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Matt Christensen skips the mall for his Christmas gift.

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A porcupine skeleton sits on a shelf at Intermountain Taxidermy.



Herberto Oultierrez, who has worked with the business for 12 years, finishes details on the eyes of a red fox.



Intermountain Taxidermy prepares a number of animals from leopards to this Dahl sheep.

From carcass to conversation piece



Jeff Frost, owner of Intermountain Taxidermy, sizes a Cooes whitetailed deer to a form at his facility in Twin Falls.

Taxidermist reproduces animals from Idaho, Africa and Russia

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After several days of trudging through cold, wet weather, the first sight of the right animal is enough to stop the heart of a hunter.

It's a memory they will pay good money to capture.

This year's hunting season is drawing to a close, and taxidermists throughout Idaho are being inundated with prized kills destined for fireplace mantels. But stuffing an animal takes time, skill and a lot of energy.

"I feel that making the animal look as life-

The step-by-step process of turning a carcass into a prized possession.

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like as possible is something that we owe to the hunter, and it's even something we owe to the animal," said Jeff Frost, owner of Intermountain Taxidermy in Twin Falls. "When you think about it, the people who got those animals want to remember it the way they first saw it — and that's not an easy task."

Photo see TAXIDERM, Page A3



Yes, even taxidermists have a sense of humor. One of the prizes of Intermountain Taxidermy.

Changing the vision of ISDB

Mission the same, methods may change to help students

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

GOODING — No location is sacred. That is how Harvey Lyter, interim superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, described a series of proposals to expand services for deaf and blind students throughout Idaho.

During recent months, the ISDB has moved resources — including employee positions — from the main campus in Gooding to its outreach programs in other parts of the state. Although any discussion about change to the Gooding campus is considered taboo, the reality is that change is under way and it will continue in order to provide services for hundreds of deaf and blind students in Idaho.

Officials refer to it as "changing the delivery

Photo see ISDB, Page A3

THE HOLOCAUST



People gather for a memorial in the courtyard of the former Lichtenburg concentration camp in the small town of Prvrtin, eastern Germany, in this 1978 file photo. Lichtenburg was among the first sites opened in early 1933.

Nazi archive sheds new light on vast network of concentration camps

By Arthur Max
Associated Press writer

BAD AROLSEN, Germany — Within weeks of Hitler's 1933 rise to power, the iron gates slammed shut on inmates of the first Nazi concentration camps. It was the start of an unparalleled experiment in persecution and genocide that expanded over the next 12 years into a pyramid of ghettos, Gestapo prisons, slave labor camps and, ultimately, extermination factories.

Holocaust historians are only now piecing together the scattered research in many languages to understand the vast scope of the camps, prisons and punishment centers that scarred German-ruled Europe, like a pox on the landscape stretching from Greece to Norway and eastward into Russia.

Collecting and analyzing fragmented reports, researchers at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum say they have pinpointed some 20,000 places of detention and persecution — three times more than they estimated just six years ago.

And soon they will know much more.

Photo see HOLOCAUST, Page A3

TOP STORIES AROUND THE WORLD

U.S. forces kill senior Taliban figure

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. forces killed a senior Taliban figure who also was an associate of Osama bin Laden in an airstrike in a remote area of southern Afghanistan, the American military announced Saturday. Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Osman would be the highest-ranking Taliban figure killed by U.S. forces in a five-year manhunt that began with the fall of the Islamist militia in December 2001.

The U.S. military described the death of Osman as a major blow for the Taliban, who have regrouped in recent months after a period of relative inactivity, aided by proceeds from a record-breaking opium crop.

Security Council agrees to sanctions on Iran

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Saturday to impose sanctions on Iran for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment, increasing international pressure on the government to prove that it is not trying to make nuclear weapons. Iran immediately rejected the resolution. The result of two months of tough negotiation, the resolution orders all countries to stop supplying Iran with materials and technology that could contribute to its nuclear and missile programs. It also freezes Iranian assets of 10 key companies and 12 individuals related to those programs.

ISP Trooper's condition upgraded from critical to serious

BOISE (AP) — Idaho State Trooper Glenn Glenn was shot in the neck during a traffic stop near Twin Falls early Wednesday, but was upgraded from critical to serious condition.

Glenn's family described the extent of his injuries for the first time, saying Glenn sustained damage to his trachea, esophagus and spine.



Glenn

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 34, Low 18, 37/29).

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Turning partly cloudy by the afternoon. Highs, 30s. Tonight: Chilly, but mainly dry and quiet. Lows, upper teens. Tomorrow: A cool Christmas Day with a chance for passing snow showers. Highs, lower 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

William Inge's "Bus Stop," presented by the Company of Fools, 3 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 reserved seats and \$18 for senior citizens and students, (208) 578-9122.

CHURCH EVENTS

"Everything Glorious" Christmas Cantata, with traditional and contemporary music, presented by the Burley Christian Center Assembly of God choir, 10:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the center, 317 W. 27th St., Burley, no cost (free-will offering), 678-5460.

FAMILY

Anderson Camp's annual drive-through Christmas Nativity Pageant, featuring full-sized figures painted by local artist Gary Stone amid trees lighted with over 20,000 Christmas lights, 6 to 9 p.m., Anderson Camp, located at exit 182 off Interstate 84 in Eden, free admission (donation box), 825-9800.

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

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dec. 26 William Inge's "Bus Stop," presented by the Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 reserved seats and \$18 for senior citizens and students, (208) 578-9122.

CLUBS

Dec. 26 The Magic Valley Square Dance club dance, 7 p.m., El Sombbrero Restaurant, 157 W. Main, Jerome, bring finger food for those with last names beginning with P - Z, 324-7238.

EXHIBITS

Dec. 26, 27 "The Circle" by Amber Scoon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (26) and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (27), Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.C. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655. Dec. 26, 27 "Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequena and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

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GOVERNMENT

Dec. 26 Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone, 886-2173. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Gooding County commissioners, 2 p.m., courthouse, 624 Main, 834-4841. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Dec. 27 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Dec. 28 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, noon, City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-7601. Dec. 29 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7111.

HEALTH

Dec. 26 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, fast weigh in of the year, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 River Ave. E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282. Dec. 26 Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

MUSEUMS

Dec. 26 Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places" at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m., and "Stargazing" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655. Dec. 27 Faulkner Planetarium, "The Christmas Star" at 1 p.m. and "Stargazing" at 3 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

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Constructing Christmas: She's going to love this gift

TWIN FALLS — Writer Matt Christensen would do anything to avoid Christmas shopping. His gift to his wife is proof of that. He and Melissa were married in June, and he wanted to make their first Christmas special. So this year, he built her a coffee table — because it's something handmade with love, but also because he'd rather saw off a finger than get trampled at Macy's.

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Crump Christmas comes: Are we having fun yet?

Years ago when my sons were young, my family made a trip to Disneyland, taking along my Cousin Winnie. Winnie was a widow who was a retired schoolteacher in California.

As we trudged through the halls of the Magic Kingdom, Winnie watched the faces of the adults who passed by with their kids in tow. "Nobody's smiling," she observed.

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IDAHO/WEST

Idaho begins planning for wolf management

BOISE — Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials are crafting their strategy for wolf management in the state following the announcement last week that the federal government will begin removing protections from the state's gray wolves.

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Lawmakers weigh in on paid administrative leave

BOISE — Some lawmakers are questioning whether the state's paid-leave system for its employees needs an overhaul. According to the state Controller's Office, 1291 state employees have received paid administrative leave since June, the Spokesman-Review reported.

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Lottery results for Saturday, Dec. 23. Includes Power Play, Mega Millions, and other games.

7 DAYS, 7 REASONS TO READ

- MONDAY: CALORIE COUNT: What you'll burn using those Christmas gifts.
TUESDAY: GET A GOAT: This is an animal you'll grow to love.
WEDNESDAY: TAMALES FOR ROOKIES: Your step-by-step cooking guide.
THURSDAY: AN IDAHO TOAST: Cocktails from Idaho-distilled vodka.
FRIDAY: BELLA LUNA: Exploring Wood River Valley by moonlight.
SATURDAY: THE YEAR IN FAITH: A look at religion highs and lows of 2006.
SUNDAY: AULD LANG SYNE: Why the past has such a pull on our emotions.

SPORTS

Carroll falls, but Thomas goes out a winner

TWIN FALLS — Burley graduate Ted Thomas knows about championship football. As a running back for the Carroll College Fighting Saints, the 6-foot-1, 210-pound senior contributed to three of the Saints' four consecutive NAIA championships (2002, '03, '04, '05). Carroll (Mont.) fell to St. Xavier in the quarterfinals this past November ending the title streak, but Thomas' college career is nothing to overlook.

Thomas is just one of many former Magic Valley high school stars highlighted in the Times-News college report. SEE PAGE B1

Knight ties win mark

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knibb always will be known for his temper and glow, for throwing a chair and winning national championships. Now he's got the ultimate vindication for doing things his way: Nobody has ever won Division I men's basketball games.

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NATION/WORLD

Backlog of flights could take weekend to clear

DENVER — Denver's airport was operating at close to capacity Saturday after being snowed in for two days, but for many travelers jammed in its terminals it was not expected to be enough to rescue their families for Christmas.

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Informant says suspect spoke casually of killings

PHOENIX — As the city shuddered itself in fear of serial killers this summer, Ron Horton found himself having an odd conversation with an old drinking buddy. "Let me say something," Horton remembers his friend, Samuel John Dieterman, sliding over to tell him between beers in June. "Do you know what it's like to kill a man?"

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Cities take steps to cool down global warming

BOULDER, Colo. — Frustrated with the federal response to global warming, hundreds of cities, suburbs and rural communities across the U.S. are taking bold steps to slash their energy consumption and reduce emissions of the pollutants that cause climate change. This outdoor college town recently adopted the nation's first "climate tax."

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OPINION EDITORIAL: My New Year's resolution is to go Christmas shopping next year earlier than Dec. 23. Based on the crowds I saw Saturday, many others might want to join me. — Chris Steibach, editor

WEB REACTION

On 'State Trooper in stable condition after shooting'

Kim wrote: "Dear Mrs. Glenn, my wife and I pray for your husband's speedy recovery and hope that he can return to doing what he loves and be where we need him most. Those times I have met him he seems so compassionate, driven, professional and dignified. We also pray for you and your son as you cope with the aftermath of the incident. I am sure by now you see the overwhelming support this community and its colleagues have to offer. There will always be those in society who attack those charged with protecting life and maintaining order. Hopefully the penalties in this case, and any assault on an officer, be it by physical hands or on a weapon, will be treated as the serious crime it is so that a message might be sent to these criminals that this will not be tolerated. God bless you and comfort you during this time. Right will always prevail."

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Taxidermy

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Most taxidermists learn the trade by working as apprentices. Frost worked as an apprentice for several years under the former owner of Intermountain, and now he is the mentor for apprentices such as David Jensen.

"There are schools for the trade, but they're kind of a joke," Frost said. "This is something you learn by doing it hands-on."

Each employee brings a skill. Jensen is one of the few taxidermists in the area who can do skeletal reproductions, which means he can literally recreate every bone of an animal and sculpt it like you would see in a museum exhibit. Jensen started learning his trade at 4 years old when he decided to preserve the skull of a cat that was hit by a car in front of his house.

By the time he was 15 years old, he was recreating entire skeletons.

Intermountain also recreates fish using one of two different processes. The most difficult and time-consuming is done by wrapping the actual fish skin around a rubber mold, but this requires that the fisherman bring in the entire body without any damage. The most common method, however, is done by recreating the entire fish using a photo of the actual fish that was caught. Using special materials and a meticulous painting process, taxidermists can recreate it.

But the most unusual aspect of Intermountain is the variety of animals the taxidermy works with.

"We are also a booking agent for safari hunts and bear hunts in Russia," Frost said. "So a lot of the people we work with have those animals sent to us for reproduction."

"And they are willing to pay the price - recreating a life-size

It's alive! Again!

Step 1: When a taxidermist receives the skins of the animals - including the face and hooves - all the remaining flesh must be removed without tearing the skin. The taxidermist will then cover the skin in a special salt, which removes moisture from the skin. Most taxidermists then send the skin to a tannery that will treat the skin - this process can take up to one month.

Step 2: After receiving the skin from the tannery, the taxidermist will create a hard rubber mold that the skin will be wrapped around.

The mold must be shaped to fit the skin and give it a natural appearance.

Step 3: After carefully placing the skin around the mold, artificial facial features such as the eyes, the mouth and nose are inserted and modified to match the animal's natural features.

Step 4: During a lengthy drying process, taxidermists repeatedly check the skins as they dry on the mold. As the skin dries, details such as the areas around the eyes remain life-like. The entire process takes about six months to a year to complete.

brown bear can cost almost \$5,000.

Unbeknownst to most people in the Magic Valley area, many zebras, baboons, Cape buffalo and even 10-foot-tall Russian brown bears have been stuffed in Twin Falls. And Intermountain clients are as diverse as the animals they work with, which includes a number of clients from the East Coast.

That means that the taxidermy does year-round reproductions to fill the orders of both local hunters and orders it receives from its international hunts.

"We could just do straight African-safari stuff and have a prosperous business," Frost said. "But I'm an Idahoan, and we have a very high number of clients from Idaho that we would bend over backwards for."

Of course, the taxidermy gets a lot of "different" requests to reproduce animals like family pets, but Frost said he prefers to work with hunts rather than pets.

When asked if there was any animal that Intermountain had not yet reproduced, Frost said the taxidermy has done about everything.

"Well, I guess we're still waiting for a Quasquatch off of our list," he said.



A portion of the drying wall at Intermountain Taxidermy in Twin Falls.

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— Jeff Frost, owner of Intermountain Taxidermy in Twin Falls

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system," which takes services to the students instead of bringing the students to the service.

The state has seven outreach programs - including one in Gooding. They function as an assistance program for students that are mainstreamed into local school districts.

The ISDB employs officials in each region to coordinate services, and other than a few regional offices there are no facilities associated with the outreach programs.

They work with parents and school officials, and all of that is done right in the local schools or in their (students) homes," Lyter said.

"There are no buildings where they (programs) operate. However, that is one of the proposals in the mix that has gone to the State Board, but that would be years away if it was approved."

For deaf and blind students, as well as their families, the changes could mean easier access to services, and the ability to avoid week-long residential stays at the main campus in Gooding. Students who cannot commute daily between their homes and the Gooding campus live in dormitories during the school week.

The Gooding campus is the only residential campus in Idaho.

The Idaho State Board of Education wants the ISDB to create a delivery system that will provide services to deaf and blind students throughout the state. But it has been a controversial and confusing request. The ISDB is being asked to do more with the same amount of money.

"This is a debate that has been going on decades before," Lyter said. "But this time it has been very serious because the State Board has decided to look at changes to the delivery model."

He said the main goal is to provide services for students throughout the state. However, Lyter said the ISDB has been

trying to mitigate fears that Gooding will lose an economic staple if the school leaves.

He said the ISDB has researched various state agencies interested in using the Gooding facility if the school decides to relocate. But residents find that of little comfort - many have signed petitions demanding that the state leave the school in Gooding.

"We have been asked to expand services to other students across Idaho," Lyter said. "That means we need to choose a service delivery model that serves the client in the best way it can, and that means that nothing is sacred about any one location."

Holocaust

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They are about to have their first access to millions of documents locked away for a half century in the sprawling archive of the International Tracing Service, an arm of the International Committee of the Red Cross, in the central German resort town of Bad Arolsen.

The 11 countries governing the ITS have agreed to lift the ban on research that has been imposed to safeguard victims' privacy, though it still will take months until each country ratifies the decision and the doors open.

Recently, The Associated Press was allowed to view ITS documents. Among the yellowed pages and pasted telegrams seen by AP were internal communications, camp orders, and "confidential reports" that determined whether inmates would be freed.

The "pyramid" ranged from death camps such as Auschwitz at the top to secondary and tertiary detention centers. There were 500 brothels, where foreign women were put at the disposal of German officers, and more than 100 child care facilities where women in labor camps were forced to undergo abortions or had their newborns taken away and killed - usually by starvation - so the mothers could quickly return to work.

The earliest prisoners were communists, Social Democrats, Jehovah's Witnesses and other political opponents, as well as homosexuals and common criminals. The Final Solution, which ultimately would claim 6 million Jewish

lives, had not yet begun. Historians have long sought to know more about the inner workings of the camps, hoping to draw on the Germans' own firsthand accounts and paperwork.

One directive seen by the AP from November 1943 and marked Private and Confidential, instructed all camp commanders to keep visitors away from sensitive sites.

"During visits to the concentration camps, the bordellos and the crematoria are not to be shown. Visitors also are not to be told anything about these facilities," said the order, signed by the divisional commander of the SS, the elite unit that guarded the camps.

Couched in patronizing and dehumanizing language, documents from the earliest camps foreshadow a system that would define the word "genocide." They show that years before the mass-scale killings began at death camps such as Auschwitz, the intellectual

groundwork of viewing categories of humanity as subhuman was already in place.

The records include two camps previously known to the Washington researchers.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Israel will free Palestinian funds

JERUSALEM — Israel agreed Saturday to release \$100 million in frozen funds to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and ease West Bank travel restrictions — a goodwill gesture that revived hopes for a resumption of peace talks after years of hostility and distrust.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert made the promises in a two-hour meeting with Abbas at the Israeli leader's official residence. It was the first Israeli-Palestinian summit in 22 months and came as both men face political problems at home that could be eased by a peace breakthrough.

Olmert and Abbas failed to agree on a key issue — a prisoner swap — but decided to set up a committee to study it further.

The issue is not fully in Abbas' hands. Olmert has said he will not free Palestinians without the release of an Israeli soldier being held by militants allied with the Islamic group Hamas, which controls the Palestinian government and is a rival of Abbas' Fatah party.

Security Council condemns attacks on journalists

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council on Saturday condemned attacks on journalists during armed conflicts and urged combatants to stop singling out members of the media and respect their professional independence.

The resolution adopted unanimously by the council was the first time that the United Nations' most powerful body dealt specifically with journalists covering wars.

Greek Ambassador Adamantios Vassiliakis said the resolution, sponsored by his country and France, "sends a clear and unambiguous message to all parties in armed conflict that journalists and media personnel must be afforded the protection accruing to them under applicable international law and international humanitarian law."

The resolution stresses that journalists and other media professionals working in areas of armed conflict are civilians and must be protected as such, "provided that they take no action adversely affecting their status as civilians."

Raul Castro says no excuse for Cuba's difficulties

HAVANA — Acting president Raul Castro complained to lawmakers about inefficiencies in the island's economy, telling them in comments made public Saturday that there is no excuse for the transportation and food production problems that anger many Cubans.

"In this Revolution we are tired of excuses," he said, giving the strongest sense yet of the frank and demanding leadership style he will likely adopt if his ailing older brother Fidel Castro does not return as president.

After almost five months in power, it has become clear that the 75-year-old Raul Castro will call officials to account for their actions and demand they produce real results, rather than offer mere political platitudes.

"He also has shown a willingness to criticize aspects of the communist system that are not working."

"The Revolution cannot lie," he said in comments published by the Communist Party newspaper Granma. "This isn't saying that there have been enemies who have lied, but the imprecision, inexact data, consciously or unconsciously masked, can no longer continue."

Anglican leader: Iraq war has jeopardized Christians

LONDON — The U.S.-led coalition's "shortsightedness and ignorance" in Iraq have endangered the lives of Christians across the Middle East, the Archbishop of Canterbury said in a scathing commentary Saturday.

Christians are now seen as "supporters of the crusading West" — making them the target of attacks by Islamic radicals and forcing many to flee their homelands, wrote Rowan Williams, the Anglican's spiritual leader, in a commentary in

The London Times.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. on Saturday, Williams said the situation for Christians in Iraq is worse than it was when Saddam Hussein was in power.

Williams, who was on a Christmas pilgrimage to the Holy Land with other British church leaders, has been an outspoken critic of the war. A statement by Foreign

Office said Britain's Middle East policies were not to blame for the plight of Iraqi and Middle Eastern Christian communities.

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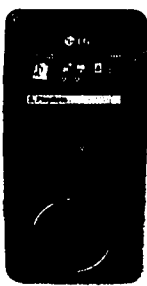


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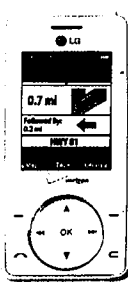
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Backlog of flights could take weekend to clear

•DENVER — Denver's airport was operating at close to capacity Saturday after being snowed in for two days, but for many travelers jammed in its terminals it was not expected to be enough to rescue their hopes of joining their families for Christmas.

"Thousands of travelers whose flights were canceled by a blizzard that backed up air traffic nationwide were stuck on standby, trying to grab a rare empty seat on planes that were mostly booked.

"I just want to go home. I just want to see my family," said Jennifer Long of Denver, who was hoping to catch an afternoon flight to New Orleans, the city she left after Hurricane Katrina.

The busiest carrier at Denver International, United Airlines, planned to operate a full schedule of 900 departures and arrivals Saturday for the first time since the storm blew in Wednesday, burying the city in 2 feet of snow, spokeswoman Robin Urbanski said. Flights were running "close to on schedule," she said.

The airport, the nation's fifth-busiest, had five runways open Saturday and expected to have all six runways cleared by Sunday, but there was no telling when the backlog of passengers would be cleared out.

Bush, defense secretary discuss Iraq war strategy

WASHINGTON — President Bush, drafting an overview of his faltering and unpopular war plan, heard Saturday from a Pentagon chief who had just returned from Iraq with a positive impression of Iraqi leaders' plans to address sectarian violence.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates finished his first week on the job by delivering a report to Bush on the three days he spent talking with Iraqi leaders, U.S. commanders and American soldiers.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Peter Pace, who traveled with Gates to Iraq, helped make the presentation.

The early-morning meeting at Camp David in Maryland's mountains lasted about an hour. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, national security adviser Stephen Hadley and Hadley's deputy, J.D. Crouch, who is coordinating the administration's Iraq review, also participated.

White House officials declined to disclose any details of the conversations. Bush is meeting with his national security team again Thursday at his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Informant says suspect spoke casually of killings

•PHOENIX — As the city shuttered itself in fear of serial killers this summer, Ron Horton found himself having an odd conversation with an FBI informant buddy.

"Let me ask you something," Horton remembers his friend, Samuel John Dilettman, sliding over to tell him between beers in June. "Do you know what it's like to kill a man?"

"How would I know?" "Well," Horton recalls Dilettman saying, "neither did I until the last few months."



Isabella Rochelle, 5, tries to take a nap on a cot Saturday in the terminal of Denver International Airport in Denver, as her mother chats on a cellular telephone in the background.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, Horton said Dilettman went on to describe how he and a friend poked shotgun out car windows and blasted at people as they cruised by.

"They called it 'RV'ing,'" Horton said. "Random Recreational Violence." Horton initially thought it was just a false barroom brag from a man he thought he knew well, a former roommate who liked joking and drinking and who had punched out men who were being rough on their girlfriends. He would come to regret not believing it sooner.

Horton led police to Dilettman, 31, and Dale Hausner, 33, who were charged this summer with slayings attributed to the so-called Serial Shooter. Police say seven people were killed and 17 wounded in the random attacks across the area dating to May 2005, which mostly came as the victims walked or bicycled alone late at night or in the early morning.

Cities take steps to cool down global warming

BOULDER, Colo. — Frustrated with the federal response to global warming, hundreds of cities, suburbs and rural communities across the U.S. are taking bold steps to slash their energy consumption and reduce emissions of the pollutants that cause climate change. This outdoorsy college town recently adopted the nation's first "climate tax" — an extra fee for electricity use with all proceeds going to fight global warming.

Seattle has imposed a new parking tax, and the mayor hopes to charge tolls on major roads in an effort to discourage driving — a leading source of greenhouse-gas pollution.

Cities not typically associated with liberal causes have also jumped on board. In Fargo, N.D., Mayor Dennis Walaker swapped out every traffic-light bulb for a light-emitting diode, or LED, which uses 80 percent less energy.

In Carmel, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis, Mayor James Brainard is switching the entire city fleet to hybrids and vehicles that run on biofuels made from plant products rather than petroleum.

"It's quite incredible, the number of things cities are beginning to do. It's very heartening," said Tom Kelly, who directs a national environmental group called Kyoto USA.

Former Vermont Sen. Robert Stafford dies at 93

MONTPELIER, Vt. —

Former Sen. Robert Stafford, a staunch environmentalist and champion of education whose name is familiar to countless college students through a loan program named for him, died Saturday. He was 93.

Stafford was surrounded by family at a Rutland nursing home when he died at 9:30 a.m., said Neal Houston, his former chief of staff.

Stafford served two years as governor, 11 years in the House and 17 in the Senate before retiring in early 1989. As ranking Republican on the Senate's environment committee, Stafford repeatedly defended the Superfund program to clean up contaminated sites and shepherded bills combating acid rain and automobile pollution.

In 1988, Congress saluted his dedication to education measures, renaming the Federal Guaranteed Student Loan program the Robert T. Stafford Student Loan program.

— compiled from wire reports

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Web site pokes fun at mayor

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — A satirical new Web site pokes fun at Mayor Lou Barletta by claiming he has banned Santa Claus, "the nation's most prominent undocumented worker," from the city.

Playing off the mayor's recent crackdown on illegal immigrants, the Web site says

Barletta has launched a campaign against the jolly old elf, who is "not an American, nor is he legally recognized for residency or occupational purposes in this country."

Barletta attracted national attention earlier this year when he pushed through a law targeting illegal immigrants.

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Water Debate Has Stirred Inaccurate Myths... You Deserve the Truth

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Water right permits are issued according to a constitutionally stipulated priority system "first-in-time is first-in-right." The priority only becomes important if for any reason there is a water shortage. During times of water shortage those with the more senior right receive water before the junior right holder. This allows for orderly management and helps establish an economic value for each water right. While a right is not taken away water delivery could be curtailed if a junior has not mitigated for their use during times of shortage. Unfortunately, in addition to our current water scarcity, the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is over-appropriated- too many water rights were issued by the state for what could be reasonably sustained by the water resource.

For his part, Governor-elect Butch Otter has recognized the mistakes made by the state and has proposed a water summit early in his administration "to repair the damage" and to protect the priority doctrine. Hopefully stakeholders can develop a management plan that sustains the region's water resources and preserves future economic opportunity.

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EDITORIAL

Keep wonder bright with hopes of Santa

More than a century ago, young Virginia O'Hanlon sent the editor of *The New York Sun* a question that still perplexes parents: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Her letter was turned over to Francis P. Church, and his eloquent reply was published that Christmas of 1897.

As is our usual custom, the *Times-News* is pleased to reprint Church's wisdom on yet another Christmas Eve.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

"Dear editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except (what) they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a well covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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LETTER

Small gifts a great reward for high anticipation

Think of a world where you grow your own food, raise your own beef, put a lid on the winter, and buy only flour and staples at the grocery store. Think of parents never being able to buy anything for kids except on Christmas or birthdays. Think of owning only one family car that is usually parked in the driveway because you can't afford gas. Think of a child whose worldly possessions all fit in a single orange crate.

Contrary to what society now crams down our throats, going without "things" actually gives much more than it takes. For instance, because the generation I come from lived with very little money, the Sears catalog became tattered from so much wishing. That wishing still lives behind my eyes today, but I admit that could walk, the child's pedal car or the fantastic electric train set — none of these were ever found beneath our Christmas tree.

While many may find that

said, the truth is their absence gave us things far more precious — it planted hope and anticipation in our hearts while teaching us humility. And my father's sermon seemed all the sweeter because we had so little. In those days, too, hope was the mother of invention, which we embraced wholeheartedly. While we never had such a thing as a trampoline, Dad found a giant tractor inner tube that we bounced on, rolled in, fought over and invented laughter on.

Even with all this, perhaps we weren't as well nurtured in humility as was my father's generation. One year, he found only a stick of gum and an orange in the toe of his Christmas stocking (and that was considered a "big" Christmas). But so great was the anticipation of getting anything at all for Christmas that my father has savored the memory for well over 80 years. Whoever thought gifts so small could be appreciated so very much?

DEANN GOODWIN
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Our leaders are flunking our future

The only sects that may be more savage than Shiites and Sunnis are the Democratic feminist lawmakers representing Northern and Southern California.

After Nancy Pelosi and Jane Harman had their final catfight about who would lead the House Intelligence Committee, aply enough at the "Four Seasons" ball salon in Georgetown, the new speaker passed over the knowledgeable and energetic Harman and mysteriously gave the consequential job to Silvestre Reyes of Texas.



MAUREEN DOWD

Reyes promptly tripped over the most critical theme, in the field of intelligence. Jeff Stein, interviewing the incoming chairman for Congressional Quarterly, asked him whether al-Qaida was Sunni or Shiite.

"Predominantly — probably Shiite," the lawmaker guessed.

As Stein corrected him in the article: "al-Qaida is profoundly Sunni. If a Shiite showed up at an Al Qaida clubhouse, they'd slice off his head and use it for a soccer ball."

Stein followed up with a Hezbollah question: "What are they?" Again, Reyes was stumped.

"Hezbollah," he stammered. "Uh, Hezbollah. Why do you ask me these questions at 5 o'clock? Can I answer in Spanish?" (O.K. Ques: Hezbollah?)

Sounding as naked of essentials as Britney Spears, the new intelligence oversight chief pleaded that it was hard to tell the categories apart. Straight. Thank heavens Stein never got to Syrian Alawites.

Many Americans, including those in charge of Middle East policy, are befuddled and at a loss with the intransigent tribal and religious fevers of the region. As Bill O'Reilly sagely remarked, "I don't want to ever hear Shii and Sunni again." But it is



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beyond the job description of top officials to wish the problems away, especially when the entire region is decomposing before our bleary eyes.

If Reyes had been reading the newspaper, he might have noticed Stein's piece on *The New York Times* Op-Ed page two months earlier, in which, like a wonkish Al G, he caught many intelligence and law enforcement officials, as well as members of Congress, who did not know the difference between a Sunni and a Shiite.

"Too many officials in charge of the war on terrorism just don't care to learn much, if anything, about the enemy we're fighting," he concluded. "And that's enough to keep anybody up at night."

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W. of course, failed a foreign affairs pop quiz and still

became a close ally of the Pakistani dictator he referred to as "General ... General."

Once they have the job, the incentive of politicians to study is somewhat dulled. Charles Z. Wick, who headed the U.S. Information Agency during the Reagan years, sent a memo to his staff saying that he and the president needed to know if France was a member of NATO. Reagan had already been the president for years. *The Times*' Steve Weisman reported, when he expressed surprise at learning that the Soviets had most of their nuclear weapons on land-based missiles, while America had relatively few.

One possibility is that Stein's questions were just too darn hard.

He should have pitched a few warm-ups, like: How many sides are there in the Sun/ni Triangle?

Or which religious figure, Muhammad or Jesus, had been the subject of a Mel Gibson film?

Perhaps the questions could be phrased Jeopardy-style, as in: "The name shared

by two kings in Jordan and Saudi Arabia." (What is Abdullabul?)

A multiple choice might be easier on hurried policy makers. For instance, which of the following quotes can be attributed to Dick Cheney? a) "So long as the Arabs fight tribe against tribe, so long will they be a little people, a silly people; greedy, barbarous and cruel." b) "Don Rumsfeld is the finest secretary of defense this nation has ever had."

c) "Certain things are not known to those who eat with forks."

By this: Is the Shiite crescent at a puffly dinner roll, or a few Ramadan manna, or a) an arc of crisis?

Once our leaders get a grasp of the basics, we can hit them with a truly hard question: Three and a half years after the invasion of Iraq, with nearly 3,000 American troops dead and the Iraqis not so much interested in order or democracy, what on earth do we do now?

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A Christmas light that brightens communism

PAUL KENGOR

It's difficult to explain how much the world has changed in 25 years. Those who lived through December 1981 would be well-served to pause this Christmas season and give thanks for the differences.

In December 1981, much of the world lived in totalitarian darkness.

It was captured at the time by Freedom House with its map of global freedom, which showed the world's free nations in white and unfree nations in black. Nearly all the great Eurasian land mass was colored black from the western border of East Germany, through eastern Europe and the massive spaces of the Soviet Union, and on to the far reaches of China, and still farther down to Vietnam.

These communist governments, according to *The Black Book of Communism* (Harvard University Press), killed at least 100 million people in the 20th century — twice the total deaths from World War I and World War II combined.

These governments robbed individuals of basic rights, with a particular antipathy for religious freedom. Marx had called religion "the opiate of the masses," and said that, "Communism begins where atheism begins." His chief disciple agreed: "There can be nothing more abominable than religion," wrote Vladimir Lenin, the founder of the Soviet state, in a January 1913 letter.

Lenin called religion "a necrophilia" and, once in power, ordered "mass terror" against the religious: "The

more representatives of the reactionary clergy we manage to shoot, the better."

Lenin was especially miserable at Christmas time. On Dec. 25, 1919, he issued an edict directed at all least of Soviet society: "To put up with 'Nikola' (the religious holiday) would be stupid — the entire Cheka must be on the alert to see to it that those who do not show up for work because of 'Nikola' are shot."

Fast forward to Christmas 1981. That year in Moscow, "church watchers" were on duty; sitting in chapels lit again on the "stupid people" who entered to worship. By 1981, only 46 of the 657 churches operating in Moscow on the eve of the Bolshevik revolution remained open, holding closely monitored services. In the Ukraine, political commissars hijacked traditional Christmas carols.

Liturgies such as "believers" were changed to "workers"; the time of the season became October, the month of the glorious revolution; rather than the image of Christ, one song extolled "Lenin's glory hovering" the Star of Bethlehem became the Red Star.

Said Ukrainian Olena Doviskaya, a church watcher and a teacher, who was required to report students who attended Christmas services: "Lenin was Jesus. They wanted you to worship Lenin."

The prospects for shining

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light upon that darkness seemed bleak in 1981. The Soviets were on the rise, having added 11 proxy states as allies since 1974.

The new man in Washington, President Ronald Reagan, was sure he could reverse this tide, beginning in Poland, the most recalcitrant of all the Soviet bloc states.

And just then, on Dec. 13, 1981, the lights were dimmed again. At midnight, a police raid commenced upon the headquarters of Lech Walesa's Solidarity labor union. The Polish communist government, consenting to orders from Moscow, declared martial law. Solidarity's freedom fighters were imprisoned, and the cries of liberty were snuffed out. But then came a moment of hope forgotten by history:

Ten Days later, on Dec. 23, Ronald Reagan connected the spirit of the season with events in Poland: "For a thousand years," he told his fellow Americans, "Christmas has been celebrated in Poland, a land of deep religious faith, but this Christmas brings little joy to the courageous Polish people."

He then made an extraordinary gesture: The president asked Americans that Christmas season to light a candle in support of freedom in Poland.

Ronald Reagan and a core group of cadres — some of whom passed away this past year, such as Cop Weinberger and Jeanne Kirkpatrick — were committed to liberating Poland and all the Soviet empire. Without going into where and how they succeeded, suffice to say that the world changed dramatically.

In 1980, according to Freedom House, there were 56 democracies in the world; by 1999, there were 76. The numbers continued an upward trajectory, hitting 114 by 1994, a doubling since Reagan entered the Oval Office.

By 1994, 60 percent of the world's nations were democracies, compared to less than 30 percent in the mid 1970s. This very recent explosion of freedom is one of the great stories of modern humanity, and one of the least remarked upon — a truly global blessing.

A look back at 25 years ago this month can help us to be grateful, especially during Christmas, when we pause to remember the ultimate source of light that conquers the darkness.

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Santas everywhere have a dirty job during holidays

Now is the time to praise our seasonal Santas, those brave men (and possibly women?) who don the traditional red-and-white fur-trimmed outfits to preserve the Christmas Tradition, or whatever that has morphed into, among children everywhere.

Clearly this is a big responsibility, and not one to be taken lightly.

Many, many years ago I volunteered to be a mall Santa Claus, partly out of charity but mostly because I was having trouble coming up with a column idea.

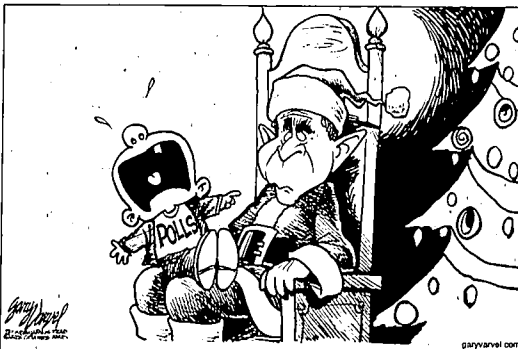
I was much skinnier than I am now, so my red suit had to be padded with several pounds of decidedly un-festive cotton bunting.

By the time I was fully accoutred, I was sweating like a penguin in a murder lineup.

I don't know if you've ever slipped into a Santa outfit before. If not, this is what you basically need to know: Santa lives at the North Pole. It is very cold there. Sarasota, Fla., is not located anywhere near the North Pole. You are more likely to run over an alligator in the street than you are an Eskimo. Here, in December, sunburns are more common than frost-bites.

The point I'm trying to make is that garbling yourself in a Santa outfit in Sarasota in December is like wrapping yourself in a wool blanket in Iraq in August.

Perhaps it was the perspiration. I shaps it was excessive panting. Perhaps it was the garlic shrimp I had eaten for



lunch. But the children who climbed onto my lap never seemed to connect with me. I barely got out the first of my three "hos" before they started crying. I asked them what they wanted for Christmas, and they would say, "A policeman."

"This exits away at a mall. Santa's confidence, I can tell you.

"Have you been naughty or nice?" I would ask impartially. "What's it to you?" the child would respond, grabbing my beard.

"Ho, ho, ho," I would say. "It's not polite to grab Santa's beard."

"Oh, how, really?" the little darling would reply. "Maybe you would prefer that I pee on your lap?"

"Ho, ho, ho!" I would respond, moistly.

That was the first and last time that I volunteered to be a mall Santa.

Which is why I can sympathize with the surveyed members of the Amalgamated Order of Red Bearded Santas. (No, I did not realize that there was such an organization, either, but why not?)

It is not easy being a mall or store Santa, according to the survey.

Santas get sneezed on an average of 10 times a day.

A third of all Santas say they have had their laps moistened by a nervous child.

See if they're real.

Sixty percent of children poke guns into Santa's ribs and demand a PlayStation 3.

I am making that last part up, I think.

The sad reality is that mall Santas have a dirty, thankless job that few appreciate.

I only did it for one afternoon, and to this day I can't hear "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" without diving under the bed and clutching my fuzzy bunny to my chest.

But these are the sacrifices that we make to continue our Christmas Traditions.

Though some compensation for the dry-cleaning bills wouldn't be too much to ask, I must say.

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LETTER

Blaze was no match for heroic T.E. crew

Awesome job by Twin Falls Fire Department personnel! I have worked for the city of Twin Falls and the Twin Falls Police Department for more than 26 years now. Admittedly, I have participated in the friendly rivalry and banter that is tradition between the Twin Falls Police and Fire departments.

I want to express what I observed Dec. 13, at the warehouse fire that broke out at

Fairfield and Sixth Avenue West.

While driving down Fifth Avenue West to meet a police staff sergeant to see how everything was progressing on the perimeter, I heard and saw a huge explosion which rocked the ground and sent debris (and 55 gallon drums) all over the place. I have never seen anything like it.

My heart sank as I really believed we had lost firefighters with that explosion. Police Staff Sgt. Wilson did, too, as he asked dispatch to roll call everyone

over the radio. It was a truly horrible feeling.

After the explosion, I drove to the intersection of Fairfield and Fifth Avenue West thinking that I would see the worst.

But what I saw made me choke up. I saw a crew of Twin Falls firefighters still in the fight (at close quarters), not giving an inch; pure courage and professionalism.

Twin Falls Fire Department personnel are the best, and I cannot express enough the respect I have for them and their profession.

I have a safe and Merry Christmas!
JIM MUNN
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Jim Munn is the police chief for the city of Twin Falls.)

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Bono to receive honorary knighthood

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Irish rocker and humanitarian Bono will become a knight of the British empire — but the U2 frontman won't be called "Sir."
Britain confirmed Saturday Bono will receive his honorary knighthood from the British

ambassador to Ireland, David Reddaway, in a Dublin ceremony shortly after New Year's Day.
The Dubliner, whose real name is Paul Hewson, won't be entitled to use the title "Sir" because he is not a national of Britain or of the Commonwealth of former British colonies.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Saints fell, but Thomas goes out a winner

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Burley graduate Jed Thomas knows about championship football.

As a running back for the Carroll College Fighting Saints, the 6-foot-1, 216-pound senior contributed to three of the Saints' four consecutive NAIA championships (2002, '03, '04, '05). Carroll (Mont.) fell to St. Xavier in the quarterfinals this past November ending the title streak, but Thomas' college career is nothing to overlook.

This season as the Saints went 11-2, Thomas finished second in rushing yards with 37 carries for 611 net yards and four touchdowns. Teammate Ryan Grisdak clocked in 1,005 yards. Thomas came in third in number of receptions and second in receiving yards with 30 catches for 208 yards and one score. Overall, he was third in points with 30 on five touchdowns. His all-purpose yards measured up to 819.

Now that college is over, his career totals boast 38 games, 2,573 rushing yards, 720 receiving yards, 28 touchdowns and three championships.

Not too shabby.

FOOTBALL

Luke Bair, Minico

Bair is a sophomore at Snow College (Utah), playing as an offensive lineman. The 11-1 Snow squad defeated Coffeyville 26-21 in the Top of the Mountains Bowl on Dec. 2.

Korey Hall, Glenns Ferry

Hall will finish his senior year with the 12-0 Boise State Broncos at the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1. The 6-foot-1 starting linebacker has put together 105 tackles (54 solo), 3.5 sacks for a loss of 19 yards, one fumble recovery and six interceptions for 108 yards on his way to being named Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Brody Johnson, Minico

Johnson is the sure foot of Concordia University (Idaho). The senior kicker has hit 6-of-11 field goals this season, with a long kick of 40 yards. He's only been blocked once. He punted 47 times for 1,681 yards with only two blocked and kicked off 45 times for 2,392 yards.

Dustin Johnson, Glenns Ferry

Johnson is a senior defensive back for the University of Montana-Western, which fell on hard times with a 1-9 season. Johnson recorded 75 tackles, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and one interception.

Omar Rodriguez, Glenns Ferry

Rodriguez joined his former Pilots teammate at Montana-Western. The junior wide receiver had 16 receptions for 216 yards and one touchdown. He also had one rush for nine yards.

Mike Sermon, Buhl

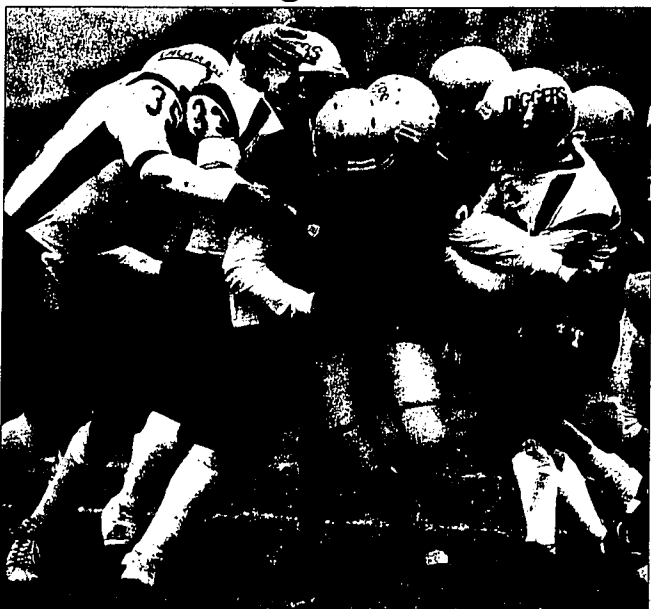
Sermon saw some playing time for Mohican-Western as a freshman with seven tackles at linebacker.

Luc Martin, Twin Falls

Martin saw action in all 11 games for Idaho State University as a redshirt sophomore. He had a 13-yard kickoff return in the season opener at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Listen as it tight end. Martin saw most of his time on special teams.

Jayson Vogt, Twin Falls

Vogt, formerly of the Bruins, is a



Burley High graduate Jed Thomas, pictured carrying a gang of would-be Montana Tech tacklers in a 2005 game, recently wrapped up a successful career at Carroll College in Mont. Thomas had a career-high 218 yards in the game pictured.



Twin Falls High graduate Lauren Davis, left, and Buhl graduate Mike Reynolds, are teammates on the Walla Walla Community College volleyball team.

defensive tackle at Willamette University (Ore.) and played three games. He made four tackles, three of which were solo.

SOCCER

Erin Donnelley, Twin Falls

Donnelley, another former Bruin, is

COLLEGE SPORTS

Fall report

The fall College Report is a round-up of former area high school athletes participating in college athletics submitted by players' parents and former high school coaches. All information on athletes is taken and/or confirmed by college, conference or league Web sites. Additional installments featuring sports traditionally played in the winter (basketball, wrestling) and spring (baseball, softball, golf, tennis, track) will be published in the Times-News during 2007.

the College of Southern Idaho after one year at North Idaho College. The 5-foot-8 sophomore setter played in 91 games for the Golden Eagles with five kills, 189 digs and a .951 serving percentage.

Lauren Davis, Twin Falls

Davis was a major player for Walla Walla Community College this season. The 5-foot-9 outside hitter registered 267 kills, five assists, 24 aces, 380 digs, five blocks and 35 block assists for the 37-12 Warriors. Walla Walla finished third at the NWAACC tournament.

Abbe Reynolds, Buhl

Reynolds also contributed to Walla Walla's success as an outside hitter with 80 kills, 14 assists, seven aces, 71 digs, one block and 21 block assists.

a freshman keeper for Northwest Nazarene University. She only saw action in one game for the 8-11 Northwest Nazarene.

VOLLEYBALL

Whitney Bond, Twin Falls

Bond, a former Bruin, transferred to

Three more teams claimed bowl victories Saturday

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agreed to coach the game after being fired last month.

Arizona State is ranked second in the Pac-10 and 27th nationally in total defense, and has a major task in slowing down the nation's top-rated passer.

Hawaii's Colt Brennan is on the verge of breaking the 26-year-old NCAA single-season record for touchdown passes. He needs one TD pass to tie the mark of 54 set by Houston's David Klingler in 1990.

With 10 more passing yards, Brennan will become the third quarterback in NCAA history with 5,000 yards and 50 TDs in a season.

Brennan leads the nation in total offense (410.8), passing efficiency (182.8), touchdown passes (53) and yards passing (4,900). He also has a 72.1 completion percentage and has rushed for 351 yards and five TDs.

The WAC offensive player of the year said he would take a win over the record.

"It would solidify a lot of things for us and give us some credit especially when we have a year like this," I said.

ASU safety Zach Catanesse said keeping Brennan from getting the record would mean a low-scoring game that plays into his team's favor.

"I would like that but I'm living in reality here," he said. "That's probably going to happen. Whatever. I'm not

going to be terribly upset if we don't hold him."

But Catanesse doesn't want to be the defender on ESPN's highlights who gets beat on the record-breaking TD pass.

"Hopefully that's not me," he said.

Brennan's top target is speedy Davonne Bess, who has 91 catches for 1,155 yards and 14 TDs.

"We just want to get back out there and let the country know we're capable of playing anybody on any level," Bess said.

After starting 1-2 with single-digit losses at Alabama and Boise State, Hawaii won nine straight games and broke into the AP Top 25 for the first time since 1992 before losing its regular-season finale 35-32 to Oregon State.



Texas Tech head basketball coach Bob Knight claps in the final minutes of a 72-60 win against Bucknell in Lubbock, Texas, Saturday. Knight matched Dean Smith's record of 879 victories in Division I men's basketball with the win.

879

Knight ties Smith for most victories

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight always will be known for his temper and galle, for throwing a chair and winning national championships. Now he's got the ultimate vindication for doing things his way: Nobody has ever won more Division I men's basketball games.

Love or loathe him and his tactics, Knight tied Dean Smith's mark of 879 victories Saturday when Texas Tech beat Bucknell 72-60.

"I'm pleased that we're both right where we are," Knight said.

Knight has long insisted the record is a reflection on others, not himself. He stuck to that stance to the end: There was no announcement in the arena and four of his five assistants, including son and successor-to-be Pat, walked by him as if nothing had happened. The fifth assistant merely patted Knight lightly on the back as he went past.

"I'd like to have hit 62 home runs. Then I think I would've accomplished something," Knight said. "I hope those kids that played (for me) at Army back in '65, I hope some of them watched the game today and can look at themselves or their grandchildren and can say, 'I was there when that son of a bitch started.'"

Knight's first chance to own the top spot all by his sweater-wearing self comes Thursday night at home against UNLV. Two more home games follow, giving him a good chance of hitting 880 in front of the community that's embraced him since he arrived in 2001.

In his 11st year of coaching, Knight has a record of 879-353 with three national titles. The first was in 1976 with an Indiana team that went 32-0; no men's team has been perfect since.

Smith went 879-254 over 36 years, all at North Carolina. Knight and Smith are the only men to have won national championships as players and coaches. They share the record for coaching in the most NCAA tournaments (27).

Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt is the overall leader in major-college victories with 924 going into Saturday.

Knight and Smith spoke a few days ago and reminisced about when Smith passed Adolph Rupp for the top spot in 1997. Although they are friends, their vastly different styles were once summed up by Michael Jordan, who played for Smith at North Carolina and for Knight on the 1984 U.S. Olympic team.

"He said that both Dean and I have always tried to reach the same end, and that we have different ways of doing it. Coach Smith is the master of the four-corner offense and Coach Knight is master of the

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ASU hopes to slow down Warriors in Hawaii Bowl

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — While studying Hawaii's high-flying offense, Arizona State coach Dirk Koetter was reminded of a team closer to home that also faces opponents out of their game plans and into shootouts.

"They encourage you to run-and-shoot with them like the Phoenix Sun Devils. If you can't run, run-and-shoot with them and you're a half-court offense, you better, not go fast break with them."

The Sun Devils (7-5, 4-5 Pac-10) will try to establish the run, control the ball and cut up clock Sunday when they face the Warriors (10-3, 7-1 Western Athletic Conference) in the Hawaii Bowl.

"We're bringing out Dean Smith and going four corners," said Koetter, who



SPORTS

Jazz end road trip with win

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mehmet Okur scored 20 points, including a go-ahead 3-pointer with 36 seconds left, and the Utah Jazz beat the Memphis Grizzlies 100-97 on Saturday night.

It was the only 3-pointer of the game for Okur, who entered shooting 63 percent from behind the arc over the last five games. Okur added a pair of free throws with 2.5 seconds to secure the victory.

The Grizzlies thought they had tied the game when Damon Stoudamire banked in a 3-pointer as the horn sounded, but officials ruled it came too late, sending Memphis to its ninth lead in the last 10.

Carlos Boozer led the Jazz with 24 points and 11 rebounds, while Deron Williams finished with 17 points and nine assists. Derek Fisher scored 11, while reserve Ronnie Brewer added 10.

Mike Miller led Memphis with 28 points, while Dahntay Jones scored 14. Pau Gasol finished with 12 points.

Both teams lost on the road Friday night.

Memphis, which averages 19.3 points in the first quarter, got off to a good start, connecting on seven of its first nine shots, building an early 18-5 lead midway through the opening period.

But the Grizzlies also ended up with foul problems, then shooting problems, missing 11 of their next 14 shots, allowing Utah to pull even in the second.

76ers 98, Knicks 77

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Iguodala scored 20 points and Andre Miller added nine points and 11 assists in his Philadelphia debut, leading the 76ers to a victory over the New York Knicks.

Iguodala's performance came one night after he scored a career-high 31 points in a victory at Boston, ending the Sixers' 12-game losing streak.

Chris Wehrman had 16 points, Kyle Korver contributed 16, and Samuel Dalembert had 11 for the Sixers (7-19), who open a seven-game trip Tuesday at Golden State.

Now fourth in the league with 9.1 assists per game, and Joe Smith each played their first game for the Sixers since being acquired for Allen Iverson.

Jamal Crawford scored 21 points for New York.

Cavaliers 86, Magic 83

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 19 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 32, pushing him over 7,000 in his NBA career and carrying the Cavaliers to the win.

James, who will turn 22 next week, helped the Cavaliers snap a three-game losing streak.

Orlando took a 73-72 lead with 4:32 left on a basket by Tracy McGrady, but James showed signs of frustration earlier, took over James outscored the Magic 19-18 in the fourth.

Zydrunas Ilguskas added a season-high 22 points and Drew Gooden had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Cavs.

Dwight Howard led the Magic with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Timberwolves 78, Pacers 71

INDIANAPOLIS — Kevin



Memphis Grizzlies forward Rudy Gay, center, reaches for a rebound between Utah Jazz forward Andre Kirilenko left, and guard Ronnie Brewer during the first half Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

Gay had 29 points and a season-high 19 rebounds, and Minnesota snapped a four-game losing streak.

Jamaal Tinsley scored 22 points and Jermaine O'Neal added 11 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for the Pacers despite battling the flu.

The Pacers had won two in a row and four of five. They took a one-point lead into the fourth quarter, but shot 5-for-20 in the final period and finished with their lowest point total of the season.

Heat 105, Warriors 92

MIAMI — Jason Kaponen got off the bench to score a career-high 27 points and Dwyane Wade added 18 points and eight assists for Miami.

Alonzo Mourning had 14 points and Udolnis Haslem added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the defending NBA champion Heat, who got back to 5-0 at home (7-7) and tuned up for their Christmas Day showdown against Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers by holding the Warriors to 37 percent shooting.

Matt Barnes had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Golden State.

Spirs 112, Hornets 77

OKLAHOMA CITY — Tony Parker scored 19 points and the Spurs bounced back from their worst loss of the season.

Marc Gasol added 17 points and four other players scored in double figures as the Spurs shot a season-high 62.9 percent from the field.

Chris Paul led the Hornets with 20 points.

Pistons 108, Hawks 81

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Nazr Mohammed had 19 points and 10 rebounds to help the Pistons get the win.

Atlanta was missing five players due to injury, including four of its six leading scorers. The Hawks only dressed 10 players, but the end of the mad-rum, and lost their fourth in a row.

Marvin Williams led the

And he's still winning: a 115-64 record with three trips to the NCAA tournament in five full seasons at a school that went twice the previous 15 years.

About all that's changed is the color of his sweater (black, instead of Hoosiers red), and the importance of the milestones.

There was one hint that Knight understands the significance of this one: His son, Tim, made sure he got the game ball at the end.

"It's a big honor to be on this team," said Jarrius Jackson, who scored 18 points.

"We're part of history," added teammate Martin Zeno, who also scored 18. "We left our footprint. That's a good accomplishment for each and every player on the team."

Horford spurs Florida in spanking of No. 5 Ohio St.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Al Horford had 11 points and 11 rebounds in his return from a sprained ankle and keyed fifth-ranked Florida's second-half run in an 86-60 rout of No. 3 Ohio State Saturday.

The 6-foot-10 Horford, cleared to play after a morning shootaround, dominated his matchup with talented 7-foot freshman Greg Oden.

Oden was in foul trouble much of the game and finished with seven points and six rebounds.

Ohio State (10-2) used a 9-0 run to start the second half and erase a 38-29 deficit. But then Horford took over.

He had two jumpers, two dunks, a layup, a free throw and several rebounds over the next few minutes to help the Gators (11-2) put the game away.

Taurean Green and Corey Brewer also came up big in the 33-9 run that turned a tie game into a rout and had the largest crowd in the O'Connell Center's history (12,621) in a frenzy.

Green had 10 points, including two 3-pointers, in the spurt. He finished with 24 points on 9-of-12 shooting. Brewer had 10 points.

Freshman Mike Oden Jr. led Ohio State with 13 points, seven assists, five rebounds and four steals.

No. 1 UCLA 92, Michigan 55

LOS ANGELES — Josh Shipp scored 16 points, Arzon Athlalo added 17 and UCLA overpowered Michigan.

Darren Collison added 15 points and eight assists and Luc Richard Mbah a Moute scored 13 points for the Bruins (11-0), who are off to their best start since the 1993-94 season, when they won their first 14 games.

Michigan (11-2) is off to its best start in 14 years, but the Wolverines were playing just their third road game. And they have beaten only two teams — Davidson and Harvard — with winning records.

Courtney Sims scored 13 points for Michigan, which shot 46 percent (23-of-50) but committed a season-high 23 turnovers.

UCLA shot 53-of-96, including 11-of-20 from 3-point range, and outrebounced the Wolverines 28-24.

No. 4 Wisconsin 83, Pacific 47

MADISON, Wis. — Kameron Taylor scored 17 points to lead four Wisconsin starters scored in double figures in the Badgers' first game since beating then-No. 2 Pittsburgh a week ago.

Alando Tucker added 15 points for Wisconsin (12-1), while Brian Butch and Joe Krabbenhoft had 11 each.

Stefan Johnson had 16 points for Pacific (3-9), which has lost its last six games, a streak that includes three losses to ranked teams.

No. 7 Pittsburgh 84, Dayton 54

PITTSBURGH — Sam Young scored a career-high 18 points for Pittsburgh, which bounced back from consecutive losses to ranked teams.

Young and point guard LeVance Fields teamed to lead the Panthers' fast start as Pitt (11-2) showed no fatigue from its 95-89, double-overtime defeat to No. 15 Oklahoma State in Oklahoma City Thursday night. That loss followed an 89-75 defeat to then-No. 7 Wisconsin when the Panthers were ranked No. 2.

Southern California 60, No. 8 Wichita St. 56

LAS VEGAS — Nick Young scored 26 points and Southern California took the third-place game in the Las Vegas Classic, handing the Shockers their second loss in as many nights after they had opened the season 9-0.

Young, who went 11-for-14 from the field, made a jumper as the shot clock ran out with 1:03 to play, and Lodrick Stewart then stole the ball and made one free throw to put the Trojans (10-3) ahead 58-53.

But Sean Ogiri of Wichita State made a 3-pointer with seven seconds to play to make it 58-56, and Daniel Hackett of the Trojans had to make two free throws with 6.4 seconds left to put the game away.

The Trojans, who have won five of six, lost to Kansas State in the semifinals.

Ogiri led Wichita State (9-2), which lost to New Mexico in the semifinals, with 16 points.



Ohio State's Greg Oden, left, fouls Florida's Taurean Green during the first half of Florida's 86-60 win in a basketball game Saturday in Gainesville, Fla. Green scored 24 points.

No. 10 Alabama 99, Coppin St. 49

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alonzo Gee was 12-for-14 from the field for a career-high 26 points and had nine rebounds to lead Alabama.

The Crimson Tide (11-1) used an 11-0 run to take a 16-9 lead in the game's opening eight minutes. Coppin State (2-9) scored five straight points to get within three points, but Alabama broke the game open with a 33-12 run and led 55-30 at halftime.

No. 11 Kansas 84, Boston College 66

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Marlo Chalmers and Brandon Rush triggered a 24-4 run in the first half for Kansas.

Sean Williams, the NCAA leader in blocked shots, had 19 points and 15 rebounds — both career highs — to go with seven blocks for Boston College (7-3), which had won six straight.

Chalmers had 22 points for Kansas (10-2) while Julian Wright had 13 points and 12 boards.

No. 12 LSU 68, Louisiana Tech 52

BATON ROUGE, La. — Glen Davis bounced back from a season-low eight points with 23 and Terry Martin added 19 to lead LSU.

Davis, who struggled in the Tigers' 81-72 loss at No. 17 Washington on Wednesday, made a career-high 15 free throws and grabbed a season-high 14 rebounds.

Martin, playing in just his second game since becoming eligible, was 7-of-9 from the field, including 5-of-6 from 3-point range.

No. 18 Memphis 86, Middle Tennessee 46

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Donnell Mack scored 18 points to lead five Memphis players in double figures.

Jeremy Hunt added 16 points for Memphis (9-3), while Chris Douglas-Roberts went 5-for-6 from the field and had 13. Willie Kemp and Robert Dozier each had 11 points.

Demond Yates had 12 points for the Blue Raiders (4-7), who got little from their two leading scorers — Kevin Kanaske and Tim Blue — who were a combined 1-of-15 from the field. Kanaske, who entered the game averaging 12.7 points, finished 0-for-8 from the field and had only two free throws.

No. 21 Oregon 84, Mercer 64

EUGENE, Ore. — Aaron Brooks scored 27 points and Bryce Taylor added 21 to lead the Ducks (11-0), who are off to their best start in 60 years.

Marty Leunen had 10 points and a career-high 18 rebounds, and Adam Zahn added career highs of 15 points and 11 rebounds for Oregon, which was 12-0 in 1946-47.

Freshman James Florence had 19 points for Mercer (5-6).

— The Associated Press

Knight

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four-letter word. That's a verbatim quote from Jordan, Knight said.

Already a Hall of Famer, the 66-year-old Knight now has a share of the record book because he drove him back to coaching after being fired by Indiana after 29 years, three national titles and one too many run-ins with players, bosses and fans.

Since resurfacing at the heart of football country, "The General" hasn't changed much.

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SPORTS

Chiefs run past Raiders to snap three-game skid

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A trip to Oakland was just what the Kansas City Chiefs needed to snap their three-game losing streak and keep their faint playoff hopes alive. Larry Johnson ran for 137 yards and a touchdown to help the Chiefs become the first team to beat the Raiders eight straight times with a 20-9 victory Saturday night.

The Chiefs (8-7) need to beat Jacksonville next week and get plenty of help from other teams to make the playoffs because their 17-7 conference record has put them behind most of the other contenders in the tiebreakers.

For now, they'll just have to take solace in ending their skid and handing another loss to their longtime rivals, who have never been this low in Al Davis' more than four decades with the franchise.

The Raiders (2-13) have lost eight straight overall and matched the franchise record for losses in a season set when they went 1-13 in 1962 — the season before Davis

arrived to coach and eventually own the team.

The frustration of a lost season finally appeared to boil over in frustration when defensive leader Warren Sapp threw a tantrum on the sideline late in the first half as Oakland's offense once again struggled.

The Raiders could only manage three field goals by Sebastian Janikowski and were held without an offensive touchdown for the seventh time this season. Oakland was outscored 76-12 in its four prime time games, failing to score a touchdown in any of them.

Trent Green threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Eddie Kennison on Kansas City's opening drive and the Chiefs' much-needed relief on Johnson and Raiders' mistakes after that.

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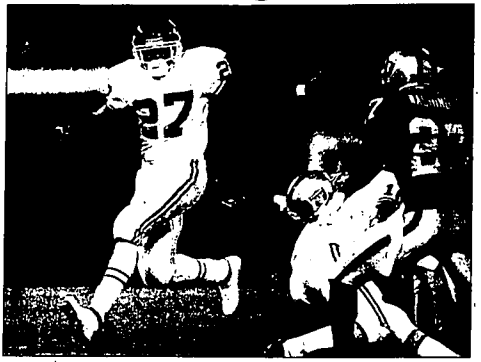
against Oakland. He had 31 carries and scored on a 1-yard run in the final minute of the first half to make it 17-6.

Johnson has 398 yards rushing in three starts against the Raiders, and his 10 touchdowns in six games is his most against any opponent.

Oakland turned the ball over five times, including four by Andrew Walter, who started at quarterback in place of the injured Aaron Brooks. The Raiders also were without receivers Randy Moss and Jerry Porter, and starting running back LaMont Jordan.

Walter was 27-for-37 for 226 yards, but lost two fumbles and threw two interceptions. That gives him 22 turnovers on the season, despite starting only eight games.

It was Walter's second fumble in the first half that set Sapp off. He had been pacing the sideline and yelling in frustration during the drive. He flung his poncho to the ground after the fumble that Jared Allen forced and recovered.



Kansas City Chiefs' Larry Johnson runs against the Oakland Raiders in the second quarter in Oakland, Calif., Saturday.

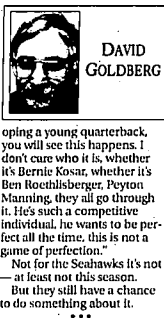
Seahawks have tough job against Chargers

The Seattle Seahawks' problems this season have been blamed on all sorts of things: injuries, free-agent defections, post-Super Bowl letdown, even the weird weather in the Pacific Northwest.

But put it in perspective. If the Seahawks can beat AFC leader San Diego on Sunday, they become the first team since 2000 to become Titans to make the playoffs the year after they lose a Super Bowl.

"Are we disappointed, are we angry, are we frustrated, can we play better?" Mike Holmes says of his team. "Yes, yes, yes, yes."

But do they have hope? Yes, yes, yes.



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Not for the Seahawks it's not — at least not this season. But they still have a chance to do something about it.

Playoff implications for Seahawks, Chargers

If the Seahawks (8-6) can beat AFC leader San Diego (12-2) on Sunday, they become the first team since the 2000 Tennessee Titans to make the playoffs the year after they lose a Super Bowl.

The Chargers can get home-field advantage for the playoffs by winning in Seattle then beating Arizona. San Diego has won eight straight, has done it on both offense and defense and is so talented that it could argue it was shortchanged in the Pro Bowl voting, even with an NFL-high nine players chosen.

Game	Time	Notes
New England at Jacksonville	10:45	86
Baltimore at Pittsburgh	11:30	67
Chicago at Detroit	12:12	2-12
Tampa Bay at Cleveland	4:10	4-10
San Francisco at Oakland	7:05	2-12
San Diego at San Francisco	8:05	8-6
Arizona at San Francisco	4:05	8-6
Washington at St. Louis	5:05	6-8
San Francisco at Oakland	7:05	2-12
San Diego at San Francisco	8:05	8-6
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San Diego at San Francisco	8:05	8-6
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Washington at St. Louis	5:05	6-8

At some level, the game with the Chargers might possibly be a Super Bowl preview.

Although the Seahawks (8-6) have lost the last two weeks to division rivals Arizona and San Francisco, blowing a chance to wrap up the NFC West, they still have the potential to do something in the playoffs in a conference where everyone has troubles. They will still lead the division if they win just one of their final two games or San Francisco loses one.

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One of those Pro Bowlers is Philip Rivers, in his first year as the starting quarterback. He was just 8-of-23 for 97 yards and two interceptions against Kansas City last week. But, typical of the Chargers this season, the defense and San Diego's running game, led by 99 yards rushing and two TDs secured the win.

"I'm not concerned about it, at this point," Marty Schottenheimer says of Rivers' struggles last week.

"Anything you work at devel-

oped a young quarterback, you will see this happens. I don't care who it is. Whether it's Ben Roethlisberger, Peyton Manning, they all go through it. He's such a competitive individual, he wants to be perfect all the time. This is not a game of perfection."

Not for the Seahawks it's not — at least not this season. But they still have a chance to do something about it.

The next-to-last week of the regular season began with six teams in the playoffs and the possibility that all the divisions could be wrapped up going into the final week.

Baltimore, Indianapolis, San Diego, Chicago and New Orleans have clinched their divisions. Dallas has clinched a playoff berth and will win the AFC East if it beats Philadelphia at home on Monday. And New England can win the AFC East if its wins in Jacksonville on Sunday or the New York Jets lose in Miami on Monday night.

Cincinnati, Denver, Philadelphia and the New York Giants all can clinch wild-card spots if they win and other circumstances fall right.

Arizona, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Oakland, Tampa Bay and Washington have been eliminated.

The weekend began Thursday night, with Green Bay beating Minnesota 9-7.

In other games Sunday, Chicago is at Detroit; Carolina at Atlanta; Tennessee at Baltimore; Baltimore at Pittsburgh; Indianapolis at Houston; Washington at St. Louis; New Orleans at the New York Giants; Tampa Bay at Cleveland; Arizona at San Francisco; and Cincinnati at Denver.

The Jaguars probably have a good one against the Patriots, who have no consistent receiving threat and likely will be without Lawrence Maroney, the rookie running back who has replaced Corey Dillon so well. Jacksonville is 6-1 at home 1 p.m.

Even the injury-beset Panthers, who have lost four straight and have Chris Weinke (1-17 Meme) at quarterback, still have a shot at the playoffs that should end this week against the Falcons. Although the NFC is so wacky that Carolina might win 1 p.m.

Two more charging second-year AFC playoff contenders who would be first tie in the NFC. The Titans have won five straight and seven of nine since Vince Young at quarterback. The Bills have won four of five as J.P. Losman matures at quarterback 1 p.m.

The Colts, who routed the Titans in Week 2, can clinch a first-round bye if they win and the Ravens lose — something that could well happen given the opposition. Not only was Peyton Manning sharp in the win over Cincinnati, but the offense woke up 1 p.m.

Two teams that will be watching the postseason in a couple of weeks, with one Pro Bowler between them — Tampa's Ronnie Barber. Cleveland's Kellen Winslow deserved it but was blocked at tight end in the AFC by Antonio Gates and Tony Gonzalez 1 p.m.

The Cowboys can wrap up the NFC East on Christmas. It's not surprising that it's these two teams fighting for the division tie. It is surprising that the quarterbacks are Tony Stewart at quarterback for the Cowboys and Jeff Garcia for the Eagles 5 p.m.

New York can't win an AFC wild-card spot, although it's likely to be in good shape if it can beat the Dolphins because it would lead the loss of the Cincinnati-Denver game and has Oakland at home in the finale. 8:30 p.m.

Sakoda, Weddle lead Utes to win over Tulsa

UTAH CLAIMED FOUR field goals, defensive standout Eric Weddle ran for a touchdown and Utah matched the longest active bowl streak with its sixth straight postseason victory, 25-23 over Tulsa in the Armed Forces Bowl on Saturday night.

The Utes (8-5) have won all of their bowl games since 1999, including two years ago when they were the first non-BCS team to play in the Bowl Championship Series and beat Pittsburgh 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl to cap an undefeated season.

Brett Ratliff was 23-of-34 passing for 240 yards and was credited with a 50-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter for the Utes, though it was actually a designed catch-and-pitch similar to a score in their Fiesta Bowl romp. Brian Hernandez caught the ball behind the line of scrimmage and pitched to Brent Castel, who ran around the left end and leaped

into the end zone.

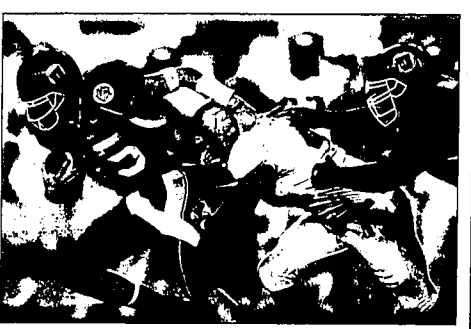
Brent Smith scored on a pair of 1-yard keepers for Tulsa (8-5), which finished a once-promising season with its fourth loss in five games.

Boston College also has won six straight bowls. The Eagles have a chance to extend their streak next Saturday against Navy in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

Utah's latest bowl victory came on the TCU campus, where it played for the first time since a September 2005 game when the Utes' school-record 18-game winning streak ended in a 23-20 overtime loss against TCU.

Weddle, the two-time Mountain West Conference defensive player of the year, who also plays several snaps a game on offense, ran 10 times for 56 yards. His 4-yard score with 1:05 left in the game was his fifth rushing TD this season.

Weddle also intercepted a pass on the final play of the game.



Utah quarterback Brett Ratliff, left, tries to escape Tulsa linebacker Alain Karapetayan as Utah lineman Zane Beadles, right, tries to block in the first half of the Armed Forces Bowl football game Saturday in Fort Worth, Texas.

San Jose St. caps 9-win season with bowl victory

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — San Jose State linebacker Matt Castelo saw New Mexico halfback Rodney Ferguson hit the hole near the goal line and prepared for a collision.

"I saw the running back get the ball and it was like in slow motion," Castelo said. "I tried jumping over me. Tried to put the ball out for a touchdown."

Ferguson never made it to the end zone.

Castelo hit Ferguson and his helmet knocked the ball out and right into fellow linebacker Damaja Jones' hands. In a season where San Jose State's defense carried the Spartans to their first bowl game in 16 years, Castelo and Jones teamed up for what may have been the biggest stop of the year.

Adam Trafalis threw three touchdown passes and San Jose State beat New Mexico 20-12 on Saturday in the inaugural New Mexico Bowl, extending the Lobos' postseason drought to 45 years.

One big pass play by Trafalis and that costly fumble by Ferguson — both in the first half — set the tone for the Spartans' first bowl win outside of California.

Jones returned Ferguson's fumble 57 yards to beat New Mexico 37. Although the Spartans didn't score on that drive, they had the momentum for good.

New Mexico (6-7) hasn't won a bowl game since it beat Western Michigan in the 1981 Aviation Bowl and is 0-5 since 1997.

For the Spartans (9-4), the win provided a final highlight in a season in which they won more games than they had in the three previous seasons.

PapaJohns.com Bowl South Florida 24, East Carolina 7

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Benjamin Williams led South Florida in its first bowl victory, running for two first-half touchdowns in the Bulls' 24-7 victory over East Carolina on Saturday in the inaugural PapaJohns.com Bowl.

The Bulls (9-4) played the scoreless second half without quarterback Matt Grothe. The Big East freshman of the year was kicked in the right shin in the second quarter.

The defense's program's only previous bowl appearance was a shutout loss last year in the Meineke Car Care Bowl. South Florida also tied its season high for wins.

Struggling to make a comeback, East Carolina (7-6) drove inside the South Florida 30 five times in the second half only to fall short.

Williams finished with 67 yards on 17 carries. Grothe threw a 37-yard TD pass to Amari Jackson. East Carolina's James Pinkney threw a 48-yard scoring pass to Bobby Good.

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BOWLING

BOWLDROME -- TWIN FALLS
NFL SUPER BOWL
BOYS' SERIES: Paul Donat Sr. 587, Dennis Seckel 387.
GAMES: Paul Donat Sr. 587, Dennis Seckel 387, Mike Emmert 188, Dennis Jensen 188.

COED SERIES: Tom Myers 27, Tiffany Gray 23, Amy 23, Delphin 23, Almee Myers 212.
BOYS' SERIES: Myrshall Myers 373, Matthew Thrall 323, Kenny Trammel 300, Craig Gray 299.
BOYS' GAMES: Matthew Thrall 323, Myrshall Myers 203, Craig Gray 178, Joe Campbell 166.
GIRLS' SERIES: Tom Myers 297, Tiffany Gray 23, Amy 23, Delphin 23, Almee Myers 212.
COEDS' GAMES: Tom Myers 177, Cassie Campbell 127, Mary Dupinich 122, Kassy Donat 118.
SUN. EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Craig Brock 644, Ron Marshall 619, Rick Frederickson 619, John Harral 583.
BOYS' SERIES: Craig Brock 225, Corey Magee 225, John Harral 221, Ron Marshall 220.
LADIES SERIES: Leona Magee 506, Jeanne Blumer 500, Misty Walsh 496, Kim Leazer 491.
LADIES GAMES: Leona Magee 212, Misty Walsh 194, Tara Kelly 179, Tony Green 165.
MON. MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Nicholas Parsons 668, Zach Black 476.
GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Allen 472, Ashlee Nowak 390.
GIRLS' GAMES: Danielle Allen 165, Ashlee Nowak 150.
MON. MIXED FOLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Glenn Bessite 611, Rick Brock 584, Ken Hodges 565, John Bonnett 560.
MEN'S GAMES: Rick Brock 258, Glenn Bessite 214, Lawrence Johnson 208, Mike Mathler 205.
LADIES SERIES: Kay Puschel 690, Lorenia Rodriguez 556, RaeNae Reece 51, Rita Bates 22.
LADIES GAMES: Kay Puschel 295, Dee Hall 202, Lorenia Rodriguez 190, RaeNae Reece 190.
SH-BOOM
MEN'S SERIES: Byron D. Hager 746, Dale Black 646, Neil Sposook 614, Darrell Reynolds 007.
MEN'S GAMES: Darrell Reynolds 290, Byron D. Hager 252, Jim Hodge 244, Dale Black 234.
LADIES SERIES: Kathi Jerome 594, Barbara Reynolds 530, Aftn Shepherd 522, Tiffany

Hager 518.
MID MORN. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Gerald Leeds 684, Jerry Seabolt 645, Dick DeRocho 636, Jim DeVries 624.
MEN'S GAMES: Gerald Leeds 258, Jim DeVries 238, Dick DeRocho 236, Dennis Seckel 235.
LADIES SERIES: Tony Armstrong 532, Marie Stewart 519, Elaine Kolkeffer 498, Margie Howard 497.
LADIES GAMES: Tonya Armstrong 205, Elaine Kolkeffer 194, Margie Howard 189, Marie Stewart 183.
TUES. AM. TRIOS
COEDS: Gail Cederlund 518, Laura Brock 504, Susan McCann 490, Jessie Biggerstaff 487.
GAMES: Laura Brock 190, Sandra Milam 185, Blanche Lanier 183, Jessie Biggerstaff 180, Nalean Dury 180, Susan McCann 180, Mona Neill 180.
SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 616, Lisa Allen 558, Barb Aslett 515, Diane Newton 501.
GAMES: Kristy Rodriguez 221, Lisa Allen 201, Diane Newton 200, Barb Aslett 197.
CITY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Rod Sorenson 581, Mark Shull 562, Kelsey McLimans 550, Herb Melody 543.
MEN'S GAMES: Kelsey McLimans 222, Rod Sorenson 215, Herb Melody 203, Mike Starr 197.
LADIES SERIES: Carole Fredrickson 549, Crystal Shull 531, Julie Waters 512, Marilyn Melody 484.
LADIES GAMES: Carole Fredrickson 203, Crystal Shull 198, Marilyn Melody 186, Julie Waters 179.
CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Lee Crump 658, Rick Fredrickson 674, Byron A. Hager 664, Bill Justman 658.
GAMES: Joey Mauldin 266, Lee Crump 236, Dan Wilson 257, Matt Olsen 248.
M.V. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 646, Ron Marshall 564, Clyde Williams 559, Ed Dury 542.
MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 255, Clay Williams 225, Ken Hodges 219, Ed Dury 215.
LADIES SERIES: Jean McGuire 538, Linda Cline 521, Shirley Kunsman 504, Bob Cox 476.
LADIES GAMES: Jean McGuire 224, Linda Cline 223, Shirley Kunsman 205, Helen Shaff 169.
LADIES CLASSIC
SERIES: Kay Puschel 568, Crystal Shull 545, Angel Hillman 549, Tiffany Hager 541.
GAMES: Kay Puschel 224,

Crystal Shull 222, Georgia Randall 220, Angie Hillman 205.
SPECIAL FORCES II
MEN'S SERIES: Steven Hornest 213, Byron James 209, Ronnie Riddle 196.
MEN'S GAMES: Steven Hornest 115, Byron James 107, Ronnie Riddle 102.
LADIES SERIES: Marcus Henkelman 311, Martha Draine 260, Tamara Ahrendsen 146.
LADIES GAMES: Marcus Henkelman 181, Martha Draine 154, Tamara Ahrendsen 77.
SPECIAL FORCES II
MEN'S SERIES: Trevor McLean 350, Norman Archer 319, Dale Myers 307, Pat Hagerty 307.
MEN'S GAMES: Chris Fry 223, Chris Herzog 204, Trevor McLean 180, Terry Kissinger 178.
LADIES SERIES: Pam Taylor 403, Sharon Fitzpatrick 311, Shon Gonzales 193, Jenni Norman 192.
LADIES GAMES: Pam Taylor 287, Sharon Fitzpatrick 168, Shon Gonzales 127, Jenni Norman 117.
SOMETHING ELSE
MEN'S SERIES: Mark Warren 440, Corky Federico 417, Randy Bernhard 406, Dennis Rinehart 405.
MEN'S GAMES: Mark Warren 160, Randy Bernhard 149, Dennis Rinehart 149, Bob McMillan 147.
LADIES SERIES: Kathy Deahl 510, Teri Federico 440, Sharia Warren 427, Michelle Ferret 409, Lucy Heim 416.
LADIES GAMES: Kathy Deahl 192, Sue Pruett 182, Sharia Warren 165, Teri Federico 155.
SUNSET
SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 589, Marie Bounis 587, Kim Leazer 560, Kathi Jerome 548.
GAMES: Marie Bounis 214, Karen Morano 204, Kristy Rodriguez 201, Kathi Jerome 192.
FRI. EAGLE BIRDS
SERIES: Cecil Carter 644, Shannon Carter 618, Darrin Carter 570, Nita Malle 515, Norma Carter 499, Georgia Schulte 435.
GAMES: Shannon Carter 284, Cecil Carter 245, Duane Smith 211, Norma Carter 223, Nita Malle 183, Angie Castaneda 178.
ODD BALL
SERIES: Jachelle Lowe 560, Dee Wilcox 501, Camille Marland 486, Teresa Riedinger 484.
GAMES: Jachelle Lowe 244, Dona Banner 222, Debo Ingram 193, Dolly Bell 191.
THURS. MORN. DLBS.
SERIES: Dery Smith 592, Jamie

Danielle Human 180, Jackie Bob 169, Ilene Holsington 167.
MOOSE
SERIES: Rod Sorenson 699, Craig Brock 689, Jon Powlis 684, Jim Sorenson 661.
GAMES: Jon Powlis 288, Jim Sorenson 256, Bill Palmer 255, Craig Brock 248.
SHAKE RIVER BOWL -- BURLEY TUESDAY MIXED
SERIES: Bob Bywater 707, Jordan Parish 675, Bill Murphy 654, Theresa Knowlton 578, Kristie Johnston 520, Chris Rowley 494.
GAMES: Bill Murphy 259, Bob Bywater 247, Jordan Parish 246, Theresa Knowlton 214, Kristie Johnston 184, Alicia Bywater 175.
HS & PA
SERIES: Bob Despain 609, Bill Knight 585, Randy Rose 573, Annette Hirsch 576, Janet Grant 489, Kay Poole 442.
GAMES: Bill Knight 246, Bob Despain 226, Rod Runyon 209, Annette Hirsch 205, Janet Grant 192, Jayne Ruyon 160.
WED. NIGHT
SERIES: Marty Holland 597, George Sherborn 548, Donald Baumer 536, Annette Hirsch 534, Gayle Erekson 448, Susan Fowler 446.
GAMES: George Sherborn 224, Marty Holland 223, Kurt Simpsom 208, Annette Hirsch 196, Verna Hie Lidell 171.
CLASSIC TRIOS (4 GAME SERIES)
SERIES: Dan Rorris 884, Bob Bywater 860, Wally Studer 845, Rusty Heim 816.
GAMES: Bob Bywater 255, Wally Studer 247, Darrin Carter 245, Duane Smith 244.
MAJOR
SERIES: Darrin Carter 644, Don Price 640, James Allen 630, Steve Schub 626.
GAMES: Evan Wirtz 255, Justin Studer 247, Darrin Carter 245, Duane Smith 244.
EAGLE BIRDS
SERIES: Cecil Carter 644, Shannon Carter 618, Darrin Carter 570, Nita Malle 515, Norma Carter 499, Georgia Schulte 435.
GAMES: Shannon Carter 284, Cecil Carter 245, Duane Smith 211, Norma Carter 223, Nita Malle 183, Angie Castaneda 178.
ODD BALL
SERIES: Jachelle Lowe 560, Dee Wilcox 501, Camille Marland 486, Teresa Riedinger 484.
GAMES: Jachelle Lowe 244, Dona Banner 222, Debo Ingram 193, Dolly Bell 191.
THURS. MORN. DLBS.
SERIES: Dery Smith 592, Jamie

Stewart 566, Deon Fassett 531, Norrette Kostka 497.
GAMES: Dery Smith 227, Jamie Stewart 201, Eunice Merrigan 184, Nanette Kostka 180.
RAILROADS
SERIES: Kris Rodriguez 535, Kym Son 519, Sonya Tamcke 509, Julie Smith 508.
GAMES: Sonya Tamcke 202, Julie Smith 199, Suzy Veiverton 192, Kym Son 186.
HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Sharon Rathe 535, Bonnie McClellan 494, Theresa Knowlton 492, Lisa Hutchison 489.
GAMES: Sharon Rathe 203, Missy Stuart 192, Bonnie McClellan 186, Theresa Knowlton 184.
LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS
SERIES: Tom Davis 578, Stacy Heib 565, Kellie Warr 529, Julie Vincent 487.
GAMES: Kym Davis 202, Kellie Warr 192, Julie Vincent 181, Kamille Ockley 178.
MONDAY MARAUDERS
SERIES: Henry Smith 598, Brenda Schenk 454, Pat Hicks 441, Patrick Cook 423.
GAMES: Henry Smith 239, Brenda Schenk 185, Pat Hicks 165, Alice Fern 164.
PINEHEADS
SERIES: Quentin Roberts 274, Scott McEvoy 51, Nichole Williams 365, Dominique Powers 342, Kiara Hie 341.
GAMES: Quentin Roberts 105, Scott McEvoy 26, Kiara Hie 136, Dominique Powers 133, Nichole Williams 130.
BURLEY
SERIES: Trevor Reno 524, Andrew Morgan 516, Russell Martin 466.
GAMES: Trevor Reno 193, Andrew Morgan 186, Jeremy Martin 165.
MINIKO
SERIES: Dale Jones 497, Jared Studer 416, Joseph McClure 402, Amanda Studer 500, Francis Fowler 498, Katie Kenser 447.
GAMES: Dale Jones 147, Travis Fuchler 156, Jared Studer 150, Amanda Studer 208, Katie Kenser 203, Francis Fowler 175.
MAGIC BOWL -- TWIN FALLS SUN. ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: R.D. Adema 769, Stan Vissler 601, Buddy Bryant 597, Russ Bartlett 574.
MEN'S GAMES: R.D. Adema 276, Joe Vissler 246, Stan Vissler 245, Dawin Duxley 216.
LADIES SERIES: Cindy Countryman 535, Melissa Straub 530, Sherry Amerson 525, Amanda Adema 469.
LADIES GAMES: Sherry Amerson 202, Cindy Countryman 199, Melissa Straub 191, Amanda Adema 183.

COMMERCIAL
SERIES: Ron Dawson 692, Clint Koyle 644.
GAMES: Ron Dawson 249, Ron Romano Jr. 242, Charlie Lewis 239, Clint Koyle 233.
MASON
SERIES: Kathy Gray 529, Glenda Barquilla 517, Marie Bruce 513.
Kathy McClure 498.
GAMES: Kathy Gray 204, Glenda Barquilla 191, Nancy Lewis 189, Marie Bruce 180.
PIONEER
SERIES: Brenda Altin 594, Toni Champlin 575, Barb Reynolds 560, Laurie Bower 557.
GAMES: Toni Champlin 236, Branda Altin 224, Bobble Thompson 223, Amber Blackwell 216.
VALLEY
SERIES: Leon Klimes 747, Ryan Worden 684, R.D. Adema 659, Ron Dawson 655.
GAMES: Leon Klimes 289, R.D. Adema 287, Ryan Worden 256, Herry Klimes 255.
FIFTY PLUS
MEN'S SERIES: Blaine Ross 630, Tom Morgan 579, Roy Couch 566, Felix McLemore 544.
GAMES: Blaine Ross 231, Tom Morgan 208, Roger Granfo 206, Roy Couch 201.
LADIES SERIES: Dot Van Hook 522, Pat Glass 491, Virginia Williams 485, Virginia Mulkay 483.
LADIES GAMES: Virginia Mulkay 205, Dot Van Hook 193, Jackie Bessette 189, Marvina Bartlett 188.
THURS. MIXED
SERIES: Robbe Maxfield 643, Marc Owens 563, Kevin Francis 556, Charles Lewis 551.
MEN'S GAMES: Robbe Maxfield 245, Jack Boy 256, Keryn Brawley 203, Kevin Parks 201.
LADIES SERIES: Joyce Parks 562, Gail Cederlund 513, Lorenia Rodriguez 503, Melissa Straub 498.
LADIES GAMES: Joyce Parks 234, Diana Bray 185, Nancy Eldredge 177, Gail Cederlund 176.
SAT. YABA
BOYS' SERIES: Kyle Mason 589, Tric Smith 549, Duane Reich 544, Nick Parsons 533.
BOYS' GAMES: Duane Reich 233, Kyle Mason 220, Isaac Reich 206, Nick Parsons 201.
GIRLS' SERIES: Jessica Jenkins 415, Marissa Eggleston 414, Leah Wasko 349, Tami Craig 351.
GIRLS' GAMES: Cecelia Melloy 194, Jessica Jenkins 160, Marissa Eggleston 147, Leah Wasko 144.

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SWIMMING

TWIN FALLS -- The YMCA
 Magic Valley Marlins competitive team in the Winter Sprint Invitational held at Reed Gym on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello on Dec. 2. The Marlins had 23 swimmers take part in the meet. The team is for ages 5 and up and anyone interested in joining may contact the city pool for more information. Below are results from the Winter Sprint.

Results
 Magic Valley YMCA Marlins
 Winter Sprint Invitational
 Dec. 2 in Pocatello

50m
 Age Time
 Female 08&U 25 Back
 Hager, Maxie R 8 25:16
 Dixon, Anwey A 8 25:59
 Reed, Clara R 7 36:69 F
 Rice, Lydia M 8 NS

Female 08&U 25 Back
 Atwood, Freddym R 8 25:92
 Biedendach, Landon R 7 26:42
 Burgett, Josh 7 52:38

Male 09-10 50 Back
 Biedendach, Cotan R 9 48:80

Female 11-12 100 Back
 Katusak, Ashton M 12 1:21:15
 Reed, Kate 12 1:31:82

Male 11-12 100 Back
 Krapf, Sam 11 1:30:67
 Harding, Connor 12 1:56:24
 Burgett, Luke M 12 1:30:01

Male 11-12 100 Back
 Harding, Andy 17 1:04:49
 Walton, Wes 13 1:06:16
 Drollinger, Jake 13 1:24:75

Female 08&U 25 Back
 Dixon, Anwey A 8 29:15
 Johnson, Maddle R 8 35:21

Male 11-12 100 Free
 Katusak, Ashton M 12 1:14:91

Female 09-10 100 Free
 Krapf, Sam 11 1:17:15
 Burgett, Luke M 12 1:18:34
 Harding, Connor 12 1:23:64

Female 13-0v 100 Free
 Biedendach, Abby M 13 1:07:89
 Perenoud, Kristy Jo 15 1:08:91
 Dixon, Emily E 13 1:28:57

Male 13-0v 100 Free
 Harding, Andy 17 53:32
 Walton, Wes 13 1:02:90
 Wirtz, Joshua 14 1:04:17
 Drollinger, Jake 13 1:11:78

Female 08&U 100 IM
 Rice, Lydia M 8 NS

Male 08&U 100 IM
 Biedendach, Landon R 7 2:30:27
 Atwood, Freddym R 8 2:27:72

Female 09-10 100 IM
 Aguirre, Jessica R 10 1:22:51

Male 09-10 100 IM
 Biedendach, Cotan R 9 1:48:89

Female 11-12 100 IM
 Reed, Kate 12 1:23:79
 Biedendach, Harmon D 11 1:30:57

Male 11-12 100 IM
 Burgett, Luke M 12 1:26:41
 Krapf, Sam 11 1:34:62

Female 13-0v 200 IM
 Perenoud, Kristy Jo 15 2:57:57
 Biedendach, Abby M 13 3:02:76

Male 13-0v 200 IM
 Harding, Andy 17 2:24:42
 Walton, Wes 13 2:34:95
 Wirtz, Joshua 14 2:36:89

Female 08&U 25 Fly
 Dixon, Anwey A 8 22:17
 Reed, Clara J 7 35:49
 Rice, Lydia M 8 NS

Male 08&U 25 Fly
 Atwood, Freddym R 8 22:94
 Biedendach, Landon R 7 23:49
 Burgett, Josh 7 46:65

Female 09-10 50 Fly
 Biedendach, Abby M 13 3:02:76

Female 13-0v 50 Fly
 Harding, Andy 17 2:24:42
 Walton, Wes 13 2:34:95
 Wirtz, Joshua 14 2:36:89

Male 13-0v 50 Fly
 Harding, Andy 17 1:05:11
 Walton, Wes 13 1:13:18

Mixed 11-12 200 Breast
 Burgett, Luke M 12 3:59:51
 Harding, Connor 12 3:57:83

Mixed 13-14 200 Breast
 Biedendach, Abby M 13 3:26:50

Mixed 13-14 200 Breast
 Wirtz, Joshua 14 2:53:78

Female 11-12 50 Free
 Reed, Kate 12 32:23

Male 13-0v 50 Free
 Katusak, Ashton M 12 33:60
 Biedendach, Harmon D 11 35:52

Male 11-12 50 Free
 Harding, Connor 12 37
 Krapf, Sam 11 37:24

Female 13-0v 50 Free
 Biedendach, Abby M 13 30:94
 Perenoud, Kristy Jo 15 31:35
 Dixon, Emily E 13 38:68

Male 13-0v 50 Free
 Harding, Andy 17 24:48
 Wirtz, Joshua 14 29:47
 Drollinger, Jake 13 32:89

Female 08&U 25 Fly
 Johnson, Maddle R 8 35:31
 Dixon, Anwey A 8 35:55

Male 08&U 25 Fly
 Atwood, Freddym R 8 28:43
 Biedendach, Landon R 7 42:81

Female 09-10 50 Fly
 Aguirre, Jessica R 10 37:79

Male 09-10 50 Fly
 Biedendach, Cotan R 9 1:01:41

Male 11-12 50 Free
 Reed, Kate 12 38:26
 Biedendach, Harmon D 11 43:12

Male 11-12 50 Fly
 Burgett, Luke M 12 44:90
 Krapf, Sam 11 45:61

Male 13-0v 100 Fly
 Harding, Andy 17 1:05:11
 Walton, Wes 13 1:13:18

Mixed 11-12 200 Breast
 Burgett, Luke M 12 3:59:51
 Harding, Connor 12 3:57:83

Mixed 13-14 200 Breast
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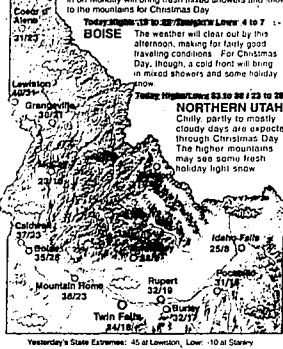
Today: Mostly cloudy in the early morning, then partly cloudy. Highs: 30s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead, near average temperatures. Lows: upper teens.
Tomorrow: Christmas Day showers, perhaps mixing with some snow at times. Highs: 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Turning partly cloudy by the afternoon. Highs: 30s.
Tonight: Chilly, but mainly dry and quiet. Lows: upper teens.
Tomorrow: A cool Christmas Day with a chance for passing snow showers. Highs: lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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Often than some daily light morning snow, travelers should have good conditions today. A cold front coming in on Monday will bring fresh mixed showers and snow to the mountains for Christmas Day.



Boise: The weather will clear up by this afternoon, making for fairly good traveling conditions. For Christmas Day, though, a cold front will bring mixed showers and some snow.
Twin Falls: The weather will be mostly cloudy in the evening, but will clear by 10 p.m. on Sunday.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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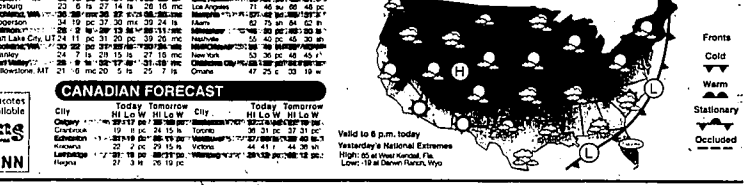
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REGIONAL FORECAST NATIONAL FORECAST WORLD FORECAST

Large table showing regional, national, and world forecasts with city names and temperature ranges.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian weather forecasts for various cities.

Christmas crime wave

'Tis the season for snowman stabbing, Grinch snatching

By Larry McKean Associated Press writer



David Allen Rodgers, 42, was charged with drunken driving, 18 counts of kidnapping and about two dozen other charges in connection with his driving of a dance school bus at a Christmas Parade in Anderson, S.C.

NEW YORK — There's nobody nice on this Christmas list, says a stabber, Grinch snatcher, wreath-robbing weasels. 'Tis the season for strange crimes by even stranger people, with police blotters expanding faster than a 6-year-old's wish list of gifts.

David Allen Rodgers, 42, was arrested Dec. 3 for driving while intoxicated — at the wheel of a boat during the annual Christmas parade in Anderson, S.C. According to witnesses, Rodgers sped down Main Street in the Steppin' Out Dance Studio filled with 19 people aboard, mired in red light and led police on a 3-mile chase.

Two other local teens were arrested in an unrelated incident where they allegedly smashed their car with a large decorative candy cane, causing \$1,000 worth of damage.

An Oklahoma woman was arrested after she visited the Delaware County jail with a Christmas card for her incarcerated boyfriend. Police said the card held marijuana, leading to Dawn Smith's arrest.

A real-life Grinch in Yonkers, N.Y., made off with \$14,000 in staff bonuses and money from the office safe during a Christmas party, police said. Daniel Rios, 38, spent \$7,500 in cash but returned about \$6,500 in checks, authorities said.

In Houghton, Mich., somebody stole an inflatable Grinch from outside an alcohol company. It was just one instance in the area's rash of seasonal thievery: Two brown plastic reindeer, a baby Jesus statue and several wreaths were also stolen.

Cheryl Smith in County, a pair of 18-year-olds were arrested for using screwdrivers to stab an inflatable 12-foot-tall Frosty the Snowman. 'Why me?' asked Frosty's owner, Matt Williforgette. "And why Frosty?" The snowman had survived two previous stabbing attacks.

Idaho begins planning for wolf management

BOISE — Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials are crafting their strategy for wolf management in the state following the announcement last week that the federal government will begin removing protections from the state's gray wolves.

The department plans to survey elk and deer hunters to determine how many of them saw wolves while hunting, and where they saw them. The results, and other research by the department will be used to determine where wolves can be hunted, and what kind of options hunters will have, from special draws for a limited number of hunting tags in some areas, to general hunts in others.

'We'll be looking at where we want stable wolf populations and where we want to moderate wolf populations and where we want to have no wolves or few wolves,' said Steve Nadeau, large carnivore coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Boise.

Wolves were reintroduced to the northern Rocky Mountains a decade ago after being hunted to near-extinction. They now number more than 1,200 in the region. Idaho's federal approval of wolf management plans requires maintaining a minimum of 15 packs; the state is currently estimated to have about 60 packs.

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Lawmakers weigh in on paid administrative leave BOISE — Some lawmakers are questioning whether the state's paid-leave system for its employees needs an overhaul.

According to the state Controller's Office, 1,291 state employees have received paid administrative leave since June, the Spokesman-Review reported. While all but 60 of those have received less than 40 hours of paid leave, some have racked up weeks of it.

West in brief

Police and the Idaho Historical Society have received four gray wolves since June.

The list also includes former state Agriculture Department Deputy Director Mike Everett, who has been receiving his full \$87,000-per-year salary since he was replaced on June 8.

'I thought he was gone, period,' said Rep. Masumi Bell, Berom, co-chair of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. 'If that's the way the system is set up, it's a heck of an amount of money.'

Aggressive tactics start to thin N. Idaho predator fish SANDPOINT — The program to cut down on the predator fish population in Lake Pend Oreille are working, but there's still more to be done to save the lake's struggling kokanee salmon, Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials say.

Department officials estimate that their incentive programs for anglers — a \$10 per fish bounty on certain types of predator fish — are part of the reason why they've harvested 10,800 lake trout and 5,800 rainbow trout from the lake.

'We've basically yanked 16,000 mouths out of the lake that were eating kokanee,' said Chip Corsi, the department's regional supervisor for the panhandle region.

The department's trap program, which pays commercial fishermen from Wisconsin to come trawl the lake with their nets, has taken nearly 5,000 lake trout out of the lake. But the kokanee aren't safe yet.

'It's a glimmer of good news, but we're not out of the woods,' Corsi said. 'We have to keep the pressure on and hope that things work out well as far as kokanee survival. Hopefully we bought ourselves some time.'

The number of kokanee salmon, a prized sportfish in Idaho, has been steadily declining in the lake since many were washed downstream by a flood in 1997. Fish and game officials believe kokanee were being eaten by predators, including trout, at a faster rate than the small population could replace.

Population models show the lake trout population in Pend Oreille doubling every 1.6 years.

Fish and Game has upped the price on the trout's heads from \$10 to \$15 from Dec. 1 through March to keep their population down during the winter season, when bad weather sometimes keeps anglers away.

There's also a proposal to put a second net boat on the lake in the fall, which has some angling groups concerned that the department may be going overboard.

The netting program costs about \$50 per fish, said Bill Friedmann, president of the sporting group Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club. If the

department used that money to boost the incentive program instead, the money would stay within the community instead of being used to hire fishing boats from out of state, he said. 'We feel that anglers have more than shown the ability to be much more effective and efficient than any net,' Friedmann said. 'If they offered that to local anglers, I think people would skip work and go out and fish.'

Two women on LDS mission killed in Florida crash

SALT LAKE CITY — Two women on a service mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were killed in a car crash in Florida. The women were serving alongside their husbands at a church-owned cattle ranch in St. Cloud, Fla., and were on their way to an LDS temple for the day when the collision occurred.

The women were identified as Alice A. Rust, of Morgan, and Connie L. Spackman, of Thayne, Wyo. The LDS church said the women were driving to the temple in Orlando on Thursday afternoon when they died in a broadside crash with a pickup.

Rust, 63, had recently moved to Layton before leaving with her husband on the mission. A family spokesman, Mark O'Neil, said Rust's husband was returning home to prepare for a funeral scheduled for Thursday.

— The Associated Press

Cycle City advertisement with text: 'The holidays, the most wonderful time of the year, and perhaps the most fitting time for everyone here at Cycle City to express their gratitude and appreciation for a great year.' Includes Kawasaki, Honda, and Yamaha logos.

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Christmas: Are we having any fun yet?

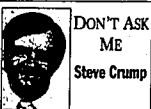
Years ago when my sons were young, my family made a trip to Disneyland, taking along my Cousin Winnie. Winnie was a widow who was a retired school-teacher in California.

As we trudged through the halls of the Magic Kingdom, Winnie watched the faces of the adults who passed by with their kids in tow.

"Nobody's smiling," she observed. "It's supposed to be the happiest place on Earth, and everybody looks miserable."

I thought about that last weekend as I finished up my Christmas shopping, mingling with thousands of other adults who looked as if they'd just undergone root canals.

When did Christmas stop being fun?



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

For most of us, it's now a material competition — a no-holds-barred contest to see who can do more. The normal constraints that define how a rational adult behaves — money, energy, time, commitments — go out the window each December.

That would be OK if we all were actually doing some good.

But is there anyone, really, who still believes that getting bigger, shinier, more expensive stuff makes anyone on your gift list happier?

I was at a large discount variety store last week buying ribbon — arguably, the silliest Christmas frill. An old car in the parking lot caught my attention.

A family of five, finished with its shopping, was getting into the beat-up rig. The kids weren't wearing coats, and the only items in the cart were milk and eggs.

An old man got out of a truck nearby, spotted the youngest child — she was wearing a Santa Claus hat — and tipped his eyes, baseball cap to the little girl. "Merry Christmas," he said.

Loud enough to be heard across the parking lot, he called "Merry Christmas!"

Everyone within earshot stopped and, lo and behold, smiled.

It doesn't take a lot of imagination to figure out that little girl's Christmas was far more joyous than the one she'll find more joy in whatever it is than most of us will find from the wretched excess that surrounds our Christmas trees.

Every year, many of us who overspend, overindulge and overstress during the holidays swear to reform. But as several wise men have reminded us, the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

Twenty years from now, no one you love is going to remember — much less care — who gave the most presents.

Christmas, after all, is supposed to be about the gift of self.

That's the present that's most esteemed because it comes with no strings attached.

For one day a year, nobody keeps score. So next Christmas, take it easy for a change. Smile.

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Men plead guilty to lewd conduct

Pair were originally charged with rape

By Kelly Jackson
For the Times-News

HAILEY — Two Hailey men originally charged with abducting, drugging and sexually assaulting two, Hailey girls, ages 12 and 13, at the end of July have both entered guilty pleas of lewd conduct with a minor under age 16.

According to court records, Jose Luis Vivar-Olivera, 22, entered the plea on Dec. 11 in an agreement that dismisses all other charges. He faced

felony charges of administering drugs or intoxicating substances and rape.

Vivar-Olivera was informed his admission of guilt could carry up to a maximum penalty of life in prison and/or a \$50,000 fine. The agreement specifies a four-year fixed prison sentence and four years undetermined at least at the time of sentencing, according to court records.

On Dec. 18, Emmanuel Bautista-Aguayo, 21, entered a similar plea. Bautista-Aguayo also faced felony

charges of administering drugs or intoxicating substance to another and rape before pleading guilty to lewd conduct with a minor under age 16, according to court records.

Bautista-Aguayo admitted he was drunk at the time and knew his actions were wrong, according to the court transcript.

His plea bargain carries the same penalties as Vivar-Olivera, with eight years in prison, four fixed and four left undetermined and carries a maximum penalty of life in prison and/or a \$50,000 fine, according to court records. Sentencing for both men is set for 9

a.m. Feb. 12.

The cases began when, according to the Hailey Police Department and the prosecutor's office, two girls were vehicle near the intersection of Berrybrook Drive, and Woodside Boulevard at 9 p.m. July 26. The girls were then driven into Slaughterhouse Canyon and molested, according to police reports.

Vivar-Olivera and Bautista-Aguayo were booked on July 31.

The men have been held at the Blaine County Jail on \$250,000 bond each.

Down to the wire



Last-minute shoppers carry packages as they walk by a storefront Saturday afternoon at a shopping complex in Twin Falls.

Shoppers scramble for those last-minute gifts

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Had they started earlier in the season Ben and Brian Taylor may have been able to get their mom a better gift.

But with just hours remaining before Christmas, both agreed Saturday that beggars couldn't be choosers.

"I think we did all right, taking into consideration how late we started," said Ben Taylor of Twin Falls. "Plus, we're not really the kind of guys that need to shop forever to pick out a gift. We know what our parents like and we went with it."

Brian Taylor, visiting from Tulsa, will travel with his brother to Nampa today so

shopping Saturday was an absolute must. By 11 a.m., the duo had been through the Magic Valley Mall and picked up an army of items. Next, it was on to Best Buy to shop for their father.

"Maybe had we spent a little more time we would have been able to get something a bit nicer. Maybe next year," Brian Taylor said.

The brothers were among the last-minute consumers highly valued by the stores they frequented.

"The two days before Christmas are usually very busy for us," said Scott Taylor, Barnes and Noble

Booksellers manager. "Typically we see those guys, and I am one of them, that wait until the very last

minute to do their shopping." Although he couldn't release any sales numbers Taylor said, "These last two days are very important to us."

However, procrastinating men weren't the only consumers out and about.

Some parents wait until the final hour to complete their shopping. "We came up from Wells to do our shopping," said Cheryl Birrer. "We just started our shopping and now have to get the kids and rest of the family finished."

She and her husband, Pete Birrer, got an early start Friday morning in an attempt to beat the barrage of other expected shoppers.

"Well, it's not yet 11 a.m., and I have already picked up a laptop, iPod and DVD player,

so I think we're doing all right. The kids have some shopping to do, too, so once we're done we have to get them and go again," she said. "But we probably won't find a parking spot as easy."

The rush on last-minute buys is expected through today — but don't expect store to extend its hours.

"For Christmas Eve we get the store closed at 6 p.m., so our employees can go home," said Old Navy Store Manager Kristen Durbin.

"If you haven't gotten your shopping done yet you'd better get in early."

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Wendell wastewater system at capacity

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Even though the Hub City recently passed a \$12.5 million bond to build a new wastewater treatment facility, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is not giving approval for new development to be added to the system.

"From an engineer's standpoint, upon reviewing plans for new development, we can't give the OK to connect that to the system," said DEQ Engineer Brian Reed. "They are already at capacity with their system."

"Any development already planned for and given the go-ahead will not be affected by this move, just new development," said Pat Munyon, public works director.

"Anything pre-existing we can plug into the system," Munyon said during Thursday's City Council meeting. "But so far two subdivisions have not been given 'will-serve' letters from DEQ. We would have to have a study done by an engineer, but we already know that we are pretty close to capacity for the system and it would pretty much be a waste of time."

It will be at least three and a half years before the wastewater plant is ready to use, and it would be at least 18 months before Wendell completes the system's design.

"After talking with DEQ, I understand that they will allow for new developments after we have completed the design but for now there will be no new development in Wendell," Munyon said.

Councilman Don Bunn thought that given the time frame, developers could start building.

"The subdivisions could get started," he said. "It's going to take at least a year anyway to get things built. They just can't flush before we get the OK."

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SUN VALLEY

Schwarzenegger breaks leg skiing

The Associated Press

SUN VALLEY — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger broke his leg while skiing with his family Saturday morning, a spokesman said.

Schwarzenegger was taken to a hospital for X-rays and was discharged with a fracture to his right femur, said Adam Mendelsohn, the governor's

Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications.

He will have surgery to repair the bone when he returns to Los Angeles, Mendelsohn said. The governor remained at his Sun Valley home Saturday night and still planned to spend Christmas there.

No one else was involved in the accident, Mendelsohn said.

BLUE LAKES BUILDUP



An accident involving a Twin Falls Police Department cruiser and a Chevrolet pickup truck blocks traffic Saturday afternoon at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Hyrborn Avenue in Twin Falls. Sgt. Matthew Edes of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department said the accident occurred when the officer was responding to an accident. No one was injured in the accident, he said. The investigation is ongoing.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% above 1998
Salmon	85%	29%
Big Wood	80%	26%
Little Wood	64%	21%
Big Lost	67%	22%
Little Lost	75%	27%
Henry's Fork/Teton	79%	28%
Upper Snake Basin	79%	28%
Gilder	122%	38%
Salmon Falls	94%	31%

As of Dec. 23

* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 20-year average.

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

OBITUARIES

Dale 'Doc' Stukenholtz

TWIN FALLS — Dale "Doc" Stukenholtz, 72, died Dec. 20, 2006, with his family by his side.

Dale was born on April 17, 1934, in Lincoln, Nebraska City, Neb., to Wilbur and Anna Marie Stukenholtz.

The youngest of three brothers, Dale grew up working on the family farm, milking cows, raising hogs and riding his white horse, Carlos. After graduating high school in 1952, he attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and studied to become a soil scientist. During this time, he met Joyce (Sering) Johnson, Neb., and they married on June 1, 1956. While earning his B.S. degree in agronomy, Dale served with the Army ROTC and did his artillery officer training in Fort Sill, Okla. He completed his M.S. degree in agronomy in 1958 and his Ph.D. in soil science in 1964 from the University of Nebraska. Dale then worked for the American and Phosphate Institute in Columbus, Ohio, and later the U.S. Steel Corp. in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1971 after moving to Twin Falls, Idaho, Dale and Joyce started their own agricultural business, Stukenholtz Laboratory and Consulting. Over the last 35 years, he worked with hundreds of people, employees and clients alike, many of which became his best friends. Dale was a pioneer in agriculture and an innovator in the potato industry. Many standard farming practices of today were developed or popularized by him, including split nitrogen appli-

cations, mid-season plant testing, water-applied nitrogen and phosphorus, foliar nutrient sprays, dammer-diking, and starter fertilizer. Doc was selected as the American Cymalid consultant of the year in 1994 and was inducted into the Idaho Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2000. He continued his passion for this line of work until the time of his death. Dale enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, motorcycle riding, Nebraska football games, Thanksgivings with family in Las Vegas, listening to fiddle music, the study of nutrition, his grandchildren and golfing with his buddies.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce; daughter, Jane Stukenholtz Drown (Matthew) of Eagle; son, Paul Stukenholtz of Kimberly; daughter, Sophie Stukenholtz Holt (James) of Twin Falls; and eight grandchildren, Tyler and Connor Stukenholtz, Lena and Gracie Stukenholtz, Prescott, Madison, Jackson and Sophie Drown, Trevor Holt, and looked forward to the twin grandchildren on the way. He is also survived by two brothers, Stanley Stukenholtz of Iowa and George Stukenholtz, Idaho; Nebraska; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a 22-year-old daughter, Amy Stukenholtz and both parents.

Dale was a great husband, father, grandfather, friend and agronomist, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held Jan. 4, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Dale's name be directed to the Ronald McDonald House of Boise or the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Ralph R. Gibson

SHOSHONE — Ralph R. Gibson, 90, of Shoshone, passed away Dec. 19, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Mountain Home, Ark., the son of James Henry Gibson and Cora Beaver Gibson. Ralph was raised in Arkansas and attended school there. He married Phyllis Fletcher on Oct. 31, 1967, in Elko, Nev. They farmed south-east of Jerome and raised cattle and hogs. Ralph also worked at Tupperware for 10 years. After retiring, Ralph

and his lovely wife, Phyllis, settled in Shoshone, where they have lived for 18 years. Ralph spent the past six years as a resident of the Shoshone Living and Rehabilitation Center.

Ralph enjoyed flowers and the outdoors. He loved nature. He will be remembered as a hard-working man. Chad and Jill Fletcher were the "apple of Grandpa's eye."

Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Phyllis Gibson of Shoshone; two stepchildren, Sandra Fletcher (Dave) Bussler of Jerome and Beulen (Deanna) Fletcher of Salmon; five step grandchildren; cousins, Douglas and Neal Gibson; and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Haroldine June Blaser

TWIN FALLS — Haroldine June Blaser of Dee to all who knew and loved her, passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Her son, Brent, was by her side. She was 74.

Dee was born in Filer, Idaho, on Aug. 23, 1932, to Harold and Viola Hainline. She was one of three children who grew up and attended school in Filer. In June of 1953, she married Jim Blaser and to this union, three children were born and Dee were married nearly 48 years before his passing in April of 2001. In 1966, Jim, Dee and their children moved to Boise, Idaho, where she worked for a family-owned business, Magic Valley Truck Brokers. She loved her job and her clients loved her. After devoting 35 years to the company, Dee retired from Magic Valley due to health problems and moved to Twin Falls to live with her son, Brent, and his family. Dee loved gardening, camping, boating and dining-out.

She also adored her dogs and owned many of them over her lifetime.

Dee is survived by her children, Bob (Irene) Blaser of Meridian, Idaho, Brent (Leslie) Blaser of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Kelly Collins (Mike Hartman) of San Diego, Calif.; her brother, Fred (Pat) Hainline of Bliss, Idaho; sister, Fatty Adcock of Baker City, Ore.; one grandchild, Dawn, Coli and Bailey Blaser of Twin Falls, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Jim.

Dee was diagnosed with Addison's Disease after moving to Twin Falls and, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the National Adrenal Disease Foundation or to your local animal shelter.

A memorial service for Dee will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls, Idaho.

The family would also like to thank the staff at Woodstone Retirement Center of Twin Falls and the doctors, nurses and staff at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for their care and compassion they showed Dee while she was in their care. We are all very grateful.

Gladys Elizabeth McRae Thompson

BOISE — Gladys Thompson of Boise died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at the age of 92.

She was born June 12, 1914, in Ames, Kan., to Louis and Louise McRae, and moved to Idaho in 1927. After graduation from Hollister High School in 1932, Gladys became a beautician in Twin Falls and for many years enjoyed operating the Knotty Fine Beauty Shop in her home.

Gladys married Clifford Thompson on Dec. 25, 1940. They enjoyed many years of a wonderful life in Twin Falls in the company of lifelong friends. After Clifford's death in 1974, Gladys worked at the Paris clothing store and was also active in PEO and the First Christian Church. In the late 1980s, she moved to Boise to be near family. Here, she was also active in PEO and

University Christian Church. She is survived by a daughter, Kyleene (Peter) Perry; two grandchildren, Keeby Perry and Karen (Eric) Strein, both of Seattle; and a numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, two sisters and a brother. Her gift of loving life and always being happy will live forever as we remember a great, wonderful grandmother, teacher of how to live, and my personal best friend. The family thanks Amber Lane Assisted Living for the most wonderful care and love given to Gladys the last four years. They are truly angels on earth.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel. Deal be with you 'til we meet again.

Robert Lane Grubbs

Buhl, — Robert Lane Grubbs, Lane or Grubbs to his family and friends, passed away on Dec. 21, 2006, of a sudden illness, while surrounded in love by his family and extended family.

Lane was born Aug. 5, 1950, in Conway, Ark., to Robert and Dorothy (Binder) Grubbs. He attended school in Conway, Ark., and Buhl, Buhl, Rupert and Branceau, Idaho, graduating from Dietrich High School in 1968. After graduation, he spent summers working for the Shoshone BLM Fire Crew and in spring semesters attending ISU. He graduated from CSI's Welding Program in 1975. Lane had several welding jobs in the Magic Valley before going to work for the Twin Falls Canal Company. He proudly worked there for 26 years, where his co-workers quickly became his second family.

Lane lived life to its fullest, never turning down an adventure. He wanted to experience everything at least once. He lived life, as it should be with no regrets. Lane enjoyed camping, rock hunting, shoot-

ing, history, just being in the outdoors and a good beer. He also enjoyed family life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee Grubbs in late September 2006; grandparents, Ruth and Roy Grubbs, and Mildred and Iram Sheldon.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Newkirk of Santa Paula, Calif.; sisters, Donna (Greg) Doney and Susan Wells of Oxnard, Calif.; niece, Ellie (Jade) Garcia of North Pole, Alaska; nephews, Chad (Stephanie) Davis and son of Filer, and Jim Nelson of Springfield, Ore.; the love of his life, Felice Walls and her family of Twin Falls; "adopted" brother, Ron Hahn of Buhl, Idaho; and many, many cherished relatives and friends who meant so much to him throughout his life.

A memorial service for Lane will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 3 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. A later scattering service will be scheduled in the summer with family and friends being notified of the date and time. The family would like those who wish to make donations to the Buhl Public Library or to the charity of one's choice in lieu of flowers.

Wayne Anderson

HEYBURN — Wayne Glen Anderson, a 78-year-old resident of the Emerson District in Heyburn, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, from complications of diabetes.

Wayne was born Aug. 2, 1928, in Syracuse, Utah, the fourth of five children born to Arthur Raymond and Mary Alice Hill Anderson. He graduated from Davis High School. He then attended Weber State College and received an associate's degree in auto mechanics. He served an LDS mission to Southern California. Following his mission, Wayne was drafted into the United States Army and served in Korea. Upon his honorable discharge, he resumed his education at Weber State College, Utah State University and the University of Utah.

He married Barbara Robins on Jan. 12, 1951, in Salt Lake Temple. They moved to Idaho, in 1960, so Wayne could pursue his lifelong love of farming. There, they raised eight children as well as two foster children. Along with farming, Wayne worked at Burley Processing and retired from Amalgamated Sugar Company in 1991. Wayne loved farming, coaching and watching sports. He also loved spending time with his family.

He was a faithful member of the LDS church serving three full-time missions, two with his

wife to San Antonio and Houston, Texas. He also served two church service missions to the Minidoka Memorial Hospital and the Dry Pack Cannery, and one stake mission.

As a Young Men's coach, he took one stake and two softball teams to the All-Church tournament in Salt Lake City. He was a faithful home teacher and at the time of his death was serving in the Primary.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara; his children, Robin Anderson of Heyburn, Jerry (Debbie) Anderson of Caldwell, Jillann (Mitchell) Olson of Syracuse, Utah, Janice (Brent) Lowder of South Ogden, Utah, Melanie (Craig) Conter of Pendleton, Ore., David Anderson of Paul, and Lisa (Kelli) Tustian and Aliechah (Jennifer) Anderson, both of Pleasant Grove, Utah; 28 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Faye Hawks and Mary Dufur; and one brother, Joseph D. Anderson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Raymond (Verletta) Anderson; two grandsons; and a great-grandson.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Emerson LDS First and Second Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Thursday at the church.

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Grace Ellen Cypher Hoskins

TWIN FALLS — Grace Ellen Cypher Hoskins was born to Archie and Mabel Klatt Metzger 96 years ago on Sept. 1, 1910, in Denver, Colo. She died Dec. 20, 2006, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.



She grew up with her family by her side. Her mother and youngest sister died while Grace was very young. She grew up with her father, two sisters and a brother — living in logging and construction camps. They moved from Golden, Colo., to Idaho in the Emmett, Idaho, area, finally settling in Twin Falls. The move was made pulling a wagon covered with canvas with their few possessions inside.

At the age of 19, Grace met and married Carl Lee Cypher. They had three children, Barbara, Joe and Victor, while the Depression was in full swing.

They were later divorced and Grace lived alone with her children until she met and married Lorin Hoskins. They worked together many years including some businesses they started and owned. They lived in West Yellowstone for a few years building log cabins. They also had a small construction company and a jewelry and watch repair store in Twin Falls.

In her later years after retiring, she took up the sport of bowling and became a very accomplished bowler along with her son, Joe. She enjoyed crocheting and quilting and made many beautiful Afghans, quilts and other items.

One of the greatest pleasures in Grace's life was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved them and they loved her. "Grandma" always had a great variety of toys, games and snacks on hand, and if need be, she would take them to the store and buy them a special new toy.

When it became difficult for her to continue bowling, she concentrated in her spare time on putting puzzles together.

Her collection of puzzles is indeed impressive. Grace loved to be included in parties, celebrations and trips and was always a good sport. She enjoyed being around people and was always welcome where ever she went. She was interested in what was happening in the world, the community and especially interested in her friends and family. Grace saw the changes from a rural "no electricity" America to the space age.

Grace, Mom, grandma and friend lived a long and eventful life and she will be greatly missed by her family and the people left behind. She touched many lives and will be remembered by all who knew her for who she was — Grace.

Burial was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Shirley Metzger, Pearl Toupin, Helen Lancaster; and her brother, Jess Metzger. She is survived by her children, Barbara, Joe and Victor; and 13 grandchildren, Kathy (Eric) Hansen, Janet Cypher, Chris Cypher, Bruce (Kim) Bunch, Rocky Baisch, Cindy (Scott) Riltch, Julie Lee, Curtis (Frances) Baisch, Bobbi (Gary) Moore, Lara (Jason) Haas, Shawna Fillmore, Scott (Tammy) Wangsgard and Jodi (Mike) Kerbs.

A service for Grace will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Salvation Army or the charity of the donor's choice. Memorial contributions may be given to any of the mortuary staff. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Sharon K. Corey

JEROME — Sharon K. Corey, 62, of Jerome, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 19, 2006, at her home in Jerome.



Sharon was born on Aug. 21, 1944, in Jerome, Idaho, the daughter of Homer and Mamie Owen. She grew up and attended schools in Idaho and California. Sharon married Chuck Cook in California and to this union two children were born, Charles "Lee" Cook and Sherri Cook. They later divorced. Sharon worked as a manager for Sta-Well Health Food Store in Twin Falls for a number of years before, ill health had forced her to retire in 2004.

Sharon enjoyed painting, shopping, her horses and

dogs, motorcycle riding and playing the slide guitar. Her passion was spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

Sharon is survived by her loving companion, Larry Lehmanns of Jerome; her two children, Charles "Lee" (Karen) Cook of Jerome and Sherri (Darin) Hendrix; and her five brothers, and two sisters. Also surviving are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of Sharon's life will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the home of Sharon's son, Lee and Karen Cook, 213 N. 200 W. in Jerome, Idaho. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Wonda Dee Harmon

TWIN FALLS — Wonda Dee Harmon died Dec. 20, 2006, after a short illness.

She was born Dec. 26, 1939, in Milford, Neb. Wonda moved to Idaho with her husband in the '50s. She worked at Longview Fiber for over 20 years. Wonda was a talented woman who mastered any craft.

She loved to read and do her daily crossword. She enjoyed her time at Angie Reservoir with her friends.

Wonda was a true friend and loving mother.

Surviving are her mother,

Deleide Jacobsen of Superior, Neb.; her son, Rick Hammond and wife, Julie of Twin Falls, Idaho; her daughter, Debbie Horner and husband, Scott of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; and her daughter, Danielle Leaf of Lacey, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Memorial donations can be made to the American Lung Association.

Assailant shoots woman in head

WEISER (AP) — A 30-year-old Weiser woman remained in critical condition after she was shot in the head in front of her year-old son at their home.

Weiser police say they still don't know the relationship between Marsha Arguelles-Rios and her now-dead assailant, former Caldwell pas-

tor Victor Gonzales, 61.

Weiser Police officers went to the home just before 1 p.m. Thursday to investigate a report of shots fired and found Gonzales and Arguelles-Rios in the basement. Police believe Gonzales shot Arguelles-Rios before shooting himself in the head.

DEATH NOTICES

Howard A. Ransom

BURLEY — Howard A. Ransom, 95, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at Cassia Regional Hospital.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 100 S. 200 W. of Burley, with Bishop Kirk Carpenter officiating.

Burial will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Grace Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Dale H. Petersen

RUPTERT — Dale Howard Petersen, 79, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

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

Frank Lesneski

BUIH — Frank Lesneski of Buhl died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at a hospital in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Alesia Chapel and Tribute Center in Boise.

Audrey M. Butts

OAKLEY — Audrey Mae Butts, 79, of Oakley, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at home.

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

SERVICES

Marjorie Israel Traxler of Buhl, rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Partner Funeral Chapel in Buhl; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl.

Mary (Glady) McAttee of Halley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church

in Halley; interment May 19, 2007, at the Halley Cemetery (Denmarj Funeral Chapel in Gooding).

Pauline Decker McCoy of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Waitress gets holiday help with \$1,000 tip

CALDWELL (AP) — A Caldwell waitress got an early Christmas gift this week: a \$1,000 tip.

Rochelle St. Pierre, 27, wasn't sure how she'd pay for holiday gifts this year — until a local couple came into Cooky's Famous Potato and Steak House on Wednesday, ordered an Idaho melt and Philly Cheese Steak sandwich, and told St. Pierre they'd left something on the table for her.

"My knees got weak and I had to sit down in the chair for a second," the single mother of three children said, recalling her reaction to their unexpected generosity. "I couldn't really breathe. My co-workers were saying, 'What's wrong with you?'"

The couple had gotten to know St. Pierre and had seen pictures of her kids, ages 3, 5

and 7. They had called ahead to make sure she was working that day, said Cooky's owner Candy Camlin.

St. Pierre said she will use the money for Christmas presents for her kids and may try to buy a car with what's left over.

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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 go 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.

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 of the College of Southern Idaho. Call weekly to retain your request.

Lift chair — An elderly lady is in need of a large-size lift chair. Call Roberta at 544-7720.

Volunteers — Idaho Home

Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers who can help in the home by visiting with patients, relieving the caregivers' 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 826 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 736-2166.

Agency offers compromise for snowmobilers, skiers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A decision over land use in Logan Canyon has been issued, but it remains to be seen if snowmobilers and cross country skiers will be happy with the compromise.

The decision reworks the 2003 Wasatch-Cache National Forest plan to balance motorized and non-motorized recreation use in the Franklin Basin and Tony Grove areas.

Snowmobilers will get access to some lower terrain previously off-limits. What they won't get, however, is a connector road between the basin and grove parking lots. "It came down to safety," forest supervisor Faye Krueger said Friday. "We also needed to look at access from the parking areas, the quality of experience for both groups and to ensure that different levels of terrain

were available." Cross-country skiers give the ruling a thumbs-down and said it reduces by more than half nearly 9,500 acres that had been set aside for non-motorized recreation.

"I have a hard time imagining skiers saying that this

won't impact their experience," said Nick Bouwes, a member of the Logan-based Nordic United skiers organization. "We've lost a big chunk of area that was recognized in the 2003 Forest Plan. It doesn't seem like they've paid much attention to our concerns."

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Joyce Merrill's leadership class at Burley Junior High School spent one afternoon last fall raking leaves for area residents in need. The project was organized through HealthNet, which sponsors programs for young people, and 23 young people contributed to the work.

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Minidoka Memorial Hospital Volunteers selected Marie Meador as volunteer for the month of November. From left are Ruth Hodges, Maxie and Jackie Brown.

Businessman gives Utah kindergartner the gift of a voice

WEST HAVEN, Utah (AP) — The sign on the benefit auction table read: "All I want for Christmas is a voice."

"Thanks to the generosity of an Ogden businessman, 5-year-old Rulon Patterson's wish has come true.

"Jeff Clark was at the Christmas Tree Jubilee benefit in Ogden last month when he saw the note from Rulon. "Rulon has been diagnosed with verbal apraxia, or apraxia of speech, a disorder in which a person has trouble speaking because the message from the brain to communicate is somehow not interpreted by the muscles involved "in speech."

"I am really smart but can't talk because of my disability. My mom wants me to be able to tell her what I want for dinner. My dad wants to know where I want to go fishing," read Rulon's note for the benefit.

"Clark was touched and purchased an augmentative communication device for Rulon and presented it to him at his school last week. "The \$7,000 device speaks in response to entries on a keyboard. Clark was so moved while watching Rulon use his new device to communicate that he offered another \$30,000 to

the Weber County school district so it can buy several more. "My wife and I want to make a difference in peoples lives, and when you see something like this and you can't tie it to a face, it makes it very personal," Clark said. "It's pretty special to see how he communicates, and the beautiful thing is that he will be able to use it pretty much his entire life. It will grow with him."

Patterson gave Clark a crystal angel that lights up in several colors. His parents, Will and Brenda Patterson, told Clark he was truly Rulon's angel. "We couldn't have done this without Mr. Clark," Brenda Patterson said. "We had borrowed a device from the district, but it wasn't ours to keep and other children needed to borrow it as well."

Kathleen Alder, president of the Weber School District Foundation and chairwoman of Christmas Tree Jubilee, said the jubilee was created as a way to help children with special needs. Money goes toward tools, supplies and special chairs or devices to make education more accessible for challenged children. "It truly makes all the difference in the world to a child," she said.

Cigarette sales sting finds total compliance

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — A 17-year-old boy went smokeless trying to buy cigarettes from clerks at 60 convenience stores in an undercover sales compliance check

conducted by police. "The kid was in and out of there in 10 seconds," said Cedar City police Sgt. Darin Adams. "I don't remember the last

time we had 100 percent compliance." Cedar City, Utah, police make quarterly sales checks of area stores in conjunction with the Southwest

Utah Public Health Department. On Thursday the undercover shopper left each store without even a pack of matches.

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New trial set for Utah man

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A new trial has been set for an Ogden man accused of kidnapping and threatening to kill his estranged girlfriend nearly six years ago.

A retrial is set for Feb. 12-16 for Robert Brian Pedockie for the Jan. 2, 2001, incident

where he was accused of abducting an estranged girlfriend at gunpoint.

Pedockie, 37, had exhausted seven attorneys and numerous appeals in his case when the Utah Supreme Court ruled in June he should have a new trial.

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Beauty across the Border



Guests walk past a statue after leaving a yoga class at the luxury health resort Rancho La Puerta on Friday in Tecate, Mexico.

Tecate offers a luxury spa at the foot of a magic mountain

By Ann Levin
Associated Press writer

TECATE, Mexico — The bus from the San Diego airport to Rancho La Puerta winds along California Highway 94, through rugged mountain passes, past gnarled stands of oak trees, to a sleepy border crossing here.

The hourlong ride gives a visitor to the spa a chance to shake off some of the stress of daily life, contemplate goals for the week ahead and, inevitably, check out who on the bus appears to be in better shape than you.

Part summer camp, part luxury resort, part spiritual retreat, Rancho La Puerta, located just a few miles west of the U.S.-Mexico border crossing, can be anything you want it to be.

For me, a novice but enthusiastic hiker, it was a chance on two successive visits — in 2004 and 2006 — to sign up for guided hikes that taught me a lot about my abilities and endurance.

For my sister, the "ah-hah!" moments came in back-to-back yoga classes in one of the ranch's serene, light-drenched studios, with some sessions led by a visiting teacher from Los Angeles, Larry Payne, the co-author of "Yoga for Dummies." His classes were so popular that his adoring students, and their yoga mats, were packed in like sardines.

My mother, meantime, was fast becoming the ranch's most proficient septuagenarian in the tough but wildly popular discipline of Pilates and — invertebrate social butterfly that she is — meeting all sorts of interesting people and lining up dining companions for



An employee walks through the dining room at the luxury health resort Rancho La Puerta on Dec. 9.

the eagerly awaited, mostly vegetarian feasts in the communal dining room.

The three of us have been to other spas over the years, but for each of us, Rancho La Puerta is special. While it offers the same outrageously self-indulgent amenities as other luxury spas — including seaweed wraps and foofah salt rinds — the ranch is just a little different: a bit less glibly, perhaps, a shade more spiritual.

It comes by these attributes honestly. Founded more than 65 years ago by an eccentric Hungarian, Edmond Szekely, the ranch was the subject of

Before you lie vistas of puffy white clouds racing wildly over the mountain ranges, stark boulders lurching up toward the brilliant blue sky.



ABOVE: Guests sit down for dinner on their last evening at Rancho La Puerta.
BELOW LEFT: Yoga instructor Hazel Stricker demonstrates postures during a class at the luxury health resort.

buried articles in the late 1940s in the San Diego paper, dubbing "the professor" and his acolytes a "crypto-religious health cult."

Even back then, Szekely was advocating organic food, daily meditation and exercise, a mind-body connection. He railed against commercial fertilizers and pesticides, and he and his wife, Deborah, grew much of the food that their health-seeking guests ate.

Visitors paid just \$17.50 to erect their own tent on the property, which in the early days had no running water or electricity, and nothing resembling a gym or a swimming pool.

Everyone chopped wood, worked the farm and in the kitchen, and tended the goat herd in the rolling hills nearby. The typical breakfast was raw goat milk, bread from wheat grown and germinated by Mrs. Szekely, and



A woman reads next to one of the three swimming pools at the luxury health resort Rancho La Puerta.

wild honey. Most meals were vegetarian — a diet that has since been modified to include daily fish entrees and, occasionally, free-range poultry.

Out in the "real world," where Americans were just starting to fall in love with whipped cream in a can and cheese in a jar, all this emphasis on natural living was considered kind of nutty. But as the ranch grew and prospered, it gradually became more mainstream, even as the core of Szekely's "nutty" teachings gained widespread acceptance.

Today, the ranch sprawls over 3,000 acres at the foot of 3,885-foot Mount Kuchumaa, also known as Tecate Peak. Guests stay in dozens of charming casitas scattered around the gently rolling property, many decorated with original Mexican folk art and equipped with fireplaces, patios and kitchens.

The public buildings and common areas are beautifully landscaped with brilliantly colored beds of flowers and trees and shrubbery specially chosen to thrive in Tecate's semiarid climate.

Winding paths meander past swimming pools, tennis courts, gymnasia, a meditation labyrinth and the imposing Spanish Colonial dining hall. Sculptures, including stunning pieces by Mexican sculptor Francisco Zuriga, adorn the lawns and other public spaces, and the scent of organically grown herbs permeates the massage and locker rooms.

Overseeing the operation is a well-trained staff of fitness instructors, massage therapists, cooks, gardeners and housekeepers, many of them Mexican. They tend to your every need, whether it's lighting a fire in your casita in the cool evenings or delivering a daily newspaper to your front door.

Yes, the real world does occasionally intrude into this paradise.

When the Szekelys put down roots here in 1940, Tecate was a village of just 400 souls.

Today, the city is home to about 100,000 people and, with Tijuana just 16 miles to the west, part of a region whose population numbers at least 2 million.

From the slopes of Mount Kuchumaa, considered a sacred site by the Kumeyaay Indians, you see — sadly — subdivisions and some of the ravages of uncontrolled growth and pollution.

But on the very same hike, you also can round a bend on that magical mountain and feel totally cut off from civilization. Before you lie vistas of puffy white clouds racing wildly over the mountain ranges, stark boulders lurching up toward the brilliant blue sky.

You discover the wild beauty and serenity that lured the Szekelys here so many years ago.

Wherever you find it, savor it. Because soon, very soon, you'll have to go home.



At these B&Bs, it's more about the breakfast than the bed

By Elissa Labowitz Poma
Special to The Washington Post

Just as our noses sadly desensitized to the comforting smell of the chocolate espresso muffins cooling on the stove, a new scent joined the mix: a French lemon tart baking in the kitchen of the Chesapeake Wood Duck Inn on Tilghman Island, Md. This was a place of serious food.

A short time later, four of us sat at the dining table wondering whether to dip into the muffin basket right away or to be good boys and girls and finish our fruit first. It was, after all, a pretty tasty fruit salad: grapes and blueberries with snap, and out-of-season strawberries and watermelon with surprising summer freshness, topped with a dollop of key lime yogurt dressing.

But the star of the day was co-innkeeper and chef Jeffrey Bushey's signature breakfast dish — the Tilghman Island egg puff. It's a seemingly delicate but wholly hearty puff pastry-wrapped omelet filled with fluffy eggs, leeks, prosciutto; aslago cheese and other ingredients. A raspberry coulis and a key lime mustard sauce zigzagged across the puff with fresh asparagus adding a burst of color.

Breakfasts like this are half the appeal of going to a bed-and-breakfast, yet too many innkeepers are ordinary meal-making chefs who serve up a quick omelet or maybe the ubiquitous and easy banana-stuffed French toast.

"If you're going to take the time to go away, then you're not looking for the cereal that you grab on the run at home," says self-taught chef and innkeeper Jan Garbrandt of the Artist's Inn and Gallery in Lancaster, Pa. "You want to take your time and relax and be served."

The best brunches are found at B&Bs run by foodies and professional chefs, and there are several in the Washington area that serve high-end, gourmet breakfasts. Bushey worked as a chef at Washington, D.C.,



It's not just Cheerios at the Wood Duck Inn on Tilghman Island, Md., one of several area B&Bs where breakfast is a big deal.

hotels and restaurants before he and his wife, Kimberly, bought the Wood Duck Inn seven years ago. The coffee ritual in the sunroom is overflowing with food and travel magazines. The renovated kitchen suits the chef's needs in preparing meals for up to 14 people — the inn has seven double rooms — and has a suitable amount of whimsy in its linchbox collection and mini-rolling pin and coffee mug knobs on the cabinets.

The inn sits midway down a small residential lane not far from the island drawbridge. Tilghman is a small, nothing-to-do idyll close to, but blessedly removed from, the tourist hub of St. Michaels (with its Christmas-themed stores, antique shops and catch-of-the-day bistros). But that's the appeal of the Wood Duck Inn — doing little but sitting in the warm sunroom or in an Adirondack chair out back, watching the watermen pull

out each morning... and waiting for breakfast.

1. THE CHESAPEAKE WOOD DUCK INN

Gibsontown Road at Dogwood Harbor, Tilghman Island, Md., 800-956-2070, www.woodduckinn.com. Rates for the six double rooms with private baths range from \$128 to \$189; the cottage is \$199 to \$249. Rate includes a three-course breakfast.

2. MEANDER PLANTATION, LOCUST DALE, VA.

The breakfast: Owner and chef Suzie Blanchard's breakfast philosophy is simple: Serve familiar dishes with a twist. "We love good food, but we don't like it to be far out there that you don't recognize," she says. The three-course meal includes roasted vegetables adorned with poached eggs, and her-

bage apples dressing up pumpkin-spiced waffles. And most of the herbs come from the inn's garden, so large that it includes 14 varieties of mint alone.

The place: The stately white plantation house, with its six front columns and formal boxwood gardens, dates to 1766; Thomas Jefferson frequently hung out in the parlor, which faces the Blue Ridge Mountains. Blanchard also runs an on-site cooking school.

Details: The inn is at 2333 N. James Madison Hwy. in Locust Dale, Va. 800-385-4936, www.meander.net. Rates are \$165 to \$265. Cooking school/loving package deals are available.

3. ARTIST'S INN AND GALLERY, TERRE HILL, PA.

The breakfast: Jan Garbrandt tries to sneak vegetables into some of her dishes

for the health of her guests. Her baked acorn squash with maple syrup and cream usually wows them. Still, she has observed, "usually the wives eat most of the vegetables and the husbands just eat the dessert." The menu includes homemade scones and pastries and chilled peach soup, grilled mangoes with brown sugar and coconut, among other dishes. For the main course, Garbrandt favors crepes. Dessert ranges from chocolate cake to ginger pumpkin mousse in a martini glass.

The place: Sit on the porch of this 150-year-old Federalist-style home in Pennsylvania Dutch country, and you may see more Amish buggies than cars. Not far from Lancaster, Pa., the B&B has three rooms and a cottage.

Details: The inn is at 117 E. Main St. in Terre Hill. 888-999-4479, www.artistinn.com. Rates \$115 to \$250.

4. PENINSULA HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS

The breakfast: Crystal glasses and silver cutlery don't stay hidden in hutches; the good stuff gets set on the breakfast table every morning. The sunny yellow dining room makes for a cheery meal, especially with dishes with such colorful names as "drunken crab strata" and "stout and gouda pancakes."

The place: The three rooms are filled with antiques; walls painted in warm colors match the gardens. Rates include much-coveted parking in downtown Annapolis.

Details: The inn is at 11 Chester Ave. in Annapolis. 410-267-8796, www.peninsulahouse.com. Rates are \$165 to \$185.

5. WOOLVERTON INN, STOCKTON, N.J.

The breakfast: A 425-degree oven doesn't cut it in the summer, so one of the house specialties is reserved for the winter, when that kind of heat can be tolerated.

Guests are then treated to an entree called "Dutch babies" — puffy pancakes that are as light as crepes and served with sautéed apples and pear.

Accompaniments could include pine colada scones and grilled pineapple, accompanied by a giant mug of hazelnut hot chocolate with homemade marshmallows. And if you want to avoid the bed-head look at the dining table, have breakfast delivered to your room.

The place: The three-story, stone country estate home sits on 10 secluded acres and is surrounded by 300 acres of protected forests and farmland. Nearby New Hope, Pa., and Lambertville, N.J., are ideal for antiques lovers.

Details: The inn is on Woolverton Road in Stockton, N.J. 888-264-6848, www.woolvertoninn.com. Rates are \$130 to \$425.

FEARLESS TRAVELER

Home-hunting in Wales

By Andrea Sachs
The Washington Post

Q: I plan to spend six months in Wales. Any suggestions on home rentals or swaps?

A: To rent or house-swap in Wales, you'll have to make some tough decisions: coast or countryside, historic or contemporary, castle or cottage. "Wales is a great place for a home exchange because it's off the beaten track," says Ed Kurns, president of HomeExchange.com (800-877-8723, www.homeexchange.com), an international house-swapping company.

"If you do a home-exchange stay in someone's home, you invariably live like a local."

Before selecting a property, pick a location. For cliffs and beaches, Alexandra Marr, a spokesman for Visit Wales (800-462-2748, www.visitwales.org), recommends the Pembrokeshire area on the southwestern coast. To escape "to the middle of nowhere," Marr suggests Helyn Peninsula, a gathering spot for seals and National Trust trekkers. For a mix of country and civilization, Brecon is near the Brecon Brecons National Park, an urban attraction of Cardiff and the train depot at Abergavenny, a 2 1/2-hour ride to London.

Visit Wales' web site features setting-out information vetted by the tourism office. In addition, Marr said, the Wales office will spot-check the property for travelers who are uncertain about a

particular rental. For a home exchange, you'll need a pleasant pad to swap, plus you must make a match with a Welsh homeowner. Kurns recommends sending up to 10 inquiries to see if anyone bites. (To become a home swapper or swapper, you must create a profile of your home and pay a membership fee. HomeExchange charges \$50 a year.)

For Wales, the site currently lists about 20 properties, including a two-bedroom near Snowdonia National Park whose owners are interested in visiting the States in 2007. Also check HomeLink (1 800 441 1100, www.hotelinkint.com), a Green Theme International Home Exchange Travel (011-44-15-3956-8707, www.gti-home-exchange.com) and Home Base Holidays (011-44-20-8686-8752, www.homebase-hols.com).

Q: Is there an overnight ferry from the Amalfi Coast to Sicily Italy?

A: Ferries ply the waters between Salerno, on the southern end of the Amalfi Coast, and Sicily, at the foot of Italy's boot, throughout the year — though expect more departures during peak season. The trip takes at least nine hours, and on Grimaldi Ferries, visitors have a choice of accommodations, all of which include private shower and air conditioning. Prices start at \$40 for a pullman seat, \$86 for a double inside cabin and \$132 for an outside suite.

In Berkeley, Nauman's signs of the times

By Elissa Labowitz Poma
Special to The Washington Post

WHAT: 'A Rose Has No Teeth: Bruce Nauman in the 1960s' at the Berkeley Art Museum in Berkeley, Calif.

WHEN: Jan. 17 to April 15.

HOW MUCH: \$9.

WHY GO: In the 1960s, neon tubing was a material reserved for commercial craftsmen exporting it into bowling alley signs and gas station logos. Nauman was among the first artists to thrust neon into the world of contemporary art. This exhibit looks at the influence that Northern California in the 1960s — a politically charged and culturally changing time — had on his work. The exhibit includes works in neon, plus photography, video, body casts, holography and sound.

Nauman's art provokes you to think about what artists in general are trying to say through and with their work. What does a video of a clown repeatedly screaming "No!" tell you? What can you gain from a plaque that was meant to be nailed onto a tree and grown over with bark? Nauman explains why that he has had an interest in what it means to be an artist. Critics have called his work "absurd," "captivating" and "puzzling."

The exhibit includes never-before-seen works and others that haven't been on U.S. soil for decades.

DON'T MISS: Making its



The True Artist Helps the World by Retaining His/Her Truth, made in 1967 work is neon tubing by Bruce Nauman, whose works are on display at the Berkeley Art Museum in Berkeley, Calif.

exhibit debut is Nauman's first work in neon, a piece that a former student purchased in the '60s and sold last month. (It's on loan from the new owner.) The 1965 untitled work is a gently swerving piece of orange neon encased in nearly translucent fiberglass. It snakes its way across the floor, casting a carry-over glow.

"I was fascinated by this early work that looks like nothing anyone had seen at the time," Constance Lewallen, the museum's senior curator for exhibitions, said in an e-mail. "This work, done while he was still in graduate school, exemplifies Nauman's interest in testing

new ideas and materials in unexpected ways."

A different student unearthed another 1965 untitled sculpture that the artist himself had forgotten about. This fiberglass piece is a lumpy pyramid with its top cut off.

The exhibit's title refers to the aforementioned 1966 tree plaque, which hasn't been in

the United States since 1968. It's usually housed in a Swiss collection.

EXTRAS: Six Nauman experts, including Lewallen and one of the artist's inspirations, performance artist and dancer Meredith Monk, will discuss Nauman's influences at a free March 10 lecture at the museum.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

AP: Lonelygirl the most significant YouTube video

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press writer

2006 was the year YouTube became culturally ubiquitous. Decried the invention of the year by Time magazine, the video sharing web site had Ohio judges posting their weekly sentencing hearings and spawned countless exploitive experiments involving Diet Coke and Mentos candies. YouTube provides a list of the most viewed videos, which remains the gauge upon which all video judgments are made. Though, one of its most significant videos of the year:

1 THE FACE OF YOUTUBE

The cute, bed-ridden confessions of Lonelygirl15 remain the site's quintessential expression. The pretty high schooler, Bree, was eventually revealed to be actress Jessica Lee Rose, 19, who was acting out a scripted plot with two behind-the-scenes producers. That strange mutated duality of what's real and what's fiction, what's amateur and what's professional, remains the heart and soul of YouTube, where everybody and nobody is a star.

2 NETWORK WAKE-UP CALL

Saturday Night Live's "Lazy Sunday" mock-rp sketch was, in some ways, what started the craze. The video was seen by more than five million viewers before NBC asked YouTube to remove it in February. Chris Purnell and Andy Samberg's rhymes boosted the hipness of "SNL" but more importantly, it was the first time networks were alerted to their new competition. NBC reacted fearfully, and later opted to build up its own video sites with online video. The networks continue to experiment with YouTube; recently, CBS has claimed its late shows have increased in ratings after posting clips from "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Late Late Show" on YouTube.

3 POLITICAL FALLOUT

YouTube — like the Internet in general — has made it a specialty to reveal the gaffes of the establishment. Of course, few would say Virginia Sen. George Allen didn't deserve his fate after a video of him calling a rival campaign staffer "macaca" drew constant clicks on YouTube. Allen went on to lose a close election. On the other end of the spectrum, Michael J. Fox's tremulous campaign ads for various Democratic candidates who support for stem cell research proved powerfully effective and were seen by millions more than would have otherwise caught them on TV.

4 FLOURISHING FOUNDERS

When Google bought YouTube for \$1.65 billion in October, YouTube founders Chad Hurley and Steve Chen posted a specific, unenhanced video with a glint in their eye and a smirk on their face that said unmistakably: "We just became insanely rich." It was true to YouTube style, but the site's video-posting community couldn't help thinking: "Didn't we do all the work?"

5 OK STOP

MTV turned 25 this year, but it became clear a long time ago that its programming doesn't have room for music videos anymore. YouTube's response to endless, of course, and the site turned a little-known power pop group into the music video sensation of the year. OK Go's video for "Here I Go Again" was made in one long take with the amateurish creativity that YouTube specializes in. Their playfully choreographed treadmill dancing was the most absurdly joyful thing of the year. YouTube saved the video star.

6 CELEBRITY SPY

Michael "Kramer" Richards' rictus rant at the Laugh Factory in West

Hollywood in November would have drawn headlines without YouTube, but would millions have seen it? We've all become trained at this point: if something happens — check YouTube.

7 NOT JUST TEENAGERS

While YouTube is generally viewed as a playground for the young, many elderly people have seen its unique facility for communication. A user named Peter who goes by the name geriatric1927 is one of the biggest and unluckiest stars of YouTube. Dubbed "Virtual Granddad," the British 79-year-old is beloved for his "Talking it all" series of posts in which he warmly recalls his life stories — from his days as radar mechanic during WWII to his life as a motorcycle salesman.

8 DOCUMENT OF INJUSTICE

A number of videos led to legal action that might not have otherwise been taken. Footage of a police officer striking suspect William Cardenas in Hollywood, Calif., was viewed in court in September and a Superior Court commissioner ruled the officer's conduct was "more than reasonable." But after the video hit YouTube, it triggered an FBI investigation. The law can work both ways on YouTube, though. When two Nebraska teens posted a

video making threats against their high school, they were arrested and ticketed on suspicion of disturbing the peace.

9 INTERNATIONAL COMPENDIUM

YouTube compiles videos from around the world, making for a borderless repository of pop culture. We've become used to soccer highlights among the most-watched videos, and aren't surprised to see videos in Japanese or other languages. In this environment, two art students in China — known as the "Two Chinese Boys" — became internationally known without saying a word. The basketball jersey-wearing duo (flaming Yin and Wei Wei) captivated with their passionate lip-synching of Backstreet Boys songs.

10 STAR MAKER

One of the most viewed, most discussed videos shows a slight figure, his face obscured by a baseball cap, sitting in front of his bedroom computer playing electric guitar. Typical right? Well, he's playing a rock arrangement of Pachelbel's Canon using a difficult technique called sweep picking. The guitarist, "Tuntun0," was eventually revealed to be a 23-year-old Korean named Jeong-Hyuan Lim, now known the world over. Others, like the comedy duo Baras & Berea, parlayed their video success into deals with media giants like NBC Universal. Some didn't find fame on purpose: Aleksey Vayner saw no humor in his boastful video application for an investment banking job.

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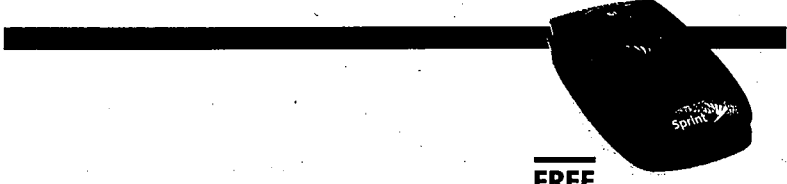
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Thinking outside the box

Uberstix gets kids to use creativity

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

HAILEY — In every inventor's life was something that sparked the imagination and stirred the creative juices.

The muse paid Dane Scarborough a visit early on.

While he was a child in his grandparents' home in Los Angeles, his grandfather would often bring home boxes of lumber scraps and nails of different sizes. Then he'd hand his young grandson a hammer and tell him to build something. Scarborough said the first thing he ever built was a ladder to escape from the backyard.

Today, Scarborough is still building. And he's inspiring a whole new generation of children to create skyscrapers, catapults, spheres, sailboats and airplanes with his invention called "Uberstix."

Uberstix is one of the latest things in building toys. The system's eight different parts can be connected to construct, well, just about anything a young mind dreams up. The sailboats really do sail and the airplanes really do fly.

"Whatever you build with Uberstix has the potential to work," said Scarborough, who makes his home in Hailey with his wife, Leslie, and sons, Hunter, 16, and Dashel, 9.

Uberstix can be used with parts from other building toys like Erector Sets, Legos and K'NEX.

"I want to grow the market so kids spend less time on computer games and more time on something 'constructive,'" Scarborough said.

Uberstix can also be used with nuts and bolts around the house, like plastic straws, rubber bands, empty water bottles, paper clips, popcicle sticks and egg cartons.



Dane Scarborough, president and chief executive officer of Uberstix International Group Limited, discusses his product Wednesday at his Hailey office.

That way, a child's creativity isn't limited by lack of finances. "Any kid can build big," Scarborough said.

Uberstix creations can also benefit the environment. Instead of ending up in a landfill, a couple of water bottles become a sailboat's hull, egg cartons a castle's walls or an old Wall Street Journal part of a kite.

Playing is learning

Scarborough, an artist with a fine arts degree from the Santa Monica College of Design and Architecture, is trying to get kids to think outside the box. For instance, the Uberstix kit comes with 181 pieces, but it takes only

half of them to build a catapult. The extra pieces can be used to lengthen the catapult's arm or give it more spring action.

The young builders not only do the engineering and designing, they get a physics lesson at the same time.

"I want to introduce as much knowledge without them realizing it," Scarborough said.

Uberstix are designed so parts can be used together or independently. That way, the builder learns to analyze the relationship between parts to get the desired result.

"It's like playing chess — every single move affects the entire game," Scarborough said. "It teaches kids to think like inventors

and engineers."

Scarborough said more and more teachers are downloading the science projects from his Web site at <http://www.uberstix.com>. Teachers use Uberstix projects to teach fundamentals of physics, math, aerodynamics, engineering and design. Best of all, it's fun.

Casey Henstey and Heather Socwell, sales clerks at Imagination Station in Twin Falls, said teachers are some of Uberstix's biggest fans. "The catapults sold fast," Henstey said.

Socwell said Uberstix appeals to both kids and adults.

"What I tell people who have kids — even big dad kids who like Please see TOYMAKER, Page D2

Where to find Uberstix

Imagination Station, at 837 Pole Line Road, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Toy Store, at 312 S. Main St. in Hailey and 102 Washington Avenue Plaza in Ketchum, are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Find out more

Uberstix Web site: www.uberstix.com

Trendsetting toys that gave free rein to kids' imaginations

Here are some interesting tidbits about some of the world's most loved toys and the creative people behind them.

Erector Set

While watching a skyscraper rise in 1911, A. C. Gilbert conceived the Erector Set, an educational toy that encouraged kids to create their own miniature buildings. Gilbert's simple design fashioned

sturdy one-inch square girders with just two bolts. Businessmen and industrial psychologists hailed the toy that put play to work and encouraged children's "constructive instincts." Erector Sets introduced children to engineering and the structural prin-



A.C. Gilbert

ciples of modern skyscrapers. Redesigned in 1924, the new basic set encouraged more complex construction. Specialized kits with electric motors included allowed kids to create trains, steam shovels, Ferris wheels and Zeppelins.

LEGO

In 1932, Ole Kirk Christiansen, master carpenter and joiner, founded his carpentry business in the vil-

lage of Billund, Denmark, to make step-ladders, ironing boards and wooden toys. The wooden toys became his most successful product.

The company adopted the name LEGO in 1934. LEGO is formed from the Danish words "LEG GOD!" meaning "play well."

In 1947, the LEGO company was the first in Denmark to buy a plastic injection molding machine to make toys. A forerunner of the plastic LEGO bricks was Christiansen's Automatic

Binding Bricks, created in 1949. They were sold only in Denmark in 1954. The bricks were renamed "LEGO Mursten" or "LEGO Bricks."

On May 1, 1954, the word LEGO was officially registered as a trademark in Denmark. In 1955, the company launched the "LEGO System of Play" with 28 sets and 8 vehicles. The current LEGO stud-and-tube coupling system was patented in 1958. The new coupling principle made models much more stable.

Little-known facts about the world's favorite toys

- **Play-Doh** was invented in 1956 by a chemist named Thomas S. Moore. The first Play-Doh was a "dough" made from Borden's Kaffee-Nut margarine. The Toy Trends company has one million sets sold in the year following the introduction of Play-Doh at the 1953 American Toy Fair in New York. Play-Doh was inspired by watching children poke sticks into the holes of thread spools.
- **Silly Putty** was discovered accidentally when the General Electric Company attempted to find a substitute for rubber during World War II. Over 200 million plastic eggs, containing 3,000 tons of

- **Silly Putty** have been sold since 1949.
- **Mr. Potato Head** was the first toy to be patented on television. In 1955, he received four write-in votes in the mayoral election in Boise.
- **Johnny Grizzle**, an illustrator and cartoonist, created the character of Raggedy Ann during his only daughter Marcella's lengthy illness. He painted a new face on an old rag doll that Marcella discovered in her grandmother's attic, and named the doll "Raggedy Ann" after two poems by his friend James Whitcomb Riley, "The Raggedy Man" and "Orphan Annie."

- **Parker Brothers** prints over \$40 billion of Monopoly money every year. The U.S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving prints \$70 billion annually.
- **Mickey Mouse's image** is the most reproduced in the world. Over 7,500 items bear his likeness. Jesus is number two, and Elvis is number three.
- **More than 12 billion toys** have been given away in Cracker Jack boxes since they started the "prizes" in 1912.
- **Lincoln Logs** were developed by John Lloyd Wright, son of the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, and were inspired by classical Japanese architecture.

- **And then there's the Silky**, Richard James, a marine engineer at a Philadelphia shipyard, was looking for a way to keep nautical instruments stable in rough seas when a large torsion spring fell off of a shelf. James watched as the spring crawled down shelves, stacks of books and tablecloths, landing upright on the floor. This spring gave him an idea for the "Silky" which debuted at Gimbel's in Philadelphia during the Christmas season of 1945. In the first 90 minutes, more than 400 of the toys were sold.

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MONEY

New year gives investors chance to review funds and objectives

Investors swear off their bad habits and make promises for the coming year, they would be wise to leave room on their to-do lists for a review of their mutual fund holdings.

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Mutual fund experts stress that investors should review their holdings regularly and more than procrastination can add to returns. And the transition from one calendar year to another can spark a flurry of activity that can affect investments and also create opportunity.

Rather than paring their holdings of poorly performing funds or re-calibrating their investments to remain focused on a target investment goal, investors often avoid such examinations once they have made investment decisions.

Many mutual funds end their fiscal year in September, affording investors some time to plan for the tax consequences of their investments.

This year has been a memorable one for the markets, with the major indexes showing double-digit returns. As a result, some investors will see sizable capital gains.

So while little time remains, investors could consider selling stocks that have performed poorly and applying that loss to offset some of any capital gains taxes they might face.

"People often don't look at things their funds are sending them until after their year," said Marc Pado, an U.S. market strategist at Cantor

Dow Jones Industrial

For the week ending Friday, Dec. 22

12,343.22

Record high: 12,242.56

Dec. 15, 2006

Nasdaq composite

For the week ending Friday, Dec. 22

2,401.18

Record high: 2,048.62

March 10, 2000

Standard & Poor's 500

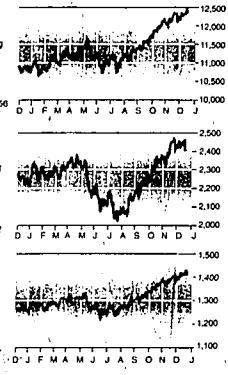
For the week ending Friday, Dec. 22

1,410.76

Record high: 1,527.46

March 24, 2000

THIS WEEK ON WALL STREET



look closely to see how the tone for the market's performance in the previous quarters," Tjornehoj said. He said the start of a year should arrive as a minor event for investors because they should be keeping tabs on their portfolio throughout the year.

But many investors contend January can help set the tone for the market's performance in the coming year. In the last 35 years in which stocks showed gains for the first five days, the markets have ended that year higher about 66 percent of the time, according to the Stock Trader's Almanac.

The month can see volatility as investors jockey for new positions. Investors can get a sense of a collective desire often seen at year-end to send stocks higher in order to burnish portfolios.

"They save a little powder for the couple of trading days at the end of the year," said Wall Street investors' desire to finish the year with gains.

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"The year-end call to attention is a bit arbitrary," said Tjornehoj. "These are things that you can do throughout the year. It's a good alarm clock but if you want to press the snooze button you're free to do so. Just don't ignore it."

Pado said. Focusing on holdings as of a particular date or even looking at short-term performance can lead to costly mistakes because a fund's long-term performance could show little resemblance to that of the short term.

"Those holdings are just a photograph in time and it would never take a fund at face value for what it's holding and would look at it for its historical performance," Pado said.

Jeff Tjornehoj, an analyst at fund-trader Lipper Inc., also said investors should examine how a fund performs relative to its peers.

"If someone is talking about the great companies they acquired in the last quarter,

Fitzgerald & Co. by not acting to minimize their tax exposure, they're just basically giving money to the government."

Pado contends investors generally shouldn't buy into mutual funds at the end of the year because the funds often pay dividends that investors would then be taxed on. In essence, investors would be giving a fund money only to have it returned to them and taxed at the same time.

"You're better off waiting until January," he said. Even if investors would face taxes, it is better to wait until 2007 so they will enjoy more time to mitigate their tax liabilities.

Investors can also make the mistake of dwelling on a fund's year-end holdings.

FRIDAY'S CLOSING PRICES FOR MUTUAL FUNDS

Friday, Dec. 22, 2006

Financial snapshot table showing interest rates (0.84%), 91-day Treasury Bill yield (4.99%), 10-year Treasury note yield (4.63%), Bureau Index (308.46), and DJ AIG Commodities Index (166.48).

Large table of mutual fund closing prices for Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, including fund names, shares, and prices.



Toymaker

Continued from page D1

to build — is that they can build whatever it is in their imagination," Scowell said. Ubertex is also selling well at the Halley and Kerchum locations of The Toy Store.

"It's just a really great construction toy," said Billie Tanner, manager of the Halley store.

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Scarborough demonstrates how to operate his Ubertex kit

drive the manufacturing back to the U.S. "If you didn't come here for the cheap labor," Scarborough said.

Ubertex aren't Scarborough's first invention. He has 28 patents in his name, most of them for construction toys — seven or eight of them for tape measures alone.

Scarborough has begun selling Ubertex kits in August, and sales have doubled each month since. It seems people have taken to building Ubertexes, Ubertups, Ubertanks, Ubertanks, among other Ubertex creations.

He's manufacturing Ubertex in Ningbo, China, and he maintains a small office there as well as one in Hong Kong. He said he realizes that outsourcing "is a hot button with politicians," but the lower cost of manufacturing in Asia keeps the price of Ubertex down so more people can afford them.

"It allows us to be competitive worldwide," Scarborough said. Sets cost anywhere from about \$5 to \$140.

Sales of Ubertex benefit the local economy, he said. "We're shipping all over the world, but the profits come back here," he said.

At some point, as more Ubertex are sold globally, increased shipping costs will

Scarborough hopes to break the world record for toy construction at the Hobbytown USA Trade Show this summer in Nebraska. He said he has a prototype to build a 20-story, 200-foot-tower out of Ubertex.

The record is 99 feet. He doesn't plan to do it alone. He's asking students and others to help with instructions from his Web site and build four-story sections of the tower.

Who knows whether Scarborough will break the record this summer. But investors must be willing to venture into the unknown.

"Pioneers either strike gold or get an arrow in the back," Scarborough said. "There's risk in being a pioneer."

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Denise Messersmith-McClusky

TWIN FALLS — Gem State Realtor Denise Messersmith-McClusky has joined their office at 1445 Addison Ave. McClusky brings with her 14 years of proven Real Estate sales experience, along with her certified residential specialist designation and associate broker's license. She resides in Twin Falls with her husband, John McClusky, and enjoys art, hiking and golfing.



Messersmith-McClusky

Magazine and met Ryan Horsley, the current reigning "Red" and keeper of the family tradition, begun in 1936. When I walked out two hours later, Red's was my 'guru drive' from home base, but worth the trip, every time." Red's Trading Post is located at 215 Shoshone St. S. in Historic Downtown Twin Falls. Its Web site address is www.redstradingpost.com.

Travis Wray

KIMBERLY — First Federal announced the addition of Travis Wray as a new loan officer, serving the banking needs of East End customers from the Kimberly branch. He brings an extensive sales background in both retail and wholesale business to First Federal, as well as experience in real estate and auto finance.



Wray

Wray, a native of the Magic Valley area, graduated from Kimberly High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He and his wife, Kim, reside in Twin Falls.

Mary Reis

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho registered nursing professor Mary Reis was honored recently for the 11 years she spent as a board member of the Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The council provides assistance and services for Idaho's deaf and hard of hearing and its members are appointed by the governor.



Reis

Reis, the mother of a hard-of-hearing son, wrote a book on resources available to other such Idaho parents as part of her master's degree.

Doug Jones

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences honored veteran Idaho legislator Doug Jones with its Dean's Achievement Award during its recent winter graduation celebration.

Jones, a 1972 alumnus of the college from Filer, served as the Idaho House Agriculture Affairs Committee chairman for 10 years and served in the Legislature for 20 years before he left for a job in Hawaii with Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar in October 2005. His wife, Mary Liz Jones, received her doctoral degree in education from the university Saturday. He and family members visited the campus to honor her achievement. In addition to their own University of Idaho degrees, the Joneses have two other UI alumni in the family — their daughter Heather and her husband.

Valley Co-op approves payouts to members

Valley Co-op, Jerome, recently approved cash payouts to its members of \$920,000. The money will be distributed in the next few weeks in the form of cash dividends and stock retirements. Valley Co-op is a farm supply co-operative and pays dividends to its member owners based on the amount of business they do with the Co-op. The Co-op also has a policy to regularly pay out members for some of their accumulated

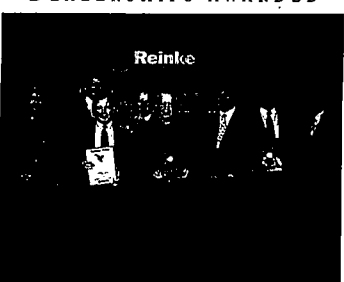
stock in the company. According to General Manager Donn Bordeywyk, Valley has paid out over \$2.6 million in cash to its members in the past five years. Valley has six locations in the Magic Valley doing business as Valley Country Stores. It provides a wide range of products to both rural and urban customers, including petroleum, propane, feed, agricultural crop inputs, and miscellaneous farm, ranch and home supplies.

WELCOMING NEWCOMERS



Welcome Mat had a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors. The owners are Connie and Anne Sowka. The Welcome Mat can be reached by calling 423-4478. They are available to assist you in answering questions and visiting with you to help make you feel welcome and at home in the Magic Valley area. Pictured from left are Anne and Connie Sowka.

DEALERSHIPS AWARDED



Reinke

Reinke Manufacturing Co. Inc., a leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation systems, recently recognized seven outstanding dealerships in the Northwest territory with gold Reinke Pride awards during its annual convention, which took place Oct. 1 through 3 in Portland. A record number of gold, silver and bronze Reinke Pride awards were given to a total of 72 dealerships as an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail environment, merchandising, professionalism, promotions and event participation and market share. Reinke awarded the qualifying dealerships volume rebates, enhanced advertising co-op balances and company apparel based on the level of achievement they reached. The following dealerships received gold Reinke Pride awards: Farmers of Idaho in Jerome; Freedom Irrigation Inc. in Jerome; Irrigation Systems Inc. in Blackfoot; Rain For Rent in Idaho Falls; Rain For Rent in Paul Reinke Pasco Inc. in Pasco, Wash.; and Stettler Supply Company in Salem, Ore. Pictured from left are: (front row) Skip Hylton, Rain for Rent, Paul; Bill Pope, Irrigation Systems, Blackfoot; Bob Oznam Reinke, Pasco, Pasco Wash.; (back row) Jim Canapa, Stettler Supply Company, Salem Ore.; Karl Standley and Troy Chandler, Farmers of Idaho, Jerome; Phil Ellis, Freedom Irrigation, Jerome; and Brad Streepner, Rain for Rent, Idaho Falls.

BENITON CONSTRUCTION



Beniton Construction recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of their office at 340 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. They have been in business since 1997. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors assisted them in cutting the ribbon. They can assist you with your construction for home or business. For more information, call 733-4800. Pictured from left are: (front row) Debbie Bennett, Steve Slagoff, Rex Trammell, Amanda Hyer, Matt Newborg; (back row) Shana Donaldson, Doug Nichols, Kathy Coleman, Alan Uniform, Bryce Reynolds, Bryce Parker and Layne Flynn.

INSURANCE AGENCY OPENS



Cheyney Agency Farmers Insurance at 212 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors. They can assist you with your personal and business insurance needs. For more information, call at 733-0633. Pictured from left are Kevin Merritt, Emily Petersen, Shawna Cheyney, Shay Cheyney and Mike Hammer.

EAGLE CONSULTING



Eagle Consulting held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors. Eagle Consulting is located at 1411 Falls Ave. E., Suite 703, Twin Falls. Visit with them and let them assist you with your business. For business consulting, or for more information, call 736-2564. Pictured from left are Diane and Mike Hutchings.

BHR & ASSOCIATES



BHR & Associates recently held a ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors. BHR & Associates are located in Jerome. For more information call 324-4827 or 866-387-8341. They can assist you with debt negotiation and settlement. Pictured from left are Eric, Bill and Patti Henry, owners.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FAMILY WINS GIVEAWAY



Jose Olmos was the winner of the Organization of Rupert Businessmen's Santa Sacks giveaway. The drawing was held in conjunction with the organization's 'Deals after Dark' event Dec. 8. Olmos is shown here with his family, Claudia Olmos, Esmeralda Olmos and Christian Olmos. Pictured at left is Jeff Feroc, owner of the Stockroom. At right is Beth Coffey, president of the Organization of Rupert Businessmen.

Becky Freiberg

GOODING — Becky Freiberg, Gooding High School science teacher, was honored with the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District's "Teacher of the Year Award." The top prize is given for excellence and outstanding achievement in conservation and environmental education. Freiberg's student conservation teams have placed first in the statewide Canon and Envirothon Competition two years in a row, both times advancing to represent Idaho in the International Envirothon Competition.



Freiberg

Freiberg also involved her students in community service projects including tree transplanting and desert bitterbrush restoration to improve mule deer habitat in the Magic Valley. In addition to teaching courses in physical and environmental science, she also oversees the Gooding High School recycling program.

In the summer, Freiberg administers the Southern Idaho Bio Control "Bug Crew" program, which employs teams of high school students to collect and place specialized noxious weed-eating insects at infested locations throughout southern Idaho.

Ryan Horsley

TWIN FALLS — Ryan Horsley and Red's Trading Post Inc. are featured in the upcoming January 2007 issue of Guns magazine, a national publication. In the editorial section "Odd Angry Shot" written by John Connor, he states, "Years ago while visiting friends in Twin Falls, Idaho, I sorted out a .308 Winchester. I stepped to do a quick interview for Shooting Industry



Horsley

Magazine offers glamour, substance to women readers in East Africa

By Katy Pownall
Associated Press writer

KAMPALA, Uganda — Its glossy pages, sleek layout and beautiful models wouldn't look out of place on the shelves next to "Vogue" and "Cosmopolitan." Yet "African Woman" comes from Uganda, a country more associated with poverty and war than with glamour.

The magazine — the first of its kind to be published in Uganda — celebrates its one year anniversary this month. "African Woman" in June expanded its distribution to four other countries in East Africa and early next year will open offices in Kenya and Tanzania.

"African Woman" is a celebration of women and a celebration of Africa," said Sylvia Oviara, founder and publisher of the magazine. "In Africa women are the ones who hold

a family together — they are at the forefront of family life. The woman is strong ... Men oppress women to take that power but we want to celebrate that power. That power we have as mothers, that power that women have all over the world."

The magazine targets women aged 20 to 40 and has a circulation of 10,000. It presents sleek fashion features, the lowdown on stylish hotspots, the inside track on female celebrities and plenty of gossip and advice — all with a distinctive African flavor. All the models are African and the pages showcase African designers and artists.

The magazine also deals with tough issues relevant to women in Africa. Stories narrated and written by women deal with AIDS, domestic violence and child abuse. Anthony Munyua, Uganda country manager for the

Steadman Group, a market information and media monitoring organization, said "African Woman" taps into a growing market.

"African" women have more disposable income, more access to education and more independence than ever before," he said. But "there is still a long way to go though. This trend is still very urban and is not yet reflected in rural areas."

Uganda's constitution celebrates the roles of women as house managers and providers of food, and reserves seats for women at both local council and parliamentary level.

According to the UN, of the 17,000 decision makers in Uganda, 40 percent are women — a figure unrivaled by any other country in the East Africa region. In 1984, President Yoweri Museveni appointed a woman as his

vice president, one of the first in Africa.

But even here, Oviara pointed out, many educated women are expected to stay home and raise children once they marry and domestic violence is a private, rather than judicial, matter.

"Here family values are not the same as in the West," she said. "There are lots of things we don't talk about and many women accept ... because they don't think they have a choice. We're telling these women that it's OK to say, 'No, I don't accept that.'"

African women endure some of the worst discrimination in the world. For example, female genital mutilation, the partial or complete removal of external female genitalia, is practiced in up to 28 central African countries from Somalia on the east coast to Senegal on the west coast.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Iraq war voted top news story

Outpolls U.S. election in annual AP editors vote

NEW YORK (AP) — The convoluted, increasingly bleak Iraq war was chosen the top story of 2006 by U.S. editors and news directors in The Associated Press' annual vote, followed closely by the U.S. election in which debate over Iraq played a pivotal role.

The war received 176 first-place votes out of 242 ballots cast. The election, in which Democrats seized control of Congress, received 46 first-place votes and was the overwhelming pick for the No. 2 story.

Last year's top story was Hurricane Katrina and the other devastating Gulf Coast storms. The Iraq war finished third in that poll, was runner-up in 2004 and the No. 1 story in 2003, while the buildup to the war was 2002's top story.

Here are 2006's top 10 stories, as voted by AP members. There was a tie for seventh place:

1 IRAQ
What started in 2003 as a supposedly straightforward drive to topple Saddam Hussein deteriorated during 2006 into a dismayingly complex and messy struggle, with Iraqis by the thousands killed in sectarian reprisal attacks and the U.S. military death toll nearing 3,000. President Bush dropped talk of "staying the course" but balked at embracing many of the key suggestions of a bipartisan study group. Iraqi authorities struggled to assert control and avoid fracture.

2 THE U.S. ELECTION
Unhappiness with events in Iraq was one of the driving forces behind the Democrats' surge in the Nov. 7 election. They took over the House with a large majority, gained a narrow edge in the Senate, and also advanced in state-house nationwide. Nancy Pelosi, assailed by the Republicans as a "San Francisco liberal" during the campaign, will become the first female speaker of the House.

3 NUCLEAR STANDOFFS
The United States and its allies were frustrated in their efforts to rein in nuclear programs in North Korea and Iran. North Korea tested a nuclear bomb in October, and Iran — despite a threat of sanctions — pushed ahead with plans to bring its first nuclear power plant on line in late 2007.

4 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
Congress tried to confront the influx of illegal immigrants from Latin America, but the effort collapsed amid deep divisions over whether to stress a crackdown or include provisions to help some illegal immigrants work toward citizenship. The get-tough approach triggered huge protests by immigrants-rights supporters.

5 SCANDALS IN CONGRESS
Several Republican congressmen were brought down by scandals, including Mark Foley, who resigned

over sexually explicit messages sent to male pages, and Randy Cunningham, who pleaded guilty to accepting bribes from defense contractors. House Majority Leader Tom Delay resigned after being indicted on campaign finance charges in Texas, and Ohio's Bob Ney pleaded guilty in connection with the probe of lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

6 SADDAM CONVICTED
Saddam Hussein was convicted in the slaying of 148 Shiite Muslims, including children, following an assassination attempt against him in 1982. He was sentenced to death by hanging, but proceedings against him continued on genocide charges stemming from a chemical attack on Kurds in 1987.

7 MIDEAST FIGHTING
Israel and the Lebanon-based Hezbollah militia fought a monthlong war in the summer, more than 900 people were killed and much of southern Lebanon was battered. Lebanon's Western-backed government emerged more embattled than ever, while Hezbollah claimed increased popular support.

8 RUMSFELD RESIGNS
As conditions worsened in Iraq, President Bush publicly stuck by his defense secretary. But a day after the midterm elections gave Democrats control of Congress, Bush announced Donald Rumsfeld's departure. Though his brusque style initially won some admiring reviews, Rumsfeld was seen as underestimating Iraq's challenges while alienating the military brass and members of Congress.

9 AIRLINER PLOT
British authorities said they narrowly thwarted a terrorist plot to bomb several jets over the Atlantic. The disclosure led to tough new restrictions on the contents of carry-on luggage.

10 DISASTER IN DARFUR
Violence worsened in Sudan's Darfur region, where fighting between rebels and government forces has killed more than 200,000 people. The United Nations approved a 20,000-strong peacekeeping force, but Sudan blocked its deployment.

Just missing out on the Top 10 was mounting concern over climate change and global warming, highlighted by the release of Al Gore's movie, "An Inconvenient Truth," and alarming new warnings from many scientists.

Several voters remarked on how Iraq — and its ripple effects — dominated the year.

"All news paled in comparison to the developments in the Middle East, which are beginning to be felt in every community," wrote Ken Stuckney of *The News-Star* at Monroe, La.

Scandals and power shifts

More than 750 U.S. soldiers were killed in Iraq, Democrats took 29 House seats, six Senate seats and six governorships away from the Republicans, without surrendering any of their own. Millions

protested anti-legal immigrant legislation and the construction of a wall along America's Mexican border. These were some of the major news and events in a year that was dominated by ...

Jan. 3
Lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleads guilty to providing gifts to officials in exchange for their help and agrees to cooperate in prosecution investigations of Congress.

Jan. 22
Kobe Bryant scores 81 points, second-highest in NBA history.

Jan. 31
Covette Scott King, wife of Rev. Martin Luther King, dies.

Feb. 1
Samuel Alito is sworn in as the nation's 110th Supreme Court justice.

March 6
Gov. Mike Rounds bans nearly all types of abortions in South Dakota.

April 2
64 Inmarsat satellites Tennessee 35 Missouri 11 N. Carolina 6 Texas 3 Minnesota 2 Alabama 1 Iowa 1 Louisiana 1 Illinois 1 Pa. 1

April 17
Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan is convicted of corruption and is later sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison.

April 18
Two Duke University lacrosse players are arrested on charges of raping a stripper. A third is charged later.

May 1
The Supreme Court rules against Nicole Smith can pursue part of her late husband's, J. Howard Marshall, oil fortune.

May 6 and 20
Barbara wins the Kentucky Derby then breaks his and lung in the Preakness.

June 9
Former majority leader Rep. Tom Delay resigns from Congress because of ethical and legal troubles.

June 22
The Bush administration confirms it gained access to banking records to check for financial support for terrorism.

June 25
Warren Buffett says he will give much of his \$44 billion to the Gates Foundation.

June 29
Supreme Court rules that money bonuses for Guantanamo Bay detainees violates U.S. and international law.

Aug. 10
Officials ban liquids and gels from carry-on bags after British police thwart a plot to blow up U.S.-bound airplanes.

Aug. 24
Astronomers reclassify Pluto as a dwarf planet.

Aug. 27
Comet light crashes after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 43 people, co-pilot survives.

Sept. 25
The Louisiana Superdome, a symbol of misery during Hurricane Katrina, reopens for a New Orleans Saints game.

Oct. 11
A plane carrying Yankees pitcher Curt Lyle and an instructor crashes into New York building killing both.

Oct. 17
U.S. population reaches 300 million.

Oct. 18
Dow Jones industrial average passes 12,000 for the first time.

Nov. 18
Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes marry in Lake Bracciano, Italy. Their daughter, Suri, was born in April.

Jan. 2
An explosion at Sago Mine in West Virginia kills 1 miner and 11 more die slowly of carbon monoxide poisoning because oxygen masks failed. Only one survives.

Feb. 11
Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shoots and wounds Harry Whittington, who later suffers a mild heart attack when a pilot travels to his heart.

Feb. 21
President Bush defends administration's approval of a deal that would have allowed a Dubai company to operate six U.S. ports.

Feb. 28
New Orleans holds Mardi Gras in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

March 25
In Los Angeles, 500,000 people protest federal legislation to make illegal immigration a felony and the building of a border wall. There were at least 141 rallies by April. Estimated illegal immigrant population, 2006



May 3
Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussawi escapes his death penalty and awaits trial in the courtroom to spend life in prison for the Sept. 11 plot.

May 25
Former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling are convicted of conspiracy and fraud. Lay dies of a heart attack in July. Skilling gets 24 years in prison.

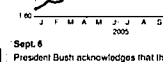
June 15
Death toll of U.S. troops in Iraq reach 2,500. By the end of the year it is 2,939.



July 10
Concrete falls from a tunnel ceiling in Boston's Big Dig, crushing a vehicle and killing a passenger.

July 18
President Bush issues his first veto that rejects a bill that could have multiplied federal money for embryonic stem cell research.

Aug. 7
Gas prices hit \$3 per gallon after an oil spill and production would be curtailed because of a coordinated protest in Alaska and fighting in the Middle East.



Sept. 6
President Bush acknowledges that the CIA runs secret prisons overseas and that some high-profile terror suspects are waiting trial in Guantanamo Bay.

Sept. 14
An outbreak of E. coli traced to bagged spinach kills three people and sickens 200.

Oct. 2
A man takes girls hostage in an Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania, killing five girls and shooting live girls before the crisis ends.

Oct. 26
A wildfire in Southern California kills five firefighters. More than 9 million acres burn in the U.S. and there are nearly 45 percent more fire than in 2005.

Nov. 7
Democrats take control of Congress. Nancy Pelosi to be the first female House speaker.

Nov. 8
223 Democrats (102 in 2004) 202 Republicans (232 in 2004) 51 Democrats with two seats (49 in 2004) 49 Republicans (50 in 2004)

Nov. 8
Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld resigns.

Dec. 3
An E. coli outbreak of 71 cases in five states is initially linked to green onions from Taco Bell before lettuce is suspected.

Dec. 13
Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) suffers stroke, putting control of Senate into question.

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War, AIDS, nukes bedeviled the world in '06

By William J. Kolie
Associated Press writer

Brockets lit up the skies over Iraq and Lebanon and bloodied the streets below. Iran and North Korea both grew bolder in their nuclear brinkmanship. And a thwarted plot to blow up jetliners rattled nerves on both sides of the Atlantic.

"In 2006, a world weary of war grappled with a new slew of security threats, struggled to contain violence and misery in Sudan, and witnessed the U.S. president weakened at the ballot box.

It now seems vulnerable on other fronts, too: Voracious demand for energy from China and India raised concerns about sustainable resources and global climate change, and Vladimir Putin's newly confident Russia translated its oil wealth into new — some say dangerous — clout.

Civilian and military casualties mounted in Iraq, where Saddam Hussein was convicted of mass murder and sentenced to hang. With Iraq in political disarray, and the U.S. bidy count approaching 3,000, a disillusioned American electorate handed President Bush a rebuke by putting Democrats in charge of Congress. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld resigned.

Iraq's shadow over the U.S. presidential campaign darkened and deepened when a bipartisan commission said Bush's policy "is not working" and suggested withdrawing most American combat troops by early 2008.

The West's standoff with Iran over its suspect nuclear program rose another notch: The U.S. and its closest allies prepared to call for a U.N. Security Council vote on sanctions as a defiant Tehran raced to bring its first nuclear power plant on line in late 2007.

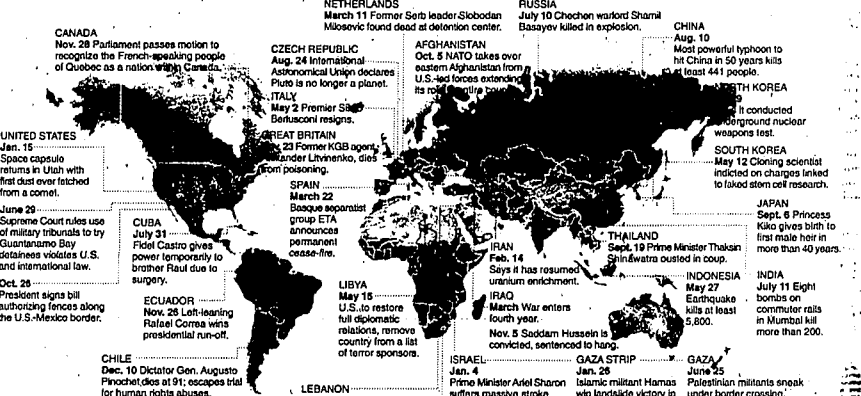
The stakes also increased dramatically with North Korea, which tested a nuclear bomb in October. Pyongyang agreed to resume long-stalled international disarmament talks, but much of Asia — well within striking distance — remained wary.

Hezbollah militants in Lebanon fought a 34-day war with Israel that dealt another setback to Middle East peace hopes. Lebanon's Western-backed government was then engulfed in political turmoil.

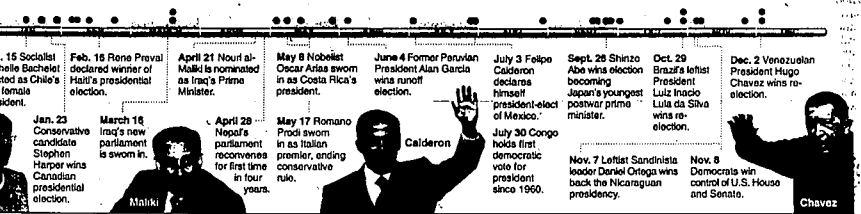
Ehud Olmert became Israel's prime minister after Ariel Sharon was felled by a stroke and quickly faced multiple crises: The militant group Hamas' election victory in the Palestinian territories, the

World weary of wars

Selection of events from around the world — Countries with presidential elections



Selection of presidential elections and relevant wins of various countries



SOURCE: Electionguide.org

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Lebanon fighting, Iran's nuclear ambitions and its president's calls to wipe Israel off the map.

2007 — ex-communist Bulgaria and Romania — but cooled on mostly Muslim Turkey's membership bid.

Maps of the Balkans became obsolete overnight when tiny Montenegro gained independence, completing the long and tumultuous breakup of Yugoslavia. At the United Nations, South Korea's Ban Ki-moon was elected to take over Jan. 1 from Kofi Annan as the first Asian to lead the world body in 35 years.

Fears of a killer pandemic briefly swept the globe when four Turkish children succumbed to bird flu, but the virus seemed to vanish as quickly as it surfaced. Not so with AIDS, an old nemesis: The United Nations said 39.5 million people were living with HIV and nearly 3 million died in 2006 alone.

CASTRO'S HEALTH



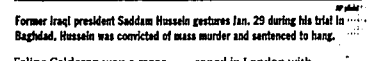
Cuban President Fidel Castro gestures on July 26 as he addresses Latin American students gathered in Fernandina, in Holguin province, Cuba, for the anniversary of the attack on the Mocoada barracks. The 80-year-old leader underwent intestinal surgery and temporarily ceded power to his brother.

ISRAEL ATTACKS HEZBOLLAH



A civil defense worker on July 25 carries the body of Lebanese child recovered from the rubble of a demolished building that was struck by an Israeli airstrike at the village of Qana near the southern Lebanese city of Tyra. Israeli missiles struck this southern Lebanese village, flattening houses on top of sleeping residents. The Lebanese Red Cross said the airstrike, in which at least 34 children were killed, pushed the overall Lebanese death toll to more than 500.

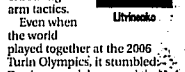
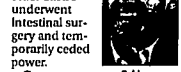
SADDAM'S FATE



Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein gestures Jan. 29 during his trial in Baghdad. Hussein was convicted of mass murder and sentenced to hang.

Felipe Calderon won a razor-thin victory over a leftist rival in an election judged honest by foreign observers yet challenged by prolonged leftist protest rallies.

Cubans prepared for a historic changing of the guard after 60-year-old leader Fidel Castro underwent intestinal surgery and temporarily ceded power.



Congo managed to elect a president, raising fragile hope that the arena of Africa's worst fighting in the 1990s was finally finding peace.

Alexander Litvinenko, a former Russian agent and fierce Kremlin critic, was fatally poi-

PROTESTING DARFUR



Demonstrators take part in a Global Day for Darfur protest as they march through central London on Dec. 10. The protestors are urging the Sudanese government to agree to the deployment of UN peacekeeper troops to protect the people of Darfur.

Mini-Cassia Christmas spirit

SINGING FOR SENIORS



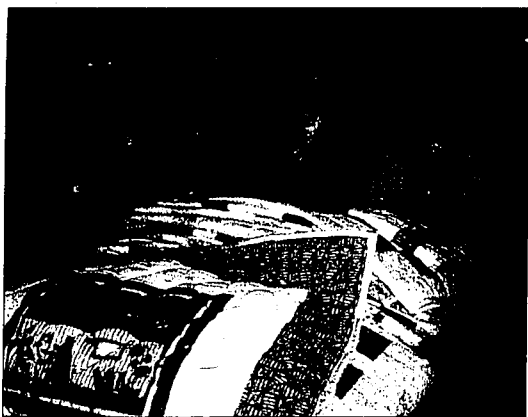
Photos by TREENA TEGAN
For the Times-News

LEFT: April Mendoza, Jennie Dalley, Stacy Wrigley and Kristina Lucas visit with Jo Murphy, one of the residents at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center. The girls and other members of the Women's Board at Barley High School spent time singing Christmas carols and visiting with the residents of Park View to spread some Christmas cheer.

BELOW: Jennie Dalley and Howard Christiansen enjoy a rousing chorus of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town.' Jennie and other members of the Women's Board at Barley High School sang Christmas carols and visited with the residents of Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center.



SHARING HOLIDAY WARMTH



Prezzy Messer, Grace Herd, Pauline Hofstetter and Ruth Rowley of the First Baptist Church of Rupert made 90 lap quilts to donate as Christmas gifts to the residents of Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. The group began working on the quilts in November, but managed to complete all 90 of them in time for the holidays.



Ruth Jeffs of Barley spends most of her free time during the year crocheting afghans, which she donates to residents at a care center each holiday season. Though Jeffs has been donating afghans to care centers for five years, this is the second consecutive year she has donated to Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center, located in Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. This year, with the help of friends Susan Anderson and Jeff Nichols, she presented 50 handmade afghans to its residents.

Seniors warned about drug interactions, over medication

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Many Mini-Cassia senior citizens are at risk from taking too many medications or combinations of medications that could potentially interact, causing unwanted symptoms or worse, says a Rupert pharmacist.

Kevin Yearsley, pharmacist at Ridley's Food and Drug, answered senior's questions about their medications Friday at the Minidoka County Senior Center.

One of the top concerns is the number or combinations

of medications seniors are taking. The problem is becoming more common as nation's population ages and baby boomers join the ranks of senior citizens.

"A good portion of the seniors that I talk to are over medicated," Yearsley said.

Often the problem is the result of patients seeing several specialists without a primary-care physician overseeing the patient's overall health, he said.

Another health trend, which can keep the problem from being uncovered, is the increased use of mail-order pharmacies.

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Constructing Christmas



Matt Christensen, a shopping-averse Times-News feature writer, takes suggestions while building a coffee table — his Christmas present to his wife.

Photo by MICHAEL WINTER/STREETSTORIES



In a cold Twin Falls garage, Matt Christensen screws together the coffee table's base.

She's going to love this gift

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—I'll do anything to avoid Christmas shopping. My gift to my wife is proof of that.

Melissa and I were married in June, and I wanted to make our first Christmas special. So this year, I built her a coffee table — because it's something handmade with love, but also because I'd rather saw off a finger than get trampled at Macy's.

The idea was hatched about two weeks ago over drinks with my co-workers and buddies Cassidy Friedman and Jared Hopkins.

"You? Build a table?" Jared asked.

I should confess now that his skepticism was warranted: I'm about as handy as Homer Simpson. I've built only one thing in my life, a birdhouse when I was about 10. It turned out great, really, though I never saw a bird actually go inside.

Cass was optimistic. Draw up plans, he said, and I'll be glad to help build it. Jared, too, signed on.

Fine. Our team was formed.

The following weekend, we

See it online

Watch the amateur woodworkers at www.megavalley.com.

INSIDE: Matt explains the reasons you should avoid last-minute Christmas projects. E3

shopped Lowe's for supplies. As we meandered, it quickly became apparent this was going to be a Heart of Darkness-type project. I hadn't drawn up plans, partly because early attempts to sketch my vision were fruitless. My drawings looked nothing like a table, and I thought they'd only confuse my companions.

Compounding matters, we couldn't find actual wood, only plywood and bizarre composite material that vaguely resembled wood. I asked an employee where to find solid wood. He took me to the plywood aisle.

"Here it is," he said, pulling a sheet from the rack.

"Um, I was looking for solid wood."

"Yeah, here it is," he said.

Now you know why I hate shopping.

So we were on our own — no plans, no materials, no hope.

But we are resourceful young men, and we crouched in aisle 17 and drew a marvelous sketch of a table on the back of a business card.

Somehow, we pulled it together. We found already-cut table legs, a few two-by-fours, two long pieces of trim — and I reluctantly bought the plywood for the top.

An hour, \$136 and a headache pill later, we drug our supplies into our editor's garage. I had talked Chris Steinbach into letting us build the table at his house. I couldn't do it at mine (she'd find out) and Cass and Jared live in apartments.

We immediately set to building inside the frigid garage as Chris's wife, Nancy, looked on nervously. I sawed the two-by-fours with precision. Jared sanded the edges with an artist's touch. I couldn't believe how well we were doing.

Then it happened: our first setback.

I wanted to construct the table so that you'd never see nail or screw marks, so we planned a system of brackets under the tabletop to hold the whole thing together.

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The gift of gasp — but not in a good way

By Joel Garreau
The Washington Post

There was the time she gave her husband a pair of ceramic sheep. Which brings us to The First Law of Holiday Giving: Never select a gift for your beloved just because you think you'd like to have it yourself.

To this day, she defends the sheep as a really swell gift. "I fell in love with them immediately. We aspirated to something great. They were from Italy and looked like something made for Louis XIV. I guess it was my Marie Antoinette alter ego kicking in. They said 'eigence.' They didn't say 'white trash.' So I shelled out the \$200 for them." She still maintains she was doing it as much for her flame as for herself.

"Sort of." Recent research, however, shows that she has less to be defensive about than she

Almost half of all lovers are worse at predicting their partner's heart's desire than a stranger who simply uses average gender-specific preferences.

could guess:

- Almost half of all lovers are worse at predicting their partner's heart's desire than a stranger who simply uses average gender-specific preferences.

- In addition, the more you know about your inamomta, the worse your success rate is likely to get.

These cheerful holiday tidings are brought to you by "Why It Is So Hard to Predict Our Partner's Product Preferences: The Effect of Target Familiarity on Prediction Accuracy," in the December issue of the scholarly journal of Consumer Research, published by the University of

Chicago Press.

Mercedith Melcher, 26, of Washington, talks about the time her father gave her mother ski goggles for Christmas.

Her mother was six months pregnant. She didn't ski even when she wasn't pregnant. They fit him much better than her. They were really nice ski goggles, though.

Melcher says. Dany Lerouge is not surprised. The assistant professor of marketing at Tilburg University in the Netherlands is the co-author of the "So Hard" monograph that

Please see LOVDIS, Page E3



Nothing says 'Merry Christmas, dear' like a vacuum cleaner, a bathroom scale or a laser printer. Or maybe not.

PHOTO BY BRADLEY

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

SAWTOOTH BOTANICAL GARDEN

Twin Falls Senior Center
530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.
Birthday dinner Humana, 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff with noodles, spinach, cucumber salad, fruit bowl, bread, cookie
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, corn, roll, salad, birthday cake, ice cream
Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, cooked cabbage, apple salad, biscuit, pudding
Friday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, pea salad, muffin, pie

Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure
Wednesday: Medicare D Eks Card Club
Music by Hank
Birthday meal
Thursday: Pinochle
Friday: Blood pressure
Quitting
Lunch bingo
New Year's dinner

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Center is closed all week.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Polish sausage, scalloped potatoes, sauerkraut, fruit, cookies
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, fruit medley, pumpkin bars
Thursday: Barbecue meatballs over potatoes, carrots, fruit, green salad, pudding
Friday: Oven-baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, corn, fruit medley, cake, ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Dallin U. Hardy, son of Ben and Julie Hardy of Oakley, was born Dec. 16, 2006.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Samuel John Jones, son of Matt Jones and Carol Mahan of Jerome, was born Dec. 2, 2006.
Ellie Piper Hollifield, daughter of Oren Hollifield and Tina Davis of Jerome, was born Dec. 4, 2006.
Christopher Isaac Cardona, son of Sergio and Guadalupe Cardona of Jerome, was born Dec. 8, 2006.

Timothy James Bingle, son of Mike and Elizabeth Bingle of Jerome, was born Dec. 9, 2006.
Kira-Ann Marie Phillips, daughter of Christopher and Angela Phillips of Jerome, was born Dec. 10, 2006.
Natalie Marie Schaeffer, daughter of Chris and Linda Schaeffer of Jerome, was born Dec. 14, 2006.
Genela Rodriguez, daughter of Alvaro and Marylou Rodriguez of Glenns Ferry, was born Dec. 15, 2006.
Bugambilla Trina, daughter of Vidal and Marina Trina of Mountain Home, was born Dec. 17, 2006.
Kevin Gutierrez Dela Cruz, son of Claudia Dela Cruz of Jerome, was born Dec. 17, 2006.

Bodee Anthony Michael Jensen, son of Jeremy Jensen and Mellyssa Mortenson of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 16, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Brett Aaron Poggel, son of Janene and Jeffrey Poggel of Jerome, was born Dec. 8, 2006.
Dakota Jane Weston, daughter of Miranda and Russell Weston of Challis, was born Dec. 10, 2006.
Riley William Dale Johnson, son of Amber and Brian Johnson of Hailey, was born Dec. 12, 2006.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Lily Ann Chapman, daughter of Rhonda Susannah and Blake Lydell Chapman of Kimberly, was born Nov. 27, 2006.
Joslyn Ruby Seave, daughter of Stacey and Eli Jeffrey Seave of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 11, 2006.
Mollie Anna Larsen, daughter of Alicia Carol and Hans Tyler Larsen of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 12, 2006.
Anthony James Parker, son of Melissa Danielle and Timothy James Parker of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 12, 2006.
Jeffrey Coy Reichel, son of Chelsea Alana and Jerad Coy Reichel of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 12, 2006.

under 12.
Monday: Closed
Wednesday: Baked potato bar, bread pudding
Friday: Spaghetti, green beans, brownies

Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9 p.m.
Al-Anon 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.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Main Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menu:
No meals all week.
Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 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.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Center is closed all week.

Richfield Senior Center

Center is closed all week.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menu:
Tuesday: Tuna noodle casserole, hot rolls, corn, mixed green salad, peach pie
Wednesday: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits, ambrosia, caesar salad, butterscotch brownies
Friday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, coldlaw, carrots, cheeseecake squares with cherries

Activities:
Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise at American Legion Hall (Ketchum), 1:30 p.m.
Friday: New Year's lunch Annual membership meeting

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 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Hawaiian haystacks with rice, California mixed vegetables, fruity jelly-O, fortune cookies, whole wheat bread
Thursday: Baked ham, pineapple sauce, sweet potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread
Activities:
Thursday: Foot clinic
Tuesday: Quitting, 1 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Center is closed all week.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, potato salad, fruit bowl
Wednesday: Pork chops, potato casserole, vegetables, salad, cheese cake
Thursday: Tacos with beans and rice, salad, chocolate mousse
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.
Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tax aid, 9 a.m. to 3:30

p.m.; call 436-9107 for appointment
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.
SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kilty Andrews at 878-0727 for appointments
Strength training with Institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Friday: Medication assistance by pharmacists, 11 a.m. to noon
Christmas lunch, noon; hand out stockings

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menu:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese, chicken noodle soup, coldlaw, orange sunshine cake
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, peaches, devil's food cake
Thursday: Meatloaf, potatoes, peas, roll, carrot salad, bread pudding
Friday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, assorted desserts.

Activities:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donation for seniors is \$2. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.
Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menu:
Tuesday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit
Activities:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.



There's fun for kids in January

Times-News
KETCHUM — Here are two great learning experiences for the children — but they aren't cheap.

The Sawtooth Botanical Garden's Winter Sprouts Series offers fun, educational programs for children ages 3 to 8. Children will learn about seasons and plant ecology and hone their observational skills through hands-on activities.

The six-class series is offered Jan. 15-26 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with morning sessions for ages 3 to 5 and afternoon sessions for ages 6 to 8. Crafts include terrariums, Venus fly traps and seasonal wheels.
Series cost for ages 3 to 5 is \$50 for garden members and \$60 for nonmembers; ages 6 to 8 pay \$55 for members and \$70 for nonmembers. Individual classes for either age group are \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.
Space is limited. Call for more information and to register: 726-9358. Details are also available online at www.sbgarden.org.
The garden is located at Idaho Highway 76 and Gimlet Road, a few miles south of Ketchum.

THE CALORIE COUNT

What you'll burn using those Christmas gifts.
MONDAY IN IMAGE

STORK REPORT

Kelton Made Williams, son of Melissa Marjie and Kade Gayle Williams of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 12, 2006.
Marlah Lynn Matsen, daughter of Crystal Lecann Matsen and John Matsen of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 13, 2006.
Phoebe Noelle Nachtigall, daughter of Jill Lynn and Michael Paul Nachtigall of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2006.
Falleiry Rae Hutchinslon, daughter of Amanda Lucille Samson and Jeffrey Alan Hutchinslon of Kimberly, was born Dec. 14, 2006.
Samantha Rae Lampo, daughter of Toni Ann and Pasquale Lampo of Jackpot, Nev., was born Dec. 14, 2006.
Raymond Ryan James Brost Jr., son of Sarah Elizabeth, Markel and Raymond Eugene Brost of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 14, 2006.
Hannah Jo Buckley, daughter of Deanna Kay and Jeff Loyd Buckley of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 15, 2006.
Sophie Louise Capps, daughter of Melissa and Sean Thomas Capps of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 15, 2006.
Jaslin Leann Amoureux-Hawk, daughter of Stacy Leanna Coffman and Joseph Egan Amoureux-Hawk of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 15, 2006.
Rileyanna Kathryn Mead, daughter of Dawna Marie and Joshua Everett Mead of Rupert,

was born Dec. 15, 2006.
Kethen Duck White, son of Jamie Lee and Chanty Leon Whittle of Oakley, was born Dec. 15, 2006.
Riann Kei-Kuulpo Walter, daughter of Kathleen Thomas and Oton Walter of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 16, 2006.
Jeremiah Joshua Bybee, son of Toby Sue and Jimmie Jon Bybee of Hansen, was born Dec. 17, 2006.
Rheannon Lynzee Timmons, daughter of Lynsey Dawn

Cummings and Roger Scott Timmons of Kimberly, was born Dec. 17, 2006.
Tori Fay Lee, daughter of Ava Gay and Keith Raymond Lee of Filer, was born Dec. 18, 2006.
Annabeth Lee Maughan, daughter of Cristy Rae and Denis Gregory Maughan of Shoshone, was born Dec. 18, 2006.
Samantha Faith Harvey, daughter of Shauna Lee and Sam Wyatt Harvey of Buhl, was born Dec. 19, 2006.

SINUSITIS or CO

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SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	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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FAMILY LIFE

Keep those bugs away from the holiday buffet

Experts offer timely tips for preventing food-borne illnesses

By Sally Squires
Washington Post

It's standard practice to spread joy in the holidays with food. But when you entertain friends and loved ones, you want to be sure you're not dishing up salmonella or E. coli in the turkey, the eggnog or even fresh produce.

So we asked Diane Van, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline, and Shelley Felst, a leader of the "Fight BAC!" education campaign, for tips to help keep you and your family free of food-borne illnesses this holiday season.

• **Make room.** Most people don't entertain hordes of guests regularly. So you'll need to make a little extra space in your refrigerator—a good opportunity to discard any food that's past its sell-by date. Take the opportunity to wash meat, produce and cheese drawers in hot, soapy water. Still short on space? Fill coolers with ice just before you entertain. Stick a thermometer in them to make sure they're keeping food at 40 degrees or below.

• **Beat the clock.** Food can sit out at room temperature for only two hours, after that, it becomes a prime medium for the growth of bacteria and other unwanted food-borne organisms. So either use small platters and replenish them from the stove or refrigerator every hour, or use chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays to keep hot food at 140 degrees or higher. To keep cold food cold, place platters in dishes with ice or in coolers. And after the meal, don't wait for leftovers to cool before refrigerating or freezing them.

• **Skip raw seafood and unpasteurized food.** If you must eat raw seafood, choose fish that has been previously frozen, since freezing kills many harmful parasites. Traditional eggnog uses raw eggs, which can be a source of salmonella. At least one outbreak of E. coli has been linked to unpasteurized juice. When you have a crowd to feed, reach for the pasteurized versions.

• **Check food gifts carefully.** Most perishable items are sent with cold packs or on dry ice. But delays in delivery can mean they don't arrive properly refrigerated. When in doubt, throw it out and notify the shipper immediately. If you're sending food to friends, pay extra for overnight delivery. Place orders early in the week to reduce the odds that food will sit unrefrigerated in a post office or delivery service over the weekend.

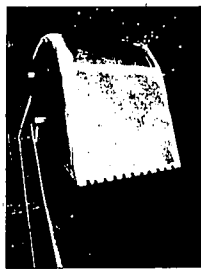
• **And however many people you are cooking for this holiday, remember the standard lines of defense:**

• **Cleanliness counts.** Wash your hands early and often. Cutting boards, counters and utensils should be cleaned in hot, soapy water.

• **And to reduce the risk of cross-contamination,** keep fresh produce that will be eaten raw away from uncooked meat, fish, eggs and poultry.

• **Rinse produce well.** Dry with cloth or paper towels to help remove any bacteria. Scrub melons and other firm produce under running water.

• **Take your food's temperature.** Yes, this may mean purchasing a couple of thermometers. (A great idea: stocking stuffers!) You need one to check food as it cooks. Get a second to check that your refrigerator is keeping food at 40 degrees or below to thwart the growth of bacteria. Freezers need to be at zero degrees or lower.



Steve Kent fashions parts from scrap steel left from building truck beds. This toy backhoe looks like an old backhoe he once owned, nicknamed "Single Tooth."

One toy at a time, he's making somebody's Christmas special

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

ACEQUILA — Steve Kent works with metal all day long. A co-owner of IMCO in Rupert, he builds truck beds. His bloodshot eyes attest to long hours of welding. Some days stretch far into overtime. He comes home covered with black and beads straight for the shower.

So what could induce him to spend more time at work? Children. He wants to make Christmas fun for little ones. So he builds toy back-

hoes, and he builds them to take plenty of hard play.

As a father of seven, Kent knows what it takes to brighten little ones' eyes, and he considers his toy most appropriate for 5- to 6-year-olds. On the other hand, he gets a kick out of sitting in the driver's seat and running the scoop, too.

"I'm fascinated by things that work," Kent said. "Ever since I was small, wheels that turned fascinated me. Toys that did things."

He got his idea about 10 years or longer ago. It seemed a worthy way to let kids use their minds and their muscles.

He uses scrap steel left over from truck beds. All the right equipment is at IMCO to cut out the parts and bend them just so.

"Plus, it's something not everybody does," Kent said. "That appeals to me."

Five of the Kent children have grown up and left the nest. But they often get home for family dinners and to lend a hand assembling the backhoes. The missionary group at the Kents' church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, pitches in for a few hours some years, but Kent does most of his own labor.

Kent puts about three hours in each one. This year he expects to wrap up about 11 of the working toys.

"Joy comes from giving to others. And it comes back to you," he said. "At a young meeting, the bishop-op was talking about the importance of giving. Some of us have more than others. Some have less. He asked how many of those young men had received one of my backhoes. About three-quarters of them raised their hands."

He wiped away a tear or two. His eyes had grown even redder.

"It made me feel pretty good, you know?"

He chooses who will receive a backhoe by the child's age — both boys and girls.

"He doesn't look at the parents' income, but he gives special consideration to young families who are just getting established."

Some people that you would think don't have very much money. I've seen them spend a fortune on



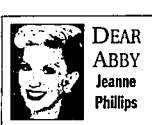
It's a typical Christmas Eve: Dad is assembling a toy that doesn't come with instructions, but the difference is Dad made this toy himself. Every Christmas, Steve Kent gives away 10 or so toy backhoes to neighborhood kids.

Santa can work his magic in mysterious ways

DEAR ABBY: Do you believe there is a Santa Claus? My father died in 1956. I would have Mom for two more years. She was ill and developing Alzheimer's when my husband gave me an ultimatum: him or my faith. I chose my faith. When he left, I was left with Mom and two teenagers to support. We lived through some very hard times. Many nights we went to bed hungry.

One day, my son approached me with a bank statement in his hand. "Hey, Mom," he asked, "why are we struggling so hard? You have \$3,000 in the bank." I told him the funeral home had not yet cashed my check. (It was June; Dad had been buried the previous November.) When I contacted them, they informed me that they had already been paid for the funeral.

The lady at the bank



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

looked for hours on her computer, but could not find an error anywhere. She smiled and said the money had been deposited in our account. I asked who had done it. No one knows my account number; there was no way to tell who had made the deposit. Then her smile grew really wide, and she said it had been deposited on Christmas Eve! Now, who would go to a bank on Christmas Eve?

I believe in Santa. He saved our lives.

A BELIEVER IN OHIO
DEAR BELIEVER: I believe that Santa Claus takes many forms. He is the

embodiment of the spirit of selfless giving that is present in most of us — and which springs to life after Thanksgiving, although this year he appeared before the Halloween candy had been dispatched.

Two years ago, I received a testimonial regarding Santa Claus from another reader. She confided that the week before Christmas she was sorting through mail, opening Christmas cards, when she came across an envelope with no return address. At first she thought it was a piece of junk mail, but decided to open it to see who it was from. When she did, she was stunned to find a Christmas greeting with three crisp, new \$100 bills enclosed. The card was unsigned and the postmark indicated that it had been mailed from Flint, Mich. She said that she didn't know anyone from Michigan, and

the money was a much-needed Christmas miracle. So you're not alone in believing in Santa Claus — you're a member of a very large fellowship.

To all my Christian readers: do a very Merry Christmas to you all!

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I live in the same city. I occasionally baby-sit my niece when her regular baby-sitter — a neighbor — can't, which means when my sister works after 5 o'clock or a family emergency comes up. I have always been interested in playing with her and I have never charged for my time.

My problem is, my sister has increased her need for my services. When I inform her that I can't do it because of prior commitments, she lays a guilt trip on me about how badly she needs me and I'm the only person she

trusts. She begs and bribes to get me to save her — then she'll say that she can get a friend to baby-sit "if she must."

I reached the breaking point when she assigned me to baby-sit so she could volunteer for a political campaign and take some evening college classes. I don't want to have to give up most of my spare time to baby-sit. How can I decrease my sister's dependence on me?

— FEELING USED IN

DES MOINES
DEAR FEELING USED: Your sister has taken advantage of your generous nature. You can lessen her dependency by being less available and not knocking under when she pressures you.

Please understand that she will continue to take advantage only as long as you continue to allow it.

Mr. Scrooge will pick up the tab, Capricorn

IF DEC. 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: As this year winds to an end you are wiser than usual and can visualize the future and the results of your actions. This is a good time to make important decisions or put key plans into motion that will reap a harvest of happiness in days to come. Your business know-how is in fine form during June, but in July you may wish to take an exotic vacation or put love in the driver's seat. Be prepared to exert self-discipline and use organizational skills in September when extra responsibilities may land on your doorstep.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be sure to hang your stockings on the mantle. Some lovely treats may be

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

waiting for you in the morning. Holiday celebrations and nostalgia may bring you and that special someone closer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Enjoy the tingle of anticipation. Listen for the gentle tapping of reindeer on the rooftops while snuggled in the arms of your special someone. Romantic couples will bond more closely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Duty calls. A plethora of social obligations may require the organizational skills of a drill sergeant. Family and friends look to you for precise driving direc-

tions and knowledge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be willing to splurge. When your wallet is full it's a good time to express holiday generosity. Just because you count your pennies and clip coupons, it doesn't mean you are a Scrooge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pray for peace on earth. You are a little bit wiser than usual and able to overlook minor frustrations. Having a wonderful, memorable time with family or friends won't cost you a penny.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The practical touch creates magic. You may be the person elected to read the directions or to put together a new bike that must be placed under the Christmas tree. Find ways to create

magic moments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Holiday outings are filled with fun. There's a sparkle in your eyes that invites others to join in the fun and a sense of magic in the air. You shine the brightest when entertaining others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get prepared and remain organized. As the part of the jolly old St. Nick by sending all your personal elves on errands. Take stock of what is most essential to creating holiday happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make the rounds. You are in your element when coordinating family gatherings or office celebrations. Look forward to receiving the answer to a long-standing question.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Mr. Scrooge will pick up the tab. The least likely person believes that you deserve a reward. Use diplomacy when forcing to mingle with the relatives who only show up once a year.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get the spirit. Hum along with Christmas carols or jingle a few silver bells. No matter how noisy or out of tune you might be, others will accept your exuberance and eccentricities gladly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Silent night. Even if that special someone doesn't say much, it doesn't mean he or she doesn't have warm feelings deep within. Invite special friends to join for holiday cheer and sharing.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE DAVIDSES

BURLEY — Ira and June Davils of Burley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 23 with family. They were married Dec. 18, 1946, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They have lived in Burley for 46 years. He worked at Ore-Ida Foods, and she worked at numerous places in the area. They have five children, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



June and Ira Davils

THE MOGENSENS

TWIN FALLS — The children of John and Doris Mogensen announce the 60th wedding anniversary of their parents. John Mogensen and Doris Reichter were married Dec. 30, 1946, in Filer. They later settled in Jerome County, where they farmed until 1990. After spending a year and a half in Oregon, they moved to Twin Falls and then returned to Oregon in 2002. They have enjoyed many trips to their Oregon Coast get-

away and a trip to Australia and New Zealand. They have four children, Bob (Cathy) Mogensen of Tooele, Utah; Jack (Janet) Mogensen of Spokane, Wash.; Jim (Becky) Mogensen of Berlin; and Jan (Frank) Milton of Salem, Ore.; and two granddaughters. No celebration is planned, but cards and letters may be sent to the couple at 4726 Conrad St. N.E., Salem, OR 97305.

THE SCHENKS

BURLEY — Robert and Fredona Schenk of Burley recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Robert Schenk and Fredona Woolstenhulme were married Dec. 14, 1946, in Salt Lake City. They resided in the View area, where he farmed and she taught school. In 1958, they drew a veteran's homestead in the Cresview area northwest of Paul. They farmed and built a beef feedlot operation over the next 26 years. In 1986, they purchased the Anderson feedlot south of Burley. Under their guidance, Schenk Feedlot is now one of the largest beef cattle feedlots in Idaho.



Fredona and Robert Schenk

They have three children, Barbara Schenk of Boise, Linda (Barry) Tanner of Paul and Dallan (Brenda) Schenk of Oakley; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.



THE STOLLERS

RUPERT — Dallas and Sandy Stoller of Rupert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a cruise this winter with family and friends. Dallas Stoller and Sandy Rogers were married Nov. 10, 1956, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert.



Sandy and Dallas Stoller

They have lived in Rupert most of their married lives. He was a farmer and a truck driver for Minidoka County. She worked as a nurse and with public health. They are both retired. The couple has five children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

THE TODDS

BOJIL — Melvin and Colleen Todd of Buhl celebrated their 60th anniversary Sept. 14. They were married Sept. 14, 1946, in Elko, Nev. He worked for Pet Milk in Buhl for 37 years until retirement. She worked for Seneca for 43 years. He is active in the Baptist Church. She is active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They have three children, Dan Todd of Gooding, Terry (Craig) Drennan of Visalia, Calif., and Rick (Diane) Todd of Buhl; nine grandchildren; and



Colleen and Melvin Todd

14 great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated their anniversary by spending a week sightseeing in San Diego with their daughter and son-in-law.

THE WESTS

DEGLO — Floyd D. and Florence West of Declo celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 19. Floyd West and Florence Cardon were married Dec. 19, 1946, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. He was a farmer, and she was owner/manager of Hi&B Block in Burley. They have held several positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Declo. Their children are Dan (Ann) West, Randy (Kay) West, Sandra Albertson and Suzanne (Brad) Baker, all of Declo. They have several grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Florence and Floyd West

MUSSON-BEDKE

OAKLEY — Gary and Sherry Musson of Brantford, Ontario, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Musson, to Ryan Pal Bedke, son of Eric and Marie Bedke of Oakley. Musson is a 2003 graduate of North Park Collegiate High School and is a senior at Brigham Young University, Idaho, majoring in social work. Bedke is a 2001 graduate of Oakley High School and served in the Texas Houston East Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a junior at BYU-Idaho, majoring in business management, and works at Pinnacle Security in Rexburg. The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 29, in the Toronto LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center.



Jacqueline Musson and Ryan Bedke

LOYD-CRANER

OAKLEY — Gary and Susan Loyd of Oakley announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Loyd, to Kirk Craner, son of Don and Maj Craner of Oakley. Loyd is a graduate of Oakley High School and Idaho State University. She is employed at Oakley Elementary School. Craner is a graduate of Oakley High. He is employed at 3 Bar Cattle Co. and Matthews Farms in Oakley. The wedding is planned for Thursday, Dec. 28, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at the Oakley Stake Center.



Kirk Craner and Heather Loyd

REED-BAILEY

BURLEY — Don and Susan Reed of South Jordan, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Reed, to Ryan Bailey, son of Jay and Laurie Howard of Burley, and Doug and Rhonda Bailey of Heyburn. Reed is a 2006 graduate of Utah State University. She is employed by the Jordan School District, teaching middle school special education. Bailey is a 2003 graduate of Burley High School and attends Salt Lake Community College, majoring in international business and finance. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of



Lindsay Reed and Ryan Bailey

Latter-day Saints in Vladivostok, Russia. The wedding is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 26, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley.

SHERIDAN-PECK

ALMO — Cordell and Patty Sheridan of Almo announce the engagement of their daughter, Autumn Layne Sheridan, to Lance Peck, son of Thomas and Brenda Peck of Carey. Sheridan attends Idaho State University, majoring in elementary education. Peck attends ISU and is

employed at Classic Truck and Auto Body in Idaho Falls. The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 29, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at the Almo LDS Church. A second reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Carey LDS Church.

WEDDINGS

SMART-NORRIS

HANSEN — Lindsay Ann Smart and Brent Lee Norris were married Dec. 16 in the Idaho Falls Temple. A reception followed in Pocatello. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Sheryl Smart of Pocatello. The groom is the son of Marvin and Marcia Norris of Hansen. The bride is a graduate of Idaho State University with degrees in finances and human resources. The groom is a graduate of ISU with a degree in education and is enrolled in the physician assistant master's program at ISU. The couple resides in Pocatello. An open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the LDS Church, 222 Birch St. S., Kimberly.



Lindsay and Brent Norris

STEPHENSON-SWENSON

TWIN FALLS — Anna Christine Stephenson and Johnathan Martin Swenson were married Dec. 23 in the Logan Temple. The bride is the daughter of Jim and Barbara Stephenson of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of David and Palge Swenson of Logan, Utah. The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and served in the Missouri Independence Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is a graduate of Utah State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and is a fifth-grade teacher in Logan. The groom is a graduate of Sky View High School and served an LDS mission in Fortaleza, Brazil. He attends Utah State University and works for UPS in Logan. The couple resides in Logan. An open house will be held Friday, Dec. 29, in Twin Falls.



Anna and Johnathan Swenson

ENGAGEMENTS

FREI-HANSEN

RUPERT — David and Debi Frei of Santa Clara, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashlee Laken Frei, to Brian D. Hansen, son of Douglas and Annette Hansen of Rupert. Frei is a 2004 graduate of Snow Canyon High School in Santa Clara and is a nursing student at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is employed at Pebbles Scrapbooking in Orem, Utah. Hansen is a 2002 graduate of Minico High School and served in the Czech Prague Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a student at BYU, majoring in information systems and business. He is employed at the BYU administration office in Provo. The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 29, in the St. George LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 29 at the Bell Tower. A second reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the Rupert 1st Ward LDS Church, 806 G St., Rupert.



Ashlee Frei and Brian Hansen

SNOW-MONTGOMERY

TWIN FALLS — Kent and Karen Snow of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Kaye Snow, to Aaron Michael Montgomery, son of John and Colene Montgomery of Nampa. Snow is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2006 graduate of Northwest Nazarene University with degrees in history and political science. She is pursuing a doctorate in history at the University of Oregon. Montgomery is a 2002 graduate of Nampa High School and a 2006 graduate of NNU with degrees in mathematics and physics. He is pursuing a doctorate in mathematics at the University of Oregon.



Aaron Montgomery and Melissa Snow

The wedding is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Amazing Grace Fellowship in Twin Falls. A reception will follow at the church. The couple will reside in Eugene, Ore.

MCBRIDE-BATES

RUPERT — James and Melani McBride of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Hayley McBride, to Jeremy C. Bates, son of Bruce and Becky Bates of Blackfoot. McBride is a graduate of Minico High School and Idaho State University's cosmetology program. She is employed at Kaylee Nicole's Salon and Peertess in Pocatello. Bates is a graduate of Blackfoot High School and served in the Michigan Lansing Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends ISU and is employed at Bingham Memorial Hospital in Blackfoot and Life Inc. in



Hayley McBride and Jeremy Bates

Pocatello. The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 29, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Acquin 1st Ward building.

WEDDING

LEE-

HAMILTON-BRANIFF — Katie Jay Lee and Lucas Jay Hamilton-Braniff were married Nov. 27 in Vale, Ore. The bride is the daughter of Liz and Biff Lee of Kimberly. She is a 2003 graduate of Kimberly High School. The groom is the son of Kimberly and Tom Braniff of Vale, Ore., and Lee Hamilton of Valdez, Alaska. He is a 2003 graduate of Vale High School. A reception will be held later.



Lucas and Katie Hamilton-Braniff

Weekly deadline

To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 1322 Fairchild St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by e-mail to ramona@magvalley.com. If e-mailed, the photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event.

Bridal Registry

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Structural engineers bear a weighty burden

By Margaret Webb Pressler
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — There is a building under construction next door to The Washington Post's KidsPost office, and we've been watching it get built from our windows. It's made us wonder how a building is put together.

A structural engineer is the person who figures out how to turn an architect's design into a real building. How thick should the floors be? How many columns does each floor need?

Matthew Herring is the engineer for the 12-story office building, Columbia Center on 15th Street, and he does complex math and physics all day long. "It's everything from algebra to calculus and some differential equations," he said, referring to advanced types of math.

To figure out how much weight a column in a building must support, Herring first adds up the weight of all the concrete, steel and building materials above the column, then adds in the weight of the furniture and the people who will be in the offices. Then he figures out how many columns there are and how much weight each one has to support.

It's not always simple. You might have seen a building being built in which some columns look like they're leaning. That's because buildings have complicated interiors, and columns can't always go straight up and down. One fifth-floor column in Herring's building, for example, is slanted because "if we had gone straight down with that column, it would've ended up in the electrical room," he said. He had to calculate how to angle the column so it missed the electrical room below. It still had to be structurally sound — that is, hold up the building's weight.

Things can get especially difficult when architects ask for something unusual. The architects on this project wanted the floors to have a lot of open space, and that meant fewer columns — and more calculations for Herring. "The more you spread the columns out, you need bigger columns because each one supports

Making it work

A professional engineer uses science and math to turn ideas into something useful. Engineers played a role in just about every important achievement of recent civilization, including electricity, indoor plumbing, television, the Internet, health care, automobiles, highways and space flight.

There are more than 2 million engineers in the U.S., working in 19 main fields of engineering. Some examples:

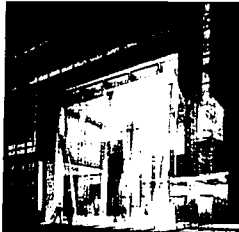
- **Civil engineers** figure out how to turn raw materials into valuable products, including plastics, medicines and man-made fabrics.
- **Industrial engineers** use knowledge of science, design, mechanics and human behavior to make complicated systems work more efficiently. This could include the flow of people through an amusement park, patients through a hospital or toys from where they're made to the store shelf.
- **Mechanical engineers** help with the building, design, production and maintenance of mechanical systems, including machines in factories or engines on planes.
- **Traffic engineers** use research and technology to make roads, bridges, signs and traffic lights more efficient so traffic can move smoothly and safely.

more weight," he explained.

Architects Atsushi Ishizaki and Chiung Cao also wanted a four-story corner lobby with glass walls and no concrete columns. It took a while for Herring to come up with a way to make that happen: two thin, slanted steel columns that hold up the corner of the building above.

The relationship between architect and engineer is a little like a kid and parent — a role Herring knows as the father of 3- and 6-year-old girls. Architects are always coming up with different things they want to do, Herring said.

It's the engineer who has to say: No, you can't do that, but you could do this instead.



Architects wanted a four-story corner lobby with glass walls and no concrete columns (inset). It took a while for engineer Matthew Herring to come up with a way to make that happen: two thin, slanted steel columns that hold up the corner of the building above.



LEFT: Matthew Herring is the engineer for a 12-story office building, Columbia Center in Washington, and he does complex math and physics all day long.

BELOW: Things can get difficult when architects ask for something unusual. The architects on this project, the 12-story Columbia Center in Washington, wanted the floors to have a lot of open space, and that meant fewer columns. "The more you spread the columns out, you need bigger columns because each one supports more weight," engineer Matthew Herring says.



Zero tolerance: There's no argument here

By Fred Rowe
Special to The Washington Post

The National Basketball Association has a new rule this season. It's called "zero tolerance." NBA referees are not letting players complain too long or too loudly about a ref's call. A player who does can be given a technical foul.

The technical fouls and the player is out of the game. The referees are serious about the new rule. In the first 225 NBA games this season, refs called 175 technical fouls for sportsmanlike conduct. That's 55 more than at the same point last year.

The players don't like the new rule and want the NBA to change it. They think it's only natural to get upset during a close, hard-fought game if a call goes against you. "I love the 'zero-tolerance' rule and wish other sports would follow the NBA's example. Wouldn't it be more enjoyable if football, soccer and tennis players stopped arguing the calls and just played the game? It seems that the only sport these days in which players don't argue the calls is golf. Maybe that's because it's the only game where the players call penalties on themselves.

The biggest reason I like the

new NBA rule is that it sets a good example for younger athletes. When kids (and coaches and parents) see pros such as Rushed Wallace of the Detroit Pistons yelling at the refs and arguing every call, they think it's OK if they do the same. They think it's part of the game.

But yelling at refs and arguing calls should never be part of any kids' games. Kids should be taught to forget about the ref's calls and concentrate on improving their skills and playing their best.

All athletes need to learn that you control only one thing in a game, and that's your own performance. You can't control what the other players or coaches do. And you certainly can't control the calls the referees make.

Finally, everyone — from NBA all-stars to 8-year-olds — should remember that being a basketball referee is a tough job. The ref has to make dozens of split-second calls. No hesitation. No second chances. Not even the best referee gets every call right.

Maybe if the players, coaches and fans who scream at the referees had to wear a whistle and call a few games, there wouldn't be as many complaints about the "zero-tolerance" rule.

Having a Tomie dePaola Christmas

By Tracy Grant
The Washington Post

If you know who Strega Nona is, you know Tomie dePaola.

If you know where 26 Fairmount Ave. is, you know Tomie dePaola.

If you know why the Barker twins are always in trouble, you definitely know who Tomie dePaola is.

The man who brought to life many books you probably first heard as bedtime stories has written a new book. This one is meant for older kids, their parents and even grandparents.

"Christmas Remembered" is a series of short stories that dePaola wrote and illustrated about his favorite holiday memories. Some of the stories are funny (the first television Christmas); others are more serious and reflect the religious significance of Christmas for dePaola. All are magical and feature art in a style that makes you look at it and say, "I know who did that!"

Tomie dePaola (pronounced TOM-eh-de-POW-eh) spoke about his art, his favorite characters and his favorite Christmas presents.

When did you decide you wanted to be an illustrator?

"From age 4 on, I knew that was what I was going to be. It wasn't that I wanted to do it. I knew I was going to do it. ... My parents took me at my word and encouraged me all the way along, giving me paper and crayons."

How do you create your art?
"In the new book, it's paper collage. I make the paper myself by scanning paper on the computer and using Photoshop. Normally, I use acrylics. When I went to art school, I learned to use all different types of materials, so I'm not afraid of using different materi-

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als in my art."

What's your favorite part of creating art?

"My favorite part is the scariest part — looking at the white paper and making that first mark. ... Sometimes I'll stare at (the blank sheet) for several minutes. Then when I make a mark on a perfect piece of paper, I've 'ruined' it, so I have to work to make it better."

What advice do you have for kids who want to be artists?

"It's really advice for anybody who wants to do anything in life: If you have this feeling that just stick to it. ... Making pictures made me the happiest boy in the world."

What was your best Christmas present ever?

"It's 'Christmas Remembered.' It was the year I got all the art supplies and the change account at the art store. I just remember coming down the stairs and seeing all those art supplies. I was

about 11."

Why did you write this book for all ages?

"I'm always looking for a new challenge, and a family book seemed a natural thing to do. Some of my fans are 35 or 40. I wanted to encourage other people to remember their Christmas memories. (I hope) children will read it and share it with their parents and grandparents. Christmas is really a family celebration. Christmas brings the closeness and the safety of the family home."

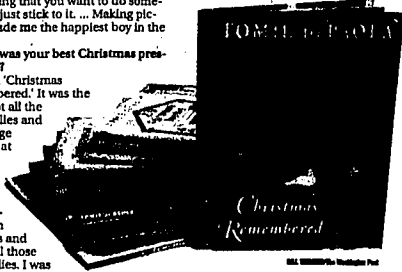
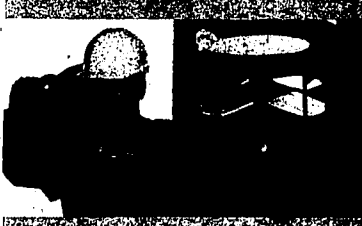


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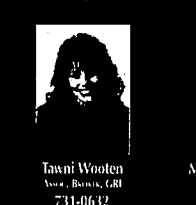

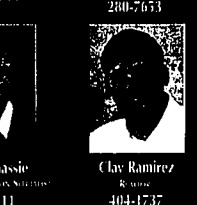




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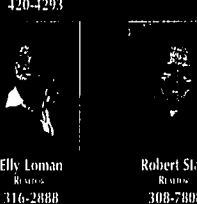
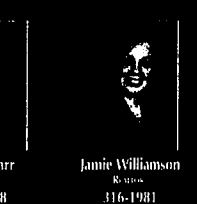


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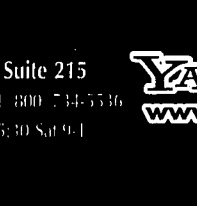

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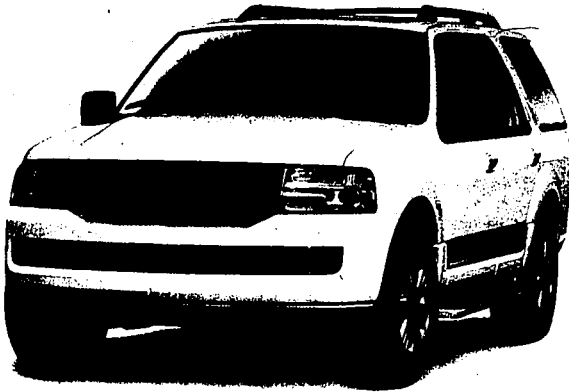
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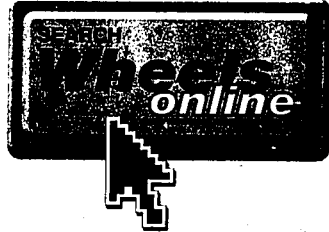
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