Ward. He is an Eagle Scout and recipient of a Duty to God Award. He graduated in the top 10 from Buhl High School in 2006...

Elder Bryce Richman will serve in the Florida Fort Lauderdale Mission.



Richman

Richman is a 2006 graduate of Kimberly High School and LDS Seminary, is an Eagle Scout and is in the Kimberly 2nd Ward. He entered in cross country, wrestling and track and was on the relay team that won the Teton Dam Marathon in 2006...

Elder Kempton John Cox will serve in the Argentina Neuquen Mission.



Cox

Cox is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School, has been a substitute teacher for the Twin Falls School District and is in the Twin Falls 9th Ward. He sang with the Magichords for several years

and with the LDS Institute performing group "Evedude." His parents are John and Donna Cox of Twin Falls.

Elder Jordan W. Larsen will serve in the Germany-Austria Munich Mission.



Larsen

Larsen is the son of Joe and Jamie Larsen of Burley, is an Eagle Scout and is in the Springdale 1st Ward. He graduated in 2006 from Declo High School, where he participated in basketball and golf, and attended Utah State University in Logan. He will enter the Mission Training Center on Dec. 13.

Returned from serving:

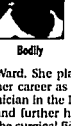
Elder Joshua Mellie served in the Japan Hiroshima Mission.



Mellie

Mellie is the son of Leah Rose of Burley and is in the View 2nd Ward. He will attend Brigham Young University in January.

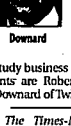
Sister Hillarie Boddy served in the Maryland Baltimore Mission.



Boddy

Boddy is the daughter of Norman and Glenda Boddy of Raft River and is in the Raft River Ward. She plans to return to her career as a surgical technician in the Idaho-Utah area and further her education in the surgical field.

Elder Ben Downard served in the Missouri Independence Mission.



Downard

Downard is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School, is an Eagle Scout and is in the Twin Falls 14th Ward. He will attend CSI to study business finance. His parents are Robert and Michelle Downard of Twin Falls.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83302, or through South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Should Catholic Church find jobs for cashiered priests?

NEW YORK (AP) — The former FBI agent who served for three years as head of child protection for the nation's Roman Catholic bishops says dioceses should find work for priests accused of child molestation who have been permanently removed from public ministry. In an article in the Nov. 20 issue of the Jesuit magazine America, Kathleen McChesney wrote that the bishops' decision in 2002 to remove the men from all church work was sound. But she fears that without any structure, accused priests may lose self-esteem and be more likely to re-offend. "While removing such priests from ministry is prudent and necessary, it is also essential to provide them with meaningful and time-consuming work," she wrote. "It is possible, though difficult, to assign such men to work that contributes to the church's mission of serving others without placing the offender at alleged

offender in a position of unsupervised contact with minors or vulnerable adults."

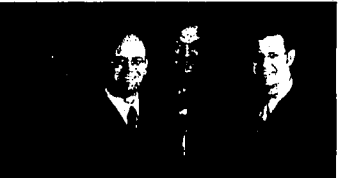
David Clossery, national director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said he was disappointed by McChesney's suggestion because it leaves church leaders in charge of the charge. He said McChesney should instead help lobby for extensions of statutes of limitation so accused priests could be prosecuted. "Reforming archaic, predator-friendly laws — not rehiring molesters — should be McChesney's priority and every Catholic's priority," Clossery said. "That's the most effective way to expose and jail dangerous serial offenders." McChesney acknowledged it is difficult to find roles for clergy where they will not have access to children. She suggested dioceses seek guidance on the issue from experts on sex offenders and look to U.S. religious orders that have found roles for the priests.

Music

Continued from page C1 Spirituality: Nau admits his writing comes in thematic sets, but insists they're straight from the subconscious. "I didn't write 'Hello, Dear Wind' with a theme in mind or an agenda of any sort," Nau said recently from his home in western Maryland. "It was a stream-of-conscious kind of thing. I wrote all the songs in two weeks while we were recording, so I was definitely in the same mindset while writing it all." Nau is full of queries about religion's role in his music, something that is made obvious by the way he defends his creative process. "I didn't intentionally adhere to any theme, and I wasn't trying to stress any point," he said, "but naturally, there's a theme within those songs." From "Jesus," his lyrics are both sweetly naive and knowingly staunch: "Jesus will come through the ground, so dirty/With worms in his hair and a hand so sturdy/To call us his magic, we'll tell him worthy/Jesus came up through the ground, so dirty." As the Pitchfork Media review of the record pointed out, "Nau's Jesus would rather

sing and dance than condemn." And that childlike subtlety is perhaps what draws secular fans. David Lewis knows these artists' difficult plights all too well. As director of Riot Act Public Relations and Artist Management, he has worked with Page France and Dave Bazan. "His encounters with critical resistance ranging from magazine journalists to his own family. When Lewis was first working the Page France record, he lent it to his sister Kathryn. "She took it in her car, and she had the prototypical arc where she played it, got past the sweetness, really got into the music and then she heard the lyrics and 'Jesus came up from the ground,' and she immediately turned it off," said Lewis. "She said, 'It's not for me — too overwrought with Christian themes.'" Her reaction is typical, as the biographer is abuzz with baffled music fans debating their stance on the Page France "issue." But even with "Jesus," it's obvious Nau isn't out to convert anyone; that lack of proselytizing is what often brings fans over the line. Lewis' sister came to accept the record as great piece of music.

QUARTET COMES



Liberty Quartet will perform at two Magic Valley locations Sunday, December 3rd at 11 a.m. at the Magavern Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E. is Hagaman, and at 6 p.m. at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls. The traditional Southern gospel quartet is a full-time concert ministry based on the West Coast. The group travels nationwide to perform at churches, conventions, festivals, prisons and other events. It has performed with groups such as Legacy Five, Father, Caller Vocal Band, Dixie Melody Boys, Palmetto State Quartet and others. Admission is free, but freewill offerings will be accepted. The public is invited.



Deacon John McKinley was installed recently as Parish Life director for St. Elizabeth, St. Peter and St. Anthony. From left are Deacon Javier Leija, Bishop Michael Driscoll, McKinley and Father John Koelsch.

McKinley installed as first Parish Life director

GOODING — The faith communities of St. Elizabeth in Gooding, St. Peter in Shoshone and St. Anthony in Wendell gathered Oct. 29 to participate in the formal installation of Deacon John McKinley as their first Parish Life director. Representatives from the three parishes joined in the prayers and blessings of the Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Driscoll and Father John Koelsch, with assistance from McKinley and Deacon Javier Leija. Sister Adlene Ellis introduced McKinley to Driscoll and the faith communities. Koelsch was acknowledged as the Sacramental Minister for the three parishes. Father Michael St. Marie, pastor of St. Nicholas Church in Rupert, was assigned to be the Priest Moderator to assist McKinley and Koelsch. Youth assisted in leading the

Islamic leaders look at veiling question

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Earlier this year on an Arabic Web site, a Muslim woman scholar posted an open letter to the Islamic world. "Take off the veil, sister," began Elham Mensea, a professor of Yemeni descent who now works in Switzerland. Her opinion was not new — that head scarves and other coverings for women are not mandated by the Quran or Islamic tradition. But the essay's impassioned tone quickly grabbed attention. Supporters hailed it as a timely manifesto against Islam's conservative tide. Traditionalists scorned it as the ramblings of a Muslim blinded by the West. Both sides could agree,

however, that despite all its cultural twists, the question of the veil is a religious one, and one that's stubbornly hard to pin down — just what does Islam demand? With no central Islamic theological authority — such as the Vatican for Roman Catholics — Muslims are left to interpret Quranic passages, sift through stories about the Prophet Muhammad, known as hadiths, and study competing religious edicts over the various coverings.

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Getting it in writing

American Muslim women assert rights in Islamic marriage contracts

NEW YORK (AP) — Should anything go wrong in her marriage, Zaynab Abdul-Razaq is confident her rights will be well-protected. Her husband has guaranteed it — in writing. The young Muslim couple chose a path advocated by Islamic scholars concerned about women's rights: drawing up a Muslim marriage contract that takes into account modern needs.

Abdul-Razaq's agreement states that she is in charge of the household finances and that if her husband abuses her in "any dimension or well-being" she can automatically divorce him. He stipulated that he could make household decisions without interference from in-laws and other relatives.

"At the outset, we agreed these are things that are pretty important to us," said Abdul-Razaq, 29, who lives in Decatur, Ga., and married three years ago.

The contract has long been a Muslim tradition. Most, however, contain just one key provision, that of the "mahr," a gift usually of money that the man gives the woman.

Islamic law experts who advocate for better treatment for women say the documents can help them assert rights under religious law that have long been played down by men. Advocates contend their approach is well within Islamic



Imam Omar Musa, center, with the aide of an interpreter, performs a Muslim wedding ceremony for ethnic Albanians at the refugee village in Fort Dix, N.J.

law, even though skeptics say the interpretation is too influenced by Western thinking.

The contract is especially useful in the United States, where Muslims come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds and follow different customs and levels of observance. The document can accommodate views ranging from liberal to conservative.

"It's generally accepted that Islamic law gives women the right to property and financial independence within marriage. Some Muslims scholars contend women are not even obligated to do housework. These and other details about running a house can be specified in the contract."

Negotiating the agreement, "brings an air of reality and rationality to a process that is

often fraught with emotion," said Aminah McCloud, professor of Islamic Studies at DePaul University in Chicago. McCloud's own marriage contract says that her husband must accompany her when she travels and that she is not obligated to cook.

Information about the contract is available online, in women's magazines including *Azizah*, and at conventions such as the annual meeting of the Islamic Society of North America, an umbrella group for mosques and other Muslim organizations. Abdul-Razaq, who explored the contract at the insistence of her mother, consulted a book with sample documents called "Your Islamic Marriage Contract."

McCloud acknowledges the limits of the document in try-

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— Aminah McCloud, professor of Islamic Studies, DePaul University

ing to preserve equality in such an unpredictable undertaking as marriage. But she said the contract does provide some protection if a union fails.

"There's no way to guard against the impostor, there's no way to guard against the liar," McCloud said. "But at least you have written down and witnessed something so that when you go to court to get them, you can get them. And you don't wind up on 'Judge Judy.'"

Writing to inspire: Christian fiction finding an audience

The News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C. — When she first heard the call, Raleigh author Jacquelin Thomas was reluctant to write Christian fiction. She had the faith, but she was a romance author.

"Why would God want me to write, she asked herself. I mean, I stay in trouble with God."

"I felt like I didn't know the Bible well enough," Thomas says. Still she did it. And now Thomas, 46, is the author of "The Prodigal Husband," which sold about 80,000 copies and "Soul Journey," which sold about 30,000 copies.

And with those books, she found she has many teen fans. So now she has penned her first young adult inspirational book, "Simply Divine," the story of a spoiled rich girl who learns love doesn't come from a Gucci bag.

With her works, Thomas has found a place in the growing Christian fiction market. The category has been one of the most robust categories in Christian books, says Jana Blies, religion book review editor at Publishers Weekly, a trade magazine for the publishing industry.

Consumers are saying they want to see more Christian fiction, she says, and the African-American community is a further niche in that growing market.

And Christian fiction geared toward African-American teens is another niche within that trend. R.ess says, Pocket Books, which published Thomas, is one of the first to have a line dedicated to this audience.

Thomas, the mother of two grown daughters and an 11-year-old son, wanted to deal with the issues plaguing teens. "I wanted to give them books that spoke to their issue. They know what the world says. The world says: sex, sex, sex and more sex. Sex is fine. The more you do it with as many people as you can, it's OK. Drugs. This is the way to go, for every problem you have. Physical abuse. They have to deal with all of this. The peer pressure is just crazy."

"But the Word says for every problem, God is the answer," she says. She created the character, Divine Matthews-Hardison. She describes her as "a Hollywood princess who is taken out of a movie star and taken to live in a small town in Georgia in modest surroundings."



Jacquelin Thomas' novel 'Soul Journey' sold about 30,000 copies.

"I'm trying to entertain, educate and minister at the same time without being preachy."

— Jacquelin Thomas, author

Divine's mother is an R&B singer on her way to rehab, and her father is arrested for murder. Life for Divine, a celebrity in her own mind with a taste for designer clothes, is about to change as she goes to live with her preacher uncle and his family.

"This book is not just for teens," says Thomas. "It's for parents too. You will see a lot of interaction between children and adults. Our kids watch us. I want parents and children to talk about these things."

The book is now a part of a series, "Divine Confidential," which will be released in February, deals with Internet predators.

"I'm trying to entertain, educate and minister at the same time without being preachy," Thomas says.

Japanese Buddhists struggle to win back believers

TOKYO (AP) — The Kamiyacho Open Terrace cafe in central Tokyo has all the trappings of a trendy establishment — good coffee, homemade dessert, an airy terrace.

But what makes the cafe truly interesting is its setting: inside the Buddhist Komyoji temple, one of many across Japan offering new services — concerts, discos, yoga classes — in a struggle to stay relevant despite an increasingly secular society.

"For Japanese, temples were once a part of daily life," said

24-year-old owner, and monk, Keisuke Matsumoto. "I want Kamiyacho Open Terrace to be a place people can drop in casually ... and perhaps become a little curious about Buddhism."

The young priest will need patience and optimism. More than a millennium after it first arrived from mainland Asia in the sixth century, Buddhism is in crisis.

About 94 million Japanese were registered as Buddhists in 2005, almost three-quarters of the country's population. But

for many, the only time they enter a temple is to attend a funeral — driving many of the country's 75,000 temples to the verge of bankruptcy.

"Some priests can't even put food on the table from their temple-related work," said Takano Nakajima, an economics professor at Tokyo's Keio University. "Their congregations are so small the priests take second jobs and still barely manage to scrape by."

So young Buddhists like Matsumoto are trying to turn

that around by reaching out to new groups — and employing some clever entrepreneurship.

At Matsumoto's cafe, which overlooks a garden dotted with gravestones, visitors don't pay with money, but with prayer. All the coffee, tea and sweets served by robe-donned monks in the open terrace are free. Instead, the monks — all volunteers from nearby temples — suggest patrons put their hands together in prayer at the temple's grand altar before they leave.

Missouri Baptists expel 19 churches for consorting with other Baptists

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Missouri Baptist Convention has voted to oust 19 churches for donating money and having other ties to more moderate Baptist groups.

The unusual step is the

largest expulsion of churches in the convention's history. It means those congregations will no longer be affiliated with the 16.3 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant

denomination. "We do not enjoy this kind of thing," said the Rev. David Talliver, of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Most of the 19 churches had already distanced themselves

from the Missouri Baptist Convention. But the expulsions were decided when delegates to an annual meeting of the convention voted Oct. 31 to bar any representatives of the 19 churches.

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200 Employment

FULL-TIME
Full-time Lot Attendant needed 5 days/week. Must have valid drivers license.

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Contact
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Are you having a Craft Fair or Bazaar?

Announce your special event in our Craft and Bazaar Directory.

It will run on Thursdays in the classified section for 6 weeks. The first publication is October 26, 2006. \$50 for 12 lines in 1-6 publications or \$100 for up to 12 lines in a two column ad.

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Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

<p>200 Employment</p> <p>FARM Need an experienced Farm Worker. Experience in operation of all farm equipment and sprinker irrigation systems a must. Blinguit & Plus. Call Todd at 208-806-8085</p> <p>FORKLIFT Full-time Certified Forklift Operator for Kimberly area. Must have experience unloading rail cars. For more information call 733-9277 or come in @ 1201 Falls Ave E, Suite #24 Twin Falls, ID 83301</p>	<p>200 Employment</p> <p>DRIVERS Now Hiring Class A & B CDL drivers. Call 208-886-7192.</p> <p>GENERAL Idaho Youth Ranch is looking for female applicants interested in working directly with teens/adolescents at our "at ranch treatment center near Rupert ID, Day, Swing, and Grayson shifts available. Competitive pay and benefits. Please call Larry @ 208-532-4117 or email letter of interest & resume to larry@youthranch.org EOE</p>	<p>200 Employment</p> <p>HVAC HVAC Installer Magic Valley's Leading HVAC Company has an immediate opening for a Journeyman Installer. Includes excellent pay, benefits, vacation, 401k. Apply at 1535 Kimberly Rd. Inquires confidential. Drug Free Workplace.</p> <p>INSTALLERS Needed for home and business pre-wire, security install & support. Starting wage DOE. Will train. Fax resume to 732-5500</p> <p>LAW ENFORCEMENT Juvenile Probation Officer. Application and job description available at 614 7th St. Rupert, ID. Mini-Cassia Juvenile Probation Office. Closes 12/08/06.</p>	<p>200 Employment</p> <p>MANUFACTURING Spears Mfg Co., is accepting applications for the following FT positions: •Packaging •Production •Material Handler •Warehouse •Production Machinist \$9-\$12/hour (depending on position) Company benefits, employee health, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, & 401k plan. Applications available Spears Mfg Plant Security Office 2152 S. Lincoln Jerome, Idaho Spears is an Equal Opportunity Employer</p>	<p>200 Employment</p> <p>MEDICAL Part-time or full-time RN for Visions Home Health. 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Great Benefits-Must have drivers license & car insurance. Assat persons w/developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence. Apply at Inclusion South, Inc. 1411 Falls Ave. #206 Located in the Locust at Grove Business Park Twin Falls, ID 83301</p>	<p>200 Employment</p> <p>SALES Inside Advertising Sales We have an excellent inside Advertising Sales part-time position opportunity available with the South Idaho Press. You will love this job if you enjoy: •Working with a variety of accounts, helping them promote and build their business •Making recommendations and suggestions to their advertising programs •Building relationships with current and new customers •Working in a team environment •Good organizational skills and attention to detail •Fast-paced, fun environment •Managing multiple projects and working with deadlines •Selling and making commission!</p> <p>We are looking for someone with an outgoing personality, positive, success oriented attitude and a team player. 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•Flexible Scheduling - You Pick the Days You Want to Work!
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Please apply at 840 Meadows Dr #1 Twin Falls or please call (208) 735-9601 and mention this ad for bonus opportunity/Walking distance from CSI!

GENERAL
Soldier Mountain Ski Area is now accepting applications for:
•Caterer/Help
•Lift Attendants
•Ski Snowboarders
•Instructors, Groomers
•Ticket Sales and Backcountry Guides.
Wages DOE.
Soldier Mountain is an EOE.
Please email resume to info@soldiermountain.com or fax 208-754-2388

HOTEL
Full-time Night Audit position. Hours are 11pm-7am. Apply in person Hampton Inn 1630 Fillmore St Twin Falls

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Holiday Inn Express & Suites is hiring for Maintenance. You must be flexible, full-time, benefits, pool, catering, plumbing, electrical & customer service experience. Please apply in person at 1910 Fillmore.

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Make \$350-\$800 every 2 weeks!

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For the following positions:

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- Per Diem

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200 Employment

CERLICAL
Part-time Chiropractic Assistant needed. Call 208-324-5000, 9-5.

MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS
Care Center
PM Dishwasher
Twin Falls Care Center is looking for a PM dishwasher. Prefer someone with experience in dishwashing in a fast paced kitchen. Must be able to work weekends, and holidays. Must be dependable and hard worker. Please fill out application at Twin Falls
Care Center
674 Exland Dr
Twin Falls
EOE

200 Employment

MEDICAL
Male Caretaker
Attendant needed immediately for male client. 20 hrs/wk. Hourly wage + benefits. Other attendants also needed. Call Accomplishments 324-5409

MEDICAL
SunBridge
healthcare
RN/LPN
Full-time or Part-time
AM, PM, Noc
Contact
Brenda Adams
208-734-2545 or
Apply in person
640 Filar Ave W
Twin Falls, ID
83301

200 Employment

MEDICAL
MRI Technologist
ARRT registered or registry eligible, for part-time work in an attractive, modern outpatient facility. Day time hours & no call. Call Dennis Swear at 208-734-5888 and/or fax resume to 208-734-5899

MEDICAL
Rosetta Seeking Living In Burley is seeking a qualified Administrator to manage and operate an elderly care facility. LPN's are encouraged to apply. Previous experience preferred.
E-mail resume and references to
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fax 208-557-5445

200 Employment

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We are hiring part-time CNA's possible full-time. Flexible schedule. Every other week-end. Off. Excellent benefits. Starting pay \$8.00. Call 208-736-0000.

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SECURITY
Spence Manufacturing is accepting applications for Part-time Security Guard. Supplemental retirement income, security background a plus. Alternating weekends (aka some occasional week day hours). Must be team oriented. Applications available at
Spence Mfg Plant, Security Office
2152 S. Lincoln,
Jerome Idaho.
208-324-8101 EOE

CLASSIFIEDS
It pays to read the line print!
Call The Times-News to place your ad
208-733-0931 ext. 2
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200 Employment

PROFESSIONAL
Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Specialist in Burley. Start \$15-\$17 hour. BA degree. Call 208-878-3350

218 Times-News Carriers

South Idaho Press
Currently taking applications for the Mini-Cassia area. WALKING ROUTES (Mon-Sat. Delivery)
RT. 27, Burley
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A.W. 19" W. 21"

RT. 218: Burley
W. 5" to W. Main St. & Overland to Park
RT. 220: Burley
Aino to Hansen Ave. & E. 18" to E.
RT. 312: Burley
Bundt Flat to Burley Business N. of Main St.
RT. 88: Haysburn
W. 2" to S. & River Rd to Allenton Rd.
RT. 181: Rupert
G. to K. St. & 5" to 11" St.
RT. 188: Rupert
Oneda to South F St & 1" to 9" S. St.
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If you live in these areas and are interested in being a newspaper carrier, please contact Amy at 877-8761 230 E. Main, Burley District Service Manager

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HARD #15
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 today's puzzle on page C-17.

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We are leading car dealer working a few good people to join our fast-growing team. We offer training and development to help you reach your goals, both professional and financial.
LET'S TALK!
Up to 30% Commission
Up to \$250 Monthly Bonus
Paid Vacation
Guaranteed Monthly Salary
ARE YOU READY?
If you are a people person, self-motivated, success-driven and looking for a career versus just another job.
TAKE THE NEXT STEP!
CALL TIFFANEE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
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WAREHOUSE
Furniture Warehouse/Delivery Driver
Must be able to lift 100 lbs and have valid drivers license. Pre-employment drug screen required. Apply in person at 702 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls

RETAIL
Western Stockmen's (WSJ) has openings for the following positions in their Jerome animal health and feed retail store:
-Office Coordinator/Counter Sales
-Delivery Driver/Warehouse Workers
Animal health or related ag background is highly preferred, with experience in customer service a plus. Store location requires basic computer skills. Go to www.smlplot.com to apply. Driver position requires valid drivers license with good driving record. Apply direct at store 1100 Main St. In Jerome.
Both are full-time positions with benefits. Pre-employment drug/alcohol and background screen is required. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

OPERATOR
Ag-Bag
Bagger Operator
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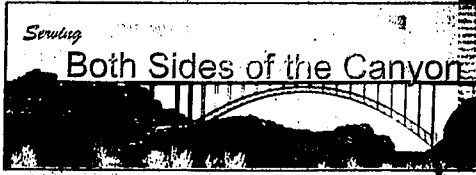
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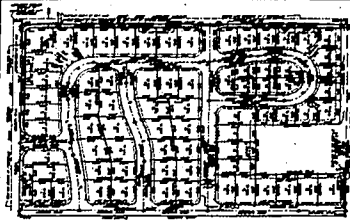
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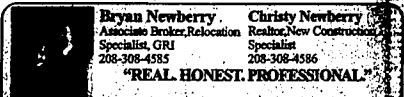
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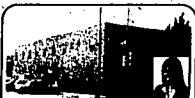
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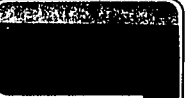
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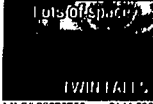
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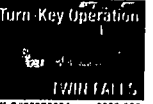
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"Cunning is neither the consequence of sense, nor does it give sense. A proof that it is not sense is that cunning people never imagine that others can see through them."

— Horace Walpole

Alfredo Versace is a master of the technical play, but he has a streak of low cunning as well. He demonstrated it on this deal from the second qualifying session of the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams of the Fall National in Denver last year. Versace, sitting South, competed to two no-trump as a two-way shot, hoping that his contract would make or that it would be a cheap save against two hearts.

West led his second-highest heart, indicating a less-than-robust holding, to the nine, jack and king. Versace could see seven tricks for his side, and he knew hearts were 4-4, but he could also see that the opponents had six tricks — three hearts, two spades and a club — when next they got in. And if he had played a club immediately or cashed his diamonds, that is indeed what would have happened.

So he had to vary the script — and his plan was either inspired, or plain nerve, depending on how you look at it. After winning the heart king, he immediately returned a heart to dummy's queen. As Versace expected, East won the heart ace and assumed that Versace was setting up the heart 10 in his hand. Accordingly, East shifted to a low spade, trying to generate some quick tricks before Versace ran off with his winners.

Versace knew where the high cards were, however, so he went up with his spade queen and claimed for plus 120.

NORTH 11-25-A
 ♠ 9 5
 ♥ Q 9 6 3 2
 ♦ A K 10 9
 ♣ K 10

WEST
 ♠ J 7 6
 ♥ 10 6 4 3
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ 7 5 4 2

EAST
 ♠ A K 10 4
 ♥ A J 8 5
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ A J 8

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 8 3 2
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ 10 6 5
 ♣ Q 6 3

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 Pass Pass 1♦ Dbl.
 1♠ Pass 2♦ Dbl.
 2NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ A K 10 4
 ♥ A J 8 5
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ A J 8

South West North East
 Dbl. Pass 1♥ Pass

ANSWER: Cebid two diamonds to show a very good hand, not necessarily one based on heart support. Your partner will rebid his suit with a minimum hand, say 0-4 points, and make a natural forward-going bid with anything more than that.

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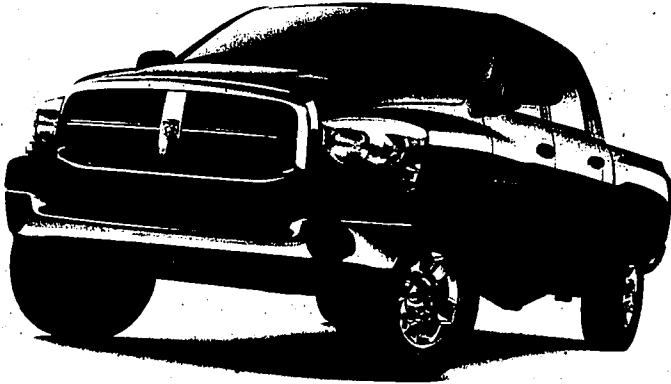
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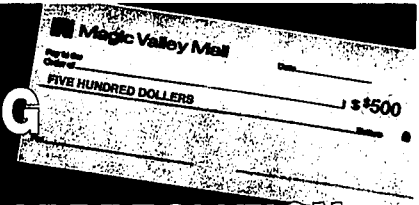
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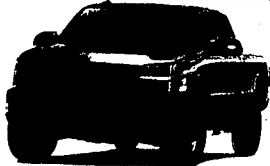
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