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Momentum grows for changes to Idaho grocery tax

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Republican and Democratic leaders in the state House and Senate say momentum is building to either repeal Idaho's 6 percent sales tax on groceries or boost an existing state income tax credit to offset the surcharge residents now pay on food.

"There probably is more impetus today for removal of the sales tax on groceries than I have seen (since) I've been in the Senate," Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, a five-term Republican from Idaho Falls, said Thursday at a legislative briefing sponsored by The Associated Press.

Otter takes third and final oath of office.

Preview of the Idaho legislative session.

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Whether a full removal comes to pass before the legislature adjourns next spring remains uncertain, Davis conceded.

"Generally speaking, the legislative process defaults to the easiest approach," he said. "The easiest approach is to increase the grocery tax credit. If I would predict today, we will probably have that."

Please see GROCERY, Page A3

The lighter side of your dog's diet

By David Collier
Los Angeles Times

Is your dog wondering: "Does this collar make me look fat?"

Now there's medical hope — the Food and Drug Administration on Friday approved the first weight-loss drug for canines. Slentrol, from Pfizer Inc. is a once-a-day liquid medication to curb the appetite of obese canines.

"This is an additional tool in a weight-loss program," said S. Kristina Wahlstrom, a veterinarian and Pfizer's group director for U.S. companion animal operations.

Excess pounds have become a serious dilemma for dogs, with one study showing that nearly half of the middle-aged — over 4, in dog years — have a weight problem, said Kathy Michel,

associate professor of nutrition at the University of Pennsylvania veterinary school.

But should a flabby Fido be on a diet drug?

"People, not dogs, are often the problem behind paunchy pooches, Michel said.

"A lot of dog owners have to recognize that they equate love and affection with sharing food with a pet," she said. "They are concerned that if they don't feed them from the table, they won't love them anymore."

And if Slentrol — which will cost between \$1 and \$2 a day when it comes out later this year — works in dogs, could it also be effective in humans?

Don't try it, the FDA says. The result could be nausea, headache, abdominal pain and other disagreeable, if not life-threatening, conditions.

Owl mystery

Dead barn owls found along I-84 in alarming numbers



A tractor-trailer rig drives past a fallen barn owl Thursday near Woodell on Interstate 84. A study by Boise State University scientist Jim Belthoff and graduate student Thom Boves is expected to be published this year showing that barn owls are the No. 1 roadkill along the interstate.

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

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They're finding dead owls in alarming numbers.

A Boise State University study expected to be published early this year shows that barn owls are the No. 1 roadkill — with the dead ducks? along the interstate.

The findings don't explain what's causing so many owls to die near the highway, but experts say the deaths could be devastating to the regional ecosystem.

"This is definitely not common," said Jason Barrett, a wildlife biologist with the Jerome field office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

He said his office began noticing dead owls along I-84 about four years ago. "It could be changes in agricultural practices combined with prey distribution, but we don't really know why it's happening."

However, a Boise State University scientist may be close to solving the mystery.

For the past 2 1/2 years, Jim Belthoff and graduate student Thom Boves have twice a month driven between Boise and Burley collecting roadkill.

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How to help

If you'd like a free nesting box to help barn owls, contact Jim Belthoff at (208) 733-8531, or by e-mail at jbelthoff@uidaho.edu. He said people requesting boxes should live in areas with big trees where owls have already been seen.

The rise of Jive: Despite critics, the program did not die

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Parents and students were a few of the groups who criticized Joe Casperson for adding a little color to the high school performance group known as Jive.

"My first year in the program I changed the name and made enemies," said Casperson, the high school choir director. "And it was that year that people said Jive was going to die because of all the changes we were making."

The changes Casperson made included more modern music that appealed to students and the audience, as well as the addition of wireless microphones so the students could have more freedom to dance on stage. And on the night they performed a Beach Boys song, the students finally replaced their black-and-white performance clothes with hibiscus shirts and khaki shorts.

"It was a funny thing because that was our

Do you want to sponsor Jive?

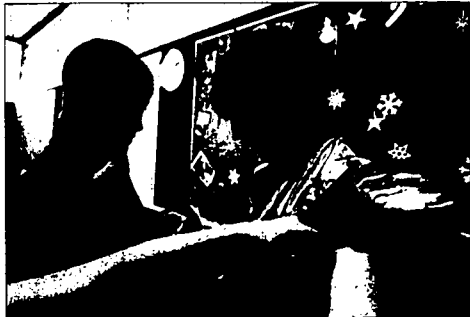
If you or your company would like to help sponsor Twin Falls High School's performance group Jive, who sponsors Jive are well-liked by the school. Donations will receive tickets to the performance, as well as recognition for the donation.

To learn more about sponsoring Jive, contact Joe Casperson at (208) 733-8531, or by e-mail at jcasperson@uidaho.edu.

best year ever," Casperson said, laughing about the past critics. "Our student numbers went up and so did our audience appeal. It was a great year."

And now that audience appeal is sending Jive to the All-Northwest 11onor Festival in Portland, Ore.

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Joe Sweet gets a little help with his prince costume from Jordan Stanley and another Twin Falls High School student before the auditions for the 2007 Jive production at Twin Falls High School.

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SETTING NEW BOUNDARIES

Who will attend Twin Falls' new high school?

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These Magic Valley groups are happy to take your castoffs.

FAMILY LIFE



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Competition are plentiful, but is there enough business?

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Registration for American Association for Retired Persons AARP Driver Safety classes, Jan. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, 1231 N. Washington, Twin Falls, and Jan. 18, 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Health and Welfare building, 601 Poletine Rd., Twin Falls, \$10, (pre-registration required; must attend both sessions, insurance discount for age 55 and older), 733-7004 or 733-9608.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Hem Stitching Etc., first Saturday Block, from the pattern Country -Gathings, Hem Stitching Etc., 1238 Overland Ave., Burley, \$25 start up fee, 878-0226.

MUSEUMS

Douglas Planetarium, "How to Build a Plane" at 2 p.m.; "Star Signs" at 4 p.m.; "Far Out Space Places" at 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon" 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), 32-6655.

SPORTS

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation's 7th annual Cabin Fever Day, with scuba diving, kayaking, bowling, rock climbing, golf, roller skating, belly dancing, pottery, fitness training, singing, geocaching, mechanical bull ride and more provided by various Twin Falls businesses, times and places available on line, no cost, 736-2265 or www.tfid.org.

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@magievalley.com, by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is one, four days in advance of the event.

MINI EDITORIAL

Who's being conservative now?

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and the new Democratic majority in Congress would seem to be somewhat of a problem for "conservative" commentators. On their sponsored may in power they've brought back a fiscally responsible pay as you go. Seems like something the G.O.F. should have done. — Chris Balden, news editor

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MAGIC VALLEY



Churches courting twentysomethings

During the first century of Christianity, the typical follower of the Jesus movement was in his or her twenties (life expectancy then was 20 years). Disaffected with the official religion of the Roman Empire and likely to share spirituality with a small group of friends in a private residence. The more things change, it seems, the more they may the same. The foregoing also describes a substantial number of 21st century Americans. SEE PAGE C1

Local unemployment rates rise in December

TWIN FALLS — Unemployment rates edged up in December in most counties in south-central Idaho, according to the Idaho Commerce and Labor forecast released Friday. Minidoka County had the eight-county region's highest unemployment rate, 4.2 percent in December, up from 4 percent in November. But that was still way down from the 5.7 percent in the same month the previous year. SEE PAGE B6

Investigation: Fungus killed 2,500-plus ducks

OAKLEY — An investigation into what killed nearly 2,500 mallards along Land Creek Springs has officially closed. SEE PAGE A4



Two commissioners end county service

TWIN FALLS — For seven years as Twin Falls County commissioners, Gary Christoff has had to visit the likes of Buhl, Filer and other towns. Now, it's time to move on — to south of the border. SEE PAGE A4

Chamber offers leadership seminars

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia Leadership is a series of one-day seminars held monthly from February to August for the purpose of providing information on the inner workings of the community from a variety of perspectives. SEE PAGE B6

Study finds that ows are No. 1 roadkill

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OBITUARIES

Faye Albin Rude, 92
Harold LeRoy Gibson, 88
Bessie Ann McFarlin, 95
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IDAHO/WEST



Otter sworn in as Idaho governor, again

BOISE — CL "Butch" Otter was publicly sworn in as the state's 32nd governor Friday before about 1,500 cheering onlookers in a ceremony on the Idaho Capitol steps. "Thank you for making Idaho the kind of place where people from all over the country and the world want to live, work and raise their families," Otter said before a crowd that braved 33 degree temperatures. "I pledge to help you keep building on that greatness. I ask today for your patience, your understanding, and most of all for your help in that endeavor." SEE PAGE A9

Idaho lawmakers ask: Can we get along?

BOISE — As lawmakers get set to tackle issues such as the grocery tax, whether to add new community colleges, a proposed ban of "shooter-bull" elk farms, and the annual debate over how best to dole out precious water resources, there's a looming question — Can Republicans and minority Democrats in Idaho even get along? SEE PAGE A9

Company tries to perfect potatoes

BOISE — Tucked away in laboratories in the town that hash browns built, teams of scientists are splicing potato genes, working daily to perfect Idaho's top cash crop with modern biotechnology. SEE PAGE B6

Another snowstorm takes aim at Colorado

DENVER — The third snowstorm in as many weeks swept into Colorado on Friday, further hampering efforts to restore power to rural homes and rescue thousands of cattle stranded by last week's blizzard. Several school districts canceled classes Friday because of blowing snow in the region, where the last storm had whipped up 10-foot drifts and shut down highways. SEE PAGE A7

WEB READER REACTION

On the editorial 'Imminent threat' to public not so clear in moratorium'

Max wrote on Jan. 5: Has ... the Flat Earth Society moved its headquarters to Twin Falls? Looks like next year will be a banner for dairy advertisements.

NATION/WORLD



Warning: Ethanol could drive up food prices

DES MOINES, Iowa — The rapidly growing demand for corn to produce ethanol is greater than the U.S. government realizes and could drive up food prices because of livestock feed shortages, an agricultural economist said Thursday. SEE PAGE B6



Democrats bring back 'pay-as-you-go' rule

WASHINGTON — Resurgent House Democrats voted Friday, their second day back in control, to block future tax cuts or benefit increases from being financed with dollars that swell the national deficit. Republicans protested the change would imperil GOP-sponsored tax cuts that expire in four years. The new rule also could make it more difficult for the Democrats to fulfill campaign promises to cut student loan rates and extend tax cuts for the middle class. SEE PAGE A6

Apple may unveil cell phone, TV set-top box

SAN FRANCISCO — Techophiles are eagerly waiting to learn whether the king of digital music can colonize an entirely new category of consumer electronics. Steve Jobs, chief executive of Apple Computer Inc., is expected to launch at least one revolutionary product Tuesday at the Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco. Speculation has focused mainly on an Apple-branded cellular phone and a set-top box that allows people to send video from their computers to their televisions. SEE PAGE A7

SPORTS



Minico in second at Buhl Invite

BUIL — The defending Class 4A team champion Minico Spartans are just one point behind the Shelley Russes after Day 1 of the 33rd Annual Buhl Invitational on Friday. The Russes sit in the top spot at 75.5 points while Minico trails at 74.5. No other area teams finished in the top five, but Burley and Jerome placed in the top 10. SEE PAGE B1



Spartans beat Bruins

TWIN FALLS — Although Minico put together enough of a lead Friday for a 56-48 win over Twin Falls, neither team had tremendous success with outside shots and both were forced to fight their way inside. SEE PAGE B1



Cowher steps down after 15 seasons

PITTSBURGH — His was the best known jaw in the NFL, a jutting block of granite that perfectly reflected his toughness and passion for winning. Bill Cowher resigned Friday after 15 seasons as the Steelers' coach, a job he probably could have held for life — or, at least, for as long as the 23 years predecessor Chuck Noll held it. SEE PAGE B4

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THE NEW CONGRESS

House Democrats bring back 'pay-as-you-go' rule

New majority OKs rules governing spending, lawmakers' pet projects

By Andrew Taylor Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Resurgent House Democrats voted Friday, their second day back in control, to block future tax cuts or benefit increases from being financed with dollars that swell the national deficit.

Republicans protested the change would imperil GOP-sponsored tax cuts that expire in four years. The new rule also could make it more difficult for the Democrats to fulfill campaign promises to cut student loan rates and extend tax cuts for the middle class.

The drive to restore the "pay-as-you-go" rule has long been a priority for moderate-to-conservative Democrats, whose House ranks swelled on Election Day. Adopted 280-152, the measure also requires legislation that contains pet projects and narrowly targeted tax breaks — "earmarks" — to Washington insiders — to include the names of the lawmakers who requested them.

The idea is that openness will help prevent abuses like the earmark bribery scandal that forced former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., out of Congress and into prison. The new rules replace slightly weaker ones on earmarks approved last September by Republicans.

In the Senate, both parties held private strategy meetings. The chamber's first moves next week will largely mirror House steps to ban lawmakers from accepting gifts and free trips from lobbyists. The bipartisan Senate ethics and lobbying reform bill, the first legislation to reach floor debate under Democratic control, also requires disclosure of senators' earmarks.

Also Friday, Senate Democrats said they are will-

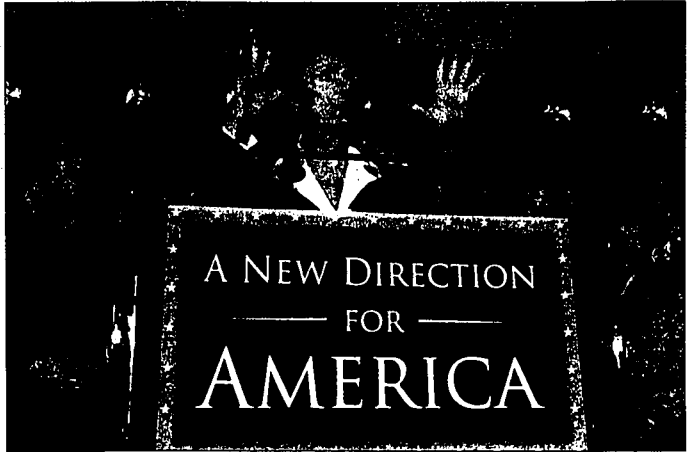
ing to consider tax cuts aimed for small businesses as part of a minimum wage increase. Democrats in the House plan a vote next Wednesday on a bill that would raise the federal wage floor from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years but without any tax relief for small businesses to help them meet higher payroll costs. Senate Democrats said they will need several "yes" votes from Republicans to pass a bill. "We're not going to go butting our heads against the wall because, first of all, it doesn't feel good, and number two it doesn't accomplish anything," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Democrats have promised to eliminate earmarks in a catchall spending bill that will clear away budget work left over from last year — and say that the upcoming round of appropriations bills will contain far fewer home-state projects, criticized as wasteful "pork" by taxpayer advocates.

Earmarks such as "bridge to nowhere," a much-mocked proposal to build a \$223 million span in Alaska to link Ketchikan and lightly populated Gravina Island, have captured the attention of voters, and Republicans say they're one of the reasons the party failed so badly in November.

The pay-as-you-go rule — if strictly enforced — promises to have a far bigger impact on the deficit. It would make it difficult for Democrats to pass increases in federal benefit programs such as Medicare or the Medicaid health care program for the poor or disabled.

The rule requires that tax cuts have corresponding cuts in government spending or increases in taxes elsewhere to pay for them. Likewise, any increase in entitlement programs such as Medicare would



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., center, accompanied by Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., left, Rep. Janice Schakowsky, Ill., right, and others, gestures while addressing a reception on Capitol Hill in Washington on Friday.

have to have corresponding tax increases, or equal cuts in other government programs. In the near term, the rule, also known as PAYGO, means the Democrats' bill to cut student loan rates will be less generous than they'd like. The rule would also threaten efforts to extend Bush's tax cuts, most of which expire at the end of 2010.

"This" is "putting" the American taxpayer on a collision course with higher taxes," said Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

top Republican on the Budget Committee.

And it gives lawmakers such as Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, an enormous headache as he tries to stop the alternative minimum tax from hitting more and more middle-class taxpayers. Fixing the AMT so that it doesn't engulf an additional 29 million tax filers next year would require almost \$50 billion in tax increases or spending savings.

"It's not good for me, but it's good for the American people," Rangel said. "Today, we are cutting our national credit card," said Health Shuler, D-N.C., during floor debate Friday. To underscore the point, Shuler cut a credit card in half at a news conference held by moderate-

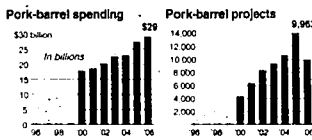
to-conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats.

Democratic budget hawks say that restoring the PAYGO rule is crucial to curbing the budget deficit. Various forms of the rule were in place from 1990-2002, however, and Congress often found ways around it.

The version adopted Friday says to try to do so would invite criticism — and a revolt by the conservative Blue Dogs so crucial to the Democratic majority. Another rule change, adopted 430-0, would curb past abuses in which GOP leaders held votes open for hours and excluded Democratic lawmakers from House-Senate negotiations on the language of final bills sent to the White House for enactment.

Bringing home the bacon

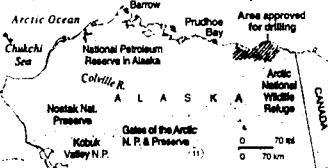
The number of projects and amount spent by lawmakers in Congress to benefit the special interests of their constituents



SOURCE: Citizens Against Government Waste

Arctic protection before new Congress

Legislation introduced in the House on Friday would make the oil-rich coastal strip of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a permanent protected wilderness, ending repeated efforts to open the area for oil exploration.



SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Geological Survey

Democrats hope to permanently bar drilling from Alaska refuge's coast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of oil drilling in an Alaskan wildlife refuge are going on the offense after playing defense for a quarter of a century. They want the new Democratic Congress to make an off-challenge drilling ban permanent.

Legislation introduced in the House on Friday would make the oil-rich 1.2 million-

acre coastal strip of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a permanently protected wilderness and end repeated efforts to open the area east of the Prudhoe oil field to energy companies.

"The consensus is that there should not be drilling in the refuge, so the logical next step is to pass legislation which turns it into a wilderness," Rep.

Edward Markey, D-Mass., chief sponsor of the legislation, said in an interview.

Markey has introduced similar legislation in each of the last three congressional sessions. However, the House has approved drilling in the refuge a half dozen times, only to see the effort die in the Senate where supporters couldn't muster the 60 votes to over-

come a majority filibuster.

This time, with Democrats in the majority and a number of moderate Republicans on record as opposed to drilling, Markey believe he has a good chance in the House to go one step farther and declare the refuge permanently off-limits to oil development.

A co-sponsor of the bill is Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn.

Advertisement for Century Cinema 5 & Burley Theatre listing movies like 'Night at the Museum', 'Charlotte's Web', 'The Pursuit of Happyness', 'The Holiday', 'Eragon', and 'The Prestige'.

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Registration for American Association for Retired Persons AARP Driver Safety classes, Jan. 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, 1233 N. Washington, Twin Falls, and Jan. 18, 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Health and Welfare building, 601 Poleline Rd., Twin Falls, \$10. (pre-registration required; must attend both sessions, insurance discount for age 55 and older), 733-7004 or 733-9608.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Stitching Etc., first Saturday Block, from the pattern Country-Gatherings, Hem Stitching Etc., 1238 Overland Ave., Burley, \$25 start-up fee, 878-0236.

MUSEUMS

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SPORTS

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MAGIC VALLEY



Churches courting twentysomethings

During the first century of Christianity, the typical follower of the Jesus movement was in his or her twenties (life expectancy then was 20 years), disaffected with the official religion of the Roman Empire and likely to share spiritually with a small group of friends in a private residence or in a public house.
The more things change, it seems, the more they stay the same. The foregoing also describes a substantial number of 21st century Americans.

Local unemployment rates rise in December

TWIN FALLS — Unemployment rates edged up in December in most counties in south-central Idaho, according to the Idaho Commerce and Labor forecast released Friday.
Minidoka County had the eight-county region's highest unemployment rate — 4.2 percent in December, up from 4 percent in November. But that was still way down from the 5.7 percent in the same month the previous year.

Investigation: Fungus killed 2,500-plus ducks

OAKLEY — An investigation into what killed nearly 2,500 mallards along Land Creek Springs has officially closed.



Two commissioners end county service

TWIN FALLS — For seven years as Twin Falls County commissioners, Gary Grindstaff has had to visit the likes of Buhl, Filer and other towns. Now, it's time to move on — to south of the border.

Chamber offers leadership seminars

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia Leadership is a series of one-day seminars held monthly from February to August for the purpose of providing information on the inner workings of the community from a variety of perspectives.

Study finds that owls are No. 1 roadkill

BOISE — Motorists traveling Interstate 84 between Burley and Boise are noticing more than tumbleweeds along the road these days. They're finding dead owls in alarming numbers.

IDAHO/WEST



Otter sworn in as Idaho governor, again

BOISE — C.L. "Butch" Otter was publicly sworn in as the state's 32nd governor Friday before about 1,500 cheering onlookers in a ceremony on the Idaho Capitol steps.
"Thank you for making Idaho the kind of place where people from all over the country and the world want to live, work and raise their families," Otter said before a crowd that braved 33 degree temperatures. "I pledge to help you keep building on that greatness. I ask today for your patience, your understanding, and most of all for your help in that endeavor."

Idaho lawmakers ask: Can we get along?

BOISE — As lawmakers get set to tackle issues such as the grocery tax, whether to add new community colleges, a proposed ban of "shorter-hull" elk farms, and the annual debate over how best to dole out precious water resources, there's a looming question — Can Republicans and minority Democrats in Idaho even get along?

Company tries to perfect potatoes

BOISE — Tucked-away in laboratories in the town that has browns built, teams of scientists are splicing potato genes, working daily to perfect Idaho's top cash crop with modern biotechnology.

Another snowstorm takes aim at Colorado

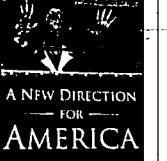
DENVER — The third snowstorm in as many weeks swept into Colorado on Friday, further hampering efforts to restore power to rural homes and rescue thousands of cattle stranded by last week's blizzard.
Several school districts canceled classes Friday because of blowing snow in the region, where the last storm had whipped up 10-foot drifts and shut down highways.

NATION/WORLD



Warning: Ethanol could drive up food prices

DES MOINES, Iowa — The rapidly growing demand for corn to produce ethanol is greater than the U.S. government realizes and could drive up food prices because of livestock feed shortages, an agricultural economist said Thursday.



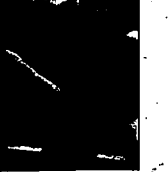
Democrats bring back 'pay-as-you-go' rule

WASHINGTON — Resurgent House Democrats voted Friday their second day back in control, to block future tax cuts or benefit increases from being financed with dollars that swell the national deficit.
Republicans protested the change would imperil GOP-sponsored tax cuts that expire in four years. The new rule also could make it more difficult for the Democrats to fulfill campaign promises to cut student loan rates and extend tax cuts for the middle class.

Apple may unveil cell phone, TV set-top box

SAN FRANCISCO — Technophiles are eagerly waiting to learn whether the king of digital music can colonize an entirely new category of consumer electronics. Steve Jobs, chief executive of Apple Computer Inc., is expected to launch at least one revolutionary product Tuesday at the Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco. Speculation has focused mainly on an Apple-branded cellular phone and a set-top box that allows people to send video from their computers to their televisions.

SPORTS



Minico in second at Buhl Invite

BUIHL — The defending Class 4A team champion Minico Spartans are just one point behind the Shelley Russets after Day 1 of the 33rd Annual Buhl Invitational on Friday.
The Russets sit in the top spot at 75.5 points while Minico trails at 74.5. No other area teams finished in the top five, but Burley and Jerome placed in the top 10.



Spartans beat Bruins

TWIN FALLS — Although Minico put together enough of a lead Friday for a 56-49 win over Twin Falls, neither team had tremendous success with outside shots and both were forced to fight their way inside.



Cowher steps down after 15 seasons

PITTSBURGH — His was the best known jaw in the NFL, a jutting block of granite that perfectly reflected his toughness and passion for winning.
Bill Cowher resigned Friday after 15 seasons as the Steelers' coach, a job he probably could have held for life — or, at least, for as long as the 23 years predecessor Chuck Noll held it.

WEB READER REACTION

On the editorial 'Imminent threat' to public not so clear in moratorium'

Max wrote on Jan. 5: Has... the Flat Earth Society moved its headquarters to Twin Falls? Looks like next year will be a banner for dairy advertisements.

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Who's being conservative now?
Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and the new Democratic majority in Congress would seem to be somewhat of a problem for "conservative" commentators. Our second day in power they've brought back a fiscally responsible rule: pay as you go. Seems like something the G.O. should have done.
— Chris Baines, news editor

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Defense calls Idaho killer's death sentence invalid

By Alicia P.A. Wittmayer
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The death sentence imposed by a judge on a man convicted of killing an elderly Idaho couple violated his 6th Amendment right to trial by jury, his lawyer argued Friday before the state Supreme Court.

Casperson judge sentenced James Halrston to death in 1996. Since then, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that imposing death sentences more properly falls to juries, defense lawyer Bruce Livingston said.

However, an attorney for the state said the argument over whether the U.S. high court's 2002 decision can be applied retroactively has already been decided.

In addition, Halrston's defense took too long to file a new petition seeking to overturn his sentence after an earlier one was denied, said state Deputy Attorney General LaMont Anderson.

Halrston, 29, of Grand Junction, Colo., was convicted

in 1996 of first-degree murder in the shooting deaths of William "Duke" and Dalma Fuhrman, both 72, during a robbery at their rural Downey farmhouse. Halrston and his accomplice, Richard Klipfel, made off with \$30, a credit card and a saxophone.

Klipfel cut a deal with prosecutors for his testimony against Halrston, receiving life in prison without eligibility for parole for at least 20 years.

At the time he was sentenced by 6th District Judge Peter McDermott, Halrston was 20. He is still the youngest person on Idaho's death row.

At the sentencing hearing, McDermott called Halrston a cold-blooded, pitiless killer who gets a "rush" from shooting people and would kill again if he got the chance.

In its 2002 decision Ring v. Arizona, the U.S. Supreme Court said that having a judge, not a jury, decide when to impose a death sentence violates defendant's right to trial by a jury of his or her peers, Livingston said. He argued that

decision should be applied retroactively.

"It's a fundamental right," Livingston said. "And we want to say it doesn't apply in this capital case, where a judge has made the decision on who's death eligible?"

But Anderson said the Idaho Supreme Court, as well as other state supreme courts, have already decided that the Ring ruling does not apply to cases that took place before the decision.

"It's been done, it's over with. Ad nauseum, it's been done," Anderson said.

The real issue is that lawyers for Halrston did not file a new petition for their client's life within a reasonable amount of time, after their initial appeal was denied by the state Supreme Court in 1999, Anderson said.

Therefore, he argued, their case should be dismissed by the high court.

Livingston said the standard doesn't allow lawyers enough time to prepare for a new hearing.

Owl

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They collected 2,518 animals. More than 800 of them, about 32 percent, were barn owls — more than any other animal collected. The next most-found animal was skunks, 223 of them.

Belthoff said the data do not show why so many owls are being killed, just that they're dying along the highway much more than any other species.

Several theories have arisen out of the research. One, he said, is that pesticides from nearby fields make the birds sick and more susceptible to being hit.

But Belthoff doesn't think this is the primary cause.

Instead, he said, his research shows that young — and probably naive — owls are killed along the road more often than older, experienced owls.

That, combined with owls' hunting style — low and repeated swooping, often perpendicular to the road — makes the birds vulnerable to passing traffic.

The species simply can't cope with cars. Several studies support this theory.

A recently published 15-year study by a British conservation group found that 72 percent of barn owls known to have been on a major road were killed during the encounter. An American study published in 1996 found nearly the same number: 73 percent of dead owls collected appeared to have been killed by cars.

No one is sure how the deaths are affecting owl or prey populations. Counting live owls

is nearly impossible: They're nocturnal and reclusive, making it difficult to predict how the deaths are affecting local populations.

"I don't have enough information to predict the viability of the species," Belthoff said.

"But the mere fact that cars are killing this many animals from one species is alarming."

He said that if farmers begin noticing more rodents than usual, it's a sign the owl population may be suffering.

To make up for the man-caused losses, Belthoff and boxes, with money from the Idaho Transportation Department, are giving away

nesting boxes in hopes of increasing the regional barn owl population.

If the researchers are able to secure more funding, they'll begin experiments along the interstate that may spare at least some of the owls. Belthoff said European nations have had success by planting high vegetation near roads to force owls to fly higher when they pass. But in the Idaho desert, that plan may not work. It's more likely, he said, that they'll post warning signs for motorists to watch for swooping owls.

Until then, Idaho's barn owls will continue to die along I-84.

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Jive

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The festival attracts the top vocal performance groups from colleges, universities and other fine-arts programs throughout the Northwest.

After festival officials saw a video recording of a Jive performance, they asked Casperson to provide the final performance of the evening.

Critics can now put their feet in their mouths because Jive didn't die — it grew.

In fact, most former students who were familiar with the group's transition about five years ago said the group is better than before.

"It used to be considered kind of an elitist group and most of us didn't really think we could even be a part of it," said Lars Hegdahl, who performed in Jive before graduating three years ago. "When Casperson came in, he made

it so the program was more about the performance than the people."

The program, which was formerly an after-school class, also was rescheduled as a day class at the high school, which allowed student athletes to participate.

Auditions for Jive also became much more, shall we say, eclectic.

"We try everything. I've had students tell others who were auditioning to not do something because I wouldn't like that type of music or something," Casperson said. "But I don't know what they're talking about because I don't like any of it." I don't listen to the kinds of music these students are performing, but more importantly, they do and so does the audience."

Besides vocal performances, Jive incorporates diverse musical selections, elaborate

stage sets and active choreographing to grab audiences. Last year's performance even included two students who re-enacted a Star Wars battle. They did all the sound effects vocally.

"Can you imagine what they will think when they sit down and see what these kids can do?" Casperson said. "But I think what is even more amazing is that what they will see is a cross section of a typical high school."

And maybe that brings the most color to the program. After all, how many high school performance groups include Broadway musicals and Star Wars in the same program?

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Grocery

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The tax credit is currently set at \$20 and \$35 for seniors.

Discussion among political leaders over whether leaving the tax on household necessities like food is fair to the state's poorest residents has grown louder after a special legislative session on Aug. 25 raised the sales tax by a percentage point to help offset \$260 million in property tax cuts.

Former Gov. Jim Bische, whose seven-month term ended Dec. 31, recommended that the 2007 legislature, which starts Monday, gradually eliminate the tax on food by cutting it 1 percent each year for the next six years. In all, it would cost about \$30 million a year in state tax revenue, for a total of \$180 million.

Meanwhile, new Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has said he prefers targeting grocery tax relief to low-income residents, but not doing away with the tax on groceries. That way, the state would give relief to those

who need it most, while still reaping tax revenue from tourists who come to the state and buy food.

Though Otter has been largely silent on what he'll say during his state-of-the-state address Monday afternoon, lawmakers louder he'll provide additional specifics on his plan.

"I would suspect he'll be talking about that," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. "Our caucus tends to favor taking the 100 percent sales tax off groceries, though there are some people who would like to expand the credit."

House Speaker Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, said he hasn't fleshed out a Republican position within his caucus. But he said a full repeal would benefit the economy of his community, located on Idaho's western border with no-sales-tax Oregon. Often, Idaho residents of towns such as Payette and Weiser whom he represents head across the

Snake River to buy their groceries, rather than pay tax on food at home.

"We'd love to have the sales tax off groceries," Denney said. "I think it would help our economy in our border communities. But there are also reasonable arguments for (increasing) the grocery tax credits. I think both of those ideas will be put out there and debated, and what comes out is your guess."

Though positions on tax issues in Idaho often fall on partisan lines, lawmakers say the tax on food has become one that's uniting legislators of all stripes.

"I'm not sure it's a Democratic idea or a Republican idea, but I think it's an idea that citizens of Idaho support some movement on," said Senate President Pro Tem Robert Goldes, R-Soda Springs, who said another alternative would be to simply return Idaho's overall sales tax to 5 percent. "That's a very interesting concept."

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Trial begins in Spring Creek house shooting

By Marianne Kobak
For the Times-News

ELKO — An Elko man accused of shooting up a Spring Creek house in August is being tried on attempted murder and other charges.

Ulysses Davaaine Emerson, 23, of Elko is on trial in Elko District Judge Andrew Pucinelli's court for allegedly shooting at a house Aug. 1 on Kimble Drive.

Elko Chief Deputy District Attorney Mark Torvinen said during opening statements this week that Emerson intended to kill Kellie Wilkerson and her boyfriend, Larry Bair.

The dispute apparently was about \$350 Wilkerson loaned to Emerson and he did not pay back.

When she asked for the money, Emerson and two other men showed up at her house, Torvinen said. Two of the men "rushed in" and she tried to close the door on the men but eventually all three were inside.

"The defendant says, 'Me and my homeys want to talk to you,'" Torvinen said.

The commission woke Bair, 46, Torvinen said. Bair came out of the bedroom and ordered the three men to leave.

"Initially they don't comply," Torvinen said. After Bair grabbed a club from the couch and ordered them to leave again, Bair the three men ran outside, Bair

followed and watched Emerson grab something from his vehicle, Torvinen told the jury.

Emerson rushed the house and Bair saw a "muzzle flash" before going back into the house, Torvinen said. Bullets found at least three bullets had been shot at the house.

Defense attorney Roger Stewart said the question the jury will have to ask is what his client did in the early morning hours of Aug. 1. Stewart said there were two other people there and there was some confusion on the number of shots fired.

"Certainly the shooting scared the people inside," Stewart said. "While you're listening here, ask yourselves what Ulysses Emerson did or did not do."

Stewart said Bair was "obviously under a great deal of pressure" during the incident and he may have been mistaken about who was shooting, Stewart said.

Emerson is charged with burglary, two counts of attempted murder with the use of a deadly weapon, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a firearm or into an occupied dwelling, possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony, conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to commit burglary and assault with a deadly weapon.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY COMMISSION Goodbye Gary, Bill



Departing Twin Falls County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff greets well-wishers as his family examines the plaque he received Friday at a farewell party for him and Commissioner Bill Brockman.

County thanks Grindstaff and Brockman for their service

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

See it online

To see a video of the outgoing commissioners, visit www.magicvalley.com

TWIN FALLS — For seven years as Twin Falls County commissioner, Gary Grindstaff has had to visit the likes of Buhl, Tular and other towns.

"Now, it's time to move on — to south of the border."

"I'm going to go down to Arizona and Mexico until April," he said Friday. "Hopefully playing golf."

Grindstaff, who was appointed in 2000, and fellow commissioner Bill Brockman, who was appointed in 1999, bid adieu Friday after serving a combined 14 years.

"I'm one person in a 300-person team," Brockman said more than 70 people at a farewell party at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

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"I'm one person in a 300-person team. Just being part of this team is an accomplishment. To the team, thank you very much."

— Bill Brockman, appointed in 1999

Commissioner Tom Mikesell, who was elected in 2002, said the guidance he gained under Brockman and Grindstaff will help him ease into working with new commissioners.

"They've allowed me the opportunity to learn and they've nurtured me to become a lot better of a politi-

cian and commissioner, and beyond that, a better person," he said. "Twin Falls County is a far better place than seven years ago before them."

County salaries, among other things, making county salaries more comparable to those in other heavily populated counties in Idaho. All county salaries have increased, and the commissioners' salaries have increased 40 percent — from \$39,300 in 2000 to \$56,240 this year.

One of the biggest issues recently under the commissioners was when last year they helped coordinate the sale of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in St. Luke's. Under the deal, the hospital agreed to pay the county \$10 million over five years to rent the old building on Addison Avenue. \$3 million to renovate and expand county offices, and \$15 million to renovate the old building.

One ongoing issue is substance abuse and overwork of county employees. Kramer plans to stay on a substance abuse committee and the Southern Idaho Partners Against Drugs committee.

"I've seen it here in dollars and cents," Brockman said. "It's a huge figure what it costs us every year."

Incoming Commissioner Terry Kramer also attended. A farmer from Castleford who upset Grindstaff in the May Republican primary, Kramer begins his term Monday with George Urie, the longtime mayor of Hansen.

Kramer said he and Urie have not formally sat down to discuss issues, but have been attending training sessions together and sitting in on committee meetings.

"I'm real excited," he said. "Kramer, who said he is not starting with any sort of agenda," said when it comes to substance abuse and drug problems, the government should enforce the law but understand that not everyone can be cured by jail time. He said educational programs should be continued.

"You're not going to be able to fix it," Kramer said. "It's always going to be a part of our society."

Kramer told the Times-News that he and Grindstaff have talked since the defeat and have a good relationship. And Grindstaff said the defeat did not sour his retirement, but he declined to offer advice to Urie or Kramer.

"No, I don't have anything to say about that," he said.

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Police mistakenly try to shut down Rupert bar

By Sves Berg
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Shortly after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve, several officers from the Blue Room Police Department entered the Blue Room, believing the bar was open past its legal hours of operation.

In the discussion that ensued, Blue Room co-owners Dick and Marie Russell made telephone calls to Mayor Audrey Newerth and Police Chief Randy White, both of whom assured them and the officers that current city code allows bars to operate past 8 p.m. on Sundays, as long as they do not serve drinks with alcohol content higher than 16 percent.

White said the confusion arose because the city code books held by some police officers and public officials are out of date. The liquor laws in the old code books, he said, contain a paragraph stating that any establishment with a license to sell hard liquor may not remain open after 8 p.m. on Sundays.

In the updated code books, that paragraph has been removed.

White said Sgt. James Wardle, who instructed the officers to check on the Blue Room, had referred to one of the old code books, which led him to believe the bar was open illegally.

"As he read the code to make sure there was com-

pliance, he understood it differently," White said. "He just had the information from I, believe, an outdated code book."

A frustrated Dick Russell said that 20 minutes after being alerted to the police officers' concern, the matter had been resolved with the help of Newerth and White, but that the damage had already been done.

It probably cost us \$300 or \$600," he said. "This is stupidity on the part of the police officers."

Marie Russell said that estimate was probably exaggerated, but acknowledged that the incident had hurt business.

"People did leave," she said. "You've got six officers just standing there. It makes everybody very uncomfortable."

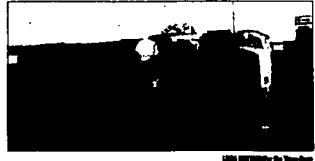
Newerth, whose position includes responsibilities as police commissioner, said she regretted the incident, but was confident officers had handled it properly.

"I was about ready to go up there and fix it, because I knew it was OK," she said. "As far as I'm concerned, it was resolved correctly."

Marie Russell agreed with Newerth, but she said she was still shocked the incident had ever taken place.

"I don't know what to say here. I think it was all a misunderstanding," she said. "It's unfortunate that it happened. It's unfortunate that it can happen."

WHEY TIPPED



A tractor-trailer hauling hay overturned about 8:30 a.m. Friday while trying to turn onto from Kimberly Road onto Rainbow Road. The driver was pulled from the vehicle and walked away with help. The incident blocked traffic at the intersection for more than three hours while crews worked to contain the spilled hay and dead load.



Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman accepts a handshake and a plume as others look on Friday at a farewell party for him and Commissioner Gary Grindstaff.

Duck probe done

Cause of deaths was a fungal infection

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

ORLEY — An investigation into what killed nearly 2,500 mallards along Land Creek Mallards has officially closed.

The cause of death was aspergillosis, a fungal infection the ducks probably contracted after eating moldy corn at a nearby farm, said Dave Parrish, director of the Jerome office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

"We have closed the investigation," he said. "And we're convinced moldy corn was the cause."

Parrish said every lab where dead ducks were sent for analysis found the same results, and a Department of Agriculture lab showed none of the ducks was poisoned by any type of chemical.

The early theory was that the ducks had eaten intentionally poisoned feed or had been poisoned by pollution from nearby cattle operations.

Parrish said that is absolutely not the case.

Another theory — that the birds had eaten cyan flu — has also been squashed. Early rumors about bird flu picked the interests of Internet message-board posters and conspiracy theorists. No Idaho ducks tested positive for the disease that killed thousands of birds worldwide.

Parrish said his department continues to monitor the site, but that to dead ducks have been found since about Dec. 17. He said a cold snap days before Christmas probably killed the mold, effectively ending the problem.

Beginning in early December, the department found nearly 2,500 dead mallards in less than two weeks. An investigation was launched that included Fish and Game, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Environmental Quality, among other agencies.

Parrish said the deaths are unlikely to affect regional mallard populations. Next week, the department will conduct a duck count to determine if tally hundreds of thousands of ducks.

He said a fruitless search for the farm that was the source of the moldy corn also has stopped. The farm could be anywhere in a 20-mile radius of the creek, and since the mold is likely dead, the farm would be impossible to find.

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Snowpack Levels

| Location | % of Avg. | Year |
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| Salmon | 99% | 42% |
| Big Wood | 98% | 42% |
| Little Wood | 86% | 36% |
| Big Lost | 82% | 34% |
| Little Lost | 81% | 34% |
| Herrin Fork/Leton | 85% | 37% |
| Upper Snake Basin | 85% | 38% |
| Salmon | 116% | 48% |
| Salmon Falls | 90% | 40% |

* A comparison of basin snowpack on Jan. 6, 2007 to the average snowpack for the same date in previous years. Snowpack is measured in inches of water equivalent. ** As of Jan. 5.

OBITUARIES

Faye Albin Rude

TWIN FALLS — Faye Albin Rude, 92, formerly of Filer, passed away Jan. 3, 2007, at Bridgeview in Twin Falls.

She was born April 1, 1914, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Frank and Clara Albin of Filer. Faye graduated from Filer High School in 1933. She went on to attend Northwest Business School in Spokane, Wash. After completing her studies, she returned to Twin Falls to work as a bookkeeper. On Jan. 17, 1937, she married William "Bill" Rude. After Bill's discharge from the Army in 1946, they purchased a farm west of Filer, where they farmed until their retirement on Jan. 17, 1971. Faye enjoyed working on the farm with her husband, and her hobbies were gardening, knitting, reading, cooking and playing bridge.

She was a lifelong member of the Filer United Methodist Church and was active in the UMW, where she volunteered serving dinners to the Kiwanis Club.

She was also a 50-year member of the Filer Chapter 40 of the Eastern Star, a member of the AH PEO Sisterhood and the Filer American Legion Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1991; and two brothers, Don Albin and Richard C. Albin. Surviving are her son, Robert D. (Linda) Rude of Titusville, Fla.; two granddaughters, Kristen Ballrud of Japan and Catherine DeBocci of Melbourne, Fla.; niece, Donna Slinger of Filer; along with a host of other nieces, nephews and many treasured friends. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend who will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be Monday, Jan. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho. The funeral service will be Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, with burial following at the Filer Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made in her name to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or the Twin Falls Animal Shelter in care of the funeral home.

Harold LeRoy Gibson

TWIN FALLS — Harold LeRoy Gibson, age 88, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, after years of cardiac-related ill health.

Harold was born May 3, 1918, in Burley, Idaho, to Francis Russell Gibson and Ora Josephine (Brower) Gibson.

He grew up in Burley and, at the age of 19, married his sweetheart, Arba Elvira Clark, to whom he remained married for almost 69 years. Harold joined the Idaho National Guard in 1936. During the Second World War, the guard was activated, and Harold eventually converted to the regular Army, serving many of his service years in the Army Corps of Engineers. He served many overseas assignments, some in exotic lands. He held every enlisted rank except master sergeant and eventually was commissioned an officer after attending officer's candidate school. He retired from the Army after 26 years with the rank of major. Harold was very proud of his service to his country and enjoyed relating stories related to his various assignments.

In 1967, Harold's son, Stanley, was injured in Vietnam, eventually becom-

ing quadriplegic. For the duration of Stan's life (he died in 1999), Harold and Arba dedicated their lives to caring for him at their home in Lakeview, Wash. Harold was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1956, he and Arba were sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple. He held many positions of responsibility within the church and served in the Seattle Temple for many years.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents, Francis (Frank) and Ora; two brothers, Jay and Russell; son, Stanley; and one grandson, Mark Dixon. He is survived by his wife, Arba; three daughters, Jackie Young, Clea Stones and Leah Lay, all of Twin Falls, Idaho; 13 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Vera Nelson of Burley, Idaho, and Betty Redlin of Oxnard, Calif.

Harold was a generous man and will be missed by all who knew him. Friends are invited to a viewing at White Mortuary on Monday from 2 to 2:45 p.m. with a graveside service to follow immediately at Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., Sixth Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001, or donations may be made on line at www.alzfdn.org.

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Bessie Ann McFarlin

TWIN FALLS — Bessie Ann McFarlin, age 95, passed away Jan. 3, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center.



Bessie was born in Kaw City, Okla., on Sept. 27, 1911, to Robert J. and Martha J. Frazier. She married Francis McFarlin on March 24, 1939. To this union was brought forth three children, Homer Benton McFarlin, Marion Francis (deceased) and James Robert McFarlin. The family moved to Wyoming and later to Buhl, Idaho, where they farmed for a number of years before retiring to Twin Falls, Idaho. Bessie was a life

member of Order of The Eastern Star Bethel 29. She loved painting ceramics, working in her yard and especially playing games with her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Homer (Wanda) McFarlin of Wendell, Idaho, and James R. (Jenni) McFarlin of Wasilla, Ark.; and Barbara Barton of Peters Creek, Ala. Bessie also leaves behind nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Francis; and her daughter, Marion. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl, Idaho. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery.

SERVICES

Carl Charles Hoffman of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl LDS Church on Main Street; friends and family may call from 10 to 10:50 a.m. today at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Luella Wylie Moon of Jerome and formerly of Egin, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Egin Bench LDS Chapel; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Flamm Funeral Home in Rexburg).

James Earl Stone of Eden, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Hazelton Cemetery (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Lola Christine Andoe of Hays, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery; friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Lewis W. Myers of Filer, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2628 Whispering Pine Drive in

Twin Falls; potluck gathering from 3 to 5:30 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

Margaret "Peggy" LeMoyné of Hagerman, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Hagerman Senior Center (Demary's Funeral Service in Gooding).

Agnes Short of Rupert, funeral service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Mary Jean Kuhn Johnson of Tremonton, Utah, and formerly of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Gillies Funeral Chapel, 634 E. 200 S. in Brigham City, Utah; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Dorothy Ellen Machacek of Buhl, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the fellowship hall at the Buhl First Christian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

DEATH NOTICES

Leona M. Black

HEYBURN — Leona M. Black, 68, of Heyburn, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Thordis R. Matthiesen

TWIN FALLS — Thordis R. Matthiesen, 91, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ralph R. Eaton

TWIN FALLS — Ralph R. Eaton, 87, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Woodstone Retirement Center.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Heritage Alliance Church. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Arthur D. Haycock

BURLEY — Arthur D. Haycock, 82, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BJ Duplicate Bridge announces weekly results

RUPEERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announced Jan. 2 results.

North-south: First, Faun and Warren McEntire; second, Ella Arnett and Lola Moorman; third, Barbara and Gary Carney; and fourth, George Gibson and Nancy Gibson. East-west: First, Jane Keicher and Donna Moore; second, Lorretta Klingenberg and Sherry Harris; third, Sylvia Niewert and Sylvia Niewert; and fourth, Peggy Payne and Donna Kuanau.

Games are at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Rupert E&S. For partners and more information call Steve Sams at 878-

3997 or Vera Mai at 436-4163.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced weekly winners: Dec. 20, first, Patricia Cooper and Elaine Bowen; second, Al Poynter and Max Thompson; third, Joye Astorquia and Pauline Mulliner; and fourth, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey. Dec. 27, first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Sue Skinner and Marilyn Boklin; third, Betty Grant and Wilma Driscoll; and fourth, Joyce Johnson and Doris Finney. Jan. 3, first, Kathy Rooney

and Shirley Tschannen; second, Luley Burton and Peggy Hackley; third, Dorothy Miller and Mary Lee Pfefferle; and tied for fourth, Wilma Driscoll and Elaine Bowen and Betty Sabo and Madeline Sawaya.

Jan. 4, first, Pauline Mulliner and Elaine Bowen; second, Sue Skinner and Wilma Driscoll; third, Peggy Hackley and Mary Kienlen; fourth, Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns; and fifth, Joe Blackford and Edna Pierson.

Games are at 7 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.

Chef's group donates funds for scholarship



TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Chefs Association has raised money for the Larry Motzner and Warren Thorne Memorial Scholarship fund.

The scholarship will be presented to a Magic Valley student who majors in culinary arts or hotel and restaurant management at the College of Southern Idaho. The deadline for the scholarship application is March 1.

For more information on the application or other criteria for the scholarship, call Mike Johnson, the CSI culinary arts instructor, at 732-6381, or LuAnn Sittes Kraft at 308-7178.

The scholarship is administered through the CSI Foundation, and is in memory of Larry Motzner, the former CSI culinary instructor,

instrumental in forming the local chapter. Warren Thorne, the former manager of Blue Lakes Country Club, who were

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THE NEW CONGRESS

House Democrats bring back 'pay-as-you-go' rule

New majority OKs rules governing spending, lawmakers' pet projects

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Resurgent House Democrats voted Friday, their second day back in control, to block future tax cuts or benefit increases from being financed with dollars that swell the national deficit.

Republicans protested the change would imperil GOP-sponsored tax cuts that expire in four years. The new rule also could make it more difficult for the Democrats to fulfill campaign promises to cut student loan rates and extend tax cuts for the middle class.

The drive to restore the "pay-as-you-go" rule has long been a priority for moderates — to conservative Democrats, whose House ranks swelled on Election Day. Adopted 200-152, the measure also requires legislation that contains pet projects and narrowly targeted tax breaks — earmarks — to Washington insiders — to include the names of the lawmakers who requested them.

The idea is that openness will help prevent abuses like the earmark bribery scandal that forced former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., out of Congress — and into prison. The new rules replace slightly weaker ones on earmarks approved last September by Republicans.

In the Senate, both parties held private strategy meetings. The chamber's first moves next week will largely mirror House steps to ban lawmakers from accepting gifts and free trips from lobbyists. The bipartisan Senate ethics and lobbying reform bill, the first legislation to reach floor debate under Democratic control, also requires disclosure of senators' earmarks.

Also Friday, Senate Democrats said they are will-

ing to consider tax cuts aimed for small businesses as part of a minimum wage increase. Democrats in the House plan a vote next Wednesday on a bill that would raise the federal-wage floor from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years but without any tax relief for small businesses to help them meet higher payroll costs.

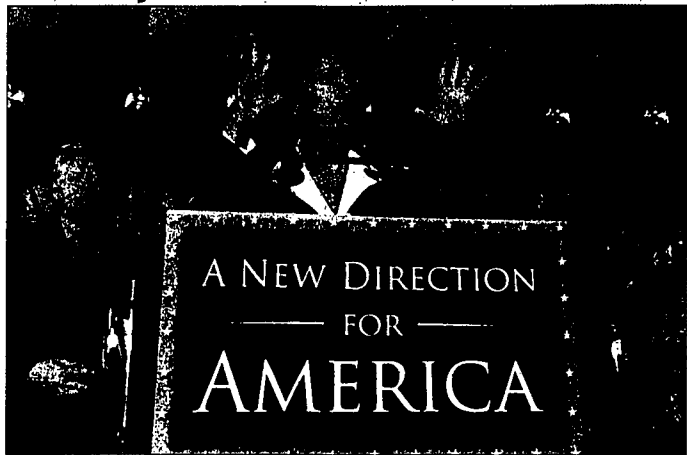
Senate Democrats said they will need several "yes" votes from Republicans to pass a bill. "We're not going to go burying our heads against the wall because, first of all, it doesn't feel good, and number two it doesn't accomplish anything," said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Democrats have promised to eliminate earmarks in a catchall spending bill that will clear away budget work left over from last year — and say that the upcoming round of appropriations bills will contain far fewer home-state projects, criticized as wasteful "pork" by taxpayer advocates.

Earmarks such as the "bridge to nowhere," a much-mocked proposal to build a \$223 million span in Alaska to link Ketchikan and highly populated Gravina Island, have captured the attention of voters, and Republicans say they're one of the reasons the party fared so badly in November.

The pay-as-you-go rule — if strictly enforced — promises to have a far bigger impact on the deficit. It would make it difficult for Democrats to pass increases in federal benefit programs such as Medicare or the Medicaid health care program for the poor or disabled.

The rule requires that tax cuts have corresponding cuts in government spending or increases in taxes elsewhere to pay for them. Likewise, any increase in entitlement programs such as Medicare would



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., center, accompanied by Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., left, Rep. Janice Schakowsky, Ill., right, and others, gestures while addressing a democracy at a reception on Capitol Hill in Washington on Friday.

have to have corresponding tax increases, or equal cuts in other government programs.

In the near term, the rule, also known as PAYGO, means the Democrats' bill to cut student loan rates will be less generous than they'd like. The rule would also threaten efforts to extend Bush's tax cuts, most of which expire at the end of 2010.

"This is putting the American taxpayer on a collision course with higher taxes," said Paul Ryan of Wisconsin,

top Republican on the Budget Committee.

And it gives lawmakers such as Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, an enormous headache as he tries to stop the alternative minimum tax from hitting more and more middle-class taxpayers. Fixing the AMT so that it doesn't engulf an additional 20 million tax filers next year would require almost \$50 billion in tax increases or spending savings.

"It's not good for me, but it's good for the American people," Rangel said.

"Today, we are cutting our national credit card," said Health Shuler, D-N.C., during floor debate Friday. To underscore the point, Shuler cut a credit card in half at a news conference held by moderates

to-conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats.

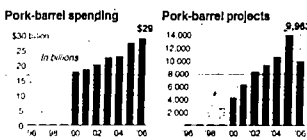
Democratic budget hawks say that restoring the PAYGO rule is crucial to curbing the budget deficit. Various forms of the rule were in place from 1990-2002, however, and Congress often found ways around it.

The version adopted Friday can be waived. But Democrats say to try to do so would invite criticism — and a revolt by the conservative Blue Dogs so crucial to the Democratic majority.

Another rule change, adopted 430-0, would curb past abuses in which GOP leaders held votes open for hours and excluded Democratic lawmakers from House-Senate negotiations on the language of final bills sent to the White House for enactment.

Bringing home the bacon

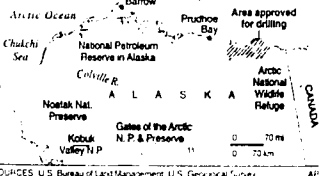
The number of projects and amount spent by lawmakers in Congress to benefit the special interests of their constituents



SOURCE: Citizens Against Government Waste

Arctic protection before new Congress

Legislation introduced in the House on Friday would make the on-ice coastal strip of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a permanently protected wilderness, ending repeated efforts to open the area for oil exploration.



Democrats hope to permanently bar drilling from Alaska refuge's coast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of oil drilling in an Alaskan wildlife refuge are going on the offensive after playing defense for a quarter of a century. They want the new Democratic Congress to make an off-challenged drilling ban permanent.

Legislation introduced in the House on Friday would make the oil-rich 1.2 million-acre coastal strip of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge a permanently protected wilderness and ended repeated efforts to open the area east of the Prudhoe oil field to energy companies.

"The consensus is that there should not be drilling in the refuge so the logical next step is to pass legislation which turns it into a wilderness," Rep.

Edward Markey, D-Mass., chief sponsor of the legislation, said in an interview.

Markey has introduced similar legislation in each of the last three congressional sessions. However, the House has approved drilling in the refuge a half dozen times, only to see the effort die in the Senate where supporters couldn't muster the 60 votes to over-

come a likely filibuster.

This time, with Democrats in the majority and a number of moderate Republicans on record as opposed to drilling, Markey believes he has a good chance in the House to go one step farther and declare the refuge permanently off-limits to oil development.

A co-sponsor of the bill is Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn.

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Clairs use spotlight to clean lives

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With the grant, the Clairs would help their students write, direct and star in a multimedia campaign to teach other youths about underage drinking. It would be money well spent.

JEERS to Richard Ross. Granted, the

26-year-old has only been charged with — and not convicted of — attempting to rob Beverly Reading, a 71-year-old great-grandmother, as she unloaded groceries in her driveway.

If the charges are true, and Ross is convicted, he deserves whatever punishment he receives and should be ashamed of himself.

And CHEERS to Reading, who used her name to foil the attempted robbery. We're pleased she was successful and wasn't hurt.

CHEERS to Boise State University football coach Chris Petersen. He led his team to an unbelievable victory in the Fiesta Bowl over Oklahoma — a win that football fans around the country will talk about for years to come. He gave Idahoans everywhere



a reason to hold their heads high. And he also showed how to win with grace and humility.

He has expressed admiration for the team his players defeated 43-42 in overtime, and he has said he plans to stay at Boise State. Just to be safe, school officials say they plan to increase his salary to avoid losing him to another program.

Petersen is scheduled to make

\$575,000 next season, which could increase with bonuses. He was paid \$666,667 in 2006, including \$100,000 for qualifying the Broncos for a Bowl Championship Series game, and \$25,000 for finishing the year with the team ranked in the Top 10.

To put Petersen's salary in perspective, the coach he defeated in the Fiesta Bowl, Bob Stoops, makes a reported \$3.8 million annually. Petersen deserves more than our cheers. Give him a raise.

JEERS to the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Jessie Aaron Coates, 19, whose body authorities say was left in the South Hills after he was killed by his accomplices in a string of robberies.

Fredy Heredia-Juarez, James Roy John Jr., Michael Lee John and Nicole Lea Baker have been charged with first-degree murder and criminal conspiracy. They could receive death sentences, if convicted.

According to court affidavits, Heredia-Juarez, James Roy John Jr. and Coates participated in a string of local robberies. The court documents indicate Coates was killed by the defendants, who feared he might "snitch" to the police about the robberies.

If true, it's impossible to understand how anyone could have such disregard for life. Coates didn't deserve his fate, no matter what he might have done in his life.

Promises made, promises broken

In June of 2004, when then-House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., was trying to put the best face on Democratic intentions should they win a majority in the 2006 election, she issued a "minority bill of rights." It promised that Democrats would not treat Republicans as Republicans often treated Democrats back in charge of the House.

Pelosi promised a "bipartisan administration of the House" and a return to a more "regular democratic order for legislation." That meant bills would be considered under a procedure that "allows open, full and fair debate consisting of a full amendment process that grants the minority the right to offer its alternatives, including a substitute." Pelosi promised, "Members should have at least 24 hours to examine bills and introduce report text prior to floor consideration. Rules governing floor debate must be reported before 10 p.m. for a bill to be considered the following day."

In the political version of what might be called, "of course, I'll respect you in the morning," House Democrats have announced they intend to break that promise. They will use House rules to keep Republicans from offering alternative measures because they want to show voters how quickly they can pass their "first 100 hours" agenda and allowing Republicans to offer amendments or alternative legislation, they figure, would slow them down.

Republicans are complaining about this, as one might expect, but after 12 years of treating Democrats as if they were subjects in a GOP dictatorship, they are unlikely to attract much sympathy. Plus, Democrats will have much of the big media on their side, which the Republicans, during their time in the majority, did not. The media treated every Republican legislative effort as insensitive, cruel and beneficial only to "the rich." Do you look for any "Gingrich That Stole Christmas" covers like Time magazine ran on former Speaker Newt Gingrich. The media will treat Democrats as caring, compassionate crusaders for the common man.

Here's one major difference between the 1994 election and the one in 2006 and the aftermath from each. In 1994, Republicans told voters, before and after the election, precisely what they would do. Speaker Newt Gingrich did not promise fealty with Democrats, nor did he promise to practice a political Golden Rule. Voters disgusted with Democrats had given Republicans a mandate and they would ram through their "Contract with America."

Democrats promised they would practice a political Golden Rule, do unto Republicans what they wished Republicans had done



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Democrats have a unique opportunity to reinvent themselves and restore public confidence.

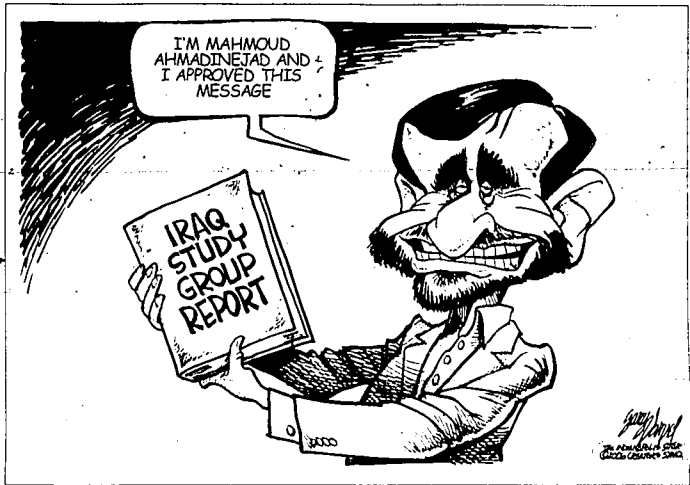
unto them. I recommended such a strategy for Republicans in 1994, suggesting that kindness and inclusiveness would serve Republicans better in the long run than a victory dance on Democrats' political grave.

That advice was ignored, contributing to Democratic anger and bitterness and to the Republican defeat last November. Democrats now face the same temptations that power always brings and the same pressures from their liberal interest groups that Republicans faced 12 years ago from their conservative interest groups. Unlike the Republicans, however, Democrats promised to behave differently. They claimed to have learned their lessons from the way they used to treat Republicans — and the way Republicans treated them. Apparently they will not be different, at least not until they push through their agenda that includes a minimum wage increase and ethics reform.

It is ethics reform that will — and should — receive the most attention. Voters have not trusted government for some time and the polls show their approval ratings for Congress are even lower than President Bush's approval numbers. The House will first consider ethics rules for itself and next month plans to take up bipartisan lobbying reform legislation proposed by Rep. Mary Meehan, D-Mass., and Christopher Shays, R-Conn., that would create an Office of Public Integrity to help enforce the new rules.

Will the Democratic leadership live up to the public's expectations, or down to their political lower nature? Democrats have a unique opportunity to reinvent themselves and restore public confidence. For the sake of the national interest, I'm hoping they rise to that occasion, but politicians being who and what they are, I'm betting they'll yield to temptation and conduct business as usual. But for the country's sake, I hope I'm wrong.

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Ahmadinejad ranks among Hitler's best Mideast helpers

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has an impeccable sense of timing. Just a week after the Iraq Study Group recommended a heart-to-heart with him, the president of Iran convened a conference in Tehran to examine whether the Holocaust really occurred. The answer from such "scholars" as David Duke, the notorious former Ku Klux Klan grand wizard, was a resounding no.

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On one level, Ahmadinejad's embrace of Holocaust denial might seem surprising. A man who has repeatedly called for Israel to be "wiped off the map" surely has no problem with the murder of Jews. You might expect him to adopt the position espoused by the Egyptian newspaper Al Akhbar, which a few years ago ran an editorial praising Adolf Hitler ("of inflexible memory") and complaining only that "his revenge on (the Jews) was not enough."

Or you might expect Ahmadinejad to take the far more common line in the Muslim world, which is to admit that, sure, some Jews died, but it was a lot fewer than 6 million and, anyway, what's the big deal? A lot of Gentiles died, too. What makes these Yids so special? This is the position taken by Arab "moderates" such as Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, whose doctoral dissertation pool-pooped the figure of 6 million dead Jews ("no one can verify this number")

Ahmadinejad flatly calls the Holocaust a myth. But he is hardly a model of consistency. At the same time that he denies the Holocaust, Iran's president claims that Israel was established by the Europeans as penance for ... the Holocaust. But why atone for something that didn't occur?

while expressing great concern that "the German people sacrificed 10 million" — implying that the killers suffered more than their victims.

Ahmadinejad does not hide behind such equivocations. He flatly calls the Holocaust a myth. But he is hardly a model of consistency. At the same time that he denies the Holocaust, Iran's president claims that Israel was established by the Europeans as penance for ... the Holocaust. But why atone for something that didn't occur? Newsmind.

Ahmadinejad says that "if the Europeans are honest" — they should give some of their provinces in Europe ... to the Zionists and the Zionists can establish their state in Europe." This is the crux of the matter. In Ahmadinejad's view, shared by countless others across the Middle East, whatever the Nazis did is no business of theirs, so why inflict the "Zionist evil" on their region? It is only a small step from this position to claiming that Israel's destruction is justified.

Pointless though it may be to argue with a madman, it is worth noting that Muslims

were not as blameless in the genocide of the Jews as Ahmadinejad and his ilk would have it. Arabs were, on a small scale, cheerleaders and enablers of the Final Solution. The most famous example was Haj Amin Husseini, the grand mufti of Jerusalem (and uncle of Yasser Arafat), who took refuge in Berlin in World War II. A cabal Nazi, he personally lobbied Hitler to kill as many Jews as possible and even helped out by recruiting Bosnian Muslims to serve in the Waffen SS.

Robert Satloff, one of the world's smartest Arabists, reveals other links between the Arabs and the Holocaust in his groundbreaking new book, "Among the Righteous: Lost Stories From the Holocaust's Long Reach Into Arab Lands."

He shows how the Nazis set up the machinery of death in North Africa. Although "only" 4,000 to 5,000 Jews died before the Allies liberated the area in 1943, many more were consigned to forced labor camps in hellish conditions.

"Arabs played a role at every level," Satloff wrote. "Some went door to door with the Germans, pointing out Jews for arrest. Others led

Jewish workers on forced labor camps or served as overseers at labor camps.

The picture is not entirely one-sided because, although most Arabs were either apathetic or sympathetic to the Nazis, a small number helped their Jewish neighbors. Satloff uncovered lost tales of "righteous Gentiles," such as the wartime rulers of Morocco and Tunisia. And on the whole, he found that Arabs behaved no worse under German occupation than did Europeans.

But that isn't saying much, because almost every country on the Continent was heavily complicit in the extermination of their Jewish populations. Satloff's research makes a mockery of Ahmadinejad's protestations that the Holocaust — if it occurred — was someone else's responsibility. Individual Muslims were complicit in the horrors of the 1940s, even if, under foreign rule, they were not the primary culprits.

Worse, while Europe has disowned its terrible history, the Nazis continue to be glorified in the Middle East. ("Mein Kampf" is a perennial best-seller in the region.) Nowhere else in the world is Holocaust denial so prevalent.

Ahmadinejad deserves thanks for calling the world's attention to this pervasive sickness.

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AROUND THE NATION

Apple expected to unveil cell phone or TV set-top box

COLORADO Third snowstorm in three weeks takes aim

SNOW — The third snowstorm in as many weeks swept into Colorado on Friday, further hampering efforts to restore power to rural homes and straggling thousands of cattle strewn by last week's blizzard.

Several school districts canceled classes Friday because of blowing snow in the region, where the last storm had whipped up 10-foot drifts and shut down highways.

In Kansas and Nebraska, about 10,000 homes were still without power after more than a week, and the new storm was headed their way after dumping nearly a foot of snow in the foothills west of Denver.

In hard-hit southeastern Colorado, no more than 1 inch of new snow was expected, but the high wind was making road clearing difficult.

Agriculture officials, meanwhile, were still trying to figure out how dead with the carcasses of thousands of livestock that were killed by the blizzard or starved, said Jerry Bailey, emergency management director in Haskell County, Kan.

LOUISIANA Cops facing charges can go back on duty

NEW ORLEANS — All seven policemen charged in the deadly bridge shootings after Hurricane Katrina will be allowed to go back on duty, and the six on the New Orleans Police force can return to limited duty, a judge said Friday.

The seven men pleaded not guilty in court Friday to murder or attempted murder charges.

Four of the officers face counts of first-degree murder that carry a possible death sentence. A grand jury indicted the seven last week in connection with the Sept. 4, 2005, "shootings" at the city's Danziger Bridge that killed two men and wounded four other people.

Bail on a first-degree murder charge is rare in Louisiana and arrests who had gathered outside the courthouse prior to the hearing protested allowing it.

INDIANA Estrada trades shouits with wounded man

MUNCIE, Ind. — Former "CBS" star Erik Estrada got into an explosive-laced shouting match with a man who called him Emilio Estevez amid the filming of a reality television series.

Estrada, who was sworn in as a reserve officer last month for CBS Corp.'s "Famous" show, was in an ambulance with Randall R. Sims, 53, when the exchange unfolded Wednesday night.

The 57-year-old actor entered the ambulance after being asked to remove handcuffs from Sims, who had been stabbed in the leg during a domestic dispute. After addressing Estrada as Estevez, another Hollywood actor, Sims said he didn't want to appear on the show, which also stars La Toya Jackson, Jack Black and "Wee Man" Acuña and Rich Stratton.

The confrontation erupted after Sims, who led a successful push in 2004 to rename a Muncie street in honor of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., told Estrada he knew nothing about King and had only been in Muncie "for two days," The Star-Press reported Friday.

Estrada told Sims he'd been in town for six weeks and said he grew up in Spanish Harlem — a rough Manhattan neighborhood King mentioned in his landmark 1967 speech calling for an end to the Vietnam War.

By Rachel Konrad Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Techophiles are eagerly waiting to learn whether the king of digital music can colonize an entire new category of consumer electronics.

Steve Jobs, chief executive of Apple Computer Inc., is expected to launch at least one revolutionary product Tuesday at the Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco. Speculation has focused mainly on an Apple-branded cellular phone and a set-top box that allows people to send videos from their computers to their televisions.

Although Apple spokeswoman Natalie Keris declined

comment on "rumors and speculation," bloggers, analysts and investors have been continually guessing whether Jobs will unveil a "smart phone" (which some are calling iPhone), TV or both.

Apple's iPod music player wasn't the first on the market when it launched in 2001. But its sleek design and intuitive user interface quickly made it a hit.

Industry analysts believe another well-designed product from Apple could seriously threaten major tech companies such as Motorola Inc., Nokia Corp., Samsung Electronics Co., Verizon Wireless and Tivo Inc.

Expectations for Macworld are so lofty that a failure to

launch an earth-shattering product this week could dent Apple's already volatile stock price. Investors say. The stock has traded in a 52-week range of \$50.16 to \$93.16. It closed Thursday at \$95.66, up 2 percent from Wednesday.

Wall Street's confidence in Apple has wavered slightly because of the possibility that improper handling of employee stock options would erase some of Apple's record profits. The scandal threatened to plunge Jobs into a legal morass, if not cost him his job.

Skit anticipation is so breathless in the blogosphere that some pundits have already credited Apple with changing the global telecom-

munications sector — even though the iPhone is technically still "vaporware," or nonexistent.

The mere suggestion that Apple might make a Grammy, simple call phone that downloads, plays and shares digital music has intimidated competitors, said Avi Greengart, an analyst with Current Analysis.

"Even if Apple does not announce a phone, just the threat of Apple's entry could spur innovation," Greengart wrote in a research note Thursday. "If Apple builds a phone that is easy and genuinely pleasurable to use, the company will have a winner no matter how it is priced or sold."

Apple also is expected to unveil a set-top box designed to bridge computers and television sets so users can more easily watch their downloaded movies on a big screen. The move would complement Apple's entry into online movies — it began selling titles through its iTunes store in September.

As Apple launched online movies, Jobs showed off a gadget that records and plays high-definition videos, selling for \$299 starting sometime in the first quarter. Analysts believe the demo was of the prerelease version of the iTV that could be introduced at Macworld, venue for many of Apple's monumental product launches over the years.

Centerfold accused of running brothel in gated suburban Atlanta neighborhood

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — For years, Lisa Ann Taylor's neighbors suspected something was going on behind the doors of her white-columned, million-dollar mansion in one of suburban Atlanta's most exclusive neighborhoods.

A scantily clad woman were seen posing for photos in the driveway. Cars and trucks came and went late hours and there were loud parties.



Taylor

"Whatever was asked for had a price," Porter said. Taylor, 42, and her alleged business partner and fellow call girl, 30-year-old Nicole A. Probert, were arrested on charges of prostitution, racketeering and conspiracy to possess cocaine. They were released from jail Thursday on \$27,000 bail each.

The brothel's customers included doctors, lawyers and businessmen, and they, too, could face charges, the district attorney said, in a warning that could make such jittery across Atlanta and beyond. Taylor and her friends are accused of

using their Web site to offer their services during visits to Boston, New York, Chicago and suburban Milwaukee.

Probert's attorney David Fuller denied she was involved in prostitution. He said she is a successful real estate developer and a single mother who recently came into an inheritance and did not need money.

The mansion is near the ninth hole at Sugarloaf Country Club, home of the PGA's BellSouth Classic each May. It is in a gated neighborhood, about 20 miles from

Atlanta, whose current or former residents include rapper Bow Wow, Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Brian Finneran and Washington Redskins tight end Brian Kozlowski.

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As elk and tax issues loom, Idaho lawmakers ask: Can we get along?

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — As lawmakers get set to tackle issues such as the grocery tax, whether to add new community colleges, a proposed ban of "shooter-bull" elk farms, and the annual debate over how best to dole out precious water resources, there's a looming question — Can Republicans and minority Democrats in Idaho even get along?

Democrats, emboldened by the five seats they picked up in November elections in Ada County, staged their second walkout in less than a year at the Dec. 8 organizational session to protest not getting as many seats on the budget-setting committee as they thought was their due.

The adversary in that battle was incoming House Speaker Lawrence Denny, R-Midvale, a farmer who sponsored the successful constitutional amendment last year to ban gay marriages and civil unions. To some Democrats' chagrin, Denny has overseen a shift in House leadership toward more conservative lawmakers.

"We were treated shoddily," House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, told reporters at a legislative briefing sponsored this week by The Associated Press. "I hope we can disagree without being disagreeable."

In all, there will be 22 new lawmakers in the 2007 Legislature, which begins Monday, and the show will be over on by newly elected Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a former GOP U.S. House member who in November finally achieved his dream of becoming chief executive.

Though they have what appears to be a full agenda, lawmakers also have a deadline. They must be out of the Capitol building in Boise by April 1, when state workers hope to start emptying the 101-year-old building to prepare for a \$130 million expansion and makeover approved by lawmakers last year.

Senate President Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, is shooting for a March 20 completion date. Denny thinks it's possible to be out before April 1 — if Democrats cooperate.

"I don't think that is an unrealistic deadline," he said. "There's going to be a lot of things on the plate, and it's going to take us a lot of time. And we have to break in a new governor. We have to teach him the way he should go."

Denny's predecessor, former House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, was famous for letting things "ripen" — keeping important bills in his political quiver until the last minute, to be used as bargaining chips for late-session negotiations with former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne over issues such as parks or highway construction funding.

By contrast, Denny plans to speed things up this year by introducing key

Other issues likely to emerge in the 2007 Legislature

BOISE — Republican and Democrat lawmakers say a number of other issues will likely be discussed during the 2007 Idaho Legislature. They include:

- A plan to freeze property taxes at existing levels, until a home is sold.
- Expanded local option tax authority, to raise cash for things like public transportation, public housing or jails.
- A tougher seat belt law allowing police to issue tickets to drivers solely for not buckling up.
- Work on Idaho's energy plan, the subject of a summer interim legislative committee.
- Boosting all-day kindergarten options.
- Adding to Department of Correction funding for community-based substance abuse treatment.
- Money to boost nursing programs, after former Gov. Jim Risch proposed spending \$37 million on new buildings at colleges in Twin Falls and Lewiston.
- Vote-by-mail, similar to Oregon's system and meant to boost election turnout.
- Overturning a rule banning people who live more than a mile away from proposed dairies from testifying at hearings about such facilities.
- Extending lobbyist registration requirements to those who try to sway staff members of executive-branch officials such as the governor.
- Renewed debate over the \$130 million plan to renovate and around the Idaho Capitol, after Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter expressed his dissatisfaction with a plan to build two, 50,000-square-foot underground wings.
- And another round of discussion of the \$1 billion "Connecting Idaho" highway improvement program, which was passed by 2005 Legislature, was paired down a year ago — and remains controversial.

legislation earlier.

There are now 19 Democrats and 51 Republicans in the House.

In the Senate, the ratio remained at 28 GOP members and seven Democrats after the Nov. 7 election.

Here are some of the issues lawmakers are expected to discuss:

• Grocery tax: In play are competing schemes for lowering the burden Idaho's existing 6 percent sales tax on groceries places on the state's poorer residents. Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, who just completed a temporary term as governor, wants to repeal the tax over six years, at a cost of \$180 million, while Otter favors a plan targeting help to low-income residents.

• Community colleges: Ada County is one of the largest metropolitan areas in America without its own community college. After a summer of discussion, an interim committee recommended the 2007 Legislature reduce the voter-approval requirement to 60 percent from 66 percent to create a community college taxing district. It's unclear how such a measure that makes it easier to raise property taxes will be received by the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, now headed by tax-shy Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot.

"The one issue that's going to be the hangup is that 60

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percent," concedes Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene and Senate Education Committee chairman.

• Water: For a couple years now, farmers and cities who pump their water from the Lake Erie-sized Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer have been fighting with those who get their water from canals. The dust-up? How to divvy up what's become an ever-more-precious resource in Idaho's desert as supplies dwindle. The Idaho Supreme Court is now weighing a lower court ruling and a decision could come in the mid-session; meanwhile, Otter plans a water summit.

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• Minimum wage: Nationally, Democratic leaders have proposed raising the federal minimum wage in stages to \$7.25 an hour. Idaho Democrats want to be more aggressive; a year after a similar proposal died in the House, they say they're even more committed this year to boosting the state minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25. "The minimum wage bill will come back," Jaquet said.

• Domestic elk: There are at least nine bills in the works to ban or otherwise limit ranches that raise domestic elk behind fences to be shot by wealthy hunters. That's after as many as 160 farm-raised elk escaped from a private hunting reserve near Rexburg, raising concern they could spread disease or breed with wild elk from nearby Yellowstone National Park.

"They (such reserves) are unethical," said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum. "It's been outlawed in the states (Montana and Wyoming) around us. We ought to take the same position."

• Personal property tax: The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, a business lobbying group that favors lower taxes on industry, wants lawmakers to follow up the 2001 elimination of tax on agricultural equipment by extending cuts to business.

The group favors phasing out the \$135.3 million break, so it doesn't nullify Idaho counties all at once.

Democrats might favor limits to the personal property tax — but not a full repeal, Jaquet said.

Others say everything should be discussed as Idaho seeks to balance taxation with economic development.

"We need to constantly be looking at all of those opportunities," Geddes said.



New Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter gets a hug from his wife, Lori, near the end of his inauguration ceremony on the steps of the statehouse in downtown Boise on Friday.

Butch Otter sworn in as Idaho's 32nd governor

BOISE (AP) — C.L. "Butch" Otter was publicly sworn in as the state's 32nd governor Friday before about 1,500 cheering onlookers in a ceremony on the Idaho Capitol steps.

"Thank you for making Idaho the kind of place where people from all over the country and the world want to live, work and raise their families," Otter said before a crowd that braved 33 degree temperatures. "I pledge to help you keep building on that greatness. I ask today for your patience, your understanding, and most of all for your help in that endeavor."

After three terms as a U.S. representative from western Idaho and 14 years as lieutenant governor, Otter's ascension to the chief executive post fulfills a longtime personal dream of leading the state.

A dozen years ago, after a drunken driving conviction and his divorce from the daughter of one of the state's richest men, that goal seemed

to slip from his grasp. But after years of public service and his six-year stay in Washington, D.C., Idahoans elected the 64-year-old father of four.

Otter promised to advance his philosophy of a fiscally conservative government. "Moving the ideas of efficiency, customer service and cost savings into the everyday language of our public lives won't be easy," Otter said in remarks prepared for the inauguration. "Building a state government consistent with the principles of frugality and common sense will require a fundamental paradigm shift."

At Otter's side was first lady Lori Otter, a farm girl from Kimberly near Twin Falls whom Otter met in 1991 while he was lieutenant governor and she was the reigning Miss Idaho USA.

Otter first took the governor's oath Nov. 28, then again during a private ceremony in the company of family and close friends on the morning of Jan. 1.

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IRAQ

Bush criticized about expected call for surge in troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days from announcing an overhaul of Iraq strategy, President Bush on Friday encountered a wave of criticism of the U.S. troop escalation that is expected to be the centerpiece of his new war plan.

Bush also restuffed his war commanders, installing a new team to support the policies he will announce next week. Democrats and Republicans alike took aim at the expected increase in U.S. forces.

"It has to be significant and sustained. Otherwise do not do it," said Sen. John McCain, a Republican presidential hopeful and Vietnam veteran who has been advocating a troop increase.

Those for going in the opposite direction spoke out, too. "We are well past the point of more troops for Iraq," new House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., wrote in a letter to Bush a day after their party took the reins on Capitol Hill. Instead, Pelosi and Reid urged Bush to begin pulling troops out in four to six months.

The criticism underscored that Bush, preparing his new policy for an increasingly unpopular and costly war, will face a Congress that is not only

controlled by Democrats' who could challenge him at any turn but also populated with Republicans looking toward the congressional and presidential elections of 2008.

The president spent much of the day in last-minute consultations with members of Congress from both parties, by all accounts soliciting their input while giving few hints of his own plans. But doubts about dispatching more soldiers to Iraq — which Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson called "the elephant in the room" at the White House — were expressed to the president's face and before various audiences around Washington.

Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., an Air Force veteran and member of the House Intelligence Committee who had just returned from Iraq, lambasted Bush's war leadership as lacking "a clarity of mission."

She spoke at a press conference against sending more Americans, saying the U.S. should be focused only on hunting for al-Qaida terrorists and ensuring Iraq does not become a source of regional instability.

"We're talking about goals in lofty terms that are not vital

American national interests," she said.

Bush, meanwhile, announced more changes in his team of military and diplomatic advisers.

He said Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander overseeing the theater that includes Iraq, will be succeeded by Adm. William Fallon, now Abizaid's counterpart in the Pacific. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus is the president's choice to be the new chief commander in Iraq, replacing Gen. George Casey. The nominations must be approved by the Senate.

Petraeus led the 101st Airborne Division during the 2003 Iraq invasion and later headed the effort to train Iraqi security forces.

Both Abizaid and Casey already had been expected to rotate out of their jobs. Both also had publicly expressed skepticism about a troop increase, and when Bush began devising a new Iraq plan their timetable appeared to move up.

Also, Ryan Crocker, a veteran American diplomat who is now U.S. envoy to Pakistan, was expected to replace Zalmay Khalidzai as U.S. ambassador to Iraq. Bush nominated Khalidzai, a subject

of criticism in Iraq as favoring his fellow Sunni Muslims, to become the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"In a White House that prides itself on discipline, there was much confusion about the personnel changes. There was a torrent of news leaks, unsuccessful efforts by the White House to control the flow of information and messy shifts in how the announcements would be made.

The president's talks Friday with several groups of lawmakers included moderate Democrats and loyal Republicans but also some of the president's biggest critics, such as Democratic Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.



Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., meets reporters outside the White House on Friday after attending a meeting between President Bush and members of Congress to discuss the president's revised Iraq strategy.

Iraq officials: Offensive to tame Baghdad to start soon

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi forces backed by U.S. troops will begin a neighborhood-by-neighborhood assault on militants in the capital this weekend as a first step in the new White House strategy to contain Sunni insurgents and Shiite death squads, key advisers to the prime minister said Friday.

The first details of the plan — a fresh bid to pacify the capital — emerged a day after President Bush and Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki spoke for nearly two hours by video conference. Both leaders were expected to detail their vision of a new strategy in the coming days.



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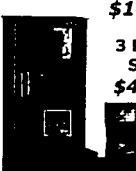
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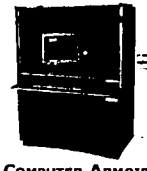
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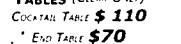


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GAME PLAN

LOCAL

High School
Boys Basketball
 Wood River at Nimitz, 7:30 p.m.
 Gastonia at Douglas, 7:30 p.m.
 DeLoach at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
 Denick at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
 The Community School at
 Conasa County, 7:30 p.m.
 Oakley at Cary, 7:30 p.m.
 Bull at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
 Dells at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
 Glens Ferry at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
 The Community School at
 Conasa County, 2:30 p.m.
 Minico at Preston, 7:30 p.m.
 Oakley at Barry, 7:30 p.m.
 Oakley at Cary, 7:30 p.m.
 Hansen at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.

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PGA TOUR, Mercedes-Benz Championship, third round, at Kapalua, Hawaii
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 ESPN - Virginia Tech at Duke
 ESPN - Ohio St. at Illinois
 ESPN - Ohio St. at Florida
 ESPN - UNLV at Air Force
 ESPN - Michigan St. at Oregon
 ESPN - San Diego St. at BYU
 ESPN - Connecticut at LSU
NBA BASKETBALL
 8:30 p.m.
 WGN - Detroit at Chicago
NFL FOOTBALL
 8 p.m.
 NBC - AFC Wildcard game, Kansas City at Indianapolis
 NBC - NFC Wildcard game, Dallas at Seattle
PREP FOOTBALL
 4 p.m.
 NBC - Air American Bowl, East vs. West, at San Antonio
 5:30 p.m.
 VERSUS - PBR, Bull Fight Tough Series, VERSUS Invitational at New York
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 5 p.m.
 CBS - Kentucky at Ohio St.
 CBS - Tennessee at Connecticut
 ESPN - Baylor at Kansas

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DAVIS CUP

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| USA | 14 | 13 | 83 |
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| Italy | 9 | 18 | 88 |
| Sweden | 8 | 19 | 89 |
| Japan | 7 | 20 | 90 |
| South Africa | 6 | 21 | 91 |
| India | 5 | 22 | 92 |
| China | 4 | 23 | 93 |
| South Korea | 3 | 24 | 94 |
| Ukraine | 2 | 25 | 95 |
| Belgium | 1 | 26 | 96 |
| Canada | 0 | 27 | 97 |

TV SCHEDULE

6:30 p.m.
 SHD - Hooveyville, Sam Pitroda (7:30) vs. Super Jumper (6:5) and WBA Super Jumper (6:5) title, champion Jose Antonio Torres (6:30) vs. Travis Smith (6:40) at Hollywood, Fla.
8 p.m.
 COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 ESPN2 - International Bowl, W Michigan vs. Cincinnati, at Orlando
8:30 p.m.
 CBS - Kentucky at Ohio St.
 CBS - Tennessee at Connecticut
 ESPN - Baylor at Kansas

BETTING

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Raiders hoping for quicker coaching search this time around

ALAMEDA, Calif. — It took Al Davis more than five weeks to hire Art Shell as Norm Turner's replacement as head coach of the Oakland Raiders last offseason.

The Raiders are hoping to complete the search for Shell's successor in a much shorter time frame. Oakland's latest coaching search began Friday, a day after Shell was fired following the team's worst season in more than four decades.

"I would hope it would go a little bit faster than last year," Pro Bowl defensive end Derrick Burgess said in a phone interview Friday. "It took a really long time. It would be good if they were just ahead and made a decision. Three years, three head coaches. That's something that's a first for me."

Coaching changes are becoming a regular occurrence in Oakland. After Jon Gruden left for Tampa Bay following the 2001 season, Bill Callahan was hired and lasted two years. Norm Turner then replaced Callahan and also lasted two years before Shell took over.

Oakland has won just 15 games last season that was the worst for the franchise since a 1-13 record in 1962.

Unlike after last year with Turner's firing, Davis was not made available to discuss what went wrong and what the future holds for his team. But the players are hoping for a quick resolution.

"It's hard to go into the offseason not knowing what direction the team is going and not having a coach to help lead the way," cornerback Mike Williams said. "A lot of what happens in the season starts in the offseason."

Many of the defensive players are pushing for coordinator Rob Ryan to get the job. The son of

former Philadelphia and Arizona coach Buddy Ryan, Rob Ryan was the architect of the league's third-ranked defense, one of the teams few bright spots.

Ryan has helped develop Burgess into a two-time Pro Bowl player. Nnamdi Asomugha into one of the league's top cornerbacks and young linebackers Kirk Morrison and Thomas Howard into NFL talent.

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But Davis has historically gone for offensive-minded coaches. The last time he hired a defensive coach was when he promoted John Madden from linebackers coach to take over the head job in 1969.

Sports Shorts

MAGIC VALLEY
Magic Valley Gymnastics hold meet Saturday at CSI Gymnasium
 TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Gymnastics will hold its annual Ice Breaker Invitational Saturday at the CSI Gymnasium. More than 140 gymnasts from 10 different gyms will compete, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m. There will be four sessions throughout the day with 42 local gymnasts participating. Level 4 gymnasts will begin at 8:30 a.m. and finish with their awards ceremony at 11 a.m. Level 5 gymnasts will go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Level 6 gymnasts will compete from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and Level 7 through open will compete from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The cost for each session is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. An all-day pass is \$20 for adults, and \$10 for students. For more information, contact Magic Valley Gymnastics at 734-9500.

MLB
Reitsma agrees to deal with Mariners
 SEATTLE — Former Atlanta Braves closer Chris Reitsma agreed Friday to a \$2.05 million, one-year contract with the Seattle Mariners.

Reitsma gets \$1.35 million this year and can earn additional bonuses based on appearances and games finished. He has a \$2.7 million option for 2008 with a \$700,000 buyout.

A 29-year-old right hander, Reitsma will be a free agent last month when the Braves failed to offer a 2007 contract.

ROUPEIT — The local Elks Chapter will host its annual Hoop Shoot free-throw contest at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the CSI Gymnasium.

The event is open to boys and girls 13 and up in Mini-Cassia. This will be the only contest held locally as the Burley and Rupert Elks have declined. Contestant age groups will be determined by their age as of April 1 and birth certificates are required.

For more information, call Kevin Burcher at 878-9000 or 312-5441.

—Compiled from staff and wire reports

Mora, Gailey added to Dolphins' list

FLA. — The Miami Dolphins' list of coaching candidates is becoming longer than a Nick Saban speech.

Atlanta Falcons coach Jim Mora, believed to be the first candidate for an interview for the vacant head coaching position, has received permission to talk to Pittsburgh Steelers offensive coordinator Ken Whisenand and Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey, a former offensive coordinator in Miami.

The Dolphins also planned to interview San Diego offensive coordinator Cam Cameron and Chicago defensive coordinator Bill Belichick and Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner.

Miami seeks a successor to Saban, who took the job with Alabama on Wednesday after two

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SPORTS

Meyer, Tressel take different paths to coaching stardom



Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel talks to quarterback Troy Smith on Nov. 18, 2006, during a game against Michigan in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State and Florida will meet in the BCS National Championship game on Monday in Glendale, Ariz.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — One took the fast track to the top of the profession. The other toiled in the minors for years before finally getting called to the big show.

Just four seasons after taking his first head coaching job, Florida's Urban Meyer was the most wanted man in the business, courted by two of college football's elite programs.

After 15 years in Division I-AA, Jim Tressel had to convince Ohio State he was ready to hold the job he coveted.

Much has been made of the similarities between Meyer and Tressel as the top-ranked thickies (12-0) and No. 2 Gators (12-0) prepare for the BCS national championship game Monday night.

Both are Ohio natives with deep Buckeye roots. They share a mentor, an obsession for detail and a passion for special teams. They talk about a team being a family and playing being accountable for mak-

ing that family flourish.

Over the last six seasons, few college coaches have had more success than Meyer, who is 60-12 in that time, and Tressel, who is 62-13. Both make over \$2 million per year.

"I think what they have in common is their both good teachers on the field, they're leaders because they lead by example," said Earle Bruce, the former Ohio State and Colorado State coach who had both Tressel and Meyer as assistants. "Most certainly they're the guys in charge on the field."

But their paths to stardom and their first head-to-head meeting in Glendale have been quite different.

The 42-year-old Meyer is tall, dark and handsome, still built like the college football player and minor league baseball player he once was. Smiles often seem to come easy for

him. Intensity does.

"I think Urban is much more emotional than Jim," Bruce said Friday. "We always think of Jim as being very calm, collected and in charge of his emotions."

Meyer rooted for Ohio State growing up in Ashtabula in northeast Ohio. He still has bunkers in his home and a picture of former Ohio State coaching great Woody Hayes. His first college coaching job was as a graduate assistant under Bruce in 1998.

In two years in Columbus, Meyer got a taste of big-time college football that became the foundation for his career.

"I got to Ohio State and meet Earle Bruce and watch the way things are done and get a piece of that tradition," Meyer said. "Everything we do ties into building tradition. The Gator Walk. Singing the fight song with the student body. All those

types of things I learned first at Ohio State."

Florida targeted Meyer in 2004 as he was leading Utah in an unbeaten season. So did Notre Dame. He had quickly risen to the top of the charts among young coaches by engineering rapid turnarounds at Bowling Green, where he went 17-6 in 2001-02, and with the Utes, who 22 won games in his two seasons.

"The biggest thing I learned, and it is an offshoot of the guys I worked for, Lou Holtz, Bob Davie, Earle Bruce is that the head coaches jobs to get involved in every aspect of the program and turn it over to no one," Meyer said Friday during media day at University of Phoenix Stadium. "Ultimately, it's a coaching job to get involved in every aspect of the program and turn it over to no one," Meyer said Friday during media day at University of Phoenix Stadium. "Ultimately, it's a coaching job to get involved in every aspect of the program and turn it over to no one," Meyer said Friday during media day at University of Phoenix Stadium.

Meyer took over a Florida program in need of direction. "I think (Meyer) just made all the guys really accountable for one another," Florida quarterback Chris Leak said.



Florida head coach Urban Meyer, right, talks with quarterback Chris Leak on Oct. 29, 2006, in Jacksonville, Fla. Ohio State and Florida will meet in the BCS National Championship game on Monday in Glendale, Ariz.

McGrady, Rockets down Jazz

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored a season-high 44 points, Dikembe Mutombo grabbed a season-best 19 rebounds and the Houston Rockets beat the Utah Jazz 109-86 on Friday night for their fifth-straight victory.

McGrady topped 30 points for the fourth consecutive game. He hit 14 of 31 shots and went 13-for-16 from the free-throw line, reaching 40 points for the 39th time in his career.

He fell four points shy of his high game in three seasons with Houston, set against Dallas in December 2004. McGrady's career high is 62 points, accomplished in his final season with Orlando.

Mutombo had a double-digit rebound total for the fifth straight game. The 40-year-old center has ably filled in for the injured Yao Ming, out at least six weeks with a broken right leg. The Rockets are 5-1 without Yao.

Carlos Drouot had 15 points and 17 rebounds, and Benoit Williams scored 19 points for Utah, which never recovered from Houston's game-opening 15-3 spur.

McGrady led the opening run, swishing two 3-pointers in the first 2 minutes, then blowing by Derek Fisher for an easy layup. McGrady ended the burst with a 3-pointer from the wing, confidently nodding as he trotted down the court and setting the tone for his big night.

The Jazz missed six of their first seven shots before Fisher's 3-pointer with 8:13 left in the first quarter.

Wizards 116, Clippers 105

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored 29 of his 35 points in the first half and added a season-high 12 assists Friday night, leading the Washington Wizards past the Los Angeles Clippers 116-105 and drawing "M-V-P" chants from the sellout crowd.

Then he headed to his star-studded birthday celebration.

Arenas scored 13 points in the first quarter, 16 in the second on 7-of-8 shooting, but was only 3-for-10 the rest of the way. He also had seven rebounds in the Wizards' seventh win in eight games.

Caton Butler had 27 points — his fifth consecutive game with at least 20 — six assists and five rebounds for Washington, which is 13-3 at home. Antawn Jamison added 19 points, and Brendan Haywood contributed 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Elton Brand had 29 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers.

Nets 91, Bulls 86

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter and Jason Kidd combined to



Houston Rockets forward Tracy McGrady (11) goes for a shot between Utah Jazz defenders Mehmet Orlu (13) and Carlos Boozer during the second quarter Friday in Houston.

score 10 straight points down the stretch, and New Jersey rallied from an 18-point deficit to beat Chicago for the 10th straight time at home.

Carter finished with 21 points, while Kidd had 17 points and 10 rebounds to help the Nets earn their first three-game winning streak. Richard Jefferson scored 18 points and Boston Nachbar, making his first start as a Net, had 16.

Luol Deng scored 22 points to lead Chicago.

Raptors 105, Hawks 92

TORONTO — Chris Bosh scored 21 points in helping Toronto send Atlanta to its eighth straight loss.

Joey Graham tied a career high with 19 points and had eight rebounds for the Raptors, who never trailed.

Marvin Williams scored 24 points for the Hawks.

Backup point guard Joe Calderon added a season-high 12 assists and 12 points for the Raptors, who had five players score in double figures.

Magic 106, Bobcats 74

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 22 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks to lead Orlando to its third straight victory.

James Nelson added 20 points, going 4-of-6 from 3-point range for the Magic, who limited Charlotte to 29 percent shooting in the game. Ernie Ford scored 19 points and 10 rebounds and nine blocks.

Matt Carroll led the Bobcats with 19

points, while Raymond Felton had 11 points and seven assists.

Celtics 128, Grizzlies 119

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Wally Szczerbiak scored 26 points and Tony Allen added 20 to lead seven players in double figures for Boston, which won for only the second time in nine games.

Ryan Gomes, Brian Scalabrine and Deonte West scored 16 points apiece, for Boston, which is without leading scorer Paul Pierce because of an injured left foot. Al Jefferson had 12 and Kendrick Perkins 10.

Mike Miller and Pau Gasol led the Grizzlies with 24 points each, and Miller had 14 assists.

Timberwolves 104, 76ers 102, 0T

MINNEAPOLIS — After missing the potential winner at the end of regulation, Kevin Garnett hit a 15-footer with Samuel Dalembert's hand in his face as the buzzer sounded in overtime to lift Minnesota to its third win in a row.

Garnett finished with 25 points and 14 rebounds, and Trenon Hasselsted tied a career high with 22 points for the Timberwolves.

Kyle Korver had 25 points and Andre Iguodala had 23 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for Philadelphia.

Mavericks 90, Spurs 85

SAN ANTONIO — Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 36 points and Josh Howard added 18 to lead Dallas to its 13th straight victory.

Howard grabbed 12 rebounds in Dallas' third straight win in San Antonio, dating to Game 7 of last season's Western Conference semifinals.

San Antonio was led by Manu Ginobili, who scored 25 points. Tim Duncan had 18 points, Tony Parker contributed 15 and Felipe Lopez was perfect from the field, going 7-of-7 for 14 points.

Cavaliers 95, Bucks 86

MILWAUKEE — Drew Gooden scored a season-high 31 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to carry a struggling LeBron James and lift Cleveland to a come-from-behind victory over Milwaukee.

Larry Hughes scored 22 points and Zdravko Radovic added 11 for Cleveland. James finished with eight points, scoring less than 10 for only the eighth time in his career.

Michael Redd scored 24. Andrew Bogut added 16 points, Ruben Patterson 13 and Mo Williams 11 for the Bucks.

— The Associated Press

Steelers' Cowher steps down after 15 seasons

PITTSBURGH (AP) — His was the best known jaw in the NFL, a jutting block granite that perfectly reflected his toughness and passion for winning.

What no one seemed to know about Bill Cowher was that finally winning the Super Bowl with the Pittsburgh Steelers not only calmed his competitiveness—but sent him off on a football sabbatical with a look he rarely flashed before a signed of satisfaction.

Cowher resigned Friday after 15 seasons as the Steelers' coach, a job he probably could have held for life—or, at least, for as long as the 23 years predecessor Chuck Noll held it. The Steelers immediately began searching for a new coach for only the second time since a man who when other NFL teams have had as many as 15 coaches.

Steel president Art Rooney II said Steelers assistants Ken Whisenand and Russ Grimm are among the candidates. Both are interviewing for some of the other four current NFL job openings, with Whisenand already talking to the Falcons and Cardinals.

One word noticeably absent during Cowher's farewell to the Steelers was retirement — he said it makes him sound old. He is only 49, an age when some head coaches are only being hired, and he didn't deny he might want to catch again some day. Maybe soon.

For now, the man Steelers chairman Dan Rooney calls "one of the great head coaches" plans to spend time with his family at their new home in Raleigh, N.C., where his wife, Kaye, and youngest daughter, Lindsay, relocated last summer.

"I'm not burned out," Cowher said. "There comes a time in your life — I'm healthy and happy, and I've been fortunate — you've got to prioritize things. My family has made a lot of sacrifices for me, and I'm looking forward to being there for them. It's the right time."

That means Cowher and his wife will be attending a lot of basketball games in the next few months since he'll be coaching at Morgan and Lauren play at Princeton.

Cowher's 161-99-1 record ranks him fourth among current-era coaches in career wins. He won a Super Bowl last season after six trips to the AFC championship game and took the Steelers to playoff 10 times. Cowher's com-



Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher smiles as he announces Friday in Pittsburgh that he is stepping down as Steelers head coach after 15 years.

Bill Cowher Record

| Regular Season | W | L | T | Pct |
|-----------------|-----|----|---|------|
| 1992 Pittsburgh | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 |
| 1993 Pittsburgh | 9 | 7 | 0 | .563 |
| 1994 Pittsburgh | 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 |
| 1995 Pittsburgh | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 |
| 1996 Pittsburgh | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 |
| 1997 Pittsburgh | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 |
| 1998 Pittsburgh | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 |
| 1999 Pittsburgh | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 |
| 2000 Pittsburgh | 9 | 7 | 0 | .563 |
| 2001 Pittsburgh | 13 | 3 | 0 | .813 |
| 2002 Pittsburgh | 10 | 5 | 1 | .656 |
| 2003 Pittsburgh | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 |
| 2004 Pittsburgh | 11 | 4 | 0 | .729 |
| 2005 Pittsburgh | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 |
| 2006 Pittsburgh | 8 | 8 | 0 | .500 |
| Totals | 149 | 90 | 1 | .623 |

Postseason

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|-----------------|----|-------|------|
| 1992 Pittsburgh | 0 | 1.000 | |
| 1993 Pittsburgh | 1 | 1.000 | |
| 1994 Pittsburgh | 1 | 1.000 | |
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| 1996 Pittsburgh | 1 | 1.000 | |
| 1997 Pittsburgh | 1 | 1.000 | |
| 1998 Pittsburgh | 1 | 1.000 | |
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| 2001 Pittsburgh | 1 | 1.000 | |
| 2002 Pittsburgh | 4 | 1.000 | |
| Totals | 12 | 9 | .571 |

petitiveness, ability to get the maximum from his players and his motivational skills seemed a perfect fit for a franchise that has long prided itself on being tough, resilient and committed to success.

Singh hangs on for a 1-shot lead at Mercedes-Benz Championship



Vijay Singh follows his drive off the tee during the second round of the Mercedes-Benz Championship PGA Tour event in Kapalua, Hawaii, Friday.

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Vijay Singh had one bad swing Friday, but it wasn't enough for him to lose the lead in the rain, whipping wind and eventual sunshine at the Mercedes-Benz Championship.

Singh pulled his tee shot in the native grasses on the par-5 18th hole, hit a remarkable recovery and escaped with a par, giving him his second straight 4-under 69 and a one-shot lead over Trevor Immelman and Will MacKenzie in the PGA Tour event.

MacKenzie made his lone bogey on the 17th after being put on the clock and rushing a putt, and he had a chance to tie Singh until missing a 10-foot birdie on the final hole, settling for a 70.

Immelman, the rookie of the year in 2006, birdied two of his last three holes for a 68.

The elements changed, but the Plantation course at Kapalua remained a stern test.

The start of the second round was

delayed 1 hour, 20 minutes because of a light rain that began overnight and didn't stop until an hour after the round began. The trade wind pulled up strength to 35 mph gusts as it tried shoo the clouds away.

Singh thought it was nearly unplayable as he made the turn in a few for the lead, but he picked up a le for more birdies and reached 8-under 138.

"I'd like it to calm down a little bit," Singh said.

But he had few complaints about his position. He has finished a combined four, shots behind three-time defending champion Stuart Appleby the last three years, and has not finished out of the top 10 since the winners-only tournament moved here in 1999.

Appleby shot 72 and was seven shots behind in his bid to tie a PGA Tour record with his fourth straight win at the same event.

Davis Love III (71), Chris Couch (70) and J.B. Holmes (68) were 5-under 141, with

Adam Scott (69) another shot behind.

Holmes was surprised to be in contention. He learned 20 minutes before his tee time that he would be playing alone because Aaron Oberholzer withdrew because of a back injury. Holmes made a sloppy bogey on the opening hole and showed no signs of doing anything great until a chip from deep grass in the collar of a bunker on the ninth for a tap-in birdie.

Starting with a 20-foot putt on the 11th, Holmes ran off four straight birdies. He felt so confident at the end of that stretch that he attacked the 305-yard 14th with driver, even though it was into the wind and surrounded by bunkers. He came up 20 yards short of the green to set up an easy birdie.

"I think it sets up great for me," Holmes said, one of 13 newcomers to Kapalua.

The story in Kapalua continued to be the weather, with rain that made the 7,411-yard play even longer, and wind that put a premium on controlling the flight of shots and finding the right pace on the putts.

Tomlinson adds Offensive Player to MVP award

NEW YORK (AP) — With a bushel full of records and an MVP award under his belt in his 2006 collection, LaDainian Tomlinson added The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year to his resume Friday.

Could there have been any doubt as to L.T.'s made-over look EZ in sparking the San Diego Chargers to the NFL's best record (14-2)? Tomlinson, voted Most Valuable Player on Thursday, broke Shaun Alexander's league record for touch-downs by scoring 31 (22 rushing) and also threw for two scores. The brilliant running back not only scored the mark Seattle's Alexander established last year in also winning the MVP-offensive player award for the first time in his career. Paul Hornung's 46-year-old record for points by getting 106.

And L.T. rushed for a league-high 1,815 yards on 348 carries, had 56 receptions for 508 yards and was 2-for-3 as a passer, both completions

AP NFL Offensive Player

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2006 NFL Offensive Player of the Year, selected by The Associated Press in collaboration with a nationwide media poll:

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|--------------------------------|----|
| LaDainian Tomlinson, San Diego | 38 |
| Drew Brees, New Orleans | 38 |
| Peyton Manning, Indianapolis | 3 |
| Steven Jackson, St. Louis | 1 |

for scores, giving him six in his six-year career, tying him for second among non-quarterbacks.

"There's so much work that you put in during the offseason, putting your body through some rigorous training and pushing yourself to the max," Tomlinson said of the honor. "That's why something like this happens. It makes it all worth it. You feel like everything I do in the offseason, everything I put my body through in training camp and up to this point, it's worth it. It pays off."

It paid off with 38 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the league. Next was Tomlinson's former quarterback with the Chargers, the Saints' Drew Brees with eight, followed by Indianapolis QB Peyton Manning with three and St. Louis RB Steven Jackson with one.

Brees also was second and Manning third in the MVP balloting. Tomlinson rushed for at least 100 yards 10 times this season, including nine in a row, and scored two or more TDs in 10 games. The highlights were four-touchdown games against San Francisco and Cincinnati.

Tomlinson credits the close-knit nature of the Chargers for his outstanding year.

"Every day you go to work with these guys," he said. "They're a special group to me. I think this group I will always remember team I've been on. We've got a unique situation that

kind of reminds me of college days. That's something that you really don't get in the National Football League, because you really don't have the time to get to know guys and really spend time with them.

"On this team it's different. It seems like every guy is like a brother."

— It's that brotherhood that camaraderie and the respect for each other that L.T. cherishes more than any records.

"It's more important to me to be a better person. At the end of the day that's what people remember," Tomlinson said. "Football is a game that I obviously love to play and a lot of guys enjoy playing the game. But that's not who I am. I'm not just a football player, I'm a human being, an individual, a person. I respect other human beings and that's what it's all about, giving respect to other human beings and just really trying to have an impact on people's lives that I come across because I am in a position to do that."



San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson smiles on the sideline after scoring a touchdown during the Chargers' 48-20 victory over the Denver Broncos in San Diego Dec. 10, 2006. Tomlinson added The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year to his resume Friday.

Chiefs-Colts will light up scoreboard

When a series of fortuitous circumstances put Kansas City into the postseason and matched the Chiefs with Indianapolis, it almost certainly guaranteed one thing in their game Saturday: a lot of points.

These teams, after all, met three years ago in a playoff game at Arrowhead Stadium in which there were no punts. The Colts went that one 31-17.

"This could be the same kind of contest when they begin the four-game wild-card weekend."

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COLTS, 31-17

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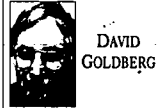
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WILD CARD WEEKEND (All times EST)

The Indianapolis Colts' defense will get tested right away against Larry Johnson who broke his own team record last season with 1,789 rushing yards. The Colts are hoping their explosive offense — second in the league with 287 points a game — can make up for their patchy defense.

| DATE | TIME | NETWORK | TEAMS |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| SATURDAY | 4:30 p.m. | NBC | Kansas City at Indianapolis |
| | 8 p.m. | NBC | Dallas at Seattle |
| SUNDAY | 1 p.m. | CBS | N.Y. Jets at New England |
| | 4:30 p.m. | FOX | N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia |



DAVID GOLDBERG

39 points to Detroit last week. The Seahawks are playing better, perhaps in time for a push into the Super Bowl at a conference where nobody stands out.

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SEAHAWKS, 29-24

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PATRIOTS, 20-16

New York Giants (plus 6½) at Philadelphia

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EAGLES, 31-13

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Nonetheless, Indianapolis is favored by 6½ points, largely because it is at home and has Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison to match anything Johnson can do — even though the Chiefs' defense under Herman Edwards is certainly better than it was in January 2004. For those who doubt in such things, the over-under is 51, a very reachable figure unless the Chiefs keep the clock running with their rushing game.

Funny thing about the Colts: nobody expects much of them this year, unlike last season, when they entered the playoffs as the top seed in the AFC. So maybe they'll go further than most people believe.

"I think we're definitely

Third time around for Belichick and Mangini

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Belichick was thumped when Eric Mangini, his longtime protégé, left to coach the New York Jets. So he can't be thrilled that he's managed to bring the Jets to Foxborough for wild-card playoff matchup Sunday.

One of the Patriots' four defeats was a home loss to Miami. But that's where they're getting ready to face each other in the opening round of the AFC playoffs, things are a little warmer between the "genies."

"Eric and I have had a great job," Bill Belichick said this week. One of the few times since Mangini left after last season that Belichick has referred to his former protégé by name — let alone his first name only.

Mangini said last week, referring to his mentor as "Bill" for the first time.

"One of the qualities I admire so much about him is, as smart as he is, as much success as he's had, his work ethic hasn't changed," New York's coach said during the week. "He puts in the same amount of time and energy and effort and thought into the preseason games, the first game of the season, as he does any other game. It doesn't matter whether it's three Super Bowl rings, Man of the Year, whatever the accolades are, it doesn't change."

The Jets-Patriots matchup, the third of the season between the teams, will start at 1 p.m. EST Sunday, one of two games between division rivals that day. The other starts at 4:30, when the Giants visit Philadelphia in the NFC.

When they come after the games today, Kansas City at Indianapolis at 2:30 p.m. in the AFC, followed by Dallas at

Seattle at 6 p.m. in the NFC.

But none of those has the intrigue of the Jets-Patriots game, featuring two coaches who worked together in the AFC East relationship cooled (especially from Belichick's end) when Mangini left for a division rival, then got very chilly when the Patriots filed a tampering charge against the Jets alleging they proffered contract terms to wide receiver Deion Branch before the Patriots traded Branch to Seattle.

Mangini certainly has made the Jets, a 4-12, a year ago, more competitive on the field. New York won 17-14 in Foxborough on Nov. 12 and finished 10-6, second to New England's 12-4 in the AFC East.

Still, the Patriots are near double-digit favorites, in part because they will be seeking their fourth NFL title in six years.

"I didn't really want to play the Jets in the first round," says the Jets' leading receiver, said, "They're the last team you want to see in the playoffs."

rushing, against an Indianapolis defense that allowed 173 yards a game, by far the worst in the league. But the Colts were 8-0 at home this year as Peyton Manning took advantage of a first down at the back track at the RCA Dome. That makes this likely to be something like the game these two played three Januarys ago in Kansas City — a 38-31 win by Indy in which there were no punts.

Dallas (9-7) at Seattle (9-7)

Two teams whose struggles are typical of the NFC, where mediocrity rules.

Seattle, the defending conference champion, didn't play well in the last two games and was beaten in one of them, a 20-17 last-minute loss at home to San Diego.

But at least that was to a team with a 14-2 record, the best in the NFL.

The Cowboys, who entering the last month had a two-game lead in the NFC East, lost their finale 39-31 at home to Detroit, which finished 3-13. Tony Romo, who made the Pro Bowl despite playing little more than a half-season at quarterback, struggled during a 1-3 finish, losing two fumbles and throwing an interception in the loss to the Lions.

"I don't want to discourage his ability to create," coach Bill Parcells says of his young QB, whose emergence pushed Terrell Owens from the spotlight in Dallas. "But the judgment has to improve on some things."

Asked if that was inexperienced, Parcells replied: "No. Overconfidence."

PLAYOFFS

Kansas City (9-7) at Indianapolis (12-4)

Going into last Sunday's games, the Chiefs were the longest shot to make it among the AFC wild-card contenders. Thanks to a 35-30 win over Jacksonville combined with losses by Cincinnati, Tennessee and Denver, they got in a year after they finished 10-6 and missed.

There's an obvious mismatch on paper in this game: the Chiefs' Larry Johnson, second in the NFL with 1,789 yards

under the radar. "Tony Dunst says of his team, 'But they're not really a good thing. Usually when everyone thinks you're playing well, it's because you are.'"

Indianapolis certainly isn't playing well on defense. But the Colts are home.

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Miami Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor talks to the media Friday at the team's Doris, Fla., training camp, discussing the NFL Defensive Player of the Year award he received.

Bright spot for Dolphins: Taylor wins defense award

DAVIS, Fla. (AP) — If Jason Taylor calls it quits, he'll leave at his peak.

The Miami Dolphins' defensive end, who is contemplating retirement at age 32, was honored Friday as the league's defensive player of the year.

Frustrated by a franchise record five consecutive years out of the playoffs, Taylor said he's unsure whether he'll return next season.

"I don't want to create a drama," he said. "Let me get away for a while and recharge and get on the boat a little bit and spend some time with my kids. They're probably drive me crazy enough to want to come back to work."

Taylor provided one of the few bright spots during the Dolphins' disappointing season. They lost 10 games to finish last in the AFC East, then lost their coach this week when Nick Saban bolted for Alabama, ending more than a month of speculation.

Through it all, Taylor thrived. He had 19 sacks, forced 10 fumbles, recovered two, intercepted two passes and returned both for scores.

"The award is about making plays that make a difference, and Jason certainly did

NFL Defensive Player

NEW YORK — Voting for the 2006 NFL Defensive Player of the Year as selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

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| Jason Taylor, Miami | 22 |
| Champ Bailey, Denver | 16 |
| Shawn Merriman, S.D. | 6 |
| Brian Urlacher, Chicago | 4 |
| Ray Lewis, Baltimore | 1 |
| Trevor Pryce, Baltimore | 1 |

that," said former Dolphins safety Dick Anderson, who won the honor in 1973. "It's a guy who changes the scope of the game. It's just a spectacular player."

Taylor earned 22 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters. Denver cornerback Champ Bailey received 16, and San Diego linebacker Shawn Merriman finished third with six.

Last week, Taylor said Merriman's candidacy was tainted because he missed four games for violating the NFL's steroids policy.

Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher received four votes.

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| Standard & Poor's 500 | 1,409.71 | ▲6.83 |
| Russell 2000 | 775.87 | ▲14.00 |

Stocks of local interest

| Stock | Price | Change |
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| Con Agra | 27.33 | ▼ .19 |
| Dell Inc. | 26.16 | ▼ .08 |
| Idacorp | 38.02 | ▼ 1.07 |
| Litika Motors | 26.59 | ▼ .53 |
| Micron | 13.58 | ▼ .21 |
| Supervalu | 36 | ▲ .14 |

Commodities

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| Feb. 03 Live cattle | 92.57 | ▲ .72 |
| Feb. 03 Feo. gold | 606.90 | ▼ 19.33 |

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Chamber offers leadership seminar series

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia Leadership is a series of one-day seminars held monthly from February to August for the purpose of providing information on the inner workings of the community from a variety of perspectives.

The program provides insights into public decision making, private entrepreneurship and practical discussions on business issues relative to Mini-Cassia.

Benefits of the program include broadening community perspectives, building leadership skills, establishing working relationships with classmates, personal growth and networking with other community leaders.

Leadership skills are cultivated and refined throughout the series of seminars with a final wrap-up session challenging each participant to use newly learned skills in leadership positions.

Seminar topics include local and state government, education issues, industry and agriculture, community health, the legal system and tourism.

Second-year participants plan the seminars and secure speakers for the new class of participants.

To graduate from the program, the attendees can miss no more than three sessions, including half-days.

Tuition is \$395 and the class is limited to 15 participants. The deadline for registration is Feb. 1.

For more information or to register, call the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at 679-4793.

The high price of ethanol?



A handful of corn is shown before it is processed at the Tall Corn ethanol plant in Coon Rapids, Iowa. An agricultural economist and founder of a Washington-based environmental think tank has said that ethanol production will consume more corn than the government has estimated and could result in shortages of corn for livestock feed, driving up production costs and causing higher food prices.

Economist warns ethanol plants gobbling up too much corn, could lead to higher food prices

By David Pitt
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — The rapidly growing demand for corn to produce ethanol is greater than the U.S. government realizes and could drive up food prices because of livestock feed shortages, an agricultural economist said Thursday.

Lester Brown, founder of the Earth Policy Institute, a Washington-based environmental think tank, warned that nearly twice as much corn as the government has estimated will be needed from the 2008 harvest to feed the ethanol plants that will be online by then. He blamed the lag on the failure of industry trade groups to keep up with development of ethanol plants.

Many industry observers rely on estimates by the Washington-based Renewable Fuels Association for figuring ethanol production capacity and corn demand.

Association President Bob Dinwiddie said the ethanol industry is moving rapidly, but his organization's estimates are as accurate as possible.

He questioned the criteria used by Earth Policy Institute, saying some plants in planning stages included in the group's estimates may never be built. According to the Earth Policy Institute's data, U.S. ethanol distilleries, now online or in the works will pull an estimated 139 million tons — or 5.5 billion bushels — of corn from the 2008 corn harvest to produce fuel for automobiles.

That is based on 16 existing ethanol plants, 79 under construction, 11 undergoing expansion and 209 plants in the planning stages expected to be running by corn harvest time in September 2008.



Lynn Barry, of the Tall Corn ethanol plant in Coon Rapids, Iowa, in this May 24 photo.

The ethanol plant in a February report estimated the government plants would use about 60 million tons — or 2.3 billion bushels of corn.

Keith Collins, chief economist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, acknowledged that industry estimates of ethanol production have lagged, but he was skeptical of the Earth Policy Institute's estimates.

"That sinks me as high," he said. "The point that they're making is a valid point. The expansion in the industry has been outstripping everybody's expectations. My experience over the last 18 months has been to be continually updating, increasing our own estimates of the production and corn use for ethanol."

In a telephone conference call with reporters, Brown said the demand for corn by ethanol plants will result in higher prices for food staples such as milk, eggs, meat and cheese.

Idaho company tries to perfect modified potatoes

By Jeanne Marlan Alvarado
Associated Press writer

BOISE — In the potato capital of the world, spud henchos made sizzling rich on America's french fry affair fill downtown offices. In the distance, potato fields sprawl east and west and there are ample cafes to carb-load on spuds served baked, stuffed, fried and, somewhat miraculously, frozen into ice cream.

And inside tucked-away laboratories in the town that has brown buds, teams of scientists are splicing potato genes, working daily to perfect Idaho's top cash crop with modern biotechnology.

A.J.R. Simplot Co., the eponymous potato company founded by Idaho's richest man, biologists have used gene technology to design a spud that's tastier and resistant to unsightly bruises and sprouts.

What's more, the potato's revamped gene structure rebuffs acrylamides, potentially dangerous chemicals that that studies suggest bond with sugars in fried potatoes.

Company officials stress that the new potato, a genetically modified Russet Ranger, is in a preliminary research stage. It

will be five to 10 years before Simplot markets a genetically enhanced potato that could supplant unmodified Russet Burbanks, the variety sold by the billion to fast-food restaurants across the world.

Still, the recent announcement of the new Russet Ranger in an industry scientific journal underscores the potential of biotechnology to mute the adverse health affects of fried snacks, while stoking the ethical debate surrounding these so-called "Frankenfoods."

Processed foods with genetically altered materials don't taste as good as most U.S. supermarkets, the reconfigured gene structure invisible to the consumer because the government does not require labels like most countries in Europe.

However, whole foods in supermarket produce sections are almost never genetically engineered. Only a few brands of bio-engineered Hawaiian papayas and a tiny amount of sweet corn ears and squash plants are on the market, said Gregory Jaffe, biotechnology project director for the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington, D.C.

All potatoes on the market, however,

retain their original genetic structure: there currently are no genetically modified potatoes in American stores, said Calus Rommens, Simplot's lead biologist on the gene-silencing project.

"It's five years down the road and only if consumers really want it," Rommens said. "But this could be the first. It's a breakthrough — the first time genetic modification ever enhanced flavor."

There are more than 50,000 genes in a potato. The scientists at Simplot removed two of those genes and introduced replicas that silence some of their negative effects, Rommens said.

The altered potato could contain 7 percent more healthy starch, while offering a stronger flavor.

The new potato also stores longer before its starches begin to degrade. As starch degrades, sugars build in the potato. Those sugars form acrylamides when cooked under the intense heat of a fry oven or stove. International studies first reported a few years ago.

Studies have linked acrylamide to cancer in animals, according to the World Health Organization.

Magic Valley unemployment rates rise in December

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Unemployment rates edged up in December in most counties in south-central Idaho, according to the Idaho Commerce and Labor forecast released Friday.

Mindoko County had the eight-county region's highest unemployment rate — 4.2 percent in December, up from 4 percent in November. But that was still way down from the 5.7 percent in the same month the previous year.

Lincoln County had the region's second-highest unemployment rate and experienced the biggest jump from the previous month. December unemployment there was 3.9 percent, up from 3.2 percent the previous month.

Twin Falls - County's December jobless rate was 3.1 percent, up from 2.9 percent in November.

As for the statewide view, Bernata County had the highest December unemployment rate at 6.6 percent, and Teton County the lowest — just 1.5 percent.

Idaho's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged in December at

Unemployment rates

| County | Dec. 2006 | Nov. 2006 | Dec. 2005 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Blaine | 2.4% | 2.2% | 2.4% |
| Camas | 2% | 2.4% | 2.7% |
| Castilla | 3.5% | 3.5% | 4.2% |
| Gooding | 2.3% | 2.6% | 2.3% |
| Jerome | 2.9% | 2.8% | 2.8% |
| Lincoln | 3.9% | 3.2% | 4% |
| Mindoko | 4.2% | 4% | 5.7% |
| Twin Falls | 3.1% | 2.9% | 3.4% |

Combined labor markets

| County | Dec. 2006 | Nov. 2006 | Dec. 2005 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Twin Falls-Jerome counties | 3.1% | 2.9% | 3.3% |
| Cassia-Mindoko counties | 3.6% | 3.6% | 4.9% |

Source: Idaho Commerce and Labor forecasts

3.3 percent, ending 2006 with an average annual rate of 3.3 percent, a record low, according to Idaho Commerce and Labor. The national rate was steady at 4.5 percent, the third lowest it has been higher than the Idaho rate.

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Employers step up hiring in December, end 2006 on high note

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Employers stepped up hiring last month, boosting payrolls by a healthy 167,000 and keeping the unemployment rate steady at a still historically low 4.5 percent. Workers' wages grew briskly.

The latest snapshot of the nation's employment climate, released Friday by the Labor Department, showed that the jobs market ended 2006 on a strong note and provided fresh evidence that troubled housing and automotive sectors aren't dragging down employment across the country.

The tally of new jobs added to the economy last month exceeded analysts' forecasts for a gain of around 115,000 and was the best showing since September. Analysts were predicting the politically sensitive jobless rate would remain unchanged from November, which it did.

"This is a good report for the American worker," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

For all of 2006, the nation's unemployment rate dropped to a six-year low of 4.6 percent as the economy added 1.8 million jobs. In 2005, the unemployment rate averaged 5.1 percent.

While the economy losing momentum, though, many economists predict the jobless rate will climb this year and average around 4.9 percent.

On Wall Street, stocks fell as the strong jobs report threw cold water on investors' hopes that the Federal Reserve would soon slice interest rates to protect the economy against fallout from the real estate bust. The Dow Jones industrials were down 63 points and the Nasdaq index was off 18 points in morning trading.

In December, jobs gains in education and health care, business services, financial firms and leisure and hospitality swamped job losses in construction, manufacturing and retail. Jobs gains for both October and November turned out to be stronger

than the government previously thought.

Many employers showed not only a greater appetite to hire in December but also more willingness to boost compensation to workers.

Workers, many of whom had seen their paychecks eaten by inflation, saw wages grow robustly last month. Average hourly earnings jumped to \$17.04, a sizable 0.5 percent rise from the prior month. Analysts were forecasting a more modest, 0.3 percent increase.

Over the last 12 months, wages grew by a strong 4.2 percent. That matched the annual gain registered in November and was exceeded only by a 4.3 percent annual increase in September.

Growth in wages should support consumer spending — a force that helps drive the economy. But a rapid and sustained advance — if not blunted by other economic forces — can stoke concerns about inflation.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank will be on close watch for any signs that wage growth might be spurring an unwanted pickup in inflation.

The Federal Reserve, which has boosted rates 17 times since June 2004 to fend off inflation, has been on the sidelines since August. Analysts believe the Fed will keep its finger on the interest-rate pause button when it meets next on Jan. 30-31. The strong wage and job-growth figures also dashed investors' hopes that the Fed might soon lower rates.

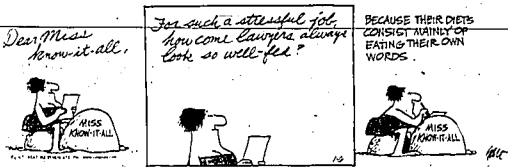
The latest employment snapshot comes as the new Democratic-controlled Congress, which convened Thursday, will now play a lead role in shaping policies for workers and businesses.

A top priority for Democrats is boosting the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour. President Bush said he supports such a move as long as it is paired with business-friendly provisions, which would soften the sting to employers who would have to dole out more in labor costs.

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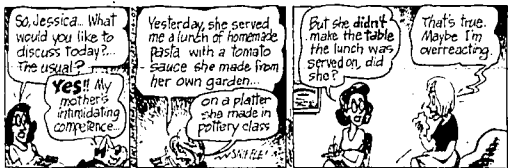
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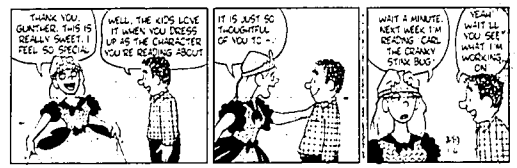
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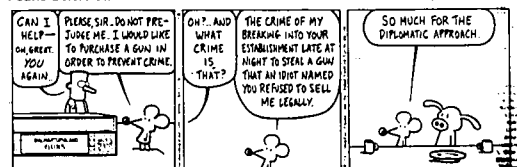
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Sustained effort brings results for Leos

IF JAN. 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Those born on this day may have paid their dues and learned their lessons well, but now need to patiently wait for the best time to launch key plans. Wishful thinking and an unwillingness to face facts can cause setbacks or errors of judgment in March and April. Reassess your plans or put strategies into motion during June when you will receive the most help and assistance from others. Take a break from routines by setting off on an exotic vacation or trying a belly dancing class in August. Opportunities that drop in your lap in October may prove valuable and beneficial in more ways than one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Anyone can have dreams, but it takes determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort to see them come true.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Grin and bear it. Past mistakes could keep you harnessed to the yoke. The good news is that your sweetie or a recent hookup will be willing to massage away the stresses of a long day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Those with a one-track mind have no choice but to reach

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their destination. Even the most strenuous jobs eventually get completed. Plan on cozy and contented moments with an affectionate someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): While you work, Get distasteful tasks out of the way early in the day. You may stumble upon an old love letter or a memorable picture. Certain disclosures may warm up a relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A sculpture requires steady chipping. Make a sustained and reliable effort in order to enjoy the final results. Romantic desires might be ignited later this evening with a special someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take pride in adequate forethought. Work to keep nice things in tiptop condition. Schedule routine oil changes, dental appointments, or just get down on your hands and knees to scour the bathtub.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put a name to a worry. Once you have given something a label you can safely put it away on a

shelf. Loved ones may expect you to be more organized and precise about small details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Knowledge is power. Tackle old problems that reappear with brains instead of brawn. Your sex appeal might glow a little more brightly than usual and lure a lover into your lair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Busy schedules require careful organization. Your usual carefree, lappy-go-lucky ways won't cut the mustard under these celestial conditions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dangling carrots spur you on. Getting what you want may require hard work and persistence. The prize may be well within reach. A sensual lover may reward you in private.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a lid on it. Be clear about a need for confidentiality and don't be embarrassed about making privacy a bone of contention. Loved ones will respect you more for being forthright.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your shoulder to the wheel. Plug away at meeting old obligations rather than creating new ones. A friend or a significant other might offer some helpful information or a valuable incentive.

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By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



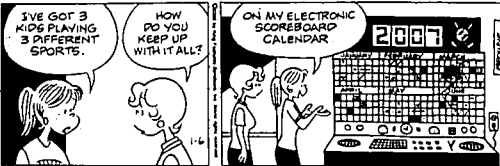
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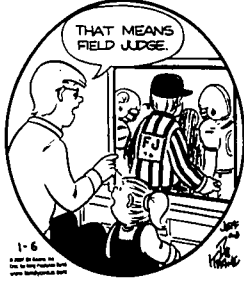
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Girl wonders how to confront negative stereotypes of teens

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old girl who often hears negative comments directed at teenagers as a whole. The other day I was sitting in a bookstore, quietly reading, when an employee commented to a customer that "some teenagers were just in here—that's probably why the display is a mess." I have heard other strangers make remarks about teens being lazy, slovenly, apathetic and rude. If these comments were directed at specific ethnic or religious groups, they would be regarded as discrimination, so I want to know if my saying something to these people would be appropriate—and also why ageism, clearly a harmful form of stereotyping, is acceptable when it's directed at young people.

I am tired of being followed by store owners and watching other passengers on the bus grab their belongings and scoot away when I come near them. What should I do?

—SICK OF AGEISM IN SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR SICK OF AGEISM: Although times change, human nature does not. I agree that many upstanding teens get a bad rap, it might interest you to see this 5th-century B.C. quotation attributed to Socrates: "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love chatter in places of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

before company, gobble food and tyrannize their teachers." In your case, I don't think scolding or lecturing the offenders would be helpful. Any intelligent person knows that the vast majority of teens today are honest, hardworking, law-abiding and upstanding.

Therefore, if you are being followed around by store owners, and bus passengers grab their belongings and scot away when they see you, it's time to take a critical look at how you present yourself. Is there something about your appearance that could be considered weird or threatening? If the answer is "maybe," then it's time for a makeover.

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, a close friend passed away at the young age of 29. Every year, on or close to the anniversary of his death, I send his family a card to let them know that I am thinking of them and have not forgotten. I am now wondering if I should continue to send cards or if it is time to stop. I don't want them to feel as though nobody remembers. Do I just stop sending the card?
—REMEMBERING A FRIEND IN OHIO
DEAR REMEMBERING: You did not mention whether your

cards have been acknowledged by the family. If they have been, then continue to send them. However, if they have not been acknowledged, it is time to stop.

DEAR ABBY: I was married last weekend in a small family setting. It is the second marriage for both my husband and me. My father left right after the ceremony, took Mom with him, and missed our wedding reception in order to watch a college football game. He had never met my in-laws before.

I am furious and embarrassed, and I'm not sure how to get over the hurt of knowing a game he could have taped on his VCR was more important than being with me at such an important event. Can you give me any advice?
—WOUNDED BRIDE IN NEBRASKA

DEAR WOUNDED BRIDE: Your father either dropped the ball, or he was sending a message to you and your new in-laws. Perhaps he is still upset over the failure of your first marriage. Or, he may not like your new husband and he may be hesitant to show it was cruel and insensitive, and has probably created a rift where he had an opportunity to build a bridge. Sad for you, but sadder for Dad. To try to forgive him, concentrate on building a successful marriage, and do not look to your parents for approval—because if you do, you will only leave yourself open to more disappointment.

These false teeth weren't for chomping

In the time of George Washington, you took out your false teeth to eat. They weren't designed for eating—they were just there to look good.

This day in history: On Jan. 6, 1797, London haberdasher James Hetherington was arrested and fined 50 English pounds for "wearing upon his head a tall structure of shining brass calculated to disturb third people." It was his design, the first top hat. According to a newspaper afterward, passersby panicked at the sight, women fainted, children screamed, dogs yelped, and an errand boy's arm was broken when tripped during the hubbub.

Famous primary school dropouts include Henry Ford, Orville and Wilbur Wright, George Gershwin, Frank George Dean Minors, Jack London, Al Pacino, Rod McKuen, and Cher.

The average bathroom visi-



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

tor uses 8.6 sheets of toilet paper per visit, 57 sheets a day. That's a total of 20,805 sheets per year.

An old dictionary defines a pilgrim as a "a poor, ill-dressed person; an object of pity or contempt."

In the 1800s, the first major wine region in America was centered around Sandusky, Ohio.

How do they get the scent into scratch and sniff paper? Oily scent extracts dropped in water are furiously nixed, breaking them into microscopic droplets. At that instant, a gelatinous mixture is added that settles around the droplets,

encasing them. After drying, the bubbles are mixed into an adhesive that prints like ink onto paper. When you scratch the paper, you break open some of the droplets, releasing the oil and its scent.

One of the slaves owned by George and Martha Washington was Maria's half-sister. The average cat spends 30 percent of its (famously) minimal waking hours cleaning itself.

The largest McDonald's is in Beijing, China. It has two kitchens, 29 cash registers, and seats for more than 700 people.

The Inca's all had the same blood type (O positive).

Oddly are that if you counted all the letters in this newspaper, 13 percent of them would be Es.

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Calf with two faces astounds onlookers

RURAL RETREAT, Va.—One of the newest arrivals at Kirk Heldreth's dairy farm is drawing freaked-out crowds. A calf with two faces was born Dec. 27 at Heldreth Dairy Farm, and word has spread in southwest Virginia as residents flock to his farm.

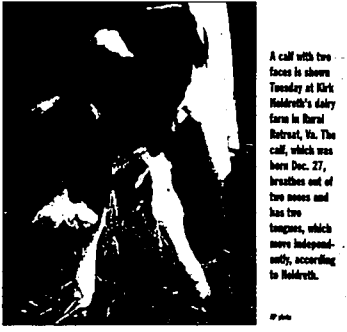
The calf breathes out of two noses and has two tongues, which move independently, according to Heldreth. There appears to be a single socket containing two eyes where the heads split. "It's the craziest thing I've ever seen," the dairyman said.

During the calf's birth, Heldreth said he first thought there were two calves, but has two lower jaws, but only one mouth. Heldreth feeds her through a tube, and acknowledges he probably can't maintain that feeding schedule for long.

The calf was the product of artificial insemination, which was supposed to create a genetically superior specimen. "Genetically, this is one of my better calves," he said.

Bob James, a professor in the dairy science department at Virginia Tech and Heldreth's former teacher, said such births are unusual. "In my 25 years, I've seen it maybe two or three times, but it's pretty rare," he said.

The animal is normal from



A calf with two faces is shown Tuesday at Kirk Heldreth's Dairy Farm in Va. The calf, which was born Dec. 27, breathes out of two noses and has two tongues, which move independently, according to Heldreth.

its tail until its unusually large head. Heldreth said the calf doesn't appear to have any other physical ailments or complications.

"It's as healthy as can be," he said.

Toy guns in photo shoots down team promotion

DES MOINES, Iowa—A poster promoting a girls' high school basketball team has been shot down because it shows the players holding toy guns.

The "Mission: Impossible" themed poster was yanked this week before they hit businesses.

Al Graziano, principal at Des Moines Lincoln High School, said the image of the 10 varsity players holding guns was unacceptable.

"It's as healthy as can be," he said. "It's impossible agents and if it stopped there, it would have been OK, but each held a toy revolver in their hands and that's what's objectionable," he said.

"It's inappropriate in today's climate of school violence and shootings," he said. "It's also inappropriate with Des Moines discipline policy, which prohibits displays or possession of weapons, toy or otherwise."

—The Associated Press

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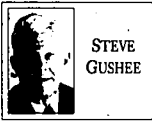
Are the faithful missing the joys of Christmas?

Christmas is but a fond memory for most of us, a one-day eruption of happiness that passes almost instantly.

In the church calendar, however, the Christmas season is a full 12 days that ends today on the Feast of the Epiphany. Christians often short-change their celebrations. We seem unable to sustain the joy of the Gospel's good news for more than a day or two. On the other hand, many do seem to love long penitential seasons such as Lent.

The strange pattern of cutting short celebration and dutifully honoring long periods of penance may be a hint of something askew in the practice of the faith.

It is almost as if the news of forgiveness, absolution and salvation that shine from the creche were too good to be true. We quickly jettison the Christmas signs of redemption.



STEVE GUSHEE

Joy, not penance, is the essential mark of Christianity.

Christmas trees are out of the house by New Year's Day. Nativity scenes and other decorations are stowed away in the attic. Life returns to what passes for normal. Life, however, was not meant to return to normal after the birth of Jesus.

The Christmas season may end on Epiphany, but the Epiphany actually enhances and extends the Christmas message. The emerging holy season makes the glad shout that this child born of Mary is the visible presence of God in the world. Wise men bring him gifts indicating their obedient submission to his will.

The Epiphany encourages the faithful to continue the celebration of Jesus' birth, and that season lasts for 40 to 50 weeks, depending on the date of Easter.

Easter itself, the longest season in the Christian calendar and intentionally 10 days longer than Lent, is over and done with for most of the faithful by sundown on the day of Resurrection.

Having spent 40 days in penitential preparation for the Resurrection, the faithful sing a chorus of Easter hymns and return to an existence essentially unchanged by the miracle of new life that Easter proclaims.

Centuries of a deeply penitential Christian faith have taken their toll. Much popular Christianity is preoccupied with the temptation to sin, driven by a compulsion to earn salvation and convert everyone to that grim gospel.

Christmas, however, brought the Christ child to everyone. Epiphany makes him known as the promise of God. Easter is the promise of new life to the world.

Joy, not penance, is the essential mark of Christianity. Eubourant celebration is the fundamental sign of the faith, boundless joy its greatest witness.

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Courting Generation Y

Why aren't twentysomethings going to church?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — During the first century of Christianity, the typical follower of the Jesus movement was in his or her twenties (life expectancy then was 28 years), disaffected with the official religion of the Roman Empire and likely to share spirituality with a small group of friends in a private residence or in a public house.

The more things change, it seems, the more they stay the same. The foregoing also describes a substantial number of 21st century Americans.

"It's a cultural thing that keeps a lot of twentysomethings away from church," explains Sam Fowler, minister at the First Church of the Nazarene and one of the Magic Valley clergymen whose chief assignment is to work with young adults. "Churches in general are not set up to meet their spiritual needs."

That's reflected in a recent study by the Barna Group, a Ventura, Calif.-based research organization that deals with spiritual life issues. It shows that despite strong levels of spiritual activity during the teen years, most twentysomethings disengage from active participation in the Christian faith during their young adult years — and often beyond that.

In total, six out of 10 twentysomethings were involved in a church during their teen years, but have failed to translate that into active spirituality during their early adulthood, according to the Barna study. An ABC News poll last year showed that just 28 percent of 18-30-year-olds attend services at least once a week, compared with 38 percent of the population as a whole.

"The college experience changes people," said Fowler, who is in his 30s. "They come out of college looking for the same sense of community, and they're not finding it at church."

The Barna research shows that, compared with older adults, twentysomethings report significantly less time spent alone studying and reading the Bible, volunteering to help churches, making donations to churches, going to Sunday school, and using Christian media — including television.

"People in their twenties don't relate to Jerry Falwell," Fowler said.

According to Barna, only one-fifth of twentysomethings have maintained a level of spiritual activity consistent with their high school experiences. Another 19 percent were never significantly reached by a Christian community during their teens and have remained disconnected from the Christian faith, the Barna study said.

That doesn't mean that Americans in their twenties aren't spiritual, however.



Sam Fowler, a minister at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, poses in the church's gym in this 2004 photo. Fowler ministers to young adults, who studies show are increasingly staying away from church.

Generation Y is a significant demographic in the so-called "home church" movement, in which growing numbers of Americans are praying and sharing spiritual ideas in private residences and coffeehouses.

"That's what appeals to twentysomethings," Fowler said. "Hanging out with their friends and talking about ideas."

In response to that, the Twin Falls Nazarene church launched its EPIC ministry, part of which is a Sunday night service that eschews preaching in favor of dialogue, personal testimony and music. It aims at an audience with no interest in donning a coat and necktie and sitting through a conventional church service.

"That's our goal, and we've had some success reaching that group of people," Fowler said. "But not as many as I'd like to."

Fowler suspects one source of twentysomethings' estrangement from churches, which are all about organizing and compartmentalizing spirituality, is that the things they hear at church simply aren't relevant to their lives.

"People's needs aren't being met," she said. "So they don't go to church."

But the Barna research suggests there's potential for changing that. As a group, American teenagers are open to churchgoing — 81 percent say they've attended a church for at least two months during their teenage years. More than three-quarters discuss mat-

| Who goes to church? | |
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| 38 | Percentage of Americans who attend religious services at least once a week. |
| 28 | Percentage of Americans 18-30 who attend services at least once a week. |
| 60 | Percentage of Americans 65 and older who go to church at least once a week. |
| 54 | Percentage of women who go to church at least once a week. |
| 32 | Percentage of men who do so. |
| 68 | Percentage of Southern women 45 and older who attend services at least once a week. |
| 47 | Percentage of Republicans who go to church once a week. |
| 38 | Percentage of Democrats who do so. |
| 38 | Percentage of Catholics who go to church once a week. |
| 49 | Percentage of Catholic women who go to church once a week. |
| 26 | Percentage of Catholic men who do so. |
| 46 | Percentage of Protestants who go to church at least once a week. |
| 42 | Percentage of Protestant men who do so. |
| 50 | Percentage of Protestant women who do so. |
| 52 | Percentage of Baptists who attend services. |

— Source: ABC News

ters of faith with peers and three out of five teens attend at least one youth group meeting at a church during a typical three-month period, according to Barna.

And the Barna study founded that one-third of teens say they participate in a Christian club on campus at some point during a typical school year.

There's also a significant amount of unorthodox spiritual activity: Three-quarters of America's teenagers have

engaged in at least one type of psychic or witchcraft-related activity during their teen years, according to Barna.

"Young people are interested in spirituality," Fowler said. "The question is how the church should respond to that."

"I pray a lot about that."

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Time to think seriously about a Mormon president?

By Drake Bennett
The Boston Globe

Despite all the attention that outgoing Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's religion has received, when he formally launches his campaign for president sometime in the next few weeks — as he is widely expected to do — he won't be the first Mormon to run for the office.

Just six years ago, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, made a short-lived presidential bid, and in 1967 Romney's own father, George, then governor of Michigan, was the early front-runner for the Republican nomination (until, notoriously, he blamed a "brainwashing" for his earlier support for the Vietnam War).

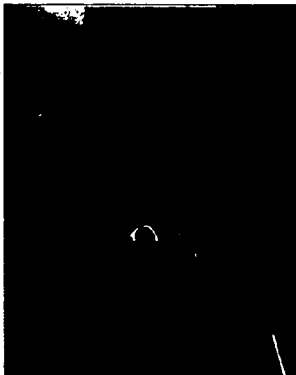
In fact, the phenomenon of Mormons running for president is almost as old as the religion itself. Joseph Smith, founding prophet of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, himself ran in 1844. Smith never had much of a chance, and he was shot to death by an Illinois mob that June, in one of the many instances in which hostility toward the insular church and its beliefs bubbled over into violence.

Not only was there the Mormon practice of polygamy (formally renounced by the church in 1890), but Smith espoused a political and social worldview regarded as dangerously radical by who may have come into contact with the grow-

ing Mormon settlements. Smith was an abolitionist, for one thing, and he argued for the communal ownership of property. According to Richard Bushman, an emeritus professor of history at Columbia University and a biographer of Smith, Mormons identified strongly with the revolutionaries who would roll Europe in 1848.

Today many Americans remain deeply skeptical about the LDS church. Recent polls have found that around 40 percent of Americans say they would not vote for a Mormon for president — though nearly as many say they would have reservations about voting for a Catholic in 1960.

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Massachusetts Gov. MITT Romney, accompanied by his wife, Ann, leaves the Massachusetts Statehouse for the last time on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. Romney's successor as governor, was sworn in Thursday.

RELIGION

Gospel opry welcomes musical guests

TWIN FALLS — Few and the Faithful and Celtic Fire will be special guests at the Magic Valley Gospel Opry at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 N. Locust.

Celtic Fire, from Twin Falls, performs a blend of Scottish and Irish music in the style of River Dance using traditional Celtic instruments. Few and the Faithful is a musical group from the Mini-Cassia area.

Tonight's Opry also features Billy Baker, Ryan Morrill, Bryon Hildreth, Lawmie Kay Holstler, April Dieter, Crystal Lee, Cory Stone, Jim Nimo, John Stevens, Don Bailey, Lorraine Gibson, Dave Bolster, Greg Avery, and Sam Samuelsen.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free, but freewill offerings will be accepted.

Buhl Presbyterians will hear 'I Baptize Thee' theme

BUHL — Sunday school for all ages begins at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Buhl First Presbyterian Church. Worship starts at 11 a.m. with Blake Walsh speaking on "I Baptize Thee" from Isaiah 43:1-7 and Acts 8:14-17.

First Sunday communion served. A coffee hour will follow worship.

United Methodist Church will collect food bags

TWIN FALLS — Communion will be observed at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday at the United Methodist Church. Food bags for the Idaho Migrant Council will be collected at the services. Matt Eilers will direct the choir in singing "The Coventry Carol."

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.

Church news

The Finance Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

The Evangelism-Phoning Committee meets at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Lorayne Smith.

United Methodist Women's circles will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

A fund-raising dinner for child scholarships will be held Jan. 14.

Hallelujah Handbells will ring 'Thy Holy Wings'

TWIN FALLS — The Hallelujah Handbells will ring "Thy Holy Wings" during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

The Rev. Phil Price will speak on "What's in a Name." Scripture reading, led by Elsa Mearke, is Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. The Chancel Choir will sing "Amazing Grace."

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after worship.

All are welcome. For more information, call 733-7023.

Rock Creek church has Sweet Tooth Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Sweet Tooth Sunday will be celebrated this week at the Rock Creek Community Church. Baked goods prepared by the church women will be sold before and after worship. All proceeds will go to operation of the church.

Sunday school starts at 9 a.m., and worship begins at 10 a.m. Pastor Dale Metzger will deliver the communion message, "Where is My Life Going?"

from 2 Corinthians 4:16. Special music will be provided by a men's quartet.

Tuesday At 2 Bible study begins this week at the church with Metzger leading a study on Romans.

The Rock Creek Community Church women will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Carol Swoka of Welcome Mat, a new community service group, will present the program.

For more information, call 734-5268.

Agape Foursquare Church outlines Sunday worship

TWIN FALLS — Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Agape Foursquare Church, 181 Morrison.

Pastor Gerald Nielsen will speak on "Growing in the Lord," and Patty Larnack will lead the worship music.

Evening worship at 6 p.m. features a Bible study in Romans and prayer time.

Rev. Stevens will speak on 'Following the Star'

HOLLISTER — The Rev. Bruce Stevens will speak on "Following the Star" for worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave. Scripture reading is Matthew 2:1-12.

Refreshments will be served after worship.

Visitors are welcome. The Nominating Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., and the trustees meet at 7 p.m. at the church.

United Methodist Church will host pizza party

WEINDELL — The Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main, will host a pizza party for its First Sunday Dinner

this month.

Favorites, including veggie pizzas, salad and all the trimmings will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Freewill offerings will be accepted.

Ladies Lifeline Fellowship slates luncheon in Heyburn

HEYBURN — The Ladies Lifeline Fellowship will hold a non-demonstrational luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Center of the Cafe.

The theme will be "Making the Most of Life." Joyce Simpson will present the program. Music will be by Mary Lou Utman, and the speaker will be John Barry.

Prayer Circle will be held Jan. 20, with Ruth Simpson as hostess. Call 438-5376 for directions.

Support groups will meet at T.F. ministry

TWIN FALLS — Two support groups will be meeting for 12 consecutive weeks at the Miracle Valley Ministry Center, 213 Third Ave. E.

"Godly Finances," led by Rocky Hancey, will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 16 through April 3.

"7 Habits: Is the Training for Addiction," led by Sharon Caster, will be held Fridays, Jan. 12 through March 30.

Admission is free, but freewill offerings will be accepted. For more information, call 734-9883.

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

MISSIONARY

Elder Evera Joseph (E.J.) Morgan has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the France Paris Mission.



Morgan graduated from Twin Falls High School, where he played soccer and was selected for the First Team All-Conference, and attended Brigham

Young University in Provo, Utah. He is the son of Paul and Carol Morgan of Twin Falls and is in the Twin Falls 11th Ward of the Kimberly Stake.

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LDS PRIMARY PRESIDENCY



The Past Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently called a new stake Primary presidency. From left, in the back, are Patricia Haderly, second counselor, and Diana Hansen, first counselor; and in front, Evelyn Jones, president, and Peggy Barson, secretary.

YOUNG WOMANHOOD

AWARD

TWIN FALLS — Joanna Seaman has received her Young Womanhood Recognition Award through the Young Women's program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Seaman

To earn the award, girls ages 12 to 18 set personal progress goals in seven value areas — faith, divine nature, individual worth, knowledge, choice and accountability, good works and integrity — and strive to achieve them through church and community service projects.

Seaman's projects included embroidery, sewing, scrapbooking, homemaking skills, painting and participating in the Martin's Cove Handcart Trek.

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Atlanta rappers take crunk to the pulpit

ATLANTA (AP) — Heavy bass beats who through the church as youngsters rush down the sanctuary aisles. Colorful stage lights spin around overhead as the eager fans start screaming, "JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!"

When the sextet Dem Unknown WarriorZ appears up front, the music and the fans go crazy. Group leader Hennie "Preacher" Foster asks the crowd of about 2,000 to first "give God the praise."

Then the beat returns even louder than before.

This high-energy act that could stand as the headliner at any nightclub is instead performing its own religion-infused version of "crunk" hip hop at various churches in the Atlanta area.

"We're fishing," Foster said after the performance at Divine Faith Ministries in suburban Jonesboro. "The bait youngsters are eating is hip hop. So we take that music, die it up, we put some Jesus flavor to it and save souls in Jesus' name. That's how we do it."

To its fans, crunk music, with its electronic drums and synthesized brass instruments, generates excitement akin to a religious experience. But the genre — most often associated with its raved charts by hip-hop artists — is seldom heard in churches.

Crunk became popular through Southern-based producer Lil Jon, who is known for his energetic trademark shouts and hit singles, "Get Low" and "Snap Yo Fingers."

"I respect Lil Jon as a pro-



Hip-hop group Dem Unknown WarriorZ performs at Divine Faith Ministries in Jonesboro, Ga. From left are Greg Taylor, aka Peck's Hammer; Bennie Foster, aka DePreacher, and Tracy Brown, aka Traci-Master.

ducer," Foster said. "But we switch up the message with the thumping beat they recognize. We present ourselves in a hip-hop manner, so youths can have something they can relate to."

Dem Unknown WarriorZ first came together in 2001 through Foster's NowFaith International Ministries. They came up with the group name when a fan called them Christ's warriors, who aren't concerned about receiving recognition for their good deeds.

Their unorthodox approach isn't always a hit. With distinctive baggy

clothing, long shiny chains and Foster's mouth full of gold teeth, the group members are often mistaken for thugs.

After group member Greg Taylor posted a performance of their song "Walks Down" on the Internet video sharing site YouTube in June, their single received over 23,500 hits — and mostly negative reviews.

Some viewers said they couldn't bear to watch the entire video after a scene where one person hops off the pulpit, while the entire crowd dances frantically.

"I doubt very seriously that these misguided children are

jumping up and down from the joy of the Lord," one posting read. "I highly suspect it's the beer that's gotten them riled up."

Despite their attention-grabbing style, Foster believes their purpose should be the focus.

"We represent harder than any other person who talks about drugs, sex and money," he said. "We are born-again, sanctified, delivered in Jesus' name. Some people have a problem with the way we represent. It's time for some Christians to stand up and represent in the industry and the media."

Ghetto's main street. The tiny apartment, which once lacked running water and was served by a makeshift outhouse, dangerously poised over the building's courtyard, now has all the trappings of a trendy loft.

"When I moved into this home I felt sorry, I felt I was trading an history," says Grazia Anglinelli, a psychologist who refurbished the flat and still welcomes Moscato and her husband when they drop by their old haunt. "But what could I do? It was a great deal."

Rome's Jews face exodus from historic Ghetto neighborhood

ROME (AP) — Rosa Moscato left the impoverished but familiar existence of Rome's Jewish quarter only twice in her life.

As a child she fled to the countryside with her family to escape Nazi persecution, then returned after the war to marry and raise a family in the sacred neighborhood, that housed her close-knit community.

Residents and Jewish community officials say evictions and speculative deals are driving out the area's few remaining Jews, often severing their ties in one of the oldest communities in Europe.

Of more than 13,000 Jews in the Italian capital, fewer than 800 still live in the Ghetto, according to the Jewish community's archive. After World War II the area housed 6,000 of

the city's 11,000-strong community. Moscato, 72, can hardly recognize the cobblestoned alleys she grew up in and the 16th-century building where she, her husband and four children shared a two-room flat until 1998, when the family was evicted by owners eager to cash in on the area's growing value.

"It was a hole, it was damp and in winter it rained in, but I raised my kids there," she recalls of the top-floor flat overlooking Via del Portico D'Otavio, the

Non-Mormon BYU students want non-member religion class back

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Dolly Chang came to Brigham Young University to play tennis. A practicing Buddhist from Taiwan, Chang struggled with her Doctrine and Covenants course this year.

"Salvation, celestial kingdom, I'm not familiar with these words like the other students," she said.

Chang is waiting to take the two required Book of Mormon courses until she finds a good teacher.

"Even the Mormons say Book of Mormon is hard," she said. Approximately 98 percent of Brigham Young University students are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with the remaining 2 percent representing more than 20 other faiths.

Yet, regardless of faith, all students are required to take 14 credits of religion courses to graduate — four credits of Book of Mormon, two each of Doctrine and Covenants and New Testament and six of religion electives. BYU offered one nonmember section of the Book of Mormon class, designed to introduce the challenging text in a simpler format for nonmembers, until the end of the winter 2005 semester. The class, taught by Paul Warner, was canceled when Warner retired in July 2005.

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Mormon

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 year John F. Kennedy won the White House. Many conservative Christians, especially Catholics and evangelicals, still consider Mormons—who follow non-biblical works of scripture, teach that God has a physical body, and believe in the possibility of direct revelation and that people can evolve toward godhood—to be members of a cult.

But the left-wing radicalism often associated with the religion has disappeared. Mormons today are reliable Republicans. According to Joseph Quin Monson, a political scientist at LDS-owned Brigham Young University, they are "almost as monolithically Republican as African-Americans are Democratic." They tend on most major issues to be culturally and economically conservative, and in the past few presidential elections 80 to 90 percent of Mormons have voted for the Republican candidate.

All in all, in the words of Mark Noll, a historian of American Christianity at the University of Notre Dame, "politically considered, white evangelicals and Mormons look very similar."

It is this alignment that Romney has tried to exploit in courting his party's conservative Christian bloc. He has emphasized his opposition to embryonic stem-cell research, and sought to distance himself from earlier statements that suggested moderate views on same-sex marriage and abortion. According to Gregory Rodriguez, a political analyst at the New America Foundation, Romney has even called himself an "evangelical Mormon."

Indeed, when Romney and others talk about his Mormonism in the context of the coming campaign, the assumption is that, despite the theological differences between LDS and evangelical, politically the two groups are on the same page.

But while few dispute the social conservatism of the LDS church and its members, it is also true that both some key issues they do not fall neatly, too late with the religious right's priorities.

To be sure, Mormons and conservative Christians, both Catholic and evangelical, are on the same side of two of the bitterest culture-war battles being fought today, over gay marriage and abortion. On others, though—stem-cell research, the teaching of evolution in schools, public funding for religion, and end-of-life care—the LDS church is harder to pin down. In part this is due to the church's unique the-

ology, but it may also derive from Mormonism's early history as a marginal sect suspicious of (and suspected by) the U.S. government. Mormons today are among the nation's most patriotic groups, but many retain a sharp sense of their minority status.

Romney himself has been quick to point out that he is not running as a representative of his religion. And like Kennedy, he has demonstrated over the years a certain independence from his church. And yet, lost in the discussion of Romney and Mormonism is that, unlike Kennedy, Romney's stances on key issues date to the religious right may actually make him more conservative than his own church.

It was in the 1970s that the LDS church as an institution moved definitively into the political arena. As with white evangelicals, the galvanizing issues were the Equal Rights Amendment and Roe vs. Wade, both of which the church saw as a threat to the nuclear family. Today, similar concerns animate the church's vocal opposition to same-sex marriage.

The church remains pro-life. But the official Mormon position on abortion differs in one key respect from that of the Catholic Church and many Protestant denominations: the LDS church, abortion is not murder. The reason for this is that (again, unlike many Christian denominations) Mormon theology has no clear position on when a body requires a soul—when, in effect, earthly life begins. "Since they don't define when the soul enters the body, they can call abortion murder, they simply say it's 'like nun' it," says Richard Sherlock, a professor of philosophy and expert on Mormon ethics at Utah State University.

As a result, the LDS church takes a more flexible approach to abortion than many other churches, opposing what it calls "elective abortion for personal or social convenience," but allowing abortions in the case of rape, incest, fetal defect, or when the health of the mother is at risk. Just as significantly, it does not throw its weight behind legislative efforts to limit or outlaw abortion. In fact, neither the Mitt Romney who ran for Senate in 1994 nor the more recent "firmly pro-life" Romney would be in the wrong according to the teachings of the church.

Of abortion, such theological distinctions may not make much difference to many Mormons, the overwhelming majority of whom identify

themselves as pro-life. But on the question of stem-cell research, which has become a major issue for the conservative Republican base, the official ambiguity on when life begins has had far more tangible political effects.

The LDS church has no official position on stem-cell research, but according to Dan Jones, a leading Utah pollster, more than 60 percent of the Mormons in the state, who tend to be among the country's most conservative, support it. Hatch is one of Congress's leading proponents of federal stem-cell funding, and his four Mormon colleagues in the Senate (Sen. Jay Byrd, D-Nev.; Sen. Al Franken, R-Minn.; Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.; and Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah) have taken similar positions.

In public appearances, Romney has credited his thinking about the moral consequences of stem-cell research with having led him toward a more conservative position on other reproductive issues, like abortion and emergency contraception. And while this shift may have made him a more visible national Republican candidate, on the stem-cell issue at least, it has placed him outside the mainstream of his own faith.

If this divergence between conservative Christians and Mormons springs from theology, other origins—in the church's early history at the margins of American society. For Mormons, says Armand Mauss, a sociologist at the Claremont Graduate University School of Religion specializing in Mormon political and social attitudes, "there is an acute awareness of their own history as a persecuted people," a tendency "to lean on the side of freedom of expression for all different kinds of groups."

This history has translated into a respect for the constitutional separation of church and state not always popular on the religious right. John Green, a senior fellow in religion and American politics at the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, describes Mormons as having "a special sensitivity to relations with the government." While evangelical leaders like Pat Robertson and James Dobson have publicly supported the Bush administration's funding for faith-based programs, for example, the LDS church has refused to participate in the initiative out of a fear that with government money comes government control (several conservative Christian organizations, including the Southern Baptist Convention, have taken similar positions).

For the most part—and despite evidence that Romney aides had talked to LDS church leaders about creating a network of Mormon supporters for the upcoming campaign—the church is conscientious about keeping partisan politics separate from religious matters. Aside from what it sees as issues relating to "how children are raised," says Jan Shipps, widely considered the leading non-Mormon historian of the religion, the church's leaders tend to stay away from taking political action (doing so would, of course, also endanger the church's nonprofit status). Polling done by BYU's Quin Monson and Notre Dame political scientist David Campbell found that, between Catholics, Southern Baptists, and Mormons, as the two write, "Mormons are by far the least likely to receive political cues at church."

Because of this insistence on separate religious and political spheres, Mormons appear less likely to wade into other culture-war debates, such as the teaching of evolution. Duane Jeffery, a BYU professor of biology and a leading opponent of teaching intelligent design in science classes, says the issue hasn't had the same resonance for Mormons as it has for many evangelical communities—partly because the LDS church is full of diehard Darwinists (the church has no official policy on the subject) but because Mormon parents, by and large, are satisfied that their children are getting their religious instruction through the often daily seminary classes the church runs for them. "In general," he says, "most of them feel that there's not much reason to get politically involved" over the issue.

On the issue of school prayer, which conservative evangelicals overwhelmingly favor, Mormons are divided. In Utah, according to the pollster Dan Jones, most Mormons support it. Polling numbers outside of Utah are harder to come by, but some political scientists and sociologists of the church argue that Mormons living elsewhere see school prayer as a threat. Two-thirds of American Mormons live outside the Mormon strongholds of the Western mountain states, and some BYU political scientist Richard Davis puts it, "There's a little more uneasiness about it because of the realization that they're a minority." The 2000 Supreme Court case Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe, which outlawed student-led prayers before football games, was brought by a Mormon family in Texas.



Mel Gibson and actor Jim Caviezel on the set of 'The Passion of the Christ' in 2003.

Filmmakers, TV producers find that Christianity sells

The Denver Post

"From Hollywood, where plastic surgery is considered a sacrament."

The audience roars as Patricia Heaton, an Emmy winner for "Everybody Loves Raymond" and an avowed Christian, introduces "Thou Shalt Laugh," a Christian stand-up comedy tour just released on DVD.

Heaton assures the crowd that all the comedians on the bill are people of faith: "They're all Christians, that's correct, they've all been baptized, they have all been baptized."

The intent of the DVD, from the producers of the Blue Collar Comedy tour, is to provide a clean fun for an underserved audience. And to tap into the revenues in this burgeoning niche.

There is money to be made in Christian showbiz.

Three years after Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" became a surprise international blockbuster, purveyors of faith-based entertainment believe there's a growing demand for their product.

The number of DVDs targeting the Christian market is growing. Fox, New Line, Sony and Warner Bros. all have special divisions making "Christian" films, some theatrical, many direct-to-video.

According to Grace Hill Media, the producers of "Thou Shalt Laugh" and the leading marketing firm for religious consumers, "the Christian entertainment industry has boomed in a more than a \$1 billion a year industry."

Christian-themed radio and books each reportedly generate more than \$1 billion annually.

"There's no logical reason why we can't incubate entertainment within the faith-based market and migrate it

into the secular market," said Tony Thomopoulos, a former president of ABC who is now president of Promise Media, creating DVDs for the Christian marketplace.

"He estimates the Christian market is worth \$7.5 billion, including publishing, licensing media and music. Thomopoulos said the projected growth for this audience sector is \$9.5 billion by 2010.

Some of the main thrust of "Thou Shalt Laugh" may not translate outside the target audience. ("I'm in a Christian bookstore," says comic Tom Ramsey, "they're selling Christian breath mints, 'Jesusmint'")

"Some of the jokes are merely old-fashioned, others are vaguely racist. (A black and a Korean had a baby and named him 'Martin Luther King,' says another stand-up.)

The mostly white, mostly middle-aged and Christian crowd loves it. When a tour of "Thou Shalt Laugh" was scheduled to play the New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., the week after pastor Ted Haggard's resignation in a gay sex scandal, organizers initially canceled the event.

"Nobody left like laughing," said Jonathan Book, president of Grace Hill Media. But advance ticket sales were strong, so he reconsidered. Ultimately, 4,500 people attended the show and 500 DVDs were sold.

"God works in mysterious ways," Book said. "For years, many in the Christian audience were offended by Hollywood—and vice versa."

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MEDIUM # 17

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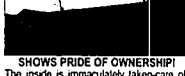
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Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"A dwarf standing on the shoulders of a giant may see farther than a giant himself."
— Robert Burton

The expert player and writer Larry Cohen publishes over-my-shoulder bridge deals in the ACBL bulletin and online. This was a recent effort I particularly liked.

Six clubs looks to be a hopeless contract when West leads the heart king. You can throw one of your diamonds on dummy's spade king, but dummy's fourth spade won't provide any more discards.

A national champion went wrong at the table here, so what hope is there for the rest of us, you might ask. The key is to focus on your intermediates — specifically your heart spots. Since West started with at least six hearts to the ace-king, you can't set up your heart queen. But you can hope to set up a lower heart unless West started with A-K-10-9-x-x, in which case you are doomed.

The point is, why should not East have been dealt either the doubleton 10 or nine of hearts? After drawing trump, you advance the heart queen from hand. West must cover, and if East follows with the 9 or 10, you are almost home.

You will return to hand and lead the heart eight for a ruffing finesse. West must cover, you ruff in dummy, and now your heart seven is good for a diamond discard from dummy. It is not too hard once you see it, but would you have found it in the Real Deal?

You can receive Larry's monthly bridge news and articles at no charge by e-mail — at www.larryco.com.

NORTH 0142
 ♠ K 7 5 4
 ♥ J
 ♦ 9
 ♣ K Q 9 8 5 4

WEST
 ♠ J 9 3 2
 ♥ A K 10 6 5 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ J 6

EAST
 ♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ K Q J 10 5 4
 ♣ 7

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q
 ♥ Q 8 7 3
 ♦ 7 6 2
 ♣ A 10 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ 1 ♥ Dbl. 2 ♠
 Pass 2 ♥ 4 ♥ Pass
 4 ♥ Pass 6 ♣ All pass
 *Short hearts, agreeing clubs

Opening lead: Heart king

BID WITH THE ACES 0161

South holds:
 ♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ K Q J 10 5 4
 ♣ 7

South West North East
 3 ♣ Pass 3 ♥ 4 ♣

ANSWER: Bid four spades. You diamonds are very attractive, but partner has shown a good hand with spades, and you have three-card support for him. You couldn't possibly have more support, you might well have much less, so you must announce at once how suitable your hand is for him.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@larryco.com.

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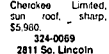
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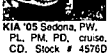
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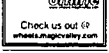
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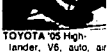
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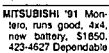
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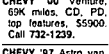
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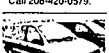
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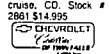
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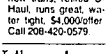
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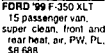
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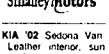
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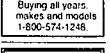


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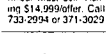
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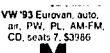
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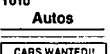
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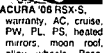


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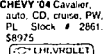
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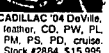


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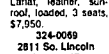
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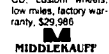
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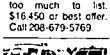
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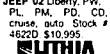
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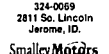


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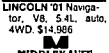


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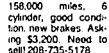


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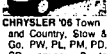


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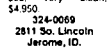
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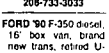


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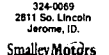
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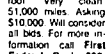
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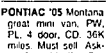


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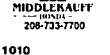
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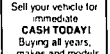
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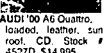


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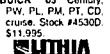


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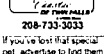
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