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Flu pandemic preparation varies across the nation

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

Trailers packed with cots and medical supplies are parked in secret locations around Colorado, ready for doctors to open makeshift hospitals in school gyms if a flu pandemic strikes.

In Idaho, health officials have asked state lawmakers to spend \$500,000 to buy 3,500 courses of antiviral vaccine from the federal government, to be stored in-state to treat people until supplies arrive from the Strategic National Stockpile of flu shots.

Idaho faces a shortage of beds and food.

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If Alabama closes schools amid a super-flu, students may take classes via public television. In Dallas, city librarians may replace sick 911 operators.

States and communities are getting creative as they struggle to answer the Bush administration's call to prepare for the next influenza pandemic, whether the culprit is the much-feared Avian bird flu or some other super-strain.

The Associated Press took a closer look at those preparations and found wide differences in how far along states are — and little consensus on the best policies, even among neighboring states, on such basic issues as who decides whether to close schools.

Almost half the states haven't spent any of their own money yet to grid against a super-flu, relying instead on grants from the federal government.

Ethical queries abound about how to ration scarce drugs and vaccine. As Oklahoma epidemiologist Dr. Brett Cauley puts it, that's "the toughest question out there."

Some states are debating whether to purchase the recommended anti-flu medications to store for their citizens, or to gamble that they'll receive enough from a federal stockpile.

And while some states proudly list other pandemic supplies they've stockpiled in guarded warehouses — 4.5 million protective face masks, tons New York others, like West Virginia, still are putting final drafts of their plans to paper.

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Is it a blunder or about time?

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Will the city's adjustment — and economic future — to Sunday liquor by the drink be the same as a good whiskey: Smooth?

Citing inconsistency in a 1947 state law and a need to accommodate change, the Twin Falls City Council voted Dec. 4 to allow liquor sales on Sunday in restaurants and bars. The city and local businessmen are hopeful Twin Falls will now reap economic benefits from liquor tax revenue and fewer people will travel elsewhere, such as Jackpot, Nev., to drink liquor.

While there was minimal opposition before the council adopted the ordinance, some have said a more telling sign is how the public support came strictly from the bars and restaurants.

"It sounds like they're more interested in listening to the selective business owners than the public on the whole, and that rubbed me the wrong way," said Glen Leavitt, of Twin Falls. "The only people who were for it were the people who have monetary gain from it. It was the business owners whose pockets will get fatter."

But the council members said the main reason for the change was because the amount of alcohol in a beer or a glass of wine is the same as a drink of liquor, and customers should have the choice.

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WHO HAS THE LICENSES: A list of liquor license holders in Twin Falls

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George Salinas, a bartender there for seven years, said he fielded nearly a dozen phone calls from people who said they were planning to come because of the availability of liquor.

Indeed, owners of several local watering-holes — namely The Oasis, Kruezer's, The Cove Lounge, Senior Caesar's and the Log Tavern — plan to stay closed on Sundays. But the

City Councilman David E. Johnson. "And if you're going to drink why not allow people a choice? I don't know if I see a big boom for Twin Falls but I do see some benefits as talks about convention centers resume. That is certainly an important consideration, that there is choice for people when deciding about a convention center."

Drinking for success

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"For local bar business it's not going to matter. It's the restaurant franchises that will benefit the most."

— Casey Grime, proprietor and manager at Outback Steakhouse

"I don't see us getting a real rush of people for liquor. It's not a party day. It never has been and never will be."

— Rick Royalty, general manager of Applebee's

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Aquifer plan almost ready

Strategies scheduled for review during Legislative session

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Decades of hands-off aquifer management are about to end.

After years of failed attempts to pass aquifer-related legislation, the 2006 Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 136. It instructed the Idaho Department of Water Resources to develop an aquifer management plan for presentation to the 2007 Legislature. Lawmakers will use the plan as a model for aquifer legislation.

At stake is the management of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer that supplies water to Idahoans across the south-central part of the state.

The board hired a Boulder, Colo., firm, CDOR Associates, to facilitate the process. To date, they've gathered input from more than 100 interested parties that include farmers, politicians, domestic water users, water-dependent industries and environmental groups.

"Right now, it's all in the hands of the facilitators," said Michael Kecker, spokesman for the IDWR.

The facilitators are operating under this goal: to "sustain a balance between water users and supplies so that the economic viability and social and environmental health can be maintained."

Easier said than done.

The plan needs to be in concert with Idaho water law, which is in a state of flux until the state Supreme Court

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MISSING CLIMBERS

Wind, temps thwart Mount Hood rescue

By Joseph B. Frazier
Associated Press writer

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Scores of hand-picked rescue mountaineers began descending from Mount Hood Saturday afternoon, once again thwarted in their attempt to locate three missing climbers despite a long-awaited break in the weather.

The weather wasn't as bad as it had been during searches of the past week, but visibility was limited by winds reaching 50 mph, which kicked up soft snow dumped by recent storms on the 11,239-foot mountain.

Search teams were also hindered by cold temperatures in the upper elevations.

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"It wasn't quite the dream picture we had hoped for today. But there is a chance tomorrow will be a better day."

— Sgt. Sean Collinson, Clackamas County sheriff's office



Search-and-rescue efforts for the three climbers missing on Mount Hood resume Saturday morning on the mountains' south side above Timberline Lodge, near Cooper Spur, Ore.

Visit magicvalley.com for updates and Associated Press video.

Abbas calls for early elections

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called Saturday for elections to end his violent standoff with Hamas — a gamble that Palestinians will back him as he seeks to weaken the Islamic militants, avoid civil war and keep momentum for peace overtures with Israel.

Hamas accused Abbas of trying to topple its government, promised to block the elections. "This is a real coup," said Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas hard-liner.

Edwards in, Bayh out of Vote 2008

WASHINGTON — Sen. Evan Bayh on Saturday ended his White House bid while 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards finalized plans to get in the Democratic race.

Bayh decided he could not compete with Sens. Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois, whose possible candidacies have dominated the positioning almost two years before the actual election.

Edwards plans to announce his campaign in New Orleans by New Year's Day, sources said.

Low-fat may mix breast cancer return

SAN ANTONIO — The first experiment ever to show that low-fat diets could help prevent a return of breast cancer now reveals, with longer follow-up, that the benefit was almost exclusively to women whose tumor growth was not driven by hormones.

That could be huge — the new results suggest but cannot prove that these women might be able to cut their risk of dying by up to 66 percent with such diets.

— The Associated Press

NATION & WORLD BRIEFING

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Monday
Partly cloudy Partly cloudy Fair and cold
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Today: Partly cloudy and cold. Highs in the 20s to near 30.
Tonight: Fair skies and cold. Lows 10 to 15.
Tomorrow: Chilly and fair. Highs near 30.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

William Ingo's "Bus Stop," presented by the Company of Fools, 3 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halcy, 525 reserved seats and \$18 for senior citizens and students, (208) 578-9122.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4, 734-5084.

CHURCH EVENTS

The Hallelujah Handbell Choir 2nd annual Holiday Concert, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Ave. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-7023.
The Singing Christmas Tree, "Light of the World, A Christmas Musical," 6 p.m., First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, bring unwrapped toy or toiletry items, 733-5349.
The Homecoming, a humorous musical about a Smoky Mountain Christmas, 6 p.m., Jerome Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland, Jerome, no cost, 324-8143.
"Rejoice in His Coming" Christmas Cantata, performed by the Gooding Community Choral, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 805 Main St., Gooding, free admission (free will offering), 934-8227.
Carols by Candle Light, traditional carols with the stories behind them, 6 p.m., Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene west of the College of Southern Idaho, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-6610.
The West End Community Singers Christmas cantata, "Born a Savior, Born a King," 3 p.m., the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, 3552 N. 1825 E., Burni, free admission (free will offering), 326-4950.
The 22nd annual Christmas in the Park, with Pastor Dale Metzger and special music by Burt Hush, 5 p.m., Twin Falls City Band Shell, Twin Falls City Park, no cost, 736-2265.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Hands On Ornament Painting Party with Santa, 2 to 4 p.m., includes pictures with Santa, painting and refreshments, Hands On, 142 Shoshone N., Twin Falls, \$7 (plus tax) to paint an ornament, \$17 (plus tax) to paint a cookie plate, 736-4475, (pre-registration helpful).

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, a skins game, plus HOA, High Lady, High Junior, and High Vet shooting for \$200 gift cards, 9 a.m. start time, 1.1 miles north of junction of I84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$22 for members and \$23 non-members, (208)733-6045.

To have an event (including on-going events) listed in the January monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Dec. 22 to Suzanne Browne by e-mail to sbrowne@magvalley.com, by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. To have an annual Christmas in the Park, with Pastor Dale Metzger and special music by Burt Hush, 5 p.m., Twin Falls City Band Shell, Twin Falls City Park, no cost, 736-2265.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Dec. 18

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., Student Union Room 248, Taylor Administration building, 515 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 732-6261.
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.
Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-5570.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.
Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main, 423-5158.
Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30, 352-4445.

Dec. 19

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Jaslin Room, airport terminal, 733-5215.
Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 443-6436.
Carterley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave. W., 878-2224.
Cassia School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m. council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000.

Dec. 20

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St., 352-1117.
Bliss School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens, 326-4369.
Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-6636.

YOUR MORNING BRUEING

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Capturing the holiday glow

At least three dozen cars gravitated to Pierce Street on a Saturday night in Twin Falls. The passengers shifted their weight to the right sides of the cars, faces gaping through small windows, to get a good look at thousands of multicolored lights. In a special photo project, photographer Meagan Thompson captured that festive scene and other Christmas lights around Magic Valley.

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Paul man charged in BSU rape

PAUL — A Paul man has been charged with rape in connection with an October incident at Boise State University. Matthew Aaron Higgins, 18, was arrested by Rupert Police on a Boise Police Department warrant Thursday night. He is accused of raping a Boise State University student in her apartment on Oct. 18.

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Jumper pulled off Perrine Bridge ledge

TWIN FALLS — Officers from Twin Falls and Jerome rescued an unidentified man Saturday at the north end of the Perrine Bridge. Witnesses said the man — described as being white and in his 30s or 40s — let go of the railing with one arm and leaned forward when the officers bolted into action.

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Four armed robberies in two nights

TWIN FALLS — A rash of four armed robberies hit the Twin Falls area over the past few nights, with three separate crimes linked to the same suspects. In each case, the robbers disguised their faces with bandannas, entered the business and displayed a handgun, demanding money. No one was hurt in any of the robberies.

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OBITUARIES

Sumiko Dorothy Kobayashi, 86
Marie Irene McClure Huey, 72
Ingrid V. Lynch, 78
Vicki Lynn Jensen Hoopes, 58
LaRae Stephens, 78
Richard Edmond Short, 78
Bernice Lilith
Barger DalSoglio, 95
Burbage "Bob"
Rush Justice, 76

SPORTS

Spartans finish third at Bear-Cat

JEROME — Along with 112-pound Nate Crane and heavyweight Josh Ramirez, Minico's 105-pounder Andrew Uhl was one of three Spartan grapplers that took home individual championships and helped lead Minico to a third-place finish at the Bear-Cat Invitational.

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Boise coach offers high praise for Sooners

BOISE (AP) — Boise State's Chris Petersen is in his first year as a head coach, but he sounds like a crafty veteran with a well-thumbed phrase book the way he's able to heap compliments on Oklahoma a little more than two weeks before the Fiesta Bowl.

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THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dec. 18 A Taffeta Christmas, a '50s Christmas Reunion, 7:30 p.m., at the King Fine Arts Center, at 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, 58, 878-5464.
Dec. 18 Melanie's Ta Vacl School of Performing Arts, with a ride on the Polar Express to the North Pole for children ages 4 to 12, 6:30 p.m., O'Leary Jr. High, Twin Falls, no cost, 737-9100.
Dec. 18, 19 The Standards Christmas concert, 7 p.m., in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, 50, 732-6781 or http://www.thestandards.org.
Dec. 20 "A Christmas Carol—the Musical," presented by the Laughing Stock Theater, 7 p.m., no-Sage Theater kitchen, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, 726-47K5.

BUSINESS

Dec. 18 Safe Harbor monthly board meeting, election and planning open to the public, 8 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, 735-8787 or 735-5270.
Dec. 19 The Welcome Mart's monthly meet-and-greet event, includes refreshments, door prizes and a free, sponsor gift bag from Grocery Outlet of Twin Falls for any newcomers to the Magic Valley within the last six months, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Best America Suites, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 423-4478 to register.

CLUBS

Dec. 19 The Magic Valley Singles Square Dancers Christmas polka and dance, 7 p.m., the El American Indian Art Portfolio, 157 W. Main, Jerome, \$3 per person or \$6 per couple (bring a polka record), 324-7238.

EXHIBITS

Dec. 19, 20 "The Circle" by Amber Scoon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean E. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.
Dec. 19, 20 "Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American Indian Art Portfolio. Interpretations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," the Missoula Art Museum's traveling exhibit, noon to 5 p.m., the Buhl Arts Center at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, 543-6417.
Dec. 15, 18 "Discontinuity," con-

SPINNING MINI EDITORIAL

Cheers to Joe D. Shepard, coach of the Twin Falls High School girls' basketball team. The Bruins gave Shepard his 300th career win Wednesday night. As a successful coach, he has helped shape the lives of hundreds of young women. And that's an even bigger accomplishment than winning 300 games.

— Chris Steinbach, editor

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Staying soft while the snow falls.

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How to stay out of the kitchen Christmas morning.

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Keeping that liquor license

License valuable asset for local construction company

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The smiling secretary, clicking keyboards and large wooden desks are not typical for a place where you can buy a stiff drink.

But inside the conference room of Nelsen and Co. on Blue Lakes Boulevard sits a bottle of Glenlivet Irish whiskey. It's kept in a locked cabinet, except for that half hour in the morning each weekday when, because of state law, the construction company is an official bar.

If this sounds odd, well, it is. The company — founded by recently deceased Craig Nelsen — is responsible for a number of major developments, including the Canyon Rim Park on Blue Lakes Boulevard that includes Outback Steakhouse, Best Buy and, apparently, a liquor license.

The license was purchased by Nelsen years ago and sold over a year ago to affiliate Canyon Rim Park LLC. State law requires liquor licenses be used by 60 days of activation, but after six months can simply be displayed in an approved premises, such as an office or residence, and be in use.

Project Administrator Tina Luper, who on Wednesday poured the bar's first \$20 shot, said there are no plans to lease or sell the license.

"It is strange, but we are meeting all the legal requirements," Luper said.

Luper is right. The company has a special-use permit issued by the city. The bar opens at 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and closes at 10:30 a.m. There is even a sign on the conference room door that requires people who enter to be legally old enough to drink alcohol.

More importantly, the Canyon Rim Park license, while both legal and perhaps unique to the city of Twin Falls, might best symbolize the value to liquor licenses in Idaho.

Liquor licenses in Idaho are awarded on a per-capita basis; for every 1,500-person increase in population a city receives a license. There are 26 licenses in Twin Falls and 30 applicants on a waiting list. It costs \$375 to register on the waiting list.

Daniel Fuchs, a pharmacist in Twin Falls, is listed 10 times on the city's waiting list. He and his three brothers made headlines a few years ago when they received four licenses simultaneously in Nampa.

Some facts about licenses:

- When a new license becomes available, the applicant is notified by Alcohol Beverage Control July and a formal letter is mailed in September. Background checks are performed on all applicants.

- When the applicant receives the letter, he or she has 10 days to decide whether to keep it. If kept, it must be activated within 60 days and used for eight hours a day six days a week for six months.

- For the next 18 months the license does not need to be used but must be hung in a premise that could be licensed (in Twin Falls, it means a special-use permit must be obtained).

- After the 18 months (and two years since receiving it) the owner has three options: keep it or transfer it, which means to either sell it or to lease it. Background checks are again performed on new parties.

- If sold, there is no limit as to what price the owner can seek. The ABC receives 10 percent of the price or market value, whichever is higher.

- If leased, there is no limit as to what the owner can ask for. He must pay one-half the annual renewal fee plus 20 dollars.

Liquor licenses in Idaho are considered quite valuable and they are often sold for more



Tina Luper, a project administrator with Nelsen and Co., pours a shot of Glenlivet Irish whiskey Wednesday morning at their office in Twin Falls.

than \$100,000. Leasing is not necessarily a cheaper option. William and Margie Gress, who own Montana Steakhouse, paid more than \$1,000 a month before purchasing it outright recently.

Because of urgency — and sometimes interest from franchisees — to activate the license, the owners will go into busi-

ness with restaurants or bars until a lease or final purchase can be made. They sometimes will serve as managers until the exchange can be finalized, which is legal and considered a normal business practice.

There has been discussion of changing the overall process, including creating a lottery or raising registration fees, but so

far nothing has been approved by the state Legislature.

Reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Twin Falls license holders

LICENSE REGISTERED TO	BUSINESS OWNER	LICENSE OWNER
Phot Eddy's	Randy Paulino	Kenny Owens
Outback	Outback	
Chill's	Shoot the Moon	
Applebee's	Brinker International	
Pokey's	Shirley Warrsbaaker	Fred Starr
Montana Steakhouse	William and Margie Gress	
Turf Club	Steve Soran	
Kroger Hub	Larry Mustang	
Cove Lounge	Debbie and John Urrita	
Senor Caesar's	Greg Smith	Nick Picard (former owner)
Kruzer's	Kurt Kruzer	Larry Tucker (former owner)
Gasls	Rick Carr	Dan Wille
Woody's	Dave Woodhead	Steve Kohntop

Sources: State Alcohol Beverage Control and business owners.

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Flu

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"How are states doing, and how do we know how states are doing?" asked Dr. Pascale Worley of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "There's a lot of important things that are very hard to measure. It's a real challenge."

Indeed, when the government's first official assessment of state readiness begins in a few weeks, officials expect few states will have tackled some of the toughest issues: How will you keep grocery stores stocked? Will you reserve enough anti-flu drugs for utility workers so the water and electricity stay on? If you close schools, will local businesses let parents stay home with their children, or fire them?

When the feds fly in your state's share of vaccine and medicine, can you store it properly and get it to patients without being mobbed?

"Nothing, we think, is better than having 5,000 communities right now wrestle with this," said Dr. William Raub, emergency planning chief at the Department of Health and Human Services. "What will seem to work happily in one community is probably not going to work in some others."

Idaho

Idaho public health officials are trying to prepare for the worst.

Last summer, the health districts held another drill, this time hounding out M&M candies in lieu of "medication." Officials said that while the drills went fairly smooth, they did highlight some problems. In one district, workers ran out of pens needed to fill out medical forms because the mock "patients" kept keeping

them. In another, there weren't enough bathrooms available for people as they waited in the medication lines.

But the most common problem among all the districts was a need for more medical professionals.

"We do have a nursing shortage," Carole Schrieff, Idaho North Central District Health said. "Depending on what the crisis is, most nurses would have to stay at the hospital and work, so we would not have enough workers. That's a real problem."

The state is likely to run short of hospital beds. Idaho has only 3,371 beds available in its 49 licensed hospitals, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said. The CDC estimates that 3,385 people would require hospitalization, and 162,507 would likely require outpatient care if an outbreak, were to hit Idaho.

Each of Idaho's seven health districts have completed their own plans on how to deal with a surge of patients, Shanahan said, and each district will run a drill of the plans before September.

Meanwhile, the state's seven health districts are stockpiling gloves, gowns, masks, N95 respirators, eye protection, booties, bio disposal bags, sharps containers and hand sanitizer, Shanahan said.

Food supplies might also be scarce, because there are no major food storage and distribution warehouses in Idaho, the state's grocery stores only have a three-day supply of food, according to officials of the Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

National readiness

Super-strains of the easy-to-

mutate influenza virus cause worldwide outbreaks every few decades or so, three in the last century. Worst was the 1918 pandemic that killed about 50 million people worldwide, 500,000 in the U.S. alone. If a 1918-style pandemic struck today, up to a third of the population could fall ill and 1.9 million Americans could die.

With another pandemic overdue, the CDC began telling states to prepare years ago, plans that have taken on greater urgency with the simmering H5N1 bird flu. In 2004, just 29 states had pandemic plans of some sort. Today, all have at least a draft on paper.

Next spring, federal health officials will have their first report card on the quality of those preparations, based on a questionnaire that Raub hopes to ship to the states by month's end — questions that will go beyond health care to ask how communities would keep the economy and society in general running.

Raub said he's not playing "gotcha," but that the responses are key to helping less prepared states catch up, and identifying best practices that neighbors can copy.

In interviews conducted by the AP in every state, health chiefs repeatedly said they knew their hospitals will be overrun — but that having enough beds isn't the most critical issue.

"We don't have the health care workers to take care of all the patients," explained Alabama State Health Officer Don Williamson.

That's where some states are getting creative.

For example, in strategic

spots around the state Colorado has parked trailers containing 6,500 beds that could be set up in school gyms or event halls, anywhere with power, water and bathrooms. "Where we're best prepared is a place to put people," said Dr. Mel Galonge, chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Now, the state is recruiting volunteers to take care of the people who will lie in those beds, creating a master list of health workers not usually involved in flu care, from pharmacists to physical therapists, who could be credentialed now and put on standby.

El Paso County, in addition, wants to set up a phone bank of retired doctors to advise people on when to go to crowded doctors' offices and when to just sneeze at home.

California has budgeted \$10 million this year to buy three 200-bed mobile hospitals, and \$70 million more to buy equipment — including 20,000 beds — for what officials call "alternate care sites."

The idea: The very sickest get hospitalized; the moderately ill stay home; those in between get care on cots at schools or fairgrounds.

Louisiana has discussed expanding visiting hours so relatives can help with some patient care, or even giving recovering patients some light duty.

"There's no easy answer. You have to be thinking creatively with what you have, rather than thinking you'll be able to find accessory staff," said Dr. Frank Welch, the state's immunization director.

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Senior water right holders are trying to change established water management by court edicts.

Senior water right holders such as Clear Springs Foods have for many years been negotiating in good faith with junior right holders and the state to develop an Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) water management plan that ensures resource sustainability for all water users. We believe it is essential that the water resources in our region be stabilized and recovered. Unfortunately little progress has been made. Some impediments to progress have been:

- Lack of legal and administrative clarity regarding application of the constitutionally defined priority doctrine.
- Lack of legal clarity regarding relative responsibility of junior and senior water right holders during times of water shortage.
- Lack of legal clarity regarding the role of the IDWR Director to determine or otherwise change property rights.

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rules on a case that will determine how water is distributed between senior — and junior-right holders. The Idaho Ground Water Act and rules that govern groundwater management areas also put restrictions on the plan.

Further complicating matters, the Legislature asked the board to submit funding suggestions. Where the money will come from is almost as hotly contested between interested parties as how to run the aquifer.

Funding any management plan will be complex. Some have proposed an increase in the sales tax. Others want to create a market where water is bought and sold.

The board also must consider aquifer-related programs already in place, namely a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program that buys out groundwater users who agree to stop farming their land and stop irrigating in exchange for government money.

The management plan will likely feature alternatives to a main management strategy. Those alternatives are being developed in meetings of stakeholders hosted by CPR.

The plan also will address interim management strategies that could be implemented while the Legislature reviews the proposal. Those include increasing CRP participation, developing mitigation plans between junior and senior water-right holders and implementing an interim recharge project.

In November, the water board voted to fund studies for

three proposed recharge sites, one of which may be built near Jerome.

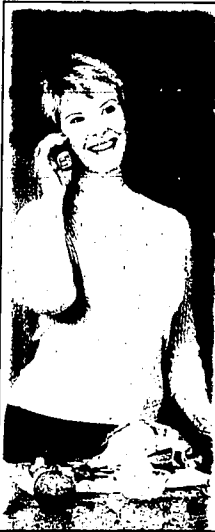
Idaho's first—and only state-run recharge site, Wolf Canal near Wendell, is already in the study stage.

The aquifer is like a giant underground sponge made of porous basalt that stretches from Ashton to King Hill. It covers about 10,600 square miles. Enough water to fill Lake Erie lies in the uppermost 500 feet, though the aquifer is as deep as 5,000 feet in some places.

Water levels in the aquifer have been in steady decline since the 1950s, when farmers began drilling wells and drawing irrigation water. The declines increased two decades later when many farmers switched from flood irrigation to sprinkler irrigation. Scientists estimate that about 60 percent of water recharged into the aquifer today comes from excess irrigation water and leaky canals.

Water naturally emerges from the aquifer at springs like the ones at Thousand Springs near Hagerman. Spring discharge levels follow the same downward trend as aquifer water levels. That's why photos of the springs taken more than 50 years ago show water cascading all along the Snake River Canyon wall near Hagerman. Today, only a few remaining springs' power aquaculture in the area.

The ESPM management plan is expected to be finalized before the Legislature convenes Jan. 8. Lawmakers are expected to review the plan and pass legislation to implement the board-recommended strategies.



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"It wasn't quite the dream picture we had hoped for today. But there is the chance tomorrow will be a better day," said Sgt. Sean Collinson of the Clinkamas County sheriff's office.

He said a C-130 aircraft equipped with thermal imaging would continue flying around the mountain during the night, hoping to pick up body heat from the missing climbers.

Before dawn, 25 rescue mountaineers began making their way up the south side of the mountain, and another 30 started on the north side, said Joe Wampler, sheriff for Hood River County. Both teams started at about 6,000 feet.

Just before midday, a small team moving from the south had reached an elevation of 10,600 feet, said Sgt. Gerry Tiffany, with the Hood River County sheriff's office. They had hoped to summit and descend down the north side, but they had to turn around and come back down.

Blackhawk helicopters worked the north side of the mountain, also hoping to find signs of the trio.

At a Hood River news conference earlier Saturday, the mothers of the three missing climbers choked back tears as they expressed hope their sons would be found on Saturday.

"I know my son's coming down today," said Lou Ann Cameron of Bryant, Ark., mother of Kelly James, who was last heard from on Sunday when he placed a call on his cell phone from a snow cave near the summit to tell relatives the climbing trio was in trouble.

"It's my birthday. He wouldn't miss my birthday," she said.

Wampler, the sheriff, said chances of finding the missing climbers alive would improve if they kept sleeping bags they had presumably taken with them on their attempt to summit Mount Hood.

Some climbers "stash" gear like sleeping bags and backpacks to lighten their load as they summit, picking it up on the way back down.

Wampler said searchers have been unable to find a stash of gear left by the three climbers.

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Liquor

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"I expect it's going to get slammed on Sundays," he said. Across the street at the Pocket, the sentiment was similar. Jolo Anderson, a waitress at the Pocket who normally is off Sundays but visits socially, said the bar "more than doubled" at 6 p.m. "I know it's going to be busy," Anderson said on Tuesday. "You know Twin Falls city is going to make the big bucks by selling liquor on Sundays."

There are other by-products from the ordinance, including no longer needing a sort-of loophole to the Sunday ban, which permits liquor to be served for special functions until 11 p.m. as long as it is an area separate from the main bar. The Turf Club — whose owner Steve Soran led the plea to City Council — traditionally operates this way and Woody's hooks 'em Hold'em tournaments on Sundays.

"It's going to put all the bars on the same playing field," said Debbie Urrutia, who co-owns The Coy with her husband, John. "Now we're all following the same set of rules."

Dave Woodhead, owner of Woody's in Old Towne, also said his business could increase because women generally prefer liquor over beer — and with more women come more men.

"You could get into a sexist thing too," he said.

Economic growth: quicker with liquor?

Bar owners and council members have said the ordinance will bring, at the minimum, some additional economic benefit to the community. According to the city's finance department, in fiscal 2005-06, the city received \$322,352 from revenue generated by liquor taxes; in 2004-05, \$318,235; in 2003-04, \$318,616; in 2002-03, \$277,318.

Conventional wisdom is that another day of revenue from taxable items equals more money, but an actual prediction is difficult not only because the totals do not

include liquor store sales — which are closed Sundays — but also because choice and not more consumption was the goal.

"All I'm going to say is that (the revenue) should go up but I have no idea what proportion of liquor by the drink that represents," said Finance Director Gary Evans. "They made the argument (customers) weren't going to drink more. They were just converting people from beer and wine, which the city doesn't get taxed for, to liquor, which the city does get taxed for."

It is a sentiment still maintained in some bars.

"We were never for this because it's going to increase business on Sundays," said Joe Knight, a bartender for more than 20 years at Rock Creek, 200 Addison Ave. W. "People just have a choice now."

But others disagree. Woodhead said when he received his liquor license in August, his beer sales doubled. At the Dec. 4 council meeting, Councilman Shawn Bariga said he has talked with prospective businesses who showed disbelief at the ban. And local merchants have said Olive Garden and Red Lobster are examples of businesses that have looked elsewhere because of the old ban.

Nevertheless, some local owners of liquor licenses — there are 26 in Twin Falls — do not predict any increase in sales. Stan Thomas, co-owner of Rock Creek, said his sales were "virtually identical" to those from that day a year ago.

"I don't think anyone is going to benefit financially from it a great deal," Thomas said. "For our business, any effect will be negligible. The only thing that may be in effect is that people have a choice. It may determine for that individual whether he goes out that night."

Mayor Lance Clow — who along with Trip Craig voted against the change — said he would have supported the change if it was tied to a convention center, or at least an exception for New Year's Eve

before something permanent.

"I fully respect everyone's opinion that said, 'Yes.' I just felt there were a group of people comfortable out there with no change and those rules," he said. "I didn't see the same economic impact by liquor by the drink ... A result of revenue should not be the basis for our decision."

The Franchise Boom

The ordinance might have its greatest effect on the franchise restaurants on Blue Lakes Boulevard. Local bar owners are quick to point out that their customers are often regulars while places on Blue Lakes Boulevard not only cater to tourists and families but also serve meals people prefer with hard liquor. Managers at the franchises, also said Saturdays are routinely their third best day in sales.

"The big winners will be the places on Blue Lakes," said John Mortimer, a manager at Woody's and former bartender at Applebee's.

There is some truth to that statement. Casey Grime, proprietor and manager at Outback Steakhouse, said Sunday alcohol sales typically account for 8 percent of sales but last weekend were 11 percent. While Grime said a fair percentage of his clientele are tourists and people passing through town who might not want beer or wine, he said the primary benefit is that franchisees offer specialty mixed drinks — those colorful concoctions in over-sized glasses — which until recently were not allowed on Sunday.

"For local bar business it's not going to matter. It's the restaurant franchisees that will benefit the most," he said. "Part of the dining experience is the ability to have spirits with their meal and now they will be able to have those spirits."

Steve Carty, the bookkeeper and a chef at Jaker's, a regional chain with a location on Blue Lakes Boulevard near several hotels, said he "absolutely" expects sales to increase.

"A large number of our customers are business people at the Shilo Inn and they ask, 'Is this a Jaker's thing? and we're like, 'No, of course not,'" he said. "They're not really beer drinkers. They like to have a martini or a whiskey."

Not every franchise feels the same way. Rick Royalty, general manager of Applebee's, said the change will have little effect on his restaurant. If anything, he said, it will do precisely what Soran told the council would happen: Have beer and wine customers switch to liquor. He said Sunday alcohol sales are minimal — \$100 to \$200.

He said Sundays typically attract churchgoers who are not drinking any alcohol at all.

"I don't see us getting a real rush of people for liquor," Royalty said. "It's not a party day. It never has been and never will be."

Crow voiced similar comments.

"This was not a passion of mine to defeat liquor by the drink," he said. "As far as the ramifications over the long haul it's probably like a non-event to the community, but to some people they're very disappointed and to the others they're very excited. And that's the great thing about democracy."

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Partying is such sweet sorrow

Yes, it's true: Your performance at a party does matter

By Amy Joyce
The Washington Post

Lots of people look forward to their annual office holiday parties. They get to hang out with their favorite co-workers, chat with higher-ups they never knew and meet colleagues they haven't talked to beyond "m" e-mails. Sometimes they even bond with a personality-challenged supervisor or an "annoying cubicle mate."

For others, however, holiday office parties often are best enjoyed after the function is over, when, come Monday morning, the nation's office workers can relish the detritus. It's you've ever wondered: Yes, it's true. The big bosses really do talk about your performance at the party.

A former executive in the Virginia technology industry admits that she and two other colleagues used to spend a few minutes holed up in one of their offices the Monday after their holiday party. Anyone passing by, they looked as though they were discussing serious matters. But what they were actually doing was quietly creating their very own Holiday Party Academy Awards: Most Indiscreet. Drunkest. Shuttiest Dresser.

"Did it hurt anyone's career?" this woman asked recently. "Oh, I don't know. Sometimes you don't know those things" until later.

But therein lies one of the big problems with the office holiday party. Your performance at this should-let-my-hair-down-or-stay-buttened-up party matters. If you don't go, your boss might think you're not a "team player." You may also miss out on a chance to woo the big boss or his/her compliment that you might not collect in Cubicle-Land. But if you do go, management experts say, be careful.

"The advice I was given when I started working was: When you go to an office party, your job is to ensure that the next day you have a job," says Clay Parcells, a regional vice president with Right Management Consultants in Philadelphia. So far, he has held onto his job. But he has heard plenty of tales of office parties run amok. Among his favorites: people who drank too much at

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Surviving the office party



Drinking in moderation at the office party is totally acceptable, but know when enough is enough, said Chris Orders, manager of Idaho Commerce and Labor in Twin Falls. Keeping in mind that you represent the company at all times during the festive gathering can keep many follies at bay, Orders said.

Don't let the company Christmas bash leave you feeling full of regret

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Besides the Christmas bonus already burning a hole in your pocket, there remains a year-end business ritual that workers anticipate — the Christmas party.

Some anticipate the party because they actually enjoy the event. These employees look forward to experiencing their co-workers beyond the cubicle's restraint.

For others, the Christmas party is merely an obligatory social outing, never mind that the boss is picking up the tab. Regardless of whether you like them or not, the Christmas party is looming and although the evening is packaged in festive wrap, it is still a business function and your career demands that you behave accordingly.

"There would be nothing worse than doing or saying something that could cost you your career at what is supposed to be a nice time," said Chris Orders, manager of Idaho Commerce and Labor in Twin Falls.

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represent the company at all times during the festive gathering can keep many follies at bay, Orders said.

And there are many of them.

Enjoy a drink — not the whole bottle

It is important to remember that while drinks may be free, the office Christmas gathering is not a free for all and is in no way reminiscent to a frat party.

Shon White, commercial loan assistant at the Twin Falls Zions National Bank, has experienced her fair share of holiday office parties — over 20 years' worth.

Even though the bank's annual party is fun if they want to dicker and bowled a few games (after this year), White appreciates the bank's calmer approach to a good time.

"I remember at one party this guy got so drunk we had to drive him home afterwards," she said. "Some of the 'big guys' were drinking, too, and it was a little embarrassing and I don't even drink. Here it is more easygoing and more mature."

Overdoing it on the free cocktails can give you more than a hangover — it could cost you your job.

"Don't overdrink, because when you do, your guard is let down and you may say or do something that could cost your career — or your life," Orders said. "Nobody needs to be drinking and driving. If you do drink too much, get a ride home."

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Dress for success

Here's where "dress for the job you want, not for the job you have" comes into play.

It could be just as hazardous to your career to wear loose cords and sandals to your black-tie Christmas affair as it would be to risk a wardrobe malfunction with your spaghetti-strapped formal.

"Keep in mind where the party is going to be and dress for it," Orders said. "You want to make a good impression, so look nice, modest and professional."

Even if the office hosts a hol-

SOME HELPFUL PARTYING TIPS

Be proactive — before the party
Get some positive pre-party attention from your boss. When your company announces they are organizing the event, volunteer to help, or better yet, give yourself up as a designated driver after the party.

Designating yourself as the sober driver shows that you put yourself behind others and that could impress your higher-ups, said Idaho Commerce and Labor Manager Chris Orders.

The gift exchange

Businesses may chart the "we are family" motto to their employees. But when it comes to the office gift exchange, it's not always so simple. In fact, it can be a minefield. In a recent survey, the Idaho Commerce and Labor Manager Chris Orders suggests keeping the gift exchange as simple as possible.

"Don't overdo it," Orders said. "Have we a gift for you? That's all you need to know. Don't overdo it. A Christmas ornament is a nice touch, but don't overdo it."

Don't get too drunk

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iday costume party, keep it work appropriate, she said.

Have fun but keep it real

The Christmas party is a great opportunity to network within your company so don't let the opportunity to introduce yourself pass you by.

"When it comes time for a possible promotion, it just makes sense that those with authority will rank you higher than the employee slinking away for a restroom reprieve."

"Just be yourself," said Steve

Empey, manager at the Twin Falls Zions Bank. "Don't be phony and relax — the party is supposed to be enjoyed."

Another bit of advice — keep the business blabber around the waterhole.

"Nobody wants to discuss work at a party. Put yourself out there and have a good time," Orders said. "Work will still be there the following week."

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Holidays are a great time to be generous with thanks

By Patricia Kitchin
Newsday

It may seem as though the holiday season at work is all about online shopping when the boss is away and facing down piles of frosted cookies armed at three-foot intervals. In fact, it is more than that. This is the perfect time to reconnect with those who have been helpful to you in the past and who may be so again in the future, says Lindsey Poliak, a career writer and speaker in Manhattan. And though many people know the value of reconnecting, few actually do anything about it.

The holidays provide "a rare chance to get in touch with anyone," Poliak says, even if "you haven't spoken in 100 years."

This certainly is easiest to do if you have no immediate request for help. You can send a card or e-mail offering thanks

for help given in the past and reporting what you're up to now, offering wishes for a happy holiday season and saying you would love to stay in touch, say, coffee or drinks after the first of the year when the pressures of the season are over. And if you think it's appropriate, consider issuing an invitation to holiday events you think they might enjoy.

Don't forget that this window of opportunity extends into the New Year. Duffy Spencer, a business communications coach and corporate trainer in Westbury, N.Y., sends out Happy New Year fliers the first week of January, when they won't be competing with December's incoming flood of party invitations, Christmas cards and holiday catalogs.

Of course, reconnecting is much trickier if you want to ask for help from someone with whom you've lost touch. It's tempting to pretend you're call-

ing to offer wishes for a happy holiday — and then sneak in the request for a job lead or reference. But people can see through the charade, says Lucy Rosen, president of the Business Development Group, a marketing and public relations firm in Garden City, N.Y.

If you're asking for help, be up front about it

She says people generally resent setting up a how-are-you-doing meeting only to have you "show up with an empty pad and pen asking, 'Who can you tell me to call?'" It's better to bite the bullet and be up front about what you need.

Spencer suggests opting for the "open agenda" approach: Start by saying you're sorry you have not done a better job of staying in touch — a move that, she says, "asserts your right to make mistakes" — then explain that you're calling now to ask if

a reference might be possible. Of course, you should indicate that you hope to reconnect and offer support in the future. And wrap up the conversation with a wish for a happy holiday.

Poliak says that if you want to reconnect with several people, start with the nicest one first, a move that will "set yourself up for success." If a long time has elapsed and your initial relationship was not a close one, she says sending a request in an e-mail would be a better choice.

And because this is the season for giving, it's wise to take stock of how giving you've been, not only to those with whom you're looking to reconnect, but to others as well. Could it be that you are what Rosen calls a "taker" — always in asking mode? If that's the case, boy, do we have a New Year's resolution for you.

It may be time to reflect on how much help/support you've

received this year and compare it to how much you've given. Then, be on the lookout for resources you can share with others. "Listen well, think about where the match could be," Spencer says.

You can avoid the anxiety of having to reconnect and ask for help, she says, if you "always understand the nature of reciprocity."

Yes, it can be a challenge to pick up the phone or send a note on a regular basis, but Spencer reminds us of the important thinking in Stephen Covey's longtime best-seller, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People": We make a big mistake in focusing only on what's urgent to the detriment of what's important.

With that in mind, consider the following. If you've never to work world and never really thanked those who helped you get your first job, this is a perfect time to do so. Send a holi-

day greeting and personal note to people such as your coach in the college career center, friends of your parents who set you up with interviews, a professor who gave great guidance, says Leslie Mallin, a life coach in Woodstock, N.Y.

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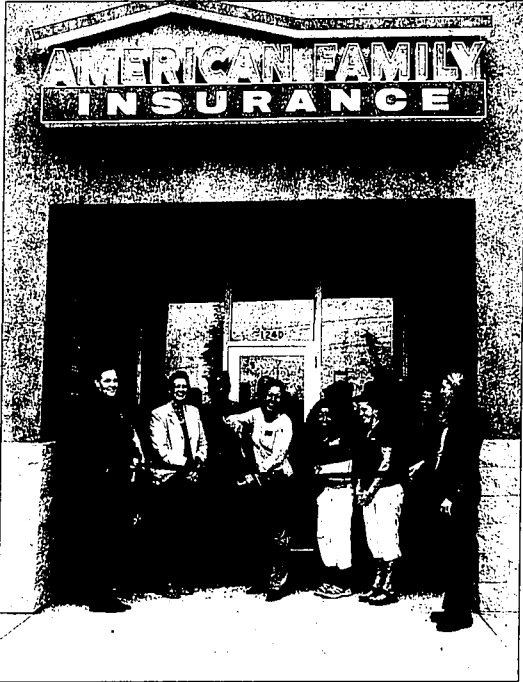
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The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club recently assisted in grand opening celebrations for the following Jerome businesses: above, American Family Insurance, Kristine Tyrant Gilgren, 124 E. Yakima; top right, Wal-Mart, Jeff Hansen, 2680 S. Lincoln; and bottom right, Alpha Omega, Jeanna Boer, 230 S. Lincoln.



NEW LOCATION FOR ICL

Trinity Transport Inc.



Idaho Commerce and Labor celebrated its new location at 420 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls with a ribbon cutting assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors. The new location provides the facilities to assist you with your employment needs. Consultants are there to assist you with the latest in technology. For more information, call 735-2500. Pictured from left are Johnny Moore, veterans representative; Chris Orders, manager; Lance Clow, mayor; Kristyn Roan, area manager for Commerce and Labor; and Sandy Hacking, senior consultant.

Trinity Transport Inc. recently awarded several awards during its annual Christmas and Awards Banquet. Rising Star Awards went to Becky Hendricks, Zane Wines, Brent Owen, Heidi Wallace, Kevan Varin and Jamie Guthrie. The award honors the best and brightest who show initiative, are team players, display a sense of ownership, have leadership potential and in a short time have lived the Trinity purpose and made a difference. Stan Born is the recipient of the Banning Award. This award, named after Trinity's chief executive officer, acknowledges those who go the extra

mile in service to customers and colleagues. These are the people who can be counted on to put in the time needed, always with a can-do attitude. The winner of this annual award is also invited to the Annual Managers Meeting held in Cancun, Mexico. The Double Helix Award is for team members who have the Trinity DNA of service above self and who live the Trinity purpose each and every day, thus playing a critical part in Trinity's success. The Trinity DNA Award was given to Mark Spitz. The Humanitarian award for those who have shown outstanding compassion and volunteered generosity of their time this past

year was given to Dub Mitchell.

Salon Bravado

Holly Afekci announced the opening of her new salon, Salon Bravado, located in Elite Suites at 2122 Addison Ave. W.

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CAREER MOVES

Jeremy L. Tutty

BOISE — Dr. Jeremy L. Tutty, assistant professor of educational technology at Boise State University, has won the 2006 Robert M. Gagne Award for Graduate Student Research in Instructional Design for his dissertation, Effects of Collaboration, Motive and Group Composition in Computer-Mediated Instruction. This international honor is awarded annually by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology to a graduate student who has made a significant contribution to the body of knowledge upon which instructional design is based. Under the direction of Dr. James D. Klein, Tutty earned his Ph.D. in educational technology earlier this year from Arizona State University. Tutty is a former resident of Twin Falls and a graduate of Twin Falls Christian Academy. He is the son of Collette Tutty of Twin Falls.

keyboard division and coordinator of the music department.

Vincent is a past chairman of the Sunnyside and Sonatina Festival of the Magic Valley Music Teachers Association and an active member of the local chapter. She is a member of the Magic Valley Symphony, past state president of the Idaho Federation of Music Clubs and a member of the national keyboard of directors. She was director and founding member of the College of Southern Idaho Music Festival summer camp. She and her husband received the Governor's Award for Support of the Arts in Idaho in 1990.

Chris Sanders

TWIN FALLS — Don and Steve Everton announced Chris Sanders as partner of Everton Mattress Factory Inc./Bostonic Idaho. He has been with Everton's for 12 years and is currently vice president of sales and marketing, handling all aspects of wholesale and retail sales. He has had many duties during his career with Everton, including his role as retail and wholesale buyer and head of retail and wholesale promotions. Sanders also served on the board of directors with the Western Home Furnishings Association and on the National Marketing Committee with Rostonic Mattress Corporation. He is a graduate of University of Montana/Missoula with a degree in business. He will continue to reside in Twin Falls with his wife Heidi and their two children.



Sanders



Vincent

Margaret J. Vincent

TWIN FALLS — Margaret J. Vincent has been named 2006 Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Music Teachers Association. She maintains a piano studio and conducts classes in piano pedagogy in the Twin Falls area. She holds a master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy from Boise State University, having studied with Madeleine Hsu and Dr. Del Parkinson. She is a nationally certified teacher of music in the Music Teachers National Association and is a former member of the faculty of the College of Southern Idaho, having been head of the

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BURLEY WAL-MART GIVES TO HELPING HANDS MISSION



The Burley Wal-Mart store presented a Holiday Grant to the Helping Hands Mission in Burley. Helping Hands Christian Outreach's major work is food distribution, as well as clothing and household items. The Holiday Grant has become a Wal-Mart holiday tradition in communities across the country. This grant gives every Wal-Mart store and Neighborhood Market the ability to support local charities and their tremendous needs during this time of the year. These funds will support local organizations focused on helping those in need during the holidays. Nationally, Wal-Mart is donating more than \$8 billion in holiday grants this year. From left are Co-Manager Johnny Rivera, Cody Thornton of Helping Hands Mission and Assistant Manager Russell Hale.

Carpet One donates to Marine Toys for Tots

Pioneer Floors Carpet One in Twin Falls, along with other Carpet One Floor and home retailers nationwide, donated books and toys to children through the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. They brought the pleasure of reading to area children

dren this holiday season by donating Disney Keepsake books with stories and activities featuring popular Disney characters. Carpet One Floor and Home's support of children's literacy programs has helped bring more than 350,000 books to deserving children over the past 10 years. The Twin Falls location also served as a toy drop-off location for the Toys for Tots program.

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Partying

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the "dry" holiday party thrown (and subsequently shut down) by a Mormon boss, and employees who were caught smuggling bottles of wine out of a party. "People just act very weird," he says.

Randstad USA, a staffing organization, sends a memo to its employees every year as party season rolls around, and advises them to be profession-

al at events within the organization and out in the community. "As a reminder, the celebration is a company-sponsored event, and as such, all company policies are in effect," the memo reads. "Party attire means no jeans. Encourage your teams to dress appropriately for a company-sponsored celebration!"

Genia Spencer, Randstad's managing director of operations and human resources,

says. "One of my colleagues here always says at the beginning of party season that you won't make your career at the company party, but you can easily lose it." It is a party, after all, so naturally people let their guard down. That's usually a mistake. "The fact that it's fun is deceptive," says Kerry Sulkowicz, a psychoanalyst and adviser to chief executives. "And that's what makes it so dangerous."

Last year, Rebecca and her colleagues, who work for a nonprofit in Washington, dutifully trudged out to a holiday party being thrown by a vendor. "It really helps with the relationship," she says of why they make the effort to go. "We get to know them on a personal level."

Sometimes a little too personal. At the party, a small group had congregated to do the usual "so what does your

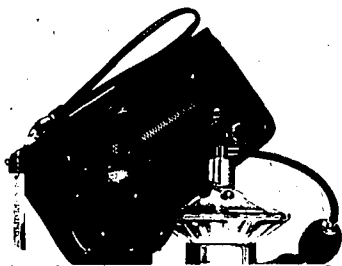
company do?" networking routine. The group started regaling each other with workplace horror stories, trading anecdotes about interns showing up for work in tube tops and other inappropriate office wear. That's when the vendor's wife suddenly jumped in: "Yeah, people like that get what they deserve," she said. "Just like those people in New Orleans!" The conversation halted, and the co-workers looked at

one another trying to discern whether it was a joke. But no, the woman went on. Dregs of society. Poor. No wonder they got stuck there in the hurricane.

Then the vendor himself came over to join in the conversation. He did not cut off his wife's rantings. "I estimate that guy lost about five clients that night," says Rebecca, who didn't want her last name used. "We haven't used him since."

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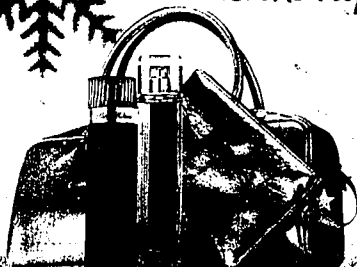


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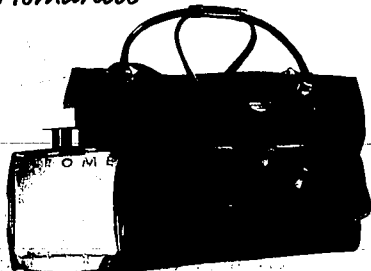


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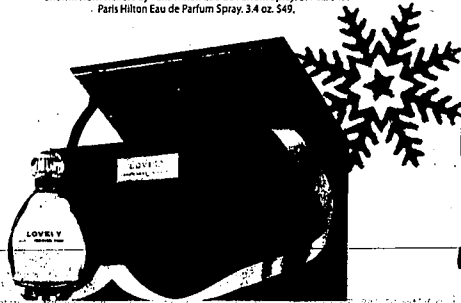
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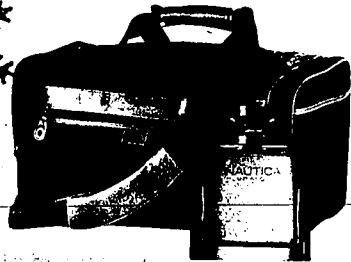
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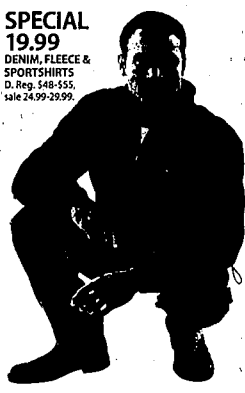
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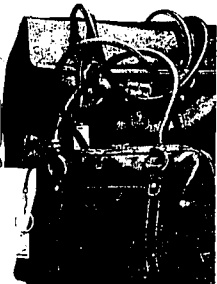
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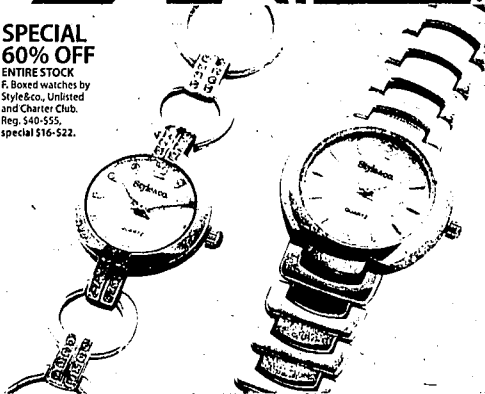
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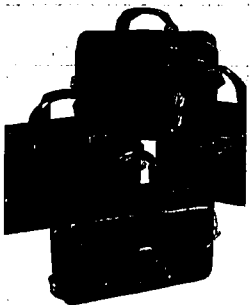
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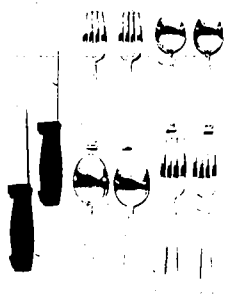
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EDITORIAL

Commerce and Labor works fine, so why split?

Three years ago, former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne told Idahoans to cinch their belts, and told government to do the same. He combined Idaho's Department of Commerce and its Department of Labor into one entity — Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Now, many hundreds of new jobs and millions of new dollars later, Gov.-elect Butch Otter says it's time for a split.

That move sounds premature, or at least it deserves greater debate. Behind the leadership of director Roger Madsen, Idaho Commerce and Labor has played a key role in attracting major employers to the state, utilizing job training programs, and bringing wages higher in numerous fields.

But Otter's transition team is now considering whether the single agency for both functions will continue, according to Jon Hanlan, an Otter spokesman. Hanlan added that a final decision has not been made. The idea gained some steam when current Gov. Jim Risch told a Boise group that Otter's idea has validity because certain efficiencies that were expected have not panned out.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, the co-chairman for the Joint Finance, Appropriation and Labor Committee, said those sentiments don't stack up.

"It has a number of us scratching our heads a bit," Cameron said.

"But to be fair, we scratched our heads when Gov. Kempthorne considered combining the two."

Previously, the Commerce Department was primarily geared toward economic development with job creation and more state capital investments.

The Labor Department, on the other hand, was assigned to administer the Minimum Wage Law, claims for wages, provisions of Idaho Employment Security Law and guide federal-state training programs to assure employment opportunities.

But in economic development circles, recruiting employers and building the work force go hand in hand. Kempthorne said those shared goals were a leading factor for the merger.

Skeptics were afraid Madsen, who was directing Commerce at the time, wouldn't give adequate attention to the labor side of the agency. Their concerns, however, have disappeared.

Roger Madsen has done an incredible job in both, Cameron said. "He's handled the unemployment funds extremely well."

With Idaho ranked near the top of the nation in job creation, and unemployment at a record low 3.3 percent last month, the question then is why fix what isn't broke?

If Risch, Otter or their staff say goals of efficiency haven't been met, then what exactly are those goals? Government agencies have their own inside bureaucracies where combined tasks work and fail. But an explanation to economic development teams seems warranted.

Considering how mergers usually take time, it's odd that Otter's team would break up the Commerce and Labor collaboration when it hasn't even gone three full years. The merger also required some investment and shared costs that would be wasted by splitting the two divisions.

But maybe the biggest irony in this proposal is that it would require more government.

Year after year, we hear politicians — and Otter is certainly one of them — who say taxpayer money should be put to the most efficient use, and avoid redundancies. Yet in this case, where a merger has spun off some tidy success, it's suddenly a candidate for a division.

The explanation seems to fall short.

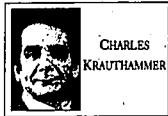
Perhaps there really is an internal reason for Commerce and Labor to part ways and take up their own offices.

But as it now stands, there's little reason to do it.

Our view:
The idea of splitting Idaho Commerce and Labor seems premature given the agency's widespread success. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Baker's road to irrelevance

As a result of the Iraq Study Group, President Bush has been given one last chance to alter course on Iraq. This did not, however, come about the way James Baker intended. It came about because the long-anticipated report turned out to be such a widely agreed-upon farce.



From its wildly hyped, multiple magazine-cover rollout (Annie Leibovitz in Men's Vogue no less) to its smash of 79 (no less) recommendations, the report has fallen so flat that the field is now clear for the president to recommend to a war-weary country something new and bold.

The ISG has not just been attacked by left and right, Democrat and Republican. It has invited ridicule. Seventy-nine recommendations.

Interdependent, insists Baker. They should be taken as a whole. "I hope we don't treat this like a fruit salad and say 'I like this but I don't like that.'" On the basis of what grand unifying vision? On the authority of what superior wisdom? A 10-person commission including such Middle East experts as Sandra Day O'Connor, Alan Simpson and Vernon Jordan?

This kind of bipartisan elder-statesmen commission is perfectly appropriate as a compromise exercise for, say, a long-range problem such as Social Security. It is a ludicrous mechanism for devising strategic changes in the middle of a war. Its major recommendation of gradual retreat is unremarkable — exactly what you'd expect from a committee whose objective is consensus. It is a certain conventional wisdom in Washington that the war is already lost.

And if that were true, we should indeed be retreating. And the sooner the better.



even more quickly than the ISG recommends.

But having told us that the price of leaving Iraq to chaos is unacceptably high, the commission never attempts to come up with a plan for actually succeeding.

Its only new initiative is to go regional, and involve neighboring Syria and Iran. Syria should stop infiltration, declares the report. And Iran "should stem the flow of equipment, technology, and training to any group resorting to violence in Iraq." Yes, and obesity should be eradicated, bird flu cured, and traffic fatalities, particularly the multicar variety, abolished. Such fatuous King Canute pronouncements give the report its air of detachment from reality.

This holding back of the tides is to be accomplished by negotiations with the likes of Iraq. Baker admits that Iranian representatives told the commission that they are unlikely to cooperate. But we must press on, Baker insists, because we will thus expose Iran as "a rejectionist nation" that is "not... willing to help try and stabilize Iraq."

Now there's a diplomatic achievement: undermining our own sacred agreement with the Europeans to make

any future approach to Iran dependent on the suspension of uranium enrichment in order to... demonstrate to the world that a country providing sophisticated weapons, roadside bombs and financial support to both sides of the civil war does not support stability there. Is there a serious adult outside this commission who does not know that already?

A major objective of the New Diplomatic Offensive (as if pompous capitalization makes for substance) is to bring Arab-Israeli peace. Baker thinks that if only the Israelis would surrender to Arab demands, all would be well in the Middle East.

OK, imagine that there is peace between Israel and the Arabs. No, imagine an even better solution from the Arab point of view — an earthquake that tomorrow swallows Israel whole and sinks it (like Santorini, 1650 B.C.) into the Mediterranean. Does anyone one imagine that the Shiltes stop killing Sunnis? That Americans stop killing Americans? That Iran and Syria work any less assiduously to destabilize post-Saddam Iraq?

It's these obvious absurdities that make the report so dismissible.

Now that these 10 establishment sages have labored mightily to produce a mouse, the president has one last chance to come forward with a new strategy.

He must do two things. First, as I've been agitating, establish a new governing coalition in Baghdad that excludes Moqtada al-Sadr, a cancer that undermines the Maliki government's ability to work with us. It is encouraging that the president has already begun such a maneuver by meeting with rival Shiite and Sunni parliamentary leaders. If we help produce a cross-sectarian government that would be an ally rather than a paralyzed semi-adversary of coalition forces, we should then undertake part two: "double down" our military effort. This means a surge in American troops with a specific mission: to secure Baghdad and (together with the support of the Baghdad government — a sine qua non) suppress Sadr's Mawlid Army.

It is our own chance for success. Bush can thank the ISG and its instant irrelevance for making it possible.

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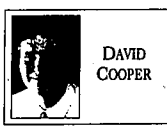
Stick close to home for new F&G chief

Call it a hunch, but the hook-and-bullet instinct says I want the next director of Idaho's Department of Fish and Game to have a certain job qualification: An Idaho zip code.

Over a month after Director Steve Huffaker announced his retirement from Idaho Fish and Game, the common wisdom emerging says the agency should be led by an Idahoan when commissioners pick a new director in the next month. Huffaker's tenure steered clear of controversy both in the department and on the Idaho Fish and Game commission, something that wasn't the same under his predecessors.

Given the variety of political issues that have hounded the director's past few years, the current absence of rancor is a major accomplishment. But commissioners, Fish and Game employees, legislators, not to mention hunters and anglers, don't want to retreat the agency's rocky past. So they want an insider who knows the landscape, fish and wildlife issues, state lawmakers and commissioners, as well as Gov.-elect Butch Otter. That sentiment is largely born from experience.

Huffaker ascended to the job in 2002 after former director Ben Sande, a former wildlife chief from Minnesota, was forced out two years into his tenure. Sande rallied support among Fish and Game staff, but was marginalized by land-use groups and defense case predators. Sande's predecessor Steve Mealey was fired in 1999, after being perceived as



too close to natural resource groups and out of touch with wildlife biologists. It also didn't help matters when he exposed himself (by mooning a statue) while on a north Idaho cruise with commissioners.

When Sande left, some legislators questioned whether a qualified director could be found with Idaho's penchant for rancor between many sides. But Huffaker, who had applied for the job twice before, stepped from within the department and served almost five years at the helm — the longest term as director since Jerry Conley's record 16 years under two Democratic governors.

In an agency that was a breeding land mine issues such as wolf reintroduction, salmon vs. dams, elk depression, private property access disputes, tag price increases, and most recently, domestic elk farms, Huffaker has emerged relatively unscathed and widely respected.

"A lot of the credit for that stability goes to Steve," said Dr. Wayne Wright, commissioner for the Magic Valley region. "His a good people person, and he's done a good job of communicating. He took over in an era that was rather stormy."

"From the beginning, I thought my job was to come in and just try to mend fences," said Huffaker. "To try to get the employees back to feeling good and trying to establish effective communication between the department, the commission, the Legislature, the governor's office and the sportsmen."

Huffaker's success was also partly due to the collaboration of Jim Caswaker, Idaho's administrator for the Office of Species Conservation, while Caswaker, a former Forest Service supervisor, smoothed relations with legislators and the public. Huffaker was free to provide the biological studies from his department. State leaders agree that the process with Fish and Game policy is working better than in the past. Under those conditions, why should Fish and Game commissioners go outside the state for a new director?

That system is presumed to be broken, you go outside to fix it," said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, a member of the House Resources Committee. "If it's presumed to be running pretty well — as ours is — you try to keep it as the status quo. You try to hire from the inside."

Dr. Fred Wood, newly elected to the Idaho House as District 27, served two terms as Fish and Game commissioner for the Magic Valley region and worked with Mealey, Sande and Huffaker. Choosing his words wisely, he noted strengths with each director, but easily found the guidance of Huffaker to be the standard that best fits as

the agency goes forward. "It's difficult for someone who has not lived in the state and doesn't know the politics to come in and run a department of state government," he said. "Each state literally has its own rhythm, and there's a real deep populist streak that runs in citizens and residents."

Wood said a new Fish and Game director needs to come with a specific mission: to secure Idaho's and some key tools to keep difficult issues running smoothly that affect the agency. The first and the biggest, "is to understand the major user groups, sportsmen groups and the dynamics between all the users of wildlife resources," he said.

"Secondly you have to have the respect of the department."

Wright said commissioners will start reviewing candidates this Tuesday. Among the seven early candidates, Magic Valley Regional Supervisor Dave Parrish is expected to be one of them. Wright said commissioners will counsel with Otter, legislators, department personnel and multiple sportsmen groups.

Of the seven commissioners, only one was around for the battles with Sande. In other words, Huffaker's homegrown management style is the one they're built, and one they're quite likely to seek out in a successor.

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LETTER

Comical vote for Sunday liquor is bad policy

It's off to the two councilman who voted no regarding changing the Sunday liquor ordinance.

As a very few — may benefit financially from the changing ruling, but others

may be hurt. Everyone needs a day of rest, especially from liquor.

For years, Twin Falls did fine with the law the way it was.

There was no real good reason to change it. LACY JOHNSON
Twin Falls

LETTERS

Religion and military recruit the same prospects

Is the military a cult? Analogies are never exactly parallel, but military organizations can be compared to religious cults. Some, not all, dispossessed young men and women appear to be drawn to the enlisted ranks of the military for some of the same reasons they are easily recruited by out-of-the-mainstream religious movements. They are often unanchored, jobless, lost young souls that are attracted to military and religious groups for a place to feel worthy, to belong, to find friendship and camaraderie, even love. Both cultures indoctrinate them with enthusiastic loyalty and obedience to the group — and most definitely to the leadership.

This government, corrupt in many other ways, is capable of using, and even promoting, the conditions necessary to attract undereducated, unemployed youth to the military.

In like manner, questionable religious cults attract these neglected, often abused, unwanted youngsters that frequently also suffer low self-esteem.

Recruitment by military or religious organizations isn't always exploitative. But recruiters for both groups concentrate their efforts where the most disadvantaged and exploitable kids live.

The claim is made that crime is reduced when youngsters are in military or religious settings because good character develops. The claim is sometimes supported by sound data acquisition and analysis but apparently not repeatable in all situations. But, less crime is unquestionably needed.

Religious zealots have the freedom in our country to recruit whom they please to their cause; assuredly, that's as it should be. And, as long as we try to settle disputes by futile war, we regretably

resort to the savage habit of sacrificing youngsters who haven't yet had a chance at longevity. But can't we do the right thing and stop exploiting the most vulnerable and the least fortunate among us? This is just two of the many ways we victimize our kids.

JACK HARTLEY
Twin Falls

Hunt Camp a bad spot for livestock operation

I have read the articles recently regarding the Minidoka Relocation Camp, locally known as the Hunt Camp.

In the article stating where the remains of the camp are located, the writer stated it was "between Jerome and Twin Falls." I don't know where the writer obtained this information, and I don't think the writer actually went to the camp, or the writer would have known that it is nowhere near Twin Falls. The camp is located 13 miles east of Jerome on Highway 25 and just a couple of miles west of Eden.

The writer also did not mention that the Jerome County Historical Society Museum and Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum have many items from the camp, including barracks in original condition, household items, cooking items, pictures, toys and the camp newspapers, to name a few. The Jerome County Historical Society collection is the largest collection of camp items in the Northwest.

The other article is regarding the proposed confined animal feeding operation near the Hunt Camp. I am not opposed to a CAFO, just not at this spot.

We are putting together a visitor center and/or kiosk of the history of the camp and make this area more available for visitors. Hundreds of visitors come each year to see the camp, and when the visitor center is completed, there will be many more.

It would be a shame on our

part to have a smelly CAFO near the Hunt Camp that may dissuade visitors. We need to preserve and share our history for future generations and for those who lived in the camp and their descendants.

LINDA HELMS
Jerome

Picture a poor reflection for all dogs

I was troubled to see a vicious-looking dog's picture on the front page of the Times-News. I know of accidents with people badly injured that don't even make the news.

I feel this article was prejudiced. I have owned several Rotweillers. They are usually what the owners make them.

I am more afraid of a quiet, shy dog that sneaks up on me than I am a barking of a Rotweiler.

I pulled a German shepherd's tail when I was 5 years old. Bill Springfield had a bump on his nose forever after. He was standing in front of the dog. The owners said the dog was friendly and loved kids.

I think most large dogs will go after a yipping little dog if given the chance.

Sometimes the yipping little dogs think they are Gollaths.

It hurts very much to have a small dog or cat injured or killed by a large dog or a vehicle — but it happens. Animals and humans can be tormented and sometimes react with violence.

Was the dog in the picture one of Barber's dogs or a police dog? Even a police dog can be vicious. The same dog can be a family pet.

This was not good publicity.

DONNA KILLINGER
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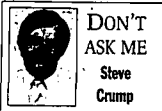
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He gets toys, while she gets a blender

My wife took away my power staple gun. I had used it the past couple of Christmases to put up the outside lights, but Victoria took exception to the unsightly two-pronged divots it left on the outside window moldings.

Instead, she made me go buy some low-tech hooks that don't work nearly as well — and aren't much fun to use.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

What women don't understand — especially at Christmas time — is that Home Depot and Lowe's are the largest toy stores in the world.

And really, fun is the purpose of power tools.

Look, fellas, you can talk all you want about the shop in your basement and all that you've accomplished there. But I've seen the look in your eyes as you troll the aisles of the home-improvement stores.

You lust in your heart after the Bosch 18-Volt Brute Tough 1/2-Inch Cordless Drill/Driver with Bluecore Battery Technology, don't you? What women don't understand — especially at Christmas time — is that Home Depot and Lowe's are the largest toy stores in the world.

You think the man in your life actually needs all those brightly colored plastic-coated tools that line your garage?

Please. A few years ago, one of those back-to-basics, simplify-your-life non-profit organizations polled home-improvement experts about the tools actually needed to maintain a typical 2,000-square-foot home on a quarter-acre lot.

Here's the list:

- 1 push lawnmower (and not the kind of push lawnmower with an engine)
- 1 leaf rake
- 1 bow rake
- 1 hand-cranked fertilizer/herbicide spreader
- 1 claw hammer
- 1 crosscut saw
- 1 rip saw
- 1 cordless power drill
- 1 power sander, belt or disk
- 1 pair of pliers
- 2 screwdrivers, slot and Phillips
- 1 32-piece socket wrench set
- 1 locking wrench
- 1 chain-pipe wrench

That's it. Technically, anything more in your significant others' tool box has to be classified as purely recreational.

That's not to say, ladies, that you should take that gift-wrapped DeWalt Heavy-Duty 31-Degree Clipped Head Framing Nailer/Compressor Combo kit back to the store. Just give it to him for what it is.

It falls in the same category as his boat, his snowmobile and his \$48,500 Dodge Ram SRT10 truck with Viper V10 engine.

But if he tells you that next Christmas he's getting you something for the house, you should reciprocate in kind.

At Sears, a Craftsman 16-Inch Hand Push Cut Path Reel Mower will set you back \$89.95.

And worth every penny as you watch him tackle the grass in the backyard after a good, soaking spring rain.

But just for fun, can I have my staple gun back?

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Jumper pulled off Perrine Bridge ledge

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — An unidentified man sat Saturday on the railing at the north end of the Perrine Bridge, facing east and inhaling what he perhaps thought was his last smoke.

His lack of a BASE jumper's parachute heightened the suspicion of a passing motorist who called authorities shortly before 2 p.m., resulting in a multi-county effort to save the man.

"We had both the Jerome and Twin Falls county sheriff's offices as well as the Twin Falls Police Department on the scene," said police Staff Sgt. Dan McAtee.

Traffic heading north over the bridge was delayed for about 15 minutes during the rescue.

As the drama unfolded many holiday shoppers from Canyon Park lined Centennial Trail.

"Seven or eight officers between the departments were out there on the bridge with him. We have professionally trained and skilled negotiators," McAtee said.

"They tried to talk to him but in the end they swarmed him and pulled him back over the rail."

Witnesses said the man — described as being white and in his 30s or 40s — let go of the railing with one arm and leaned forward when the

officers bolted into action.

"At first the man was facing the roadway and then he turned around and it looked like he let go of the rail and started to lean forward," said Max Bailey of Halley. "The officers did an outstanding job."

The scene erupted into a relief-filled cheer from those watching.

After being safely wrestled to the ground, the unidentified man was taken to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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Officers from the Twin Falls Police Department and from the Twin Falls and Jerome county sheriff's offices rescued a man Saturday who was thought to be suicidal on the Perrine Bridge.

Santa drops in



Three-year-old Kyree Higley, at left and standing, shows excitement at the arrival of Santa Claus Saturday at the Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls. Her grandpa, Gerald Hays, a pilot with Reader Flying Service, escorted Santa to the airport.

But where were his eight tiny reindeer?

By Ariel Hansen
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Perhaps it was the scores of children who greeted him with shy waves and happy cheers, or perhaps the reindeer just needed a break, but Santa Claus seemed quite comfortable arriving in Twin Falls by helicopter Saturday.

Before setting down, the craft swooped up and down the airport's runway, past tiny fingers and noses pressed against the glass awaiting the first glimpse of the jolly old elf.

"I see him right there, right there!" said a tiny voice that rose above the hubbub. "I see him!"

Santa obliged his young fans by waving from the helicopter's window, and when he stepped down onto the tarmac, an unusually short

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Santa Claus reacts to the request made by Gage Scott, 5, of Twin Falls, during a visit Saturday.

Caffe Mocha donates day's proceed to buy toys

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One hundred percent.

That's how much Caffe Mocha, 591 Addison Ave. W., donated from its Saturday sales to the Christmas for Kids program. All \$1,045.

The coffee shop brought in lots of regular customers and newbies alike,

all wanting to make a donation. Christmas for Kids provides Christmas presents to thousands of children in the Magic Valley.

"We are all donating our day's wage and the proceeds from today's sales to the program so that even more kids will have a good Christmas," said employee Kolya Greenwell of Twin Falls.

In all Caffe Mocha, owned by Butch

Nell of Buhl, will make Christmas morning better for 239 local children.

"There hasn't been a Christmas that we haven't done this," said employee Crystal Nell. "It has to be at least 10 years."

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Special Olympics headed for Idaho in 2009

By Holly Jackson
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY — The Special Olympics Winter Games are coming to Idaho, and that fact will be formally announced Tuesday at the Sun Valley Inn.

Boise was selected to host the 2009 Special Olympics Winter Games in May.

Robert Kustra, president of Boise State University, will be the keynote speaker at "Breakfast With Champions."

The breakfast will include a silent auction with items such as a one-week beach house in Maui, Hawaii, three days at the Perret's Lake Cabin, two nights at Laguna Beach Inn, Calif., two VIP tickets to the BSU Fiesta

Bowl and a Sun Valley dinner party for 10 with a private chef.

An estimated 3,000 athletes representing 65 countries will compete in winter sporting events including alpine skiing, cross country skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, snowboarding, snowshoe racing and speed skating.

Approximately 10,000 guests

will visit Idaho during the games and are expected to generate about \$43 million.

Anyone interested in attending or sponsoring "Breakfast With Champions" is asked to contact the 2009 World Winter Games office in Boise at (208) 938-5505 or Maurann Dougherty in Sun Valley at (208) 788-0998.

Four armed robberies in two nights

By Ariel Hansen
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A rash of armed robberies hit the Twin Falls area over the past few nights, with four separate crimes linked to the same suspects.

In each case, the robbers disguised their faces with bandannas, entered the business and displayed a handgun, demanding money. No one was hurt in any of the robberies.

The first robbery happened at 8:43 p.m. Thursday at the Oasis Stop 'N' Go at 1135 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The two suspects, each wearing dark clothing, each wearing dark pants and a dark baseball cap and long-sleeved, hooded sweatshirt. Similar suspects were described in the second armed robbery, which happened 15 minutes later at United Oil at 1922 Kimberly Road. Later the same night, at 10:38 p.m., a third armed robbery was reported at the Stinker Station at 700 W. Main St. in Jerome.

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Armed robberies

Robberies reported earlier this year in the Magic Valley have included:

- Nov. 28, at the Branding Iron Motel, 450 Addison Ave. W.
- Oct. 28, at the Maverick Country Store in Rudolph.
- Oct. 5, at the Maverick store in Burley.
- Jan. 9, a Twin Falls video store was robbed at gunpoint by two men who made their getaway on foot.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Salmon	94%	26%
Big Wood	92%	27%
Little Wood	70%	21%
Big Lost	75%	22%
Little Lost	83%	27%
Henry's Fork/Teton	88%	28%
Upper Snake Basin	85%	29%
Gailey	133%	38%
Salmon Falls	99%	29%

As of Dec. 18

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

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

OBITUARIES

Sumi Kobayashi

RUPERT — Sumiko Dorothy Kobayashi, an 86-year-old resident of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Mindok Memorial Hospital. She was born Nov. 19, 1920, in Seattle, Wash., the daughter of Genji and Mine Fujino. She received and completed her education in Seattle. In 1945, she moved with her family to Chicago, Ill., where she met and married John Kobayashi on Feb. 5, 1949. They were blessed with three children, Susan, Gerry and Brent. In 1956, John and Sumi drove a farm on the Northside Project, where they farmed and raised their family and where Sumi resided until her passing.

Following retirement, Sumi and John enjoyed spending the winter months in Arizona. Some of her fondest memories were the quick trips they took to Jackpot, Nev., for a "get away." Those quick trips continued after John's passing thanks to her devoted and close friends. Sumi's greatest joy, however, was her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with them and could be seen attending sporting events, piano and dance recitals and various other programs.

Ingvald Lund Larson

BOISE — Ingvald "Inky" Larson, 78, of Boise, Idaho, passed away on Dec. 14, 2006, at his home in Boise, Idaho. Inky was born in Wisconsin on Feb. 15, 1928, to Emma and Julian Larson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his five siblings. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Gloria Larson; their three children, Debbie Thomas, Jeff Larson, Lori Rade, and their spouses; his grandchildren, Patrick Thomas, Brian

Thomas, Robert Thomas, Justin Larson, Nicole Ride, Jenna Rade, Jared Ride, and great-grandchildren of his. He worked for Moore Business Forms for 45 years in Emeryville, Calif., and Jerome, Idaho. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and hiking. He was a gentle man who was loved and respected by all that knew him. His quiet wisdom and humor will live on in his family's memories. He was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Cremation is under the direction of Cremation Society of Idaho. Per his wishes, no services will be held.

LaRee Stephens

BURLEY — LaRee Stephens, 78-year-old Burley and former Hazelton resident, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley, following a long illness. She was born June 3, 1928, in Hazelton, the fifth child of Joseph LaMar and Anna Alberthina Petersen Simmons. She attended school in Hazelton, Ore. In 1944, LaRee and her life-time love, Clint Stephens eloped to Twin Falls. This began their 48-year marriage. During this time, they farmed together and raised four children, Mike, Nick, Nancy and Dale. LaRee loved jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, bowling and driving. She was accomplished at each of these talents and spent a lot of time enjoying them. Clint retired in 1986 and they purchased a home in Twin Falls. They spent the next several years enjoying the house and each other. They also had fun snowmobiling and

using their pickup camper, camp trailer and motor home. LaRee was loved and will be greatly missed. Survivors include her children, Mike (Glenn) Stephens of Hazelton, Idaho; Clint Stephens of Heyburn, Marca Stephens of Burley and Dale (Darlene) Stephens of Nyssa, Ore.; two sisters, Beth (Keith) Weikham of Twin Falls and Lois Bragg of Jerome; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clint, in 1993; and three brothers. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Hazelton Ward Chapel, with Bishop Doug Carls officiating. Burial will be in the Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Monday at the church. The family suggests that those who wish make donations to charity in choice in memory of LaRee. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Bernice DalSoglio

RUPERT — Bernice Lilith Badger DalSoglio, 94, of Rupert, passed away on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at the age of 95, at the Warren House Assisted Living Center in Burley, where she had resided for the past four years. Bernice was born Oct. 27, 1911, to LeRoy and Olive Lavina Barnes Badger in Standrod, on the Utah-Idaho border. She attended grade school in Standrod and Clear Creek. After eighth grade graduation, the family moved to Acaquia, where she graduated from Rupert High School on Nov. 25, 1930, in Burley. They enjoyed each others company and lived a happy life together until his death in May of 1978. Bernice worked side-by-side on the farm in the Rosten area (Little Lay) for 38 years until they sold "The Place" and moved to town. She also worked at J.R. Simplot in the cafeteria until her retirement. She was a hard-working homemaker, mother, grandma, seamstress, cook, artist, gardener, and the list goes on. Her gardeners were the best in the county. Her flowers were phenomenal and her garden produced the best produce before anyone could garden in her younger years. She was active as a 4-H leader and in the Gange. She

enjoyed camping, hunting "brushing out the deer" and many hours spent at her summer place in Ketchum. Bernice owned company and was thrilled to have friends and family visit. In fact, her favorite hobby was being the best hostess anyone could ask for. Bernice is survived by her two children, Roy (Frances) DalSoglio of Rupert and Don Brodie of Hooton, Idaho; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jack (Vern) Badger. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son-in-law, Don Brockie; one great-grandson, Shane Boguslawski; her parents; her sister, Leone Badger; and her brothers, Lester Badger, Cecil Badger, Alfred Badger, Forrest Badger and Roy Badger. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 903 S. Rupert, with the Rev. Father Mike Maras celebrant. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Russmen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., and one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Tuesday at the church. "She is now in Heaven doing her favorite thing, walking on evergreen"

Dr. Richard Edmund Short

BOISE — Dr. Richard Edmund Short, age 78, of Boise, Idaho, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006. Richard was born Oct. 30, 1928, in San Antonio, Texas, to Richard T. and Florence Elizabeth Coughlin. He attended Texas A & M and graduated with a Doctor of Medicine on June 5, 1953. He served as a Flight Surgeon from July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1956. He served in the Air Force Reserves after his discharge from active duty. Richard was a family practice physician in Farmington, N.M., from 1956 to 1966 and in Gooding, Idaho, from 1966 to 1996. He retired from practice in 1996 and moved to Boise, Idaho. He helped establish the Glenns Ferry Clinic and worked there on his days off for years. Richard also taught at the Idaho Family Practice Residency in Boise, Idaho. His hobbies included cooking, hunting, fishing, traveling, skiing, tennis, poker, golfing and camping. Richard was a member of the Episcopal Church, the Idaho Golfing Country Club and many other civic, social and business activities. He is survived by his son, Richard P. (Juanita) Short, of North Dakota; daughter, Elizabeth S. Short of Arizona; son, David E. (Cassandra A.) Short of Louisiana; grandchildren, Kerri Short-Whipple, Jennifer Short, Laura Short, Holly Mangum-Mason and Mangum-Gimes, Richard C.

Grimes, Sophie Short, Marnie Short; great-grandchildren, Ryan Howard, Whitney Sophie, Katelyn Rose Mason, Elizabeth Hope Mason, Alyssa Ann Marschall; adopted children, Barbara J. Barr and her family, Robert Barr and family, Charles Barr and family, Franklin Barr and family, Cathy (Paul) Bihlmaier and her family, Trisha Davis and family, Tina Trundel and family, Vicki Olbrich Keith Cole and a very special companion Mary J. Brown and with close extended family, Linda Soule, Doug and Susanne Gould, Vance and Kathleen Brown, Bob and Barbara Brown, Julian and Kathy Parra, Phil and Ann Brown, Tom and Georgia McCabe, Dan and Molly Kennedy, Brad and Peggy Fisher, grandparents, and several grandchildren and numerous grandchildren whose lives he touched. He was preceded in death by his mother and infant daughter. Memorial contributions may be made to Boise Rescue Mission, Gooding school system or the Episcopal Church. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Idaho State Veteran Cemetery in Boise with the Rev. Lori Pletz presiding. Memorial observance will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Episcopal Church in Gooding, Idaho, with Deacon Richard Goetsch presiding. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Burbage 'Bob' Rush Justice

TWIN FALLS — Burbage "Bob" Rush Justice, 76, of Twin Falls, died late Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, 2006, at St. Luke Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born on Jan. 6, 1930, in Delbarton, W.Va., the son of Clarence and Emma Justice. He grew up and attended school in West Virginia, and soon after school he entered into the U.S. Army. Corp of Engineers. Bob served his military proudly for more than 20 years serving in Korea and Panama. While in the service, he married Matsue "Susan" Ozawa on April 14, 1954, in Niigata, Japan. They moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1967 and lived in West Virginia until 1970. Following the service, Bob continued with the Army Reserves for a time and then went to work for Del Monte Foods for 10 years.

Bob enjoyed fishing, boating, coin collecting, motorcycles, watching all kinds of sports, and spending time with family and friends. Bob is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan Justice of Twin Falls; his children, Jerry (Judy) Justice of Phoenix, Ariz.; Daniel Justice of Twin Falls and Teresa (Pat) Dillon of Buhl; one sister, Jean (Vernon) Beale of Duncannon, Pa.; as well as seven grandchildren, Jeremy Dillon, Amy Dillon, Amanda Perry, Gumma Justice, Cassie Justice, Norelle Justice and Michael Justice; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Al and Dewey. Celebration of Bob's life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor David M. Brown of the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls celebrating the funeral service. He is honored by Area Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Merle Irene McClure Huey

JEROME — Merle Irene McClure Huey, 72, of Jerome, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006 at St. Benedict's Memorial Hospital Medical Center in Jerome. Merle was born May 20, 1934, in Hanson, Neb., to Thomas and Grace McClure. She attended Eden High School, Merle married John Huey on Dec. 12, 1950. She is survived by three daughters, Kathleen (Glenn) Koepeke of St. Reges, Mont.; Terry (Ed) Houston of Boise, Idaho; and Nancy Parker of

Carson City, Nev.; seven grandchildren; and two brothers, Gene (Connie) McClure and Marvin (Goldie) McClure. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Grace McClure, and one brother, Thomas Lee McClure. Memorial services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Hoye-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Baldwin Camin officiating. Inurnment of the ashes will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Burial will be in the Merle Huey Memorial crypt. Memorial arrangements are under the direction of the Hoye-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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Vicki Lynn Jensen Hoopes

DECLIO — On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, our beloved twin sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend, was released from her earthly struggle and welcomed home. Vicki leaves behind many loved ones whose lives are forever changed through her examples of strength, Christ-like love and easy-going spirit. With mounting hardships and trials later in life, Vicki showed such strength in the knowledge of increasing illness, and faced diversity with courage and optimism.



Vicki Lynn Jensen Hoopes was the first of seven children born to Gilbert and Lois Paul Jensen on March 12, 1948. She was raised in Brigham City, Utah, where she graduated from Box Elder High School. She attended Utah State University obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in interior design. She married Michael Jon Hoopes on May 1, 1969, with whom she had seven children — her joy and life love, often delighting others with her tales of raising two sets of twins amongst her other children. She and Michael raised their family in Roosevelt, Utah, and in Decid, Idaho. They later divorced. Vicki was a lifelong, faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in countless callings and cherished lifelong friendships.

Her greatest calling and proudest accomplishment was her role of mother. She lovingly devoted her life to the raising and nurturing of her children, reveling in holidays and special times when they and their families gathered around her for puzzle marathons, food and laughter. She loved music. Visitors to her home were usually greeted with her talented

and delightful piano offerings, robust singing, hugs and smiles, and her encouragement to join in song. She often welcomed the less fortunate into her home without hesitation, her giving spirit overshadowing and uplifting all.

Vicki simply brought action to all our true life's prodding and highest calling along its path: to truly love one another. She is survived by her loving children, Shanille (Mark) Moosman, Jennilyn Allen, Jon (Summer) Hoopes, Joyanna (John) Gold, Ryan (Angela) Hoopes, Aaron Hoopes, and Adam Hoopes; her adoring grandchildren, (Shanille) Marquasha, Mackenzie, Marshaylin, Mackayviah, and Mackenzie; (Jennilyn) Justin, (Jon) Jenni Dawn and Kynn Leigh; (Joyanna) Timothy, Nicholas, and Keegan; (Ryan) Brooklyn, Austin, and Kevin; her father, Gilbert; and siblings, Laraine (Craig) Elder, Brenda (Mike) Cook, Dawn (Brent) Jensen, Mark (DeAnn) Jensen and Lester Jensen. She preceded in death by her dear mother, Lois Paul Jensen; brother, Randy Jensen; and grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, a niece and a nephew!

We were greatly blessed to have had such an angel mother. Thank you, Mom. You will be deeply missed. We will hold onto cherished memories with you. You touched the lives of many during your short time on this earth. We love you!

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Declo Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Steve Darrington officiating. Burial will be in the Brigham City Cemetery in Brigham City, Utah. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Richard 'Ric' E. Shacklett

KIMBERLY — Richard "Ric" E. Shacklett, 59, of Kimberly, Idaho, died suddenly Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.



Ric was born on Oct. 29, 1947, in Cassia County, Idaho, the son of Julius "Smoky" Shacklett and Wanda Alired Shacklett. He grew up in Filer, Idaho, and later moved to Hollister, Calif., where he graduated from high school in 1967.

He furthered his education at the Gavilan College, where he obtained his journalism degree. Ric entered into the U.S. Marines in 1968, serving in Vietnam. He served his country proudly and was honorably discharged in 1969. He worked for Census Bureau for 10 years. It was during those years that he met and married Barbara Carlton on June 12, 1994. At the time of his death, Ric was employed at Salt Lake Express in Twin Falls.

Ric enjoyed playing golf, chess, and writing. He loved the outdoors and spending time with Ericus and family. Ric is survived by his wife, Barbara Shacklett of Kimberly; his three children,

Brynn (Dan) Gho of Hollister, Calif.; Nicole, Shacklett of Hollister, Calif.; and Jason (April) Greg, also of Hollister, Calif.; his two stepdaughters, Michelle (Kevin) Pawson of Buhl and Ginger (Bruce) Nakaya, of Twin Falls; his two stepsons, Jamie (Jamie) Carlton of Kimberly and Rob Carlton of Twin Falls; his father, Julius "Smoky" Shacklett of Hanson; one sister, Judy (Larry) Zechmann of Nampa; as well as four grandchildren and 12 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Wanda Shacklett.

A celebration of Ric's life will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Gary Gilman, of the Filer First Baptist Church officiating. Military honors by Area Veterans and Auxiliary. At Ric's request, there will be no public viewing. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Richard "Ric" Shacklett Memorial Fund that has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff, dropped off at any branch of Wells Fargo Bank, or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Vernon A. Hansen

BURLEY — Vernon A. Hansen, a 76-year-old resident of Burley, formerly of Rupert, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006. Vernon had spent the last 3 1/2 years under the loving care of his daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Rodney Lind.



He was born Nov. 28, 1930, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Leland Ardelian Hansen and Bertha Mae Thurgood. He had five brothers and they each had a sister. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1949. He served a three-year LDS mission in Denmark. Upon returning, he married Emma Josephine Baker on Sept. 9, 1953, in the Logan LDS Temple. To this special union came eight children. The week after they were married, he reported to the U.S. Army for duty and served until the fall of 1955. After his military experience, Vernon and Emma moved to Twin Falls, starting his lifelong occupation as a jersey knitter factory. He graduated in 1959, they relocated the family and duty to the Northside Plant in Rupert.

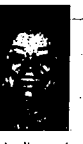
He was always actively serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Some of his most cherished callings were working with the young men and mission-

ary service. He is survived by his children, Steve (Kathy) Hansen of Twin Falls, Roger (Ann) Hansen of Las Vegas, Nev., Emma Jean Hansen of Paul, Norman (Karen) Hansen of Chehalis, Wash., Cathy (Rodney) Lind of Burley, Laura (Lloyd) Bailey of Filer, John (Vickie) Hansen of Rupert and Howard (Colleen) Hansen of Pocatello; 40 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Leland (Dorothy) Hansen of Salem, Ore. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma Hansen, seven weeks ago; his parents; one brother, William Hansen; a brother-in-law, Veri Horman; and his son-in-law, Lowell Hansen.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Access First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Tim Eames officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from noon until 12:40 p.m. Thursday at the church. The family suggests memorials be directed to the LDS Missionary Fund in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Crystal Deanne Neal

TWIN FALLS — We would like to remember Crystal Harral-Neal who passed from us on Wednesday morning the 13th of December 2006, peacefully in her sleep after a two-year battle with ovarian cancer. Six months prior, the cancer was in remission but later spread to her liver and other vital organs.



She was born on May 13, 1964, to Floyd Allen and Barbara Kaye Harral in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her oldest brother, father, several uncles and maternal grandparents. She was married to Brent Boyer in 1982, which later ended in divorce. The union resulted in the birth of two wonderful children, Brandon Floyd and Michael Christopher. Crystal and Brent were both avid sports fans and highly active in the positive reinforcement of their children's activities and daily lives. Crystal was a college grad-

uate of business administration in which she earned her bachelor's degree. She worked at the Idaho State Tax Commission for six years. She resided in both Idaho and Texas at different times in her life. At the time of passing she was employed by, and on leave from, the Employment Guide in Houston, Texas, where she worked as an account executive.

She is survived by her mother, Barbara Brant, and stepfather, Gerald Brant of Jerome. Also by her sister, Yolita Namin of Boise, and her brother, David Harral of Tucson, Ariz.

Crystal had a kind heart and family was of major importance to her. She loved animals, enjoyed cooking, computers, was a talented interior designer, and a movie buff. She touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed by all who knew her. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel with Father Ron Wekerle officiating. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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A special thanks to Ed and Jason at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel for their loving care and compassion during a very difficult time. To all who took part at the service we are forever grateful.
With the sincerest of thanks,
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Carol Warren

BURLEY — Carol Ward Warren, a 62-year-old resident of Burley, passed away on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at her home.

She was born Jan. 23, 1944, at her grandparents' home in Burley, to Art N. and Beth Parkin Ward. She was raised on the family ranch in Elba, and graduated from Raft River High School in 1962. After graduation, she attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah, for two years. Carol then obtained employment with the Bureau of Land Management in Burley, where she worked for 36 years until her retirement in 2000.



She was a member of the Variations Singing Group, Mt. Harrison Auxiliary and the Burley Music Club. Her greatest passion was her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

She was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she faithfully served in all of her callings.

She is survived by her parents of Elba; her husband,

David L. Warren of Burley; her children, Steacy (David) Stephens of Provo, Utah, and Cody (Kris) Edwards of Centerville, Utah; stepdaughters, Lucy Woodward of Clinton, Utah, Cindy (Mike) Rasmussen of Layton, Utah, and Heidi (Patrick) Riddles of Frisco, Texas; and her grandchildren, Samuel Stephens, Sadie and Jesse Woodard, Shelly and Alexis Woodward, Austin and Logan Rasmussen, and Braxton Riddles. The youngest of three children, she is survived by her brother, Paul (Beverly) Ward of Elba, and her sister, Joyce (Don) Sweep of Burley. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews who adored her. She will be sorely missed by all her loved ones.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Star First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 S. 200 W. Burley, with Bishop Kirk Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in the Grand View Cemetery in Elba. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Star Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Stephen B. Ellis

PROVO, Utah — In the early morning hours of Dec. 15, 2006, Stephen B. Ellis quietly stepped from this life into the next.



Stephen was two months shy of his 31st birthday. On the morning of Saturday, Dec. 9, while preparing to visit his wife (Hazel) in the hospital, he fell striking his head. By the early evening hours, the symptoms of a stroke had taken effect.

Stephen Briggs Ellis was born Feb. 17, 1916, in Oakley, Cassia County, Idaho, to the parents of Stephen Hales Ellis and Rachel Ann Briggs. He was the eighth of 10 children, the only son. He grew up on a farm in the Vernal area of Cassia County and assumed the role of "man of the house" at the early age of 8, when his father was killed in a work accident. His mother then moved the family to Logan, Utah.

He graduated from Logan High School and from Utah State Agricultural College in 1939, with a degree in forestry and range management. His mother, Rachel Ann, encouraged him to go to college by telling him, "they can't take away what you put upstairs in your head."

Stephen was an Eagle Scout. He married Hazel Taylor of El Paso, Texas, on Feb. 5, 1942, in the Logan Temple. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who expressed his testimony in these simple words, "The Gospel rings true."

Stephen served in the U.S. Army Air Corp as a B-24 Liberator pilot, B-25 and C-47 pilot. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

His occupations included range examiner (Utah), border patrol agent (Texas), bomber pilot (World War II, Pacific, B-24 Liberator), farmer (Springdale, Idaho), sheep rancher, cattle rancher, and contractor (Utah). He was selected as the AGC Subcontractor of the year in 1983.

His passions? His wife Hazel! Then his children. Followed by ice cream with peaches, oatmeal cookies, dry roasted nuts, Hershey chocolate, soaking in natural hot springs, riding horses, swimming, ice skating, shooting, flying his airplane, and riding his mule in the Sequoia centennial Wagon Train.

What will we remember him for? His devotion to his wife in her declining years, setting aside all his other passions to be with and care for her. His long suffering. His kindness. His ability (and patience) to take young people and teach them how to work to work with, along side them. His generosity and concern for the welfare of others. His looking beyond the outward appearance and seeing with his heart. His quiet demeanor. His lack of desire for public recognition and fanfare. His

practical "live within your means" and "I have sufficient for my needs" philosophy of life.

Stephen as the epitome of a "son and brother" as he watched over his widowed mother and his nine sisters. We envision the long-awaited reunion with his earthly father entailing of an extended farewell with the words, "WELL DONE, SON!"

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Taylor, and his seven children, Stephen T. (Sandy) Ellis, Mantel, Utah; Stanley G. (Kathryn) Ellis, Houston, Texas; Jess T. (Marlene) Ellis, Anchorage, Alaska; Charles T. Ellis, Anchorage; Kelly T. (Rebecca) Ellis, Provo; David T. (Cheryl) Ellis, Vernal, Utah; and Hazel Ann (Steve) Keshaw, Provo.

Steve and Hazel have 42 grandchildren, and 50 great-grandchildren with four more soon to arrive.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Oak Hills 2nd Ward (Stake) Center, 925 E. North Temple Drive, Provo. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Walker Mortuary, 85 E. 300 S., Provo, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at the church. Interment will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at the View Cemetery, 600 S. 750 E., Vernal, Idaho, with military rites.

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Jesus Aberasturi

HEYBURN — Jesus Aberasturi, a 73-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at his home.



He was born Dec. 20, 1933, in Viscaaya, Spain, the son of Jose and Basilia. He married Twilla Smith and together they had four children, Jess, Lisa, Nedra and Lonnie. Twilla and Jesus later divorced. He was employed by Simplot and Mini-Cassia Equipment. He later married Eleuteria Mendoza.

He is survived by his wife, Eleuteria; children, Jess Aberasturi, Lisa (Roger) Short, Nedra (Dale) Jamison and Lonnie Aberasturi; grandchildren, D.J. Walker, Dale Walker, Suzette Aberasturi, Brian Aberasturi, Tierra Aberasturi, Meghann Jamison and

Kaylynn Short; brothers, Javier, Fernando, Roderigo, Jon, Felg and Ricardo Aberasturi; and two sisters, Marin and Mari Teré. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and a brother, Jose Louise. Funeral services will be at 12 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the mortuary.

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SERVICES

Chester Melvin Phillips of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS 3rd Ward Church, 526 F St.; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Monday at Jerome.

Murel J. Brown of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Free Will Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland St. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Jack Presnell of Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Elmer L. Young of Nampa, celebration of life from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at his daughter's home, 9237 W. Beachside Lane in Garden City (Alsp & Persons Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Grant B. Humphries of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B in Jerome; visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Shirley Rebecca Clark of Twin Falls, private family service in Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street in Boise (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls and Summers Funeral Home in Boise).

Sherry Lynn McDrummond Pratt of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Eather Whiting of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral and the rosary (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Roxanne Martin of Bellevue, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

'Western Movies' singer Walter Ward, 66, dies

By Valerie J. Nelson
 Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Walter Ward, lead singer of the Olympics, an R & B group whose biggest hit was the 1958 novelty tune "Western Movies," has died. He was 66.

Ward, who last performed with the group in November, died Monday at his home in Los Angeles' Northridge area after a long illness, said Freda Sinclair, the group's agent.

With America interested in Western-themed films and TV shows, "Western Movies" told the story of a man who lost his life to the horse opera on the tube. The song — complete with gunshots, ricochet effect and doo-wop harmonies — peaked at No. 8 on Billboard's pop charts.

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Burley woman gave her life to kids, service

By Trisa Tegan
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Judy Morgan's life revolved around service and helping others.

She died Nov. 17 at the age of 62 after a short battle with cancer.

Judy was born in Rupert on Aug. 31, 1944, the youngest of three children born to Ruth and Harold Haskin.

Her parents ran the Western Auto Store in Rupert and she and her brothers Gene and Larry attended school in Rupert.

It was at Minico High School where Judy met the man who would be her husband, Boyd Morgan.

The two were married May 22, 1964. After their marriage, the couple moved to Mountain Home where Boyd was stationed in the Air Force.

After returning from Korea, Boyd moved the family to Baker Hill, Ind., for two years and then to Shreveport, La., where they lived for eight years.

While in Louisiana, Judy gave birth to their second child, Jim.

Soon they were back in Mountain Home and Boyd received orders to return to Korea.

When he returned stateside, the family moved again, this time to Clovis, N.M.

In 1986, Boyd retired from the military and then moved to Burley. Judy worked at King's Department Store until 1989.

Then her love for children and desire to help others drew her to the Adult Child Development Center, where she worked for several years.

For the past four years, Judy ran a child daycare center out of her home.

"She loved kids," Boyd said. "She loved doing things for children and just being around them."

Running the business was not all that occupied her time. She and Boyd have been raising their grandson, Andrew, since his father died.

Yet she still found time to volunteer and organize numerous committees, groups and events.

During the Gulf War, Judy organized the Yellow Ribbon campaign and a support group for families of those serving in the military.

She also organized a support group for families with autistic children and had a proclamation signed by the governor designating Autistic Awareness Week and a Day of Prayer for the servicemen dur-

aLife remembered

Judy Morgan
Born: Aug. 31, 1944
Died: Nov. 17, 2006
Survivors: Her husband Boyd Morgan of Burley; her daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Greg White of Wisconsin; three beautiful grandchildren, Andrew Morgan of Burley and Taylor and Amanda White of Wisconsin; and two brothers, Gene Haskin of Rupert and Larry Haskin of Jerome.



Judy Morgan, right, helped organize her children's vacation Bible school. Adults were in full costume and the church was made to resemble a marketplace in the Bible. From left are David Lind and Brenda Allred.

"Judy was one of those very rare people that gave so much more than she ever took. People could learn a lot from her example." — Cindy McWilliams, a close friend

ing the Gulf War. "She was a go-er and do-er, make-it-happen kind of person," says Rev. Darcey Gilman, pastor of the United Methodist Church. "She never accepted excuses and she never made them either."

To say that Judy was active in her church would be an understatement.

One of her favorite church "duties" was music. She sang in the church choir and played the piano. She also organized and directed the Jubilee Bells, a handbell choir.

"She loved playing the bells and she was real proud of them, too," Boyd said.

Community involvements included the Helping Hands Freedom Trails camp for the disabled and CAST (Catholic Special Thrift), an organization that helps children with a wide range of disabilities have the opportunity to go fishing.

A close friend, Cindy McWilliams, said, "Judy was one of those very rare people that gave so much more than she ever took. People could learn a lot from her example."

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Judy Morgan is shown here with two of the children she took care of, Amy Christensen and Alex Shilling.

Paul man charged in BSU rape

By Renee Wells
For the Times-News

PAUL — A Paul man has been charged with rape in connection with an October incident which led to Higgins' arrest. Matthew Aaron Higgins, 18, was arrested by Rupert Police on a Boise Police Department warrant Thursday night, when he was driven into town by his father, Aaron Higgins of Paul.

The father had spoken with police and agreed to turn his son in when he arrived at home from Boise, according to a Rupert Police report.

Matthew Higgins was initially taken to the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center. He is accused of raping a Boise State University student in her apartment on Oct. 18. A Boise police press release indicates Higgins followed the girl to her apartment, entered it and locked the door, then raped her. She reported the incident to police, which led to Higgins' arrest Thursday, in what police termed "a complex investigation."

A second Paul man is also in custody and faces charges of intimidating the victim. Boise police arrested Jeddiah L. Frank, 19, Dec. 8 on the BSU campus, as he was attempting to meet with the victim. He is said to be acquainted with the victim, and is accused of trying to talk her into dropping the rape charges against Higgins.

Police officials applauded the girl for having the courage to seek legal help after the incident occurred. Both men are facing felony charges. Higgins' charge carries a \$200,000 bond.

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Study: Low wage earners can't afford rents

Minimum wage earners in Eastern Idaho can't make enough in a 40-hour work week to afford housing, according to a study released by a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit.

The study, released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition last week, looked at whether workers paid more than 30 percent of their total income for housing — the threshold for what's considered affordable.

In Bonneville County, someone making minimum wage must work 85 hours a week to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

In Blingham County a worker must put in a 60 hour week,

AROUND THE STATE

mirroring trends across the country.

"There is not a county in the country where a full-time minimum wage worker can afford even a one-bedroom apartment," the study said.

A study by the Department of Commerce and Labor this summer found that more than 85 percent of Idaho jobs pay more than \$7.25 an hour — \$2.10 more than the minimum wage of \$5.15. But Eastern Idaho has the highest percentage of low wage jobs in the state, the department found, with more than 7.5 percent of all jobs in the region paying less than \$5.15 an hour.

NAMPA

I-84 to be widened to six lanes by 2009

NAMPA — Interstate 84 near Nampa will be widened to a six-lane freeway — three lanes in each direction — Idaho Transportation Department officials said this week.

The stretch of I-84 between Meridian and Nampa — one of the most unafflicted sections of the freeway — will get another lane traveling each direction, officials said. The widening project is expected to begin in 2007 and be completed in 2009.

It's funded by part of the \$200 million in bonds approved by the Legislature in April to be earmarked for freeway projects.

Officials say the third lane in each direction will give thousands of drivers a smoother, quicker and safer commute and

could help convince businesses to locate in the Valley.

SANDPOINT

Mold smell invades elementary school

Officials at a Northern Idaho elementary school have brought in state inspectors to track down a mysterious musty, moldy stench that's been hanging around classrooms and hallways, the source of which has baffled them for about five weeks.

About twenty teachers at Farmin-Stidwell Elementary School have signed a petition complaining about the smell, saying it's giving them headaches, chest pain and watery eyes. Students have complained about dizziness.

— The Associated Press

Santa

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crowd rushed toward the doors to greet him.

"I can't believe it, you came to see me," Santa said, giving hugs and handshakes to his little fans before settling into a seat to hear wishes and hand out toys and candy.

This was Santa's third appearance at the Idaho Field-Magic Valley Regional Airport. He attracted a long line of families eager for the season's only free opportunity to set their child next to the icon for a holiday photo.

Among the first was Gage Scott, 5, of Twin Falls, who had

an explanation for the unusual choice of transportation.

"The reindeer are taking naps and the sleigh is getting cleaned," he said.

Santa's explanation was similar.

"The reindeer are out in the pasture feeding, and I couldn't get them together," Santa said, in a deep, stentorian tone. "So I called the computer on my intercom, and they came."

Picking up the red-suited figure was pilot Gerald Hayne, in a Redder Flying Service helicopter. It was difficult to stuff the long naughty-and-nice list into the aircraft, he said with a

smile. Unfortunately that left no room for a gift from Santa to the pilot, but neither seemed to mind.

"It's been a long day. I had to go clear to the North Pole," Hayne said. "We'll probably have to have a special flight back later on so he can make it back in time for Christmas."

In two blonde pigtails, Hayne's granddaughter was happy to wave at the helicopter, although it was unclear whether she was waving at Grandpa or Santa. She had a gift request for Saint Nick, but she had a big hug for her grandfather.

Rob

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Twin Falls Police were unable to confirm that the descriptions of the suspects in the third robbery matched the descriptions from Twin Falls, but said there was reason to believe all three were linked.

"We had another one last night in Pocatello," said Dennis Pullin on Saturday. "We do feel there was a strong possibility it was connected (to the first three armed robberies)."

The fourth robbery occurred

at 5:58 p.m. Friday at the Snake River Federal Credit Union at 2545 Orchard Drive E. Three suspects were involved in this incident, which followed the same pattern as the first, but Pullin didn't offer a description of the third suspect or say if the two original suspects were wearing the same clothing as they had Friday night.

Pullin also declined to disclose how much money was taken at each crime.

Twin Falls Police have been

actively patrolling to prevent further armed robberies, he said.

"We're focusing most of our efforts on keeping this from happening again," Pullin said.

Pullin suggested that businesses with a single employee working after dark were particularly vulnerable.

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DEATH NOTICES

Viola V. Hodges

MALTA — Viola V. Hodges, 80, of Malta, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at her home.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel with Bishop J. Max Jones officiating. Burial will be at Valley Vu Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Paul B. Lewis

TWIN FALLS — Paul B. Lewis, 65, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at a Boise hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Edward Larson

JEROME — Edward Larson, 76, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Bridgeview Estates chapel in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Mary G. McAtee

HAILEY — Mary Gladys McAtee, 92, of Hailey, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

LaVonne B. Green

RUPERT — LaVonne B. Green, 89, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at CountrySide Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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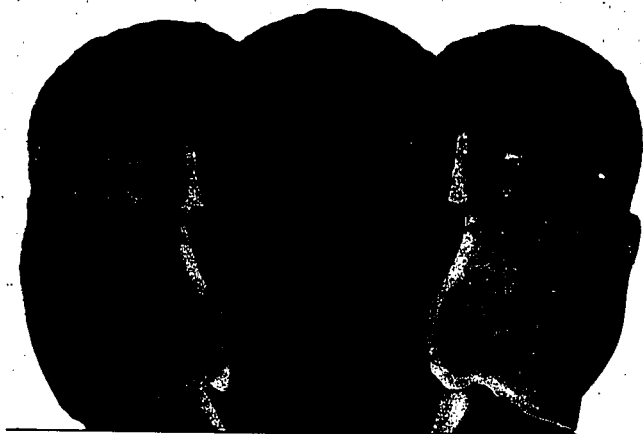
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Player of the Year

Passing: 1,702.9
1,714 (56 percent completion), 22 TDs
Rushing: 85-389, 6 TDs
Kickoff returns: 2 TDs

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Everyman: The many sides of Austin

By Brad Cairn
Times-News writer

BUHL — Quarterback. Running back. Linebacker. Kicker. Return specialist. Buhl senior Austin Laing has done it all for the Indians, and he's done it well, which is why he is the 2006 Times-News All-Area 11-Man Football Player of the Year.

When the lights go down in the city and the young men clad in orange and black take the field, there are few doubts about the Indians. As the defending Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference champion, the Indians were out to prove they could play with anybody — and they did. The Class 3A state runner-up Buhl was a tough opponent this year. Not very large in numbers, but the Indians hit hard and often. All positions were strong, but through it all, Laing couldn't help that he stood out. He's just that good.

He had some good years as a sophomore and junior as a running back, proving himself worthy of the job. But with the graduation of quarterback James Osterkamp, a door opened that Laing couldn't ignore.

2006 TIMES-NEWS ALL-AREA 11-MAN FOOTBALL TEAM

Coaches of the Year: Stacy Wilson, Buhl; Gary Krumm, Jerome.

Offense	Defense	Special teams
Quarterback: Dane Broadhead, Minico.	Defensive linemen: Eric Aguilar, Buhl;	Kicker: Cory Rubkowski, Wood River.
Running back: Eric Hernandez, Buhl; Eric Marvin, Kimberly.	Corbin Minard, Wood River; Cody Morris, Flater; Cody Paolo, Gooding.	Punter: Adam McMan, Gooding.
Wide receivers: Casey Miller, Bury; David Prescott, Jerome.	Linebackers: Cody Darrington, Glenns Ferry; Eric Jacobson, Wood River; Steven Kirk, Decio; Ryan Slucock, Buhl.	Return specialist: Colby Anderson, Minico.
Tight end: Matt Tracy, Minico.	Honorable mention: Derrick Chandelor, RB, Wendell; Alejandro Delgado, K, Buhl.	
Offensive line: Braeden Clayson, Bury; Brandy Cooper, Minico; Ryan Henry, Valley; Timon Hippington, Jerome.	Defensive backs: Will Chivers, Buhl; Travis Cooley, Jerome; Jack Stevens, Gooding.	
Tight end: Ben Helenevich, Twin Falls.		Boo Field, RB/DB, Decio; Steven Kucheloch, RB, Jerome; Bryan Ward, QB, Twin Falls.

"I always wanted to play quarterback my senior year," Laing said. "I got my chance." Laing took snaps as a freshman on the junior varsity squad and in junior high, so he wasn't a stranger to the position. The transition wasn't exactly easy, but Laing doesn't want anything to come easy.

"Some of the plays we have are complicated because it's a college playbook," Laing said. "It was difficult, but that's what I like. I want to be challenged." In what could have been seen as a controversial move, the starting quarterback also started at linebacker.

"That's saying something when you take the quarterback and put him at linebacker. Austin's tough enough to handle it." Jerome head coach Gary Krumm said. The Tigers were the only team to defeat the Indians during the regular season.

Laing said that the decision to play both ways was mutual, as he saw that the defense needed more speed and knew he could help. He didn't play defense his sophomore or junior years, but as with quarterback, he had experience from junior varsity and junior high football.

"I liked the decision. I wanted to play both ways. I don't like to stand on the sideline and get cold legs. It also helps you take hits for when you get hit at QB," Laing said. In addition, Laing handled all kick returns and kickoffs. The combination of Laing with Will Chivers or Ryan Slucock was a dangerous one for kicking teams as all three could break free for big yards. In Alejandro Delgado, the Indians had a phenomenal kicker, but he didn't handle kickoffs or punting. Laing has handled those

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Ward, Trojans football synonymous with tradition

By Brad Cairn
Times-News writer

MALTA — The Raft River area is a rural place. Ranches, farms, small mountain ranges and stretches of land with virtually nothing but sage dominate the landscape. The most prominent buildings in the area are the United States Post Office, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel and Raft River High School.

It's an Andrew Wyeth or Norman Rockwell painting in three dimensions. It's Americana.

There, in Malta, championship football is a way of life. Raft River running back and linebacker Reagan Ward is just a part of that tradition and represents it well as the 2006 Times-News All-Area 8-Man Football Player of the Year.

"It's just work ethic," the senior said. "A lot of kids here are from a ranch or farm. When you grow up like that, you learn about hard work."

It's a sense of self-pride and self-discipline that has kept Raft River in the Class 1A state playoffs for years. Those traits have helped build a tradition that fathers are passing on to sons, who bear that mantle without second thought.

"Having good teammates and the attitude of Raft River football, you expect to do good," Ward said. "You expect to work hard. We get into the mindset as soon as the year starts at (summer) camp."

This season, the Trojans didn't capture the state title, but they



Raft River High School senior Reagan Ward stands outside the school this week. Ward scored 26 touchdowns this season for the Trojans during a 9-1 season.

have experiences that they'll carry with them for life. In Ward's case, people will remember his selfless play and the way he and the team overcame the obstacle of a close teammate that went down with an injury.

Early in the season, Ward was told by head coach Randy Spaeth that he would move from quarterback to running back. Spaeth said that there were more options with him at that position. The Trojans needed to give him the ball, not have him hand it off. In addition, Ward's carries would be limited early on as a second threat to Wyatt Holtman needed to be

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8-man
Player of the Year

Rushing: 184-3,374, 19 TDs
Receiving: 16-347, 7 TDs
Defense: 74 tackles, 2 interceptions

2006 TIMES-NEWS ALL-AREA 8-MAN FOOTBALL TEAM

Coach of the Year: Lane Kirkland, Carey

Offense	Defense	Honorable mention
Quarterback: Mitch Bedke, Oakley	Linebackers: Agustino Venegas, Dietrich;	Michael Billiard, DL, Hagerman
Running backs: Anthony Pinnar, Dietrich; Juan Martinez, Murtough	Dratin Scarle, Oakley; Wyatt Holman, Raft River	Wyatt Holman, Raft River; Justin Manning, DB, Lighthouse Christian
Wide receivers: Dovan Jerks, Hansing; Dan Hill, Castledale	Defensive backs: Zach Kline, Castledale; Trevor Dain, Camas County	Lugan Sand, FB/LB, Shushone; Dratin Scarle, LB, Oakley
Linebackers: Joseph Linemen; Jesus Ocampo, Carey; Jay Burrell, Hagerman	Linebackers: Chape Salcedo, Murtough; Chaso Lee, Camas County; John Van Niek, Lighthouse Christian	
Head coach: Brad Hlat, Carey		



SPORTS

BSU coach says Sooners the best his team has seen

BOISE (AP) — Boise State's Chris Petersen is in his first year as a head coach, but he sounds like a crafty veteran with a well-thumbed phrase book the way he's able to heap compliments on Oklahoma a little more than two weeks before the Fiesta Bowl.

"It's a great opportunity for our program to be talked about and get an opportunity to compete with these guys," he told a Friday news conference. "It's a great challenge for our program, just playing those guys, just being out there with them."

"It's equally deferential comparing his ability to match wits with Sooners coach Bob Stoops."

"I'm not thinking about that one," he said. "I'd probably lose that one."

The Western Athletic Conference



Fiesta Bowl
Boise State vs. Oklahoma
 When: Monday, Jan. 1 in Glendale, Ariz.
 TV: Fox; Lines: Oklahoma by 7.5

champion Broncos (12-0) play Big 12 champion Oklahoma (11-2) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1 in Glendale, Ariz. It is easily the biggest game in Boise State's history. The Broncos are No. 9 in The AP poll while Oklahoma is No. 7.

"They're the best team we've seen, for sure," said Petersen, an assistant

coach with the Broncos for five years, before being named head coach. "The more you study them — you're hoping to find these weaknesses, but they're Oklahoma for a reason, and it's pretty apparent."

The Broncos are ranked No. 8 in the Bowl Championship Series standings, and are only the second team from a non-BCS conference to get into a BCS game, following the 2004 Utah team. It will be Oklahoma's fifth BCS appearance.

Petersen became emotional when talking about Legedu Naanee, a senior receiver converted from a quarterback. The coach predicts the well-liked player will end up in the NFL. Naanee's most memorable pass might have been when the Broncos played Utah State in Boise. On the day the Broncos clinched a share of the

WAC title in their last home game of the season, Naanee threw the ball high into the stands after catching a touchdown pass.

He drew a 15-yard penalty but not even a scowl from Petersen, known for occasionally becoming livid on the sidelines.

"There are certain guys in this program that are hard to talk about," said Petersen after spending about 10 seconds regarding his composure. "He's one of them. There's no doubt that he's going to be a huge factor in this game."

"If the Broncos are to win, the whole team will have to step up," he added. "I think all of our playmakers are going to have to have big games," he said.

A big factor could be Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson, who

missed much of the season after he broke a collarbone but will be ready for the Fiesta Bowl.

"There's no question our defense is going to have to play well and keep the score down for us to have a chance, because this is certainly a different style of defense than we've seen all year," Petersen said. "It can't be one of these WAC shootout type of games or I don't think it will be good for us."

The Broncos scored 30 or more points in 10 of their 12 wins, topping 40 points eight times.

While Petersen heaped praise on the Sooners, he did save some for the Broncos and their rise to a BCS game. "It just didn't happen overnight," he said. "I know some people from outside of Boise certainly think that. But to us, this has been a work in progress and a lot of work for some years now."

Falcons get records, Cowboys get win

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Vick and Morten Andersen got their records. Terrell Owens and the Dallas Cowboys got a crucial victory.

Owens hauled in a couple of touchdown passes, Marion Barber scored on two punishing runs and the Cowboys protected their NFC East lead with a 38-28 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday night.

Dallas (9-5) bounced back from a 42-17 home loss to the Redskins by bolstering its playoff hopes. It was a devastating defeat for the Falcons (7-7), who had climbed back into the NFC wild-card race with two straight wins and overcame an early 14-0 deficit in this one.

Owens, who was kept out of the end zone by Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall when the two faced off in the 2005 opener, took care of that blamish. Owens made a 7-yard touchdown reception with a brilliant one-handed catch, then blew past Hall to haul in a 51-yarder.

T.O. toasted both scores with the same gesture. He faced the crowd with his arms outstretched, then the "T" — then clasped his hands in a circle above his head — an "O."

And this being T.O., there just had to be some controversy along the way. Hall said afterward the Owens split it him on the third play of the game when the cornerback was jawing relentlessly at the Dallas receiver.

"He had a lot of words, I didn't," Owens said. "I just wanted to come out and prove I'm a guy to be reckoned with."

Vick tied a career high with four touchdown passes and eclipsed Bobby Douglass' 24-year-old record for most rushing yards in a season by a quarterback. He has 990 yards, breaking Douglass' mark of 968 with the 1972 Chicago Bears.

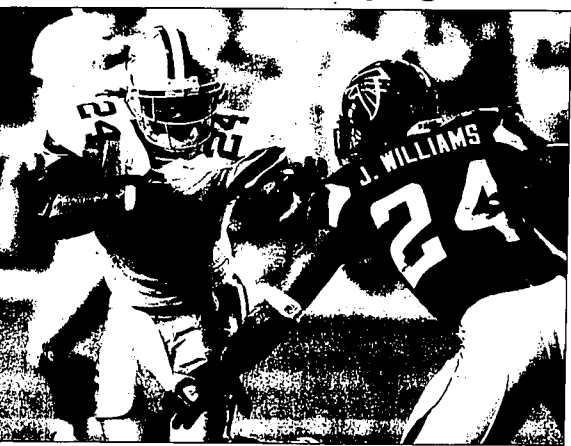
"It means a lot, it's everything I've worked for in my career," Vick said. "I'm disappointed that we didn't get the win, but it's a milestone."

Anderson, meanwhile, became the leading scorer in NFL history. The 46-year-old kicker added four extra points, giving him 2,437 points for his career and breaking Gary Anderson's mark of 2,431.

It wasn't enough to hold off the Cowboys Barber put them ahead for good on a 10-yard run with 2½ minutes left in the third quarter, leaving Chris Crocker sprawled on the turf.

Barber added a 3-yard TD run with 2:18 remaining to clinch the victory.

"We had to regroup," Owens said.



Dallas Cowboys running back Marion Barber (24) stiff-arms Atlanta Falcons defender Jimmy Williams (24) during the second half Saturday in Atlanta. The Cowboys won 38-28.

"We showed some character when we came back."

Tony Romo, coming off his worst game since taking over the starting job, completed 22 of 29 for 278 yards. He spent it around — Terry Glenn had five receptions for 96 yards, Owens caught five for 69 yards and Jason Witten pulled in five passes for 56 yards.

Vick had one horrible pass, which was intercepted by DeMarcus Ware and returned 41 yards for a touchdown on the first play of a wild second quarter. Otherwise, the Atlanta quarterback played well, completing 16 of 24 for 237 yards and running eight times for 56 yards.

Also, he didn't. The four touchdown passes tied Vick's personal best from an overtime tie with Pittsburgh in 2002, his first year as a starter.

"We let it slip away," said Vick, who went out late in the game with a groin injury, casting doubt on his status for next week's game against Carolina. "I don't know how, but we let it slip away."

Still smoldering from their blowout loss to New Orleans, the Cowboys started this one like they wanted to do the same thing to the Falcons. Dallas jumped ahead on Romo's

first TD pass to Owens, who pulled the ball in with his right arm before falling out of bounds with Hall all over him. Then it was Ware's run for an even more spectacular play.

Vick, under pressure from Chris Canty as he dropped back to throw, managed to flip a pass over the defensive end — and right into the arms of Ware, lurking behind his teammate. He took off the other way, breaking a feeble attempt at a tackle by Vick on the way to giving the Cowboys a 14-0 lead.

The Falcons didn't fold, however, getting back in the game after a big play, breaking a feeble attempt at a tackle by Vick on the way to giving the Cowboys a 14-0 lead.

Just three plays after an interception by Lawyer Milloy was wiped out by a penalty, Romo had a pass tipped at the line by Rod Coleman. The fumbling ball fell into the arms of Atlanta linebacker Michael Booley, who returned it 40 yards to the Dallas 12.

Vick tipped off an 11-yard run, then flipped a 1-yard touchdown pass to Griffith to pull the Falcons to 14-7.

The Atlanta offense did all the work on its next possession, driving 63 yards in five plays for the tying touchdown. Vick threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Michael Jenkins, left all alone in the left-side

of the end zone.

After that touchdown, Andersen punched through the extra point that broke Anderson's career scoring record. The 46-year-old kicker threw up his arms and leaped into the arms of holder Matt Schaub before being mobbed by his teammates.

"It's tough to talk about individual records when you lose a football game," Andersen said. "It's bitter-sweet for me."

Romo went deep to Owens to put Dallas back ahead. The receiver cut to the inside and ran right past Hall, catching the ball in stride for a 51-yard touchdown.

Vick capped off the 35-point quarter with his third TD pass, this one with just 11 seconds remaining in the half.

After an illegal formation penalty negated a scoring pass to Griffith, Vick fired a blistering pass to Ashley Lulle for an 8-yard touchdown, the ball seeming to go right through the hands of defender Rod Williams.

Vick put the Falcons ahead for the first time on the first series of the second half. He hooked up for the second time with Griffith, who again managed to get all alone for a 5-yard TD catch.

It was all Dallas from there.

Chiefs owner remembered for humility, love of sports

DALLAS (AP) — As much as Lamar Hunt enjoyed running pro sports teams and leagues, what he loved most was the excitement of ball games.

And, sometimes, a good hot dog. "When I hungrier him, this son of an old tycoon born into wealth and privilege didn't summon anyone to fetch it for him. He'd walk over to a concession stand, get in the back of the line and wait his turn, just like any other fan."

"Someone would come up to him and say, 'You look just like Lamar Hunt.' They just couldn't believe he was in a concession line," longtime friend and business colleague Jack Steadman said. "He was totally unpretentious."

Hunt's humility, as well as his passion for sports, were the dominant themes at a memorial service Saturday. He died Wednesday night from complications of prostate cancer. He was 71.

"This is a sad day for many of us in many, many sports," former NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "Not only in football, in soccer ... probably every sport you could think of. There is a huge, dark void for all of us."

Hunt was the founder of the AFL and a driving force in the merger with the NFL. He came up with the term "Super Bowl" and his team, the Kansas City Chiefs, was involved in the first one played under that name. (The Chiefs began as the Dallas Texans in the AFL; Hunt opted to move them after several seasons of competing with NFL's local startup, the Cowboys.)

His NFL legacy lives on through the Chiefs and their ongoing stadium construction, innovations he championed such as the 2-point conversion and the Lamar Hunt Trophy that goes to the AFC champion. Hunt was the AFC president for many years after the merger and his onetime assistant Roger Goodell is now the NFL commissioner.

"He had great vision with a particular attention to detail," Goodell said. "He realized the game was what was important, not individuals."

Hunt also was a pioneer in pro soccer, helping launch the North American Soccer League (NASL) and the MLS. He helped tennis players break free of their amateur era status by creating the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tour.

Overall, Hunt was inducted into eight Halls of Fame and won 13 championships in five sports. Six came from the Chicago Bulls; he was a part-owner since their inception.

Tiger tumbles, Ogilvy grabs one-shot lead at Target Challenge

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Geoff Ogilvy stuck his hands in his pockets and holed out his shot on a par 3 hole the way to the first tee Saturday in the Target World Challenge, not crazy about playing golf on a Friday day in a steady rain.

All the U.S. Open champion wanted to do was get by with the warmth of the clubhouse.

Having a one-shot lead when he got there was a bonus.

"When it started raining when we were teeing off, I didn't bode well for the rest of the day," Ogilvy said after a 5-under 67, the best score of the third round. "You just want to keep yourself in the golf tournament opponent, going the other way. Being in the last group tomorrow is always where you want to be."

He got there with a hot start and a great finish, and an 8-iron hooked 2 feet on his first hole that put him at 11-under 205, one shot clear of Chris Dimarco (68) and Tiger Woods



Tiger Woods hits out of a bunker on the fourth hole during the third round of the Target World Challenge Saturday in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

on the side of a hill, with enough of an opening to go for the green.

He sent a 5-wood into another bunker and failed to save par. "I probably hit the wrong club on the second shot," Woods said. "I was trying to get past that tree on the left and

then pitch back, and in hindsight, it probably would have been better to hit 3-iron and played to the front edge."

He wound up one shot behind, and that's not his worst. He blocked his tee shot on the 18th and took another big risk, carving a blind shot over a mound, under trees and over the water. It went all the way over the green, and he chipped out of deep rough down the slope to 6 feet and saved par.

"I'm right there with a shot to win the tournament," Woods said. "Geoff is playing great and, obviously, so is Chris. A bunch of pars is not going to get it done tomorrow, so hopefully, I can play a little bit better."

Dimarco closed with three straight birdies, including a 40-footer on the par-3 17th. It left him a great chance to end his season the same way he began, with a victory. Dimarco won the Abu Dhabi Golf

Championship in the Middle East, although he remains winless on the PGA Tour since 2002.

To be able to put that trophy over my head at the end of the year would be awesome," Dimarco said, and the \$1.35 million check would not be bad, either.

Ogilvy had four birdies after seven holes, and he finally conquered the 18th. His tee shot has landed in about the same spot all three days. Thursday turned into a double bogey when he got a nasty lie around the bunker, and he hit a pedestrian shot Friday for a long, two-putt par. In the third round, his 8-iron spun back inside 2 feet to give him the outright lead.

Woods entered both tournaments Ogilvy won this year, although he wasn't around the weekend at either the U.S. Open (missed cut) or the Accenture Match Course Championship, where Woods

was eliminated in the third round Friday.

Someone asked Ogilvy if he was aware Woods was out there at Sherwood Country Club. "His golf tournament, so you know he's here," Ogilvy said. "You're not going to look at a leaderboard and not check what he's doing. Every time you have a player — especially how he's played the last five or six months — if you beat him, you'll probably win."

Idaho drops to 1-9 with loss at North Dakota State

FARGO, N.D. — Ben Woodside scored 21 points and handed out seven assists as North Dakota State beat Idaho for the second time this season, 78-59 on Saturday.

NDSU beat the Vandals 91-76 in their season opener on Nov. 13. The Bison (6-3) are 5-1 all-time versus Idaho (1-9). Saturday's win was their 10th straight at Bison Sports Arena, and they improved to 3-0 at home this season.

NDSU made 16 of 19 free throws, Woodside was 9-of-9 from the line.

Mike Nelson scored 14 of his 18 points in the first half. Brett Winkelmann added 14 points and eight rebounds.

NDSU jumped out to a big early lead by making seven of their first 10 shots from the field to for a 16-5 advantage.

Idaho's Keoni Watson scored six straight points, his only points of the game, to pull the Vandals within 20-16. But NDSU stretched the lead to 15

points with 4:29 to play in the first half and settled for a 38-27 advantage at the break.

The Bison shot 50 percent from the field in the first half, Idaho shot 40 percent and turned the ball over eight times, resulting in 10 points.

The Vandals never made a serious change in the second half. They got as close as seven points, but fell off the pace again, allowing the Bison to take a 72-51 lead on two Woodside free throws with 4:37 to play.

Darlin Nagle scored 20 points for Idaho. He was the only Vandal in double figures.

NDSU outrebounded Idaho 40-25.

BYU 75, Utah St. 62

PHOVO, Utah — Austin Ainge came off the bench to score nine points during a 20-6 first half run that propelled Brigham Young to a 75-62 win over Utah State on Saturday.

Utah State (8-2) had won eight straight after dropping its season opener, but BYU (6-4) had been undefeated at home since dropping its first game of last season. The Cougars' home winning streak improved to 19 games with the win.

The Cougar defense held the Aggies to a season-low 36 percent including 0-7 from beyond the 3-point line. BYU also held the Aggies' leading scorer, Jace Carroll, to 16 points, well below his 22.7 season average.

BYU led by 14 several times during the first half, but the Aggies held BYU without a field goal for the last 3:37 of the half to close that lead to eight at 36-28.

Utah State had an opportunity to cut the lead to six inside of one minute left in the half, but failed to convert. Instead, Ainge was fouled on a 3-point shot with 3 seconds in the half and made 2-of-3 to give the Cougars a 38-28 half-time lead.

The Aggies were never closer as the Cougars stretched the lead to as much as 20 points at 71-51 on a basket by Trent Plaisted with 5:15 remaining.

Plaisted had a game-high 10 points for the Cougars, 12 in the second half, while Keoni Young added 15 points and 12 rebounds. The Aggies shot 51 percent for the game.

Carroll's 16 points led the Aggies.

Utah 77, Cal Poly 58

SALT LAKE CITY — Luke Nevill scored 21 points and Shaun Green narrowly missed the first triple-double of his career to help Utah beat Cal Poly 77-58 on Saturday.

The Utes (4-5) won their fourth straight game at home, and sent the Mustangs (4-4) to their third straight road loss.

Green finished with 12 points, nine rebounds and eight assists — and played only 25 minutes. He made all

four 3-point shots he tried. He missed only one shot in the game, a short turnaround jumper from the baseline with about 11 minutes left, and added two steals with only two turnovers.

Johnnie Bryant added 12 points for the Utes, who held the Mustangs to 41 percent shooting and led by as many as 30 points.

The Utes held the Mustangs scoreless over the final seven minutes of the first half to lead 40-20 at halftime, and extended the margin to 52-22 within the first four minutes of the second half. After that, the lead never shrunk below 17 points.

Dawin Whitten and True Clark scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, to lead the Mustangs, while Derek Stockjaer added nine points and nine rebounds. Forwards Tyler McGinn and Titus Shelton combined to make just one of 10 shots, however, and commit three of Cal Poly's 14 turnovers.

— The Associated Press

Broncos throttle Sacramento State

Former CSI star Larry scores 24 for BSU in win

BOISE (AP) — Reggie Laine scored 24 points and had 11 rebounds as Boise State defeated Sacramento State 99-66 in a non-conference game Saturday.

The Broncos (5-4) climbed above .500 for the first time this season and remained undefeated at home.

It was the second time the Broncos have scored more than 90 points this season, and fans boomed when Sacramento State held the ball the last 30 seconds to prevent Boise State from getting 100.

Haron Hargrave led the over-matched Hornets (5-7) with 16 points, scoring 13 of them in the second half. Loren Leath added 14.

Coby Karl added 19 points for Boise State and Matt Nelson had 18.

The Broncos finished out the first half with Larry's 3-point jumper off the backboard from just inside half court at the buzzer as Boise State took a 53-30 lead into the break.

It could have been even worse for the Hornets but Leath came off the bench to score all 14 of his points in the first half, hitting four of five 3-point tries.

But the Broncos hit nine of 13 3's in the first half, and shot 72 percent from the floor. Except for Leath, the Hornets struggled for open shots and hit only 38 percent.

Sacramento State opened the second half with an 8-0 run — six of the points scored by Hargrave — to cut Boise State's lead to 53-38.

After a Boise State time-out, Nelson scored the Broncos' first points nearly three minutes into the half to make it 55-38.

The Broncos dashed any hopes of a Sacramento State comeback with a 12-4 run, capped by Eric Lane's steal and lob pass that Larry caught above the rim and dunked, his fourth dunk of the game, to make it make it 61-56 with 8:21 remaining.

For the game, Boise State shot 63 percent, and hit 12 of 24 3-pointers. Sacramento State shot 38 percent and hit five of 18 3-point attempts.



Sacramento State's Haron Hargrave (3) tries to get past Boise State's Eric Lane (13) during the first half of a basketball game Saturday night in Boise.

Ten ejected from Nuggets-Knicks

NEW YORK — Ten players, including NBA leading scorer Carmelo Anthony, were ejected for fighting during a wild brawl near the end of the Denver Nuggets' 123-100 victory over the New York Knicks on Saturday night.

All 10 players on the court at the time of the fight were tossed for their involvement in the ugly incident that spread across the court and spilled into the crowd at Madison Square Garden.

Celtics 106, Bobcats 100

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Paul Pierce scored 35 points and hit the clinching jumper in the final minute to lead Boston to its fifth straight win.

Magic 81, Cavaliers 74

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill scored 21 points and Dwight Howard added 14 points and 16 rebounds to help Orlando end a three-game losing streak.

Bulls 106, Hawks 104, OT

ATLANTA — Andre Nocioni hit a pair of free throws with 13.4 seconds remaining in overtime to lift Chicago over Atlanta.

Heat 98, Grizzlies 90

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade, returning from a two-game absence, scored a season-high 41 points to help Miami hand Memphis its sixth straight loss.

Pistons 90, Nets 82

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Chauncey Billups had 27 points and 11 assists and Richard Hamilton added 26 points to lead Detroit over New Jersey.

Mavericks 90, Hornets 79

NEW ORLEANS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half and grabbed 10 rebounds to help Dallas win its third straight.

Spurs 103, 76ers 98

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker had 24 points, Tim Duncan added 21 and San Antonio handed Philadelphia its 11th straight loss.

Bucks 108, Timberwolves 104

MILWAUKEE — Charlie Bell stole a bad pass from Kevin Garnett and converted a three-point play with 33 seconds remaining to help Milwaukee beat Minnesota.

Michael Redd and Mo Williams scored 28 points each for the Bucks, who snapped a two-game skid.

— The Associated Press

Tucker's 32 points lift No. 2 Wisconsin past No. 7 Pittsburgh

MADISON, Wis. — Alando Tucker had 32 points and 10 rebounds and Brian Butch added a career-high 27 points and had 11 rebounds to lead No. 7 Wisconsin to an 89-75 victory over No. 2 Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Butch and Tucker put on a shooting display in the first half, each going 7-of-9 from the field and scoring 20 points as the Badgers (11-1) took a 47-37 lead.

Aaron Gray, who was sick with strep throat, had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Panthers (10-1), who had their 21-game nonconference winning streak snapped.

No. 1 UCLA 74, Oakland, Mich. 53

LOS ANGELES — Darren Collison had 15 points and Aaron Affalo added 14 to help UCLA beat Oakland, Mich.

Josh Shipp had 13 points, and Lee Richard Mihah a Moue added 12 rebounds for UCLA (8-0), which pulled away with an 18-0 run late in the first half and early in the second.

Knight within one win of tying Dean Smith

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Texas Tech played like a Bob Knight team and moved him within one victory of Dean Smith's all-time coaching record.

The Red Raiders moved the ball patiently, shot well from the perimeter and shut down Arkansas' stagnant offense during an 18-0 first-half run and went on to a 71-56 victory Saturday.

Callison went 5-for-8 from the field and made all three of his free throws, and Affalo shot 6-for-10 from the field.

No. 3 North Carolina 93, UNC-Asheville 62

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Brandon Wright had 21 points and nine rebounds to lead the Tar Heels, who won their fifth straight.

Tyler Hanshroth and Wayne Ellington each scored 15 points for North Carolina, while Reyshawn Terry added

13 points and six rebounds.

No. 4 Ohio St. 72, Cincinnati 50

INDIANAPOLIS — Greg Oden had 14 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks in 27 minutes for Ohio State in the most lopsided victory margin in the Wooden Tradition.

The previous record was Cincinnati's 79-59 win over Purdue in 2004.

The Buckeyes (9-1) also got 13 points from Ivan Harris and 10 from Ron Lewis.

John Williamson had 17 points and Jamal Warren added 13 for Cincinnati (7-3).

No. 9 Alabama 77, Southern Miss 64

MOBILE, Ala. — Jermarco Davidson dominated in his return to Alabama's lineup, scoring 25 points and flirting with a triple double.

Davidson had 11 rebounds and a career-high nine blocked shots. — Roy Rogers did it twice in a one-week span in 1996.

Alonzo Gee added 20 points for Alabama (9-1).

No. 13 Texas A&M 97, Jacksonville 58

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Josh Carter scored 15 points, and Azie Law and Antanas Kavaliuskas had 15 assists for Texas A&M.

Georgia 96, No. 16 Gonzaga 83

DULUTH, Ga. — Levi Stokes scored 25 points and Sundatia

Gaines added a season-high 21 to lift Georgia to its sixth straight victory.

Georgia (7-1) forced Gonzaga (9-3) into a season-high 13 turnovers.

No. 18 Butler 68, Purdue 65

INDIANAPOLIS — A.J. Graves, who had blurred vision after being poked in the eye in Butler's last game, scored 25 points for the 18th-ranked Bulldogs.

Brandon Cron's driving layup and free throw gave Butler (11-1) a 66-64 lead with 59 seconds left. Mike Green of the Bulldogs hit two free throws around one by Purdue in the final 27 seconds, and a desperation 3-pointer by Purdue's Terrance Crump was off the mark just ahead of the buzzer.

No. 20 Marquette 68, Maryland-Baltimore 46

MILWAUKEE — Dominic James scored 17 points and Jerel McNeal had 15 to lead the

Golden Eagles (10-2), who rebounded from a 70-66 loss to No. 7 Wisconsin last weekend.

Thomas Young scored 17 points and Chris Pugh added 15 for the Retrievers (4-7), who lost their second straight game and fourth in their last five.

No. 21 Notre Dame 94, Elon 63

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Russell Carter scored 21 points and Rob Kurz had 16 points and 12 rebounds to lead Notre Dame to its seventh straight victory.

Like Harangody added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Irish, who had a season-high 55 rebounds.

No. 23 Syracuse 94, Baylor 71

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Demetrius Nichols matched his career high for the second straight game, scoring 28 points, including 10 straight in the first 2:31 of the second half, for Syracuse.

— The Associated Press

SPORT

Rookie quarterbacks take stage in Broncos-Cardinals

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — They are Arizona coach Dennis Green proclaimed. "The future of the NFL."

Matt Leinart and Jay Cutler, rookie quarterbacks thrust into starting roles on the schedule, shared the spotlight when the Cardinals face the Denver Broncos in the Cardinals' final home game of the season on Sunday.

Cutler had impressed the Cardinals, though, and they might have picked him had Leinart not fallen unexpectedly in their lap.

"He had to battle with his heart, got hit a lot, and had to compete for the job," Green said of Cutler's college career, "and they were behind a lot, so he had to really battle to get them back in the ballgame, and he did it a very admirable job."

Leinart is an old pro by comparison to Cutler. The left-handed Heisman Trophy from USC will be making his 10th start for the Cardinals. Cutler just his third since replacing Jake Plummer in Denver.

"I don't think either team anticipated playing first-year players," Green said, "but that's the way it developed. Matt gets better every game, and I think Jay Cutler is getting better every game, too."

Leinart believes he is greatly improved since his third outing against Oakland, one of his best performances of his young pro career.



Broncos at Cardinals

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doing, play-calling, audibling at the line of scrimmage, all sorts of stuff. I feel way better than I did that third week.

After an eight-game losing streak, Leinart has attracted Arizona (4-9) to three victories in four games. Entering Sunday's contest, the Cardinals have consecutive wins over St. Louis and Seattle.

In his last four starts, Leinart has completed 62 percent of his passes for 1,056 yards and five touchdowns with three interceptions. He has been sacked three times.

to be a great quarterback obviously can't evaluate quarterbacks," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "This guy's got a great future, and he's smart, very aware, and he's some of the reads and reads of the schemes he's been doing, it's been amazing."

"Less is expected of Cutler, at least for now. The Broncos, trying to stop a four-game losing streak and stay in playoff contention, are a running team with Tatum Bell and Mike Bell, who have combined for 1,379 yards.

"They are going to run it 35 times a game, and it makes it very difficult for you to stop them without getting a little help," Green said. "When you get help, that then gives you a little bit of a disadvantage on single-up coverage."

In two games, Cutler is 27-for-51 for 321 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions. He's been sacked seven times.

"I was rusty," Cutler said. "I hadn't played in a long time, so the game was moving kind of fast for me, but I was slow it slowed down a little bit, and hopefully this week it slows down even more."

Both Tatum Bell and Arizona's Edgerrin James are closing in on 1,000-yard seasons. Bell needs 102 yards and James 75. Bell would be the fourth Denver to top 1,000 yards for Denver in the last four seasons. The Cardinals haven't had a 1,000-yard rusher since Adrian Murrell in 1998.

"We've been fairly consistent with the running game through most years," Shanahan said. "We had a few guys go down this year. We were half-back by committee. Right now we're pretty healthy at the halfback position, so it's always nice to be well."

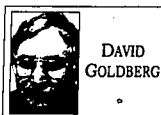
Denver's defense dominated everyone early in the season, but lately there have been problems. San Diego rolled off 419 yards in its 48-20 victory over the Broncos last Sunday.

Of course, the Cardinals are not the Chargers, and, at 7-6, Denver probably has to win its last three to earn a playoff berth.

"We're definitely hanging in there," Cutler said. "We have a very good football team, and we know that. We have too much talent around here to hang it up."

Garcia an upgrade over McMahon as Eagles try for wild-card playoff berth

If the Philadelphia Eagles make the playoffs, it will be because they signed Jeff Garcia. Denver's McMahon's backup in the offseason.



DAVID GOLDBERG

Eagles try for a playoff berth

Jeff Garcia, 2-1 as a starter since Donovan McNabb went down with a torn knee ligament, leads the Eagles into the Meadowlands to face the Giants in a showdown between two leaders in the NFC wild-card race. He's been a huge upgrade over Mike McMahon, who replaced an injured McNabb last season, when Philadelphia slid to 6-10.

Both the Eagles and Giants are 7-6. The Giants breaking a four-game losing streak last week with a 27-13 win in Carolina. They're not completely healthy — Michael Strahan is still out and the offensive line has had a bit less time — but they're in better shape than a few games ago, when they were without seven starters.

Sill, their fans never gave up on the Eagles as Philadelphia did when McNabb went down.

Enter Garcia. "He's a baller and he gets guys around him to rally during tough times," says coach Andy Reid, whose decision to start Garcia ahead of A.J. Feeley was unpopular in Philly. But what isn't? If fans are talking about him and their way, the Eagles would have chosen Ricky Williams over McNabb with the second pick of the 1999 draft.

Garcia fits the West Coast offensive mold. He was successful in San Francisco. At 36, he still is mobile and has been sacked just three times in three games.

The Giants, who rallied from a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit and won the first game in overtime, were delighted with last week's win. It seemed to bring back the confidence they had after a five-game winning streak.

TKI Barber and Brandon Jacobs will probably get a lot of work against the Eagles, who have allowed more than 200 yards rushing in four of their last six games. That would keep the ball out of Garcia's hands — and make things more urgent for him when he gets it.

"It's a great situation to be in," said Barber, who ran for 112 yards last week to surpass 10,000 for his career. "We're playing a meaningful game in December against a division rival with a lot at stake. It's fun. It's what you would ask for."

The weekend started Thursday night when Francisco beating Seattle 24-14. With the loss, the Seahawks missed a chance to clinch the NFC West title.

Dallas is at Atlanta on Saturday night and can clinch a playoff spot if it wins and a couple of other possibilities break right this weekend.

There are a number of clinch scenarios for Sunday and Monday night, when Cincinnati is at Indianapolis.

Baltimore can clinch the AFC North with a win at home Sunday over Cleveland, and New England can take the AFC East by beating Houston at home if the New York Jets lose to Minnesota.

Indianapolis can clinch the AFC South if Jacksonville loses Sunday at Tennessee, regardless of how the Colts do against the Bengals. They also can clinch with a win if the Jaguars lose to San Diego, which has won the AFC West, can secure a first-round bye if it wins at home over Kansas City and the Colts lose.

Chicago, which has won the NFC North, can clinch home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs if it beats Tampa Bay at home and New Orleans loses at home to Washington. If the Saints win, they clinch the South.

In other games Sunday, Miami is at Buffalo; Detroit at

NFL WEEK 15

Table listing NFL Week 15 matchups: Dallas at Atlanta, Cleveland at Baltimore, Detroit at Green Bay, Houston at New England, Jacksonville at Tennessee, Tampa Bay at Chicago, Pittsburgh at Carolina, Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, St. Louis at Oakland, Kansas City at San Diego, Cincinnati at Indianapolis, Green Bay at Carolina, Denver at Arizona, St. Louis at Oakland, Houston at Buffalo, Detroit at Washington, Oakland, Tampa Bay and Washington have been eliminated from playoff contention.

— Dave Goldberg/AP

Patriots need to improve at home

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — When the NFL schedule came out, Sunday's visit by the Houston Texans to the New England Patriots looked like an easy win for the home team.

Deep into a season, with too many penalties and turnovers and too few talented wide receivers, a win of any kind would satisfy the three-time Super Bowl champions. After splitting their last six games, they're hardly peaking for the playoffs.

"We better get it turned around quick," fullback Heath Evans said. "Otherwise, this'll get ugly real quick."

The struggles have dragged on so long that even Tom Brady, obsessed with not pointing fingers at teammates, sent a message this week to some he didn't name.

"If we listen more and we did more when our coaches told us to do it, I think we'd be a lot better off," the quarterback said. "But at times I think we figure we can do it our way, and that's the problem. It's a bit of inconsistency in the way we play."

The Patriots (9-4) still lead the AFC East by two games over the New York Jets and can clinch the division title Sunday with a win over the Texans and a loss or tie by the Jets at Minnesota, or a tie with the Texans and a loss by the Jets.

"I hope my teammates feel like we have a great opportunity to do what we've done the way we have this year," Brady said.

In their last three games, the Patriots have committed 23 penalties and 11 turnovers. They're coming off a 21-0 loss at Miami in which Brady threw for just 78 yards.

Houston (4-9) played a much closer game last Sunday. The Texans went into overtime, before coming out surging Tennessee, 26-20. The Titans won their fourth straight game. The Patriots must play them in Tennessee in the regular-season finale.

The Texans have some talented players on both sides of the ball. Andre Johnson leads the NFL in receptions and David Carr has an NFL-best 65.4 completion percentage. On defense, No. 1 overall draft pick, end Mario Williams, needs two sacks to tie Bruce Smith's rookie record of 6.5.

Another rookie, linebacker DeMarco Ryan, leads the NFL, with 128 tackles.

"He can be a difference-maker," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said of Ryan. "He's very young. He's had some moments this year. The last four or five weeks he has struggled with a foot problem."

Williams is impressing with his rookie season. "Damon" is leading the team with his play all over the field," Williams said. "He is everywhere. He is solid on the sideline."

Fantasy football leaves players rooting against themselves

NEW YORK (AP) — When Colts linebacker Cato June saw Tom Brady throw a touchdown pass over his head, somewhere in the back of his mind, he knew it wasn't a total loss.

And when Redskins tight end Chris Cooley crossed the goal line himself three times in one game, he knew there was another side to his career day.

Both are involved in fantasy football leagues, which can make for some very strange bedfellows among NFL players.

The billion-dollar business boasts an estimated 12.8 million participants, more than a few of whom are NFL players themselves. Because the NFL does not consider fantasy football gambling, there is no prohibition against players participating in leagues.

It's all fun and games according to the league and its players, although sometimes, that can put those players in somewhat awkward positions.

happy with (Brady) throwing a TD pass, but in the back of my mind, I'm like, 'Yeah, I just got six points in my fantasy league,'" June said in a lighthearted interview after a November game against the Patriots in which he discolored Brady was on his fantasy team.

The NFL says it has no problem with players paraking in the fantasy football sensation.

"It is not an issue," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "It is ludicrous to think a player would jeopardize his playing career to score points for his fantasy team."

But on Thursday, Cato refused to speak to an Associated Press reporter after being advised by team officials that the AP was working on a story involving fantasy football and gambling.

Colts spokesman Craig Kelley did not return messages left by the AP on his voicemail seeking clarification.

NFL union chief Gene Upshaw said the players have every right to play fantasy football without thinking they're compromising themselves or impinging the integrity of the game.

"Don't assume every little fantasy football thing is about gambling, because it's not," Upshaw said. "Our guys do a lot of stuff. They play video games against each other, they play like that. I don't think it's related to gambling. I think that's a real big stretch."

A handful of players interviewed last week said they were only vaguely familiar with the inner workings of fantasy football, but overall, though it was a good thing.

My brother plays. He always calls me about it," said Cowboys tight end Jason Witten. "I do think it's good. I think it allows fans to get close and understand players more. I think it helps it. It allows those fans to get closer to the game and really understand

guys, you know."

Titans linebacker David Thornton, not a player himself, said there are no serious issues here.

"Honestly, I don't think it's that serious where fantasy football is going to determine whether a player can be trusted," he said. "It's all fun and games. Players are fans of the sport just like everyone else."

In many leagues, a group of friends get together, decide the stakes, play an entry fee, and awards are doled out for all kinds of accomplishments — both weekly and seasonlong, with the biggest prize going to the league winner. One study said fantasy sports players spend an average of \$493 a

week, the value of an NFL contract should dwarf the amount of money a player can win or lose in his fantasy league if there is. In fact, anywhere more than bragging rights on the line.

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MEN'S GAMES: Ed Hanna 237, Juan Hernandez 237, Adam Perito 230, Dirk McCallister 226.
LADIES SERIES: Teresa Boehm 574, Linda Dickerson 573, Jeana Hicks 548, Diana Griffin 550.
LADIES GAMES: Teresa Boehm 223, Linda Dickerson 212, Diana Griffin 211, Jeana Hicks 205.

SPARE PAIRS
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Fields 712, Charlie Hill 512, Don Olson 604, Curt Quaintance 588.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Fields 250, Curt Quaintance 246, Mitch Olson 246, Bob Bennett 233.
LADIES SERIES: Jeana Hicks 514, Kay Miller 489, Lois Tomlinson 476, Linda Mickler 470.
LADIES GAMES: Kay Miller 193, Jeana Hicks 182, Lena Haby 179, Darla McCallister 173.

MASON'S TRIO
MEN'S SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 512, Verna Kodach 488, LynnetteDuter 481, Phyllis Callen 414.
MEN'S GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 196, Verna Kodach 195, Kate Wesley 173, LynnetteDuter 167.
SUNSET SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Ed Hanna 606, Charlie Hill 554, Ed Davis 511, Welma Caldwell 510.
MEN'S GAMES: Charlie Hill 245, Ed Hanna 212, Welman Caldwell 187, Jim Kodach 179.

LUCKY STRIKERS
MEN'S SERIES: Beverly Rodig 209, Mando Olson 208, Darla McCallister 182, Brenda Wengreen 181.
LADIES GAMES: Lena Haby 176, Phyllis Callen 148, Carol Rutherford 136, Camie Zach 122.

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MEN'S SERIES: Ed Hanna 606, Charlie Hill 554, Ed Davis 511, Welma Caldwell 510.
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COMMERCIAL
SENIORS: Ray Turpin 621, Mike Leazer 621, Cory Moore 612, Greg Hancock 606.
GAMES: Rick Froderickson 230, Cory Moore 235, Denny Brady 234, Tad Caproni 225.

PIONEER
SENIORS: Gail Cederlund 617, Bob Thompson 610, Neva McGroger 588, Chen Freeman 550.
GAMES: Gail Cederlund 244, Neva McGroger 234, Heidi Rice 214, Boba McGroger 213.

VALLEY
SENIORS: Ray Turpin 661, Matt Olson 649, Mike Weems 639, Cory Moore 634.
GAMES: Mike Weems 253, Howard Harder 236, Matt Olson 228, Tim Thompson 228.

FIFTY FIFTY
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Whismore 656, Gerald Lois 610, Jim DeWies 590, Rick Farnsworth 564.
MEN'S GAMES: Gerald Lois 244, Clay Williams 237, Bob Whismore 235, Bill Freeman 214.

LADIES SERIES: Dot Van Hook 490, Shirley Kunsman 488, Betty Bosh 484, Leto Danos 475.
LADIES GAMES: Betty Bosh 187, Dot Van Hook 181, Shirley Kunsman 180, Margie

THURS. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Robbie Marfield 676, Jared Ashmead 605, Fil Miranda 582, Joel Johnston 579.
MEN'S GAMES: Robbie Marfield 255, Jared Ashmead 241, Joel Johnston 232, Fil Miranda 222.
LADIES SERIES: Gail Cederlund 599, Joyce Parks 537, Melissa Straub 509, Joyce Adams 493.

LADIES GAMES: Gail Cederlund 217, Robbie Marfield 207, Joyce Parks 203, Joyce Adams 194.
EARLY FR. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Blayne Thompson 614, Robbie Watkins 607, Gerald Lois 558, Ted Westho 574.

MEN'S GAMES: Phil Re 232, Ted Westho 223, Robbie Watkins 217, Tad Caproni 214.
LADIES SERIES: Cindy Countryman 576, Marie Stewart 546, Julie Caproni 507, Bobbie Thompson 496.
LADIES GAMES: Cindy Countryman 218, Brooke Farber 195, Marie Stewart 193, Julie Caproni 191.

BOWLADORE TWIN FALLS
MEN'S SERIES: Dennis Seckel 407, Paul Donat 30, 365.
MEN'S GAMES: Paul Donat 30, 230, Dennis Seckel 220, Daniel Shepherd 177.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kassy Donat 238, Mary Dunlap 211.
GIRLS' GAMES: Kassy Donat 127, Tiffanie Knapp 115, Samantha Cooney 116.
BOYS' SERIES: Matthew Thral 300, Johnathon Gray 283, Kenny Trammell 253.
BOYS' GAMES: Matthew Thral 174, Johnathon Gray 140, Kenny Trammell 131, Joe Campbell 128.

LADIES SERIES: Danielle Lemmons 447, Ann Shepherd 370, Mary Thral 314, Courtney Seckel 220, Daniel Shepherd 177.
LADIES GAMES: Danielle Lemmons 248, Ann Shepherd 231, Mary Thral 187, Courtney Seckel 175.

SUN. EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Leazer 612, Blake Kondraki 668, Cobey Magee 667, Neil Welch 636.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 243, Cobey Magee 247, Bob Leazer 245, Craig Brock 243.

LADIES SERIES: Kim Leazer 507, Kim Leazer 502, Gretchen Black 187, Ashlee Edwards 185.
MONDAY MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Zach Black 644.
BOYS' GAMES: Zach Black 243.

GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Allen 521, Kestie Payne 125.
GIRLS' GAMES: Danielle Allen 202, Kestie Payne 125.
MON. MIXED FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Glenn Bessine 249, John Bonnett 234, Ron Marshall 231, Steve Hall 219.

LADIES SERIES: Lorena Rodriguez 524, Kay Putschl 512, Georgia Randall 508, Jane Love 467.
LADIES GAMES: Georgia Randall 203, Lorena Rodriguez 203, Kay Putschl 191, Jose Rodriguez 181.

SHOOT-ROOM
MEN'S SERIES: Byron D. Hager 672, Brad Siegel 642, Darrell Reynolds 641, Lee Crump 613.
MEN'S GAMES: Byron D. Hager 248, Darrell Reynolds 236, Jim Kruse 234, Byron A. Hager 226.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS
SENIORS: Londa Stout 569, Gail Cederlund 538, Angie Zigch 509, Nolan Dury 490.
GAMES: Londa Stout 194, Angie Zigch 194, Gail Cederlund 182, Carol Clark 177.

LATECOMERS
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Aletti 606, Jesse Bergastar 512, Charlene Anderson 508, Kristy Rodriguez 502.
GAMES: Bob Aletti 210, Lisa Allen 201, Jessie Bergastar 196, Carole Troppen 188.

TIXI MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Rod Sorenson 656, Ryan Shull 530, Mike/Walchode 529, Jess Harrell 483, Mike Star 483.
MEN'S GAMES: Rod Sorenson 237, Mike Walchode 201, Ryan Shull 190, Lloyd Cronin 170.

LADIES SERIES: Carole Fredrickson 543, Julie Waters 512, Crystal Stull 477, Gayle Harrell 452.
LADIES GAMES: Carole Fredrickson 199, Gayle Harrell 192, Julie Waters 186, Crystal Stull 167.

MEN'S CONSOLIDATED
SENIORS: Cory Holloway 709, Daniel Wade 702, Dave Duffy 718, Rick Fredrickson 675.
GAMES: Daniel Wade 268, Cory Holloway 265, Don Wilson 259, Derry D'Brien 255.

M.V. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Ron Schroeder 586, Ron Marshall 583, Jim DeVines 566, Ed Dudy 566.
MEN'S GAMES: Jim DeVines 235, Ron Marshall 221, Myron Schroeder 214, Ed Dudy 204.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Frith 506, Jean McGuire 485, Dee Hall 478, Belva Coval 477.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Frith 197, Dee Hall 186, Jean McGuire 197, Judy Styer 172.

LADIES CLASSIC
SENIORS: Tiffany Hager 622, Kay Putschl 579, Georgia Randall 564, Angie Homan 557.
GAMES: Tiffany Hager 225, Angie Homan 226, Kay Putschl 214, Georgia Randall 210.

SPECIAL FORCES I
MEN'S SERIES: Ronnie Raddo 187, Ricke Roger 162.
MEN'S GAMES: Ronnie Raddo 103, Ricke Roger 94.

LADIES SERIES: Marcus Henkelman 295, Tamara Ahrendson 214, Martha Draine 167.
LADIES GAMES: Marcus Henkelman 164, Tamara Ahrendson 164, Martha Draine 94.

SPECIAL FORCES II
MEN'S SERIES: Norman Archer 414, Dale Meyers 313, Joe Troj 301, Trevor McLean 258.
MEN'S GAMES: Norman Archer 213, Joe Troj 178, Dale Meyers 159, Mike Ellis 155.

HOUSE
MEN'S SERIES: Ryan Overton 327, Nick Overton 326.
MEN'S GAMES: Ryan Overton 327, Nick Overton 326.

GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Chris Coats 256, Michael Threlk 228, Billy Rowan 219, Simon Halseil 216.
BOYS' GAMES: Michael Threlk 96, Chris Coats 92, Billy Rowan 77, Simon Halseil 70.

GIRLS' SERIES: Samantha Beverly 304, Britney Slining 283, Myra Astoyia 283, Astley Eters 253.
GIRLS' GAMES: Britney Slining 114, Rio Fuchs 112, Myra Astoyia 113, Samantha Beverly 104.

SLAKE RIVER BOWL BURLIEY CLASSIC (4 GAME SERIES)
SENIORS: Rusty Hill 895, Justin Studer 894, Brad Homan 889, Gene Smith 881.
GAMES: Rusty Hill 249, Gene Smith 249, Rusty Hill 249, Justin Studer 249.

TUESDAY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Bywater 246, Gene Smith 239, Susan Volante 249, Gayle Erickson 148, Theresa Knouton 171.

WED. MIXED
SENIORS: Evan Tully 526, Nolan Rogers 575, Randy Rose 538, Jenette Hirsch 488, Susan Fowler 418, Gayle Erickson 410.
GAMES: Evan Tully 234, Evan Parish 217, Gillan Rogers 215, Jenette Hirsch 187, Susan Fowler 149, Gayle Erickson 148.

THURS. MAJORS
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Despain 635, Rod Ruyon 557, Rudy Rose 538, Jenette Hirsch 488, Susan Fowler 418, Gayle Erickson 410.
GAMES: Bob Despain 240, Rod Ruyon 215, Rudy Rose 197, Jenette Hirsch 195, Kay "Bole" Bole 191, Lynn Deaton 422.

EARLY BIRDS
SENIORS: Debe Maier 555, Duane Smith 549, Dusty Pennod 522, Nita Maier 559, Norma Doney 538, Beth Smith 494.
GAMES: Debe Maier 234, Dusty Pennod 202, Duane Smith 193, Nita Maier 231, Cassi Millsap 199, Norma Carter 189.

ODDBALL
SENIORS: Stephanie Long 513, Terri Albert 474, Debra Ingram 462, Jay Studer 460.
GAMES: Debe Ingram 240, Stephanie Long 198, Terri Albert 183, Jay Studer 175.

RAILROADERS
MEN'S SERIES: Kenneka Garman 137, Courtney McClinton 504, Lisa Hutchinson 470, Suzie Yelverton 175.
GAMES: Kenneka Garman 137, Courtney McClinton 136, Suzie Yelverton 136.

HOUSEWIVES
SENIORS: Bonnie Murphy 507, Kristie Johnston 475, Theresa Knouton 464, Lisa Hutchinson 452.
GAMES: Sharon Rathe 194, Bonnie Murphy 192, Kristie Johnston 176, Lisa Hutchinson 169.

LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS
MEN'S SERIES: Stacy Hebb 507, Alicia Brewer 504, Letta McClellan 492.
GAMES: Stacy Hebb 212, Stacy Hebb 194, Denise Hiltbrand 178, Kym Davis 177.

DOMINIQUE POWERS
SENIORS: Alicia Brewer 431, Chancy Knopp 400, Dominique Powers 357, Keaton Roberts 294.
GAMES: Alicia Brewer 190, Chancy Knopp 184, Dominique Powers 137, Keaton Roberts 113.

LOONEY KIDS
SENIORS: Fred Fowler 431, Steven Fowler 389, Jacob Hill 116, Francis Fowler 403, Zoe Igarcia 164, Megan Hill 127.
GAMES: Fred Fowler 167, Steven Fowler 152, Matthew Aguilar 47, Francis Fowler 144, Zoe Igarcia 65, Ashley Hill 56.

TURSDAY TEENS
SENIORS: Mark Sluder 574, Todd Rent 573, Brody Albertson 568, Bridget Albertson 463, Caitlin Schuler 431, Laska Meier 420.
GAMES: Mark Sluder 213, Todd Rent 213, Brody Albertson 213, Bridget Albertson 213, Laska Meier 157, Caitlin Schuler 150, Rose 151.

MINICO
SENIORS: Amanda Studz 133, Francis Fowler 283, Colina Miller 282, Todd Rent 47, Chad Sluder 38, Mark Sluder 33.
GAMES: Amanda Studz 170, Laska Meier 163, Francis Fowler 151, Todd Rent 126, Chad Sluder 209, Mark Sluder 196.

DECCO
SENIORS: Cody Kruse 526, Jordan Moon 431, Bradley Ostrom 387, Lisa Johnson 362.
GAMES: Cody Kruse 171, Jordan Moon 160, Bradley Ostrom 154, Lisa Johnson 130.

MEN'S SERIES: Bob Watts 685, Ray Turpin 672, Fred Star 632, Kim Reed 622, Tony Brass 612.
MEN'S GAMES: Bob Watts 264, Ray Turpin 267, Fred Star 246, Kim Reed 214, Tony Brass 212.

WOMEN'S SERIES: Brenda Altin 579, Turpin 570, Joyce Haffner 565, Mike Turpin 562, Fred Star 246, Kim Reed 214, Tony Brass 212.
WOMEN'S GAMES: Brenda Altin 223, Turpin 212, Joyce Haffner 210, Mike Turpin 214, Linda Wick 212.

YOUTH RIOT SQUAD
BOYS' SERIES: Marshall Myers 880, Jordan Jones 874, Greg Chagnocky 446, Caleb Peterson 474, Tanner Dewitt 471.
BOYS' GAMES: Marshall Myers 224, Jordan Jones 182, Greg Chagnocky 191, Caleb Peterson 169, Tanner Dewitt 172.

YOUTH KOOZ KIDS
BOYS' SERIES: Joyce Lutsch 320, Greg Agueda 304, Damon Zamora 185, Matt Lutsch 258, Gabe Roger 171, Wayne Huja 159.
GAMES: Joyce Lutsch 126, Greg Agueda 113, Damon Zamora 77, Matt Lutsch 91, Gabe Roger 62, Wayne Huja 66.

GIRLS' SERIES: Mackenzie Jenke 203, Hyley Bentinger 203, Yolanda Diaz 203.
GIRLS' GAMES: Mackenzie Jenke 90, Hyley Bentinger 74, Yolanda Diaz 74.

PIL SUNG MARTIAL ARTS



ABOVE: Tara Roberts, left, and Lisa Farnsworth both tested for their first-degree Blackbelt at a recent testing at Pil Sung Martial Arts in Rupert. Both went through a rigorous testing in front of blackbelt judges including Senior Master Jay Harwell from Twin Falls. Pil Sung is very proud to have their ranks of its Blackbelts.

TOP RIGHT: Emilia Larson, left, stands with Little Tiger Head instructor Lisa Farnsworth. Larson was chosen as one of Pil Sung Martial Arts student of the month for November.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Brenna Bethune, left, stands with Mr. Bill Falcher, head instructor of Pil Sung Martial Arts in Rupert. Bethune was chosen as one of Pil Sung Martial Arts student of the month for November.

Rupert's Rogge named to Wrangler All Star team

RUPERT — Rupert resident Kade Rogge was named to the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team, the first-ever corporate-sponsored youth rodeo team. Rogge was selected by leaders of the National High School Rodeo Association, the oldest youth rodeo organization in America.

The Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team is fashioned after Wrangler's Championship Pro Rodeo Team, which includes superstars like Ty Murray, Joe Beaver, Dan Mortensen, Charmayne James, and Hill of Farmer Jim Shoulders. Kade is in addition, team member and receive an official team certificate signed by rodeo greats (Ty Shoulders and Ty Murray).

"Wrangler's NHSTA sponsorship is a natural extension of our professional and collegiate rodeo programs," said Stressman.

Rogge is excited to begin his year-long Wrangler rodeo sponsorship program at the high school level," said Karl Stressman, special events manager for Wrangler Rodeo. "As always, it gives us a tremendous sense of pride to associate the Wrangler brand with the premier young men and women. We're confident each member of the team will be an outstanding good-will ambassador for the sport of rodeo."

Members of the Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team receive official competition apparel consisting of Wrangler shirts embroidered with the team logo and two pairs of competition jeans. In addition, team members receive an official team certificate signed by rodeo greats (Ty Shoulders and Ty Murray).

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Situation simulation

Simulators prove useful in teaching interpersonal skills

By Stephen Majors
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — A loud boy launches spit balls at a classmate. Another kid slumps in his seat, zoning out and his desire to be anywhere else. Other students laugh mockingly and make inappropriate sounds as the rookie teacher faces his worst classroom nightmare.

It's no easy job to regain control and coax the students into writing an essay about what they did last weekend. Fortunately for the teacher, it was only a computer simulation.

The children are a mix of virtual humans projected on a screen and an out-of-sight actress who provides their gestures and dialogue. As the teacher interacts with each kid, the actress assumes the student's identity and movements with the help of technology that senses her motions.

Computer simulations, which have for years been used by the military and airlines, are increasingly finding their way into professions such as teaching, policing, sales and other fields that depend more on interpersonal skills than technical proficiency.

The STAR Classroom Simulator, a partnership between Simtours, a company in Habersham, Educational Foundation and the University of Central Florida, mixes computer technology and a human role-player. It's currently in trial and is expected to be commercially available within a year.

"I thought it was a great device to see how you would respond in a spontaneous situation with a student that might be either aggressive or have some repressive tendencies," said Kevin Gouvla, a former teacher at an Orlando-area urban high school who recently tried the simulator.



Christopher Stapleton, right, of the Institute for Simulation & Training at the University of Central Florida, interacts with virtual students in a classroom simulation program in Orlando, Fla., Monday, Dec. 11, 2006. Changes in technology and needs have allowed the multi-billion dollar simulation industry to develop programs teaching cognitive interpersonal skills.

Randall Shumaker, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Simulation & Training, said simulators could give realistic but safe training to teachers, whose mistakes can be traumatizing, or suicide prevention counselors, whose errors can be fatal.

"The dropout rate for urban teachers is 40 or 50 percent," Shumaker said. "Part of the reason appears to be they just get thrown into the fires. We can build systems that give people a graded approach so you expose them to this in a virtual world and gradually turn up the heat."

While many lament that

people are losing their face-to-face social skills because of cell phones, e-mail and text-messaging, some may receive computer training on how to interact with other humans in the most delicate situations.

Simtours LLC, a Columbia, Md., company partially owned by Johns Hopkins University, has developed interrogation simulations for the FBI by filming actors giving different responses, including gestures, to a range of potential questions that an agent might ask.

The footage is then built into a program that responds to a list of questions typed or spoken by the trainee. Unlike the

classroom simulator, where responses are controlled by a live actor, the responses are controlled by the computer program itself.

In one, "Rasheed" is a potential informant whom agents must cultivate by demonstrating sensitivity to Arab culture.

Being too abrupt with Rasheed, or telling him that his wife is beautiful, will offend him, and his demeanor will change.

Sometimes Rasheed is open, sometimes not, and his motives for talking differ, meaning the same conversation will never occur twice, said Dale Olsen, Simtours' president. The system teaches

rapport-building with the subject, rewarding a sensitive approach and punishing blunders.

Still, Rasheed is limited — he can't talk about every subject because that technology is several years, maybe decades, away.

All social simulators chase an elusive goal of replicating human behavior.

"We don't quite understand all the things we need to know and we can't quite make the (virtual humans) advanced enough," Shumaker said.

But the advantage comes from providing a safe environment that can be used any time and is a cost-cutting

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— Randall Hill, Institute for Creative Technologies

alternative to hiring multiple actors. "You can't necessarily practice dealing with real people because if you do you will harm people," Olsen said. "People could die or you could get sued."

Simtours also has developed a program to help Army chaplains identify and treat soldiers who have suicidal tendencies, and will release a simulation in January that trains people how to counsel a woman who was just raped.

Olsen said he is talking with companies in the communications and pharmaceutical industries to develop tailored programs that train in performance evaluation and sales.

Randall Hill, executive director of the Institute for Creative Technologies at the University of Central Florida, created a cultural awareness trainer for the military that combines computer imaging with real props. But he also hopes the technology has a much broader application.

"I want to see these technologies used to transport you to another time and place and be able to interact with people from other cultures," Hill said. "I think we can enhance social skills and cultural knowledge."

California movie city waxes poetic about its future

By Roy Rivenberg
Los Angeles Times

BUENA PARK, Calif. — The trained bears that played basketball are long gone. Ditto for the dancing stallions, FDR's wheelchair, Bonnie and Clyde's car and the tarantula races.

Over the last 30 years, Buena Park has become a veritable graveyard for roadside attractions and amusement parks. The ghosts include Japanese Village and Deer Park, MovieWorld Cars of the Stars, the California Alligator Farm and Wild Bill's Wild West Dinner Extravaganza.

But one deceased venue is staging a comeback — sort of. Movieland Wax Museum, which closed last year, is being reincarnated as a Best Buy electronics store and food court called Movieland Plaza.

Wax statues from the old museum will be displayed in glass cases built into the outside corners of the plaza's shops and restaurants, said Steve Thom, vice president of Burnham USA Equities, the developer behind the project.

Superman, Austin Powers, Liz Taylor, Rudolph Valentino, Shirley Temple and Gen. George Patton are expected to return to the limelight late next year.

Most of the beeswax sculptures will be housed in air-conditioned chambers protected by polarized glass. A few might end up inside plaza shops, Thorp said.

The nostalgia element is reminiscent of Long Beach's



Movieland Wax Museum in Buena Park, Calif., which closed last year, attracted 1 million visitors in 1976.

new Pike retail center, which installed a Ferris wheel and a rollercoaster-shaped pedestrian bridge as a tribute to the site's former amusement park, which was demolished in late 1970s.

But the Movieland project illustrates the situation Buena Park officials face as they try to rejuvenate the tourist and entertainment zone surrounding Knott's Berry Farm.

The golden age of mom-and-pop-style tourist attractions in Southern California is over, and city officials are struggling to find suitable replacements to draw visitors.

The decline began in the 1970s, with the departure of Japanese Village, a theme park featuring deer, performing bears, dolphins, karate demonstrations and pearl divers. Its successor, Enchanted Village, flopped.

By the mid-1980s, MovieWorld Cars of the Stars, Kingdom of the Dancing Stallions and the gator ranch had joined the exodus.

The wax museum narrowly escaped the same fate after its attendance plunged from 1 million in 1976 to 440,000 in 1984, but only because it was sold to a San Francisco com-

pany. Still, not all has been bleak along Beach Boulevard.

Medieval Times, a dinner-and-jousting theater venue, just celebrated its 20th anniversary. Knott's Berry Farm added Soak City USA, a water park, in 2000. A pirate-themed dinner theater replaced Wild Bill's last year.

And Ripley's Believe It or Not museum, which arrived in 1990, continues to showcase such oddities as an Elvis Presley-shaped lemon, an eight-legged pig and a Last Super painting made from burnt toast. Ripley's plans to revamp its exhibits and muse-

um exterior next year, manager Dave Simon said.

But there's no question that the tourist strip has lost some luster.

As far back as 1998, city officials launched efforts to make the area more pedestrian-friendly, adding benches and landscaping — in front of Medieval Times and that wax museum.

Buena Park's top goal next year is to find ways to refurbish a ragging stretch of Beach Boulevard near Knott's Berry Farm, said interim City Manager Rick Warsinski. The city recently purchased an old motel as part of that effort.

A tougher task, however, might be preserving the area's entertainment identity. After the wax museum closed, no proposals for another tourist attraction or amusement venue surfaced.

The neighborhood has two dinner theaters and a nearby multiplex movie house, so "what else are you going to put in?" Warsinski asked. "A bowling alley? Miniature golf? Nobody like that stepped forward."

The City Council, on a split decision, authorized a Best Buy electronics outlet.

"Some people believe Best Buy is retail, some say it's entertainment," Warsinski said. Similar scenarios are playing out at some other longtime tourist stops in Orange County. Farther south, Hobby City — a 10-acre mecca of collectibles, kiddie rides, live reptiles and a half-scale replica of

the White House — is limping along.

About half of the center's shops closed after the owners announced that the site would be converted to condominiums in late 2007 or 2008.

And Newport Beach, the Balboa Fun Zone is being turned into a nautical museum. Only the Ferris wheel will stay.

Buena Park officials hope Movieland Plaza's shops and eateries, which tentatively include a Ruby's Diner and a Corner Bakery, are a step in that direction. The area is "a void of restaurants and walking-type experiences," Warsinski said.

For nostalgia buffs, the retail center will preserve Movieland's replica of Michelangelo's statue of David — made of marble, not wax — and assorted celebrity handprints, which will be scattered along the plaza's walkways.

Neighboring businesses expressed mixed feelings about the changes. At Ripley's, manager Simon said he would prefer something geared toward tourists instead of locals.

Joyce Zurn, co-owner of the Colo. Corner memorabilia shop near Knott's Berry Farm, agreed. "Anything that brings business is better, but I wish the area would go back to more entertainment," said Zurn, whose grandchild played Santa Claus at Knott's Berry Farm for 20 years.

"I would hate to lose that atmosphere,"

NATION

Christmas is coming, but Hanukkah's here

By Tami Abdollah
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Gift-wrapping tables are out in the malls, holiday cards clog mailboxes, decorations pop up on lawns, and oh look, there's a menorah.

Feels like Christmas, looks like Hanukkah.

In all the flurry of the holiday season, Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday celebrating victory from persecution and the rededication of the sacred Temple in Jerusalem, is often hyped as a sort of Jewish Christmas. Presents are bought, gifts exchanged and get-togethers held. Yet the holiday that began Friday night and lasts eight days is from a religious standpoint nowhere near its status in popular American culture.

"In many ways it'd be considered a minor holiday, and it's only because it falls at this time of year that it gets a lot of attention," said Rabbi Nachum Kosaofsky of Congregation Shaarei Tefila in West Los Angeles. "I'd like to think if Purim was another Jewish holiday that came out in December, then everybody would know about Purim. But since it usually falls around March, most people don't."

The hyping of Hanukkah can be typified as a largely American phenomenon, much like the commercialization of Christmas, said Ely Dahan, a marketing professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson School of Business.

"You had a large Jewish immigrant population and they wanted to assimilate, and they saw that Christmas time was a time of celebrations, parties and gift-giving," Dahan said. "A part of the assimilation was to join the celebration, so to speak, and I think one thing led to another, and Hanukkah became the parallel holiday to Christmas."

This isn't to say that Hanukkah is not an important religious holiday in its own right. After all, the historical

A familiar spin on the holiday

The traditional Hanukkah game dreidel takes its name from the German word for top. The Hebrew letters on each side of the dreidel stand for the phrase: A great miracle happened there.



Each player starts with the same number of coins and tries to collect the most.

Dreidel spins like a top; the letter it lands on determines play.

not Biblical (Hanukkah is not mentioned in the Hebrew Bible) implications are still significant.

Ironically, a key part of the story celebrates the Jews' ability to resist assimilation, or Hellenization, under the Syrian Greeks in the second century BCE and their fierce commitment to their faith and traditions in the face of temptation. Their steadfastness was countered by factions within the Jewish people who, urged on by the Seleucid (Syrian) king, pushed for greater assimilation and took control of Jerusalem.

"They wanted to become a part of the Greek world, it was very scary at that time," said Rabbi Joel Rabinowitz of Temple Beth Am in West Los Angeles.

A civil war broke out among the Jews in Jerusalem and the Greeks took over the city, declaring the Jewish religion null and void, and turning the Temple into a center for pagan worship. The holiday of Hanukkah celebrates the victory of a rebel group led by Judah Maccabee over the Greeks. The other part of the story tells of the miracle that took place when the Jews gathered to rededicate their Temple (Hanukkah means

"dedication"). The Jews found only a small amount of olive oil left, barely enough to light the menorah for a day. Instead, the oil lasted eight days, enough time for more olives to be pressed for oil. Jews today light menorahs in their homes for eight days, lighting one extra candle each night until all are lit, in memory of this miracle.

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Drivers — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging is looking for volunteers, age 55 and older, who are willing to drive clients to doctor appointments and grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the Burley-Rupert area. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Kitty at 677-4872, ext. 2.

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers who can help in the home by visiting with patients, relieving the caregivers or running errands. Office assistance is also welcome. For information about the volunteer program, call Susan or Grace at 734-4064 or stop by the office at 828 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Beds/clothing/household items — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of twin-size beds, clothing for men and women, and household items. To donate items, drop them off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1526 Highland Ave. E.; the office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call Teresa at 735-2166.

Want to help?

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

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 320, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Call weekly to retain your request.

CSI North Side Center offers new classes

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering several adult enrichment courses:

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 - Basics of Basket Weaving
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 - Haltz with Me
 - Country Swing
 - Introduction to Belly Dance
 - Skilling in a Woman's Body
 - Conversational Spanish
 - Poisonous Plants in the Yard and Home
- Register by calling 934-2678 or stopping by the office at 202 14th Ave. E.

SOUPER BOWL



Shelley Rasmussen's class at Burley Junior High School was one of the winners of the Souper Bowl contest at the school and will receive a pizza party. The Souper Bowl competition was a canned food drive during the annual Burley-Minico football game. All of the food items are donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council to distribute to needy families at Christmas time.

HEYBURN K-KIDS



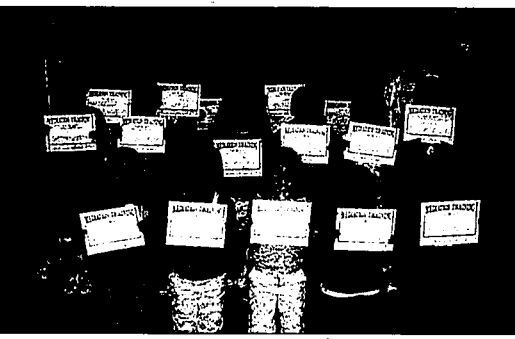
Bob Cameron, charter member of the Rupert Kiwanis club, presents a banner and club materials to the Heyburn Elementary K-Kids, a supported service group of the Kiwanis. The K-Kids are in their second year at Heyburn Elementary and led by teacher John Toland. The student officers are president, Kellie Tibbets; vice-president, Yanika Lopez; secretary, Skyler Lams; and treasurer, Brittany VanLaven.

HOLLISTER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Hollister Elementary School October Students of the Month were Cassie Cook (fifth), Katie Rhodes (third), Terin Williams (fourth), Agnes Montas de Oca (first), Isaac Whitney (second) and Grace Grindstaff (kindergarten).

RUPERT PEER MEDIATORS



Fourth- and fifth-grade students at Rupert Elementary were selected by peers and teachers as peer mediators. Their role is to help students who are in conflict find fair and workable solutions. For the past 13 years, they have been trained and supervised by mediation coordinators, Vickie Nebwert and Stan Bruns. Peer mediators are, from left, front: Linda Gonzalez, Monica Gonzalez, Ivy Gibbons, Kenya Aguilar and Nerin Gonzalez; center: Kenneth Pague, Oscar Paskapa, Ivey Hernandez, Blake Gilchrist, Valerie Hernandez and Gabriel Mascoor; back: Stan Bruns, Elny Binham, Derik Leon, Todd Hendricks, Jesse Castro, Carlos Olcoza and Vickie Nebwert.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Koning presenter at psychology conference

SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — Steven Koning of Jerome was one of the presenters at the 10th annual Psychology Student Research Conference Dec. 13 at Dordt College, Sioux Center.

Presenters were psychology majors who designed an original experiment, collected and

analyzed data and wrote a professional paper. Koning and his research partner, Reid LePage of Tucson, Ariz., shared their findings on the effects of cell phone interruptions on memory.

Rupert Elementary announces good citizens

RUPERT — Rupert Elementary School Citizens of

the Week for the week of Dec. 8 were Ryan Norman, Morningstar Cantu, Camden Chandler, Justin Solomon, Yessenia Bernabe, Zachary Montoya, Joshua Andrew, Kiara Cutler, Natalie Gibbons, Jillian Gilchrist, Valerie Hernandez, Destiny Osborn, Alex Rodriguez, Christian Petersen, Mikoyia Cooper, Juan Polanco, Nevlin Gonzales, Juan Montoya and Diana Leon.

BJ Bridge announces weekly game results

RUPERT — The BJ Bridge Club's weekly winners: Dec. 12, north/south: first Lois Stephenson and Jackie Brown; second, Pat Stephenson and Steve Sams; third, Ella Annest and Lola Moorman; and fourth, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland. East/west: first, Mildred Wolf and Sheila Hubsmyth; second Peggie Payne and Dona Kinnis; third, Warren and Faun McEntire; and fourth Clarence and Sylvia Nelwert.

Care center residents make their wish list

BURLEY — The Burley Care Center and Assisted Living is seeking gloves, hats and scarves for its residents. There are 24 men and 13 women. Gifts can be wrapped, tagged male or female, and brought to the center at 1729 Miller Ave. no later than Dec. 21. For more information, call Rose at 678-9474.

Bruneau woman celebrates 100 years

BRUNEAU — Annabelle Erwin will celebrate her 100th birthday Dec. 26.

Cards can be sent to her at 29712 State Highway 51, Bruneau, ID 83604.

Annabelle Schröder moved to Idaho from Iowa in 1928 to teach school and

also near Shoshone, Jerome, Richfield and Hagerman. She and Alah (Bud) Erwin were married Dec. 24, 1937. They raised three children, Sidney, Mary and Frank, and farmed and ranched in the Richfield, Wendell and Hagerman areas, moving to Bruneau in 1973. After her husband's death in 1979, Erwin continued living on the family farm, operated by her son.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page D-16.

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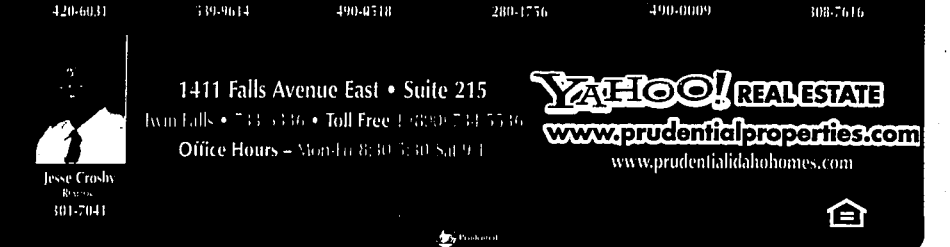
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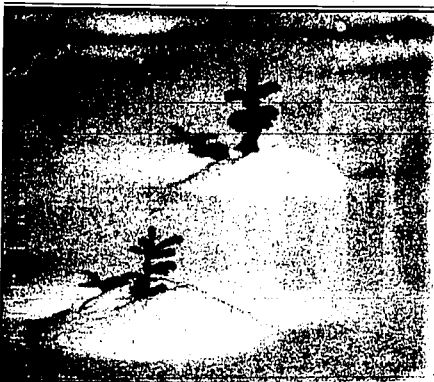
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: If I switch to a bidding style in which two-level responses are forcing to game, do I also need to adopt the forcing no-trump response? I've never been a fan, so I would like to avoid doing that if possible.

Luddite, Grand Forks, N.D.

ANSWER: Whether you play that two-over-one guarantees a rebid, or is forcing to game, a consequence is that after partner opens a major, you need a way to deal with limit raises or with balanced 11-point hands. Some people swear by the forcing no-trump, but I'm happy to respond with a reinforcing one-no-trump. If partner passes — typically with a balanced minimum — we probably have not missed anything and have stayed safely low to boot.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ J-9-7, ♥ K-Q-7-6-5, ♦ K-3, ♣ A-Q-4, should I open one no-trump, or one heart? My instinct with a good five-card major is to bid it, but I'm not sure how I can also show this point-range.

Tora Up, Troy, N.Y.

ANSWER: With a balanced 15-17 points, your first thoughts should be to open one no-trump. If you want to downgrade or upgrade a hand, that is one thing. But with a hand that belongs within the range, bad things can happen from getting too delicate. In short, you are not that well-placed after either a one-spade or one-no-trump response.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I've been reading about agreements some expert partnerships have on penalty and nonpenalty doubles of slams when they have found a fit and might want to sacrifice. If I understand it rightly, they use pass and double to show zero and one trick in defense, respectively. Is there any merit to this approach?

Mad Scientist, Great Falls, Mont.

ANSWER: I'm sure there is theoretical merit — in a well-established partnership, after the first 10 accidents! Dismiss these ideas from your mind altogether. Using a double for penalties, or for a specific lead (e.g., Lightner) is a far sounder approach in my unsophisticated opinion.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Are the rules for declarers different from those for defenders when a card is exposed to the other players at the table? I seem to have played on the wrong end of rulings on both sides of this issue.

Secretariat, Danford, Ill.

ANSWER: If a defender holds a card so that his partner did see it, or might well have seen it, that constitutes a playcard. By contrast, declarer (who has no partner to receive unauthorized information) almost has to hit the table with a card before it is deemed played. In both cases a card that falls out of the hand, or gets accidentally simultaneously played, is generally far less severely treated.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ A-10-7-4-2, ♥ K-7-6-5, ♦ Q-9-7-3, I passed and heard a four heart pre-empt on my left. My partner twitched and passed. Was I obligated to pass, or was I allowed to double, the entirely obvious call with my cards?

Banned in Boston, Naples, Fla.

ANSWER: When your partner's break in tempo suggests that a bid by you would become more attractive than a pass, you are allowed to act only if you have no logical alternative to bidding. If you were playing in the local duplicate, I'm sure that a number of your peers would seriously consider passing. In a national tournament it might be different. But for the sake of your conscience you might prefer to pass anyway and let partner know why after wards. That will teach him for the future!

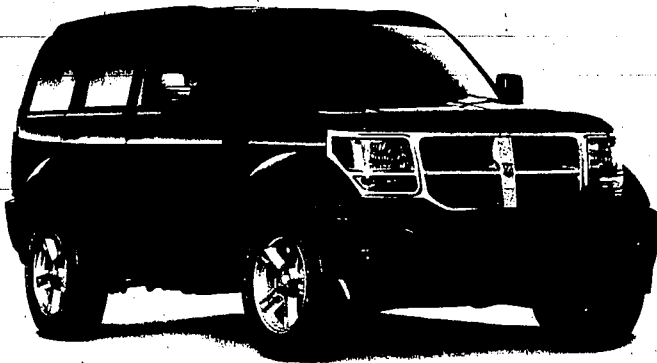
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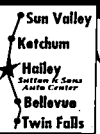
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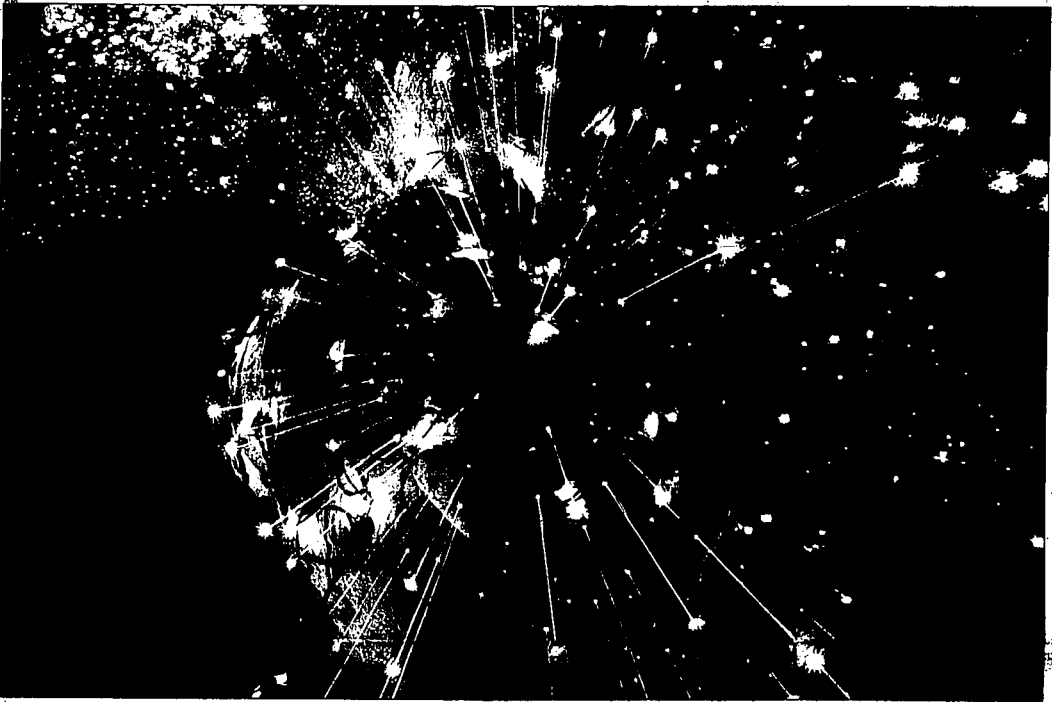
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Castleford group gathers for fellowship and a little bragging. Page E3



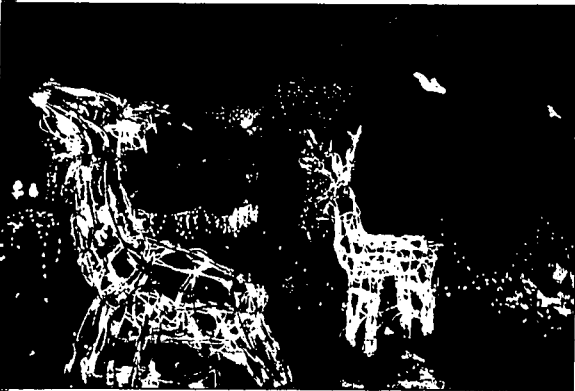
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Swing on the hold laws



A lawn ornament at a Twin Falls home on Pierce Street is decorated with Christmas lights in mid-December.

• Photos by Meagan Thompson •



On a dark street in Filer, reindeer shine brightly in the front yard of Terry and Judy Dugan. Terry Dugan says they put up the lights every year "just for the two of us," as their children have grown up and started families of their own.

Like moths to a flame, at least three dozen cars gravitate to Pierce Street on a Saturday night in Twin Falls. The passengers shift their weight to the right sides of the cars, faces gaping through small windows, to get a good look at thousands of multicolored lights.

As I photograph a bear lawn ornament covered with Christmas-light netting, a child yells from a car that she likes my house.

It's not my home, but I wave politely, not wanting the compliment to go to waste.

The cars keep coming — creeping past, then accelerating until the turn-

around at the dead end and rolling slowly by again.

Across the valley the scene isn't much different at the Dugans' home, also on a dead-end block. At the edge of Filer, across a small cornfield that butts up against the town, their home almost pulses with twinkling lights. Have their neighbors commented on the display?

Terry Dugan nods vigorously as he explains: "We only get nice comments." As a car drives by at a snail's pace, he adds: "They seem to like what we're doing here."

—Meagan Thompson



Deborah McCabe and granddaughter Lily McCabe, 6, peek through their front window Dec. 5 as their Christmas tree glows and the neighbors' lights reflect off the glass.



Santa might not drive a sleigh. A car adorned with lights is filled with presents in front of the old Texaco gas station in Filer.

Lights online
For more photos, see Meagan Thompson's slide show at www.magjvalley.com.



Halo is created through silts in a carved Nativity scene in Deborah McCabe's front yard. There were no lights on the street when we first moved in (in 1981), and now the neighborhood is all lit," says McCabe, as she gestures to the twinkling displays visible through her front window on Heyburn Avenue in Twin Falls.

FAMILY LIFE

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Luke Brandon Andersen, son of Ron and Robbie Andersen of Declo, was born Oct. 8, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Silman Araya Sunshlme McGrew, daughter of Sirimukh Khalsa and Scott McGrew of Hailey, was born Nov. 30, 2006.

Pablo Regalado, son of Rosalba and Francisco Regalado of Ketchum, was born Dec. 1, 2006.

Alexander Paul Romero, son of Kandis Petersen-Romero and Benjamin Romero of Shoshone, was born Dec. 1, 2006.

Elizabeth Mary Moreland, daughter of Kelly and Thomas Moreland of Hailey, was born Dec. 3, 2006.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Fernando Norato, son of Guadalupe Morales of Jerome, was born Nov. 26, 2006.

Micheal Alexander Rundle, son of Kimberly Dawn Taylor and Matthew Quinton Rundle of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 28, 2006.

Jenna Rae Ambrose, daughter of Kara Rae Lively of Buhl, was born Dec. 1, 2006.

Cecilia William Wallace, son of Misty Lee Johnson of Jackpot, Nev., was born Dec. 4, 2006.

Audrey Lou Daisher, daughter of Nikki Sue and Mike Edwin Daisher of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 4, 2006.

Jesse Ovcharenko, son of Yelena and Yevgeny Ovcharenko of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 4, 2006.

Laken Riley Irene Thorne, daughter of B. Andy Dawn and Joshua Hans Johnson of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 4, 2006.

Joshua Timothy Bobango, son of Cindy Roxana and Jason Matthew Bobango of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 5, 2006.

Brookelyn Rae Shetler, daughter of Madeline Rae and John Paul Shetler of Filer, was born Dec. 5, 2006.

Kaitlyn Ann Paul, daughter of Robin Denise and John Alfred Paul of Burley, was born Dec. 6, 2006.

Aureya Layne Shea, son of Tina Ruth Still and Donovan O. Shea of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 6, 2006.

Sydney Alaina Young, daughter of Susan Leigh and Dallin Clifford Young of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 6, 2006.

Jasmine Marie Morris, daughter of Crystal Dawn Frer and Matthew James Morris of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 6, 2006.

Devin Jesus Victoriano, son of Rocio Sedano and Jesus Victoriano of Jerome, was born Dec. 6, 2006.

Mckayla-Ann Faith Henkel, daughter of Mindi Jo Henkel of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 6, 2006.

Alice Kay Bolton, daughter of Alice Renee and Michael Scott Bolton of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2006.

Esabella Alize Martinez, daughter of Edita and Roberto Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2006.

Jeremiah Wyatt Gene Peters, son of Angela Francine Sarah Peters of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2006.

David Edward Ankyan, son of Irina and Igor Avokova of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 8, 2006.

Evan William Halcom, son of Jessica Marie and Justen Paul Halcom of Jerome, was born Dec. 8, 2006.

Yessica Isabel Contreras-Montano, daughter of Marcela Montano-Ruiz and Juan Jose Contreras-Palomares of Jerome, was born Dec. 9, 2006.

Elizabeth Rose Parle, daughter of James Elizabeth Leavitt and Hope Edwin Parle of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 9, 2006.

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Menus: Monday: Chicken a la king with noodles, colleslaw, fruit bowl, bread, cookie Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, french bread, green beans, lemon bar Wednesday: Chicken cordon bleu, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, fruit salad, bread, dessert Thursday: Fish or chicken, fried potatoes, winter mix vegetables, rice pudding, cookie Friday: Barbecue rib with a bread, green potatoes, carrot-mint salad, pear cobbler

Activities: Today: Dance Monday: Monday bridge, 1 p.m. Quilting Medicare D Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure Wednesday: Medicare D Elk Card Club Board meeting Fiddlers Hospice Visits Thursday: Pinocle salad, birthday cake, ice cream Friday: Blood pressure Lunch bingo Saturday: Super bingo, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Menus: Today: Ham dinner, 1 p.m. Monday: Soup and sandwiches Tuesday: Ham and beans, potatoes, salad, corn bread, fruit, dessert Wednesday: Baked potato bar, green salad, fruit, dessert Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, birthday cake, ice cream Friday: Center closed until Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Activities: Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60 and \$3 for children 12 and under Monday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10 a.m. Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Silver Sneakers exercise program, 10 a.m. Jackpot trip, bus leaves center at 3:30 p.m., returns at 11 p.m. Thursday: Birthday dinner, noon bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menus: Monday: Macaroni and cheese with hamburger, country mix vegetables, fruit, holiday cookies Tuesday: Beef stew, fruit salad, lemon bars, biscuits Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, fruit medley, tupperon pudding Thursday: Best beef, potatoes and gravy, beefs, Jell-O with fruit, cherry crisp Friday: Ham with raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, squash, apple salad, bread pudding

Activities: Monday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday: Gem State Fiddlers Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Cooking with Ada Friday: Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Christmas dinner Humana, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Agess Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberley

Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

Menus: Full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. Wednesday and Friday; take-out available; \$4 for seniors 60 and above, \$5 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12 Monday: Cheese tuna wrap, Oriental vegetables, apple-sauce cake Tuesday: Taco salad, Jell-0 with fruit, cookie Friday: Lasagna, green beans, cake

Activities: Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center 140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Thrift shop open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Menus: Monday: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, green salad, fruit, rolls, dessert Wednesday: Pork ribs, sauerkraut, potato wedges, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert Friday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, fruit, rolls

Gooding County Senior Citizens 308 Senior Ave.

All dinners eat at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus: Monday: Meatloaf, art grain potatoes, peas, carrot-raisin, pineapple salad, french bread, mixed fruit Tuesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, applesauce, bread, peach cobbler Wednesday: Chili, baked potatoes, vegetables, fruit salad, bread sticks, pudding Thursday: Baked ham, cranberry sauce, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, sushi salad, rolls, cherry croust

Activities: Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild One, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Bridge, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Music by the Fiddlers Birthday party Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Bowling, 1:30 p.m. Saturday: Rebecca pinocle, 7 p.m.

Senior and Gold Senior Center Eden

Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dressing, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie

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and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Menus: Tuesday: Christmas dinner Thursday: Hamburger steaks, scalloped potatoes, broccoli

Activities: Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc. 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Menus: Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily Tuesday: Chicken fritters, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, green salad, homemade rolls, cinnamon rolls Wednesday: Tuna fish sandwich, tomato soup, pineapple cream pie Friday: Leg of lamb, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, green salad, dinner rolls, apple-cranberry cobbler

Activities: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lights tour, van departs 5 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Bingo, 2 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Fill Christmas baskets, 1 p.m. Saturday: Deliver Christmas baskets, 8 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Menus: Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily Monday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, hot dinner rolls, birthday cake, ice cream Thursday: Chili hot dogs, taco soup, chocolate cream pie

Baine County Senior Center 721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menus: Tuesday: Bacon and eggs, grits, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls Wednesday: Refried beans with lettuce, tomato, onions and cheese; Spanish rice, salsa, cookie, ice cream Thursday: Candy birthday and Christmas dinner, hot rolls, coconut cake, pumpkin pie, boiled custard with whipped cream

Activities: Monday: Shopping in Jerome, 8:30 a.m. Dinner at the Pioneer, 5 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Exercise, 1:15 p.m. Wednesday: Board meeting, 8 a.m. Poetry group, 12:30 p.m. Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Thursday: Carey Center birthday and Christmas celebration Massage therapy, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Exercise at American Legion Hall (Ketchum), 1:30 p.m. Friday: Sing-a-long, 11:45 a.m. Christmas lunch with entertainment, noon Table games, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center 492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2511. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus: Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy; Scandinavian mixed vegetables, fruit, roll Tuesday: Taco casserole, corn, refried beans, tortilla Thursday: Baked chicken, cheesy potatoes, dilled green beans, carrot-pineapple salad, bread, ice cream, cake

Activities: Thursday: Foot clinic Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m. Cardlo, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center 127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for ages 10-59; \$3 for 60 and above and \$2 for children under 10.

Menus: Tuesday: Lamb or chicken, fruit, salad, vegetables, bread, dessert Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, sausage, rice pudding Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Activities: Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos and visiting available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Fler Senior Haven 222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

Menus: Tuesday: Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, broccoli with cheese, peaches, broccolis Wednesday: Smorgasbord Thursday: Christmas dinner

Activities: Monday: Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, noon Cards, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Cards and games, 1 p.m. Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, noon Christmas dinner and party.

bring a white elephant gift Birthdays

Minkola County Senior Citizens Center 702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus: Monday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage, hash browns, fruit cup Tuesday: Taco salad, fruit salad, toast, crispiitos Wednesday: Fingersteaks, tater tots, salad, ice cream Thursday: Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, fries, salad, pie Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities: Monday: Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m. Strength training with institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fax aid, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; call 436-9107 for appointment Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m. S/HHA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 878-0727 for appointments Strength training with institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Friday: Medication assistance by pharmacist, 11 a.m. to noon Christmas lunch, noon; hand out stockings

Golden Heritage Senior Center 2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menus: Monday: Hamburger gravy over biscuits, vegetables, fruit, chocolate cake Tuesday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, peaches, cookie Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, sugar snap peas, roll, Jell-O, better-than-sex cake Thursday: Tiramisu pie, rice, vegetables, fruit, cookie Friday: Parmesan chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, special dessert

Activities: Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise Community bingo, 7 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Thursday: Pool Exercise Community pinocle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

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SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Over	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow-green	Thick whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes



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NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

Standing the test of time

Castleford grandmothers celebrate life, their grandchildren

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald
Times-Herald writer

BUHL — When Rose McClain spoke, the room got quiet.

"We have many blessings. One of the greatest blessings I can think of is to be here with the grandmothers," she said, quietly but firmly.

At 94, she is the dean of the Castleford Grandmothers Club. 30 women who gather monthly for fellowship and to share photos and stories of their grandchildren ... and great-grandchildren ... and, in some cases, great-great-grandchildren.

"I have 40. No. 41. That's 41 great-grandchildren," said Shirley Waske, beaming ear to ear. "And 26 grandchildren."

The women gather on the first Tuesday of most months for a potluck dinner and short program at the Lincoln Courts community room in Buhl. Some, like McClain, were at the first meeting of the club back in 1953. Others joined as soon as they had the opportunity.

"The requirements are simple. First, you have to be a grandmother. Second, your kids must have attended Castleford schools, and third, you have to be invited to join. Originally, the Castleford club was part of the National Federation of Grandmother Clubs of America."

These days, this group of friends acts without the supervision of the national club but sticks to many of the same objectives.

Norma Chandler joined less than a year ago — as soon as she retired from her job in the Castleford School District and could come to the 1 p.m. meetings.

"We've looked up to them all of our lives," Chandler said. "It is an honor and pleasure to be with them."

The grandmothers still live in Castleford and Buhl, although a few drive in from their homes in Twin Falls for

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— Rose McClain, 94, of the Castleford Grandmothers Club

the meetings. For the most part they are farm women, with a few teachers in the group.

They have shared births and deaths, surgeries and vacations. They're a close-knit group but make visitors feel welcome.

Meetings start with a prayer in which they hold hands in a circle.

Then, potluck lunch and visiting. They circle again to share photos of their children and grandchildren. There is a short program.

During the December meeting, students from Castleford School sang songs from their winter play.

What's so special about being a grandma?

"If you have to ask, you're not a grandma," Waske said. "There's nothing like 'em," said Lella Maye Kinyon of her grandchildren. "Great-grandchildren are even better."

Alice Lockwood of Buhl — not a club member — was visiting with her daughter. At last count, Lockwood had 36 grandchildren.

"You don't have to take care of them," she said. "You just have to hold them, love them, and then they go home."

As the students left, Rose McClain hugged each one as if she knew them.

These women are every grandchild's dream. Women who love the children in their lives for just one reason: because they exist.



Rose McClain kisses a Castleford School student. The fifth-grader performed with her classmates at a Grandmothers Club meeting this month.



Castleford grandmas share pictures of their grandchildren — something they say is one of the best things about attending club meetings.



Praying together, staying together. Members of the Castleford Grandmothers Club hold hands in prayer at the beginning and end of each meeting.

Older people can benefit from better alarm systems

By Peter King
Special to Newsday

People older than 65 are more likely to be killed or injured by fires than those younger, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

If a fire breaks out in your home, you have as little as three minutes to get out. Smoke alarms can alert you before the flames erupt, but only if you hear them.

Older people typically suffer some hearing loss, especially in the higher frequencies. The sound emitted by most smoke alarms is in the high-frequency range.

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Foundation, the research arm of the NFPA.

Older people can hear conventional smoke alarms, Almond says, but it's important that the unit be nearby. "If you had a really high-pitched sound right beside your ear, you would definitely hear it if you were sleeping."

The NFPA recommends at least one smoke alarm for each level of your home. But what if you have a three-level house with a stand-alone alarm on each floor?

If a fire breaks out in the basement, you may not hear the alarm if you are asleep

upstairs. By the time the smoke rises to set off the unit on your bedroom level, you have lost precious time.

One way to get an earlier warning is with an interconnected alarm system. In an interconnected system, when one unit goes off, all alarms in the home sound simultaneously.

FirstAlert's Onelink line of smoke alarms allows homeowners to install an interconnected system with no wiring. The battery-powered units communicate through wireless technology. As in wired systems, when one unit

detects smoke, all units sound.

The units also produce warning sounds in a series of frequencies. The units are sold separately, so you can get as many as you think are necessary.

Each unit sells for about \$45.

They are available at Sears or you can call FirstAlert at 800-323-9005 for more information.

Rival smoke alarm maker Kidde also offers wireless interconnected units. Its units are also sold separately for about \$40 each.

They are available exclusively at Lowe's. For more Kidde information, call 800-800-6788.

You can't mix and match: Kidde units will not communicate with FirstAlert alarms.

Make homes safer for aging residents

According to a new AARP study, nearly 90 percent of people 50 and older want to live in their current home as they get older. But this old house may not be suitable for them. AARP offers these tips for making a home safer as you age.

- Install handrails along all stairs.
- Use double-sided tape to keep area rugs from sliding.
- Put easy-to-grasp handles on drawers and cabinets.
- Use higher-wattage bulbs in all fixtures.
- Install nightlights throughout the house.
- Put reflective, nonslip tape on bare stairs.
- Install lever handles on all doors.
- Put a bench near your entrance so you can set down packages when you enter.
- If you don't have lights in your closets already, install battery-powered closet lights, and use adjustable rods and shelves.
- Install illuminated "rocker switches," which are easy to toggle on and off.

Mind your manners, partygoers

By Annie Groer and Terri Szapieszka
The Washington Post

Being a guest does not just mean showing up and enjoying dinner.

It requires graciousness, conviviality and an appreciation that someone has gone to a great deal of trouble to entertain you.

So, behave:

- Always respond promptly to an invitation.
- Do not bring uninvited guests without asking the host — and understand if the response is "Sorry, please don't."

- When you accept an invitation to dinner, alert the hostess of any food restrictions or allergies; assume the host will have something vegetarian.

If you simply don't like what is served, move it around the plate discreetly.

- If you must cancel after accepting an invitation to a small dinner, do so as soon as possible. A "better offer" is not an acceptable excuse.

- A hostess gift is always a lovely gesture. Flowers, however, can be a problematic choice, especially if they are not already in a vase; you don't want the hostess to have to scramble to find one. A nice alternative is to send flowers the next day.

- If you bring a bottle of wine, do not expect it to be served. The host may have already gone to some trouble to choose wine to complement the meal.

- If there are place cards on the dining table, do not switch them around. And make sure you talk to the person on either side of you.

- Do not start arguments. Lively debate, yes; rants and tirades, no. And don't start talking about what diet you're on.

- Turn off your cellphone, pager and other electronic devices. If you need to stay available for a babysitter, put the phone on vibrate. And if you must answer a call, excuse yourself from the table.

- An offer to help clear the table between courses is appreciated, but do not insist. The host may want you to stay seated; when guests leave the table, the momentum of the party can wane.

- Ditto for pitching in to wash dishes. Many hosts would prefer that guests not busy themselves in the kitchen.

- Avoid the temptation to snoop in the medicine chest or anywhere else in the house.

- If you drink too much to drive safely, do agree to be put in a taxi or driven home.

- Send a thank-you. Handwritten is best, e-mail is acceptable, a phone call the bare minimum.



"Real Estate Corner"
NEW OR USED?

by Laura Fitzgerald
Re/Max American Dream Realty

When looking for a house, it's tempting to consider only newly built homes. The clean, fresh appearance of a new house and neighborhood can be hard to resist. But an existing home has some advantages.

With an existing home, the neighborhood is established, you know your neighbors are and whether the area is kept up. In addition, mature landscaping can

add much to the desirability of the location. Homes in an older neighborhood may have design qualities you find attractive that are hard to find in new housing. "Character" is an indefinable quality often found in older homes, especially where each was individually built.

Only your own tastes can determine the right choice for you. ☺



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FAMILY LIFE

Patience beats paranoia, Gemini

IF DEC. 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: January is a good month to follow through on resolutions to exercise and make a new start on the physical level. You will have extra energy to burn and the ability to strike up acquaintances with a broad spectrum of people. Join a health club or spa or start a new health regime. Lay low during February and March when your business ideas could fall flat or initiatives may fail. July is your month to keep your nose close to the grindstone and avoid taking on extra responsibilities. You are likely to experience heightened popularity in the late fall. In the last half of November — through mid-December, expect to experience good luck, receive a wonderful opportunity to improve your situation or meet someone who makes a positive impact on your life.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Step up to the plate. Be prepared to dish out the base where knowledge is concerned. There may be opportunities to show off physical or mental prowess and leadership abilities in the week to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay the course. Your favorite someone, business partner or ally might be determined to relentlessly push forward on a project of some kind. Be a little bit supportive and lend a helping hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Prudence is better than paranoia. Cut a swath through confusion by seeking the calm center of the storm. Look for more congenial companions and surroundings at the end of the week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Read the newspaper being on top of current events might pay off later this week. Spend some time getting organized or make a few lists, so that the week ahead will be easier to handle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for a soft place to land. You know who will be the winner when you wrestle with your conscience. Remain focused on business matters and important ambitions, not petty annoyances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do the right thing. Someone might misunderstand what is said or thought. Be clear about what you are spending or earning. You won't be satisfied with half measures. Wait until the end of the week to buy indulgent things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Suspicions can undermine results. This isn't a good day to negotiate or try to strike a compromise. If you work hard you can realize your dreams and accomplish much by the end of the week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wind up the old and prepare for the new. The new moon falls in your sign later this week. Each family member should unlearn bad habits and replace them with more favorable ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You know it's that time of the year when those close-mouthed gnats no longer bite. It might be better to keep your opinions to yourself for the next 24 hours. Put forth an effort to wrap up business obligations this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Recall the story about the princess and the pea. She was overly sensitive to small irritations. You couldn't get a good night's sleep. Each family member should not afford to gripe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The simplest explanation is usually the correct one. Avoid serious and complex misunderstandings. Polish your public image during the next few days.

Giving the gift of optimism this season

For Susan's 40th birthday, we've scheduled a surprise massage therapist and a surprise fortuneteller. Both will magically materialize in Janice's basement. I'll give Susan her present—a spa robe and slippers, which we'll insist she put on, and then we'll whisk her downstairs and, voilà! Candles, soothing music, heated massage table, a woman with strong, ready hands, an on-duty psychic and all the French marmite a birthday girl can drink. "Now that," I'm saying to Janice, Amy and Karen. "Is a good birthday!" We're all nodding, feeling proud of our party planning, or maybe just reassuring ourselves. We hope this is a good idea. Friend-wise, we're a really healthy new batch, a group of kids who met through our moms and whose points of intersection are almost all kid-related. Moving out of kid-themed activities is a journey into the unknown.

"OK, I told the massage therapist that we'd all get some thing done," Janice says, "so she'll make enough money to take the trip with her while we're standing here in Janice's driveway, watching Susan pull up."

"I told the fortuneteller the same thing," Amy says,

explaining that a five-card reading takes an hour, and a three-card reading is usually a lot shorter. "It depends on the cards," she says.

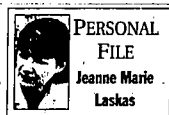
It occurs to me that we're going to do this all night, at this rate. It's a school night. We have lunchboxes to pack. This, anyway, is a very good excuse. "I'll do massage but skip the fortune," I say.

"Oh, you have to get your fortune told!" Amy says.

No, I really don't. I've already expressed my cynicism on this matter.

"I'm sensing a lot of negative energy from you," Janice says with a distinct tone of irony. She doesn't want her fortune told, either. I already know that. She thinks I might be getting a new religion.

"This, anyway, is how we break down. The cranky cynic. The slightly spooked one. And Amy, the believer; she wants this psychic to tell her whether she's pregnant." Yo there are medical tests for that, "I told her, to which she replied, "Duh," and then we had nowhere to go with that conversation." Karen doesn't care whether there's any truth to any of this; she just wants to laugh as though she's B. And Susan, the one who got to us this psychic kick to begin with,



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

is looking for hope. She has told us numerous times that she wants to discover if she'll ever get married.

This is how we break down. We share so little history, our styles run the gamut, and in age range we span more than a decade. And here we are, women united in the effort to usher one of our own over the big brink.

We lead Susan into the house. I give her the robe and slippers, wrapped inside a colorful bag with tissue paper popping out. "Oh, I love them!" she says, still unaware of the surprise downstairs.

Karen has the French marmite bar all up, and Amy has delivered a chocolate extravaganza. We head down, and there is Martha, the masseuse, standing with a towel draped over her arm. In the corner, behind a candle sits Gigi with her tarot cards.

"Oh, my God! Oh, my God! Oh, my God!" Susan is saying, dutifully surprised. "I'm telling

This, anyway, is how we break down. The cranky cynic. The slightly spooked one. And Amy, the believer; she wants the psychic to tell her whether she's pregnant.

"Um, yeah, but not so much reptiles," Janice replies, trying to make a pun, and when Gigi tells her she, too, might one day hand-feed a deer, Karen looks downright robed.

I tell Gigi I'm going to pass on my reading. She demands to know why it's getting late. I tell her. She says, "No, that's not it." I think harder. I tell her, frankly, that I'm having enough anxiety dealing with the present; I don't know if I can handle the pressures of tomorrow.

"Correct," she says.

I toss back a martini.

The good news is that Susan is scheduled to meet her soulmate in approximately 16 months, somewhere where it's cold, bright, windy and within sniffling distance of a hemlock tree.

We tell Susan, yes, this is her destiny. This is it! (And good for you, Gigi.)

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

The Evening Star returns after year-long hiatus

This year has been a lean one for evening star Venus, which, back in January, Venus slipped between the Earth and sun, and then spent the next nine months west of the sun as the Morning Star. Finally, in October, Venus returned to the point on its orbit farthest from Earth (on the far side of the sun) in preparation for its emergence as a well-placed "Evening Star" for 2007.

Not every evening apparition of Venus is as favorable as another. If Venus achieves its largest apparent separation from the setting sun (called greatest eastern elongation) near the time of the March equinox, when its orbital plane is tilted at its highest angle from the horizon, then Venus will appear high in the sky at sunset and set hours later.

If, on the other hand, Venus reaches greatest eastern elongation near the September equinox, then its orbit will be tilted toward the horizon and Venus will set shortly after sunset.

This year will resemble the former case more than the latter, offering months of great Venus watching. And if you own a telescope or find one under the tree next Sunday, it gets even better.

For the next few weeks, a telescope will show Venus as a small white disk. By early June, it will have grown over twice as large, transforming into a half-lit "quarter Venus." A little more than a month later, Venus will reach its greatest brilliancy, outshining everything in the sky except the sun and moon.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Mars: SE, extremely low
Jupiter: SE, very low
Saturn: WSW, high
Moon after sunset:
None visible
• Moon: New moon 7:01 a.m. Wednesday.
• Other data: Winter solstice 5:22 p.m. Thursday.

After that, it will continue to approach while shrinking to a thin, dim crescent, finally diving back into the sun's glare by mid-August.

For now, it will take a bit of vigilance to see Venus gleaming in twilight. Look very low in the southwest between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. If you don't see it this week, it will get easier until well after Memorial Day, appearing higher and setting later each night.

Next week: What was the Star of Bethlehem?
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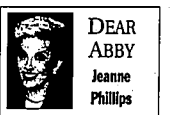
Husband has gone ape over new household pet

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Suzy's" husband recently got a pet monkey named "Jocko." He and the monkey play games together. The problem is Suzy has now begun ignoring Suzy in favor of the monkey.

When Suzy wants to have sex and asks him to come to bed, her husband refuses and tells her, "I'd rather spend time with Jocko." That's only the beginning. She told me she and her husband no longer share the same bed.

He says, "Jocko needs company," and he sleeps with it on the couch. He also has a special chair for Jocko at the table, etc.

I'm very bad for Suzy, but she doesn't want to break up with him. She thinks it's a passing fad. What should I do?



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

—BILLIN BRONK, N.Y.

DEAR BILL: This couple has deeper problems than a simian in the household. I speak from personal experience when I say that monkeys do not make good husbands. (My mother had two cinnamon ringtail monkeys for about six months when I was a child. Among other things, they cannot be housebroken.)

ward, but before you do, recommend to Suzy that she discuss the situation with a marriage counselor. She and her husband need more help than I can offer in a letter.

DEAR ABBY: I am very worried about a 13-year-old boy I know. I'll call him Jimmy. Although we are not blood-related, I have been friends with his mother, "Monica," since before he was born.

There is no male parent in the picture, and there isn't going to be.

Monica is chronically depressed, possibly bipolar, and not entirely capable of taking care of her son, Jimmy, who was never a slim child, has gained about 100 pounds over the past year. His weight is nearly 300. Monica and Jimmy eat almost every meal at fast-food restaurants, despite her chronic unemployment and a debt load that recently forced them out of their house.

Jimmy isn't sedentary—he is virtually immobile. Healthful snacks are rare in their apartment, and he drinks soda almost to the exclusion of water.

When Jimmy stays with me, we drink water, eat fruits and vegetables, and go outside every day and walk. These activities are nonexistent at Monica's house. I help this family get healthy before Jimmy's health is further compromised!

—FEARFUL FRIEND
IN IDAHO

DEAR FEARFUL: You are right-to-be concerned about that child's welfare. Jimmy needs to be seen and evaluated by a health-care professional because 100 pounds is an enormous amount of weight for anyone — child or adult — to put on in one year, and the problem could stem from something other than excess calories.

Your friend Monica could be battling chronic depression, or she could — like many other parents in the United States today — be ignorant about what healthful meals consist of and how to prepare them. Please, encourage her to check into adult education courses in nutrition through her local high school, community college or hospital. As it stands, Jimmy's lifestyle could put him at risk for serious illness, including heart disease and diabetes.

If she is unwilling or unable to help her son, then please contact Child Protective Services and let them know the boy needs help in the form of an intervention.

Tips for keeping your family safe from fire

Here are some tips to protect your family from fire:

Install smoke detectors in your house or apartment. It can save your life. Install at least one on each level of your home, on the ceiling or high on the wall and outside each sleeping area.

Test smoke detectors at least once a month and dust the grill work on the device. Replace the batteries twice a year. A good way to remember is to change them when you change your clocks in the spring and fall. Replace any alarm that is more than 10 years old.

Familiarize children with the sound of the alarm. Discuss what to do if the alarm goes off. Each family member should be able to hear it from his or her bedroom. Test the fire alarm at

night to ensure everyone wakes up.

Families who sleep with their bedroom doors closed should have a qualified electrician install interconnecting alarms, so that if one sounds, they all sound.

Carbon monoxide is a deadly odorless, colorless gas. Install at least two carbon monoxide detectors and place them in hallways near bedrooms and in the basement.

Create a fire escape plan. Draw a diagram of your house or apartment, marking all windows and doors. Plot two routes out of each room. Designate a meeting place outside where everyone will gather, such as a spot on the front lawn, near the mailbox or at the end of the driveway.

Practice your escape so that every family member will know what to do. Some

experts suggest practicing at least twice a year.

Always assume that the sound of a smoke alarm indicates a real fire; be prepared to follow your escape plan. Leave your home immediately and join family members in the designated meeting place. Leave belongings behind and call the fire department from a mobile phone or a building.

If a fire breaks out while you're in bed, don't sit up. Instead, roll out of bed and crawl on the floor, staying below the heat and smoke.

Feel the door with the back of your hand. If the door or knob is hot, don't open it. If you can't leave the room,

stay low. Teach children to call out, so firefighters will know where they are.

Put matches, lighters and candles in a fire locked cabinet so they are out of sight and reach of children.

If you smoke, use deep ashtrays and drown cigarettes with water before throwing them away.

Unplug small appliances, such as coffee pots and toasters, when not in use.

Keep things that can burn, such as dish towels, curtains and paper, at least three feet away from the stove.

Use a working fire extinguisher handy, and learn how to use it. Have it inspected and recharged once a year. Even if you have a fire extinguisher, fill and label an empty fire extinguisher with soda and keep it near the stove.

Don't overload the electrical

system in the house. Read an owner's manual for your electrical devices and use them the way they were meant to be used. Don't plug two power strips into a single wall socket.

Have a professional inspect your water heater, and home heating system to ensure that they're working properly. Install a smoke detector in your basement. Hide detector 10 feet from boiler or hot water heater.

Have your chimney cleaned and oil burner serviced at least once a year. In your backyard, shed properly store chemicals, gas cans, oils, pesticides and fertilizers.

Make sure they're properly labeled and sealed. Ensure that your doctor has proper ventilation to permit fumes from gas or combustible materials to escape.

ENGAGEMENTS

BARKER-LEE

MALTA — Lewis and Gay Belle Barker of Brigham City, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Terra Lee Barker, to Scott Jonathan Lee, son of Dennis and Helen Lee of Malta.

Barker is a 2005 graduate of Box Elder High School and attends Idaho State University, majoring in family and consumer sciences education. She is employed by Aggie Ice Cream.

Lee is a 2000 graduate of Baft River High School. He graduated magna cum laude from Utah State University in 2005, majoring in technical writing. He served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Louisville, Ky. He is employed as an estimator at Gem Steel in



Scott Lee and Terra Barker

Brigham City. The wedding is planned for Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at 650 N. Anderson Drive in Brigham City.

The couple will reside in Logan, Utah, while finishing their education.

JOHANSEN-COATS

RUPERT — Bernadette and Ronnie Johansen of Highland, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Elsa Johansen, to Luke W. Coats, son of David andileen Coats of Rupert.

Johansen is a graduate of Lone Peak High School in Highland and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho in the nursing program.

Coats is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School and a 2005 graduate of BYU-Idaho. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New York. He is a sales manager at Triple C Concrete in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for



Luke Coats and Lindsey Johansen

Wednesday, Dec. 27, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception and dancing will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at the Acaquia Ward cultural hall.

RIGBY-ANDERSON

SUBLETT — Steven and Ann Higby of Sublett announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Ann Rigby, to Brock Justin Anderson, son of Jay and Lauren Anderson of Bountiful, Utah.

Higby served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Jacksonville, Fla. She attends Weber State University, working toward a bachelor's degree in nursing, and plans to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner. She is employed at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Anderson served an LDS mission in Seoul, South Korea. He is a graduate of Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

The wedding is planned for



Kathryn Rigby and Brock Anderson

Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 21 at the Eldredge Manor in Bountiful, Utah. A second reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the LDS Church in Malta.

STRICKLAND-HARPER

DECLO — Jim and Elaine Strickland of Mesa, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Talene Strickland, to Derek D. Harper, son of Neil and Laura Harper of Declo.

Strickland graduated from Timpanogos High School in Utah and attended Utah State University. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Baltic States Mission, assigned to Estonia. She is employed at the University of Utah Orthopedic Hospital.

Harper graduated from Declo High School and served an LDS mission in the Ukraine during his freshman year.

He will graduate from Brigham Young University in April with a double major in neuroscience and Russian.

The wedding is planned for



Derek Harper and Talene Strickland

with plans to go on to dental school.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 22, in the Mesa LDS Temple in Mesa, Ariz. An open house will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at the Harper residence, 115 S. 950 E., Declo.

WEDDINGS

BYINGTON-LUNGRN

BURLEY — Dennis and Ursula Byington of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Janelle Byington, to Thomas Glenn Lungren, son of Bruce and Patti Lungren of Boise.

Byington is a 2001 graduate of Burley High School and received a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Poland-Warsaw Mission. She is a 2006 graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho and received a bachelor's degree in music.

Lungren is a 2003 graduate of Boise High School and served an LDS mission in Durban, South Africa. He is employed at Fictura Galleries Inc. and as the night resident manager at the Ronald McDonald House at St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical



Janelle Byington and Thomas Lungren

Center. He plans to attend Boise State University.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 22, in the Boise LDS Temple. Receptions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 22 at the Hill Road LDS Chapel in Boise and from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.

The couple will reside in Boise.

CRITCHFIELD-HALL

TWIN FALLS — Kim and Marla Critchfield of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lin Critchfield, to Jacob Jay Hall, son of Scott and Nyla Jensen of Twin Falls and the late Kim Hall.

Critchfield is a graduate of Filer High School and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho majoring in interior design.

Hall is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Maracaibo, Venezuela. He attends BYU-Idaho majoring in hospital administration and is employed by T-Mobile in Idaho Falls.

The wedding is planned for



Robin Critchfield and Jacob Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 27, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will follow Thursday, Dec. 28, at The White House in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Rexburg while continuing their education.

GROSSMAN-VISSER

WENDELL — Brian and Caryn Grossman of Wendell and Jerrold and Carol Visser of Buhl announce the engagement of their children, Sadiann Grossman and Russell John Visser.

Grossman is a graduate of Wendell High School and the College of Southern Idaho with an associate's degree in accounting. She is employed at Blue Lakes Country Club in Jerome. Visser is a graduate of Magic Valley Christian High School and attended Northwestern College in Iowa on a soccer scholarship. He is employed at the family business, Eagle View Farms in Buhl.

The wedding is planned for 4



Sadiann Grossman and Russell Visser

p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007, at the Twin Falls Reform Church. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. June 30 at Bardo Rondovoo in Twin Falls.

WELLS-COOK

KIMBERLY — Laura Kathleen Wells and Adam Carl Cook were married Oct. 21 at the Copperrsmith Inn in Galveston, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Robin and Vivian Wells of Kimberly.

The groom is the son of Carl and Jane Cook of Mound, Minn. Officiating was the Rev. F. David Wells, uncle of the bride. The bride's attendants were her friend Gail Taylor and her sister, Linda Wells. The groom's attendants were his brother, Jacob Cook, and Lucas Wells, brother of the bride. Linda Wells played the saxophone.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Idaho. She is employed by Kiss of the Wolf, a clothing design company in Norman, Okla.

MCBRIDE-WHITE

FILER — Tami Lyn McBride and Aaron David Richard White were married Nov. 10 in Las Vegas.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Lyn Orsland of Filer. The groom is the son of Rick and Melodie White of Brigham City, Utah, and Deb Rick of Moe, Colo.

The bride will reside in Filer while waiting for the groom to return from the Marines. A reception will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec.



Adam and Laura Cook

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Mound West Tonka High School. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is an Air Force staff sergeant stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

The couple will reside in Norman, Okla. A reception will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls.



Aaron and Tami White

30, at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom, 523 Main St., Filer.

Smoking and pregnancy do not mix, study finds

By Christopher Lee
The Washington Post

For pregnant women and their children, smoking is a real drag.

Not only are the children of pregnant women who smoke more likely to develop a host of health and behavioral problems — including asthma, attention deficit disorder and difficulty with reading and math—they are also more likely to take up smoking and to do so at an early age, a new study finds.

The study, published in the Australian journal *Tobacco Control*, examined the smoking patterns of children of 3,058 mothers who took part in a long-term study of pregnancy by the University of Queensland and Mater Women's Hospital in Australia. The mothers received prenatal care at the Brisbane hospital between 1981 and 1984.

Of the mothers, 53.1 percent said they never smoked, 35.6 percent smoked at some stage of pregnancy, and 11.4 percent said they smoked before or after

but not during pregnancy.

Researchers followed up with the children at age 21. Children whose mothers smoked while pregnant were nearly three times as likely to have started smoking before age 14 and to have become regular smokers than children whose mothers never smoked. The children were twice as likely to have started smoking after age 14 and to have become regular smokers, compared with children of women who never smoked.

Even women who gave up smoking while pregnant and later took it up again did their kids a favor. Their children exhibited smoking patterns similar to those of children whose mothers never smoked.

Researchers said there is evidence that nicotine passes through the placenta and alters brain development in a way that changes how the body responds to nicotine later in life. "Our findings ... provide yet another incentive to persuade pregnant women not to smoke and to discourage young women from ever taking it up," said the study's authors concluded.

WEDDINGS

HINE-MATSON

TWIN FALLS — Karamie Hine and Chris Matson were married Aug. 12 at the home of the groom's grandmother near Bear Lake in Garden City, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Gregory "Pete" and Melanie Hine of Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Travis and Melony Maughn of Montpelier and Michael and Joy Matson of Garden City.

Officiating was Phillip Bolyard, uncle of the bride.

Steve Hine, brother of the bride, was the soloist and guitarist.

Bridesmaids were Tausha Maughn, sister of the groom; Amanda Bolyard, cousin of the bride; and Jamie Kern and Danielle Tiffany, friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alyssa Bolyard, cousins of the bride, were flower girls.

Groomsmen were Travis Maughn, father of the groom; Steve Hine, brother of the bride; and Nick Matson and Brian Matson, cousins of the groom. Tristan Maughn, brother of the groom, was ring bearer.

Special guests were grand-



Karamie and Chris Matson

mother of the bride, Georgene Mason, and grandparents of the groom. Sue Matson, John and Reva Maughn and Sue Anderson.

A reception followed. Serving were Debbie Line and Vickie Bolyard, aunts of the bride, and Jelen Brookshire, cousin of the bride. Brienne Hine, cousin of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is employed at Zions Bank in Twin Falls.

The groom is a graduate of Montpelier High School and is employed at Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Twin Falls.

The couple resides in Twin Falls.

WHITEHEAD-PETERSON

TWIN FALLS — Michelle Whitehead and Brad Peterson were married Nov. 27 at the home of the bride's parents in Sandy, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Clark and LaWanna Whitehead, formerly of Twin Falls.

The groom is the son of Gary and Jean Peterson of Twin Falls.

Officiating was Bishop Brad Larson. Special guests were parents of the bride and groom, the bride's children and grandchildren.

The bride graduated from Madison High School in Rexburg and attended Ricks College and Brigham Young University.

The groom graduated from Filer High School and attended Ricks College, the College of Southern Idaho and BYU. He is employed at Southern Idaho Transport in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in



Michelle and Brad Peterson

Riverton, Utah. An open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the home of the groom's parents at 414 Gulch Lane in Twin Falls.

HANSEN-HAFER

TWIN FALLS — William and Kasl Hansen of Arlington, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Madison Hansen, to Drew Hafer, son of Chad and Marcene Hafer of Twin Falls.

Hansen is a 2004 graduate of McLean High School in McLean, Va. She attended Brigham Young University-Idaho and will study vocal performance at BYU in Utah in January.

Hafer is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2006 graduate of BYU-Idaho with a degree in communication advertising. He served in the Argentine Buenos Aires West Mission from 2000 to



Drew Hafer and Madison Hansen

2001 for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 29, in the LDS Temple in Washington, D.C.

ment also can be sent by e-mail to ransom@postjournal.com. If emailed, the photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an

attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday.

To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 422 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announce-

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Merry Christmas on the road

Have yourself a Christmas in your bathing suit

Ready for Festivus?

By Sue Kovach Skaman
The Washington Post

Have your Festivus pole ready?
On Dec. 18, 1997, the mistle-toe-less alternative to the holidays was unleashed upon an unsuspecting public in a "Seinfeld" episode titled "The Strike." Somehow, it stuck. Today many celebrate Festivus, basically whenever they want. The recent racist outburst by Michael Richards (Kramer) and its attendant uproar apparently haven't affected the faux fete.

It's a Festivus miracle! During the episode, Frank Costanza (Jerry Seinfeld) relates that the holiday — replete with "feats of strength" and the "airing of grievances" — was born after his Christmas Eve tug of war with another man over the last doll in a department store. "As I rained blows upon him, I realized there had to be another way," he says. The doll? "It was destroyed. But out of that, a new holiday was born."

Reached by phone a few weeks ago, Seinfeld — Father Festivus to the faithful — said a stranger stopped him recently to ask if he's getting ready for Festivus. "I'd like to put a clamp on all this stuff," he said, "the commercialization that takes over our lives and makes us feel guilty." Sounds just like his fictional character, though he has no party-planning cred. Does one a six-inch Festivus pole, however).

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Do-it-yourself Festivus

Those who follow Seinfeld's orthodoxy say your things are mandatory for Festivus. **1** A pole. Be sure it's tall, narrow and unadorned. "I find linens distracting," The Weigler Co. in Milwaukee (888-243-4914, www.theweigler.com) makes a six-foot, floor model (\$38) and a table-top one (\$30), with collapsible bases. Spokesman Tony Leto, who went to Queens College with Jerry Seinfeld, says last year 500 were sold. "We did this very much on a lark," he says. "We have a lot of fun with it."

2 Dinner (and comfort food at that). Load up on frozen meatballs, spaghetti and no-brand lasagna. One customer had let suggested by a [Festivusbook.com](http://www.festivusbook.com) (www.festivusbook.com) blogger included stuffing, beefed macaroni and cheese, instant mashed potatoes with canned gravy and white bread with margarine.

3 The airing of grievances. During dinner, get what's bugging you off your chest. On "Seinfeld," Frank laid the wags he'd been slapped pointed by family and friends. Each participant takes a turn. Krista Soroka of Tampa, Fla., who hosts an annual Festivus party, says her guests have included the New York Yankees' best customer service clerk on ESPN's yada yada yada. You get the idea.

4 Feats of strength. The head of the household (or host) tests his or her strength against another friend or family member's. Think Hulk-Hoop contests and wrestling matches (kayak wrestling for the less physically inclined). Forget bodybuilding. Festivus isn't over until the honcho goes down or gets pinned.



ABOVE: Santa Claus makes his way down the Master Blaster, a waterpark slide at the Kalahari, in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., in this Dec. 20, 2002, file photo. BELOW: This undated photo provided by Cedar Point Amusement Park shows Castaway Bay's Lookout Lagoon Family Funhouse, which includes a 1,000-gallon bucket that drenches guests with water every two minutes.

Enjoy the holiday season at an indoor water park

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

SCOTRUN, Pa. — Christmas Day, Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains. Outside it was 33 degrees, snow on the ground, cold wind blowing.

But never mind that. I was at an indoor water park, in my bathing suit, lying on a lounge chair, sipping a strawberry daiquiri. Nearby, my children splashed around, zooming down water slides and hollering with joy. The place looked like a winter wonderland, complete with twinkling lights and decorated trees, but it was so warm inside that it felt like summer.

That was how my family and I spent last Dec. 25, at Great Wolf Lodge in Scotrun, about 100 miles from New York City. Like a lot of indoor water parks, Great Wolf went all out for the holidays, offering everything from Christmas craft workshops to Hanukkah celebrations with candle-lightings

and songs. At Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Lodge in Utica, Ill., you can have breakfast with Santa every Saturday through Christmas. At Kalahari indoor water parks in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., and Sandusky, Ohio, there are tree-lightings, appearances by Santa and his elves, and holiday movies shown at night. Santa hands out candy canes at the Wilderness Hotel & Golf Resort in Wisconsin Dells, where you can also make mini-gingerbread houses and get an elf to deliver a gift to your child.

Romy Snyder, executive director of Wisconsin Dells Visitor and Convention Bureau, says water parks are catering to the growing trend for families to vacation over Christmas instead of staying home.

"It's a time for people to get together and really enjoy each other as a family," she said. "You hear and read so much about the holidays, how stressful they can be, how much

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Minneapolis Christmas: Winter Wonderland

By Giovanna Dell'Orto
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Heading home for the holidays, I'm already smiling as the plane approaches the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The surrounding farm country is blinding in its unbroken whiteness through the flat horizon.

In its final approach over downtown Minneapolis, the plane swoops over the Mississippi River, sugar-white patches of snow floating on its lapis lazuli surface. One of 'A Christmas Carol,' by Charles Dickens at the Gothic Theater in Minneapolis.

Any visitor who joins them on lakes and trails gets the hearty welcome of the initiated — one who has seen through the exaggeratedly scary reputation of bone-freezing cold and realized that this is the season the Twin Cities really shine.

Such are the memories of Christmases past for those of us who call the area home.



This recent photo provided by Meet Minneapolis, shows Charity Jones (Ghost of Christmas Past), left, Karen Bush (Belle), Jonas Goslow (Young Scrooge) and Rylee Bark (Ebenezer Scrooge) in the Gothic Theater production of 'A Christmas Carol,' by Charles Dickens at the Gothic Theater in Minneapolis.

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Hanukkah in Honduras: A menorah flickers in Roatan

By Rob Gloster
Associated Press writer

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras — Dawn on our last match, we lit nine candles and unveiled the final batch of gifts and chocolate coins. The alarm already set for 5:30 a.m., we planned to watch the flickering menorah for a few moments before tucking in the Kiddies.

Then the smoke alarm went off. Hanukkah in Honduras. In a series of hotels, in a restaurant on the beach. Next to a pool festooned with Christmas lights. Sometimes a challenge, always a nice way to end a day of vacation.

The eight days of Hanukkah conveniently coincided with Christmas vacation last year, so we were able to spend the entire holiday in Honduras. In addition to swimsuits and bug repellent, we loaded our bags with presents and a box of candles.

Luckily, our daughters are young. Talia had just turned 6 at the time, and Daniela was 3. So they were happy with hair clips and crayons as presents. The iPods and cell phone accessories can wait for later.

We usually search for holiday spots off the beaten path. Vacation packages are not our style — and neither are fancy hotels.

We fell in love with the Honduran island of Roatan on the Internet, and built the vacation around that.



A sunset with Luna Beach Resorts deck in the foreground, on the Honduran island of Roatan, February 2006.

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TRAVEL

'Hillbilly Gardens' arise in Kentucky

By Brett Baroque
Associated Press writer

SHARPE, Ky. — Keith Holt spent vacations during his childhood looking at roadside attractions around the country. Now, he's turning his home into one.

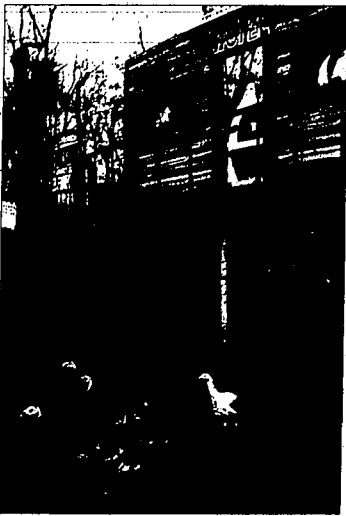
Holt and his wife, Diane Karnes, are converting old family property on U.S. 68 West, just south of Paducah in far western Kentucky, into a tourist spot — the Historic Apple Valley Roadside Attraction.

The property features, in various stages of completion, an Old West-style storefront complete with live chickens, potholey pigs, geese and turkeys. There's also an old country store, a toy museum and a fake roadside zoo.

Between the store and the zoo lies the "Hillbilly Gardens," a collection of flowers and plastic pink flamingos, a "lawnmower ranch" that consists of four push mowers sticking out of the ground in an homage to the famous Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, Texas, a broken-down minivan with rocking chairs resting on its roof, toilets decorated as townstones and other bathroom supplies serving as a fountain.

"You need attention to get people to stop," said Holt, 45. "As I think of things, I just put them up."

The idea grew out of the family's attempt to restore the



Turkeys walk in front of western storefront at the Historic Apple Valley Roadside Attraction on U.S. 68 West outside of Sharpe, Ky., on Nov. 15.

Original Apple Valley store, which has been on the property for nearly 80 years. The store belonged to Holt's late grandparents, Oral and Myrtle Wallace, who opened a Gulf

gas station and roadside stand on the property around the time of the Great Depression. The store remained open through the 1960s.

Holt and Karnes want to make the store a gift shop and museum, selling souvenirs while displaying vintage items from the original store, including old newspapers, signs, gas rationing cards from World War II, bottles and cans. The only item missing from the original look of the store is the gas pump that was once near the road. Myrtle Wallace disposed of it years ago.

"We wish she had left the pump," said the couple's son, 14-year-old Ian Holt. "She just wanted it gone."

Various roadside attractions decorate the property around the store. Signs around an old chicken coop say "Buttshakes" and "See the Tigers," but the fake roadside zoo has only one exhibit so far: a giant fake snake.

Nearby is the "Hillbilly Riding Mower," which is an old, rusted bicycle screwed on to a push lawnmower and dozens of pink flamingos scattered about.

It's nearly anything and everything Holt imagined or can visualize once he finds material to work with.

Well, almost everything.

"He wanted to have a shoe tree, but I put my foot down," said Karnes. "I didn't want a tree full of shoes out there."

Other than that one setback,

If you go...

HILLBILLY GARDENS: 9351 U.S. 68 West, Sharpe, Ky. Located along U.S. 68 West, just south of Paducah in far western Kentucky. The Historic Apple Valley Roadside Attraction is open during daylight hours. Visitors can park out front and knock on the door to the house for a tour. No admission, although donations are accepted. It is about 23 miles west of the Land Between the Lakes National National Recreation Area in Golden Pond, Ky.

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FEARLESS TRAVELER

Mixing it up with marsupials down under

By Andrea Sachs
The Washington Post

Q: We plan to be in the Australian Outback in March. Can you drive from Adelaide to Coober Pedy, then on to Ayers Rock? Are there fueling/eating places on the way?

A: To explore all of Australia's Outback, you'll need months, but even those with limited vacation time can still see a sizable chunk of Oz's frontier. "The Outback is such a vast term," says Kristen Malaby, a Tourism Australia spokeswoman. "It's almost like Australia's back yard." Most of Australia's states have an outback region — non-urban swaths covered with desert, cattle and kangaroos — but the largest and best-known area is in the center of the country, from South Australia to the Northern Territory.

Various driving routes, from easy to adventurous, connect Adelaide to Ayers Rock. The 800-mile paved, or "sealed," route is a long, straight shot with occasional stretches of nothingness. For instance, the

drive from Coober Pedy to Ayers Rock takes seven hours and is punctuated with marsupial sightings and silly road signs. (Malaby says to fuel up when the signs tell you to.) Conversely, the off-road "tracks" are dusty, rambling and mucky during their winter rains in June and July.

A third way is to mix up your route with paved and dirt roads, such as following Stuart Highway from Adelaide to Port Augusta, then onto Flinders Ranges, where you can pick up the Oodnadatta Track to Coober Pedy. Whichever route you take, drive by day to avoid collisions with nocturnal animals.

To break up the multi-day ride, Malaby suggests touring the Barossa or Clare Valley wine countries and Wilpena Pound in Flinders Ranges National Park, known for Aboriginal sites and geological wonders. Overnight at a station, or working ranch, such as the famous Pedy Park Station, a sheep farm that overlooks Flinders. She also suggests stopping into such "small quirky towns in the heart

of the Outback" as Parnchilna, where the Prairie Hotel serves "feral food," including kangaroo and camel.

Info: Tourism Australia, 800-333-0222; www.australia.com.

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A: The Upper East Side contains some of Manhattan's top attractions: "Museum" Mile, Madison Avenue shops and Central Park. Here are three hotels that may fit your needs:

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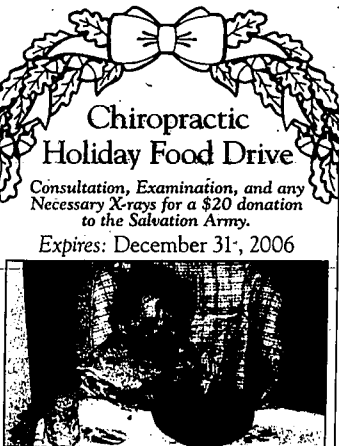
perseasidde.com), near the East River. Winter rates from \$199 per night, but look online for lower prices.

• Marmara Manhattan (301 E. 94th St., 212-427-3100; www.warmarmarmanhattan.com), with sleek studios and suites. Rates from \$269.

• Gracie Inn (502 E. 91st St., 212-628-1700; www.thegracieinn.com), with studios with kitchenettes, private bath and free breakfast delivered to your room. Rates from \$179.

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Honduras

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Getting to Roatan took some work. There is nonstop service on certain days from Miami, Atlanta, Houston and Newark, N.J.; but the best deal we found last year was taking TACA airlines to San Pedro Sula with a long stopover in San Salvador. We left for San Salvador on the morning after Christmas, spending our eight-hour layover at the sparkling Atlantis water park just outside El Salvador's capital. We arrived in San Pedro Sula at night.

Early the next morning, we took a pair of puddle jumpers (the on-board safety cards were in Russian) to La Ceiba and then Roatan. A taxi took us to the western tip of the island, to the Luna Beach Resort. The last part of the drive was on a potholed dirt road through town, then onto the beach. The cab had to stop short of the hotel because high tide had swallowed up the beach path.

After an afternoon on the beach and in the shallow Caribbean water, we strolled about a half-mile into West End town for groceries and had a picnic dinner on the deck at our hotel. Then we went to our bungalow and lit the Hanukkah candles next to the bathroom sink. We sang a few songs, played with a dreidel and ate some cookies.

The next day we braved an onslaught of cruise ship day-trippers and took a tour in a glass-bottom boat. We bought groceries and bargained with a street vendor for some ripe melons, then torched the mangos and other caged birds at the Luna Beach Resort by having a picnic of fresh tortillas, cheese, avocado and melon right under their benches.

For dinner, we walked about 100 yards up the beach to The Lobster Pot, which consists of plastic tables and chairs sitting in the sandy backyard of Maud and Lorna Waller. Maud does the cooking and her daughter is the waitress. The food is great—we had chicken, kingfish, conch fritters and coconut shrimp. We ignored the crab crawling past our table.

Our third day on Roatan was

spent mostly at the just-opened Gumbahma state park, where monkeys and macaws sit on your shoulder. There's also a pirate cave that featured double-blooms. In keeping with the holiday spirit, Daniela asked innocent if the gold foot was Hanukkah gelt.

Breakfast the following day included excellent banana pancakes and a mocha smoothie at Rudy's, which would fit well in Key West, Fla. Most people in Roatan speak English, so it's not quite as exotic as you'd expect from a sliver of land off the Honduran coast. The day was spent on the beach and we returned to The Lobster Pot at night.

On Dec. 31, we flew back to San Pedro Sula and hung out at a street market watching row after row of vendors make tortillas. We ate meat pies and began a long van ride to Copan, where we got a guided tour of the fascinating Mayan ruins. After dinner, we walked through crowds of firecracker-laden New Year's Eve revelers.

We lit the menorah in our comfy room at the Marina Hotel and put the kiddies to sleep. My wife and I shared a wine spritzer and danced in the hallway while a band played poolside. Those wild and crazy American tourists!

The new year began with a visit to Macaw Mountain and its dazzling array of tropical birds and butterflies. Then we hung out in the Copan town square, cooling off with homemade ice cream from a street vendor, before being taken by van back to San Pedro Sula.

Minneapolis

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One of my favorite winter-time moments was when two ice-fishers gave me barely liquid beer as the reward for having drilled my first hole through at least a foot of ice into black lake water. I drank the beer standing on Lake Harriet 50 yards from a popular beach, the downtown skyline reflecting the setting sun a few miles to the north.

Hot chocolate is a preferred drink at the Holidazzle, an evening, 30-minute parade with a dozen floats and hundreds of characters all decked in glittering lights on downtown Minneapolis' main shopping street, Nicollet Mall.

Think Minnesotans exaggerate their Nordic prowess! The parade, in its 15th season, is only canceled for blizzards or at least minus 20 wind chill. Admittedly, there's a way to cheat. You can watch the parade from the glass-enclosed skyways that crisscross the Twin Cities' downtowns at second-floor level. It's so warm inside that you can walk sleeveless to restaurants and shops, none of which is more crowded than the

Minneapolis Macy's on Nicollet Mall.

Thousands of children stand in line for hours every holiday season to watch the animated holiday display at the downtown Macy's, which this year tells Mary Poppins' story.

Even the 14-story building that houses the 3M Co.'s world headquarters takes part in the holiday. Rows of rooms are left with lights on every night so that a Christmas tree takes shape over the facade of the glass tower on I-94, the main east-west interstate rolling into the Twin Cities.

The same spirit — down to straw animals hanging from the Christmas trees — pervades "Nordic Christmas" at Minneapolis' Swedish Institute, the mansion built by Swedish immigrants at the turn of the century. Their heads crowned by candles, girls in white carry cookies during the festivities to recall the feasts of St. Lucia, the fourth-century martyr who, legend has it, carried food to starving Swedes across a lake. And no old-fashioned holiday would be complete without

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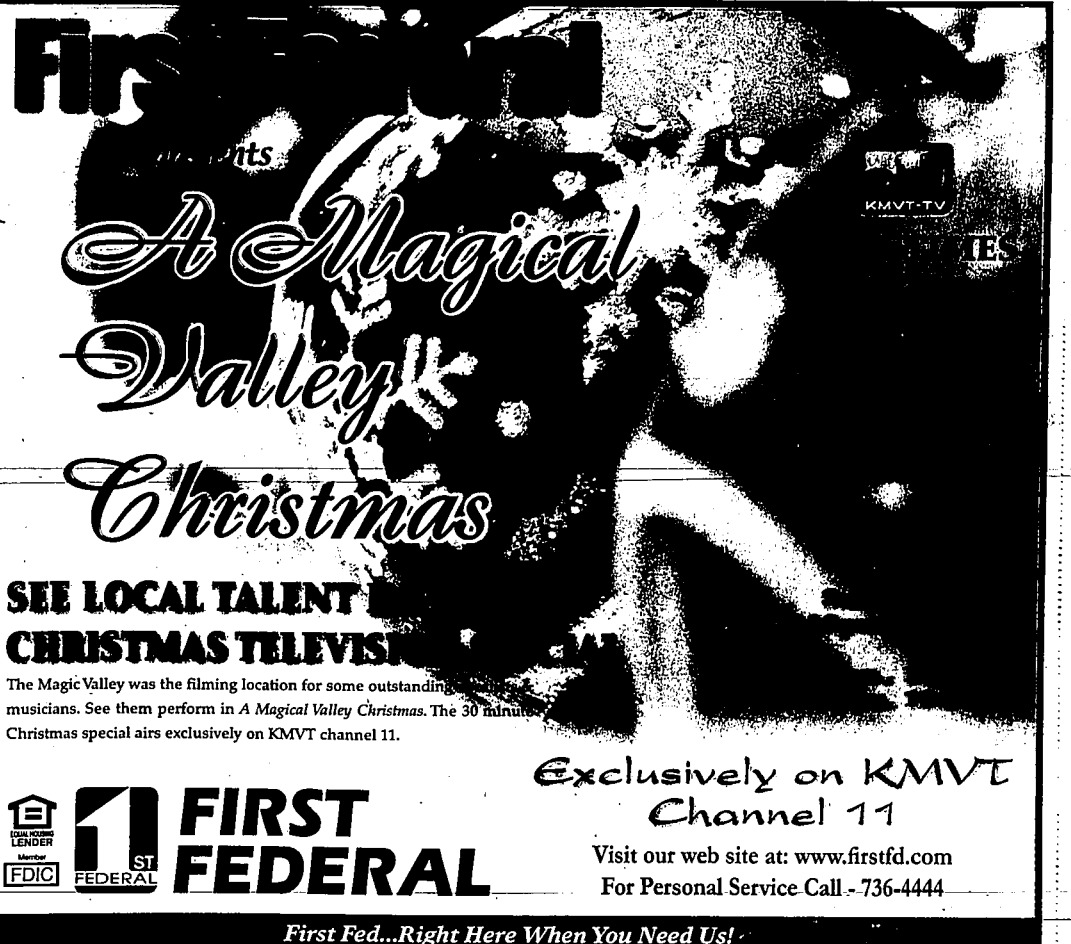
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By BRANON DALY
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And here's how everybody wins. At precisely 9:31 a.m. today, the National Hotline opens. Those whose last name begins with A-N have a special number to call and those with last names beginning with O-Z have their own number to call.

"The phone lines are jammed with everyone trying to order the Bank Books full of these precious \$2 bills so they can have their Christmas shopping done. And those who get through before the deadline are in for a big surprise. The World Reserve has just announced that everyone who beats the order deadline and gets the Official Bank Book will actually receive a full four-up uncut dollar sheet for free. Please tell everyone to just keep trying until they get through if the lines are busy. We promise to do our best to get to everyone," says Stephen Speakman, National Director of Hotline Operations at the World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"All this money is being offered up on a first come first served basis," Speakman said. After the deadline, callers will be turned away. That's because the National hotlines will only stay open for readers of today's newspaper until midnight tomorrow to take their calls for the valuable sheets of real money.

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"Money is the best gift because it always has value. If times get tough you could actually cut the full sheets apart and spend them. It's real money. But anyone would be foolish to cut them apart because they are already worth so much more," Speakman confirmed.

"We're bracing for all the calls. With just hours left, we're doing our best to make damn sure everybody gets through," Speakman said.

But the government is not the one to thank. This "free-for-all" is happening because the private vaults of the World Reserve do not have additional capacity to store the large volumes required to fill everyone's shopping list.

Those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. Just think what they could be worth years from now.

Values of currency always fluctuate and it's difficult when you are comparing apples to oranges. But, one rare uncut dozen \$2 bill sheet from the first printing seventy eight years ago recently sold at auction for \$27,600.00. "At just fifty-nine dollars the Bank Book is a real steal," Speakman said.

"You would expect to only see uncut money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at the Smithsonian," he said.

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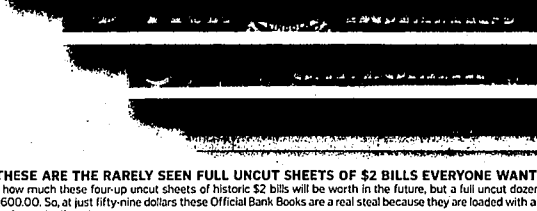
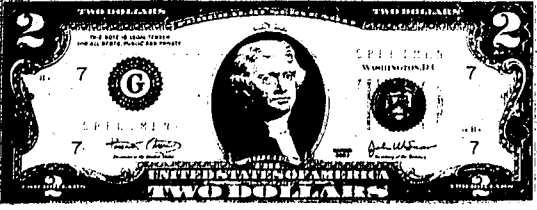
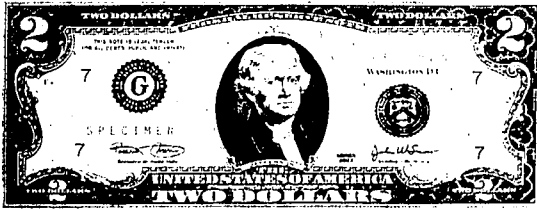
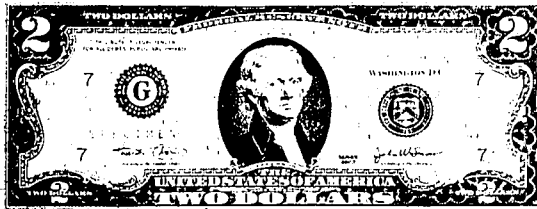
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Festivus

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The back story

Seinfeld writer Daniel O'Keefe, author of "The Real Festivus" (Penguin Books, \$12.95), said his father — who "was disillusioned by the commercialization of Christmas" — started it, and he adapted it. Initially, O'Keefe said, "Festivus was a celebration of my parents' first date." "The real holiday was a floating holiday," O'Keefe said, adding that the kids would come home from school to find odd ethnic music playing. There was always a clock in a bag, though O'Keefe said he never figured out the significance. After the three boys wrestled and Dad recited odd poems, joke gifts would be exchanged.

Watch

"The Strike" on Dec. 14 at 9 p.m. on the TBS cable network, or read the script at www.seinfeldscripts.com/TheStrike.htm

Where to celebrate

Here's a sampling of Festivus events from coast to coast. The Richards controversy notwithstanding, events were still scheduled to go forward at press time.

• Washington, D.C. On Dec. 21 from 8 p.m. until closing, Tonic Restaurant Bar & Grill (3155 Mount Pleasant St., 202-986-7661) patrons will be invited to their grievances — "Hopefully after a few (52) Festivus shooters," says co-owner Jeremy Pollok — around a Festivus pole.

• New York. Guests can sample the chocolate salami pole and nail-impaled shrimp in the party room at the Pink Pony (178 Ludlow St., 212-253-1922) on Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., but the main event is the first-ever Festivus-Christmaskah smack-down.

Allen Sakkin, author of "Festivus: The Holiday for the Rest of Us" (Warner Books, \$14.95), told us he's been building to rewrite Gersh Kuntzman, author of "Christmaskah: The Official Guide to the World's Most-Beloved Holiday" (Sasquatch Books, \$14.95). For the uninitiated, Christmaskah is a mix of Christmas and Hanukkah traditions.

Says Kuntzman: "My body will be slicked down with olive oil, a Christmaskah tradition." • Springfield, Ill. Wade Ebert says he's celebrated Festivus the past 14 years because it's "whatever the heck you want to make it." Though his party started as a semi-private affair for friends, last year's fundraiser at a Hilton attracted 700. (The mechanical bulls and inflatable Sumo wrestling got a little out of hand, he says.)

This year, he expects about 400 participants Dec. 23 at his 8 p.m. bash at the Capital City Bar & Grill (3149 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-8580). Tickets are \$5. For more info, call Ebert at 217-280-0790.

• New Orleans. Gifts aren't a big part of Festivus, but the fourth annual Festivus market has a twist: a re-gifting booth — bring something you hate, take what you like. Then attach your grievances to the pole at the "Office of Homeland

Serenity." Shoppers can check out the creations of 40 thrifty artisans on Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from noon to 4 p.m. at 700 Magazine St. (William B. Reilly parking lot). Info: 504-861-5898, www.festivusmarket.org.

• Okemah, Okla. At the Festivus celebration Dec. 16 at Grape Ranch (Interstate 40, 918-623-2250), the feasts of strength could be unique. "We have the only two regulation boogie courts in Oklahoma," says winery co-owner Jack Whitman.

The free party begins at noon on the ranch/vineyard, and the "red-dirt" music (an Oklahoma-Texas blend of Southern rock, country, folk and honky-tonk) should warm things up in Woody Guthrie's home town. "In December it could be 75 degrees or 20 degrees," Whitman says.

Grape Ranch is the home of the Festivus wine label, which features a longhorn skull, partly fashioned in grapes, atop an aluminum pole.

For more information, go to www.festivusbook.com for a Festivus primer.

Water parks

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They can be. This is a perfect answer to that: It's really a vacation for everyone. Someone else is doing the cooking and the decorating."

In addition, for those of us who live in cold weather, the thought of spending a few days in bathing suits in December without having to buy plane tickets to a tropical island is very appealing.

It's no accident that most of

the 80 or so indoor water parks in the country are in the chilly Midwest — Wisconsin-Dells calls itself the "Indoor Water Park Capital of the World," with 20 indoor parks open year-round, Michigan and Minnesota have 20 or so between them, and Ohio has seven, including two new facilities opening this month, a Great Wolf in Mason, and Coco Key Water Resort near Columbus.

Of course, if it's peace, quiet

and adult conversation you yearn for, an indoor water park is probably not for you. Sure, there are hot tubs, bars and spas, but most of the time you'll be surrounded by happy shouts, shrieks and the sound of running, splashing water echoing all around in a hollow din.

As a mother, what I liked best about the place was that it allowed my children to run around and be silly. At home, they play shoot 'em up video

games and chant the lyrics to rap music; if they're not playing games on a cell phone or the computer, they're listening to music on an iPod.

At an indoor water park, though, stripped of electronic distractions, they could act their ages, 13 and 8 at the time. When I let them pick one item each in the gift shop, my older son chose fluffy slippers shaped like giant bear paws, my younger son, who hadn't played with stuffed

animals in awhile, picked out a toy stuffed wolf, named it Buddy and carried it around like a baby.

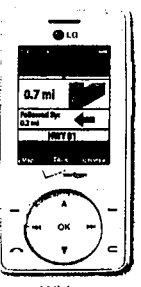
Prices at indoor water parks vary tremendously by day, location and package. In Wisconsin Dells, it's easy to find rooms for well under \$200 a night; at Great Wolf in Scotrunn, rates start at over \$200 and quickly run into the \$400-\$500 range, but every room sleeps six, and rates include admission for six.



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NATION

Teen composer called 'a very rare and unusual talent'

By Katherine Slaver
The Washington Post



Tudor Domnik Maican, who was born on Beethoven's birthday, began piano lessons at 3 and wrote his first songs, a collection about animals at the National Zoo, in first grade.

WASHINGTON — Every Saturday at 3:30 a.m., the Maican family pulls out of its Bethesda, Md., driveway and heads to New York City. When they arrive at Lincoln Center, Valeria and Marcel Maican feed the parking meters for 11 hours while their son takes private lessons and attends classes at the prestigious Juillard School. They return home about midnight, after nearly 24 hours on the road and an additional 490 miles on their Honda minivan.

They have made the grueling trip for six years and have few complaints. For Tudor Domnik Maican and his parents, it is simply the path to his career as a composer.

At 17, the Winston Churchill High School senior has written six symphonies, five chamber music pieces, nine pieces for piano instruments, nine piano compositions, two works for brass ensembles and four songs for children's choirs. He has received commissions of \$5,000 for his work.

"A Mass he recently composed for an Orthodox Christian church in Potomac, Md., is so complex that the church must bring in a bigger choir, Dumbarton Concerts, a chamber music series in Georgetown, made him its youngest composer in residence. A Washington Post critic described a 15-minute piano piece Maican wrote as having a "melancholic and lyrical sound that comes right out of Chopin and Debussy."

Although talented child musicians are not unusual, Maican's teachers say only a few young composers are considered truly gifted. A 14-year-old Connecticut boy is also receiving national attention for his symphonies, including one recently recorded by the London Symphony Orchestra. In Juillard's pre-college division, where alumni include Yo-Yo Ma and teachers see no shortage of aptitude, Maican's music is being taught to students.

"Every few years one person stands out above the rest," said Ira Tain, Maican's composition teacher, who has worked with Juillard students for 25 years. "Domnik is a very rare and unusual talent."

"He's probably the most remarkable young man I've come across," said Olegna

Fuschi, a Juillard piano teacher for 26 years.

Such comments make Maican want to change the subject. It's not one for wunderkind talk. His high school friends who he composes, he said, but he doesn't tell them about the more than 50 national and international awards on his five-page curriculum vitae.

"It's too much attention," he said. "I just don't like the, 'Oh my God, he's a composer, uh-oh.'"

His intense but aw-shucks demeanor is prone to understatement. He described his Advanced Placement music theory class at Churchill as "a little slow." So why take it? "I need my arts credit."

As Connie Zimmer, executive director of Dumbarton Concerts, said, "I don't think he realizes how talented he is."

To be sure, Maican's teachers say the teen-ager needs more experience writing for full orchestras. He must function his own style, they say, and learn to maintain a consistent one throughout his pieces — both challenging for even veteran composers. As with any young talent, there remains the question of whether he will continue his meteoric rise or flame out.

Maican's teachers and fans say he seems energized by his music without being swayed by his success. Most

striking, they say, is the emotional depth of his work that resonates with audiences and belies his age.

After three decades with Dumbarton Concerts, Zimmer is used to hearing, "You have to hear this kid's music." When she popped in a CD a friend had given her of then-15-year-old Maican's compositions, she expected the kind of technically sound but uninteresting music she usually hears from young composers.

Instead, she said, "I was blown away. I was so surprised by how mature it was. It was beautifully structured and dramatic. It didn't make sense to me that such beautiful music came from this kid."

Zimmer said that most young composers lack the life experience to make interesting music but that Maican is "dramatic" and "soulful."

"Where does that soulfulness come from?" Zimmer said. "How does a kid who's never had his heart broken have that poetry and soul to the music?"

Ask Maican and he says his compositions simply reflect melodies in his head and a passion for music. Any brokenhearted inspiration? "Not yet," he said.

Born on Beethoven's birthday, he began piano lessons with his mother when he was 3. He wrote his first songs — a collection about elephants,

monkeys and other animals he'd seen at the National Zoo — in first grade. His parents said their only child soon became obsessed. He asked to leave birthday parties and soccer tournaments. "I have to finish my symphony," he would say in a childish voice, using "symphony" for any piece of music. He spent three to four hours a day composing.

"I'd try to drag him out to do sports," Marcel Maican said. "I thought: 'He's a boy. He should be out there. This is too long for him (at the piano) at his age.'"

Domnik Maican grew up surrounded by music. In a home with four pianos. His mother, a prominent Romanian composer, teaches piano lessons. His father plays trombone and conducts orchestras and jazz bands at three Washington-area schools.

Still, Valeria Maican said she doesn't know the exact quantity that success requires "1 percent talent and 99 percent work." His competitive nature took hold, she said. Even as a young boy, he tried to outplay her older students.

At the piano, Domnik Maican seems to transform from a reserved teenager into an earnest junior music professor. He explained French composer Claude Debussy's influence on him: "I just love his harmonies and everything he writes. They're impressionistic and terribly French — very transparent, harmonious, nothing really concrete, very scarce on cadences."

Competing for Maican's keyboard time lately have been school work and college applications. He said he hopes to study music and science at

Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Columbia, Brown or a handful of other top universities.

Angelo Cicolani, a consultant who lives in Alexandria, Va., commissioned one of Maican's piano pieces when he was 15.

"The teenager's melodies and harmony 'reach your soul,'" Cicolani said.

He said he expects that Maican's music will only get more expressive as he grows older and encounters the deep emotions and pain that have inspired the best poets and artists.

"You sense that this lad is going somewhere with his music," Cicolani said. "He just needs to lose a few girlfriends."

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Parents, doctors promote waiting, not antibiotics, for kids' earaches

By Jennifer C. Yates
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — That familiar tug on his ear or restless night sleep is usually the sign that little Baedden Pollett has another ear infection. The 2½-year-old has had more of them than his parents can count.

Sometimes, his doctor prescribes antibiotics. But in many cases, his parents have waited it out, using Tylenol, warm baths and some extra tender loving care to ease him through it. And he recovers on his own.

More than ever, many parents and doctors these days are taking a "watchful waiting" approach with children older than 2 who have ear infections, the most common childhood illness. Many are foregoing antibiotics because of worries about drug resistance and evidence that most ear infections will heal on their own.

"My experience is that parents are often the driving motive behind not giving antibiotics. Parents are very, very concerned about the use of antibiotics," said Dr. Richard Rosenfeld, director of pediatric otolaryngology at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn and a consultant who helped write national guidelines on antibiotic use for ear infections.

Three out of four children will suffer from ear infections before the age of 3, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Ear infections occur when viruses or bacteria get inside the ear, usually the result of a cold or other illness. Fluid and mucus can become trapped deep inside the ear.

Antibiotics only work against bacterial infections, though some of the many bacteria that can cause ear infections have grown resistant to certain antibiotics. Doctors



Giancarlo Góngora-Hernández, 2, of Pittsburgh, has his ears examined by Dr. Alejandro Hoberman on Nov. 29 at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

have no way of knowing if a virus or a bacteria is causing each individual infection.

Many parents recognize their child's earache symptoms — fussing, crying, loss of sleep and appetite and a tugging at the ear. Ear infections can result in hearing loss, though doctors say that's usually temporary.

A visit to the doctor is advised if a child is sick for a few days and suddenly develops a fever, along with those other symptoms like ear-tugging and waking at night.

"Observing is different than not treating," Rosenfeld said. In May 2004, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians released the first national guidelines on appropriate diagnosis and treatment for ear infections. Among other things, those recommendations that pain medication be prescribed for most children and antibiotics used only if the conditions persist or don't improve.

In an October study in the medical journal *The Lancet*, researchers found that antibiotics for ear infections are only beneficial to children under the age of 2 with both ears

infected. Study leader Dr. Maroeska Rovers, of the University Medical Center Utrecht in the Netherlands, said that researchers found that in most other cases, watchful waiting is OK.

Rovers said that in countries like the Netherlands, watchful waiting has been an accepted practice since about 1950. Critics say the ear infections could develop into something more severe if untreated, but Rovers said studies have not backed that up.

Doctors are the front line in helping educate parents about the best course to take, Rovers said.

"They should not send the parents away by doing nothing, but they should listen carefully to these parents and prescribe sufficient analgesics to treat the pain and the fever in the first few days," Rovers said. Then, parents should be encouraged to come back in two to three days if things have not gotten better, he said.

At the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, a team of researchers led by Dr. Alejandro Hoberman will lead a government-funded study of about 300 children to further test the watchful waiting vs.

antibiotics strategies. Hoberman, chief of general academic pediatrics at the Pittsburgh hospital, said evidence shows that most infections clear up on their own.

"The key concern is how much longer will it take, and how much pain (and) crying, sleepless nights the child might have," Hoberman said.

Hoberman said a big part of this is helping doctors with techniques that more accurately diagnose the severity of the ear infections so the most appropriate course of action can be taken. Doctors can tell if an ear is infected by looking into the ear canal for redness or inflammation. But that observation isn't always accurate, and in many cases antibiotics are unnecessarily prescribed, he said.

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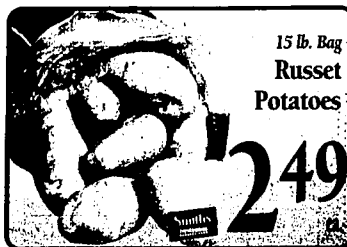


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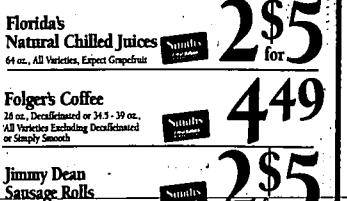
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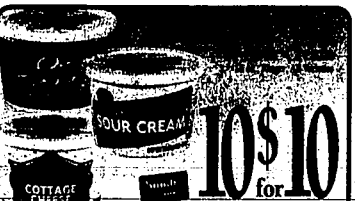
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