

**A Pauline revival**

Some Christians argue St. Paul was the critical figure in the Jesus movement.



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**Champs open season**

Bruins win opener over Skyview on the final shot.

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## Bright times



Anaya Melendez, 5, waves at floats as they pass Friday night during the Festival of Lights Parade on Main Avenue in Twin Falls.

### Hundreds turn out for holiday parade

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As Santa Claus waved to the crowd and offered a few hearty laughs, young kids munched on candy canes and sipped on hot chocolate. For a few minutes Friday, it was Christmas in downtown Twin Falls.

Hundreds of people lined Main Avenue and braved the cold weather to see the 27th annual Festival of Lights Parade, sponsored by Historic Downtown Twin Falls. The parade included brightly lit vehicles, complimentary candy and enough hot chocolate for all of Santa's elves.

The parade not only had firetrucks, police cars and ambulances playing sirens and flashing lights but also various custom-built vehicles, including a wagonful of children from a local church. There were also horses, dogs

and dozens of volunteers handling hot confections and souvenirs.

"It was awesome," said 14-year-old Marianne Pothler. "It's people coming together. It's all about the holidays."

One man ran back and forth in the street passing out candy canes but he was not alone in offering holiday cheer. Hot chocolate was

sold at nearly a dozen places and Vinifera Wines served spiced mulled wine to customers inside.

Members of the Twin Falls City Council waved from firetrucks, including Glenda Dwight, who was dressed as Santa Claus.

Stephanie Trammell of Twin Falls stood in front of the Texaco station with a cup

of coffee and wearing a heavy jacket.

"We're bundled up," she said as her two children screamed in delight.

"I like the lights. I like the candy," said 8-year old Caitlyn Trammell.

The parade had about 35 entries, which was an improvement from last year when bad weather caused 13 of 32 entries to cancel, organizers said.

"It's the whole downtown, hometown parade," Historic Downtown Twin Falls Executive Director Karla Williams said. "Downtown is a place with stores that offer things you can't get anywhere else in Twin Falls ... We're trying to bring the community together for the holidays."

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Children aboard a Festival of Lights float smile and wave Friday night at the people lining Main Avenue.

### Hundreds of thousands rally to overthrow Lebanese government

By Scheherazade Faramarzi  
Associated Press writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hundreds of thousands of Lebanese heeded Hezbollah's call Friday, flooding downtown Beirut to pressure the U.S.-supported government to resign. But Prime Minister Fuad Saniora showed no signs of backing down in a confrontation that could tear apart the country.

The protesters raised a deafening noise of chants and revolutionary and nationalist songs just outside the main government offices. Barbed wire and armored vehicles separated the demonstrators from the buildings where Saniora and some of his ministers were holed up.

"Pack your bags Fuad, and leave us and the country in peace," many shouted.



A general view of Lebanese Hezbollah supporters Friday in Beirut, Lebanon, waving Lebanese flags during a demonstration to force the resignation of Prime Minister Fuad Saniora.

New Mexican president sworn in amid jeers and fist fights.

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### State Education Board backs program to get scholarships to low-income residents

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — The State Board of Education has voted to back an annual \$10 million need-based college scholarship program when the Legislature convenes in January, to boost the state's lagging financial aid programs.

The board unanimously approved the plan to propose new scholarship legislation at its meeting here Thursday, but some members said the measure seemed too vague to pass muster with skeptical lawmakers.

Board member Rod Lewis said he wants more details, such as how the scholarships would be administered and how much money students could receive, before the idea is presented to lawmakers.

"What we're doing seems more like a request for money for a concept," Lewis was

Idaho State University president creates task force to tackle problem of declining enrollment.

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quoted as saying in an Idaho State Journal report Friday. "I'm in complete agreement with the concept, but I'm struggling to understand the use of funds and whether \$10 million is adequate."

The board formed a scholarship task force this summer, which made recommendations Thursday.

Idaho has no need-based financial aid program of its own, though state money is used to match need-based federal grants, said board spokeswoman Lucil Willis. The state pays an average \$17 per college student for aid based on financial need, compared to \$509 in

Washington state and a national average of \$387, Willis said.

Idaho does offer 8,800 merit-based scholarships of \$500 each and other more generous grants, but all are solely based on academic performance.

Under the new proposal, called the Opportunity Scholarship program, students could receive as much as \$3,000 per year for college. To become eligible, students would have to contribute several thousand dollars of their own money through work or other financial aid.

Willis said the new scholarships could go a long way toward closing the college gap in Idaho. The state has one of the nation's highest high-school graduation rates and one of the lowest for students who proceed to college.

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## They're from tropical Idaho

Idaho scientists hope ornamental fish farming takes root

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

HAGERMAN — It's 20 degrees outside in southern Idaho's dairy country, but 100,000 angelfish swim contentedly in steaming water pumped from hot springs into Ken Ashley's 6,000-square-foot geothermal greenhouse.

"We've done breeding experiments and growth experiments and we want to see what we can profitably produce," said Ashley, who also is involved in African cichlids — along with the trout and tilapia that are the mainstay of his SeaSpec of Idaho fish farm.

Aquaculturists in Idaho, the U.S. leader in rainbow trout production at 44 million pounds annually, have seen the value of their trout fall 5 percent to \$35.3 million since 1999, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as pollution controls become more stringent and cold-water spring flows decline.

To help counter stagnating revenues, University of Idaho researchers at the Aquaculture Research Institute near Hagerman want to raise interest in aquarion fish like the monogamous angelfish pairing in Ashley's greenhouse.

Ninety-degree water from the 1,000-plus springs that dot the landscape from Yellowstone National Park to Oregon is plentiful and disease-free.

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Two small pills known as Plan B (Levonorgestrel) were made available Friday at Planned Parenthood of Idaho. The pills stop a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus.

## Plan B

Controversial birth control option comes to Twin Falls

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A new type of birth control is now available in the Magic Valley.

Even though the Food and Drug Administration approved Plan B for over-the-counter sales in August, the Twin Falls Planned Parenthood office just made the drug available Friday.

Some area pharmacies also are carrying the drug.

Plan B is also called "morning after" contraception, emergency birth control or backup birth control.

The drug is not the same as the more controversial RU-486, which is not available from Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

"Plan B is a high level of hormone that works to prevent ovulation or to stop a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus, while RU-486 is an actual medical abortion," said Burke Hays, public affairs field coordinator for Planned Parenthood of Idaho. "Plan B works to prevent pregnancy."

Hays explained that the drug has been available by prescription for 30 years and after the FDA's decision, it took some time to repackage the drug for over-the-counter sales.

"We do see a need here in Idaho. Plan B is a good way to back up birth control already in use," Hays said. "Our estimates indicate that giving the nation easy access to emergency contraception, it will prevent up to 1.5 million unintended pregnancies and 800,000 abortions."

Sarah Reves, a medical assistant at the Twin Falls Planned Parenthood office, explained that the drug is available without a prescription to people who are at least 18 years old, with identification. Minors can still obtain the emergency contraceptive but must have a prescription.

"There is no requirement for parental notification for minors to get Plan B, they just have to have a prescription," Reves said. "They can either fill it here for \$35 or go to another pharmacy."

Although there are no restrictions on how many doses can be bought at a time, Hays said that they prefer that Plan B be used as backup birth control only.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Sunday
FOGGY Area of patchy fog, still chilly	FOGGY Patchy fog still around	FOGGY Cold with patchy fog
High 27	Low 10	21/11

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Today: Some morning patchy fog, then partly cloudy. Highs, 20s.  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy with areas of fog redeveloping late. Lows, lower teens.  
 Tomorrow: Morning fog, with partial clearing to turning partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs, 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B12

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Cantata Chorus Annual Holiday Concert**, 5:30 p.m., Thomas Episcopal Church on Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, 578-9648.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

**Children's Day at St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation's Festival of Trees**, with cookie decorating, North Pole hotline, story book characters, \$5 photos (from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.) and more, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; general admission 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., former Anderson Lumber building, 960 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors (age 60 and over) and no cost for children age 12 and under, 737-2480.

**Cassia Health Care Foundation's 29th annual Festival of Trees**, with tree viewing, live entertainment, holiday kitchen and store, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Snake River Plaza, Butley, \$1 for adults and \$5 for children general admission, 679-4793.

**"Magic Mud,"** the College of Southern Idaho Art Department's annual fundraiser including the decorative and functional works of students and professional potters, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the C.S.I. Student Union Building, C.S.I., Twin Falls, 732-6655.

**The 2nd Annual Memory Tree lighting**, with ornaments bearing the names of loved ones and military members not present for the holidays to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 6 p.m., Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, 736-7011.

BUSINESS

**Buhl's Open House Shopping Gala**, 15 businesses with extended shopping hours and refreshments, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Buhl shopping district, 543-8436.

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

**St. Jerome's Annual Bazaar** with vendors, artisans, bingo, door prizes, soups, sandwiches and pies, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 2nd Ave. E., Jerome, \$25 for a bingo game, 324-2668.

**The 11th annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show**, with local crafters, bakers and lunch, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Accelerated Learning Center, 906 Main Street in Gooding, free admission, 934-9475 or 934-5013.

**Las Oweley Post #33 American Legion Auxiliary annual Christmas Craft Show**, with a variety of vendors selling holiday items and a raffle, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hageman American Legion Hall, 281 N. State St., Hagerman, free admission, food and drink for nominal cost, 837-4433.

**The third annual Buhl Community Holiday Crafts and Open Houses**, with more than a dozen craft shows and open houses displaying handmade items, quilting supplies, wines and more, varying times, no admission fee, 543-4253.

**The Noeheman Holiday Barn**, with original arts, crafts, pottery, furnishings and more, provided by several artisans, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1553 E. 4000 N., Buhl, free admission, 543-4253.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

**Magic Valley Model Railroad Open House**, with Model trains in both HO and N scales running and refreshments, noon to 5 p.m., Railroad building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, no cost, (208)404-2151.

**Hands On "Buddhism" class**, learn various techniques for painting Christmas bulbs, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Hands On, 147 Shoshone Street N., in Historic Downtown Twin Falls, 736-4475 for reservations.

**Holiday book signings and demonstrations**, "Vintage Restaurant: Handcrafted Cuisine from a Sun Valley Favorite" by Jeff Keys, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and "Christmas in Sun Valley" by Cristina Ceccatelli Cook, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Rudy's - A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Avenue W., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5477.

MUSEUMS

**Faulstich Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places"** at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m. and "Starmirroring" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Brown by e-mail at sbrown@magicvalley.com; fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, R0.Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

# YOUR MORNING BREWING

MAGIC VALLEY



St. Paul attracting a lot of attention, again

TWIN FALLS — Pharisee, Religious persecutor, Misogynist. A Jew who was anti-Semitic.

St. Paul, history's most famous letter-writer, has taken his lumps over the years — mostly from other Christians. "Paul's a tough nut to crack," said the Rev. Greg Lindsay, pastor of the First United-Methodist Church in Twin Falls. "He does have some baggage."

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Morning after pill-stirs of controversy

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Parade brightens downtown TF streets

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Gooding police subdue man after gunfire

GOODING — Troy Wolf, 30, of Gooding was charged Friday with five counts of aggravated assault with a weapons enhancement, which carries a total possible sentence of 100 years. To his \$500,000 bond a judge pegged an additional \$10,000 for the three misdemeanors that brought Deputy Alex Boyer to his door.

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Buhl's brightest star wins state award

BUHL — A Buhl woman could win the title of Brightest Star on Dec. 7, in Boise. Barbara Gletzen was one of 96 nominees from across the state named in five categories by Gov. Jim Risch.

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PUC taking comments on wind farm near Buhl

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking comments through Thursday on an application by Idaho Power Co. to enter into a sales agreement with Magic Wind Park.

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'Enquirer' pokes fun at Mormon culture

SALT LAKE CITY — In the beginning, former Ensign news editor Christopher Kimball Bigelow created The Sugar Beet, a bimonthly satirical newspaper on Mormon culture, in the likeness of The Onion.

And it came to pass that after The Sugar Beet stopped production, a Gentle publisher named Susan Vogel contacted Bigelow with the idea to turn the best of The Sugar Beet into a bound volume called "The Mormon Tabernacle Enquirer."

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First Wiccan plague to be dedicated today

RENO, Nev. — Friends and family of a Nevada soldier killed in Afghanistan, more than a year ago plan to gather at a veterans cemetery Saturday to dedicate what they say is the first government-issued memorial plaque in the region to include a symbol of the Wiccan faith.

The multicultural, interfaith service for Sgt. Patrick Stewart of Ferrelly will include blessings by American Indians, Jews, Christians and Wiccans, said the Rev. Selena Fox, one of the Wiccan organizers of the memorial.

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LA archdiocese settles 45 sex abuse cases

LOS ANGELES — The nation's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese said Friday it will pay \$60 million to settle 45 sex abuse lawsuits, the largest payout yet by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and among the biggest resulting from the molestation crisis that's plagued the church.

The cases were among more than 500 abuse claims pending against the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

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Scientists unveil first Nevada dino fossils

LAS VEGAS — Nevada's state fossil, the giant ocean-roaming fish-reptile known as the ichthyosaur, will have to share the scientific stage after researchers this week unveiled the first fossils of land-based dinosaurs ever found in Nevada.

The discovery expands the known range of the prehistoric beasts and offers a new understanding of life in the state some 100 million years ago.

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Court takes on 'Bong hits 4 Jesus' case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court stepped into a dispute over free speech Friday involving a suspended high school student and his banner that proclaimed "Bong Hits 4 Jesus."

The justices agreed to hear the appeal by the Juneau, Alaska, school board and principal Deborah Morse of a lower court ruling that allowed the student's civil rights lawsuit to proceed.

The school board hired former Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr to argue its case to the high court.

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NATION/WORLD



First storm of the season hits Midwest

CHICAGO — The season's first big wintry storm blustered across the Midwest on Friday and closed in on the Northeast, leaving hundreds of thousands without electricity, stranding airline passengers and burying streets in wet and heavy "heart attack snow."

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Afghanistan opium crop sets record

WASHINGTON — Opium production in Afghanistan, which provides more than 90 percent of the world's heroin, broke all records in 2006, reaching a historic high despite ongoing U.S.-sponsored eradication efforts, the Bush administration reported Friday.

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Blog wars: Enjoy your Christmas or else

The so-called war on Christmas is raging once again. Call it a quarrel with no end in sight.

As they were last year, the opening salvos this year were launched by cable news puritans, while most of the skirmishes have taken place in the trenches of the blogosphere. — pro-"Christmas" coalition scored an early last month when cable pundits seized upon the news that Wal-Mart now favored the term "Happy Christmas" over "Merry Christmas" among its employees.

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Leaders apologize for officers forced rap

TEMPE, Ariz. — City leaders have apologized after a program on Tempe's cable channel showed a white police officer telling two black men they could get out of a littering ticket by performing a rap.

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Council Continue new nuclear program

The Nuclear Weapons Council, made up of senior Defense Department and Administration officials, said Friday that they plan to continue developing a new nuclear weapons program even though recent studies showed that existing stockpiles are in better condition than had been thought.

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Citrus growers still in hurricane recovery

JESUIT BEND, La. — Last year's hurricanes flooded Ben Becnel Sr.'s citrus groves with saltwater, crushed three of his greenhouses and workers' quarters and destroyed or otherwise damaged hundreds of orange trees. And he was one of the lucky ones.

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SPORTS



Bruins win thriller in season opener

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team couldn't experience a closer shave without a razor and foam.

Talling by six points with less than three minutes to play, the Bruins triumphed, over the Skyview Hawks 63-62 in the season opener at Baum Gymnasium on Friday.

With only 10.9 seconds on the clock, junior post Bryant Wier had the ball on the outside, but couldn't see a shot. He charged through bodies clad in blue and threw up the game-winning shot at 02.8.

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Wood River crushes Filer

FILER — Great team insurance on both ends of the court enabled the visiting Wood River Wolverines to soundly defeat the host Filer Wildcats 65-35 in non-conference play Friday.

"Playing in 32 points is not that much intensity showed us where we need to be," said Filer coach Daren Garey. "Right off the bat, Wood River was so intense. We thought we were, but we weren't."

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Freestone leads Hansen to win

HANSEN — While she scored 20 points, Hansen senior Charlotte Freestone wasn't pleased with her performance Thursday against Jerome. Determined to have a big night in Friday's home game with The Community School, Freestone didn't disappoint, pouring in 32 points to lead the Huskies to a 54-42 win.

"She just came out on a mission and it showed," said Hansen coach Jim Lasso.

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Glavine returns to New York Mets

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine returned to the New York Mets and Ray Durham stayed with the San Francisco Giants on Friday as teams started preparing for next week's winter meetings.

Clubs had to make decisions by midnight on whether to offer salary arbitration to their former players, as the teams free agents. Oakland offered arbitration to Barry Zito, the top available starting pitcher on the market, but San Francisco declined arbitration with Barry Bonds.

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COMING TOMORROW

**THE WATER CASE**

THE PEOPLE, THE CULTURE, THE PHENOMENON.

BY JULY ALTEE

**BIG BINGO**

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## Plan B Fish

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The drug has been available at some local pharmacies for some time, while others are awaiting their supply. Still, some outlets aren't going to carry the drug at all.

"We won't have it here," said Kurt Heffner, owner of Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark in Twin Falls. He declined to comment further.

"Rite Aid in Twin Falls has been carrying Plan B for a couple of weeks," said corporate spokeswoman Jody Cook.

"We are compliant with the FDA guidelines and are following that, although the drug is available OTC, they have to ask for it," she said. "It isn't just sitting out with the cold medicine."

According to <http://www.plannedparent-hood.org>, emergency contraceptive must be started within five days after unprotected intercourse occurs to reduce the risk of pregnancy. The Web site says that emergency contraception reduces the risk of pregnancy by 75 to 89 percent when taken with 72 hours.

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## College

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Willits told The Associated Press the scholarships also are aimed at reversing enrollment declines at the University of Idaho and Idaho State University.

"If we don't start now, we're going to see some more dramatic decreases," she said.

Under the proposed legislation, more than 650 students could receive financial assistance in the program's first year. In addition to state money, the scholarship fund could accept contributions from individuals and private donations.

The money would go to high school students whose family income qualifies them for free and reduced lunches in public school, and to low-income adults hoping to further their education.

"This is not all things to all people," board member Sue Miller said. "It's a way to phase in commitment."

## Lebanon

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The loud but peaceful rally, which took on a carnival-like atmosphere in bright autumn sunshine, was far larger than last week's pro-government demonstration that followed the assassination of industry Minister Pierre Gemayel. Friday's crowd was estimated at between 800,000 and a million people, who formed a sea of red and white Lebanese flags with the green cedar emblem.

The protest was the opening volley in the Shiite Muslim group Hezbollah's campaign of open-ended demonstrations. The event could be a watershed for the future of Lebanese politics, torn between anti-Syrian politicians who control the government and pro-Syrian forces led by Hezbollah.

Hezbollah and its allies demand a third of the seats in Saniora's Cabinet — enough to veto its decisions — and have vowed to continue to call for popular unity with the government falls. They cite Lebanon's constitution, which says the Cabinet is supposed to represent all communities in the country.

Saniora and his supporters call the campaign a coup attempt led by neighboring Syria and its ally Iran, a stance echoed by Washington. Hezbollah and its allies contend the real fight is against American influence, saying the United States now dominates Lebanon in the interests of Israel.

Lebanon is one of a number of areas in the Middle East where the United States and Iran are vying for influence.

"We do remain very concerned about Hezbollah's activities, with support from Syria and the Iranian government, are continuing to work to destabilize Lebanon," State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said. "The demonstrations are aimed at toppling Lebanon's

And a colorful zebra danio or gourami brings more cash per ounce than rainbow trout, said Ron Hardy, the research institute's director who next year plans to publish a how-to manual — paid for by a \$300,000 National Science Foundation grant — to give producers a better idea of how ornamentals — can-be-raised successfully in Idaho.

"They're worth 20 to 50 times what food fish bring per pound," he said. "The economics are there."

Hardy's work with ornamentals is just a sliver of his main research at the institute's new \$2.2 million aquaculture biotechnology laboratory. His scientists study everything from improving grain-based trout feed to replacing dwindling fish-meal supplies to slushing pollutants in trout excrement flowing from dozens of fish farms into the Snake River.

The ornamental industry in Idaho is still tiny, making up less than a percent of Ashley's annual revenue.

But Hardy hopes the state can eventually win a larger share of ornamental production now dominated by Florida, which produces \$50 million worth of fish annually, or 95 percent of America's domestic supply.

At the Idaho Aquaculture Research Institute's new seven-acre facility in a little hollow above the Snake River, a garage-turned-greenhouse is home to angel fish, koi, tiger barb and tetras. It's here that research farm manager Michael Casien



University of Idaho Aquaculture Research Institute Director Ron Hardy and hatchery manager Mike Casien, right, on Nov. 1 stand in front of a bank full of tiger barbs inside a garage-turned-greenhouse near the Snake River where scientists have studied raising ornamental aquarium fish in thousands of Idaho's geothermal springs in Hagerman.

steals spare minutes away from raising thousands of trout to work with 70 ornamental species.

"We're just learning how to breed them, how many eggs they lay, how long it takes them to get to market size," he said. "We had one diet that seemed to make them spawn better, or at least more frequently, with more and better

eggs. We want to follow up on that."

Even with plentiful geothermal water, Florida ornamental experts say industry newcomers face big hurdles.

Hundreds of fish die with every long-distance transport and established Florida breeders of lucrative species guard their secrets closely.

Meanwhile, imports from countries such as Singapore and Malaysia grew 10 percent in the first half of 2006 to \$26.3 million, says lower-cost Asian producers take a bigger bite out of a mature North American industry.

"It's not a golden opportunity just waiting to be plucked," said Craig Watson, University of Florida's Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory director. "On a per pound basis, they dwarf anything you could do with food fish. But that's a simplistic way to look at it. It's a global industry with lots of competition, and there are many established players."

Idaho fish farmers' big lament about ornamentals is they don't know enough about them to justify

a big investment. And it isn't just learning how to raise them they fear.

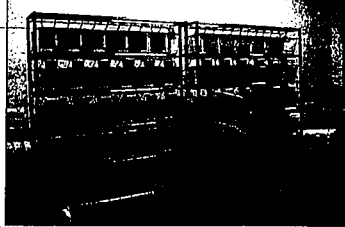
It's a daunting prospect to develop marketing and distribution strategies like those long in place in Florida to get gouramis or swordtails swiftly to pet shops in America's \$2.5 billion aquarium industry, said Gary Fornshell, the University of Idaho's aquaculture extension agent in Twin Falls.

"What's really missing is how to pencil it out: Capital costs, production costs, how to market that product — and what kind of profits you can expect," he said. "Until we have that information, I don't see a lot of people getting into it."

Leo Ray, considered the father of Idaho's geothermal aquaculture, raises catfish for the supper table and alligators for fashionable boots and purses in steaming ponds near Hagerman.

So far, Ray has shunned ornamentals because of uncertainties like choosing the right one for a fickle public or learning intricacies of raising species far less robust than trout or gators. Still, he thinks Idaho has a shot if Hardy's institute wins more money to become the go-to center for data on raising ornamentals in the West's geothermal springs.

"With our water, we could bury Florida," Ray said. "It's an industry waiting for the catalyst to be built."



Technician Laurin Van Tassel at the University of Idaho's Aquaculture Research Institute feeds fish, including swordtails, in the ornamental fish culture facility in this 2003 photo taken in Hagerman.

### The Country Lane Shop

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Extra Sale Items throughout the shop at an extra 10% discount. The featured sale item this week will be the in-door/Out-door Sun (48" dia. reg. \$79 now \$69 and 36" reg. \$65 now \$59).

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## Gooding sheriff's deputies subdue gunman Friday



By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

GOODING — Deputies subdued a man firing at them with a semiautomatic handgun Thursday night without ever discharging a bullet of their own.

In the time it takes to discharge five rounds, Troy Wayne Wolf, 30, went from being sought for three misdemeanors to potentially facing 100 years in prison.

Wolf was charged Friday with five counts of aggravated assault with a weapons enhancement, counts which carry a total possible sentence of 100 years.

To his \$500,000 bond a judge pegged an additional \$10,000 for the three misdemeanors that brought Deputy Alex Boyer to his door.

At 9 p.m., Wolf barricaded himself inside his mother's home at 630 Montana

St. when he spotted the deputy at the front door, according to a Gooding County Sheriff's Office press release.

Negotiations with Wolf kept deputies at bay for five hours.

"At 2 a.m., we made the decision to breach the door and arrest him," according to the press release. "We deployed two percussion grenades and breached the back of the residence."

As they entered the house, Wolf fired a

semiautomatic handgun at the deputies five times.

Deputies hit Wolf with a Taser before any of his bullets could hit them.

A judge scheduled his preliminary hearing for Thursday.

Cassidy Friedman covers public safety for the Times-News writer. He can be reached at (208)735-3241 or by e-mail at cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

## DONKEY DAYS



About two dozen donkeys graze by a roadway Thursday afternoon outside of Buhl.

### WANTED in the Magic Valley



Name: Theodore Arthur Hansen Jr.  
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Description: 6 feet 1 inch, 215 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes  
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Original charge: Misappropriation of personal identifying information, two counts forgery, bond: \$50,000  
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Robbins' whereabouts to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where tipsters can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.

### Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Season Peak**
Salmon	84%	17%
Big Wood	84%	17%
Little Wood	77%	15%
Big Lost	76%	15%
Little Lost	76%	15%
Henry's Fork/Teton	78%	17%
Upper Snake Basin	79%	17%
Oakley	20%	23%
Salmon Falls	97%	10%

\* A comparison of basin snowpack on this date with a 30-year average.  
\*\* An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



## Buhl's brightest star

### Barbara Gietzen nominated for state award

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — A Buhl woman could win the title of Brightest Star on Dec. 7, in Boise.

Barbara Gietzen was one of 96 nominees from across the state named in five categories by Gov. Jim Risch.

"I'm really overwhelmed by the nomination," she said. "It is a great honor."

The Brightest Star Awards were developed in 2001 to recognize those

in Idaho who go above and beyond, volunteering tirelessly for their communities. Nominees are named in five categories: individual, organization, small business, corporation and community of promise. A grand prize winner will be named in each category.

"It is compassionate, caring, and innovative people like you that give Idaho character and ensure a wonderful future for Idaho's families and children," Risch said of the nominees in a letter informing them of the honor.

It is an honor Gietzen has earned, said Buhl Chamber of Commerce

Interim Director Steve Kaatz. He nominated the former Buhl mayor, Community Kitchen volunteer, Buhl Boys and Girls Club board member, Centennial Committee co-chair, president of the Buhl Economic Council, Cub Scout den mother and Sunday School teacher.

"She is tireless in her efforts to improve the quality of life for all who live in Buhl," Kaatz said. "Her leadership, communicative skills and positive attitude have enriched the lives of every family and person who resides in Buhl."

## Rupert thieves steal go-carts, chemicals

By Renee Wells  
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Mindokota County investigators are looking for burglars who broke into the former Nature's Best facility sometime Sunday night and helped themselves to a dozen 55-gallon barrels of chemicals and three go-carts.

Steve Noriyuki of Rupert reported the chemicals, as well as numerous tools and other items, missing from one of the buildings where Nature's Best Potato Processing Plant was once housed.

Noriyuki said he is most upset about the three go-carts.

The go-carts were featured at races during both Burley's and Rupert's centennial celebrations.

The chemicals, tools, equipment and go-carts taken by the burglars were originally estimated at more than \$32,000 in value, according to an offense report filed by the Mindokota County Sheriff's Department, but Noriyuki said that as he went through the building he discovered nearly \$100,000 in tools, equipment and other items missing.

"The (burglars) kind of cleaned us out," Noriyuki said. "The hardest thing I had to do was go home and tell my son his car had been stolen. He was devastated."

"But if the (burglars) steal stalling those carts shut our racing down, they have another think coming. Hell, no, we'll be back."

Anyone who saw anything suspicious or who has any information that could lead to the arrest of those responsible for the burglary is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 436-5353 or the Mindokota County Sheriff's Office, (208) 434-2320.

## Wendell Wi-Fi: Library boosts wireless signal, hopes to boost usage as well

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — In recent years the Sherburn Smith Memorial Wendell Public Library has been reported as one of Idaho's least-used libraries.

Librarian Jennifer Hamilton has overseen many projects this year in hopes of upping attendance and providing more services and programs.

"The library still doesn't get used as much as we'd like to see," Hamilton said. "But we are constantly trying to increase usage."

In October, Radio Shack donated time and labor to increase the library's wireless Internet connection. About a year ago the library set up its Wi-Fi spot by investing \$400 and using existing equipment such as a mini-tower and antennae already owned by the city.

"We took their existing system and made it even more powerful," said Anthony Debartolo, owner of the

### Visit the Library

The Sherburn Smith Memorial Wendell Public Library, 395 First Ave. E., is open on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday from noon to 7 p.m.; Friday from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. For information call 536-6195.

Radio Shack store in Wendell. "After downloading additional software the system is accessible from across the park and beyond."

Wendell Mayor Rex Strickland said he uses the city's Wi-Fi network from his home on Sixth Street as well as for mayor duties in City Hall, which is next door to the library.

The city also uses the connection for its Internet needs. "It's a good connection," Strickland said. "I get about five or six e-mails a

day about current events and projects that I respond to. I also stay current on city statutes and city business. From home it is more convenient to use my laptop sometimes and I can use the signal. It's that strong."

Hamilton said the additional Internet service has increased library attendance.

"We have about six daily regulars that come in and check their e-mail," she said. "Our attendance at the library seems to be continually increasing."

Hamilton said she is also waiting for word from a Gates Foundation grant for two new computers. Currently, the library has three computers for public use.

"Through our continuing efforts we hope that even more people will come in and check something out," she said.

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

## Attention anglers

TWIN FALLS — The docks at Salmon Falls Dam have been pulled from the water.

For more information, call the Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Department, (208) 734-9451.

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TOPS chapter plans holiday party Monday

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter, ID 3 Christmas Party will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the fellowship room of the Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filler Ave. E. Members will weigh-in and have lunch at a cost of \$5 and a gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of \$5 to \$10 value. The chapter holds weigh-ins at 11:30 a.m. every

Monday and meetings from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$26 for dues for a year, plus a \$3 per month chapter fee. For more information, call Linda Hayhurst at 736-7237 or Jan Bylund 736-9282.

CSI Program Board plans breakfast with Santa

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern-Idaho Program Board annual Breakfast with Santa will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 9 in the CSI Student Union building. The event will include a col-

oring contest and pictures with Santa. The event is free for CSI students and employees and \$5 for the general public.

Hagerman school holds theme silent auction

HAGERMAN — Hagerman Elementary is holding a theme gift basket silent auction. The baskets will be on display in the Multipurpose Room Friday through Dec. 13. Money raised will be used for the end-of-year fun day. Themes range from candy

to pasta to coffee. Club's holiday dinner includes music, caroling ALLIANCE — The Allion Four Loft Clover Club Christmas dinner for members and guests will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Albion Grange Hall, 110 W. North St. There is no charge to attend. The event includes Christmas music and group caroling. For more information, call Gloria West, club president, at 312-1879.

SERVICES

Rosa Elizabeth Nelson Taylor, formerly of Burley, grieving for family and friends from 9 to 9:45 a.m. today at the Hansen — Mortuary — Burley Chapel.

Robert D. Rigen of Halley, celebration of life (Wood River Church in Halley) at 2 p.m. today at the Calvary Chapel, 1004 Burley Ave. (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley).

Doris Naoma Snapp Broadhead of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 324 E. 18th St. (Hansen Mortuary Chapel).

Ruth Marilotta Perkins Hansen of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 16th Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave.; interment at 3 p.m. today at the Marquette in Rupert (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Sara Margaret Leonard of Filer, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Kathleen M. Wortman of West Magic, gathering of friends and family from 1 to 3 p.m. today at West Magic Resort (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Ella Northington of Blackfoot, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Robert Sidney Larsen of

Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley LDS 23rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave. Friends may call from noon to 12:40 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

George Robert (Bob) Story of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Calvary Chapel, 1004 Burley Ave. (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley).

Roy Norman Kluchesky of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Ron Ball of Mount Vernon, Wash. and formerly of Wendell and Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kern Funeral Home in Mount Vernon, Wash.

Susie Merle Anthon Bauger of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1506 13th St. E. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

Minerva E. Valerio of Rupert, funeral Mass at noon Monday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert; vigil service and viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert Chapel).

Michael Lynn Beedon Leonetti of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at Tribes Interiors, 203 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

DEATH NOTICES

Thelma C. Bekke

PAUL — Thelma Carlton Bekke, 91, of Paul, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., with Pastor Elaine Steele officiating. Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Paul United Methodist Church — Stained-Glass Memorial Fund or to the Minicassia Shelter for Women and Children in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's Times-News.

Marion L. Allen

TWIN FALLS — Marion L. Allen, 68, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Elma J. McCreary

BUHL — Elma Jane McCreary, 82, of Buhl, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending

and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

George W. Clark

BOISE — George W. "Bim" Clark, 76, of Boise and formerly of Jerome, died Thursday, Nov. 30, in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lenore Westall

TWIN FALLS — Lenore Westall, 96, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Emily F. McFarland

TWIN FALLS — Emily Frelinghuysen McFarland, 96, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Opal Carpenter

SHOSHONE — Opal Carpenter, 77, of Shoshone, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Youngster will compete in Sunburst USA contest

BUHL — Grace Mercedes Hochkiss, 12 month-old daughter of Sandra and Christopher Hochkiss of Burley, has been chosen to compete at the Sunburst USA Beauty Pageant May 25 to 27, 2007, in Butte, Mont.

She will compete in the girls up to 17 months division in 11 categories including beauty and casual wear. Her family is seeking community support to raise the

funds to participate in the competition. For more information or to contribute, call 410-9611.

Gooding Scout receives Eagle honor

GOODING — Austin Basterrechea, 14-year-old son of Rick and Debra Basterrechea of Gooding, received his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor on Nov. 14 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

He is a member of Troop 33, and earned 31 merit badges

and BSA Lifeguard. For his Eagle project, he oversaw 19 members of his troop in building wood duck-nesting boxes for the Idaho Fish and Game.

He is a freshman at Gooding High School, where he is an honor student, active in student council, plays football and basketball, and participates on the track and swim team.

Girl Scout earns Gold Award

TWIN FALLS — Charlotte Dolcheck, 18, daughter of Tom and Suzanne Dolcheck of Twin Falls, has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest award that a Girl Scout age 14 to 18 may earn.

She completed her Gold Project in May to earn the award. Her project was a book fair for Lincoln Elementary School. Barnes & Noble assisted her. The award project must fulfill a need within a girl's community (whether local or global) and encompasses organizational, leadership and networking skills. Dolcheck has been a Girl Scout for more than 10 years and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She was a member of Troop 207.

Mount Harrison students hit the ballroom

By Tracy Tegen For the Times-News

RUPERT — For some students at Mount Harrison High School, a dance can be more than hip-hop or break dancing.

Candy Hurst has organized a ballroom dance team at the school and with great success. The 13-member team was ever selected to perform in Boise for the Idaho State School Association.

Mount Harrison is the only alternative school in the state of Idaho to have a ballroom dance team. The team started in 2005. They practice two to three hours a day, have perfected two dances and are working on more.

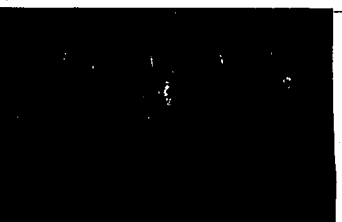
"We're hoping to attend a competition in the spring," Hurst said. But, she has had some trouble finding a high school com-

petition for ballroom dancing, she added.

The team is made up of freshmen through senior students. Some of the team members had never danced before and others had previous experience in hip-hop, jazz or break dancing, but ballroom was something new to all of them. "It's not what I thought it would be. I enjoy it a lot," said Vanessa Ramirez, one of the dancers.

The group taught dance to students in Hazelton and will travel to other alternative schools in the state to perform. "We're hoping that the other schools will see our kids perform and decide to start dance programs of their own," Hurst said.

The experience has taught the students about team work and that practice makes perfect. "People tend to think we're



Members of Mount Harrison High School's Ballroom Dance Team prepare for a performance for the Idaho State School Association in Boise. Mount Harrison is the only alternative high school in Idaho to have a ballroom dance team.

bad because we're at the alternative school," Margarita Escobedo said. "We want to show that we're more than alternative students, we're

great kids." To arrange for a dance team performance, call Hurst at 406-6252.

CSI FOUNDATION



From left, Deb Wilson, College of Southern Idaho Foundation associate executive director, and Curtis Eaton, executive director, honored retiring board members, Suzanne Summers Carr and Todd Blass. Penny Parker is not pictured.



From left, Linda Wright Hartgen passes the gavel to new College of Southern Idaho Foundation president, Ansa Scholes. For more information on the CSI Foundation, call 732-6249.

In memory of **Ramon "Roy" G. Steele**  
July 23, 1939 - November 28, 2006

It was Spring, But it was Summer I wanted,  
The Warm days, and the great outdoors,  
It was Summer, But it was Fall I wanted,  
The colorful leaves, and the cool dry air,  
It was Fall, But it was winter I wanted,  
The beautiful snow, and the joy of the holiday season.  
It was winter, but it was Spring I wanted,  
The warmth, and the blossoming of nature.  
I was a child, But it was adulthood I wanted,  
The freedom, and the respect.  
I was 20, But it was 30 I wanted,  
To be mature, and sophisticated,  
I was middle-aged, But it was 20 I wanted,  
The youth and free spirit.  
I was retired, But it was middle-aged I wanted,  
The presence of mind, Without limitation.  
My life was over, But I never got what I wanted.  
It has been a year and I miss you so much!  
Your wife Carmen.

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CROP WALK



The youngest walker at the 2006 Mini-Cassia Crop Walk was Bryden Slaughter. The "most seasoned" walker was Ileana Crawford. Each received a T-shirt. The Sept. 23 event at Riverside Park in Heyburn drew 158 walkers and 20 participating churches and organizations. More than \$9,766 was donated, of which 25 percent of the funds go to local hunger agencies and 75 percent will help 80 counties around the world, with emphasis on building wells for clean, safe water.

COMMUNITY/WEST

COLLECTING CELL PHONES



Oakley City Clerk Beckie Clark places a cell phone in the collection box at the Oakley City Office. The cell phones are being collected as a fundraiser for the Oakley Library. The collected phones are mailed to Pace Butler, which will send a check to the Oakley Library; payment per phone is based on the make and model. Collection boxes are located around Oakley: Clark's, Searle's, Oakley Post Office, Oakley City Office, Oakley Elementary School and Oakley High School. For more information, call 862-3434.

Award recognizes young musicians

TWIN FALLS — Carmar's Kids presented more than 40 Practice Awards to youth musicians at the Magic Valley Symphony's November concert.

Designed to motivate students to maintain the consistent work required to play an instrument, the awards recipients were recognized during the concert.

Students earn an award by documenting six weeks of daily practice, excluding weekends. Recommended time is one-half hour per day but teachers may wish to vary this depending on the age and skill level of their musician.

at Every Body's Business and must be submitted at least five days before the concert in which it is presented.

For more information, contact Jay Sneddon at 736-2447 or jaysneddon@yahoo.com or Jennifer Minoack at 733-2013 or klm555@magclink.com.

Carmar-Kids is a joint project of the Magic Valley Symphony and Magic Valley Symphony League and dedicated to providing music and creative arts to children in the Magic Valley.



Melissa Kunkel, Kelsey Peterson, Kirsten Fernandez, Hannah Winsor and Wyatt Hill were some of the young musicians who earned recognition for their practice time.

Supreme Court takes 'Bong Hits 4 Jesus' free speech case

By Mark Sherman Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court stepped into a dispute over free speech Friday involving a suspended high school student and his banner that proclaimed "Bong Hits 4 Jesus."

The justices agreed to hear the appeal by the Juneau, Alaska, school board and principal Deborah Morse of a lower court ruling that allowed the student's civil-rights lawsuit to proceed. The school board hired former Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr to argue its case to the high court.

Morse suspended Joseph Frederick after he displayed the banner, with its reference to marijuana use, when the Olympic torch passed through Juneau in 2002 on its way to the Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Frederick, then a senior, was off school property when he hoisted the banner but was suspended for violating the school's policy of prohibiting illegal substances at a school-sanctioned event.

The Alaska case was one of three appeals the court accepted Friday.

It will also consider a request from the Bush administration to kill a lawsuit challenging the White House's promotion of federal financing for faith-based charities.

The program has been a staple of President Bush's political agenda since 2001, when he created the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation, based in Madison, Wis., claims that the administration is violating a constitutional ban on state-supported religion by singling out particular faith-based organizations as worthy of federal funding.

Over administration objections, a federal appeals court earlier said the foundation's members could mount a court challenge to a program funded by Congress.

An effort to get him to give the government access to roads that cut across his land.

In the banner case, the school board upheld the suspension, and a federal judge initially dismissed Frederick's lawsuit. The 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said the banner was vague and unconstitutional and Frederick's civil rights had been violated.

At that point, the school board retained Starr, who investigated President Clinton's relationship with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. He took the case free of charge.

The appeals court said that Starr's investigation could be construed as a positive message about marijuana use, the school could not punish or censor a student's speech because it promotes a social message contrary to one the school favors.

Frederick said his motivation for unfurling the banner, at least 14 feet long, was simple: He wanted it seen on television since the torch relay event was being covered by local stations. When Morse saw it, she crossed the street from the school, grabbed the banner and crumpled it. She later suspended Frederick for 10 days.

The court is expected to hear arguments in the case in late February, in addition to the First Amendment issue, the court also will consider whether Morse can be held personally liable for monetary damages.

Morse, now the Juneau district's coordinator of facilities planning, said: "I think it's important for school administrators all across the country to have some guidance in how to enforce school rules at risking activities without ruffling liability."

Frederick, who had been attending the University of Idaho, is teaching abroad this semester, said Michael Mackled-Ball of the ACLU of Alaska Foundation. An ACLU lawyer has been representing Frederick.

"I suppose we are a little surprised" that the court took the case, Mackled-Ball said.

"The facts are so unique that I don't think they lend themselves well to crafting significant new law."

First Wiccan plaque to be dedicated Saturday in Nevada

By Scott Sonner Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Friends and family of a Nevada soldier killed in Afghanistan more than a year ago plan to gather at a veterans cemetery Saturday to dedicate what they say is the first government-issued memorial plaque in the country to include a symbol of the Wiccan faith.

The multicultural, interfaith service will feature Patrick Stewart of Ferley will include blessings by American Indians, Jews, Christians and Wiccans, said the Rev. Selena Fox, one of the Wiccan organizers of the memorial.

"There's quite a diversity of people who are going to be there," Fox said Friday before leaving her home in Wisconsin for the trip to northern Nevada.

"People are flying in from across the country to attend the dedication," she said.

Stewart's plaque was installed last week on the Veterans Memorial Wall at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, about 30 miles east of Reno.

The Nevada Army National Guardman and four other soldiers died Sept. 25, 2005, when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan.

Since then, Stewart's widow, Roberta, has been fighting to make the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recognize the Wiccan pentacle — a five-pointed star enclosed in a circle — for plaques and headstones at veterans' cemeteries.

Citing its jurisdiction over maintenance of the state cemetery, the Nevada Office of Veterans Services issued the plaque in September while Stewart's family and others continue a legal battle with the VA.

VA rules recognize more than 30 symbols, including the Star of David, more than a dozen variations of the Christian cross and even the atomic whirl used by adepts, but not the pentacle.

VA officials have said they are rewriting rules and procedures for approving emblems, a process which also requires a public comment period.

Last month, Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed a lawsuit on the Wiccans' behalf claiming the VA's actions amount to constitutional violations of free speech, freedom of religion and due process.

The Rev. Barry Lynn, the groups' executive director, said Stewart is fortunate to have lived in a state in which the governor is so "accommodating of religious

freedom."

"I appreciate the decisiveness of Gov. Kenny Guinn," he said in a statement to be read at Saturday's dedication.

"But the governor should not have had to take that action, as welcome as it is. Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs should have granted approval for the use of the pentacle long ago. This fight was unnecessary," he said.

Wiccans, who worship the earth, say the pentacle represents earth, air, fire, water and spirit. Most believe they must contribute to the community, and some consider themselves good witches, pagans or neo-pagans.

Fox said she's especially pleased that the ceremony will include a blessing from an American Indian from the Reno area, Mato Witko, who is part Comanche and part Irish and serves as a pipe-carrier and intertribal sweatlodge leader in the Lakota tradition.

"Sig-Stewart, while he was Wiccan, had a very strong affinity for Native American ways, too," Fox said.

"There will be a blessing in the Christian tradition and a Jewish prayer and blessing and I'll do a Wiccan thanksgiving and blessing of the plaque," she said.

Scientists unveil first Nevada land-based dinosaur fossils

By Ryan Nakashima Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Nevada's state fossil, the giant ocean-roaming fish-reptile known as the Ichthyosaurus, will have to share the scientific stage after researchers this week unveiled the first fossil of land-based dinosaurs ever found in Nevada.

The discovery expands the known range of the prehistoric beast and offers a new understanding of life in the state some 100 million years ago.

Put on display for the first time Thursday were the femur of the raptor, dromaeosaur, the teeth of a sauropod, a tyrannosauroid and an iguanodont and unidentified dinosaur eggshell fragments.

The remnants, found at secret excavation sites in southern Nevada, pushed the known range of the ancient reptiles about 250 miles farther west, said Joshua Bonde, a graduate earth science student at Montana State University who is leading the dig.

"Most of these groups of dinosaurs are known from other places in the United States," he said. "What we're able to do is push the ranges of these animals all the way up to Nevada now, where previously the farthest west

they've been is east-central Utah."

The find was presented in a tent on the site of a future state museum where they will be housed.

It marked a breakthrough in a state that had only turned up marine fossils until now, said Eugene Hattori, the state's curator of anthropology.

The state was largely underwater or nonexistent when the Ichthyosaurus swam the seas more than 200 million years ago. While the seas receded and the area became land about 145 million years ago, evidence of ancient land-based animals in Nevada previously did not exist.

"We were getting seashells, ammonites and crinoids and that sort of thing, and Ichthyosaurs, the big fish, but we have not had the terrestrial fossils until fish did his work," Hattori said.

Geology professor Stephen Rowland of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said the scientific community once didn't expect to find evidence of dinosaurs in Nevada even though there were dry-land rocks here from the Mesozoic age.

"Now we can put animals on the land. It helps us understand the whole landscape much more clearly," he said. Bonde and his supervisor,

Montana State paleontologist Dave Varricchio, discovered the site while prospecting in an area that had rock formations dating to the dinosaur age.

They found fossils of turtle shells and dinosaur teeth on

the surface of what later became an excavation site in March 2005.

"If you find fossils on the surface, it's kind of like smoke, like there's something else," Bonde said. "Hopefully this is the tip of the iceberg."

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# Agency wants removal of Klamath Dams considered in relicensing

By Jeff Barnard  
Associated Press writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should analyze removing all four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River to help struggling salmon, says the federal agency in charge of restoring their runs.

In comments on the commission's initial look at relicensing the aging dams, NOAA Fisheries said FERC's approach in a draft environmental impact statement violated federal law requiring analysis of a full range of alternatives.

PacifiCorp, which serves 1.6 million customers in six western states, is seeking a new operating license for the Iron Gate, J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1 and Copco No. 2 dams, which produce about 150 megawatts of power, enough to serve 70,000 customers.

Friday was the deadline for responses to FERC's initial look at what changes would be required to relicense the dams. A parallel negotiation process to reach a deal on relicensing the dams is under way involving PacifiCorp, salmon fishermen, Indian tribes, conservation groups and farmers.

A report for the California Energy Commission said PacifiCorp could save \$101 million over the next 30 years by removing the dams and buying replacement power,

rather than upgrading the dams and reducing power production to meet modern standards for fish protection.

The report by consultants M. Cubed of Sacramento, Calif., used cost estimates from state and federal agencies.

It found that upgrades to protect salmon, such as fish ladders and screens, will cost \$190 million to \$470 million. Increasing river flows for fish will reduce power production by 23 percent, and limit the dams' flexibility to provide power during peak demand, it said.

The report cites figures that replacing the power over the

next 30 years will range from \$74 million to \$167 million, and removing the dams will cost \$30 million.

In hopes of making a breakthrough on a negotiated agreement on relicensing the dams, PacifiCorp revised its 'long-standing proposal to truck adult and juvenile fish around all four dams.'

The new plan calls for installing fish screens on all four dams so that juvenile salmon and steelhead migrating downstream to the ocean are not sucked into turbines, and building a new fish ladder at J.C. Boyle Dam, the farthest upstream and the top electricity producer.

Adult salmon returning to spawn would be trucked around the three downstream dams, and some would be trucked around J.C. Boyle in order to reach the 300 miles of river habitat which the dams have blocked access to for nearly a century.

The company's proposal today underscores both its willingness to compromise and its desire to reach a common understanding with the federal agencies on these important issues to ensure successful reintroduction of fish in the project area," Bill Ferner, president of PacifiCorp Energy, said in a statement.

## AROUND IDAHO

### IDAHO FALLS

#### Proposal calls for all city buildings to close

A proposal before the City Council calls for all city buildings to close on Fridays to cut municipal costs.

The proposal would change the workday for city employees to four 10-hour days from the eight-hour days.

The plan also would give working residents better access to city services because offices would stay open later, said Police Chief J. Kent Livesy, who decided to put the matter before the council after researching it for members of his department.

"A lot of people work from 8 to 5 and either have to take time off or rush to City Hall during lunch time," he said. "It might be something the whole city would want to take a look at."

Daniel Softley, human resources director for Provo, Utah, said his city has saved millions of dollars since shift-

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AROUND THE NATION

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Actor George Clooney puts on a crown and 'Sexiest Man Alive' sash presented to him by NBC's *Today* television show co-host Matt Lauer, during the taping of an interview in New York Friday. Clooney was promoting his new movie 'The Good German.' One interview airs Monday, while another airs Dec. 12.

WASHINGTON

Texas Democrat to head House Intelligence panel

A Border Patrol agent-turned-congressman will take over as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee next month, pledging to keep a closer eye on the nation's spy agencies and the Bush administration.



Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, chosen Friday by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said in El Paso, "For the first time in about six years, there's going to be some checks and balances. We will see true oversight, real consequences."

The Texas has said he will demand more information on the Bush administration's most classified programs, including the detention of enemy combatants and the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance of domestic communications.

Council Continue new nuclear weapons program

The Nuclear Weapons Council, made up of senior Defense Department and National Nuclear Security Administration officials, said Friday that they plan to continue developing a new nuclear weapons program even though recent studies suggested that existing stockpiles are in better condition than had been thought.

The announcement comes just two days after the release of studies by the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories showing that plutonium triggers in currently stockpiled weapons will remain reliable for 90 to 100 years.

A major reason for starting the new weapons program — known as the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) — was the belief that highly enriched plutonium would degrade so much within 45 years that it could affect the reliability of the weapons in the current stockpile, many of which were built in the late 1960s.

New congressman draws heat for oath with Quran

Keith Ellison, who will become the first Muslim member of Congress next month, has offended some conservatives with his plan to use the Quran during his ceremonial swearing-in.



The decision by Ellison, D-Minn., to use the Muslim holy book for the ceremony instead of the Bible triggered an angry column by Dennis Prager on the

DETROIT

Toyota's U.S. sales surpass Ford's again

Toyota Motor Corp. sold more vehicles in the U.S. last month than Ford Motor Co., marking the second time ever that the No. 2 domestic automaker was beaten out by its Japanese rival.

Ford reported Friday that its U.S. auto sales dropped 9.7 percent in November, compared with the same period a year ago. Toyota sold 196,695 vehicles in November, a 15.9 percent increase over November 2005, compared with Ford's 181,111.

General Motors Corp.'s sales rose 6.1 percent, while

DaimlerChrysler AG's were up 4.7 percent.

GM, the world's largest automaker, sold 293,558 vehicles in the U.S. last month, the most of any manufacturer. It sold 109,985 cars, a 7.9 percent decline from November 2005, but truck sales rose 16.6 percent to 183,573. The numbers include the European Saab brand.

BOSTON

Romney's landscapers included illegal workers

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a 2008 GOP presidential aspirant and a critic of illegal immigration, apparently employed undocumented

landscape workers at his home near Boston.

Responding to a report in Friday's *Boston Globe*, the governor's communications director said Friday that Romney was unaware that several of the landscapers who kept up his Belmont property were in this country illegally.



"Gov. Romney has no information or knowledge to corroborate the *Globe's* allegations," Eric Fehrnstrom said Friday. "He hired a legitimate lawn service company, and he knows the owner as a decent, hardworking person who is a legal resident."

As he explores a run for the presidency in 2008, Romney has made illegal immigration a priority issue, urging stiff penalties for employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers.

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WASHINGTON

Web site Townhall.com this week.

Headlined, "America, Not Keith Ellison, decides what book a congressman takes his oath on," Prager argued that, using the Quran for the ceremony "undermines American civilization."

Conservative bloggers have picked up the criticism and run with it. Ellison was unavailable for comment Friday, but his incoming chief of staff, Karl Moe, dismissed the brouhaha.

"I think the criticism is being flamed by the politics of division that were rejected in the '06 election cycle," said Moe, who worked for 10 years for the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn.

Moe said the issue was pretty straightforward. "Religious freedom is a tradition in our country," she said.

NEW YORK

Police find mystery witness in wedding-day slaying

Police have found a man suspected of fleeing with a gun after police shot and killed a groom hours before his wedding, though the man's lawyer said Friday that his client wasn't armed or directly involved.

Police said clues gathered during a raid on a Queens home suggested the man, identified by his lawyer as 27-year-old Jean Nelson, was with three unmarried men early Nov. 25 moments before officers fired 50 bullets at their car. Sean Bell, 23, was killed, and two men with him were wounded, sparking outrage in the city.

Nelson, who was detained Thursday but released, saw the shooting, his attorney Charlie King said. However, he "did not have a gun, nor was he in the car as police have suggested," King said.

The first officer to open fire has claimed he followed four men to the car, where he believed there was a gun, but no weapon was found. Police union officials have suggested the fourth man fled with one, although the wounded men, Trent Benefield and Joseph Guzman, contend there was no fourth man.

PUBLICIST: Lindsay Loban has been going to AA

Lindsay Loban has been attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, her publicist said Friday.

"She started attending some, and I think it's a positive thing," Leslie Sloane told The Associated Press. "My biggest fear is who's the big idiot to out which chapter she goes to."

She said Loban, 20, made the decision on her own to attend meetings, although Sloane added: "And, by the way, she's not saying ... she'll stop drinking tomorrow."



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# LA archdiocese settles 45 sex abuse cases for \$60 million

By **William Flacco**  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The nation's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese said Friday it will pay \$60 million to settle 45 sex abuse lawsuits, the largest payout yet by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and among the biggest resulting from the molestation crisis that plagued the church.

The settlements were among more than 500 abuse claims pending against the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

"It's a day of healing and reconciliation as we move forward with these 45 cases," Cardinal Roger Mahony told The Associated Press. "This is very special for these victims in their moment of healing."

The claims settled Friday involve 22 priests and include allegations from two periods when the archdiocese had limited or no insurance against sexual abuse claims prior to the mid-1950s and after 1987.

Mahony said \$40 million of the payment would come from the archdiocese, while \$20 million would be from previous orders plus a small amount of independent insurance coverage.

Negotiations on the deal have been in progress for at least a year but were held up by court attorneys for the plaintiffs wanted the church to release the accused priests' private personnel files.

The agreement calls for an independent judge to review those files and decide which documents can be released to the alleged victims. That process is expected to take several months.

Ray Boucher, the lead plaintiffs attorney, said the settlement was the largest the Los Angeles Archdiocese had reached by far. Boucher said at least two plaintiffs had died while awaiting the resolution.

"I wasn't certain we would ever get it done, but thankfully we've injured people will have a chance to begin to heal, particularly at this time of the year," he said. "The big concern is the 700 or 800 victims who are out there who still have claims pending."

Boucher said that not all of the plaintiffs' attorneys had signed off on the finalized documents, but that process was expected to be completed by Monday.

Don Steier, an attorney who represents many of the accused priests, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

David Clohessy, national director for the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, said he was happy for the alleged victims who were part of the settlement but remained angry at Mahony and other church leaders.

"We recognize it for what it is, which is a purely business transaction designed to keep Mahony out of depositions and off the witness stand. That's what every bishop fears the most and that's why they settled," Clohessy said.

"His claim to care about healing is ludicrous in light of the expensive and hardball tactics for years to delay and settle."

Sex abuse by Roman Catholic priests has cost the U.S. church at least \$1.5 billion since 1950.

Friday's settlement was the largest in California since 2004, when the Diocese of Orange agreed to spend \$100 million to settle 90 abuse claims.

It was also the fourth-largest in the nation since the clergy abuse crisis erupted in the archdiocese of Boston in 2002, according to an AP review of settlements.

Four dioceses — Tucson, Spokane, Wash.; Portland, Ore., and Springfield, Iowa — sought bankruptcy protection from a deluge of lawsuits. Tucson has emerged from the process.

# Blog wars: Have a Merry Christmas, or else

By **Troy McCaligh**  
The Baltimore Sun

The so-called war on Christmas is raging once again.

Call it a quagmire with no exit strategy.

As the year was last year, the opening salvoes this year were launched by cable news partisans, while most of the skirmishes have taken place in the trenches of the blogosphere.

The pro-"Christmas" coalition scored an early win last month when cable pundit pundit seized upon the news that Wal-Mart now favored the term "Merry Christmas" over "Happy Holidays" among its employees.

"We, quite frankly, have learned a lesson from last year" and all of the threats of protest and bad publicity that arose from shunning "Merry Christmas" in the stores, Wal-Mart spokeswoman Linda Blakely told USA Today.

"We're not afraid to use the term 'Merry Christmas.' We'll use it early, and we'll use it often," she said.

Other major retailers have followed Wal-Mart's lead, prompting victory celebrations among several bloggers.

"Amazing what do drop in retail sales can do to prick the conscience" of the "Happy Holidays" crowd," wrote the blog Darleen's Place (darleenclerk.com/weblog).

"Early reports are showing retailers learned a hard lesson in 2005 by replacing 'Merry Christmas' with 'Happy Holidays.' This year things will be different," proclaimed the blog Right Truth (righttruth.typepad.com).

But victory was short-lived. While retailers were waving white flags and abandoning "Happy Holidays," an unexpected front opened up late last month.

The war on Christmas suddenly became the war on Christmas wreaths.

News trickled out from Colorado that a homeowners association in one small town planned to fine a resident \$25 a day for hanging a wreath shaped like a peace sign.

Bob Kearns, the president of the association in Pagosa Springs, Colo., told reporters that he had received complaints over Lisa Jensen's wreath from people who have children serving in Iraq. Some residents, he said, also believed the peace symbol was a sign of Satan.

The recently stung anti-litening taker "if the two of you just do a little rap about — what do you want to do a rap about litening? About the dangers of litening."

The two men agree, and each performs a short rap, laughing afterward.

Leaders of chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Action Network expressed outrage and demanded that the city act. The Rev. Jurrett Mauldin of the National Action Network was at Friday's news conference and said he had accepted Hall's and Ryff's apologies.

Ryff said the department is investigating how the video got on the air, who watched it and who edited it. He wouldn't discuss whether there would be any punishment for those involved.

The chief said that he hadn't been able to contact Schville, a 25-year veteran of the Tempe force, because the officer is on vacation.

## Arizona city apologizes for video that shows officer getting black men to rap to avoid ticket

By **Amanda Lee Myers**  
Associated Press writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — City leaders have apologized after a program on Tempe's cable channel showed a white police officer telling two black men they could get out of a litening ticket by performing a rap.

Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and Police Chief Tom Ryff apologized for the show Thursday and suspended its future production after black community leaders voiced outrage and disappointment.

"I accept responsibility for the actions of my staff and apologize to any members of our community who have been offended," Ryff said during a news conference Friday. The segment appeared on "Tempe StreetBeat," a program produced by police in the Phoenix suburb that followed several officers on patrol. It shows Sgt. Chuck Schville pulling over two men in August in a mall parking lot.

"He first asks for a name and ID from the driver and then asks the two men if they know how much the fine is for litening."

The officer then tells the men that they can avoid getting a litening ticket "if the two of you just do a little rap about — what do you want to do a rap about litening? About the dangers of litening."

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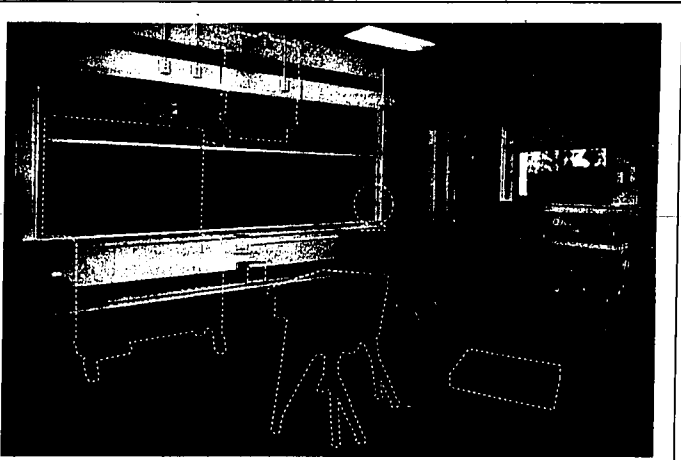
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# Young thespians shine on Kimberly stage

**C**HEERS to McKay Nield, Megan Johnson and the other students who organized the Spotlight Arts Association. The group was formed to provide theater opportunities for students at Kimberly High School, which has no drama program. Without any vision from faculty or staff this group of students has staged a production of the musical, "Honk."

And it's not too late to support their effort. The final show is at 7 p.m. today in the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium. Tickets — which are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students — are available at the door.

JEERS to Rex Rammell and his Chief Joseph hunting preserve near Rexburg if tests being done by the state prove to be accurate.

A domesticated elk from the eastern Idaho hunting ranch has tested

positive as a red, deer hybrid, which is illegal in Idaho.

The ranch owner, Rex Rammell, was skeptical of the result.

And Idaho Department of Agriculture officials say they're retesting in case the result was a false positive. No one should rush to conclusions based on the results of a lone test due to frequent occurrences of false positives and because the elk in question came to Idaho from another state in 1997.

In August, up to 160 elk fled Rammell's preserve. Since then, more than 90 of Rammell's animals have been tested, including about 36 shot after their flight and 60 live animals from Rammell's enclosure are now in quarantine.

Hybrids can produce the large antlers that hunters prize more efficiently than pure elk, but they're banned in Idaho for fear they could pollute the wild elk gene pool.



**CHEERS** to encouraging economic statistics.

It's easy to complain whenever we buy a tank of gas. And gasoline does cost more in Twin Falls than it does in many other parts of the country, according to third-quarter numbers from the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association. The association compares the cost of living in Twin Falls to other cities across the country.

Many items cost a lot less in Twin Falls, however, than they do in other parts of the country. The overall cost-of-living index for Twin Falls rose to

94.4 percent of the national average, up from 91.4 percent during the same period last year.

"What's good news is it costs less to live here than the average place in the U.S.," said Shawn Bariga, president and chief executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

JEERS to Larry Severson, who has lost more than his freedom, but also his sense of shame.

Severson, the Mountai... Home man who was convicted of killing his wife by poisoning her with sleeping pills and drain cleaner, wants Idaho's highest court to help him collect on her life insurance.

Severson, 52, was not present in Idaho Supreme Court Wednesday because he is serving a life sentence in prison. But his attorney, Jay Clark, argued that Severson should get half the payout of his wife's \$200,000 policy under Idaho's community property laws.

Even if Severson wins this case, he has so much debt from his criminal trial that he will still be insolvent, according to Clark. Clark, who represented Severson in the original trial, said he's representing him in the suit in hopes of recouping some of his legal fees.

We say, sorry, counselor. Look elsewhere for payment.

**CHEERS** to Kham Phat, for his optimism in light of a harrowing experience.

Phat and his wife, Souphaphone Thakou, own the Branding Iron Motel at 450 Addison Ave. W., which was robbed Tuesday at gunpoint by two masked men.

Since the robbery, Phat has said he might install surveillance cameras, but he doesn't plan to give up on the motel that they have owned for 12 years.

"Nothing to do. It just happens," he said.

## LETTERS

### Minimum wage a valid option for border reform

Raising the legal minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$15 per hour has been proposed to alleviate, or solve, our illegal immigration "problem." Applying this increased minimum wage to all workers within our borders would almost certainly motivate more U.S. workers to take jobs and employers would be relieved of the problems associated with hiring illegals. Demand for immigrant workers would decline and, in turn, discourage illegal immigration.

However, the effect of such a change, as well as many other related factors, would have on the economy (and, therefore, on immigration) cannot be calculated or predicted. For instance, would the increased wages to workers more than offset the increased prices that would accrue therefrom? Even Nobel prize-winning economists can't agree on such questions. The economy is such a humongous maze that apparently the experts can't even agree on the optimum prime interest rate. Also, they apparently do not understand the cycle of recession, followed by prosperity, followed by recession.

H.L. Mencken noted that simple answers to complex problems are appealing but almost always wrong. But, in spite of dire predictions and hostile reactions, gungy leaders in the past were able to make simple changes that worked, though not perfectly. The Homestead Act, Social Security, WPA, CCC, the Marshall Plan and other basically simple ideas are good examples. Therefore, why not a simple jump in the minimum wage? Like the Bracero Program and other schemes related to immigration, it may fail. But many progressive achievements got there by trial and error.

Having said that, however, all other proposals relating to the immigration issue have either been tried and failed already or don't promise to satisfy the interests of all of us. The worst outcome might be no worse than what has failed attempts to solve the problem. Let's try it.

JACK HARTLEY  
Twin Falls

### Story's timing added additional pain to loss

In regard to Sunday's (Nov. 26) front-page story, "Love and Loss," it was nice to see that through the terrible fates of Aug. 19, Tulle and Wes still continued on with their marriage. It was beautiful the way they honored my sister still in the midst of it all. That's right, my sister was killed. Yes, the story focuses more on the two newweds and the troubles they endured but failed to mention that Wes was released from the hospital less than two days after the accident. Also that Tulle and her family wasted no time trying to sue my family for medical restitution, foregoing the fact that we had a funeral to pay for.

And now they hit us with this — without warning. Why? What is wrong here? Why wasn't my family notified of this story? Are you that insensitive that you cannot warn a family still grieving, try-

ing to overcome our first holidays without Jen? Why didn't somebody warn us about the story (and front-page news)? Did they not realize the shock they might cause, tearing up our hearts all over again? If this story was so important, wasn't it written shortly after the McClure's marriage? Why almost three months later? Where is the sensitivity of the Magie Valley?

Yes, like McClures and many other people lost a friend, but I lost not only a friend but my older sister; my parents lost a daughter! Someone they, too, needed and loved. Jen meant the world to a lot of people, and I would think that if she really meant anything to anyone, they would continue doing what they knew she would want them to do — care for other people and their families.

Think about others before you serve yourself. That is what "Nin" would have done.

SABRINA BENNETT  
Jerome

### U.S. needs more ready system for draft

As the world's only "super power," we have an obligation to look after it. Like it or not, we find ourselves being the acting police force of the world. This in itself causes us to have enemies, like al-Qaida. Because of this, we need to maintain our military forces beyond that necessary to merely protect our own country.

Keeping our Armed Forces at maximum strength forever, though, is too expensive for us taxpayers. However, we must keep a reasonable number of ships, planes, bases and personnel available and have a means for rapid expansion when needed.

We need an intelligence department that can warn us in time to take appropriate action. We also need to procure the manpower to do the job. When volunteers aren't enough, we do need the draft!

Draft registration should be mandatory when one becomes 18. Then, whenever there are insufficient volunteers to meet the projected manpower requirements, the draft would automatically recruit the number of personnel needed. Then it should just as automatically stop.

Recruits should be obligated for two to five years. If they should not be needed on active duty while time limit does not wish to be active, then they should be transferred to the reserve or guard to finish their obligation. Even volunteers should be given this option.

Recruits should also be drafted offices and do the processing for all the services. Those selected should report to the recruiting office for processing. They should be given a choice of branch of service, specialty and general theater of operations if a projected vacancy exists. This process would tend to increase the number of volunteers and would improve the quality of recruits as well. Volunteers would have first choice of what is needed.

RAY L. MANLEY  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Ray Manley is a retired Navy chief warrant officer.)

# Ban esse Jackson, not the N-word

JOHN RIDLEY

**W**hen embattled, uh, comedian Michael Richards sat down with the Rev. Jesse Jackson on Monday, the big news wasn't his repeating, for the 1,000th time, that he had no idea where all that "N-word" stuff came from, didn't mean to hurt anybody, feels terrible about the whole thing ... yada, yada, yada.

The big news coming out of this meeting of minds is that Jackson, as supreme leader of all things black, has launched Operation N-word Freedom, a campaign to liberate the nation (finally) from the dreaded N-word. Jesse now challenges all black people everywhere to "give our ancestors a present" — not the gift of eleven thousand education and hard work. Jesse wants us to stop using hurtful words.

Jesse Jackson, the same cat who once referred to Jews as "hyrites" and New York "ghettoes?" This same guy who denied it when the statement was made public, kept up the denial after the journalist who reported his slur had his life threatened, and only under immense pressure finally admitted that, well, perhaps he'd made a slip of the tongue? Twice?

And he wants to lecture us regarding the usage of hurtful words? I am all for having open and intelligent discourse on the word. What I am wholly against are hypotheses who sling hate in private, then smile to us while they lie, telling the rest of us that intellectual debate is closed.

Sorry, Mr. Jackson, but the America I support through paying taxes in my

over-inflated bracket allows me not to bow down automatically to your linguistic farwas. Not all of us quake and quiver before mere words.

I have no qualm about using the word. It is just a word in the English lexicon with no amount of political correctness will remove it from reality. Trying to amputate it into the "N-word" — as if by the castration of a few letters we should then be able to conceptualize its meaning without feeling its sting — only gives the word more power. The word itself has no true effect other than the velocity and voracity the receiver ascribes to it. Deny its use, lock the word away as though you were locking away a weapon, and you increase its puissance.

It's the white-dominated media — the almost uniformly white corporate boardrooms, the mastheads — which, now that blacks want to control the word "nigger," have taken away its very use. Those in the media who do not truly practice liberalism by way of diversity in the workplace have replaced it with the "N-word" in the condescending fashion of adults taking scissors from children too immature to know what to do with them.

The solution is to blunt the weapon before it can be used, as gays have done with "queer" and women with "bitch." Alkiddo the word: turn it against your enemies. To do otherwise merely

strengthens every bigot, every racist, every hate-monger, every closeted neobaiter (and has anyone discussed the irony of Trent Lott becoming the Senate minority whip?), every failed actor-blacks who, though one might not agree with their politics, truly have a mandate to serve all Americans, not merely their own special-interest group.

Jackson never received my vote, cash or implied, and as such I would ask him to leave his edicts to himself.

From his new piece as national language czar, Jackson unilaterally declared Monday that the word is "not protected" language. His grandstanding is not surprising. It is a bulwark against his diminishing significance.

Jackson is strapping a rut dug 30 years ago. His sole function of late is to claw himself to relevance as other blacks — Colin Powell and Barack Obama and Harold Ford and Condi Rice and Deval Patrick — pass him by with regularity. Blacks who, though one might not agree with their politics, truly have a mandate to serve all Americans, not merely their own special-interest group.

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John Ridley, a novelist, screenwriter and political commentator, wrote about race relations in the December issue of *Esquire*.

# The baby elephant and the embryo

**W**hen does an elephant become an elephant? That is the question.

At least it's the one that popped into my mind as I scroll through images from an upcoming National Geographic documentary: "The Womb: Animals." The film, scheduled to air Dec. 10, may be the best weapon yet for the pro-life movement. That wasn't the purpose of the documentary — the first ever to record animals in the womb — but these images of gestating life back to privacy.

The mind makes a natural leap to the questions of how we consider and treat the pre-born.

Let's just say that the thought of aborting a baby elephant, even in the earliest gestational stages, is repugnant in a way that transcends intellectual arguments about constitutional rights to privacy.

The images were captured with 4-D ultrasound scans and enhanced with computer graphics. In the elephant case, suffice it to say they took a backdoor approach. Nilville elephant.

Other stars of the film are a puppy and a dolphin. We watch the golden retriever fetus perform full-grown dog behaviors in the womb, a dolphin learn to swim inside its mother, and the elephant grow from a single cell to a 260-pound, well, elephant.

Seeing similar images of a



KATHLEEN PARKER

human fetus — blinking, sucking his thumb and responding to sounds — is equally amazing, of course. But something about these animals in utero breathes fresh air into the debate.

Why? Because they're so adorable, helpless and vulnerable. It's the puppy reflex.

With the exception of the occasional mass murderer, people see a puppy and go *Awwwww*. They want to cuddle it.

Most people have the same reflex with human babies, too, but as a society, we've managed to emotionally distance ourselves from the human fetus. To think of it as cute or human would make abortion a much tougher choice.

Within the context of abortion, ultrasounds of human fetuses are, in fact, controversial. Pro-life pregnancy counselors are considered manipulative and intimidating when they show a pregnant woman considering abortion an ultrasound of a fetus.

Pro-choice advocates recently protested when President Bush appointed Massachusetts ob-gyn Eric Kercock to the federal family-planning office — In part

because of his connection to a pregnancy counseling service that offers ultrasound imaging.

To be fair, Kercock does have some odd ideas. He contends, for example, that contraception is damaging to women because it thwarts their procreative power. He also has compared premarital sex to drug addiction and says its damage to marriage. Whether premarital sex is addictive, I can't say, but marriage is certainly an effective antidote.

Kercock's opposition to birth control is problematic given that his job involves administering funds to groups that provide birth control, primarily to low-income women. Otherwise, his ideas about pregnancy counseling are sensible. I've long argued that education is the best tool in reducing abortion. Show girls and women their child in utero and abortion will eliminate itself.

Now we have another tool. That is, if we're really serious about reducing abortion. Take "In the Womb" to every classroom in America and let students do their own free-associating. When the tears are dry — audiences reportedly weep at this film — abortion will seem inconceivable.

Who could destroy an unborn puppy?

We Americans are suckers for animals, often displaying greater empathy for them

than for people. Be honest. In movie after movie, it's the whose deaths bother you more — men's or the horses'?

Walt Disney figured this out a long time ago. He understood the emotional connection between a cartoon creature named Bambi and deer hunters have been despised ever since. Show children and teenagers Dumbo, Flipper and Old Yeller in the world, and they'll extrapolate all by themselves. No fire and brimstone necessary.

Adults, ever effective in obfuscating the obvious, apparently have a tougher time. Recently, a federal appeals court heard arguments aimed at the essential life question: When does a human being become a human being?

The case was informed to a South Dakota "informed consent" law that would have required doctors to tell women contemplating abortion that the operation would "terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being."

The court ruled 2-1 against enforcement of the law.

We may not be able to define when a human being becomes a human being, but even children know this much: An elephant doesn't become a elephant without first being a single cell.

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# Calderon takes oath of office as president amid jeers, fist fights

By Traci Carl  
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Felipe Calderon, protected by a screen of sympathetic lawmakers, ignored catcalls and howling lawmakers and rushed through the presidential oath of office in the congressional chamber Friday, a chaotic start to a term in which he pledged to heal a country divided by his narrow victory.

Later, in his first speech as Mexico's president at the National Auditorium, Calderon offered to negotiate with leftist lawmakers who tried to block his inauguration and asked for the opportunity to win over the tens of thousands of protesters outside. But he warned rivals they wouldn't be able to stall his government.

"I'm always ready to talk, but I won't wait for dialogue before going to work," the 44-year-old politician said. "The people are ready for action."

Calderon rattled off a list of instructions to Cabinet members, telling them to slash his salary and their own, come up with a plan to overhaul the corrupt justice system, create a social net to help the country's most vulnerable, build a competitive economy that encourages homegrown businesses and streamline the electoral system.

He promised to create jobs so millions of Mexicans don't have to look for work elsewhere. "Migration continues to divide our families," he said. "Instead of leaving to work in the United States, I want to look for investment here in Mexico for our workers."

The new president's lawyer by training, spent most of his speech demanding a strict rule of law with no tolerance for violent protests, drug wars and kidnappings that have tarnished Mexico's reputation and prompted Washington to



Lawmakers shout as they wait for the arrival of Mexican president-elect Felipe Calderon at the National Congress for his swearing in ceremony amidst a congress partially seized by lawmakers who tried unsuccessfully to block his swearing in ceremony in Mexico City on Friday.

warn U.S. citizens against travel south of the border.

"Laws must protect citizens, not criminals," Calderon said. "It won't be easy or quick. It will take time and a lot of money. But rest assured: This is a battle that I will lead."

Taking the oath of office with a calm and steady voice above the insults and chaos surrounding him, Calderon already distinguished himself from his former boss, outgoing President Vicente Fox, who backed down in the face of similar congressional protests and delivered his last state-of-the-nation address from his office.

Calderon ignored calls to move his inauguration, appearing suddenly before lawmakers who had turned the congressional chamber into a bathroom brawl. Minutes before Calderon's arrival, lawmakers threw chairs and shoved one another to the floor to gain control of the room.

"It's good action," quipped California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who attended the ceremony along with former President George H.W. Bush.

Fox stood by Calderon's side at the ceremony, then took an air force helicopter to his

munch, where he plans to retire. The first opposition president in 71 years, Fox largely disappointed voters who believed his promises of millions of new jobs and prosperity. Calderon is from the same National Action Party as Fox.

Anticipating the congressional chaos, Calderon held an unusual ceremony early Friday in which he took control of the presidential residence from Fox and swore in part of his Cabinet. That left constitutional experts puzzled over whether Mexico had a president for about nine hours. The ceremony in Congress made the debate moot.

Calderon was conciliatory during his speech at the National Auditorium, saying: "To those who voted for others, I will not ignore your causes. I ask you to let me win over your confidence."

But his main rival, leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, said he would never recognize Calderon's victory of less than a percentage point in the July 2 elections and blames fraud. He set up a parallel government and declared himself Mexico's "legitimate president" last month to make Calderon's term as difficult as possible.

"I won't respect a thief, and I will always call him that," Lopez Obrador told tens of thousands of cheering supporters Friday.

The turmoil of Calderon's inauguration day was likely a preview of protests to come. Polls show that Calderon has the support of most Mexicans — and the biggest number of lawmakers in Congress — but Lopez Obrador maintains a faithful and passionate minority.

"I hope and believe that he won't finish his six years in office," said Juan Luis, a 50-year-old doctor starting down dirt police protecting the National Auditorium.

# Afghanistan opium crop sets record despite U.S. efforts

By Karen DeYoung  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Opium production in Afghanistan, which provides more than 90 percent of the world's heroin, broke all records in 2006, reaching a historic high despite ongoing U.S.-sponsored eradication efforts, the Bush administration reported Friday.

In addition to a 26 percent production increase over last year — for a total of 5,644 metric tons — the amount of land under cultivation in opium poppies grew by 61 percent. Cultivation in the two main provinces, Helmand in the southwest and Oruzgan in central Afghanistan, was up by 132 percent.

White House drug policy chief John Walters called the news "disappointing."

The administration cited resurgent Taliban forces as the main impediment to stabilization and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, and the U.S. military investment has far exceeded anti-narcotic and development programs. But U.S. military and intelligence officials have increasingly described the drug trade as a problem that exceeds the Taliban, threatening to derail other aspects of U.S. policy.

"It is truly the Achilles' heel of Afghanistan," Gen. James L. Jones, the supreme allied commander for NATO, said in a recent speech at the Council on Foreign Relations. Afghanistan is NATO's biggest operation, with more than 30,000 troops. Drug cartels with their own armies engage in regular combat with NATO forces deployed in Afghanistan, he said. "It would be wrong to say that this is just

the Taliban. I think I need to see that record straight," he added.

"They have their own capability to inflict damage, to make sure that the roads and the passages stay open and they get to where they want to go, whether it's through Pakistan, Iran, up through Russia and all the known trade routes. So this is a very violent cartel," Jones said. "They are buying their protection by funneling other organizations, from criminal gangs to tribes, to inciting any kind of resistance to keep the government off of their back."

Any disruption of the drug trade has enormous implications for Afghanistan's economic and political stability. Although its relative strength in the overall economy has diminished as other sectors have expanded, recent years' narcotics is a \$2.6 billion-a-year industry that this year provided more than a third of the country's gross domestic product. Farmers who cultivate opium poppies receive, only a small percentage of the profits, but U.S. officials estimate the crop provides up to 12 times as much income per hectare as conventional farming, and there is violent local resistance to eradication.

"It's almost the devil's own problem," CIA Director Michael Hayden told Congress last month. "Right now the issue is stability — going in there in itself and attacking the drug trade actually feeds the instability that you want to overcome."

"Attacking the problem directly in terms of the drug trade ... would undermine the attempt to gain popular support in the region," agreed Lt. Gen. Michael Maples, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. "There's a real conflict, I think."

# Four Dutch Muslims convicted of planning terrorist attacks

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — A court convicted four Dutch Muslims on Friday of plotting terrorist attacks and sentenced them to up to eight years in prison, a victory for prosecutors who had failed several times before to convict would-be terrorists before they acted.

The heaviest sentence was reserved for Samir Azzouz, 20, judges said he had played a "central role" in the group and had prepared a suicide video meant to "strike terrible fear into the Dutch people."

The group had allegedly planned to attack Dutch politicians, including Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende, and the headquarters of the Dutch intelligence agency.

Azzouz had been arrested twice before as part of investigations into alleged terrorist activities. The first time he had been bombing materials,

but was released without charge on a technicality. The second time he was charged with planning an attack but was acquitted when the judges found the preparations had not advanced far enough to prove a terrorist conspiracy.

On Friday, presiding judge E. Koning said Azzouz had taken "concrete steps" toward an attack by gathering automatic weapons.

Koning also said the suicide videotape, together with a tapped telephone conversation "could mean nothing else" except that Azzouz was close to carrying out the attack. In that conversation, he mentioned a "soup about to boil."

Azzouz's lawyer Victor Koppe called the verdict "political" and said his client plans to appeal.

"Everything (Azzouz) says is interpreted in the worst possible way," he told Dutch television.

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SPORTS

Freestone scores 32 as Huskies topple Cutthroats

Times-News
HANSEN — While she scored 20 points, Hansen senior Charlotte Freestone was pleased with her performance Thursday against Jerome.

at the tournament, "Lions coach Jake Tolman said of Mackay. Lighthouse will play Challis at 6:30 p.m. today.

lead," said Walker. Zach Van Esch scored 14 points, and Drew Reitsma scored 11 points in the effort for MVC.

The Community School used full-court pressure to stay close, but couldn't keep up with Freestone and company. Amaya Ingram led the Cutthroats with 14, while hitting a pair of treys.

Twins Falls Christian 38, CHAMP 17. BOISE — Mindy Brown had 21 points to lead Twin Falls Christian Academy past CHAMP 38-17 Friday.

Century 66, Jerome 59. POCATELLO — Century's Kyle Miller-Whaley scored 30 points, ensuring Jerome's demise in a 66-59 loss Friday.

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Middleton 52, Jerome 37. MIDDLETON — Despite 14 points from Molly Reid, the Jerome Tigers dropped a 52-37 game at Middleton Friday.

Boys basketball Malad 50, Wendell 46. MALAD — Devin Hossack hit three 3-pointers and scored a game-high 17 points, but Wendell led 50-46 at Malad Friday.

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Valley 62, Oakley 30. VALLEY — Valley took a 29-11 lead into halftime, and went on to dominate Oakley 62-30, Katie Hall led the Vikings with 19 points, while Sara Callen added 10 points.

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Carey Tournament Challis 66, Carey 42. CAREY — Challis defeated the host Carey Panthers girls 66-42 during the opening day of the 2006 Carey Invitational Tournament.

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Mackay 57, Lighthouse Christian 35. CAREY — Lighthouse Christian fell 57-35 to Mackay Friday at the 10th Annual Carey Invitational.

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Time for columnist to eat some crow. I'd like to ask sports columnist and Mr. Prognosticator Mike Christensen a question.

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Unbeaten Kimberly girls deserve more ink. Once again, your publication is going to put a Kimberly High School team on the back burner.

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Twin Falls guard Cory Cook (12) drives past Shaylee defender Andy Maxwell during the first quarter of their game in Friday in Twin Falls.

Bruins

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Glenns Ferry 62, Raft River 31

DIETRICH — The Glenns Ferry Pilots will play for the 2006 Dietrich Tournament championship tonight after defeating Raft River 62-31, on Friday.

Challis 80, Lighthouse Christian 46

CAREY — Challis will meet Carey in tonight's championship game after defeating Lighthouse Christian 80-46 Friday night.

Carey Tournament Carey 47, Mackay 26

CAREY — The Carey Panthers' lockdown defense led to a 16-2 run to start the game and a 47-26 win over the Mackay Miners during Day 1 of the 2006 Carey Invitational Tournament.

Castledale 60, Bliss 52

BLISS — Castledale picked up a 60-52 win over Bliss at the Bliss Invitational.

SPORTS LETTERS. You'd be, and by the way, my leftover turkey was delicious. MIKE RIDGWAY. Twin Falls. Unbeaten Kimberly girls deserve more ink.

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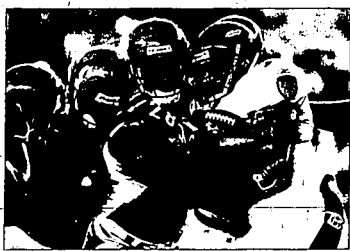
MLB

Continued from page B1. "I wrestled with it. I think that everybody who knows me knows how important my family is to me."

Tom Glavine on re-signing with the Mets. The 35-year-old second baseman, switch-hitter and two-time All-Star, is coming off his best season in years.



SPORTS



Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, right, is stopped by Cincinnati Bengals safety Dexter Jackson (28) Thursday in Cincinnati. Cincinnati won 13-7, shutting out the Ravens until the final minutes of the game.

# Surprise! Bengals win with defense

CINCINNATI (AP) — On their way to the AFC North title last season, the Cincinnati Bengals' defense collapsed in the final weeks, leaving the onus on Carson Palmer to pull them through.

This time, the defense is pulling its weight. A 13-7 victory over the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday night left Cincinnati (7-5) in good position to make the playoffs as a wild card team. The Bengals are a half-game behind Kansas City and Denver for those two spots, with a game left against the Broncos.

It's a remarkable turnaround, from three weeks ago, when the defense couldn't stop anything, players were grumbling — and it looked like the Bengals were finished.

Instead of pulling them down, the defense has pulled them through. "It's a long season," safety Madsen Williams said. "We didn't get off to the best start, but each week we're getting better. There's no secrets. We're not doing anything special."

"For a Bengals' team," this defense has been as special as its offense.

It pulled off Cincinnati's first shutout in 17 years last Sunday, 30-0 in Cleveland. Then, it shut out the Ravens until only 1:01 remained on Thursday night.

The seven points in two games are the fewest allowed by any defense in team history during back-to-back games. The seven quarters without

allowing a point also is a franchise first.

Even their celebrated offense is having to take a back seat. "All I know is they're playing well," receiver Claude Johnson said. "We almost had our season shutout in a row. They're playing REALLY well."

That's rarely been the case. During coach Marvin Lewis' first three seasons in Cincinnati, the defense failed to become a dominating unit. Last season, the Bengals made the playoffs for the first time in 15 years because their high-powered offense was able to overcome a defense that allowed an average of 30 points per game over the last seven games.

It looked like another lost season ahead when the defense gave up 42 second-half points — another franchise first — during a 49-11 loss to San Diego on Nov. 12 that left the Bengals mired in a 4-5 safety. Dexter Jackson said afterward that some of his teammates gave up in the second half.

A week later, the defense gave up 595 yards in New Orleans, but came up with a pair of end zone interceptions that set up a turning-point victory. The defense was ranked last in the league, but it had contributed to a win. The last two games have been a dramatic difference. The Ravens crossed midfield only once in the first three quarters, an indication of Cincinnati's domination.

# LeBron, Cavs fly past Hawks

ATLANTA — LeBron James scored 31 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers pulled away from the Atlanta Hawks in the fourth quarter for a 106-95 victory Friday night.

James scored 13 points in the final period, including a trip of three-point plays. He also wowed the crowd with a couple of high-flying blocks on back-to-back possessions to ruin any hope of a comeback for the Hawks.

James, criticized after the team's first meeting this season for walking toward the locker room in the first seconds while Atlanta dribbled out the clock, also had eight assists, seven rebounds and three steals.

Joe Johnson scored 31 points for Atlanta, which fell behind by 10 points before the game was 3 minutes old and never led.

## Nuggets 106, Timberwolves 92

MINNEAPOLIS — Carmelo Anthony scored 35 points. Eduardo Najera outworked Minnesota's post players for a double-double, and Denver beat the Timberwolves.

Najera had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and all five starters scored in double figures for the Nuggets, who have won nine of the last 11 games after starting the season 0-3. Anthony has scored at least 30 points in 11 of the last 12 games.

Kevin Garnett had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Ricky Davis also had 21 points for Minnesota, which has lost three straight.

## Wizards 121, Bobcats 109

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas, Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison each scored more than 20 points in a free-flowing game, and Washington beat Charlotte.

Arenas got his teammates involved early, compiling six assists before he made a field goal, and finished with 33 points and 10 assists. Butler scored 24 points and Jamison added 22, as Washington improved to 6-2 at home; it's 0-7 on the road.

Adam Morrison led Charlotte with 23 points on the day he was honored as Eastern Conference rookie of the month, and Brevin Knight added 22 points and nine assists.

## Mavericks 109, Kings 90

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki's aim was off in his first game back from suffering blured vision, yet he was the one Dallas player misfiring as the Mavericks extended their winning streak to 12.

The Mavericks haven't lost since starting the season 0-4. The surge is the third-best in club history — two shy of matching the franchise record — and has taken them to the top of the Southwest Division.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, left, drives against Atlanta Hawks center Lorenzen Wright during the first quarter Friday in Atlanta.

Nowitzki finished 4-of-15, but was 10-of-10 from the line for 18 points in 20 minutes. He also had 10 rebounds, Josh Howard, led Dallas with 24 points while shooting 10-of-14.

Ron Artest didn't start because of a flare-up of an ongoing back problem, but led the Kings with 15 points. Kevin Martin scored 13.

## Pistons 108, Knicks 100

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tayshaun Prince matched his career high with 31 points. Chauncey Billups added 22 points and 16 assists, and Detroit won its eighth straight.

The Pistons haven't lost since a 100-99 home defeat to New Orleans dropped them to 3-5 on Nov. 15. The Knicks have lost six of seven.

Richard Hamilton added 26 points for Detroit, going 11-for-11 from the line, while Rashad Wallace had 14 rebounds.

Eddy Curry led the Knicks with 24 points, while former Michigan star Jamal Crawford added 18 off the bench. Stephen Marbury and Steve Francis combined for 23 points on 7-for-22 shooting.

## Bulls 111, Hornets 108

OKLAHOMA CITY — Andres Nocioni scored a career-high 31 points. Nocioni two late free throws, and Chicago held off a series of comebacks for its third straight victory.

Luol Deng added 21 points, while Kirk Hinrich and Ben Gordon each scored 17. Nocioni also had 13 rebounds for his third double-double this season.

Rasual Butler finished with a career-high 33 points, and Chris Paul had his third career triple-double with 25 points.

18 assists and 11 rebounds. Jannero Pargo added 18 points, Marc Jackson scored 15 and Tyson Chandler had 16 rebounds, but the Hornets lost their fifth in a row.

## Raptors 106, Celtics 102

TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 25 points and 11 rebounds as Toronto improved to 5-2 at home.

T.J. Ford had 13 assists and 10 points for the Raptors, who are only 1-8 on the road. Toronto shot 55 percent to Boston's 52 percent in a game that was close throughout. Paul Pierce had 18 points and nine assists for the Celtics, who have lost four of five.

## Suns 122, Bucks 116

PHOENIX — Shawn Marion scored 27 points, 12 in the fourth quarter, and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Phoenix to its sixth straight victory.

The Suns beat the Bucks at home for the 19th time in a row, matching the longest active streak of its kind in the NBA. Denver has lost 19 in a row at the Sabarona. Milwaukee lost won in Phoenix on Feb. 21, 1987.

In the final 2:49, Marion made eight consecutive free throws and blocked a driving layup by Michael Reid.

Redd finished with 37 points, giving him 82 in his last two contests. Mo Williams added 31 points and 10 rebounds.

Four players had at least 20 points apiece for Phoenix. Steve Nash had 27 points and 11 assists. Amare Stoudemire had 22 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out with 3:09 to play.

— The Associated Press

# Johnson cashes in on great season

NEW YORK (AP) — Jimmie Johnson believes his NASCAR Nextel Cup championship is something special, and not just because it came after several frustrating near misses.

Before stepping on stage at the historic Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Friday night to collect a record-setting \$15,770,125, including \$6,785,982 from the series sponsor's points fund, Johnson reflected on a season in which he won the Daytona 500, the Brickyard 400 and three other races, as well as coming back to take the title after stumbling out of the blocks in the 10-race Chase for the championship.

"In general, I think it's one of the best seasons ever," said Johnson, who has earned more than \$44 million in his five-year NASCAR Cup career.



"I'm really proud of what this team accomplished this season, especially with the things we had to overcome. The other nine drivers in the Chase also were given big checks Friday night, along with 11th-place finisher Tony Stewart and rookie of the year Denny Hamlin.

Runner-up Matt Kenseth got a points fund check for \$2,841,047, while 10th-place Kyle Busch, last year's top rookie, received \$4,821,000. Two-time champion Stewart, who missed the Chase by just 16 points a year after winning the championship, totaled \$8,739,169, including \$1,143,888 from the points fund, a \$250,000 bonus for finishing 11th and \$310,000 in sponsor contingency prizes. That's a far cry from the \$13,578,168 Stewart collected last year, which set also set a season record, but still the third highest in 2006.

Hamlin, who also finished third in the points, got a points fund check of \$2,168,710 and totaled \$4,421,000 for the season.

In all, checks were handed out on stage Friday for more than \$2 million, the largest top 10 point fund payout in series history.

But, more than the money, Johnson was proudest of joining Lee Petty, Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon as the only drivers in the sport's history to win both the Daytona race — NASCAR's Super Bowl — and the title in the same year.



NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion Jimmie Johnson, right, and his wife, Chandra, are introduced at the NASCAR Awards Ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, Friday.

Daytona, he added another win, a second and a sixth while Knaus was away.

Gordon, a four-time Cup champion who is also co-owner of Johnson's car with team owner Rick Hendrick, acknowledges he thought "Here we go again" when Johnson got off to a bad start in the Chase and found himself eighth, trailing team leader Jeff Burton by 165 points, after the first three races of the playoffs.

But Johnson and the team charged back into contention and eventually to the top. "This championship came just at the right time. We needed to learn some lessons," Johnson said of himself and his team. "We need to grow up as a race team."

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— Jimmie Johnson on winning the Nextel Cup Chase for the championship

Johnson. But, once the feeling of being a champion began to sink in, Johnson started to relax and enjoy the sensation.

"We tried real hard to share this with Mr. Hendrick. Glad the rest of the team," Johnson said, "It's something we did as a group and it's something we should enjoy as a group."

The first few times Gordon stood on the stage in New York, tears ran down his cheeks and he found it hard to speak as he thanked those that helped him get up there.

Johnson said talked to Gordon about that and tried to make very sure that he kept his emotions in check on Friday after a whirlwind week of celebrations and media events in New York that included being at the head of the top 10 drivers as they drove their race cars through Times Square on Wednesday morning.

"Last year, I let somebody write my speech and I made some mistakes and felt pretty uncomfortable," explained Johnson, who took home fifth-place money a year ago. "This time, I decided I wanted to write the speech myself. Keep it short and make sure I did it right."

"I talked to Jeff about what happened to him and I'm feeling pretty good about what I have to do."

Once on stage, Johnson kept his emotions in check and thanked all the appropriate people.

"This team is special and these people earned this championship and I'm just proud to be part of it," he said.

In another special moment Friday night, Dr. Jerry Petty, 71, a neurosurgeon from North Carolina, received the Bill France NASCAR Award of Excellence for his contributions, particularly to the growth of NASCAR's safety program, and for his enduring commitment to the sport.

"Dr. Petty carries that same kind of passion for the sport and all of the drivers out there because he wants to see it safe," Gordon said. "It's a fan, so he uses his doctor skills and everything he knows and the knowledge he has because he wants to bring better care to the sport for all of the drivers."

# BCS

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take impartiality so seriously they actually leave the room when their school or conference is being discussed," the BCS honchos don't actually decide who gets the coveted invitations. That's up to the loud-jacket palook.

But the double-dipping looks slimy, and appearance is what really matters. Most folks already think the BCS is a toxic waste dump that needs to be plowed over. It doesn't need to pile it on.

Besides, the SEC already has a welcome wagon — Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

"She saw fit to spend some of her time recently buttonholing the Rose and Orange bowl presidents on behalf of LSU."

"I am reminding representatives of these bowls of the excitement our states have for this team and everything we offer as LSU fans," she said Thursday. (An invitation to any of these bowls would be a major win for both LSU and the bowls themselves.)

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# UCLA remembers last year's game against USC all too well

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The UCLA Bruins trudged off the Coliseum field following a 66-19 loss to Southern California last year with a feeling they'll always remember.

Analyst center Robert Chai believes that's a good thing. "I remember thinking as I stood in the tunnel, I don't ever want to feel this again," Chai said. "I don't want anyone on this team to forget what this felt like."

The outcome might have been expected, but the margin of victory wasn't. UCLA entered with an 11-0 record and USC was 9-1.

"All year long, you talk about this game," Chai said. "You talk about it at the beginning of the season, talk about it during the season, talk about it during summer training. You talk about USC, that you want to beat them. And unfortunately the past couple of years, we haven't done the job."

Chai's short memory — USC has beaten UCLA seven straight times, not just the last couple of years. When

the teams meet today at the Rose Bowl, the Bruins will be shooting for their first win over their crosstown rivals since 1998.

"Very frustrating. It makes you sick," Bruins cornerback Trey Brown said. "This is our opportunity to shut people up and earn some respect. It's been way too long. It's got to stop sometime."

While the Bruins may have been thinking about the Trojans for some time, as Chai said, that apparently hasn't been the case at USC. Coach Pete Carroll believes every game is a championship game, and his players have embraced that philosophy.

Now that it's UCLA week, though, Carroll and his players are free to speak on the significance of playing the Bruins.

"We love this matchup and we love playing it, whether it's at the Coliseum or the Rose Bowl," Carroll said. "We don't get to play another game for a long time — this is the last game we get to play this year."

"Next year, we've got to play another game, so we will deal with that when the time comes."

No. 2 USC (10-1, 7-1 Pac-10) can clinch a berth in the BCS title game with a victory — just like it did last year. If the Trojans lose, they'll play in the Rose Bowl game.

They swear they won't be caught looking ahead. "The history of all sports says yes. The history of this football team says no," Carroll said, extending his possibility. "We haven't had problems with that. That is not a factor I'm concerned about at all."

Win or lose, UCLA (6-5, 4-1) will oppose Florida State in the Emerald Bowl on Dec. 27 in San Francisco.

The Trojans have a 41-27-7 record in the series that dates back to 1929, when they beat the Bruins 76-0. UCLA won eight straight before USC began its current seven-game winning streak.

Some of the wildest games have been played at the Rose Bowl, where UCLA has played its home games

since 1992. Before that, the teams shared the Coliseum.

UCLA won a 20-19 decision in the first game the teams played at the Rose Bowl when the Trojans failed on a 2-point conversion in the final seconds. USC's Todd Marinovich threw a touchdown pass in the final minute to give his team a 45-42 victory in 1990.

UCLA won a 38-37 decision in 1992, and four years later, the Bruins rallied from 17 points down in the fourth quarter to win 40-31 in double overtime.

Two years ago, the Trojans earned their berth opposite Oklahoma in the BCS title game by beating the Bruins 29-24 in a much closer game than most anticipated. USC was 11-0 going in and UCLA was 6-4.

The rivalry is unique because it involves two teams in the same city with plenty of players who know each other.

For example, USC center Brian Kallil will be lined up against a familiar face in Bruins defensive tackle Kevin Brown.



UCLA quarterback Patrick Cowan (12) sprints out of the pocket in a 20-17 loss to Notre Dame Oct. 21 in South Bend, Ind. On Saturday, the Bruins will shoot for their first win over their crosstown rivals since 1998.

# Nebraska's Taylor to again face hometown team in Oklahoma

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sooner born and Sooner bred, Zac Taylor ended up on the other side of one of college football's most storied rivalries. Now, he'll get a chance to play in it at Big 12 Oklahoma. Nebraska game like the ones he grew up watching.

"The games I remember more than anything else were the Oklahoma-Nebraska games when I was a little kid," the Nebraska quarterback said. "Those are definitely the most vivid memories I have. Back then I was probably an Oklahoma fan cheering against Nebraska. Now it's the other way around."

Taylor, a Norman native and son of former Oklahoma safety Sherwood Taylor, leads the 18th-ranked Cornhuskers against the No. 8 Sooners today in the Big 12 championship game in Kansas City, Mo.

Taylor remembers going to his first OUNU game in 1994, when the Cornhuskers came to Norman and left with a 13-3 victory. "I don't think about it any more," he said. "I hosted Nebraska and was there in 2000, when a third-ranked Oklahoma team knocked off the No. 1 Huskers."

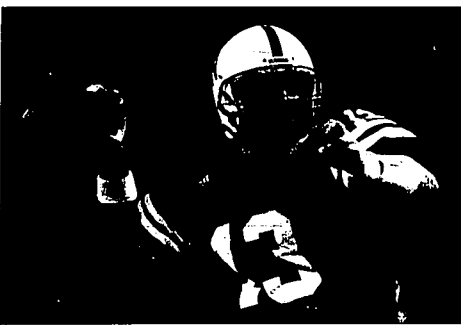
A year later, he was watching on television when No. 2 Nebraska returned the favor with a 20-10 win against third-ranked Oklahoma.

"I definitely remember just about every game they've played over the last 15 years," Taylor said.

Saturday's ranks among the biggest. It's the first time since 1998 Nebraska and Oklahoma played for a conference championship. Since the start of Big 12 in 1996, Nebraska has played in three conference title games and Oklahoma has played in four, but never against each other.

"You would have thought that over the last 10 years that Oklahoma and Nebraska would have played in the championship game," Taylor said. "For whatever reason, it hasn't happened."

Oklahoma (10-2, 7-1), which boasts college football's longest winning streak, has been in decline at the beginning of Big 12 play and didn't make it to the title



Nebraska quarterback Zac Taylor (12) throws against Colorado in their college football game in Lincoln, Neb., on Nov. 24. Sooner born and Sooner bred, Zac Taylor ended up on the other side of one of college football's biggest rivalries. Saturday, he'll lead the Cornhuskers against Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game.

game until Bob Stoops' second season in 2000. Nebraska, with the most wins since 1970, hasn't been back to the title game since winning it in 1999.

Huskers coach Bill Callahan credits Taylor with accelerating Nebraska's comeback by speeding along the installation of his West Coast offense.

Taylor was named the Big 12's offensive player of the year by league coaches after throwing for a school record 2,789 yards and 24 touchdowns with only four interceptions.

"I think he's definitely one of the best, when you look at his performance throughout the entire year and what's done for his team, his efficiency and all that stuff," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "He's done an excellent job."

But out of high school, Taylor's hometown team didn't recruit him.

Oklahoma already had Nate Iybl, who'd eventually win the Rose Bowl, and Jason White, the 2003 Heisman Trophy winner, on campus and also signed top prospect Tommy Grady from California.

So, Taylor set committed to Oklahoma State but ended up going to Wake Forest and then to the junior college in Kansas before landing at Nebraska last season.

After those years away, Taylor said he doesn't have much of a connection now with Oklahoma, particularly because he doesn't know any of the Sooners.

"I grew up an Oklahoma fan, but it's just another team we're playing in the championship game," Taylor said. "We played them last year and people hyped that up a lot but once that first play takes place, it's just another team. You've just got to make the same plays you're making against anybody else."

# Georgia Tech QB has a lot to prove in ACC championship game

ATLANTA (AP) — Reggie Ball has a way of bouncing back from his lowest moments.

"He'll certainly need those powers of recovery today. The Georgia Tech quarterback is coming off a miserable performance against Georgia, but he doesn't have long to fret about it. The No. 23 Yellow Jackets (9-3) are facing

16th-ranked Wake Forest in the Atlantic Coast Conference

game with the winner claiming a spot in the Orange Bowl.

"He'll come back strong," teammate Calvin Johnson predicted. "We have a tough game coming up. We know Reggie is not going to let it bother him at all."

Clearly, Ball has a lot of forgetting to do.

Last week, the senior looked like a raw freshman in the 48th start of his career, completing just 6-of-22 passes for 42 yards in a 15-12 loss to Georgia Tech's most bitter rival. As if that wasn't bad enough, he was intercepted twice and coughed up a fumble that was returned for Georgia's first touchdown.

"Reggie! Reggie! Reggie!" the Georgia crowd chanted derisively.

But Ball has been through this sort of thing before during an up-and-down career. As a freshman, he was picked off three times in a blowout loss to lowly Duke — the Blue Devils' first ACC win in four years — but he rebounded

the following week with three touchdown passes to beat North Carolina.

In 2004, Ball nearly lost his starting job when he completed just 20-of-54 with six interceptions in back-to-back losses to North Carolina and Miami. He played much better in the next game, an upset win over Maryland, and coach Chhn Gailey dismissed any thought of making a change.

Ball's maddeningly consistent play stretches all the way to his senior season. In a crucial

three-week stretch late in the season, Ball equaled his career high with four touchdown passes in a comeback win over North Carolina State, played terribly (10-of-24, 78 yards, one interception) in an ugly victory against North Carolina, then bounced back with three TD passes as the Yellow Jackets coasted past winless Duke.

So, maybe it's time for Ball to come through with a strong showing against the Demon Deacons (10-2) in Jacksonville, Fla.

Gailey is counting on it. "He's competitive as all get-out," Gailey said. "It's not easy to play quarterback. If it was easy, anybody could do it. You look for guys who have that competitive spirit and can come back. We've seen it (with Ball) from the beginning of a game to the end of a game. He's led us back in the fourth-quarter, two or three times this year."

# Hogs' first two trips to SEC title game didn't end well

ATLANTA (AP) — In 1995, Arkansas had reason to celebrate. The Razorbacks had won their first SEC West title, earning much-needed credibility in their new league.

Then Arkansas headed to Atlanta for the Southeastern Conference championship game.

"I think that our goal was actually getting there," offensive lineman Verl Mitchell recalled this week. "We really didn't know what to do once we got there."

No. 8 Arkansas plays No. 4 Florida tonight for the SEC title. The Razorbacks are hoping to avoid a familiar finish. This is Arkansas' third trip to the championship game, and the other two ended in blowout losses that took some of the luster off otherwise impressive seasons.

Not much was expected from the '95 Razorbacks, who were in their fourth year in the SEC. Both Arkansas won the West with a 6-2 conference record. Like this season, the Razorbacks lost their regular-season finale to LSU before heading to Atlanta to play Florida.

The Gators were at their peak under Steve Spurrier, ranked second in the nation and a season away from winning a national title. Danny Ford, who coached the Arkansas team, remembers the atmosphere at the Georgia



Florida quarterback Chris Leak (12) jokes with a teammate during practice at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Friday. Florida will face Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference title game Saturday.

Dome. "The crowd noise was tremendous," Ford said.

The Razorbacks scored first, but Andre Hill, who rushed for 1,387 yards that season, went down early with a knee injury. The Gators overwhelmed Arkansas after that, winning 34-3.

"When your number one guy goes out like that, it's kind of like, 'What now?'" Mitchell said.

Seven years later, the Razorbacks returned under coach Houston Nutt. Alabama went 6-2 in the SEC but was ineligible for the champi-

"The last time we went to Atlanta we felt like we went in through the back door. This year we came through the front door."

— Arkansas coach Houston Nutt on making it to the ACC title game

onship, and Arkansas emerged from a three-way tie with Auburn and LSU at 5-3.

The Razorbacks lost 30-8 to Georgia.

"They were just better than us," said Jacksonville Jaguars receiver Matt Jones. Arkansas' quarterback in '02. "They had home-field advantage. They were in Atlanta."

This year, the Razorbacks (10-2, 7-1) are eager to show they finally belong among the SEC's elite. Arkansas won seven SEC games for the first time and was unbeat in conference play before last week's 31-26 loss to LSU.

"The last time we went to Atlanta we felt like we went in through the back door," Nutt said. "This year we came through the front door. We won it outright with one loss." Heisman Trophy candidate

Darren McFadden has rushed for 1,485 yards, breaking the school record set by Hill in '95.

"In my opinion, McFadden should win the Heisman this year," Jones said. "You look at Arkansas, and without McFadden, there's no way in the world they win 10 games. They might not even be a .500 team without McFadden."

But with him, Arkansas had a slim shot at a national title until last week's loss.

After its first two SEC championship game appearances, Arkansas went to a fairly minor bowl. The Razorbacks lost the 1995 Quargust Bowl to North Carolina, and they lost the 2002 Music City Bowl to Minnesota.

This season is different. Even the Razorbacks lose to Florida (11-1, 7-1), they will likely end up in the Capital One Bowl or the Cotton Bowl — both of which are on New Year's Day.

Mitchell, of course, hopes it won't come to that. He says a win this year — which would put Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl — would be a huge step for the program.

He also said Arkansas' depth is better than in '95. The Razorbacks quickly slipped back into mediocrity after that championship game appearance.

"They really didn't have the cupboard full then like they do now," Mitchell said.

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# My job is just to forgive them

They caught them — whoever "they" and "them" are. At least, that's what it seemed to indicate in the thick, official-looking letter that arrived the other day. Two men whose names I've never heard before are being charged with breaking into my car, stealing my wallet and using my debit card all over town.

OK, maybe "breaking into my car" is a little strong. I left the car unlocked, fully knowing that my wallet was in the glove compartment (my security-minded brother-in-law thinks that I should be brought up on charges too — for being so darn dumb). Still, the law makes it clear that these guys were wrong to do what they did — no matter how easy I made things for them — and they are now going to be held accountable for their actions.



VALUESPEAK  
Joseph Walker

To be honest, part of me delights in that prospect. By their bad choices — ridiculously easy though they may have been to make — they have caused us a lot of anguish during the past few weeks. The moment I saw that my wallet — and my debit card — was missing, we hurried to the computer to check our online banking resources for "anomalous" activity (that's not quite right — Anita hurried to the computer while I paced in the kitchen, wringing my hands and whimpering about pirates, scoundrels and the world going to heck in a hand basket).

Sure enough, whenever had taken my wallet had already used my debit card at four area businesses to make purchases totaling nearly \$700. Of course, blame this on Anita. When I was in charge of our bank account, we never had \$700 in there. At least, not all at one time.

So, for three weeks we've been talking to police, cancelling debit and credit cards, filing complaints that alleges with merchants and replacing licenses and insurance cards. It has been a hassle, and it is prompted more than a few feelings of concern and insecurity. I check the locks on the cars and the doors to the house several times every night before going to bed (partly because I'm concerned and partly because I keep forgetting if I've checked or not). And I find myself yearning for quieter, simpler times — when I was going to these two left our houses and cars unlocked at night, but the truth of the matter is I don't remember if we even HAD locks.

All of which may help to explain why I was feeling relieved, vindicated and a little bit of blood lust when that official-looking letter arrived. The letter informed us of the names of the men being charged with the crime and told us when their first hearing would be. It also explained some of our rights as "victims," including the right to be there when their case is heard. Immediately my mind flashed to a "Tale of Two Cities" fantasy story I was the grizzled old woman on the front row of the court room cackling, "Guillotine! Guillotine!"

Yeah, I know — it's sort of a pre-Alzheimer's thing, I think. But then I started thinking: I don't know anything about these two people — only that they have male-sounding names. I don't know if they are old or young. I don't know if they are married or single. I don't know if they were trying to raise money to support a drug habit or trying to buy Christmas presents for underprivileged children. I mean, I sort of doubt that last one, but I don't know for sure.

And maybe I don't need to know. And the way I see it, I only have one job here: to forgive them. That doesn't mean that they shouldn't experience the consequences of their bad choices. Of course they should. That's how we learn in life. But I think we are doing a wonderful job of taking care of that. A law has been broken, and a price will be paid. I don't need to extract my own personal "pound of flesh." I just need to forgive them, and to move on with my life.

Oh, and I need to remember to keep my wallet with me and to lock my car at night.

So "they" don't have to catch "them" again.

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# A Pauline revival

## Some Christians argue St. Paul was the critical figure in the Jesus movement

*"There has never been a more monstrous imposition perpetrated than the imposition of the limitations of Paul's soul upon the soul of Jesus."*

— George Bernard Shaw, "Androcles and the Lion"

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Pharisee. Religious persecutor. Misogynist. A Jew who was anti-Semitic.

St. Paul, history's most famous letter-writer, has taken his lumps over the years — mostly from other Christians.

"Paul's a tough nut to crack," said the Rev. Greg Lindsay, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. "He does have some baggage."

Many Christians — even those who cherish the words of the 13 Pauline epistles in the New Testament — are conflicted about the man who once held the coats of Jews who stoned the first Christian martyr, St. Stephen, to death.

Paul underwent a famous and very public conversion to Christianity, but as Jesus' most important apostle after Peter, he is a prickly character and hard to pigeon-hole.

But Garry Wills believes Paul deserves much of the credit for what became Christianity, even though Paul would never have called himself a Christian; the word didn't exist during his lifetime.

He was, instead, a Jew who believed that Jesus was the Messiah.

Wills, a Catholic, emeritus professor at Northwestern University and a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, argues in his new book, "What Paul Meant" (Viking, \$24.95), that Paul matters because his letters are the earliest accounts we have of the movement that grew up around Jesus.

It is in Paul's letters — and most Bible scholars agree that they predate some if not all the Gospels — that the earliest formulations occur of the ceremonial meal that came to be recognized as the Eucharist. Similarly, Paul is the most identifiable individual among the earliest Christian writers.

Recently, there's been a change among Christians in old attitudes about Paul.

"I think there is an appreciation of what an important figure Paul really was," said the Rev. Brian Thom, pastor of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls.

Paul was an unabashed iconoclast and an unapologetic Cassandra.

"He really believed that the end times were at hand," Lindsay said. "So his message to other Christians was that you've got to keep doing what you're doing, and be ready."

"In 'What Paul Meant,' Wills takes Paul's critics head-on —



Caravaggio's 1601 painting "The Conversion of St. Paul" depicts Paul's "road to Damascus" religious experience, described in Acts of the Apostles.

beginning with the apocryphal writers of the early Christian era who denounced him as a father of heresies, to the more contemporary scholars who have taxed him with perverting the message of the "lost" history, Jesus' with a "high-flown but dark theology."

"It is not surprising that people should have trouble reading the letters of Paul," Wills writes. "He was an occasional writer, fired off to deal with local crises. He dictated them in the midst of various struggles, often to answer problems or refute opponents not clearly specified in his responses. We hear his raised voice without knowing what the other side was shouting."

Wills believes only seven of the 13 Pauline letters included in the Christian canon actually are his; that theory is hotly disputed by other Christian scholars. Wills disposes of sexism: charges, most of which derive from the Letters to Timothy, which many scholars now agree Paul did not write. "Timothy tells women to shut up and be submissive," Wills said. But Paul was much more egalitarian. "Women were ministers and deacons in his day." In his seven authentic letters, Paul names at least a dozen women who acted as evangelists, Wills adds.

So, too, the charges of anti-Semitism. Paul never conceived of himself as anything other than a Jew of the Pharisaical party or of Jesus as anything but a Jewish Messiah. Paul's mission and his letters were entirely focused on the Diaspora Jews who then constituted something more than 10 percent of the Roman Empire's urban population and on the very large number of converts drawn to their outlook and observances.

"The heart of the problem is this," Wills writes. "Paul entered the bloodstream of Western civilization mainly through one artery, the vein carrying a consciousness of sin or guilt, of the tortured conscience. This is the Paul we came to know through the brilliant self-examinations of Augustine and Luther, of Calvin and Pascal and Kierkegaard. The profound writings of these men and their followers, with all their vast influence, amount to a massive misreading of Paul, to a historic misreading of the minds of people down through the century."

Wills claims Paul is distorted in the Acts of the Apostles, written by Luke a few decades after Paul's letters — especially in the "road to Damascus" story. In "What Paul Meant," Wills lists eight reasons why he thinks "the most famous conversion story in Christian history" is really a fiction. He adds that it was impossible for Jews under Roman occupation to carry out executions, but Luke has Paul saying, "I not only put many of the holy in prison, under orders from the chief priests, but I voted for their death sentences."

Luke's writings, Wills says, were an attempt to hold the Jesus movement together after the fall of the Temple in 70 A.D. Luke assumes a generally hostile attitude toward the Jews," Wills writes, that is later attributed to Paul — which simply wasn't true.

Although he shares Wills' admiration for Paul, the Rev. Jerry Kester of the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls is wary of revisionist Christian history.

"If you try to apply the standards and ideas of the 21st century to writings from the first century,

"Paul meant what Jesus meant, that love is the only law."

— Historian Garry Wills

ry, you're likely to get a distorted view," he said. Kester, who like Lindsay and Thom have not yet read Wills' book, says Paul is already a towering figure from a conservative Christian perspective.

"He transformed the Mediterranean world in the first century," he said. "You can't overestimate his importance."

Since the early 20th century, there have been Christians critical of negative attitudes about Paul that whirled during the Protestant Reformation. Their movement even has a name: New Perspectives on Paul, or New Perspectiveism.

The Reformation claimed that Paul argued against the legalistic first century Jewish culture which sought to earn salvation through works. But supporters of the NPP say Paul has been misread.

They contend Paul was actually combating Jews who were boasting because they were God's people. Their "works" were done to show they were God's covenant people and not to earn their salvation. According to NPP, the result is a Judaism that believed in salvation by grace alone.

Foremost among the New Perspectives is the Rev. N.T. Wright, a British Anglican clergyman who has been embraced by many American Christian evangelicals. Wills's Gentiles to be the "apostle to the Gentiles" led him to hammer out a theology that was essentially a Jewish message for the pagan world, Wright says, reshaped around Jesus and taking form as a deeply personal and political message.

Rediscovering Paul's complex vision of God, the world and the Gospel is a critical task facing today's Christians, according to Wright.

For his part, Wills believes that organized "religion" took over the legacy of God as it did that of Jesus — because they both opposed it. They said that the worship of God is a matter of interior love, not based on external observances, on temples or churches, on hierarchies or priesthood. Both were at odds with those who impose the burdens of "religion" and punish those who try to escape them. They were radical egalitarians, though in ways that delved below and soared above conventional policies. They were on the side of the poor, and saw through the rich. They saw only two basic moral duties, love of God and love of neighbor. Both were liberators, not imprisoners — so they were imprisoned. So they were killed.

"Paul meant what Jesus meant, that love is the only law."

The Los Angeles Times and the Albany N.Y. Times-Union contributed to this report.

# Reid about to become politics' highest-ranking Mormon

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — When Nevada's Democratic Sen. Harry Reid assumes his role as Senate majority leader in January, he'll hold a small, but important political distinction — he's the highest-ranking Mormon elected to office in U.S. history.

It's a sign that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, long viewed by many as peculiar, is becoming mainstream, observers say.

"It's an important symbol," says John Green, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. "That has always been a mark of religious groups in American society, that in some important sense the group has

become part of the mainstream." Not that Mormons don't already hold key positions in Washington. Former Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt is secretary of Health and Human Services. Five senators and roughly a dozen representatives are members of the church, and two federal departments have Mormon chiefs of staff.

But Reid, who grew up in a small Nevada mining town, has gone farther than them all.

When in Washington, D.C., Reid attends services at Mormon ward house one block outside the District of Columbia.

He has served the congregation as home teacher, checking on the well-being of other members.



Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is an LDS home teacher and keeps a copy of the Book of Mormon on the bookshelf in his Senate office.

# Fellowship plans evening of food, entertainment

**JEROME** — The El Shaddai Fellowship will hold its annual Christmas Baked Potatoes and Chili-Frito Burg and Silent Auction at 6:30 p.m. today at 216 Second Ave. E.

The evening features a comedy performance of "The 12 Days of Christmas." Live music will be provided by "Lazarus." Pastors Pam and Meryl Wheeler—invite everyone—to join the festivities. Admission is free, but freewill offerings will be accepted. Proceeds from the auction and offerings will help provide Christmas for children in the Jerome and Twin Falls areas.

## Church news

more information, call chairman Tony Tucker at 734-6292 or 733-3136.

### Communion served on first day of Advent

**TWIN FALLS** — Communion will be served on the first day of Advent at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive.

Fred Cogburn will present the special music, and Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "Heaven's Amazed," from Luke 21:8 and Psalms 25:1-10.

A Bible study on Romans meets at 2 p.m. Tuesdays at the church.

A prayer group meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Home of Don and Barbara Richards, 356 Van Buren St.

The Men's Ministry Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. today at the Loong King Restaurant on Kimberley Road.

For more information, call 734-5268.

### Agape Foursquare Church celebrates start of Advent

**TWIN FALLS** — The Agape Foursquare Church will celebrate the start of Advent with a candle-lighting service during worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Gerald Nielsen will deliver a message on the "Messiah."

The church is located at 181 Morrison St.

### Melone a guest speaker for First Presbyterian Church

**JEROME** — Jon Melone will be the guest speaker for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A. His topic will be "A Journey of Grace."

Melone and his family were missionaries in Papua, New Guinea, for two years and then spent 11 years training missionary candidates to go overseas. He and his wife, Tina, are business owners in Twin Falls.

Sunday school begins at 9 a.m.

Child care is available for Sunday school and worship.

For more information, stop by the church or call 324-2972.

### Rev. Stevens to speak on endings, new beginnings

**HOLLISTER** — The Rev. Bruce Stevens of Twin Falls will speak on "The Wonder of Endings and New Beginnings" during worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister

Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave.

Scripture reading will be Luke 21:25-36.

Refreshments will be served after worship.

Visitors are welcome.

The Women's Association will be assembling Christmas baskets after worship. All are welcome to participate. Bring a sack lunch and items for the baskets.

### Hansen Baptist Fellowship plans Christmas program

**HANSEN** — The Hansen Baptist Fellowship will present a Christmas program, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," at 4 p.m. Sunday at the old City Hall building, 340 Main St.

A fellowship time will follow. Punch and cookies will be served. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

For more information, call 423-6937.

### Churches will present Christmas concert Sunday

**KIMBERLY** — Kimberly and Hansen area churches will present their annual Community Christmas Concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the old Kimberly High School gym, located east of the round building on the old high school campus on Center Street.

A time for fellowship will follow the concert. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 423-5290.

### Buxman plans sermon at Flier Mennonite Church

**FILER** — Bob Buxman of the West Coast Mennonite Central Committee will speak at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Flier Mennonite Church, 109 Fifth St. His topic is "Jakin' a're of Business," from John 5:1-9. He also will share stories of the committee, the relief agency of the Mennonite Church.

Buxman spent six years with the MCC in Nicaragua, then eight years at MCC for the West Coast MCCC and is now working half time with the West Coast MCC doing church relations in the Pacific Northwest.

### Interfaith luncheon takes place in Gooding

**GOODING** — The Agape Interfaith Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Basque Center on University Ave.

Janis Walton from the Bellevue Community Church will present a Christmas program, "Star Light, Star Bright."

Walton began vocal recording at age 8 and has since added directing and performing in theater to her accomplishments. She and her husband, Tad, and their five children minister at the Bellevue Community Church in the Sun Valley area, where she serves as worship leader. She also teaches voice and directs theater productions in the community.

Luncheon reservations must be made by Sunday by calling Leona Patterson at 934-5366. Cost is \$6 per person.

Admission to the program only is free.

Everyone is welcome.

### 'Love's Abiding Joy' will be shown on movie night

**TWIN FALLS** — Christian Movie Night will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Calvary Chapel Twin Falls, located on the corner of Falls Avenue East and the road to Shoshone Falls.

"Love's Abiding Joy," directed by Michael Landon Jr., is the fourth installment in Janette Oke's "Love Comes Softly" series.

Following a treacherous journey west, a young couple sets up a homestead and begins to raise a family. After the railroad connects the states, the woman's father visits, but the reunion is interrupted by tragedy and the faith and love of the family is challenged.

The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information, call 733-3133.

### Presbyterian Women schedule Christmas brunch

**TWIN FALLS** — The Presbyterian Women will hold their annual Christmas Brunch at 10 a.m. Dec. 9 in the Fellowship room at the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church.

Kathy Price will present a program, "God's Winter Wonderland," and special music will be provided.

Women of the circles will provide treats.

All church members and friends, including men, are invited. Other Presbyterian churches in the area also are invited.

For more information, call 733-7023.

### Reid

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And he keeps a copy of the Book of Mormon, his faith's central text, on his office bookshelf.

"He's always looking after other people," says his bishop, Michael Seay, the lay leader of the congregation. "He's very much lower on the members' list."

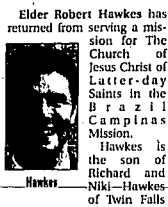
And while he doesn't push issues simply because of his faith, friends say Reid's religion and his positions on issues as a senator are inseparable. At the father of five boys, Reid is an abortion, pro-death penalty, life opposes same-sex marriage and gun control. But he's also known for taking liberal-to-moderate stands on issues such as education.

"His faith clearly affects who he is," says Kai Anderson, Reid's former deputy chief of staff. "It's a big part of what makes him a decent, kind, loving man. But he doesn't legislate it."

Unlike other Mormons in politics, Reid isn't often identified by his faith.

"It's a historical milestone that I'm sure LDS scholars will note," says Sen. Bob Bennett, a Mormon Republican from Utah. "Interestingly, in the Senate no one seems to care."

More important to Democrats are Reid's abilities as



Hawkes

Elder Robert Hawkes has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Brazil/Campina Mission.

Hawkes is the son of Niki and Richard Hawkes of Twin Falls and is in the Twin Falls 3rd

Ward. He graduated in 2003 from Twin Falls High School and will attend Brigham Young University-Idaho in January to study business management.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Thona Tegan, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318 — Deadline — is — 5 — p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

## IN CONCERT



Liberty Quartet will present concerts at two Magic Valley-area churches this weekend. Concerts will be performed at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Jerome Freewill Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland in Jerome, and at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Calvary Chapel of Bart, 1004 Surrey Ave. (old Henry's building). Liberty, a traditional southern gospel quartet, is a full-time community ministry based on the West Coast. The group travels thousands of miles each year performing for church services, conventions, nursing homes, prisons and other ministries. It has shared the stage with such groups as Legacy Five, Calvary Vocal Band, Dale Melody Boys, the Palmiste Trio Quartet and others. Liberty averages two recording projects each year. Admission is free, but freewill offerings will be accepted in support of the ministry.

## RELIGION LETTER

### Middle East example of how religion can divide

In reply to Calvin and Kristofer's letter on Nov. 11, Kristen Koek, you said you are sure what god I was talking about. Kristen, you should really learn how to read, for I clearly stated in my letter Moses often told "his god" what to do.

The Middle East gives us a good example of how religious beliefs can divide people to the extent that they keep killing each other.

We never had all these terrorists until after the second world war, and the land was taken away from the

Palestinian people. Before that, many Jews and Palestinian people lived together in peace.

"The world would be a much better place if more people were able to face reality."

—WILLIAM HAFNER  
Twin Falls

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous or obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

# Religious relic crusader battles eBay

The Associated Press

Hardly an hour goes by without Thomas Serafin or one of his close-knit "necking what eBay has to offer.

"They're not hunting for bargains and never place a bid. Their interest is bone shards, bits of wizened flesh and a contemporary twist on the sacred and the profane; how the ancient trade in the most coveted religious relics has moved into the global flea market of online bidding.

"You can find bone fragments supposedly from St. Augustine being hawked on the Internet along with trinkets and antiques. There is something very wrong here."

— Catholic activist Thomas Serafin

Tom Serafin displays a replica of a nail he says was used to crucify Christ, part of a collection of documented relics that Serafin owns. A professional photographer in Los Angeles, Serafin has led an expanding campaign since the late 1990s to block the online sale of objects purported to contain the remains of Christian saints.

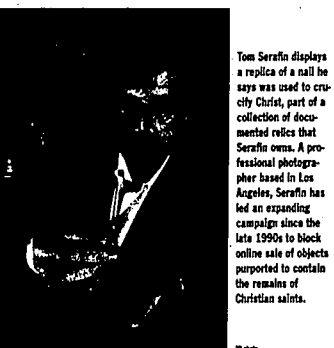
Last month, Serafin's group, the International Crusade for Holy Relics, opened a new front from its truly worthy of a David and Goliath metaphor: a call to boycott eBay.

It seeks to pressure the world's largest online auction site to close alleged loopholes used to bypass its ban on glowing bids for human remains.

Hani Durzy, spokesman for eBay, said the San Jose, Calif.-based company is "very willing to reopen talks" with Serafin's group about his concerns after discussions broke off about a

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year ago.

"As far as the boycott, well, we're really seen no impact to speak of," said Durzy. "We don't know if it's even still in place."

But Serafin said the symbolism is what's important.

"Yes, it's just a bit on the screen," he said.

"But we want to make a point. They are taking the same position as Judas. They are selling out the church."

Interest in religious patrimony of all types — from icons to stained glass — has soared in recent years, along with the blockbuster novel "The Da Vinci Code," the Christian-themed "Left Behind" series and major museum exhibits devoted to art and spirituality. At the same time, a flood of ecclesiastical items has entered

mainstream antiquarian markets from once-flourishing churches that were closed because of shrinking congregations or population shifts away from older city neighborhoods.

"But the sale of so-called 'first-class relics' — one bone, flesh, hair, nails and fragments of other body parts — remains a murky subculture, one that is increasingly shifting from the back rooms of dealers' shops to the Web's worldwide mall.

Dozens of religious items are on eBay at any time. Most are ordinary objects such as icons, medals or prayer cards. But Serafin believes the strongest interest is for the first-class relics, which he says has accounted for up to 40 percent of the eBay relic listings at times.

"This is where the real action is," he said. "This is where our fight is."

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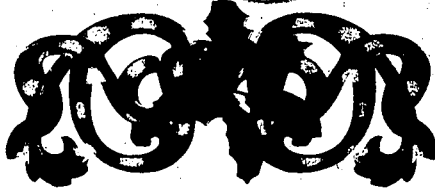
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- December 13th  
Advent Service-7:00 p.m.
- December 20th  
Advent Service-7:00 p.m.
- December 24th:  
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Family Service-5:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Service-10:00 p.m.

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Dec. 2 Annual UMW Christmas Branch and Church Adornment  
 Dec. 10 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 Dec. 17 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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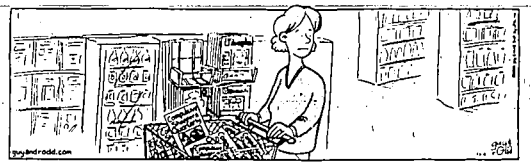
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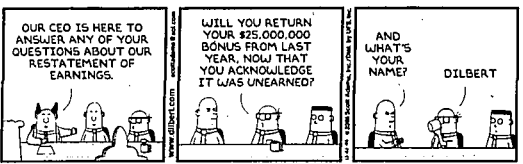
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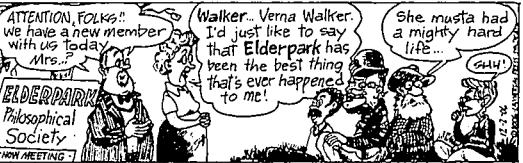
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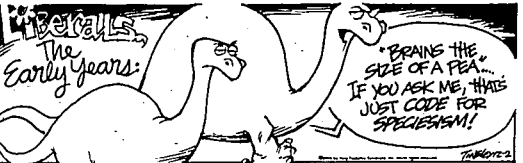
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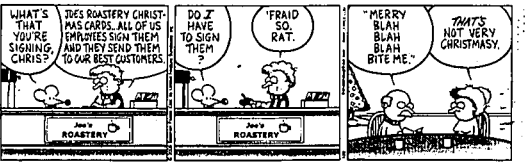
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By Stephan Pastis



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



## Don't stir up controversy, Scorpio

IF DEC. 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you could feel unsettled or experience some agitation as you deal with circumstances and changes outside your control this month. Hang tight, as benevolent Jupiter crosses through your sector of the zodiac in the first half of January and should shower you with blessings. It could be a case of not getting what you want, what you need. By the end of January you are on a positive roll with more popularity at your disposal and opportunities to get the job of your dreams. Singles might be in the right place at the right time to meet Mr. or Ms. Right between January and April. But if things don't work out, look for other ideal times for career and romantic success next fall.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): There is rest for the weary, even if those old wives say otherwise. Take a well-deserved breather from frustrating situations or confusing circumstances. Pursue pleasure, not business, today.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Avoid initiating new endeavors or investments. A strained mood is lifting. You will receive encouragement, reassurance, or assistance very soon.

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**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Pursuing the lure of thrilling adventures might put you at odds with necessary routines. Don't cast something important aside to try an inconsequential but unique experience.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Even your closest companions may have been abrasive or critical, hitting a few sensitive spots. Avoid making important changes or decisions.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Experiment, but don't commit. Although you crave excitement, be reasonable: No one can keep up a frenzied pace for long. This isn't the time to start a relationship or pursue dreams.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid buying a one-way ticket to Gulf City. Seized actions often go unrewarded and unrecognized. Your significant other might not be at his or her best, but things will improve.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "All's fair in love or war" could be an attitude to contend with. Details may emerge that seem to put others in an unfavorable light. Feel confident, but do not

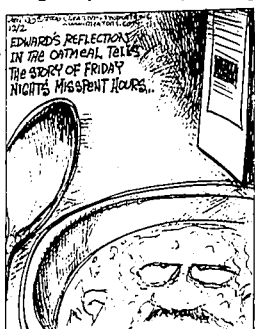
risk your cash or your heart. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't stir up controversy. The sudden urge to make the world a better place might conflict with the opinions of others who are traveling in an opposite direction. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Have faith that the universe will provide exactly what you need. If you dig deep enough, you will discover that the treasure you've been searching for is right in your own back yard. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Come down off your horse before it gallops off into the sunset. Friends are subdued, but problems will never be solved if you run away from them. Put key decisions on hold. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't begin a long-term, beautiful internal rhythms urge you to put your heart or your cash on the line. Things started, now could turn into an endless money pit or emotional vortex. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): The change you make now could be temporary. Give gracefully when urged to try out new things, but don't let a one-time experience interfere with putting others in an unfavorable light. Feel confident, but do not

Nen Siquiter

By Willey

Strange Brew

By John Deering



COMICS

# Weight-loss surgery results in loss of woman's friendship

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a single mother of a 10-year-old who also cares for my elderly mother at my home. I have had a lot of stress in my life and have gained a lot of weight.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

children, if I can. Am I being unreasonable?

**—DISTRESSED GRANDMA**  
**DEAR GRANDMA:** Your granddaughter may suffer from great expectations, but that doesn't mean you have to comply.

A bridal shower is a gift, and you are under no obligation to host another one. It's not "unreasonable" to draw the line, and that's what you should do. However, it's possible that you won't be asked because it might have such strong associations for your granddaughter with the wedding that fell through (Gross, your fingers!)

**DEAR ABBY:** Please settle a disagreement between my husband and me. When we get in line at the checkout stand at the grocery store, he says if the bar is not behind the groceries of the person in front of you, that we need to wait until they're done before putting our groceries on the counter. (Sometimes I can't reach the bar.)

I say it's rude for the shopper in front not to put up the bar if it's out of my reach, and I put in line at the checkout stand, leaving an obvious space. Who's right?

**—KATHY IN ORLANDO, FLA.**  
**DEAR KATHY:** You are. Now stop arguing.

my perspective, consider it another "health benefit" of your surgery.

**DEAR ABBY:** Four years ago, I gave a bridal shower for our oldest granddaughter, "Liz," one month before her wedding.

Two weeks later they canceled the wedding. Liz did not return the gifts, nor did she write thank-you cards. I was embarrassed by her lack of courtesy and appreciation to those who participated, as well as to me. Liz is a college graduate. Her mother, our daughter, knows better—but apparently was not able to influence her daughter's behavior.

Soon afterward, the local daily paper had a series of articles on the frequency of wedding cancellations. It specifically said that unused gifts were to be returned, and that thank-yous were to be sent.

Abby, if another wedding is planned, Liz may expect me to host another bridal shower and include these same relatives. I plan to tell her that I hope to give one shower to each of our eight grandchild-

—much-**Investigation.** I decided to have weight-loss surgery to better my health and energy. I ended up financing the surgery with a no-interest loan for five years. I do not regret my decision. It has helped with my self-esteem and outlook on life.

My problem is a friend of mine now shuns me. I suspect it is because she did not agree with my decision to pay for this surgery. She is being married this year—and I would never give her advice on how to spend her money on her wedding or otherwise. Why would this person not be happy for me and support my decision that did not involve her?

**—HURT IN OHIO**  
**DEAR HURT:** If your theory is correct, it appears your "friend" was extremely controlling and is punishing you because you went against her wishes. Or she may have been somehow so invested in your remaining fat that your "friend" was extremely controlling and is punishing you because you went against her wishes. Or she may have been somehow so invested in your remaining fat that your "friend" was extremely controlling and is punishing you because you went against her wishes. Or she may have been somehow so invested in your remaining fat that your "friend" was extremely controlling and is punishing you because you went against her wishes.

**Beetle Bailey**

By Mort Walker



**Blonde**

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



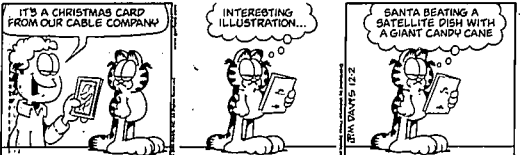
**The Bom Loser**

By Art Sansom, & Chip



**Garfield**

By Jim Davis



**Hagar the Horrible**

By Chris Browne



**Hi and Lois**

By Chance Browne



**Classic Peanuts**

By Charles M. Schulz



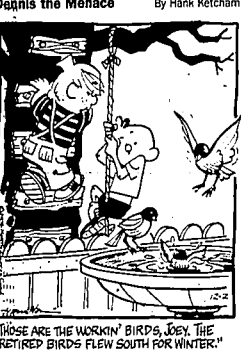
**The Wizard of Id**

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



**Dennis the Menace**

By Hank Ketcham



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bill Keane



# First artificial nuclear reaction set off on this day in history

**This day in history:** Scientists working on the Manhattan Project secretly set off the first artificially-generated nuclear chain-reaction in Chicago on Dec. 2, 1942.

"Sunday" isn't mentioned in the Bible at all. Before he became a famous chicken "colonel," Harlan Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, worked as a locomotive fireman and studied law through a correspondence course.

What bug lives the longest? Termite "queens." Depending on the species, they can live 50-100 years.

Did you know that football helmets were optional in the NFL until new rules made them mandatory in 1943? New Zealand was the first



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Genetic analysis shows that humans and gorillas are closer relatives than gorillas and monkeys are. Chimps and bonobos, for example, share 98.4 percent of our genes.

The words "lexiphanic means" using language that is considered "pretentious." For example, using the word "lexiphanic" in conversation.

According to polls, baseball, once the undisputed national pastime, was finally overtaken in popularity by football in 1965.

It's official: We're all chocolate addicts. Americans each consume over 11 pounds of chocolate annually.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmongers@ningo-barrett.com.

# Pile driver disrupts classes in S. Carolina

**CHARLESTON, S.C. —** If College of Charleston students are getting headaches these days, it's not from studying the Treaty of Utrecht or Plinka's constant for finals.

The constant they have to deal with is the metallic clang of a pile driver sinking columns for a new campus building.



Robert Taylor, director of choral activities at the College of Charleston, plugs his ears with his fingers as he walks by the construction site at St. Philips and Calhoun streets, Wednesday in Charleston, S.C. Taylor said he has no problem with the new building, where he will have an office. "I'm protective of my hearing because I'm a conductor," Taylor said.

**Odds & ends**

The Student Government Association has petitioned the college to stop construction during finals, which start next week. But officials said at \$6,000 a day, it would be too expensive to halt the work. Instead, no finals will be held in the building closest to the construction and students will be offered earplugs.

Seaton Brown, a student senator, called the noise "the loudest hammer you have ever heard in your life." Student leaders hope to collect 3,000 signatures to ask that construction be stopped during finals week, Dec. 6-13. "We're an institution dedicated to the progress of minds, not the progress of buildings," Brown said.

Undergraduate enrollment at the college is roughly 9,000 students.

**Montana Salvation Army can't find enough bell-ringers**

**HELENA Mont.**—The local Salvation Army is falling behind in its holiday collections because it can't find

enough bell-ringers. On Wednesday, only seven of 14 locations around the city were staffed, and that was a good showing, said Stan Jones, an officer with The Salvation Army.

"The problem is, the few bell-ringers we have are real off-and-on — they don't always show up," Jones said.

Daily collections are lagging between \$400 and \$1,000 behind last year. In just a week, Jones said the local Salvation Army has already fallen \$2,700 off last year's pace.

"By the end of the season, at this pace, we'd be about \$10,000 short," Jones said.

Even at \$6.50 an hour, good bell-ringers are hard to find.

The job is posted at the Helena Job Service and Jones hasn't received any interest among residents at God's Love, a homeless shelter.

Bob Ruth, who has worked at God's Love for a dozen years, said the shelter's residents don't appear interested in the job, even though they are given two weeks to find work and some of the money raised by The Salvation Army will be eventually help God's Love.

"I've tried to get them to ring the bells, but they say it's not enough money," Ruth said.

"I guess they don't have any interest. It bothers me when they won't do anything."

**—The Associated Press**

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

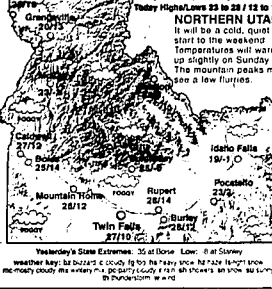
Today: Areas of fog to start the weekend, continued very chilly. Highs: 20s.  
Tonight: Patchy fog still hanging around, very cold. Lows near 10.  
Tomorrow: Another cold day with areas of patchy fog. Highs: 20s.

**BURLE/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Some morning patchy fog, then partly cloudy. Highs: 20s.  
Tonight: Partly cloudy with areas of fog redevelopment late. Lows, lower teens.  
Tomorrow: Morning fog, partial clearing to turning partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs: 20s.

**IDAHO FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.**  
Bundled up before heading outdoors as it is going to be a cold weekend. The weather pattern, however, will be quiet with no snowfall expected. Late Monday and Tuesday will be our best chance for light snow.  
**BOISE**  
Allow yourself extra traveling time this weekend as areas of patchy fog are expected today and then again on Sunday. This foggy weather pattern may even stick around through Monday morning.  
**NORTHERN UTAH**  
It will be a cold, quiet start to the weekend. Temperatures will warm up slightly on Sunday. The mountain peaks may see a few flurries.



**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Yesterday's Weather
						City: Hi 20, Low 10 Boise: Hi 20, Low 10 Twin Falls: Hi 20, Low 10 Burley: Hi 20, Low 10 Rupert: Hi 20, Low 10 Latah: Hi 20, Low 10 Mesa: Hi 20, Low 10 Pocatello: Hi 20, Low 10 Teton: Hi 20, Low 10 Shoshone: Hi 20, Low 10 Sawtooth: Hi 20, Low 10 Sun Valley: Hi 20, Low 10 Duluth: Hi 20, Low 10 Coeville: Hi 20, Low 10 Sawtooth: Hi 20, Low 10 Sun Valley: Hi 20, Low 10 Duluth: Hi 20, Low 10 Coeville: Hi 20, Low 10
Areas of patchy fog. High 27	Patchy fog still around. Low 10	Cold with patchy fog. 21 / 11	Morning fog, some p.m. clearing. 33 / 14	Partly cloudy. 38 / 20	A little warmer with a few clouds. 40 / 24	

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today: 30 Yesterday's Low: 17 Record High: 65 Record Low: -9	Today: 0.00 1 Month to Date: 0.00 Year to Date: 2.07 Record Low: -0.4	Today: 60% Yesterday's Maximum: 67% Today's Minimum: 60%	Today: 30.34 in. 8 pm barometer: 30.34 in.	Sunrise: 7:58 AM Sunset: 5:00 PM Monday: Sunrise: 7:58 AM Tuesday: Sunrise: 7:58 AM Wednesday: Sunrise: 7:58 AM

**MOON PHASES**

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Full Moon	Last O	New Moon	First O

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday	City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	20-28	18-26	20-28	Albany	20-28	18-26	20-28
Idaho Falls	19-27	17-25	19-27	Blackfoot	20-28	18-26	20-28
Rupert	20-28	18-26	20-28	Blaine	20-28	18-26	20-28
Burley	20-28	18-26	20-28	Donnerstag	20-28	18-26	20-28
Shoshone	20-28	18-26	20-28	Chamberlain	20-28	18-26	20-28
Sawtooth	20-28	18-26	20-28	Chamberlain	20-28	18-26	20-28
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**MOONRISE and MOONSET**

Sunrise: 7:58 AM	Moonrise: 3:17 PM
Sunset: 5:00 PM	Moonset: 7:46 AM

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	60-70	60-70	Los Angeles	60-70	60-70
Boston	40-50	40-50	London	50-60	50-60
Chicago	30-40	30-40	Madrid	50-60	50-60
Dallas	60-70	60-70	Mexico City	60-70	60-70
Denver	30-40	30-40	New York	40-50	40-50
Houston	60-70	60-70	Paris	50-60	50-60
Los Angeles	60-70	60-70	Rome	50-60	50-60
London	50-60	50-60	Sao Paulo	60-70	60-70
Madrid	50-60	50-60	Tokyo	50-60	50-60
Mexico City	60-70	60-70	Washington DC	50-60	50-60
New York	40-50	40-50			
Paris	50-60	50-60			
Rome	50-60	50-60			
Sao Paulo	60-70	60-70			
Tokyo	50-60	50-60			
Washington DC	50-60	50-60			

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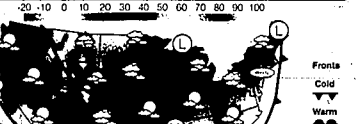
Low	Moderate	High
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**HIGHER THE WOODS THE MORE SUN PROTECTION NEEDED**

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	60-70	60-70	Los Angeles	60-70	60-70
Boston	40-50	40-50	London	50-60	50-60
Chicago	30-40	30-40	Madrid	50-60	50-60
Dallas	60-70	60-70	Mexico City	60-70	60-70
Denver	30-40	30-40	New York	40-50	40-50
Houston	60-70	60-70	Paris	50-60	50-60
Los Angeles	60-70	60-70	Rome	50-60	50-60
London	50-60	50-60	Sao Paulo	60-70	60-70
Madrid	50-60	50-60	Tokyo	50-60	50-60
Mexico City	60-70	60-70	Washington DC	50-60	50-60
New York	40-50	40-50			
Paris	50-60	50-60			
Rome	50-60	50-60			
Sao Paulo	60-70	60-70			
Tokyo	50-60	50-60			
Washington DC	50-60	50-60			

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. The happy road does not lead to accumulating wealth or status to make you happy in the future. Each hour you spend is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored. *Les Miserables*

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Ottawa	17-24	18-27	Thunder	20-28	18-26
Calgary	18-27	17-26	Winnipeg	20-28	18-26
Edmonton	18-27	17-26	Victoria	20-28	18-26
Halifax	18-27	17-26	Montreal	20-28	18-26
London	18-27	17-26			
Quebec	18-27	17-26			
Saskatoon	18-27	17-26			
Winnipeg	18-27	17-26			
Victoria	18-27	17-26			
Montreal	18-27	17-26			
Thunder	18-27	17-26			

# Storm drops 'heart attack snow' on the Midwest

By Don Babwin  
Associated Press writer



Shoveling thrives dig out a handicapped parking spot in downtown Davenport, Iowa, Friday after an early winter storm dumped snow on Eastern Iowa.

"Right now you just got to do what you got to do. I understand things like this happen."  
— Mike Crabb of Orlando, Fla.

**On the Net**

**Weather Underground:** <http://www.wunderground.com>  
**National Weather Service:** <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>  
**IntellCast:** <http://www.intellcast.com>

In Missouri, where two storm-related fatal accidents occurred Thursday, officials closed a 50-mile stretch of Interstate 70 for several hours Friday morning.

icy roads were also a factor in two other traffic deaths, one in Kansas on Wednesday and one Thursday in Oklahoma.

Winds in the Dayton, Ohio, suburb of Vandalia knocked down power lines and tore siding and shingles off homes. Forecasters said gusts of up to 60 mph were possible, and high-wind warnings were issued for virtually the entire state.

At Chicago's O'Hare Airport, American Airlines canceled its flights before noon Friday and United Airlines canceled at least 385 arrivals or departures before 2 p.m.

Nevertheless, the airport didn't look much different than it does on any other Friday afternoon, suggesting many travelers stayed home.

Mike Crabb of Orlando, Fla., was supposed to fly out of O'Hare after attending a Radiological Society of North America meeting. But he gave up and used his laptop computer to buy a one-way ticket out of Midway Airport.

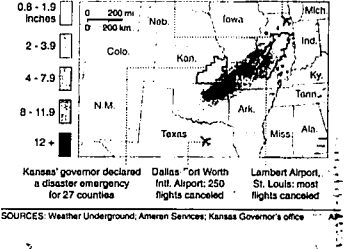
"Right now you just got to do what you got to do," said Crabb, who was celebrating his 28th birthday. "I understand things like this happen."

Also contributing reporting were Associated Press writers Deanna Bellandi, Jan Dennis and Chris Wills in Illinois; Rochelle Hines in Oklahoma City; Dave Skretta in Kansas City, Mo., and Dinesh Ramde in Milwaukee.

**Winter storm sweeps across Midwest**

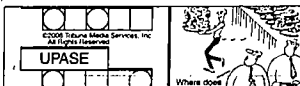
Downed power lines, icy roads and runways, school closings and at least five deaths were reported Friday following the first major winter storm system this season.

**Accumulated snowfall and some storm-related events**





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## Market Watch

Dec. 1, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-27.20	12,194.13
Nasdaq composite	-18.88	2,413.21
Standard & Poor's 500	-3.82	1,396.71
Russell 2000	-4.98	781.17

## Stocks of local interest

Company	Close	Change
Cent Agri	26.78	▲ .06
Oel Inc.	27.27	▲ .03
Midcorp	39.49	▼ .50
Lithia Mo.	25.60	▼ .26
Micron	14.47	▼ .33
Supervalu	34.12	▼ .14

## Commodities

Commodity	Close	Change
Crude Oil	63.43	▲ .30
(light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	88.50	▼ .17
Dec. gold	644.7	▼ 2.2

For more, see page C2

## Congressional report cites lack of information on 401(k) fees

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Participants in 401(k) plans may be losing thousands of dollars in retirement savings because of sponsor fees, a report said Thursday, urging investors to get a clearer picture of the fees they pay.

Current retirement savings law, passed in 1974, does not explicitly require 401(k) plan sponsors to disclose comprehensive information on fees, the Government Accountability Office said. "Yet even small fees can significantly affect retirement savings over the course of a career."

The GAO gave as an example a 45-year-old person who leaves \$20,000 in a 401(k) account until retirement. If the average net return is 6.5 percent — a 7 percent investment return minus a 0.5 percent charge for fees — the account will grow to \$70,500 at retirement. But if the fee is 1.5 percent, the person will have only \$58,400 when he retires.

The report said Congress should consider current law to require sponsors to disclose fee information in a way that allows investors to compare options. The Department of Labor, it said, should require plan sponsors to report a summary of all fees paid out of plan assets or by participants.

Investment fees make up a bulk of charges on 401(k) plans, but some plans also charge for record-keeping and other administrative or legal costs.

The report also urged a closer look at conflict of interest problems that arise because pension consultants aren't required to disclose that they are being paid by investment companies that they are recommending to plan sponsors.

Rep. George Miller, D-Cal., said the House Education and the Workforce Committee that he is line to chair under the new Democratic-controlled Congress should hold hearings next year to examine the fee issue.

Millions of Americans now rely on 401(k) style plans to help finance their retirements, said Miller, who commissioned the report. But the GAO report cited research showing that 80 percent of plan participants are unaware of how much they are paying in fees, he said.

The report noted that in the past 20 years, with fewer employers offering traditional defined benefit pension plans, 401(k) plan participants have gone from 8 million to 47 million.

# PUC taking comments on wind farm

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking comments Thursday on an application by Idaho Power Co. to enter into a sales agreement with Magic Wind Park LLC.

Magic Wind developer Armand Eckert of Buhl plans to install eight 2.5-megawatt wind turbines eight miles northwest of Buhl. Under the proposed agreement, Magic Wind would not generate more than 10 average megawatts on a monthly basis.

In August 2005, the commission reduced the size of projects that can qualify for a published rate from 10 average megawatts to 100 kilowatts. But because the Magic Wind project was already well on its way toward development, the commission granted the developer's request that the project be exempt from the size limit.

## To comment

Those wishing to submit comments must do so by no later than Thursday. Comments are being accepted via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) and clicking on "Comments and Questions." Fill in the case number (IPC-E-06-26) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to 334-3762.

Developers of renewable, small-powered projects are entitled to a rate — now about \$61 per megawatt-hour — published by the commission as required by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, or PURPA. The federal act requires electric utilities to offer to buy power from qualifying

small producers of renewable energy. The published rate to be paid developers is called an "avoided-cost rate" — equal to the cost the utility avoids if it would have had to generate the power itself or purchase it from another source.

In a related case, Magic Wind is one of a number of wind projects that may be affected by the outcome of a complaint filed by Cassia Wind regarding which parties are responsible to fund upgrades to Idaho Power's transmission system. That case, IPC-E-06-21, is still open.

The anticipated completion date for the Magic Wind project is Dec. 31, 2007.

A full text of the commission's order, along with other documents related to this case, are available on the commission's Web site. Click on "File Room" and then on "Electric Cases" and scroll down to the above case number.



Wind turbines are seen Nov. 17 in Judith Gap, Mont. Magic Wind Park, LLC, plans to install eight 2.5-megawatt wind turbines eight miles northwest of Buhl.

## ROAD TO KATRINA RECOVERY



Ben Beanel Jr., and his father Ben Beanel Sr., pose for a photograph with oranges in their grove in Jesuit Bend, La., Monday.

## Niche orange industry still reeling from Katrina, Rita

The Associated Press

JESUIT BEND, La. — Last year's hurricanes flooded Ben Beanel Sr.'s citrus groves with saltwater, thrashed three of his greenhouses and workers' quarters and destroyed or otherwise damaged hundreds of orange trees.

And he was one of the lucky ones. Further south in Plaquemines Parish, Katrina and Rita laid waste to entire communities, destroying houses and livelihoods and threatening the future of the state's prized, niche citrus industry.

"We've lost a lot before," with hurricanes and freezing temperatures killing trees, if not groves, agricultural agent Alan Vaughn said. But this is different, he said: "With freezes, you could go back and plant trees. Now, the grove is the low man on the list, when you have to rebuild your house."

With harvest under way and the parish's weekend-long orange festival set to begin Friday, farmers like Beanel, with

navel oranges and satsuma mandarins to sell, are trying to fill strong demand, while older producers such as 73-year-old Gerald Ragas are struggling to start over.

It will be at least four years until the small trees he replanted to replace some of the 450 trees he lost will begin bearing fruit.

"I've had people say, 'Are you out of your mind, Jerry?'" said Ragas, who lives near Buras. "... What am I going to do, sit in a recliner chair and go away?"

Louisiana's citrus industry has a cult-like, regional following and is known especially for its navel oranges. The first trees were planted during French colonial times, in the 1700s, but serious farming didn't begin until the 1850s.

Only about 1,330 citrus acres were planted statewide in 2004, tiny when compared to the hundreds of thousands of acres in industry leaders Florida, California and Texas. It's such a niche market that the U.S. Department of

Agriculture only reports on Louisiana's industry every five years.

Many of Louisiana's citrus farms are in Plaquemines Parish, where a long finger of Mississippi River delta extends into the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, creating an excellent climate for citrus growing. In 2004, parish farmers produced 405,000 bushels of navels and satsumas, the vast majority of the statewide total, according to the LSU Agricultural Center. Some of the fruit was shipped out of state and to major cities such as Chicago. But most of it was sold closer to home, through word of mouth and from places like roadside stands or regional grocers.

In 2005, the year of the storms, parish production fell to 120,000 bushels — and the market became more localized.

The hurricanes wiped out about half the acreage in Plaquemines Parish, Vaughn said, leaving behind limited oranges and questions about whether the industry, comprised of family farms, can rebound.

## October building numbers plummet

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Construction activity in October plunged by the largest amount since the recession in 2001 as home building fell for a record seventh consecutive month.

The Commerce Department reported that building activity dropped 1 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.18 trillion in October following a 0.8 percent fall in September. It was the biggest decline since a similar 1 percent drop in September 2001, a month when the country was hit by the terrorist attacks as it was mired in a recession.

Residential construction fell for a seventh month in October, the longest stretch of weakness on record. The 1.9 percent drop in this category in October was the biggest decline since July.

The weakness in housing was compounded by a drop in non-residential construction, which fell by 0.7 percent, the second straight decline. Only government construction activity showed strength in October, rising by 0.8 percent to an all-time high of \$273.1 billion an annual rate.

The new report served to underscore the reversal in the fortunes of the housing industry, which had been one of the economy's standout performers as the lowest mortgage rates in four decades pushed sales up to record highs for five straight years.

Demand, however, has cooled this year as buyers have balked at the huge run-up in prices of recent years. Builders have been offering a host of incentives like free swimming pools to move a record backlog of unsold homes.

## Retailers tapping customers to fill holiday sales jobs

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Carlos Penate went into a RadioShack store looking for a memory card for his cell phone. He left with a new job.

While an assistant manager found out that Penate, 18, was looking for some extra holiday cash, it was suggested he go from shopper to sales associate. Two weeks later, Penate was hired.

Retail stores have realized that a Help Wanted sign in the window isn't enough to attract holiday help in a time of low unemployment. It's a lesson that's helping them overcome

an expected shortfall of seasonal employees.

One of the best ways to find temporary help, retailers say: Cherry pick your best customers. Best Buy, RadioShack and Target are among the companies that recruit from the checkout line.

It's one way retailers make sure they have enough workers around to handle the crush of Christmas shoppers.

Other strategies include loading up on holiday employees early in the season, advertising for openings in unique ways or providing incentives to new hires or for referrals. These tactics are all necessary

at a time when employers are having trouble finding people willing to work.

Joel Wagner, a labor-market analyst in Houston, said retailers here have posted window signs offering holiday-season jobs, but he couldn't recall stores putting fliers in customers' shopping bags. And to do it a month before Christmas shows how tight the labor market is, he said.

"Usually they've hired their holiday help by the end of October," Wagner said. "If they don't have them in place by the first of December, they're probably really hurting."

The U.S. unemployment

rate is at a five-year low of 4.4 percent, making store staffing a special challenge this year, according to several labor and retail experts.

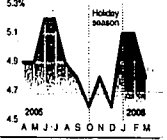
New claims for unemployment benefits have increased recently, but analysts say many of those laid-off workers aren't interested in temporary seasonal jobs that don't pay very well. Texas Workforce Commission analyst Robert Crowley said some of the people making claims might not be qualified for retail jobs.

"You're not going to take a laid-off welder and expect him to work a cash register during the holidays," he said.

## Help wanted

As the U.S. unemployment rate dips after the summer months, employers find a difficult attracting temporary help around the holidays.

Unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Department of Labor

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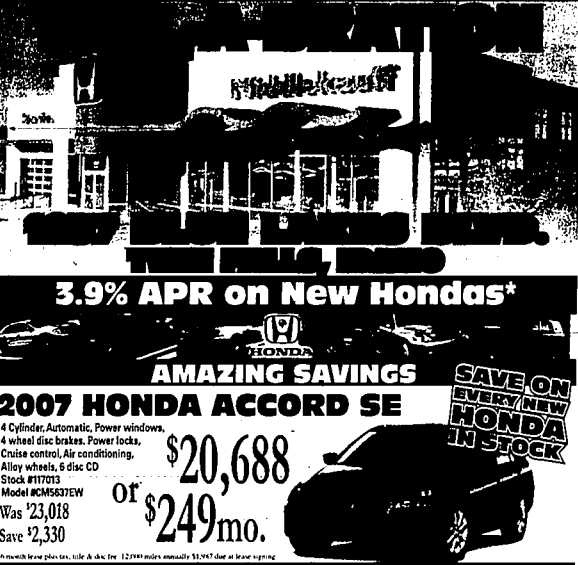
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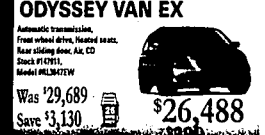


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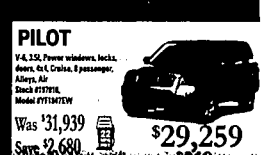


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Historic hotel and general store with 27 acres. Currently has 5 bedrooms. Close to Jackpot. Would be great bed and breakfast home. \$238,000

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BUHL 2 bdrm., 1 bath, fenced yard, detached 1 car garage/SHOP. \$44,500. 308-3232.

BURLEY 1459 Miller. Corner lot, newly remodeled, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, dock, oak cabinets, berber carpet, wood stove. 208-438-0408. \$112,000. 2047 days.

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Today 12-3pm + 700 Pine Street, Filer BRAND NEW 4 beds, 3 baths, 2,485 SF. Lots of unique features!! MLS# 98267637 \$283,000

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**1252 Inca Drive - Twin Falls**  
South on Washington W. Left on E. Canyon Road. Inca Dr. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths - 1056 sq. ft., \$124,900

**2799 Chaparral Circle - Twin Falls**  
East on Eastland & Elphinstone. South on Dwyer to Chaparral Cr. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths 1729 sq. ft., \$188,000

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**1220 KNOW RIDGE RD. - TWIN FALLS**  
ROCK CREEK TRAIL ESTATES 12:30-3 P.M.

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FAMILY HOME Large 4-bedroom, 2-bath home with vaulted great room, family room, deck, 2-car garage and fenced back yard. This attractive 2,040 sq. ft. home is in a quiet neighborhood on 1/2 acre. \$167,000 MLS#98270118 Call Nell 731-1991 for details

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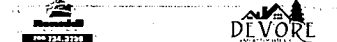
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 WOW! 3 beds, 2 baths, 1,380 SF.  
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**1516 Evergreen, Jerome**  
 MLS# 98277195 \$174,794  
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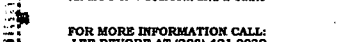
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**474 LaCasa Loop \$182,900**

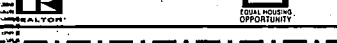


**486 LaCasa Loop \$182,900**



**413 LaCasa Loop \$178,900**  
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**SHOSHONE** 10 acres, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great horse property. \$172,500. Call 280-0764

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**TWIN FALLS** 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1550 sq. ft. on 2.6 acres. Land split or build options. 3432 E. Falls. \$212,000. Call 208-410-9857



**TWIN FALLS** 3 bedroom 1 bath home in Morningdale School District. New windows, floors, paint inside & out. Large yard with 2 storage sheds, play set & pond. \$189,900. 208-733-8678 or 539-4449

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**TWIN FALLS** Just reduced! LG 3100 sq ft. Recently "Completely Remodeled" with steel siding, 1200 sq ft insulated garage, finished basement, 2200 sq ft pole building & shop, sits on 1/2 acre lot. \$269,000 Call 731-0835 or 734-3728

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**TWIN FALLS** Well cared for house in Great location! 3 bedroom 2 bath. Bonus room could be another bedroom. \$207,000. MLS#98269947. Call for more info on Sutzle Richardson Associate Broker Canyonville, OR. Call Eric Anderson at 208-420-8125

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**NEW ON MARKET!**

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Saturday December 2  
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**1303 Valencia Street**  
 This "Model Home" is located in the new Golden Eagle Subdivision built by Wolstein Homes featuring the Cedar Creek floor plan with 4 bedrooms and 2 Baths. Come visit us and let us help you personalize your own Wolstein home! Several floor plans are available and various upgrades for this home! Price: \$179,900  
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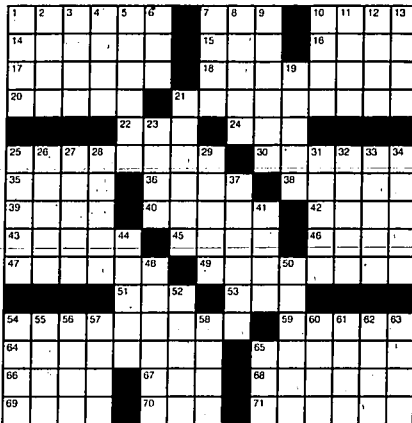
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argleton

(Answers Monday)

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Where does he put it?  
 He put it in the WHOLE HOG AT THE BUFFET.

Yesterday's Jumbles: LANKY GOOSE MUFFLE FLAUNT  
 Answer: The geometry student got a good grade because he knew — ALL THE 'ANGLES'

TWIN FALLS

**TWIN FALLS** lg home, reduced \$200 since house is for sale, month month, smoking pets. \$68k. Call 208-338-1163.

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- 42 Poetic tributes
- 43 Multiplication word
- 45 French half
- 46 Get lovey-dovey
- 47 Fire starters
- 49 Hints at
- 51 Charged particle
- 53 Genetic letters
- 54 Reverses
- 59 Fish, in a way
- 64 Create new parameters
- 65 John and Maureen
- 66 Declare
- 67 Actress Ruby
- 68 Backslidy
- 69 Thailand, once
- 70 Cardinal cap
- 71 Illusions

Friday's Puzzle Solved

A	B	E	D	F	E	T	E	D	A	C	R	E	E
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5 In an irritable way  
 6 Phone bk. listings  
 7 U.S. territory  
 8 British racebook  
 9 Chinese fruit  
 10 All dead  
 11 All fired up  
 12 Computer list  
 13 Punta del  
 19 Relieve gridlock  
 21 Was silly over  
 23 Comet rival  
 25 Layers  
 26 Open, in a way  
 27 Leaf pore  
 28 Float like a hummingbird

- 29 Induces annu
- 31 Pat or Debby
- 32 Ore deposits
- 33 Humanoid
- 34 Office posture
- 35 purchases
- 37 Objects to
- 41 Omen
- 44 Small rowboat
- 48 Some pool balls
- 50 Assemble
- 52 Composition for nine
- 54 Monks' titles
- 55 Jeans purveyor
- 56 Strauss
- 56 Something to think about
- 57 Long-lasting do
- 58 Outer banana
- 60 Talk wildly
- 61 Field of study
- 62 Toasty
- 63 WWII vessels
- 65 Fort CA

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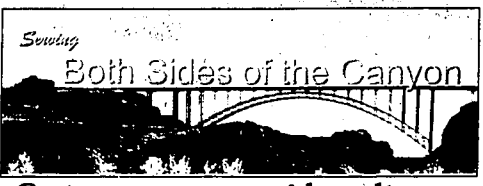
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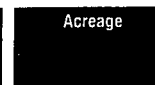
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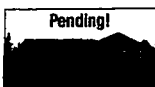
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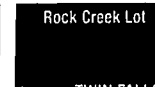
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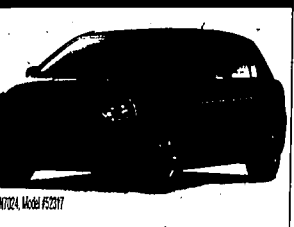
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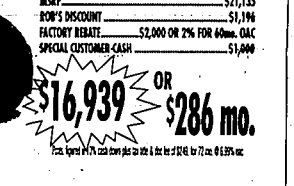
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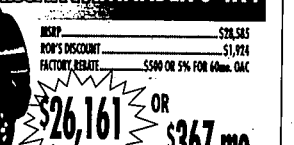
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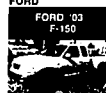
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- NORTH** 12-2-A  
 ♠ K 6 4  
 ♥ 9 7 4 2  
 ♦ A Q J  
 ♣ A 6 2
- WEST**  
 ♠ J 7 5  
 ♥ Q 7 5  
 ♦ K 7 5  
 ♣ Q 10 8 3
- EAST**  
 ♠ Q 10 8 3  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ A 10 8 5 3  
 ♣ 9 7
- SOUTH**  
 ♠ A 9 2  
 ♥ A 10 8 5 3  
 ♦ K J 5 4  
 ♣ 8

On some hands it is hard to find a good line of play. On others you are spoilt for choice, as on today's deal, where there are several good lines in four hearts. You might care to cover up the East and West hands and try to pick the best of them.

You start by allowing the heart king to hold. West continues with the heart queen, which you win as East discards a diamond.

You could take the diamond finesse or the ruffing diamond finesse, or you could try to establish your fourth club for a spade discard. In addition, there are several endplay possibilities. The problem is to work out how to combine as many chances as possible.

The Dutch star Bauke Muller found a virtually 100 percent solution. At trick three he played a diamond to dummy's queen. As it happened, that held, and he discarded a spade on the diamond ace. When he later played on clubs, it was for an overtrick, and even though the finesse lost, he still made his contract.

But suppose the diamond queen had lost to the king and East had returned, say, a spade. Declarer would have won in hand, played a spade to dummy's king, and cashed the ace and jack of diamonds, discarding a spade and a club from hand. He would now have ruffed a spade and exited with a trump. West would have been endplayed, forced either to give a ruff and discard or to lead into declarer's club tenace.

Vulnerable: Both  
Dealer: South

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♥ Pass 3NT\* Pass  
 4♥ All pass  
 \*A balanced raise to four hearts with four-card trump support

Opening lead: Heart king

**BID WITH THE ACES**

- South holds: 12-2-B  
 ♠ A 9 2  
 ♥ A 10 8 5 3  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ K J 5 4
- South West North East  
 1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. It is sound advice to accept the limit-raised invitation on any hand, even a minimum, with shortage. If the hands fit well, game may make; if not, three may struggle. As it happens, your hand may be minimum, but the shape and controls (and the honors in the long suit) make this a clear-cut acceptance of an invitation.

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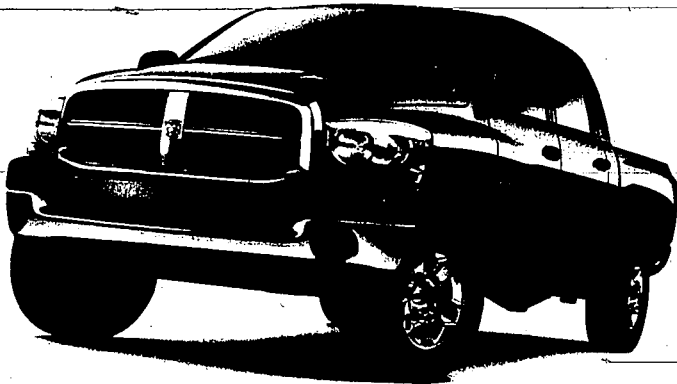
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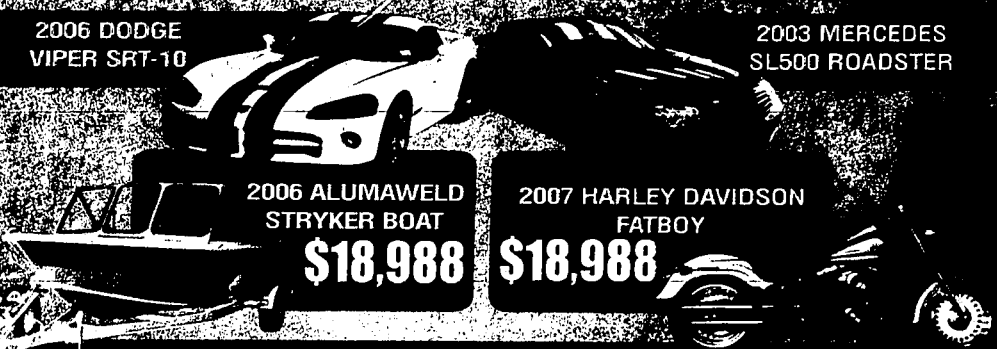
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# YOURWEEKEND



Illustration of Sara McLachlan and Christmas in a hot tub. Photo: © Sara McLachlan, SA.

## Sara McLachlan

Having sung about love and loss, the songstress sets her sights on... Christmas

- Why do a holiday album like *Wintersong*? My daughter, India, is 4½ years old, and she's brought Christmas back to me. I've always enjoyed it, but it's a really sweet time now that I have a child.
- One of the album's best tracks is "Christmas Time Is Here," which you perform with Diana Krall. I love her. She's a sweet human being but just a monster piano player. After we did that track, I cried, because I thought I sucked compared to her.
- Is it nerve-racking, covering the classics? I had to sing "Blue" in front of Joni Mitchell at a concert in

her honor. That was nerve-racking. She came up to me afterward and gave me a big hug. Frankly, I thought she was going to smack me.

• What's a McLachlan-family Christmas tradition? We go to the beach on the west coast of Vancouver Island and surf in our wet suits. Last year, it was snowing. Then we have a lobster dinner.

• Does India surf? I got her out there [last year]. I was behind her, pushing. We did it once, and I asked if she wanted to go again. The answer was a quick "No, Mommy, I'm done."  
—MATT HENDRICKSON

### WEEKEND TIP

## De-Stress In a Jiffy

If you need some "me time" but feel like you have *no* time, get in a little pampering this weekend with these ideas

**BOOK A QUICKIE.** Many top spas offer combo packages tailored to your desires. "Just ask," says Tiffani Kim of Tiffani Kim Institute spas in Chicago. She suggests booking a 60-minute facial/mani-pedi.

**SLIM DOWN YOUR RUB-DOWN.** In a rush to relax? Try a speedy head-and-scalp rub, says massage therapist Bruce Woolof of [www.nyeshiatzu.com](http://www.nyeshiatzu.com): "There's a lot of stress in the skin over your head. Any work there will help."

**POLISH LIKE A PRO.** The *Flurry Woman's Home Spa Book* offers how-tos for a 15-minute at-home manicure. The secret is "in the way you apply your polish," says author Liz Wilde. Paint on one base coat, then two coats of color; air-dry; then add a drop of oil on each nail. The results last up to two weeks. —ARIANNE COHEN



## GAME Your New Sudoku


Give this week's challenge a try.

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7	9	6	1		
9		4	7	2	
		8	4		
		1	5	4	9
			1	5	7
5					3
1	3			2	8

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Fill in the grid so that all nine rows, across, all nine columns down, and all nine 3 x 3 boxes contain the numbers 1 through 9, each used only once. Solution on page 18.

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## VANESSA WILLIAMS

**BRINGING THE KIDS TO A BROADWAY SHOW AND MAKING TIME FOR ONE MAJOR FAMILY MEAL WITH MY MOM.**

**"CLEANING MY (HOME) OFFICE. I JUST CLOSE THE DOOR AND DON'T ATTEND TO IT."**

**"EARTH, WIND & FIRE."**

**"FAST CARE. I'LL GO TO A COUPLE OF DEALERSHIPS OR A CAR SHOW AND DROP IT. LOVE TAKING TO THE ROAD AND PUSHING THE SPEED LIMIT."**

**"SEX. WITH MY GIRLFRIENDS. IT'S WHO'S GETTING SOME?"—BECAUSE MOST OF US ARE!—AND IS IT ANY GOOD?!**

—ANNA STRICKLAND

**VA-VA VOOM:** Williams has the need for speed.

# ▶ PLAY

OUR EDITORS PICK WHAT TO WATCH, READ & LISTEN TO

### MOVIES

**BABEL** (Paramount; **R**) Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett lead this explosive ensemble drama about a couple whose Moroccan vacation is shattered by a stray bullet, setting off a series of devastating events.

### THE NATIVITY STORY

(New Line; **G**) A faithful (if you will) interpretation of

the birth of Christ, bolstered by a heavenly performance from Keshia Castle-Hughes (*White Riley*) as the Virgin Mary.

### TOUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: THE CONCERT

Those singing-dancing teens (including breakout starlet Ashlee Tisdale) who took the

Pitt does a bang-up job in *Babel*.



### CD OF THE WEEK

**U2: U218 Singles** (Interscope)

You know those songs that make up the sound track to your greatest memories? Chances are they're from rock gods U2, and you'll find them—from "One" to "Beautiful Day"—collected here.

Disney Channel—and America—by storm last spring start their two-month U.S. tour. Snap up tickets at [www.aeglive.com](http://www.aeglive.com).

### DVD SUPERMAN RETURNS

**Warner Home Video; PG-13** How many yuks did Kevin Spacey cry on before the filmmakers settled on a chrome-domed Lex Luthor? This juicy tidbit and more are on the two-disc edition of the summer hit.



More grins from Hiaasen

### BOOK

**NATURE GIRL** BY CARL HIAASEN (Doubt; \$23) Funny guy Hiaasen spins another Florida-fried comedy.

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## Best

THE WEEK AHEAD

**Overmark (Comcast; Saturday; 8 p.m.)** In this heartwarming drama, a U.S. soldier comes home from Afghanistan and falls for the woman who sent him a holiday card.

**Men (Comcast; 8 p.m.)** The adventurous bookworm (Nash Wach) from "TNT's" hit 2004 movie is back this time, he goes in search of an ancient artifact that reveals surprising secrets about his past.

**Men (Comcast; 8 p.m.)** In Britain's *10 Frost* 8' match for the season premier's frazzled parents and their three out-of-control kids? You bet your crumple sheets she is.

**Overmark (Comcast; 8 p.m.)** Try the colorado got saved! But that doesn't mean all the superheroes will survive this pivotal episode.

—STEVEN RUSSELL



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\*People ages 12 years and older taking ADVAIR 100/50 experienced improved lung function and asthma symptom scores, and a reduction in fast-acting inhaler use, compared with people taking either fluticasone propionate 100 mcg or salmeterol 50 mcg inhalation powders alone.

Please see important information about ADVAIR on the next page.

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ADVAIR should not be used to treat a severe attack of asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) during emergency or urgent treatment.

ADVAIR should not be used to relieve sudden symptoms or sudden breathing problems. Always have a fast-acting inhaler with you to treat sudden breathing difficulty. If you do not have a fast-acting inhaler, contact your doctor to have one prescribed for you.

## What is ADVAIR DISKUS?

There are two medicines in ADVAIR DISKUS: fluticasone propionate, an inhaled anti-inflammatory belonging to a group of medicines commonly referred to as corticosteroids, and salmeterol, a long-acting inhaled bronchodilator belonging to a group of medicines commonly referred to as beta<sub>2</sub>-agonists. There are 3 strengths of ADVAIR DISKUS: 100/50, 250/50, 500/50.

## For Asthma

ADVAIR is approved for the maintenance treatment of asthma in patients 4 years of age and older. ADVAIR should only be used if your doctor decides that another asthma controller medicine alone does not control your asthma (or that you need 2 asthma controller medications).

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Do not start ADVAIR if your asthma is becoming significantly or rapidly worse, which can be life threatening. Serious respiratory events, including death, have been reported in patients who started taking salmeterol in this situation although it is not possible to tell whether salmeterol contributed to these events. This may also occur in patients with less severe asthma.

You should not take ADVAIR if you have had an allergic reaction to it or to any of its components (salmeterol, fluticasone propionate, or lactose). Tell your doctor if you are allergic to ADVAIR, any other medications, or food products if you experience an allergic reaction after taking ADVAIR. Stop using ADVAIR immediately and contact your doctor. Allergic reactions are when you experience one or more of the following: churning, itching, swelling of the face, mouth and tongue, or difficulty breathing or words on the skin.

## Tell your doctor about the following:

- if you are using your fast-acting inhaler more often or using more doses than you normally do (e.g., 4 or more inhalations of your fast-acting inhaler for 2 or more days in a row or a whole canister of your fast-acting inhaler in a short time); it could be a sign that your asthma is getting worse. If this occurs, tell your doctor immediately.
- if you have been using your fast-acting inhaler regularly (e.g., four times a day); your doctor may tell you to stop the regular use of this medication.
- if your peak-flow meter results decrease. Your doctor will tell you the numbers that are right for you.

- if you have asthma and your symptoms do not improve after using ADVAIR regularly for 1 week.
- if you have been on an oral steroid, like prednisone, and are now using ADVAIR. You should be very careful as you may be less able to heal after surgery, infection, or serious injury. It takes a number of months for the body to be able to heal normally. You should be very careful about using oral steroids. Getting from an oral steroid may also unmask a condition previously suppressed by the oral steroid such as allergies, convulsions, eczema, arthritis, and endocrine conditions. Symptoms of an endocrine condition can include rash, worsening breathing problems, heart complaints, and feeling of "pins and needles" or numbness in the arms and legs. Talk to your doctor immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.

Sometimes patients experience unexpected bronchospasm right after taking ADVAIR. This condition can be life threatening and if it occurs, you should immediately stop using ADVAIR and seek immediate medical attention.

- if you have asthma and you take ADVAIR such as coronary artery disease, irregular heart beat or high blood pressure. ADVAIR should be used with caution. Be sure to talk with your doctor about your condition because salmeterol, one of the components of ADVAIR, may affect the heart by increasing heart rate and blood pressure. It may also cause dizziness, such as lightheadedness, chest pain, or dizziness.
- if you have seizures, overactive thyroid gland, liver problems, or are sensitive to certain medications for breathing.
- if your breathing problems get worse over time or if your fast-acting inhaler does not work as well for you while using ADVAIR. If your breathing problems worsen quickly, get emergency medical care.
- if you have been exposed to or currently have chickens or measles or if you have an immune system problem. Patients using medications that weaken the immune system are more likely to get infections than healthy individuals. ADVAIR contains a corticosteroid (fluticasone propionate) which may weaken the immune system. Infection with chickens and measles, for example, can be very serious or even fatal in susceptible patients using corticosteroids.

## How should I take ADVAIR DISKUS?

ADVAIR should be used 1 or 2 inhalations, twice a day (morning and evening). ADVAIR should never be taken more than 1 inhalation twice a day. The full benefit of taking ADVAIR may take 2 to 4 weeks to be noticed.

If you miss a dose of ADVAIR, skip that dose. Take your next dose at your usual time. Do not take two doses at one time.

Do not stop using ADVAIR unless told to do so by your doctor because your symptoms might get worse.

Do not change or stop any of your medicines used to control or treat your breathing problems. Your doctor will adjust your medicines as needed.

## When using ADVAIR, remember:

- Never breathe into or take the DISKUS™ apart
- Always use the DISKUS in a level position
- After each inhalation rinse your mouth with water without swallowing
- Never wash any part of the DISKUS. Always keep it in its dry place
- Never take an extra dose, even if you tell us you did not receive a dose
- Discard 1 month after removal from the foil envelope
- Do not use ADVAIR with a spacer device

Children should use ADVAIR with an adult's help as instructed by the child's doctor.

## Can I take ADVAIR DISKUS with other medications?

Tell your doctor about all the medications you take, including prescription and nonprescription medications, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

If you are taking ADVAIR, you should not take SEREVENT™ (DISKUS or Forast) Aerosol™ for any reason.

If you take inhaled or oral theophylline, tell your doctor. Inhaled or oral theophylline may cause serious side effects. The anti-arrhythmic medicine, Sotalol (Beta-Blockers, Novus Drug Services, and Kalaria) can cause a heart problem.

No formal drug interaction studies have been performed with ADVAIR.

No clinical studies there were no differences in effects on the heart when ADVAIR was taken with varying amounts of alcohol. The effect of using ADVAIR in patients with asthma while taking more than 900 puffs a day of albuterol has not been studied.

ADVAIR should be used with extreme caution and up to 2 weeks after treatment with monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants since these medications can cause ADVAIR to have an even greater effect on the respiratory system.

ADVAIR should be used with caution in people who are taking beta-blockers (non-antihypertensive medications) or other drugs broken down by the body in a similar way. These beta-blockers can cause ADVAIR to have greater side effects.

Generally people with asthma should not take beta-blockers because they counteract the effects of beta<sub>2</sub>-agonists and may also cause severe bronchospasm. However, in some cases, for instance, following a heart attack, selective beta-blockers may still be used if there is no appropriate alternative.

The ECG changes and/or low blood potassium that may occur with some diuretics may be made worse by ADVAIR, especially in patients with heart-related conditions. Calcium should be used with care. These drugs fit well together. In clinical studies, there was no difference in side effects when ADVAIR was taken with methylxanthines (e.g. theophylline) or with FLDMSA™.

## What are other important safety considerations with ADVAIR DISKUS?

**Osteoporosis:** Long-term use of inhaled corticosteroids may result in bone loss (osteoporosis). Patients who are at risk for increased bone loss (osteoporosis) include: advanced age, inactive lifestyle, poor nutrition, family history of osteoporosis, and use of drugs such as corticosteroids. Patients who may have a greater risk with ADVAIR. If you have risk factors for bone loss, you should talk to your doctor about ways to reduce your risk and whether you should have your bone density evaluated.

**Glaucoma and cataracts:** Glaucoma, increased pressure in the eyes, and cataracts have been reported with the use of inhaled corticosteroids, including fluticasone propionate, in ADVAIR. Regular eye examinations should be considered if you are using ADVAIR.

**Lower respiratory tract infections:** Lower respiratory tract infections, including pneumonia, have been reported with the use of inhaled corticosteroids, including ADVAIR.

**Blood sugar:** Salmeterol may affect blood sugar and/or cause low blood potassium in some patients, which could lead to a side effect like an irregular heart rate. Significant changes in blood sugar and blood potassium were seen infrequently in clinical studies with ADVAIR.

**Growth:** Inhaled steroids may cause a reduction in growth velocity in children and adolescents.

**Steroids:** Taking steroids can affect your body's ability to make its own steroid hormones, which is needed during infections. Patients taking steroids should be very careful to take their body back as soon as possible. These effects can sometimes be seen with inhaled steroids but it is more common with oral steroids, especially when taken at higher-than-recommended doses over a long period of time in some cases; these effects may be severe. Inhaled steroids often help control symptoms of asthma but do not affect the body's own steroid hormones.

**Other infections:** Patients taking ADVAIR may develop yeast infections of the mouth and/or throat ("thrush") that should be treated by their doctor.

**Tuberculosis or other untreated infections:** ADVAIR should be used with caution, if at all, in patients with tuberculosis, herpes infections of the eye, or other untreated infections.

## What are the other possible side effects of ADVAIR DISKUS?

ADVAIR may produce side effects in some patients. In clinical studies, the most common side effects with ADVAIR included:

- Respiratory infections      • Bronchitis      • Musculoskeletal pain
- Throat irritation              • Cough              • Dizziness
- Sinus infection              • Headaches        • Fever
- Heartburn                    • Nausea and vomiting      • Ear, nose, and throat infections
- Throat infection of the mouth      • Diarrhea              • Itching

Tell your doctor about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the side effects with ADVAIR. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.

## What if I am pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or nursing?

Talk to your doctor about the benefits and risks of using ADVAIR during pregnancy, labor, or if you are nursing. There have been no studies of ADVAIR during pregnancy, labor, or in nursing women. Salmeterol is known to interfere with labor and delivery. It is not known whether ADVAIR is excreted in breast milk, but other corticosteroids have been detected in human breast milk. Fluticasone propionate, like other corticosteroids, has been associated with birth defects in animals (e.g., cleft palate and fetal death). Salmeterol showed no effect on fertility in rats at 160 times the maximum recommended daily dose.

## What other important tests were conducted with ADVAIR?

There is no information about the safety of ADVAIR compared with the components administered separately in animal studies with doses much higher than those used in humans. Salmeterol was associated with uterine tumors; your healthcare professional should tell you more about how drugs are tested on animals and what the results of these tests may mean to your safety.

## For more information, see ADVAIR DISKUS

This page is only a brief summary of important information about ADVAIR DISKUS. For more information, talk to your doctor. You can also visit the ADVAIR.com or call 1-888-835-5249. Patients receiving ADVAIR DISKUS should read the medication guide provided by the pharmacist with the prescription.

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SUNDAY DINNER

## PAULA DEEN'S Pecan Squares

"I was raised in Albany, Georgia, the pecan capital of the world. Down there, they grow all kinds of nuts—a peanut farmer named Jimmy Carter lived not too far away. As a young bride, I would gather all the pecans from the tree in the front yard and bring them to one of the packing houses. I'd earn a little bit of money collecting them, which I'd take to the county fair. I loved cotton candy and candied apples—and it was that pecan tree that paid for me to eat them. So I'm partial to pecans, and this praline-sweet cookie is one of my favorite pecan recipes." —*asked by Peter Melberg*



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### INGREDIENTS

- vegetable-oil cooking spray
- 1½ cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pan
- 4 eggs
- 1 pound light brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1½ cups chopped pecans

**HEAT** oven to 350°F. Spritz a 13-inch-by-9-inch pan with cooking spray, and dust with flour. **HEAT** eggs with a whisk in a medium bowl. **POUR** eggs into top of a double boiler. Stir in light brown sugar until mixture is smooth. Cook over simmering water for 20 minutes, stirring constantly, until mixture reaches 240°F on a candy thermometer. Remove from heat; let cool 5 minutes. **MIX** together flour and baking powder. Stir into mixture. Add vanilla and pecans; stir until combined (batter will be thin), and pour into pan. Bake 12 minutes, until crisp and set. **COOL** completely in pan before cutting into tiny squares; refrigerate in an airtight tin.

FASHION

## She's Got Legs

Want to update your wardrobe with the season's hot fashions but not waste money on fleeting fads? Robert Verdi, the cohost of Style Network's *Fashion Police*, takes a look at three retro trends and predicts how long they'll be with us.

### Ankle boots

**Get into the groove:** Bootees look best with skinny jeans or pants, not tights (way too Pat Benatar hitting us with her best shot). Or they'll nicely update your favorite Hitchcock-heroine pencil skirt from last year and your fishnets from two seasons ago.

**Trend life expectancy:** Up to three years. Ankle boots are fall perennials—they're just having a moment in the spotlight this year.

Brown Vivian boots (at [www.piperlime.com](http://www.piperlime.com); \$100)

### Leggings

**Get into the groove:** Pair them with a mid-thigh tunic sweater and flat ankle or mid-knee boots, or with a pencil skirt and ballet flats. A monochromatic scheme (leggings, skirt, shoes), especially all-black, will make legs appear longer. **Trend life expectancy:** Two years.

### Skimpy pants

**Get into the groove:** Try something tailored and butt-covering, like a tuxedo jacket or a menswear-type shirt. For a long and lean look, wear with opaque hosiery. **Trend life expectancy:** Two years (so don't toss your flares). —*ANNA STRAZEMEN*



## MONEY Holiday Tipping Made Easy

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Now that the holidays are here, whom should I tip, and how much should I give?

**A.** Between babysitters, your hairdresser, and the paperboy, you have a small staff working for you, many of whom deserve an extra thank-you come year's end. Here's how to show your appreciation.

**GIFTING GREEN** Cash, a check, or a gift card are all fine, but emphasize presentation, says Maria Everding, the founder of the Etiquette Institute in St. Louis: Put the gratuity in a nice card or a small gift bag.

**THE MAGIC NUMBER** Tip a service professional you see regularly (your cleaning lady, personal trainer, hair stylist, etc.) between half her normal fee and her full fee. For those who offer less personal service—such as a paperboy or the lawn guy—a \$5 to \$25 thank-you will do.

**SKIP THE TIP** Professionals like your child's piano teacher or your computer tutor are sharing knowledge, not delivering a service, so a small gift (an expensive wine or gift certificate) is a classy bet. —*LESLIE BIEHL DUMKIN*



# Patti Nancy

How does a family once divided by politics find itself united behind a single cause? Patti Davis talks about the quiet crusade of her mother, Nancy Reagan, on behalf of stem-cell research—and how the issue has redefined the Reagan family.

On May 8, 2004, my mother stood onstage at a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation benefit in Los Angeles and publicly announced her support for stem-cell research. Sitting in the soft light room that night and listening to her speak, I knew a conversation we'd had just a few hours earlier echoed in her mind. My father's doctor had told us it could be days, or weeks, but that death was not far away. Less than a month later, my father died.

Knowing the end of my father's life was near, my mother was doing what he would want her to do—standing up for life. "Ronnie's long journey has finally taken him to a distant place where I can no longer reach him," she said to the crowd. I learned a lot about courage that night, watching my mother take her place on the world stage—not only as Ronald Reagan's wife but also as a crusader for medical treatment that we believe will be nothing short of miraculous.

For 10 years, we watched as Alzheimer's disease whittled away my father; for the final few years, my family would gather at his bedside because here he no longer stand or walk. As so-lating as the experience was, we never forgot we were only one of thousands upon thousands of families going through the same thing. Fame doesn't alter the emotional journey when a loved one is suffering from Alzheimer's or another



**MY MOTHER, OUR CAUSE** Davis, 53, strolls the grounds of Los Angeles's Hotel Bel-Air with her mother, Nancy Reagan. The 85-year-old former first lady's support of stem-cell research has added a powerful conservative voice to the current national debate.

Cover and  
photographs by  
Harry Benson





incurable disease. In quiet rooms, sitting at bedsides, we're all the same. We all fight the same sad battles.

When my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1994, stem-cell research wasn't making headlines. For that matter, Alzheimer's wasn't even widely discussed. By the time the potential of stem-cell treatment did start making news, it was already too late for my father— even if the research had been fast-tracked, unhindered by government.

It's different now, of course, for anyone suffering from disease or coping with the aftermath of an accident that's left them or someone they love paralyzed. They know what waits in the wings; they know miracles are possible if scientists have the support to fully pursue their research. Once perfected and thoroughly developed, stem-cell treatment holds the promise that a paralyzed person will walk again, a diabetic will grow pancreatic cells to replace damaged ones, those stricken with Parkinson's, ALS, or possibly even Alzheimer's will not be conquered by these diseases but restored to health with medicines developed as a result of research.

The issue of embryonic stem-cell research

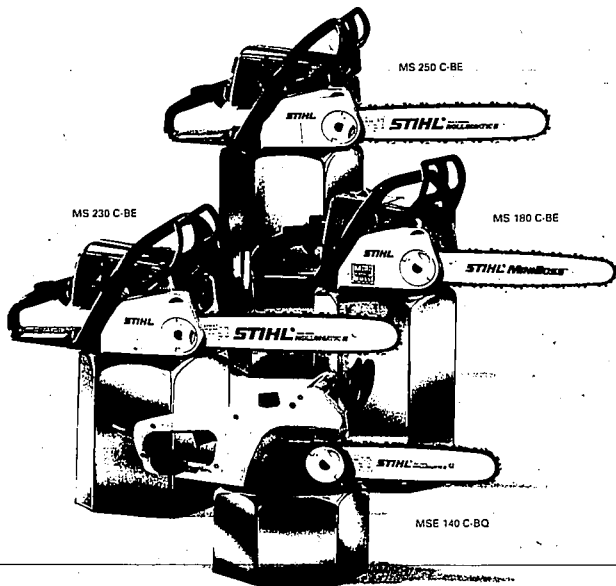
My brother Ron  
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shouldn't be a political one, but it is. These families have to listen to our president say it's more moral to waste the clusters of cells that could save lives than to let them be used for research. [Ed. note: In July, President Bush vetoed a bill approved by Congress that would have expanded federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research.] My brother Ron, my mother, and I don't have to imagine people's anger and sense of betrayal— we've heard it and read it in letters and e-mails.

We are a united front when it comes to doing whatever we can to help stem-cell treatment become widely available. Ron and I have teased our mother about her new career as a lobbyist. I doubt there is anyone in the Senate or the House she hasn't spoken to. My mother's voice is the more diplomatic one, reasoned and restrained. My brother and I have the room to be harsher—we talk about that sometimes, too, and laugh about our different roles. "It means a lot to me," our mother tells us, speaking volumes with that one sentence.

Many things can pull families apart; for us, politics was a big one. The irony now is that a cause which, whether we like it or not, is political has brought us shoulder to shoulder—a small,

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determined army of three. It has in some ways become an extension of our grief, of the many years we spent watching my father leave us.

It's not an unusual story in the realm of families. We wander away from parents, siblings—ferociously sometimes, desperate to define ourselves as independent. But in shadowy rooms, when someone we love so much that we could never find enough words to tell them so is dying, we are reduced to our essence. We are sons and daughters. We are tied to those whose blood we share with cords so strong they can't break—no matter how far we've stretched them. Ultimately, love startles us awake, brings us home, and lets us know we never really left.

Every family has a legacy. For the offspring of the famous, legacies are complicated—that huge shadow, the footprints you know you'll never fill. But sometimes, if we're lucky, something happens in our lives—a road opens, a path widens, and we glide easily into the legacy that always seemed so intimidating. My brother Ron and I are the children of a man who achieved great things in his life, who stilled a country at the moment of his death. We are the children of a woman who has taken her own sorrow and used it as fire to burn through the blockades standing in the way of the future. Our goal is that no one will have to sit at the bedside of a loved one and ask "Why does he have to die from this disease?"

On that May night more than two years ago, my mother said, "We have lost so much time already." Time is not a friend to anyone with a debilitating, progressive disease or someone confined to a wheelchair. There is a growing determination in this country

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right now—a commitment to claim the future that belongs to us, a future in which diseases and paralyzing injuries can be overcome. No government can stop that. And we want part of our family story to be that our voices rose up, too, and joined this chorus.

There are moments when I feel my father smiling at the legacy that is evolving. ☐

### Your Thoughts

Tell us what you think of the Reagan family's new campaign by e-mailing us at [letters@life.com](mailto:letters@life.com).



**A LEGACY IS BORN** Mother and daughter believe in the hopes of stem-cell research. "So many issues have divided us in the past," says Davis, who lives near her mother in Los Angeles. "But this one has united us."

### BEHIND THE PICTURES

## Family Album

When Nancy Reagan agreed to pose for LIFE with her daughter, Patti Davis, there was no doubt who would take the pictures: Harry Benson. The celebrated Scottish lensman has been chronicling the Reagans for four decades. On this shoot, recalls Benson, 76, "Nancy said 'Doesn't Patti look so beautiful?' And she did. It had a real mother-daughter feel." Photographing the first lady again made Benson nostalgic. "I would always say to Nancy, 'Just one more,'" he says. "This time, I told her I miss saying 'Just one more.'" Here, some of his favorite Reagan photos and the stories behind them.



#### THE CANOE TRIP, 1983

"When I arrived at the ranch that day, Nancy told me 'Harry, we've got something special for you.' The canoe was called *Trix Luv*, like the boat in *The Philadelphia Story* and the remake, *High Society*, which starred their friend Frank Sinatra. Nancy never had any makeup people or hairdressers when I shot her. She'd just dab on a little bit of cream and lipstick. She never seemed to like having people fussing around with her."

#### THE WHITE HOUSE WALTZ, 1985

"This was taken in the Map Room of the White House. When I got to the room, it didn't look like a place where you would dance, so I put up a little studio. I got a record of Frank Sinatra singing 'Nancy (With the Laughing Face)'. When the president walked in, he said, 'That's my favorite song.' It was before a state dinner, and the president was joking 'I'm keeping the president of Chile waiting.' And Nancy said, 'Let him wait.'"



#### NANCY AND RON, 2004

"This was about six months after Ronnie—that's what Nancy always calls the president—died. Ron and she were relaxed and chatty; Nancy loves to just talk. They were very comfortable as a family."





**ALL ABOARD** Six-year-old Timothy Vogel views an award-winning depiction of Philadelphia's bygone trolleys. "He was absolutely fascinated," says his mom, Debbie.

# Big Day At the Track

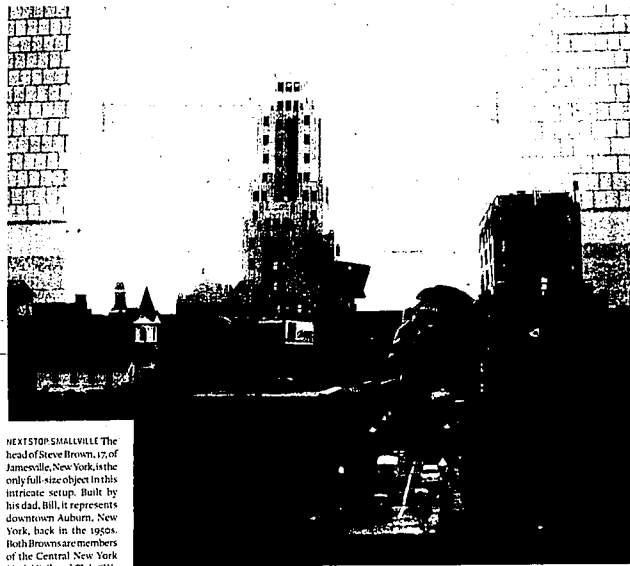
Once a year, small-scale railroad barons pack up their basement masterpieces and hop the express to the National Train Show

By Bob Woods

Photographs by Sage Sobier

Model-train collectors are the particle physicists of the hobby world: They tend to work in solitude, obsess over tiny details, and you'd be surprised of having one-track minds. When they get together, however, the results are often spectacular. This year, Philadelphia was the grand junction for 23,000 train lovers and curiosity seekers, who gathered for the sixteenth annual National Train Show. Members of train-enthusiast clubs from coast to coast checked out the latest small-gauge technology and checked up on their peers' track work. Most came simply to show off the labors of their love.

Onlookers were treated to a linked series of complex layouts depicting everything from a drive-in movie theater to an alpine ski resort, with tiny trains weaving throughout. Dave Luciano, 47, of Marlton, New Jersey, brought the



**NEXT STOP SMALLVILLE** The head of Steve Brown, 17, of Jamestown, New York, is the only full-size object in this intricate setup. Built by his dad, Bill, it represents downtown Auburn, New York, back in the 1950s. Both Browns are members of the Central New York Model Railroad Club. "We have about 250 trains at home," says Steve, a collector since age 5.

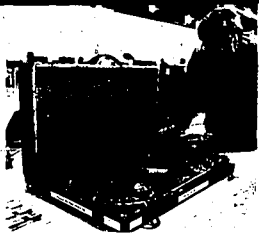
Striding Model Railroad Club's replica of a bucolic stretch of railroad that used to wind through Pennsylvania Dutch country. "I started it 16 years ago and made all the buildings from scratch," he says. The club has invested \$15,000 and thousands of hours in the layout. Lucian even brought along an apprentice: his 9-year-old son, Brandon.

For some, the miniature scenes of

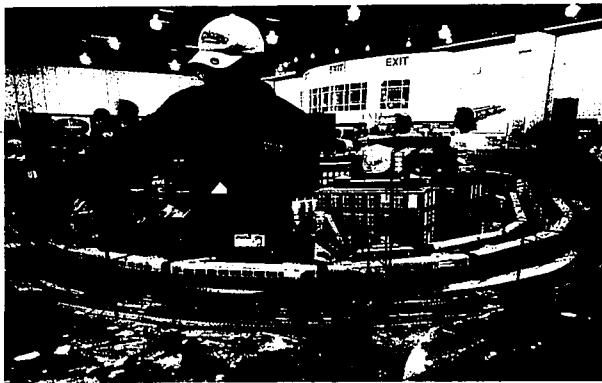
towns and depots conjured up days gone by. For smaller visitors raised on *Thomas the Tank Engine*, the convention provided a glimpse into a world of non-verbal locomotives that they didn't know existed. "A lot of kids have never seen a train, much less ridden on one," observed exhibitor Jim Manley, 52. For one week each year, though, everyone gets a chance to rule the rails. ■



**THE LITTLE ENGINEERS WHO COULD** To give the next generation of hobbyists—like his sons Jonathan (left), 11, and Timothy, 8—hands-on experience, Stephan Lamb, 48, conducts a chapter of the Youth in Model Railroading club in their hometown of Lowell, Massachusetts.



**ROD TO DARKS** Andrew Shaw, 52, spent 500 hours meticulously assembling this layout showcasing minuscule 2-gauge trains in an old poker-chip case. "Everything is 1:220 scale, including the freight," says Shaw, who sold it at the show for \$5,500.



**BRICK BY BRICK** Russ Neal, 17, drove to Philadelphia with his dad all the way from Edina, Minnesota, to add their hometown layout to the world's biggest Leggo train display—an 8,000-square-foot "Leggo-topolis" composed of more than 2 million Leggo blocks and 300 trains.

• An annual \$500 million is spent on model railroads. Top-shelf engines sell for \$40,000 and up.

• Last year's show featured a layout with an eight-foot-tall mountain.

• One of the largest model-railroad layouts ever assembled was football field-sized; a full loop took trains 90 minutes.

• For info on a model-train show near you, visit [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org).

**HE'S BEEN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD** Dave Harrison—a retired grammar-school teacher and ex-motorman for Chicago's transit system—has been tinkering with this layout, starring Amtrak's Acela Express, for more than six years. "It's a work in progress," he admits.



PICTUREPUZZLE

## Can-Do Attitude



We liked this photo so much, we recycled it—after making seven small changes. Can you spot them all?



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