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Prosecutor: Boy murdered

Woman charged with smothering 2-year-old

By Arnd S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 22-year-old woman was charged Friday with first-degree murder in the death of a 2-year-old boy found dead Wednesday in her Twin Falls apartment.

Elizabeth Ann Miller is accused of killing Ashlyn Roger Lynn, the son of her friend Joylene Lynn, by smothering him at 424 Main Ave. North.

Miller told police she did not intend to kill the child, but intent to kill is not required when the crime involves aggravated battery against a child under 12 years old, according to Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb.

Miller will be arraigned at 9 a.m. Friday.

On Tuesday, Miller was celebrating her belated birthday with her husband, Richard, their two children, and friends Lynn, 22, her son, and Danny Hubbard, who lives next-door.

Loeb said he could not "conclusively" say drugs or alcohol were not involved.

Miller told police that at around midnight, she and her husband wanted to have "birthday sex," according to the affidavit, and she put her two children to sleep, but her friend's son Ashlyn was crying and didn't want to sleep.

Miller put him on the couch, leaned on his body and held him down, according to the affidavit.

Miller "continued to hold him until he stopped struggling and stopped crying," while Lynn, Hubbard and Richard Miller did nothing to stop her, according to the affidavit.

She told police Ashlyn con-



Twin Falls Police Department personnel investigate an apartment Wednesday on Main Avenue where a 2-year-old boy was found dead. First-degree murder charges were filed Friday against a friend of the dead boy's mother.

tinued to cry and struggle and she was determined to hold him down ... until he stopped crying and went to sleep."

She told police that about a month ago her mother told her not to quiet kids that way.

Miller said that when she relieved the pressure, she heard Ashlyn gasp, but "thought Ashlyn was still breathing" and went into her bedroom.

The Millers then engaged in the "birthday sex," Loeb said.

Meanwhile, according to the affidavit and a *Times-News* interview with the Millers, Lynn

Funeral service

Funeral services for Ashlyn Lynn will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the funeral home of the Twin Falls Chapter of the First Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 421 Madison St. N. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2465 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

and Hubbard went to Hubbard's next-door apartment. Lynn did not bring her boy into Hubbard's apartment because he was asleep on the Millers' couch, the Millers said. When asked why Lynn left Ashlyn to sleep next-door, the Millers said Lynn did not want to wake him up.

Ashlyn was discovered the

next morning by both Elizabeth Miller and Lynn "in the same position in which (Miller) had left him the night before," according to the affidavit.

Miller told police she did not intend to kill Ashlyn and that it "was a bad choice" to use force to stop his crying.

"I'm just beside myself with grief," Miller said Wednesday in the *Times-News* interview.

Lynn's version of the incident is different.

She insists she slept at the Millers' apartment and that she woke up at both 3 and 6 a.m. and found the child not breathing about 8 a.m. Wednesday, according to the affidavit.

The Millers called the police and performed CPR but when the police arrived, Ashlyn was already dead.

"The final story from Ms. Miller is the one that leads to these charges," Loeb said.

Lynn, reached at her mother's home in Twin Falls on Friday, declined comment.

She is divorcing the child's biological father, Will Roger Lynn, who is in prison, the Millers said in the *Times-News* interview.

Ashlyn's funeral is Tuesday.

House approves Medicare reform measure

By Christopher Lee
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House approved legislation Friday requiring the government to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. But the measure faces a veto threat from President Bush, an uncertain future in the Senate and considerable doubts from experts about whether it would save elderly and disabled Americans much money.

The vote was 255-170 with 24 Republicans joining Democrats in approving the legislation.

The bill overturns a provision of the 2003 law pushed through by a Republican-controlled Congress that left drug price negotiations under the new Medicare drug benefit to the private insurers who offer drug plans for seniors in each state.

Backers of the current system, mainly Republicans, say it pits insurers against one another in a healthy competition to negotiate the lowest prices from drugmakers and offer seniors the most attractive monthly premiums, choice of drugs and access to pharmacies. But critics, mainly Democrats, say the system is a boon to drug companies because it prohibits the government — perhaps the one force in America big and powerful enough to take on the pharmaceutical industry — from using its bargaining muscle on behalf of seniors.

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Microsoft: Boise operation can't expand unless schools improve

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho will have to improve its education system, particularly in math and science, if it wants to attract and keep high-tech companies, a Microsoft Corp. official says.

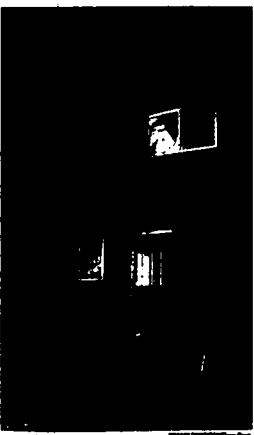
Bob Lokken, Microsoft's senior director of office business application, said Idaho ranks so poorly in education opportunities compared to other states that highly educated job prospects shun the state out of concern their children will get second-rate classroom instruction.

"It's hard to recruit people to move to Idaho when 38 other states, including Alabama and Mississippi, have more math and science requirements," Lokken told more than 300 people Thursday at the 2007 Legislative Forum, the *Idaho Statesman* reported.

Archie Clemens, president of Caribou Technologies and a member of the Governor's Science and Technology Advisory Council,

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Happy and hopeful



Shiloh Hannah, 5, and Noah Niska, 3, peek out of the front door of their new home in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls family optimistic after second house fire in two years

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fire scares Hannah Niska like nothing else.

Who could blame her for the fear? Hannah, 5, has suffered through two house fires — most recently a blaze on Dec. 13 that destroyed her family's downtown apartment.

Just a year earlier, another Christmas-time inferno gutted the Niskas' Twin Falls home.

Nowadays, Hannah rarely leaves her mother's side. Yet she exhibits character traits common in the Niska family: resilience, independence and hope.

Hannah refused to be carried down a rescue ladder during the downtown fire, even as flames licked the walls just feet away. She climbed down herself, her pregnant mother, DeAnn, and 3-year-old brother, Noah, also survived that blaze.

But the family was left without a home just days before Christmas. All of their few possessions (the previ-



The Niska family from left: Nathaniel, 7, mother DeAnn, Andrew, 9, father Martin, Hannah, 5, and Noah, 3, have been through two house fires in the past two years. They are pictured here Thursday in the home they are in process of building.

ous fire claimed most of the family's belongings) were gone.

Everything was lost, it seemed, except the family's hope.

"I'm sure God will provide," DeAnn said moments after the fire, tears streaming down her face.

In the four weeks since the blaze, the community and her church truly have provided for the family.

More than \$1,500 was

raised through Magic Valley Bank. Countless businesses donated clothing and furniture. The congregation at the family's church, Living Word Christian Church, gave food, blankets and support. The American Red Cross donated blankets. Classmates of the two oldest Niska boys — 9-year-old Andrew and 7-year-old Nathaniel — surrendered their allowances.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Sunday
A very cold start to the weekend	Fair skies	Partly cloudy
High 15	Low 5	21 / 6

MINI-CASSIA

Today: A partly cloudy, cold start to the weekend. Highs, teens.
 Tonight: Quiet weather with very cold temperatures. Lows, single digits.
 Tomorrow: A few clouds, dry and still cold. Highs, upper teens to near 20.

Complete weather report: See page B12

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

The Jerome Optimist Club 2nd Annual "Texas Hold'em Tournament" to benefit the area youth, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.); training session at 6:30 p.m.; Sawtooth Inn on South Lincoln, Jerome, 737-0967, 539-6526 or 324-2354 to pre-register.

CLUBS

XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International meeting, a society of women educators featuring Shauna Robinson of the Twin Falls County Historical Preservation Commission, 10:00 a.m., Taylor building Room 276, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, chrismannen@ureach.com.
 The Pioneer Button Club meeting, with "brown bag" lunch at noon, noon to 3 p.m., Kimberley Public Library, 120 Madison W., Kimberley, 423-4556.
 The Rupert Elks annual lamb feed, includes a menu of lamb and live music by Triple Shot (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.), 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the lodge, Rupert, \$20 per person, 436-6852.

EXHIBITS

"The Circle" by Amber Scon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6555.
 "Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequeana and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

FAMILY

Annual Christmas tree burn and hot dog roast sponsored by the West End Fire and Rescue Department, 1 p.m., Paul City Park, Paul, (bring old Christmas trees; food and burning equipment supplied by firemen), 438-4101.

HEALTH

Past Life Regression Workshop, with instructor Curtis Johnson; includes June Kaminski's "Reincarnation: Past Life Workbook," 10 a.m. to noon (also Jan. 20), Magic Valley Hypnosis Center, 114 Locust St. N., Suite 115, Twin Falls, \$65, (208) 731-3895 or 736-1882.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

January Star Party and the annual Telescopes Workshop, introducing a new wide-field telescope and focusing on use, purchase and function of telescopes sponsored by the Magic Valley Astronomical Society, 6:30 p.m. (star party) and 7 p.m. (workshop), Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, no cost (public welcome), 308-3906.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner 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), 732-6555.

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

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Woman charged in 2-year-old child's death

TWIN FALLS — A 22-year-old woman was charged with first-degree murder Friday in the death of a 2-year-old boy who was found dead Wednesday in her Twin Falls apartment.

Raids net meth, cash, assault rifle

BUHL — Two raids in Buhl led to five arrests Friday and seizure of at least 20 ounces of methamphetamine, an assault rifle, ammunition and drug paraphernalia, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department press release.

Suspects in Filer invasion arrested

FILER — A trail of credit card transactions and three tracks led Twin Falls and Elko County, Nev., deputies to two Utah men suspected in the robbery of a Filer woman.



Woman celebrates 10 years in Jerome school

JEROME — When I met Jan Tate more than a year ago while reporting on an unrelated story, she was the only person who still had a sense of humor in the sweltering summer heat of late May.

Snowmobilers escape unscathed in Sun Valley

TRAIL CREEK — Two people are OK after getting their snowmobiles stuck near the top of the Trail Creek pass on the Sun Valley side.

OBITUARIES

Pedro B. Gabriel, 55
 Eldred 'Arlene' Lambers, 85
 John Patrick 'J.P.' Hamilton Sr., 83

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CORRECTIONS

Levy numbers incorrect
 Twin Falls County can levy \$300,000 for operations and \$600,000 for facilities for the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Those numbers were incorrect in a story in Friday's edition. The Times-News regrets the error.

WHAT'S UP ON THE WEB

Hoops talk
 CSI men's basketball coach Baret Péry and SLCC coach Norm Parrish discuss the pressures of the match up this weekend.
 Go to the multimedia gallery at www.magvalley.com

IDAHO/WEST



Otter stops project on Capitol project

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter made good Friday on his campaign promise to fight expansion of the Idaho Capitol by issuing a stop-work order on the construction.

Workers who surrounded the building with high fences this week have completed several wells that would be needed to eventually add two 50,000-square-foot underground wings, part of the \$130 million project that also includes a complete renovation of the existing 100-year-old Capitol.

After receiving a letter from the state, however, they'll halt work.

Idaho lawmakers launch elk debate

BOISE — Lawmakers took aim Friday at the issue of domestic elk farms, some of which allow huge trophy bulls to be shot by hunters who pay thousands to kill them. At a 2 1/2 hour meeting of House and Senate committees that oversee both agriculture and wildlife, the battle lines took shape on two fronts.

Montana forester to lead Forest Service

WASHINGTON — Montana's forester, Gail Kimbell, was named Friday to head the U.S. Forest Service and quickly came under fire from a Senate Democrat who represents her state.

Man dies in botched burglary in Montana

MISSOULA, Mont. — Police found a man's body protruding from the rooftop ventilation duct at a Missoula craft shop Thursday, the tragic result of a botched burglary, Kenneth Ellingson, 38, was apparently trying to break into the shop when he got stuck in the narrow air vent and suffocated, authorities said.

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NATION/WORLD



Ford critiques Carter, Reagan and more

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — In 25 years of interviews with his hometown paper that could only be released upon his death, former President Ford once called Jimmy Carter a "disaster" who ranked alongside Warren Harding and said Ronald Reagan received far too much credit for ending the Cold War.

"It makes me very irritated when Reagan's people pound their chests and say that because we had this military buildup, the Kremlin collapsed," Ford told *The Grand Rapids Press*.

McCain tries to raise support for war plan

WASHINGTON — Senators who back President Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq tried Friday to bolster support for the unpopular strategy while Democrats plotted ways to derail the increase and force changes in war policies.

A day after Bush's proposal was pelted with bipartisan criticism on Capitol Hill, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leading presidential contender for 2008, said he supports the plan. He tried to shift the burden to war critics.

U.S. Embassy in Greece attacked

ATHENS, Greece — A rocket-propelled grenade slammed into the U.S. Embassy on Friday, causing limited damage and no injuries but reviving fears of a resurgence of far-left Greek militant groups that carried out deadly attacks over three decades.

Freeze grips most of country's midsection

TULSA, Okla. — Freezing rain fell in the nation's midsection Friday, and temperatures from Minnesota to Las Vegas as a storm rolled in that could leave several states coated in ice. At least two deaths have been blamed on the storm, some schools closed early Friday, and dozens of flights were delayed.

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SPORTS



Salt Lake tops Golden Eagles men 89-88

TWIN FALLS — There's no way a team rebounds. Not from that.

Not after shooting 18.4 percent from the field for 20 minutes. Not after trailing by 20 at the half to perennially dominant West Athletic Conference power Salt Lake Community College Friday night, the No. 6 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team fell behind early, clawed back but fell to the visiting Bruins 89-88 at the CSI gymnasium.

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Saints try to continue their year-good story

NEW YORK — Sean Payton is coach of the year. Drew Brees is the All-Pro quarterback.

Those honors are nice. But they are nothing next to the possibilities that await the New Orleans Saints if they can beat Philadelphia at the Superdome on Saturday night. It would get them to the first championship game in the team's mostly dismal 40-season history, and move them one step from the Super Bowl a season after going 3-13 season during a Katrina-enforced exile.

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Ryan interviews with Oakland Raiders

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Oakland Raiders defensive coordinator Rob Ryan interviewed Friday for the team's head coaching vacancy.

Ryan followed former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel and Southern California quarterbacks coach Steve Sarkisian to interview to replace the fired Art Shell. Ryan is the only defensive coach to interview so far.

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USC kicker Danelo remembered at service

LOS ANGELES — Mario Danelo was remembered Friday as an upbeat person who enjoyed life to the fullest and left an indelible impression on those around him.

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Washington plans for wolf's possible return

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Idaho's new governor may want to shoot wolves, but diverse Washington state group will meet to determine what type of welcome mat will be laid out for any wolves that take up housekeeping here.

Although there is no evidence a wolf pack is living in the state, experts say it's just a matter of time.

To prepare for the return, the state has formed a panel of 18 hunters, ranchers, environmentalists and biologists to help write a wolf management plan.

The group plans to meet over the next year in hopes of agreeing on how the state would manage the wolves, which were eradicated from Washington by the 1930s.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said this week that he supports public hunters to kill about 100 of the estimated 650 gray in his state once the federal government removes

the predator from Endangered Species Act protections. The governor said he hopes to shoot a wolf himself.

Some 1,200 gray wolves now roam Montana, Idaho and Wyoming and many more live in Canada.

A few regularly venture into Washington's far northeastern corner. There are unconfirmed reports of wolves in the Blue Mountains in the southeastern part of the state, said Madonna Luers, spokeswoman for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"They're going to naturally come back. We're not going to bring them in from Canada," Luers said.

What we need to do is get prepared to deal with managing wolves as they recover on their own."

Washington is not part of a federally designated wolf recovery area, so the state would have no federal obligation to ensure the existence of the predator once

Endangered Species Act protections are removed, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Tom Buckley said. A proposal to take wolves off the endangered species list is expected by the end of the year, possibly much sooner.

Wolves will remain protected under Washington state law, Luers said.

We would not have listed them at the state level as endangered and in need of state protection if we felt otherwise," Luers said.

The new wolf management panel will be asked to study how other states manage wolves and try to find some consensus.

The group includes cattle ranchers, a sheep producer, environmentalists, local government officials and hunters. State fish and wildlife experts will work with the team as technical advisers.

Spokane resident Derrick Knowles, who works for Conservation Northwest, said the panel represents a good

balance of interests. Washington can learn from the controversies and successes of other states, he said, particularly Idaho, where wolves have been a hot-button issue since they were reintroduced 12 years ago.

"We don't have the baggage that Idaho has, the history Idaho has. We're in a better position," Knowles said.

John Blankenship, executive director of Wolf Haven International, said his goal was to make sure any management plan was fair to both wolves and ranchers.

"I think we can do that," Blankenship said. "I don't think either should have the advantage."

Art Swannack of Lamont, president of the Washington Sheep Producers, conceded wolves are not good for his business, but believes the planning team's work could help avoid problems.

"It's going to take a lot of management planning, plain and simple," Swannack said.

Family

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Community members pitched in to help Martin, the Niska patriarch, rebuild the home destroyed in the first fire.

The family is living in a friend's basement until the house is finished sometime before February, the family hopes, when DeAnn is expected to give birth to their fifth child, a girl they'll call Abigail.

Some families might simply give up. But not the Niskas. Martin works on the house every night after work, sometimes until midnight. DeAnn prepares as best she can at nine months pregnant, for the upcoming move.

The new house doesn't have buds. There are no children's toys. And as the kids play in the plywood-lined living room as Martin works,

"We're just thankful to everyone who helped us after the fire. God is so good."

— DeAnn Niska

their breath vaporizes in the frigid air.

Nobody complains. "We're just thankful to everyone who helped us after the fire," said DeAnn as she tried to stay warm in the soon-to-be-finished house earlier this week.

"God is so good," she said, and hugged Hannah a little tighter.

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Reform

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"This legislation is a common sense effort to do right by the 43 million Americans enrolled in Medicare," said House Minority Leader Steny H. Hoyer, D-Md. "This bill is a very important first step in making prescription drugs more affordable."

Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, D-Calif., chairman of the House health subcommittee, said the legislation "rights a wrong."

"We don't prohibit the government from negotiating prices for airplanes, even for oil royalties, for highway construction or for anything else the government purchases," Stark said. "It's a change that should lower taxpayers' and seniors' expenses."

Republicans countered that the year-old program is working, with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reporting overall costs coming in billions of dollars lower than expected and average plan premiums lower this year than in 2006. Moreover, polls last fall by the Kaiser Family Foundation and other nonpartisan groups found the overwhelming majority of seniors were satisfied with their drug plans.

"Many of us believe that competition and using free market principles in the long run produce better results, lower costs, higher quality and more satisfaction among seniors, and that's exactly what we've seen with this plan," said House Minority Leader John A. Boehner, R-Ohio.

Republicans also pointed to separate analyses by the CBO and the Congressional Budget Office that found that the House bill would have little or no effect on spending.

"It's flatter to think the government is going to negotiate a lower price than the competitive market place,"

said Joe Barton, R-Texas, ranking member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, who would be required to pursue negotiations with drug companies, has said he does not want to do it and does not believe it would save money.

The White House issued a statement this week saying Bush would veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

"Government interference impedes competition, limits access to life-saving drugs, reduces convenience for beneficiaries, and ultimately increases costs to taxpayers, beneficiaries and all American citizens alike," the statement said.

Medicare provides health care coverage to most elderly Americans but also covers about seven million people with disabilities.

While the measure moved quickly through the House, its prospects are murkier in the Senate.

No companion to the House bill has been introduced, although Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, are sponsoring a bill that calls for the government to negotiate prices in certain instances, such as for unique drugs that have no competitor.

"We do think that there is an opportunity to get some relief to pay for seniors and additional value for taxpayers," Wyden said.

There is considerable pressure on lawmakers to do something. A poll last month by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University showed that 85 percent of adults surveyed — including majorities of Republicans, Democrats and independents — favor allowing the government to negotiate prescription drug prices for the Medicare program.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., whose committee would vet any bill in this area, said Thursday that the prohibition on government price negotiations should be eliminated.

But he added that he opposes "heavy-handed" intervention and wants to explore options other than mandating government negotiations, such as expanding government studies of drug effectiveness and more scrutiny of the price discounts that insurers receive from

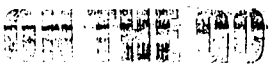
drug companies. "In some cases, the private market may be failing to provide seniors with the affordable medicines this benefit has promised," Baucus said.

"I do not buy the argument that the sky will fall on the prescription drug market if we remove this (prohibition)," Baucus said.

"I trust that this committee can take the time to look at both sides, examine discrete areas in this program where seniors need our help the most, and take rational, thoughtful action."



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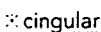


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Boise

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told lawmakers at the forum to support \$50 million in incentives to help the state's high-tech industry grow, including tax credits designed to encourage investment in science and tech companies.

"We need to create incentives for capitalists to come in and help Idaho grow," he said.

Lokken is the former CEO of ProClarity, a Boise high-tech company he sold to Microsoft last spring.

He said that companies must have access to qualified employees to grow. If they aren't available, he said, companies must hire from outside the area or find a new location to set up shop.

Idaho, he said, doesn't have enough qualified employees and, because the state doesn't offer education that is competitive with many other areas, it has a hard time attracting qualified workers.

He said Microsoft has struggled for nine months to find employees for two technical jobs.

"And that's just two people," he said. "If you ask me, 'Will

we grow?' It all boils down to how do I hire 200 people in Idaho?"

He told the group that one of the reasons he sold ProClarity to Microsoft was because of the incentives. Lokken said they would keep the company in Boise. But he said that doesn't mean the company will stay, especially if it can't get workers.

"If you say, 'Will Microsoft grow in Boise?' I can say we're working on it," Lokken said. "We're working hard to convince the company that this is the right place to go. We hope we're not working on it alone. If our state can solve the problem ourselves."

Caleb Chung, co-founder of Uogbe, a California tech company that has a research and development office in Boise, said he was drawn to the state because it had a spirit of innovation.

"When people say, 'Why Idaho?' I say it's a blend of beauty and magic," he said. "Our forests and open spaces are the beauty, and the magic is our technology and innovation."

Five arrested during pair of raids in Buhl

Authorities seize meth, an assault rifle, drug paraphernalia and cash

Times-News

BUHL — Two raids in Buhl led to five arrests Friday and seizure of at least 20 ounces of methamphetamine, an assault rifle, ammunition and drug paraphernalia, according to Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department press release.

The suspects and charges requested by the sheriff are as follows:

Georg M. Hill, 36, of Buhl: trafficking methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, drug tax stamp, child endangerment.



Davis



Hill

Robin R. Davis, 29, of Buhl: trafficking methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, drug tax stamp, child endangerment.



Dias



Pearson

Tammy N. Dias, 37, of Buhl: frequenting a drug premises.

Robert R. Pearson, 38, of Buhl: possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a stolen firearm, child endangerment.



Eggleston

Megan Eggleston, 26, of Buhl: possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a stolen firearm, child endangerment.

305 13th Ave. North in Buhl. The warrant was executed shortly after 9 a.m.

More than 20 baggies of meth, each weighing an ounce, were found inside a safe in the rear bedroom of the house, along with large amounts of cash and a small-caliber handgun.

Two children lived in the house, so Health and Welfare was notified and the children were declared in imminent danger.

The second raid happened nearby about the same time at 310 13th Ave. North in Buhl.

Just before the raid, Pearson left the house and investigators pulled him over near Curry Crossing on U.S. Highway 30. A K-9 search found a small amount of meth on Pearson and an AK-47 in his car.

Later, a search of the house yielded drug paraphernalia and several stolen guns.

A 3-week-old infant lived at the house. Health and Welfare was notified and the child was declared in imminent danger.

A decade of tough love



Jan Tate, a para-educator, helps children go over a science test Thursday morning at Central Elementary School in Jerome. Tate, one of the first para-educators in the Magic Valley, has been with the school for a decade.

Tate's been helping Jerome students, teachers, administrators and drivers for 10 years

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

JEROME — When I met Jan Tate more than a year ago while reporting on an unrelated story, she was the only person who still had a sense of humor in the sweltering summer heat of late May. She was standing in the middle of a busy street with only a handheld stop sign and traffic vest protecting her from passing vehicles. Tate was helping students at Central Elementary School cross the street after school.

"I've seen it all," she said. "I've seen drivers who aren't paying attention because they're too busy drinking coffee, talking on cell phones or even doing both at the same time. Shoot, there was even one man who was brushing his teeth."

One year later she still gets frustrated with the inattentive drivers, but her life's policy is to maintain patience and persistence.

If grandmothers could be Marines, then Tate would be an ideal candidate.

At 60 years old, the para-educator at Central Elementary School has the drive and audacity of a Marine with the patience and persistence of a veteran grandmother.

Para-educators are assistants to teachers and administrators. They perform support services in the classroom to help teachers focus on students. And for para-educators like Tate, the job extends beyond the classroom to the school crosswalks.

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— Jan Tate

playgrounds and one-on-one work with struggling students.

Para-educators also earn about half what teachers make.

"I absolutely love what I do, and it doesn't have anything to do with the pay," Tate said. "I was a CNA (certified nursing assistant) before I started working as a para-educator, so I took about a 50 percent pay cut to do what I do now."

Born in Virginia, Tate eventually moved to Jerome with her ex-husband, which she said was the only good thing he ever did for her. After working as a nurse for about 12 years in Jerome, she decided to work with kids, which was something she wanted to do since she was a little girl.

Tate said school was a struggle for her in the beginning. She was held back in elementary school, and Tate remembers seeing her peers graduate to middle school while she began yet another year as an elementary-school student.

"That was hard for me, but I decided right then and there that I wouldn't slack off anymore," she said. "I even decided that I wanted to be a teacher, so I would do things that would get me sent to the front of the class — just so I could be close to the teacher's desk."

Tate is now using her own experiences to help students at Central Elementary School.

"I don't know how we would do it without her," said Tracy Garcia, a fifth-grade teacher at Central Elementary School. "She helps us so we can focus on our classes, and she even brings in things from the community that we use in the classroom."

Tate balances several jobs at Central, and to get them all done she arrives at work before most of the faculty and staff. She is crossing guard, para-educator, playground attendant and the unofficial community resource person.

Her office is a supply room that is always humming with the sound of copy machines. The perks of her job are the new copy machines that don't jam and a hole-puncher that replaced the one she gave to a teacher.

Tate doesn't have a lot of downtime at her job. When I interviewed her during her 30-minute lunch break, she was still receiving requests for copies.

"I hit my million-mark last month," she said after a student delivered a teacher's request for copies.

Tate not only hit her "million-mark" last month as a para-educator for the Jerome School District.

However, she's not counting because even though she can retire in two years, she says it's not in the cards.

She blames it on the kids, who make her job worthwhile even through sweltering heat, low pay, long hours and near death with recurring vehicles.

"I love working with these kids, and I think I can make a difference with them," she said with a hint of a southern accent. "To me, this is the greatest job I could ever have."

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KIMBERLY ROAD TIP



A trailer carrying heavy equipment rests on its side in the east-bound lane of Kimberly Road Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls. Twin Falls Police officer Lou Coronado says a hitch broke and caused the trailer to tip over. Idaho State Police are also investigating the accident. No one was injured.

District 13 needs a new house candidate

The Associated Press

NAMPA — Republican officials say they will keep looking for candidates to fill an empty Nampa House seat, now that their top choice to fill the position is ineligible. Ray McKenzie, the father of Sen. Curt McKenzie, R-Nampa, has not been a registered voter in District 13 for at least a year — a requirement to hold a seat, officials said. He was no. 1 among replacements for former Rep. Bill Deal, R-Nampa,

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Snowpack Levels

Location	% of Avg.	% of Peak
Salmon	96%	46%
Big Wood	89%	44%
Little Wood	86%	37%
Big Lost	77%	36%
Little Lost	82%	40%
Henny's Fork/Teton	86%	42%
Upper Snake Basin	86%	42%
Oakley	106%	51%
Sawyer Falls	93%	44%

As of Jan. 12

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this date with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack in the same season which breaks an spring.

Two arrested in Filer home invasion

Times-News

FILER — A trail of credit card transactions and tire tracks led Twin Falls and Elko County, Nev., deputies to two Utah men suspected in the robbery of a Filer woman.

In custody in Elko County are Stephen Curtisinger, 19, and his uncle Joseph Apadaca, 37, both of Layton, Utah.

The trail of clues began in Filer when Twin Falls County deputies responded at 4 p.m. Wednesday to a report of an armed robbery at a Filer house, according to a press

release from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The homeowner, Linda Detrick, said two men came to her door asking to use the restroom. When she let them in, they showed her a gun and tied her up. After going through her belongings, the two men left with some weapons, her purse and her 2002 Chevy Blazer.

About 6:26 p.m. Wednesday, a sheriff's deputy came across the Blazer. It was stopped on the wrong side of the road with the engine running and headlights on.

Then Detrick's stolen credit card was used Wednesday night at the Best Inn Suites Motel in Elko County.

Deputies followed tire tracks Thursday into the desert and found two men trying to get their stolen vehicle unstuck from the snow.

Both men are being held on grand theft auto charges out of Utah.

Charges pending out of Nevada are vehicle burglary and fraudulent use of a financial card.

Snowmobilers found stuck, but unharmed on Trail Creek pass

By Holly Jackson
For the Times-News

TRAIL CREEK — Two people are OK after getting their snowmobiles stuck near the top of the Trail Creek pass on the Sun Valley side.

According to Blaine County Lt. Ron Taylor, Kinsey Kohls, 19, and Lee Barker, 21, called 911 on Jan. 2 after their vehicles got stuck in an area that is not approved for motor vehicles. The two people are not from Blaine County.

Taylor said Kohls and Barker were three miles past a road closure sign when their snowmobiles became partially submerged in snow. The sign was on the Custer County side of Trail Creek.

Blaine County Search & Rescue responded to the 911 call, according to Taylor.

Kohls and Barker were found walking out and did not need medical attention. Taylor said any criminal charges would be handled by Custer County.

DEATH NOTICES

Ashtyn R. Lynn

TWIN FALLS — Ashtyn Roger Lynn, 2, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, in Twin Falls.

A celebration of Ashtyn's life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Twin Falls State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 421 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Vaughn Casadorff officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Ignacio Azumendi

GOODING — Ignacio Azumendi, 71, formerly of Gooding, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, in Blackfoot.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at Demary's Gooding Chapel. Rosary will be recited following the visitation at the chapel.

Howard Thon

JEROME — Howard Thon, 78, of Jerome, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his home.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Joanne R. Larson

RUPERT — Joanne R. Larson, 81, of Rupert, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at

Country Side Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Allen E. Hunt

BURLEY — Allen E. "Doodle" Hunt, 79, of Burley, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his home.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Burley West State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave., with Bishop Brian Barlow officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites by the Mini-Cassida Veterans. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

D. Max Burton

BURLEY — D. Max Burton, 84, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Victor R. Berra

BURLEY — Victor Ramos Berra, 86, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Nevada N. Storde

JEROME — Nevada N. Storde, 85, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

SERVICES

John Patrick "J.P." Hamilton Sr. of Buhl, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls; burial at West End Cemetery in Buhl, followed by reception at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl (Farmer - Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Lucy Pauline "Polly" Eastman of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Deanna Wright Jensen of Reno, Nev., and formerly of Clover Valley, Nev., celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, with a special tribute at noon, at The Resort at Red Hawk, 6600 N. Wingfield Parkway in Reno (Mountain

View Mortuary in Reno).

Dorothy "Kathleen" Alfred Sugg of Boise and formerly of Glenns Ferry, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Glenns Ferry United Methodist Church (Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Church in Meridian).

Gregg R. Stowe of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

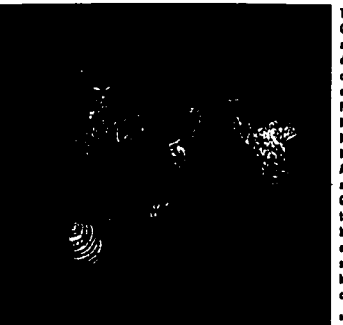
Father Simeon (Wilber Paul) Van de Voord of Jerome, vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

CHOIR PERFORMANCE



The Oregon Trail Honor Choir from Twin Falls was one of five groups from around the state that were invited to perform for the Idaho State School Board Association in Meridian. The group of 84 students rehearsed three times each week during their lunch hour, and sold 4,000 pounds of cookies dough to pay for the trip. More than 125 family and friends attended the event, as well. The choir is under the direction of Earl Cooper and the principal is Kasey Teske.

'JOSEFINA'S GIFT'



The Magic Valley chapter of Liberty Girls prepared for its first performance of "Josefina's Gift," under the direction of Rebecca Sandness, co-chairing a semester-long study of New Mexico history on Dec. 7. From left are Sydney Sandness, Kelly Whitehead, Lillian Whitely, Kara Whitehead, Britnie Helm, Melly Sandness, Sonya Schultz, Annika Lewis, McKinley Schmitz, and Michelle Condie. The Liberty Girls is a leadership club for girls to learn about U.S. history through book discussions, hands-on projects and other activities. A new semester begins the second week in January. For more information, call Julie Whitehead at 735-9422.

Pedro B. Gabriel

GOODING — Pedro B. Gabriel was born on June 28, 1952, in Sao Jorge, Açores, off the coast of Portugal. Pedro left his life to continue his eternal work with The Father on Jan. 10, 2007.



The people who happily greeted and walked him up the stairs of heaven were his father, Manuel Gabriel; his mother, Maria Soares, Carmenia Cardoso; his six brothers and sisters, and his adored granddaughter Paigley Ford.

His family members that will forever hold his heart are his loving wife, Jannea Gabriel; his four loves (his daughters), Colleen, Texas, Valerie Warren, Elizabeth Ford and Joyce Trent; his two helpful son-in-laws, Matt Ford (Mateus) and Zachary Warren (Zack); his three darling loving grandsons, Caleb Gabriel, Dominic Warren and Gabriel Warren, and his unborn granddaughter, Faith Ford; his three comical brothers, Rui, Joao and George Cardoso; and four beautiful sisters, Maria Cons, Immaculada, Natal and Lucia; and the whole Carter

and Erickson Gang. Let's not forget his faithful companion dog Maluko.

Pedro lived a courageous life surrounded by the people who loved him dearly. To those who knew him well, knew he was a devoted hard-working family man. Pedro took pride in being a loving and supporting husband, father, grandfather, friend and dalymen.

Honesty, integrity and pride were some of Pedro's strong attributes in his life. He enjoyed four-wheeling with his grandkids, Jodee and Jannea. He also enjoyed "bull-visting" over coffee with his friends and family. He loved to "work the field" with Jannea, reminisce, with his daughters and watch the World Cup (Go Portugal). In the last five years, Pedro traveled to many places such as Montana, Utah, Colorado, Texas, Arizona and Louisiana, where he met some amazing people who encouraged his strength, positive outlook and faith in life.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome. He will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Eldred 'Arlene' Lammers

FILER — Eldred "Arlene" Lammers, peacefully went to be with her Heavenly Father on Jan. 10, 2007, at the age of 85.



Arlene was born July 25, 1921, in Scandia, Kan., the oldest of four children to Frank and Hilda a s h Eastman. At an early age, the family moved to the Salmon Track area. She attended school and graduated from Hollister School in 1939. She met her life's companion and love, Edris Eugene Lammers. The couple was married April 9, 1939, and enjoyed 55 years together.

After residing in Berger, Twin Falls and Hollister, they settled in Filer in 1958, where they were active members of the community. After the death of her husband Edris in 1996, Arlene later moved to The Dalles, Ore., in 2000 to live with her daughter, Sharon and family.

Blessed with six children, Arlene was a devoted mother, wife and was always challenging her children to be the best they could be. She enjoyed attending all of her children's events and activities.

In addition to being a dedicated homemaker, Arlene kept busy with a variety of jobs and activities. Her favorite job, though, was being a staff writer for the *Boise Herald* for several years. A charter member of the Peace Lutheran

Church in Filer, she was an active member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and a willing volunteer for numerous church functions.

Of all her accomplishments in life, Arlene was most proud of her family.

Arlene loved to go fishing with her family, was an avid gardener, and she enjoyed cooking, canning, crocheting and sewing. Her children and grandchildren have beautiful memories and wish to keep her memories close.

Arlene loved to attend her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's sporting, school, and church activities.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon and husband Ed Ritchie of The Dalles; sons, Randy and wife Kris Lammers, Rockie and wife Michelle of Lammers of Jerome; Michael and wife Carrie Lammers of Twin Falls; daughter-in-laws, Marcy Lammers of Pocatello and Suellean Lammers of Filer; brothers, Bob Eastman of Twin Falls and Ed Eastman of Castroville, Ariz.; 18 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Arlene's life will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, Idaho, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Memorials may be given in Arlene's name to the Peace Lutheran Church Building, Unit 600 Stevens St., Filer, ID 83428.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-2866 Monday-through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

John Patrick 'J.P.' Hamilton Sr.

BUHL — John Patrick "J.P." Hamilton Sr. died peacefully in his home on Jan. 10, 2007, at the age of 83.



J.P. was born in Buhl on Dec. 18, 1923, and as a child in Buhl, satisfied his entrepreneurial spirit beginning at the age of 6. After becoming the town's youngest mailman and delivering certified mail to private homes. This was followed by several years of delivering newspapers, working as a janitor and stocking shoes. At the age of 13, he and his brother rented a popcorn machine and made as much as \$3 a night selling popcorn at the local theater or the county rodeo. His money-making ventures didn't stop him from graduating from Buhl High School in 1942 as an outstanding student, where he excelled as an athlete and was the student body president.

Following his graduation from high school, J.P. attended and played basketball at Idaho State University for a semester before enlisting in the Marines during World War II. He remained stateside throughout his tour of duty in the Pacific, always ready and willing to go when called. As a Marine, J.P. served as an aerial gunner instructor and then as a navigator. Upon his discharge from the Marines in 1946, he enrolled in the University of Idaho and earned his business and agriculture economics degree in 1951. As a college student at the University of Idaho, J.P. started a freelance photography business out of the basement of the Sigma Nu fraternity and took pictures at campus dances at the University of Idaho and Washington State University. As a college student, he was successful enough as a photographer to send money home to buy stock in the family business.

After graduation from the University of Idaho, J.P. began his long career as a community banker at Farmers National Bank, which was started by his father, J.C. Hamilton, in 1917. The bank would become the major focus of his energies for the next 50 years and would become synonymous with the Hamilton name. He was a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School, was the president of the bank for 33 years and remained as chairman of the board until his death.

On a fishing trip to the Wood River Valley in the fall of 1953, he knocked on the door at the Walker family farm to ask permission to cross their property and met the love of his life when Margaret Walker

answered the door. As he said at the time, "I went fishing and I caught a 125-pound marlin." The two of them were married in June of 1954 and spent the rest of their lives together raising seven children and 17 grandchildren.

Over the years, he has served in a vast number of community and professional organizations. He was an avid coach, fan and financial supporter of any and all local sporting events and a recognized member of the University of Idaho Vandal Boosters. At the local level, he was a lifelong member of the Immaculate Conception Church and past president of the Buhl Economic Council, Buhl Chamber of Commerce and Buhl Recreation Association, and served as a director of the Clear Lakes Country Club and American Red Cross. Professionally, J.P. was an officer of the Idaho Bankers Association, a member of the executive council of the Independent Bankers Association and an inductee to the Magic Valley Livestock Hall of Fame.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Hamilton; sister, Margaret Giese of Twin Falls; son, Mike Hamilton of Buhl; daughter, J.P. and wife Leslie of Buhl; Kevin Hamilton of Park City, Utah; Kathy Amoth and husband Gary of Buhl; Vince Hamilton and wife Patrice of Buhl; Tim Hamilton and wife Sue of Halley; and Ann Lively and husband Mark of Buhl. In addition to his children, J.P. is survived by 17 healthy grandchildren, including Mike's kids Matt and Joel Hamilton, Pat's kids Nick Jack and Emily Hamilton, Kevin's kids Joe and Ann Hamilton, Kathy's kids Whitney and Madison Amoth, Vince's kids Perry and Kendyl Hamilton, Tim's kids Courtney and Melica Hamilton, and Ann's kids Markus, McKayla, Michael and McKenna Lively.

A rosary was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. A viewing was from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. The memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls, followed by burial at the Buhl West End Cemetery. A reception at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl will follow the burial service.

Memorials in honor of J.P. Hamilton may be made toward the construction of a new concession stand at the Clint Faux Memorial baseball field, Buhl American Legion Baseball, in care of Lee Cline, P.O. Box 392, Buhl, ID 83316. Arrangements are by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Apparent break-in ends tragically when man asphyxiates in rooftop vent

By Tristen Scott
Lee Newspaper

MISSOULA, Mont. — Police found a man's body protruding from the rooftop ventilation duct at a Missoula craft shop Thursday, the tragic result of a botched burglary.

Kenneth Ellingson, 38, was apparently trying to break into the Treasure Chest of Crafts and Hobbies at 1612 Benton St. when he got stuck in the narrow air vent and died of asphyxiation, authorities said.

Police would not speculate as to what Ellingson hoped to find inside the store.

The owner of the Treasure Chest arrived at about 8:30 a.m. to open the store and discovered that the power and phone lines were disconnected. The owner checked the power box behind the building and found the lines had been cut, then noticed someone had attempted to pry open the back door with a crowbar.

The owner called police, who searched the building and found a ladder leading to the roof. An officer climbed the ladder and saw a man's legs pro-

truding from the rooftop vent. According to Missoula Police 11, Mike Brady, Ellingson had to remove a swamp cooler from atop the square vent in order to gain entrance. The duct work, which is about 16 inches wide,

turns at a 90-degree angle once inside the building, and Ellingson's torso was stuck. Brady said Ellingson had been dead for several hours by the time authorities were notified.

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Idaho governor stops work on Capitol expansion

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Gov. CL "Butch" Otter made good Friday on his campaign promise to fight expansion of the Idaho Capitol by issuing a stop-work order on the construction.



Otter

Workers who surrounded the building with high fences have completed several wells that would be needed to eventually add two 50,000-square-foot underground wings, part of the \$130 million project that also includes a complete renovation of the existing 100-year-old Capitol.

After receiving a letter from the state, however, they'll halt work.

Otter has said he wants more time to negotiate with lawmakers in the 2007 Legislature over the renovation and expansion plan approved last year 33-2 in the state Senate and 40-28 in the House.

He's balked at the \$45 million price tag of the wings, saying he'd rather move state employees and lawmakers who meet there months out of the year in Boise into the Borah Post Office and old Ada County Courthouse located nearby. He first raised his concerns about the wings during his gubernatorial campaign last year.

"Our new guidance is to suspend that work," said Tim Mason, the administrator of Idaho's Division of Public

Works. "We'll await further decisions."

Although Otter didn't mention the Capitol wings in his State of the State speech Monday, lawmakers had an inkling they were still an issue after he proposed in his budget plan that they be held in "abeyance" until the issue is resolved.

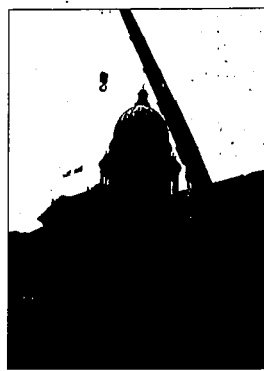
A letter signed by Mason was sent Friday to construction companies including McAlwain Construction Inc., Lendley & Associates and 3DI ordering them to stop work by next Thursday. There's a clause in the contract that says the state can suspend work unilaterally with five days notice.

Lawmakers who backed the plan last year to increase meeting space in the Capitol say they'll meet with Otter next week to discuss his concerns. "It's disappointing," said

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, of Otter's order. "It's supposed to be a five-day cooling-off period, is what we were told. We're certainly willing to sit down with Gov. Otter and hear his perspective. We really feel like we've done our due diligence."

A report completed last September by the state's Legislative Services office concluded remodeling the vacant Ada County Courthouse and Borah building would cost at least \$46.2 million, about \$1 million more than the wings.

"We're hopeful he'll recognize the wisdom in our decision," Cameron said. Lawmakers say they'll look into whether a governor should be able to interrupt a project that was backed by the 2006 Legislature, with work contracts signed by then-Gov. Jim Risch.



Workers on Jan. 2 operating a drilling rig boring test and dewatering wells on the lawn outside the 100-year-old Idaho state Capitol building in Boise. The project entails adding two 50,000-square-foot underground wings and a complete renovation of the existing Capitol for \$130 million.

Montana forester to lead U.S. Forest Service

By John Helprin
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Montana forester Gail Kimbell was named Friday to head the U.S. Forest Service and quickly came under fire from a Senate Democrat who represents her state.



Kimbell

Kimbell, the first woman to hold the job, succeeds retiring chief Dale Bosworth.

Nature Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus,

D-Mont., said Kimbell has shown she is "inclined to raise fees, close campgrounds and otherwise make it harder for people to access their lands to raise revenue."

Kimbell, who had supervised national forests through northern Idaho, Montana and the Dakotas, helped develop President Bush's "healthy forests" program widely criticized by environmentalists as a giveaway to logging companies.

Signed into law in 2003 after wildfires swept the West, the program lets companies log large, commercially valuable trees in national forests in exchange for clearing smaller,

more fire-prone trees and brush.

By the end of next year, federal officials project the new foresting, 155 national forests will have resulted in more than 21.5 million acres of forest cut since 2001.

As the agency's 16th chief, Kimbell will be responsible for law and other logging initiatives, 30,000 employees and a nearly \$5 billion budget. The job doesn't require Senate confirmation.

"Gail brings a wealth of knowledge and new perspective," said Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, who announced her appointment.

By the end of next year, the Forest Service must evaluate all the national forests and 20 grasslands and their amenities, such as campgrounds and restrooms, answering questions like how frequently they are used and how well they fit into the overall purpose of the area.

About 1,500 campgrounds are located on Montana's Forest Service land, according to Baucus's office.

The agency faces a \$300 million-plus backlog in maintenance and rising costs for fire suppression, which now account for more than a third of the agency's budget.

Bosworth, a career forester who became chief in April 2001, will step down Feb. 2.

Idaho lawmakers launch domestic elk debate

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Lawmakers took aim Friday at the issue of domestic elk farms, some of which allow huge trophy bulls to be shot by hunters who pay thousands to kill them.

At a 2 1/2 hour meeting of House and Senate committees that oversee both agriculture and wildlife, the battle lines took shape on two fronts.

The first is whether regulations should be beefed up to give the Department of Agriculture increased authority over Idaho's 70 elk farms with 5,013 animals, including provisions that might allow for expanded disease testing.

The second is more philosophical, pitting fair-chase advocates bugging for a ban on preserves that allow penned hunters against property-rights advocates who see culling bull on forbidding "shooter bull" operations. Such hunts are illegal in Wyoming and Montana.

The debate was kicked off in August when up to 160 domestic elk bailed from the Chief Joseph private hunting reserve near Rexburg, 10 miles from Yellowstone National Park.

Former Gov. Jim Risch ordered an emergency hunt, leading to the killing of 33 bulls, causing a calving in a measure meant to keep farm-raised elk from breeding with or spreading disease to wild populations.

"Our biggest issue has been contact between wild and domestic elk," Jim Bosworth, the Department of Fish and Game's wildlife bureau chief, told lawmakers. "There's not a fence around that can't be breached."

Attending the Capitol discussion were elk ranchers including Gary Queen of Cataldo, president of the Idaho Elk Breeders Association.

He argues the uproar over Chief Joseph's wayward elk has obscured arguments from ranchers that they run respon-

sible, largely disease-free operations that contribute \$25 million yearly to Idaho's economy in the form of restaurant meat, antler velvet for health products and hunting opportunities for those who want the assurance of a successful kill.

No elk from Chief Joseph tested positive for chronic wasting disease, tuberculosis or brucellosis.

Queen says he's not against additional regulations, something like the proposed permits or licensing program that failed in the 2003 Legislature and is being reprinted. It would be overseen by the state Department of Agriculture.

Still, any plan to shutter "harvest ranches" — foes describe them as canned hunts — makes Queen's blood boil. Fourteen elk ranches sell penned hunts, often for thousands of dollars.

"It's freedom of enterprise," he said. "This is an attack against agriculture."

He's got support from lawmakers including Rep. Joann Wood, R-Elgin, who says outlawing the ranches would be a property rights intrusion.

Foes of canned hunts such as the Idaho Sportsman's Caucus, a 26-group coalition that includes the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, want to know what they dub "high-fence shooting." Paying \$6,000 for

the right to slip into enclosures to take a bead on beefy grunted bulls bred for gargantuan antlers sullies the reputation of hunters that seek their prey in the wild, they contend.

"What happens behind those fences is not hunting. It's shooting," said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum. "Elk farms are taking the wild out of wildlife."

He and other foes don't want to take a bead on beefy grunted bulls bred for gargantuan antlers.

Underlying this rancor is a turf rivalry: Oversight of domestic elk has been taken over by the Agriculture Department, while Fish and

Game manages Idaho's 125,000 wild elk for about 100,000 hunters annually.

This week, the seven-member Fish and Game Commission, the agency's oversight panel, signed a policy statement that touts principles of so-called "fair chase" and classifies shooting fenced domestic elk as something short of real hunting.

Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture backs a plan to more strictly regulate elk ranches, through the license or permit system. That could mean expanded disease testing to include worms, liver flukes and other parasites.

Feds say scouts caused wildfire

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The government is asking a judge to declare fire Scouts responsible for a fire that burned 14,200 acres and cost millions to control in 2002.

If the judge agrees, the Great Salt Lake Council could be faced with reimbursing the government.

Scouts who were working on wilderness survival badges caused the fire that consumed 22 square miles of federal, state and private land in the Uinta Mountains in northeastern Utah, Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Overby said Thursday.

A U.S. Forest Service investigator pinpointed the fire to an area where some Scouts had stayed overnight, Overby told U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell.

The government claims the Great Salt Lake Council was negligent in allowing some Scouts to set up camp with no adult supervision.

In depositions, Scouts testified they were playing with fire, even offering a teenage counselor candy in return, Overby said. The Scouts said they believed any fire had been extinguished.

The council's attorney, Robert Wallace, said the Forest Service investigator could be wrong about the cause. But the judge noted that the Scouts have not offered any expert testimony to rebut the government's theory.

Campbell did not make a ruling Thursday.

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The fire cost more than \$12 million in control. The government said two burn orders had been posted at a time of dry conditions in June 2002.

In court documents, attorneys for the Great Salt Lake Council said Scouts were not aware of a formal fire ban and believed small fires in fire pits were allowed.

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President Ford: Carter a 'disaster' and Reagan got too much Cold War credit

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — In 25 years of interviews with his hometown paper that could only be released upon his death, former President Ford once called Jimmy Carter a "disaster" who ranked alongside Warren Harding, and said Ronald Reagan received far too much credit for ending the Cold War.

It makes me very irritated when Ben's people pound their chests and say that because we had his big military buildup, the Kremlin collapsed," Ford told *The Grand Rapids Press*.

The best president of his lifetime, Ford said, was a more moderate Republican: Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Harry Truman "would get very high marks" for his handling of foreign crises, Ford said. He also praised Richard Nixon as a foreign policy master, despite the Watergate scandal that drove

him from office. Ford considered John F. Kennedy overrated and Bill Clinton average. He admired George H.W. Bush's handling of the Persian Gulf War and his mixed opinions of Carter, who defeated Ford in 1976.

In 1981, Ford said: "I think Jimmy Carter would be very close to Warren G. Harding. I feel very strongly that Jimmy Carter was a disaster, particularly domestically and economically. I have said more than once that he was certainly the poorest president in my lifetime."

But two years later, he praised Carter's performance on the Panama Canal treaty, China and the Middle East. And in 1998, he said Carter "will be looked on as a better president than some comments we hear today."

"He was a very decent, fine individual," Ford told the paper. "There were no major

mistakes. There just weren't a lot of exciting results."

Ford's gave the interviews on the condition that his remarks be withheld until after his death.

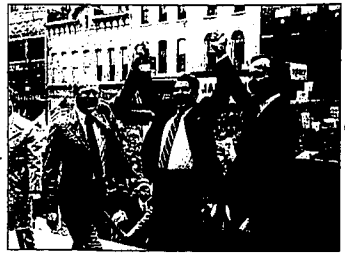
According to the newspaper, Ford declined to rate George W. Bush, saying he did not know him well enough.

Ford said Reagan, who challenged him unsuccessfully for the GOP nomination in 1976, was "a great spokesman for attractive political objectives" such as a balanced budget and defeating communism, "but when it came to implementation, his record never matched his words."

Reagan was "probably the least well-informed on the details of running the government of any president I knew," Ford said. In a separate interview, he said Reagan "was just a poor manager, and you can't be president and do a good job unless you manage."

Ford contended his own negotiation of the Helsinki accords on human rights did more to win the Cold War than Reagan's military buildup. Other key factors were the Marshall Plan that helped rebuild Europe after World War II and the establishment of NATO, he said.

"When you put peace, prosperity and human rights against poverty, a massive unbalanced military program and a lack of human rights, communism was bound to collapse," he said. "No president, no Democrat or Republican, can claim credit for those programs. I'll tell you who deserves the credit — the American people."



Former president Gerald R. Ford, left, lends his support to fellow Republican and presidential candidate Ronald Reagan and running mate George Bush, seen here on the final day of campaigning in Peoria, Ill., on Nov. 3, 1980.

McCain tries bolstering support for war plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators who back President Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq tried Friday to bolster support for the unpopular strategy.

Democrats plotted ways to derail the increase and force changes in war policies.

A day after Bush's proposal was pelted with bipartisan criticism on Capitol Hill, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leading presidential contender for 2008, said he supports the plan. He tried to shift the burden to war critics.

McCain said those advocat-

ing the start of a troop withdrawal, which includes many Democrats, "have a responsibility to tell us what they believe are the consequences of withdrawal in Iraq. If we walk away from Iraq, we'll be back, possibly in the context of a wider war in the world's most volatile region."

In a second day of hearings, there was still plenty of congressional skepticism about Bush's strategy, which would add 21,500 U.S. troops to the 132,000 already in Iraq.

Rep. John Murtha, a Pennsylvania Democrat who oversees military funding, said he will propose tying congressional approval of war funds to shutting the Guantanamo Bay military prison in Cuba. Other conditions he said he is consid-

ering include not extending troop deployments and giving soldiers and Marines more time to train between deployments.

Bush is expected to ask in February for \$100 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. His plan to add troops is estimated to cost an additional \$5.6 billion.

Democratic leaders in the House and Senate intend to hold symbolic votes in coming days to demonstrate the extent of opposition to Bush's troop increase. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told fellow Democrats in a closed-door meeting she intends to allow the Senate — where several Republicans have been vocal in their criticism of the president — to begin debate first.

Bush signs bill to ban use of deception to get phone records

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday signed a bill into law that would make it a crime to lie to obtain the telephone records of private citizens.

The legislation outlaws the practice of getting confidential phone records by "making false or fraudulent statements" to a phone company employee by obtaining false or fraudulent documents to access accounts" or by "accessing customer accounts through

the Internet" without authorization.

Violators face fines and imprisonment of up to 10 years. Fines are doubled and five years may be added to the prison term if the violations involve more than \$100,000 or more than 50 customers.

The issue became big news late last summer following revelations that investigators working for executives at Hewlett-Packard Co. used

deception to obtain phone numbers of board members and reporters in an effort to track down news leaks.

The investigation of Hewlett-Packard is still under way. In a regulatory filing recently released, the company said the Securities and Exchange Commission is conducting a formal investigation of the spying scandal, and that the Federal Communications Commission has requested documents.

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Nasdaq composite	▲17.47		2,502.82
Standard & Poor's 500	▲8.81		1,430.73
Russell 2000	▲8.81		794.28

Stocks of local interest

Con Agm.	27.05	▼	.39
Dell Inc.	26.62	▼	.31
Idacorp	38.19	▼	.70
Linia Motors	26.92	▲	.16
Micron	14.23	▲	.35
Supervalu	35.12	▼	.22

Commodities

Feb. Oil	52.99	▲	1.11
(light sweet crude by barrel)			
Live cattle	91.80	▼	1.8
Jan. gold	625.50	▲	13.9

For more, see page A9

Stocks close higher as investors weigh profit warnings, sales data

By Joe Bel Bruno
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street rebounded from an early loss Friday to send the Dow Jones Industrial Average to a second straight record close as investors embraced robust economic data and shrugged off several profit warnings. Bond prices fell on concerns about interest rates.

Stocks held on to their gains despite a profit warning from chip maker Advanced Micro Devices Inc. The market also got a boost from lower oil prices and a migration into technology stocks.

Another catalyst was a Commerce Department report that retail sales rose in December at their strongest pace in five months — an indication that holiday sales might

have turned out better than expected. The Labor Department said December import prices climbed 1.1 percent in its largest increase since May.

The reports were another signal that the economy remains healthy, and could persuade central bankers to keep interest rates where they are. Stock and bond investors have been hoping the Fed

might lower rates in the near future.

Some of Friday's fluctuations were likely due to investors adjusting their positions ahead of a three-day weekend, with the markets closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"You've had a pretty good week, and people always tend to even up positions on a Friday — especially before a

holiday," said Alexander Paris, an economist and market analyst for Chicago-based Barrington Research.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 41.10, or 0.33 percent, to 12,556.08. Friday marks the index's 24th record close since the start of October. Despite the gains, the Dow didn't surpass its trading high of 12,500.35 set Jan. 3.

Bush signs fishing legislation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday signed into law a measure that overhauls management of marine fisheries and strengthens protections against further depletion of dwindling stocks.

The bill reauthorizes through 2013 the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, a 30-year-old law that guides fishery management in waters between three miles and 200 miles offshore. The act works to end overfishing in America by 2011, uses market-based incentives to replenish fish stocks and strengthens enforcement of fishing laws.

Supporters said the measure strengthens current law by requiring an end to overfishing, science-based management of U.S. fisheries and penalties for illegal fishing in international waters.

When Congress passed the measure, the National Resources Defense Council said the world's oceans are in serious trouble and the legislation would help reverse their decline. Environmentalists filed a provision that sets overall limits on the number of fish that can be caught, while allowing fishermen flexibility in how they divide shares of the total catch.

Magic Valley elk farmers still optimistic about financial futures

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The market for David and Erin Miller's domestically raised elk is growing with requests for meat from locals, people in the Treasure Valley and even customers as far away as the East Coast.

The couple raises about 30 elk on a small acreage north of Jerome. They've turned down requests to provide elk to restaurants so they could grow their herd.

"We just got started a few years back and are just now growing the herd," David Miller said. "However, business could take a turn for the worse and we haven't yet made any money from the operation, but have about \$70,000 invested into it."

Miller is trying to be optimistic about the industry's future. But with legislators talking about introducing up to nine bills in response to the August escape of dozens of elk from Hex Hammel's eastern Idaho shooter-bull operation, Miller is walking on eggshells about the possible fallout.

"We have heard from the extreme that they will shut us all down to making us double-free our animals," Miller said. "However, we are still moving forward and just closed on an 80-acre farm in Butte so we can increase the size of our herd."

The state's economy benefits from the farms, according to an economic impact study conducted by the Cleveland, Ohio-based Silverdale Consulting Corporation for the Elk Breeders Association of Idaho. Elk farms provide 177 jobs, both directly and indirectly, and pump more than \$24.6 million into the economy from the sale of ani-



David Miller pets one of the tamer animals on his elk farm in Jerome. The state's economy benefits from the farms, according to an economic impact study conducted by the Cleveland, Ohio-based Silverdale Consulting Corporation for the Elk Breeders Association of Idaho.

"At the end of the day most elk farms in Idaho are run by families that are just trying to make ends meet."

— David Miller, Elk farmer in Jerome

mal, hunting supplies, animal byproducts, guided tours, purchase of feed and fuels and outsourced services.

Statewide, there are more than 6,000 animals and about 1,300 of them are on 10 elk farms in the Magic Valley.

"We feel that we are adding to the economy and plan on continuing to grow our impact," Miller said.

Elk meat is healthier than beef or chicken and is the perfect substitute for people watching the heart health because it is less fatty, Erin Miller said.

"About 90 percent of the venison in the United States is imported," she said. "If we cannot provide it here locally,

a lot of people will not be able to buy it at all. Add on the cost of shipping and the cost will outweigh the benefits."

In addition to selling meat, the Millers sell stock for breeding purposes and look forward to selling bulls to hunting farms.

"The meat is really the bread and butter," David Miller said. "But the bulls go for a lot more. A 5-year-old bull can go for about \$6,000 compared to the thousand or so, depending on the animal's size, for beef animals."

James Shriver of Butte also runs a small elk farm and says selling the trophy bulls is the only way he's able to stay in business. Retired, he has had his

elk operation about eight years.

"I sell the animals in both meat and shooter-bull markets," Shriver said. "With such a small operation, we can hardly break even. When you sell a bull it pays a lot more than just selling animals for meat."

Shriver doesn't think that "canned hunts" are tiled correctly and says the state should continue to allow the hunting practice. Idaho's dozen or so hunting ranches average 1,800 acres in size, according to Silverdale's study.

"It isn't like you pull into a corral and shoot the animal," Shriver said. "Most hunters

don't even realize they are in a fenced area because they are so large. It is only an opportunity to get a trophy, a guarantee that somewhere on the property one exists."

Miller pointed out that Americans spend hundreds of millions of dollars to hunt on elk farms in Canada.

"Why would we want to close that market here in the states even more, when it isn't going to solve the problem," he said.

Although he knows that hunting farms may be a thing of the past, he is hopeful that the opportunity to raise elk remains open.

"At the end of the day most elk farms in Idaho are run by families that are just trying to make ends meet," Miller said.

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Putting families on the road to independence

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Imagine getting to work in the suburbs, or picking up your children from day care before the agency starts charging late fees by the minute, or just getting groceries — all without a car.

Now imagine buying a car while supporting a family of four on an income of no more than \$40,000 a year or taking out a loan with 30 percent interest.

Sophia Goulbourne, a 26-year-old mother of two who lives in Leesburg, Va., and works at a mall in Fairfax County, knows what it is like to have no car and no means of buying one. But two years ago, she discovered a car-buying program through an Oakton, Va.-based nonprofit organization that has helped her and her family move closer to financial independence.

"I could not do it on my own," said Goulbourne, who plans to pay off her \$4,000 loan

on a used 1997 Infiniti this month, along with a smaller, more recent loan that paid for a major repair. "I didn't have the money; they gave me the money."

Northern Virginia Family Service has been participating since 1989 in a national Ways to Work program that guarantees small loans to low-income families. Many of those clients are single parents. Many have shaky credit records. Most of the loans are used to purchase cars.

The nonprofit group, in partnership with Virginia Commerce Bank, helps arrange and co-sign two-year loans of as much as \$4,000 with interest rates of no more than 8 percent that allow these clients to buy cars and build good credit ratings. The group also offers classes to teach clients about managing their household finances.

In fact, the national organization behind the program said that while providing low-

income families with private transportation is important in the suburban age, the greatest benefit of the program may be the rehabilitation of its clients' credit.

"Initially, it's all about the mobility," said Jeff Faulkner, president of Milwaukee-based Ways to Work. "Ultimately, it's all about the loan."

For example, while studies show that the purchase of a car enhances a poor family's income, cleaning up a family's credit history can also have a direct, long-term impact on his or her job prospects. That's because many employers now conduct credit checks on job applicants as part of the vetting process, Faulkner said.

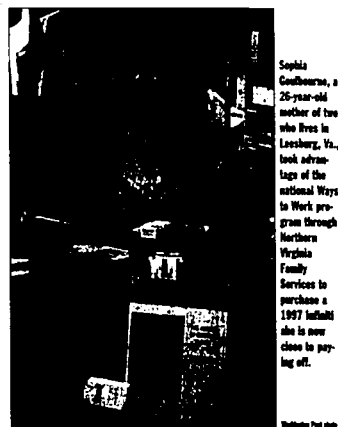
It becomes determinative of your employment," he said. Teaching clients how to handle their finances and rebuilding their credit ratings with small loans also provides a practical way of allowing them to return to the commercial lending markets as savvy con-

sumers who can improve their lives.

Faulkner said he likes to view the program as an American version of the "micro-loans" pioneered for people in the Third World by Nobel Peace Prize recipient Muhammad Yunus' Grameen Bank.

That program began 40 years ago with \$27 loans to furniture makers in Bangladesh. Ways to Work originated in Minneapolis in 1984 as a loan program backed by the McKnight Foundation, a philanthropic organization in Minnesota.

Although the national organization originally made interest-free loans and seldom moved to repossess vehicles from delinquent borrowers, they have found the program works better since making it more like the real world: Customers pay interest, and if they miss payments regularly, their cars may be taken from them.



Sophia Goulbourne, a 26-year-old mother of two who lives in Leesburg, Va., took advantage of the national Ways to Work program through Northern Virginia Family Service to purchase a 1997 Infiniti she is now close to paying off.

New CSI athletic director earns top grade

CHEERS to the hiring of Joel Bate, new athletic director for the College of Southern Idaho.

CSI found the best man to lead the Golden Eagles from within the college's English Department. Bate, 46, has been a professor of English at the school since 1993. Bate's other distinction is with the women's basketball team, which he led to a 144-78 record from 1993 to 2000. As a known commodity in Twin Falls, he represents a solid choice for the college.

A winning resume as a coach gives credibility to a new athletic director. But Bate's efforts in the classroom are equally impressive. The balanced background will give CSI's student athletes more than a winning edge on the courts, but also one for their professional lives after college. Bate's lengthy understanding of CSI, and its entire mission in higher education, will pay off immensely in academics, fundraising and athletic excellence.

HEERS to the concept of transporting children of divorced couples.

Recent news stories have featured services like those of Child Safe

Transportation, a roundtrip shuttle service between Twin Falls and Idaho for children of divorced parents. The shuttle charges parents \$35 to send their child on a one-way trip to either city on a fully insured van. Children passengers enjoy a DVD player, video games, reading lights and the company of other kids.

Paging Dr. Benjamin Spock, Dr. Phil, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Anyone?

The era of no-fault divorce is alive and well, but if this is parenthood in the 21st Century, it's very troublesome. Parents should be willing to spend the extra one or two hours with their child in a car, especially if they don't have visitation throughout the week. Who knows, maybe it's a great opportunity to actually talk and listen to your child.

But what's most astounding about the practice is that it was endorsed by a divorce judge, as one parent told the *Idaho Statesman* in a recent story.

It is time to know the state is all for preschool-on-wheels in divorce court.

CHEERS to Brewster Dairy, Inc., the



new owners of the former Kraft Foods cheese plant in Rupert.

While the closure of the Kraft plant was first announced in May, and the plant ended production over the holidays, Wednesday's announcement that Brewster would buy the property is great news for the Mini-Cassia regional economy.

Brewster will begin installing its own cheese manufacturing equipment in the coming year, with plans to open production by Nov. 1, according to a company release. Whereas Kraft produced cream cheese and string cheese, Brewster boasts of one of the nation's largest Swiss cheese production lines.

Either way, the region will march forward with the promising

announcement.

Give the credit to local officials' ability to promote a good facility, a talented work force, and a business-friendly state.

HEERS to the U.S. House of Representatives, for putting football above public business.

All that talk about setting a high bar in the first 100 hours of a Democratic Congress was punted away on Monday afternoon. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., announced Monday that House legislative actions would wait until Tuesday, just so representatives from Ohio and Florida could watch the national championship college football game between Ohio State and Florida.

That's coming from the congressman who wanted to reintroduce the five-day work week in Congress. Democrats had aimed to pass domestic priorities that included a minimum wage hike, Sept. 11 recommitments, new policies on Medicare prescription drug prices and expansions of stem cell research.

CHEERS to the Honda Ski Tour happening this weekend in Sun Valley.

It's been almost three decades since Sun Valley has hosted a national ski event. But officials from the towns of Sun Valley, Ketchum and Sun Valley Resort, are throwing out a welcome mat in grand style.

Organizers expect as many as 15,000 to 20,000 spectators for the Honda Tour festival, which started Thursday and continues through Sunday. Events will be tailored for young and old, as well as skiers and non-skiers. A full schedule of family activities, musical performances, art exhibits and food vendors will be on tap.

Then there's the skiing. Some of the world's best competitors will be in town for the halpiple snowboard competition on Sunday, and the debut of ski cross — a newly approved Olympic skiing sport for the 2010 Games, on Saturday. Ski cross racing combines the high speed of downhill, the wide jumps of freestyle, and the competitive racing of cross-country in the same event.

LETTERS

Vigilance the only weapon to fight closed government

"Democracy dies behind closed doors."

Both in Idaho and Washington, D.C., this trend of shutting the door in the faces of the public increasingly occurs. A democracy is only as healthy as it is transparent and subject to public scrutiny.

The recent actions of the other in taking his official oath of office without the benefit of even the presence of the press is a strong message as to the kind of governance Idaho can expect during these next four years.

This behavior symbolizes the movement in our country of our governing body's distance from its citizens. This closed, under-the-table trend ranges from no open bidding for the construction companies "rebuilding" the funding of all sorts across the nation, to the closed caucuses and committee meetings of the majority party in our Legislature, and now, even the selling of public highways to foreign investors which will then be sold to road funds (an effort to relieve states of the financial mess they are in — Indiana is the prototype of things to come).

We need to pay close attention to the media, read material not only of the mainstream press, but become increasingly interested in the doings of our governing entities at all levels, and not be misled by the hot button issues that are promoted to divert our attention from matters of more importance.

Democracy will fall without a vigilant citizenry.

In order to "preserve a more perfect union," we must hold Gov. Otter and our state Legislature accountable and be aware and involved in our city, county and national governments as well.

In those falls and organizations, from the Bill Chisholms to the League of Women Voters, I am grateful for your consistent and persistent presence in public issues for the benefit of my well-being.

KATHIE BOIAN
Gooding

World trade policy threatens American borders

To facilitate the invasion of the United States by illegal aliens and the massive importation of Chinese imports, President Bush is intent on building a North American Free Trade Agreement Superhighway from Mexico to Canada with links to the East and West Coasts.

The funds to build a 700-mile fence will be used for the highway.

This is part of the agreement with Mexico and Canada to create a North American Union regional government like the European Union (see www.sp.gov). This is being done bureaucratically without the consent of Congress or the American people. It will destroy American independence, jobs and agriculture.

This roadway will be four football fields wide to accommodate trucks, cars and railroads taking 500,000 acres of farm and ranch land and eliminating tens of thousands of farmers, truckers, longshoremen and factory workers. What contractors will be shipped, since there will be no customs inspection until Kansas City, and that facility will be run by Mexico and designated Mexican territory? How many terrorists will enter our nation undetected? The elite human undertakers, pushing their "New World Order" continue the destruction of our country!

A U.S. Congress bill, House Concurrent Resolution 487, states that the United States does not enter into a North American Union and not construct a super highway system from Mexico to Canada.

Please contact our congressmen and senators to support H. Con. Res. 487 and H.R. 1146 to get out of the tyrannical United Nations. See www.pb.org for details.

ADRIAN L ARR PH.D.
Twin Falls



DAVID BROOKS

The liberals who favor quick exit never grappled with the consequences of that policy, which the Baker I. Hanon commission terrifically described. The centrists who believe in gradual withdrawal never explained why that wouldn't be like pulling a tooth slowly. Sen. Joe Biden, who has the most intellectually serious framework for dealing with Iraq, was busy Wednesday, at the crucial decision-making moment, conducting preliminary fact-finding hearings, complete with forays into Iraqi history.

The Democrats have been fencud with criticisms of the war, but when it comes to alternative proposals, a common approach is social Darwinism on stilts: We failed them; now they're on their own.

So we are stuck with the Bush proposal as the only serious plan on offer. The question is what exactly did President Bush propose on Wednesday night? The policy rollout has been befogged by so much spin and misdirection it's nearly impossible to figure out what the president is proposing.

Nonetheless, here's my reconstruction of how this policy evolved:

On Nov. 30, Prime Minister

Blame and fog over Iraq

If the Democrats don't like the U.S. policy on Iraq over the next six months, they have themselves partly to blame. There were millions of disaffected Republicans and independents ready to coalesce around some alternative way forward, but the Democrats never came up with anything remotely serious.



Nouri al-Maliki presented Bush with a new security plan for Baghdad 2477, suggesting a heavy U.S. presence.

Then came the job of selling the plan. The administration could not go before the world and say that the president had decided to reverse the re-assignment of Iraq officials could not tell wavering Republicans that the president was proposing a heavy, U.S.-led approach.

This administration officials are saying that they have adopted the Maliki plan, just with a few minor tweaks. In briefings and in the president's speech, officials claimed that this was an Iraqi-led plan, that Iraq troops would take on all the primary roles in clearing and holding neighborhood, that Iraqis in mixed neighborhoods would scarcely see any additional Americans.

All of this is designed to soothe the wounded pride of the Maliki government, and to make the U.S. offensive seem less arduous at home. It's the opposite of the truth.

Wednesday, administration officials were praising al-Maliki lavishly. He wants the same things we want, they claimed. He has resolved to

lead a non-sectarian government. He is reworking his governing coalitions and marginalizing the extremists. "We've seen the nascent rise of a moderate political bloc," one senior administration official said Wednesday.

But the selling of the plan illustrates that this is not the whole story. The Iraqi government wants a unified non-sectarian solution in high-minded statements, and in some distant, ideal world. But in the short term, and in the deepest reptilian folds of their brains, the Shiites are maneuvering amid the sectarian bloodbath all around.

This is not a function of the character of al-Maliki or that of that official. It's a function of the core dynamic now afflicting Iraqi society.

The enemy in Iraq is not some discrete group of killers. It's the machinism of violence and hatred that infects every institution, including the government and the military.

Instead of facing up to this core reality, the Bush administration has papered it over with salesmanship and spin.

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David Beckham — soon to be famous for being famous

Nothing short of the surrender of Osama bin Laden would have shifted the lead story in the Sun, Britain's biggest-selling tabloid, away from Thursday's blazing full-page headline: "Beckham goes LA: A land."

The news that David Beckham, the country's most famous sports star, is to end his career playing soccer in Los Angeles has caused Britain to splutter into its collective cup of tea.

Los Angeles residents may have heard of Beckham, if only because he married the artist formerly known as Posh Spice — Victoria Beckham — who remains a staple of the British celebrity gossip industry.

RICHARD ADAMS

David, though, is known as an international object of desire for American teenagers as much as for his sublime football skills.

In Britain, the general reaction is disbelief. David Beckham? Moving to a country where football is played in helmets?

The British press in believing that Americans care little about the world's most popular sport. My newspaper, the *Guardian*, once published a parody of U.S. sports commentary that ran like this:

"Two soccer points to no score! Eddie Lewis makes a cross-pitch play from the left zone, finding Landon Donovan alone in the danger area. He top-bodies the sphere into the score bag, and Mexico have a double-negative start." A commentator on the BBC thought it was real, however, and read it out live on air as amusing evidence of American illiteracy.

I suspect that Beckham, well versed in celebrity lifestyle, will feel at home in Los Angeles. After all, he's already had a movie named after him, "Bend It Like Beckham" (2004). The movie's stars, Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra, went on to greater things ("Pirates of

the Caribbean" for Knightley; "ER" for Nagra). Now Beckham is joining them in Hollywood.

And why not? Either he moves to California for the eye-watering \$250-million, five-year contract being offered by the Los Angeles Galaxy — money only a hedge fund manager would sniff at — or he could return to Britain to a team, in, say, Bolton.

In any case, the Beckham phenomenon has long ceased being a football fad. He still has a few good years left on the field. But mostly there's his post-playing career to think of. He's undeniably handsome, has an exotic accent (to American ears) and is smart enough to avoid punch-ups

outside the Viper Room. His PR talents are such that in a few years he will simply be famous for being famous.

So, ignoring the "Sunset Boulevard" angle of the fading star looking for one last closure, Beckham moves to a win-win. Major League Soccer gets one of the game's biggest names — one that could expand the sport's appeal beyond its Hispanic base. Beckham gets a wheelbarrow full of cash and an unconquered media market.

Beckham's arrival also marks a significant change in the MLS' policy of developing young talent and keeping a tight rein on spending, aimed at avoiding the boom and

bus of the New York Cosmos in 1970s — the team that hired Pele to promote soccer here. Last year the league changed the rules, allowing each franchise to buy the salary cap for a single star. At the same time, the change was nicknamed "the Beckham rule."

The team salary cap is \$1.1 million. Beckham's \$50 million a season, in comparison, reveals how deep the pocket of soccer U.S. backers now are — a thought to wipe the smile off the faces of British fans.

Richard Adams is the Washington editor of the *Guardian* newspaper.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Coverage led to more Bibles to needy countries

I would like to thank the Times-News and Loreta Burkhardt for the story on "Giving away Christmas." Over the Christmas holiday, I received money from unsolicited donors from family and friends to be able to send 74 Bibles to China. Praise God!

Thank You
RONDAL H. LANG
Filer

Generosity in M-C region paid abundantly for victims

Sharing, caring and giving are the blessings of life in the Mini-Cassia area. The outpouring of gifts that were given to people in need this year was astonishing. The families who are victims of violence and were adopted by our community were overwhelming. These gifts let these women and their children know they have a place to start life anew. The generosity in our two counties has happened all year long, not just during the giving time of year.

The Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children would like to give our sincere thank you to the entire Cassia and Minidoka communities. Bless each and every one of you.
PAM HARRIS
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children
Rupert

Efforts will enhance Gooding medical care

The Gooding County

Memorial Hospital Foundation wishes to thank the many volunteers who gave tirelessly of their time and talents in helping to make the Gooding Hospital Festival of Trees a memorable and entertaining event.

Chairman Cynel Hockstra recently announced that the holiday gala raised nearly \$13,000. The money will be used to enhance hospital services and provide scholarships for those in the medical field.

We are overwhelmed and most grateful for everyone who helped to make the festival such a successful gathering of friends and neighbors.

SUSAN FAULKNER
Publicity Chairman
Gooding

Buhl was excellent host for traveling exhibit

The Idaho Humanities Council would like to thank the Buhl Arts Council for hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibition, Key Ingredients: America by Food, from Sept. 2 to Oct. 14, 2006. Not only was this an excellent opportunity for Buhl, but it was incredibly to witness the great work of the arts council staff and volunteers.

Project director Kelly Dalusio did a wonderful job in creating the on-site experiences and complimentary educational programs for the community to enjoy. Thanks to Ms. Dalusio and her volunteers, hundreds were able to witness the Smithsonian's quality in their hometown. These traveling exhibits are only available to state human-

ities councils, and we are pleased to be able to bring them to smaller Idaho towns.

We congratulate the Buhl Arts Council on a job well done and greatly appreciate the effort to make the project an overwhelming success.

RICK ARDINGER
Executive Director
Idaho Humanities Council
Boise

East End Provider benefit had much support

The MID Action Committee wants to thank those who supported our benefit for East End Providers.

Thanks to pool players, poker players, everyone who donated auction items and the auction bidders, South Hills Saloon, Town Tavern, Rainbow Bar, Clubby's, Magic Hoagie Deli, Gambia Cheese, Independent Meat, Mirry Pool (American), Buck Creek Restaurant, Buffalo Cafe, Jaker's, Tomata's, Gettie's, Maxie's, Windridge's Western Music, Agrillera, Albertsons, Burk's Tractor, Community Builders, Consider the Lily, Costco D&T Automotive, Football Cafe, Gem Equipment, Go-fer-It, Hairtech, Home Style Direct, Jessie's Ceramics, Art and Nikki Jones, Keegan's, Kimberly Kai & Karl, Leslie's, Magic Valley Distributing, Matt's ProCare, Moore's Warehouse, Brock Creek General Store, Brock Creek Metal Crafts, Splot, ADM Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Broadway Watkins, Distributing, OMI (Gary Young and Jody Hall for George

Urle), Shari's, Hansen Market, Hair-Nails Etc., Lytle Excavation, Fiesta Ole, Quick Draw Sausations, Pepp's Smoked Foods.

If we failed to mention anyone, we apologize.

LINDA MORRILL
JONI STANGER
SHELLEY STEWART
KAY SHARP
MID Action Committee
Hansen

Nameless duo came to rescue with lost wallet

I recently had an experience that renewed my faith in the goodness of the people in Twin Falls.

I was shopping at the Magic Valley Mall and started to pay for a purchase when I discovered my wallet was missing. After searching everywhere, my daughter and I were convinced that it had to have been stolen from my purse. Later that same afternoon, two women in a red sport utility vehicle came by my home. They had found my wallet in the parking lot and had taken the time and trouble to bring it back to me.

I didn't get your names, but whoever you are, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being good and kind and honest.

God bless you and your family.

LENORE EVERTON
Twin Falls

Alpine Manor residents relished a joyous Christmas

The staff and residents of Alpine Manor would like to

give a special thank you to the Times-News, the Jones family, our wonderful Mr. and Mrs. Santa Bob and the many anonymous elves who made their Christmas wish list come true.

With your help, our residents enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party and have many special memories and photos to cherish.

Again, a big thank you from our hearts to your hearts.

ELAINE TODD
TERI WICKLUND
Alpine Manor
Twin Falls

Christmas packages brought huge support to soldiers

I would like to personally thank the community of Twin Falls and Burley for the support and love that we felt throughout the year of 2006.

I would like to give a great big thank you to those who helped in donating for the Christmas packages that were sent to our soldiers in Iraq. The gifts, the cards, the money and the love that were put into those packages were truly appreciated. It has been really refreshing to think about all those who have shown concern for the soldiers and their families while going through this deployment.

Thank you for your prayers, your heartfelt concern and your willingness to help with any needs we have had.

Thank you so much!
ROSEMARIE BEDKE, wife of Staff Sgt. Stuart Bedke, Family Readiness Group Leader, Twin Falls Detachment, 1016th QM Co. Twin Falls

Donations helped provide shoes to children in need

The generosity in our area has been greater this 12th year than ever in helping provide a new pair of shoes for children in need. Thanks to young and older people who put their spare change into Quarters 4 Shoes. 4 Children jars in area businesses.

A special note of appreciation goes to Carol Robinson and her neighbors in the Pella area, Rebecca Florist, Lex and Celia Kinnai, Dwight and Linda Davis, Kent and Kim Fletcher, Dale and Jean Pierce, Dallon and Vicki Fisher, Wes and Betty Karlson, and the ladies of the Oldie Card Club for their generous donations.

An extra thank you goes to the nurses of the Rehabilitation Surgery Center in Burley for helping with the delivery of the jars. I would also thank Lacy Crane, who helps with paper work.

Quarters 4 Shoes 4 Children is available year round to help children in need.
LINDA PETERSEN
Burley

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Some SMU faculty members don't want President Bush's library on campus

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — Negotiations to build George W. Bush's presidential library at Southern Methodist University have divided the campus, pitting the administration and some alumni against members of the liberal-leaning faculty who say the project would be an embarrassment to the school.

Some professors have complained that the combined library, museum and think tank would celebrate a presidency that unnecessarily took the country into a war.

The fear is that the library "will continue to espouse the philosophy and practice of the Bush administration, which has seriously divided our nation and has brought the ire of other countries," said William McElvany, a retired professor at SMU's theology school and co-author a November opinion piece in the campus newspaper titled "The George W. Bush Library: Asset or Albatross?"

SMU emerged as the front-runner in the competition last month when the library site selection committee said it was entering formal discussions with the 13,000-student, private university in one of Dallas's wealthiest neighborhoods. The project will be financed with a private fund drive aimed at raising at

least \$200 million.

Bush connections to SMU run deep. First lady Laura Bush is a graduate and is on the board of trustees. Vice President Dick Cheney previously served on the board. Presidential adviser Karen Hughes and former White House counsel Harriet Miers are both graduates.

SMU officials said the library is unlikely to be derailed by the faculty opposition, and said the professors opposed to it are in the minority.

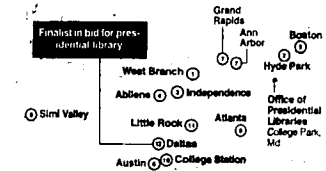
Brad Cheves, vice president for external affairs and development, said the library would help recruit students, attract visitors and increase giving. "It raises the profile of SMU no matter how people feel about President Bush," he said.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino declined to comment. And a spokesman for Commerce Secretary Don Evans, chairman of the library search committee, would not comment on whether the objections from some of the 600 faculty members would affect the panel's final decision, expected in a few months.

As for the students, Luis Arango, a 21-year-old junior and medical science major, said on campus Friday. "This school has a very conservative bias, and most of the students like Bush. The only people who don't seem to be the faculty. I

SMU may hold next presidential library

Southern Methodist University became the apparent winner of a competitive bid for the George W. Bush presidential library. But some faculty oppose an association with his administration and policies, fearing it will hurt the school and its reputation.



- Location of presidential libraries and museums
- 1. Herbert Hoover West Branch, Iowa
 - 2. Franklin D. Roosevelt Hyde Park, N.Y.
 - 3. Harry S. Truman Independence, Mo.
 - 4. Dwight D. Eisenhower Abilene, Kan.
 - 5. John F. Kennedy Boston
 - 6. Lyndon B. Johnson Austin, Texas
 - 7. Gerald R. Ford Ann Arbor, Mich. (Library)
 - 8. Jimmy Carter Atlanta
 - 9. Ronald Reagan Sun Valley, Calif.
 - 10. George Bush College Station, Texas
 - 11. Bill Clinton Little Rock, Ark.
 - 12. George W. Bush Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; possible location

SOURCES: U.S. National Archives & Records Administration (SMU) AP

know for a fact that some are real liberal and I don't think should be teaching here."

As for the alumni, many of them are wealthy and conservative. And Mike Boone, who is on SMU's list of trustees and earned undergraduate and law school degrees from SMU, said

an overwhelming majority of alumni support the Bush library project.

"It's prestigious and brings a lot of value to a university," said Boone, a Dallas lawyer who has known Bush since he was Texas governor.

The other finalists are Baylor

University in Waco, near the Bushes' Crawford ranch, and the University of Dallas.

McElvany warned that not only could the library hurt SMU's reputation, it could also become a target for terrorists or others who want to strike back at Bush, McElvany said.

"Dallas is already known as the city in which President Kennedy was assassinated, so does Dallas want a Bush library that could become a prime terrorist target?" McElvany asked.

The library of the president's father is on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station.

Universities often compete to host presidential libraries. But this is not the first time that the political passions of the day have stirred resistance to such a project.

In 1991, Duke University faculty members, by one vote, voted against continuing discussions to build Richard Nixon's library there. Nixon graduated from Duke Law School at North Carolina. Duke's trustees voted to build the library anyway, but negotiations with Nixon officials eventually broke down. The Nixon library was eventually built in Yorba Linda, in his native California.

"It was obvious this was going to be a memorial to glorify the career of Richard Nixon rather than be a repository of

his papers," said Lawrence Evans, a retired Duke physics professor.

Native Texan Lyndon B. Johnson's library was built on the University of Texas campus in Austin during the Vietnam war area. During the 1971 opening ceremony, hundreds of protesters chanted anti-war slogans and released black balloons. Demonstrators also marched around campus, throwing bottles, cans and bricks at police, and dozens were arrested.

Controversy follows Columbine video game's ejection from film festival

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An alternative film festival that showcased an aspiring video-game developer has caused controversy by suddenly rejecting a game depicting the Columbine high massacre.

A key sponsor from the University of Southern California withdrew in protest and six game makers pulled their creations at the Slamdance

Film Festival in Park City. A statement on the festival's Web site said: "There are moral obligations to consider with this particular game and the interests and welfare of the Slamdance organization and its community."

Ultimately, after much internal conflict and debate, we decided to pull this game and hope a choice like it will

never have to be made again," the statement said.

It is the first time in the festival's 13-year run that any media have been removed

from competition.

"In the gaming world this has come to be known as 'Slamgate,'" said Danny Ledonne, whose "Super

Columbine Massacre RPG"

was removed from the festival's Guerrilla Game-maker competition this week.

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WORLD

Child soldiers now in hiding in Somalia after recent fighting

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Adirisa Khalid Ahmed was shining shoes in Mogadishu's marketplace when a soldier from the country's Islamic movement approached, asking him to join up.

Ahmed, all of 16 years old, said yes.

Two months later, the Islamic militia has been driven from power and an unknown number of young soldiers like Ahmed are hiding in and around the capital, some of them wounded and too frightened to leave their homes.

Interviews with boys as young as 14 who said they fought in the recent weeks of violence in Somalia lend credence to accusations that children have been recruited for battle in this chaotic Horn of Africa nation.

The government and the Islamic movement have denied

recruiting child soldiers, but Christian Balslev-Olesen, UNICEF's Somalia representative, said Friday that witness accounts suggest otherwise.

"I fought with the enemy and was shot," Ahmed told The Associated Press from his home, where his uncle is helping him recover from gunshot to his back and thigh. "But I am still ready to fight when I recover from my wounds."

The teenager spoke on condition that he not be photographed for fear of reprisals from the government, which with the help of Ethiopian troops drove the Islamist movement from the capital. He also fears Somalis who resent the strict interpretation of Islam that had been imposed by the Islamic movement, known as 'the Council of Islamic Courts.

Balslev-Olesen said there was evidence of child soldiers being recruited by both sides in Somalia, "but we have to say the (Islamic courts) have been much more public in recruiting child soldiers."

He added that it was possible to estimate the number of young soldiers due to continuing volatility in Somalia. The U.N. estimates 300,000 child soldiers are involved in con-

licts worldwide, and child soldiers have fought in many African wars.

"If you have young people and children experiencing that kind of fighting and killing, that influences their mentality and thinking and mind set for the rest of their lives," Balslev-Olesen said.

In a statement Friday, UNICEF and Save the Children demanded "that all children

associated with armed forces or groups must be immediately released from their ranks, or from detention centers where they might currently be held."

Somalia has not had a functioning government since clan-based warlords toppled dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991 and then turned on each other, sinking the Horn of Africa nation of 7 million people into chaos.

Greece: Domestic terrorists attacked the U.S. Embassy

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A rocket-propelled grenade slammed into the U.S. Embassy on Friday, causing limited damage and no injuries but reviving fears of a resurgence of far-left Greek militant groups that carried out deadly attacks over three decades.

The shoulder-fired missile narrowly missed a large blue-and-white U.S. seal on the embassy's facade and damaged a third-floor bathroom near the ambassador's office.

U.S. Ambassador Charles L. Rice called the attack "very serious" and said no warning had been given.

"There can be no justification for such a senseless act of violence," he told reporters outside the cordoned-off embassy, which officials closed for the day. "The good news is no one was hurt and there was minimal damage."

Greek authorities blamed domestic militant groups that have carried out a bombings against police and government buildings despite a crackdown on terrorism before the Athens Olympics in 2004.

Police are examining the authenticity of two calls claiming responsibility from the group Revolutionary Struggle, which has carried out six bombings since 2003. The shadowy group has criticized the United States in past statements, citing treatment of prisoners at the U.S. military detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Chilean court blocks free distribution of morning-after pill

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile's highest court on Friday halted a four-month-old program that provides the morning-after pill for free to girls as young as 14, citing a constitutional issue in the way the government approved the program.

The court voted 6-4 that the program was unconstitutional because it was implemented by administrative decree rather than by presidential decree or legislation.

The government quickly responded by saying President Michelle Bachelet would issue the correct decree to comply with the court's ruling. But it dismissed the possibility of sending a bill to Congress because the program lacks a majority of support there.

The court issued its ruling, which cannot be appealed, at the request of 32 legislators from the right-wing opposition who argue the pill violates the right to life.

The morning-after pill, or Plan B, is a high dose of the most common ingredient in regular birth control pills. When taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, the two-pill series can lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. It will not work on a woman who is already pregnant.

The Chilean program provided free contraceptives — including the morning-after pill — to girls as young as 14 without notifying their parents.



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SPORTS

Jerome girls too much for Minico

Burnham scores 18 in win

By Ryan Howe For the Times-News

RUPERT — Jerome's combination of Jordan Burnham and Aubree Callen was too much for Minico Friday as the Tigers earned a 54-42 road win in Great Basin Conference West girls' basketball action.

Callen, a freshman, scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Burnham, a junior, had 10 points and eight boards for the Tigers, who pushed their winning streak to 10 games and improved to 13-3 overall and 3-1 in conference play.

While Jerome only outrebounded Minico by six (25-19), the Tigers got a majority of their rebounds on the offensive side converted them into points, especially early in the game.

"The last couple of games, our posts and guard have been crashing a lot hard-

er," said Jerome coach Will Harbison. "It's paying off — it's getting us second and third shots."

Minico (6-9, 2-3) kept within striking distance in the first half behind the play of freshman Tiana Simpson, who finished with a team-high 11 points.

Jerome closed out the first half on a 6-0 run, capped by Burnham's 3-pointer just before the buzzer. That gave the Tigers their biggest lead up to first point, 32-23.

"The shot they hit right at the end of the first half hurt us a little bit," said Minico coach Clint Straitman. "It kind of got us down, but I think we overcame it. We came out (in the second half) and looked like we were going to rail."

Senior guard Dani Ramirez, who finished with 10 points, got Minico going early in the third quarter, but Minico got

cold midway through the period, missing open jumpers and layups. The Tigers shot 35 percent from the floor, including 1-of-10 on 3-point attempts.

Halley Long's only bucket of the night was a 3-pointer to end the third quarter, giving Jerome its biggest lead of the night at 48-33. Once Jerome had that commanding lead, it effectively drained the clock on its offensive end.

"We knew that (Minico) is explosive offensively and can score in bunches," Harbison said. "We really tried to focus on one defensive stop at a time and then be real smart on our offensive end and take as much time as we needed."

Minico will play at Burley on Tuesday.

Scoreboard table for Jerome vs Minico game, listing players and statistics.



Jerome's Jordan Burnham (13) drives against Minico's Lael Garner (23) during the Tigers' 54-42 win over the Spartans on Friday at Minico High School.

Murray's big night helps Filer hold off Valley

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FILER — Casey Murray scored 22 points and Filer outlasted Valley 52-49 Friday night. The Wildcats never could shake the Vikings, but used free throws down the stretch to preserve the win.

With point guard Mike Smith out of the lineup after having surgery, Filer coach Daren Garey said Murray's play was key. "It was nice to have someone step up," he said.

Andy Dunn added 11 for Filer and Tyson Johnson had nine. For Valley, Mikael Kincaid scored 17 and Mike Dehonay added 10.

Filer visits Wood River tonight.

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A Wendell's bright spot was Jordan Lancaster with 11 points, and Jassen Chandler with 10 points.

Kimberly (6-4, 1-2) will host Valley Tuesday night.

Gooding runs past Declo

By Sven Berg For the Times-News

DECLO — Suffering from a low-shooting percentage and a high number of turnovers, the Declo Hornets huffed basketball squad fell to the Gooding Senators 59-35 Friday.

Declo has now lost three straight and dropped its conference record to 1-3, with a 3-8 mark overall.

Once again, the Hornets played with tremendous energy, but hurt themselves with 18 turnovers — 13 in the first half.

The Senators made Declo pay for its carelessness, torching the Hornets for nine 3-point shots on 46 attempts. Junior guard Tyler Alford knocked down five treys, accounting for 15 of his game-high 42 points.

Declo head coach Doc Lewis said he was "disappointed" by his team's inability to stop Gooding's perimeter shooters.

"In the first half, we talked about what we needed to do and that was to defend the 3-point shot, and we

gave up seven 3s," he said.

But most noticeable in this game was Declo's utter lack of offense.

"It's frustrating because there was nobody who stepped up and showed that they could make shots," Lewis said. "I thought we had good energy, but it came down to shooting."

Junior Matt Jones and senior Eric Sanders again turned in solid performances for the Hornets, but for Lewis and Declo, they served as a frustrating reminder of what could have been.

The 6-foot-3 Jones, who struggled offensively, pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds. Since the beginning of the season, the rangy forward has cemented himself as the team's premier rebounder.

Gooding '05, Declo 35
Gooding 21 32 15 35-50
Declo 12 18 12 35-50

Scoring: 21-48: M. Jones, J. Burns, J. Buggs & Mowat 2
19-18: D. Lee & Rogers 11, M. Jones 11
10-10: D. Lee & Rogers 11, M. Jones 11
10-10: D. Lee & Rogers 11, M. Jones 11

Rebounds: 21-48: M. Jones 11, M. Jones 11
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Allen Peck scored a game-high 13 points and was one of three Carey seniors in double digits. Brad Hunt and Cody Baird followed with 12 points. Peck had five steals and Cody Baird added four.

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Boston	20	45
Chicago	18	47
Denver	18	47
Golden State	18	47
Los Angeles	18	47
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Region 8C, 2006-07

Team	W	L
Charlotte	15	18
Orlando	15	18
Washington	15	18
Wizards	15	18

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

Marquette
11 a.m.
CBS - Regional coverage, Tennessee at Oak St. or Villanova at Syracuse.

ESPN - Kansas vs Iowa St.

FSN - UCLA at Southern Cal, 1:30 p.m.

ABC - Regional coverage, North Carolina at Virginia Tech or Oklahoma of Texas.

ESPN - Georgetown at Pittsburgh.

NBA Basketball
8:30 p.m.
WGN - Memphis at Chicago.

NFL Football
2:30 p.m.
CBS - Pittsburgh, AFC Divisional Game, Indianapolis at Baltimore.

MONEY

NY

12-17 - 145 1/8
18-16 - 154 1/4

HOKEY

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New Jersey	24	4
Philadelphia	22	6
Pittsburgh	21	7
Washington	20	8
Winnipeg	19	9
Colorado	18	10
Calgary	17	11
Edmonton	16	12
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SKI REPORT

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Landis summoned for hearing before French anti-doping agency

PARIS — Tour de France winner Floyd Landis has been summoned to a hearing by the French anti-doping agency to determine whether he can race again in France.

Landis, whose samples for one Tour stage were found to contain elevated testosterone to epistosterone levels, did not immediately say whether he would attend the hearing in Paris, officials of the French Agency Against Doping said Friday.

The American cyclist, who has denied using a banned substance, was informed of the summons Thursday but has not yet responded, said Philippe Daurat, the agency's secretary general. He was confirming a report in the French daily Le Monde.

Landis is being asked to appear before a nine-member panel of the agency but can be represented by a lawyer if he chooses, Daurat said.

The panel could ban Landis from racing in France, a decision that potentially could keep him out of future Tours. A decision could be made immediately after the hearing or at a later date, Daurat said.

Tour organizers have said they no longer consider Landis the champion of cycling's premier race, but the agency said it would act fairly.

"We're making no assumptions in this case," agency president Pierre Bordy said. "There will be a debate, and we will then see if there is cause to sanction."

The cyclist reportedly has contested the positive results advanced by France's Chateaubien-Montigny laboratory and questioned the lab's handling of doping tests. He has said the tests on his samples were mishandled and the analysis based on "flawed science."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tulsa picks Rice's Graham as coach

TULSA, Okla. — Todd Graham was hired as head coach at Tulsa on Friday, just three days after he had signed a contract to remain with Rice University in 2012.

Graham leaves Rice after one season and replaces Steve Kracht, who was replaced Tuesday by Bobby A. Petrino at Louisville.

Graham was Tulsa's defensive coordinator for three years before leading Rice to its first bowl game in 45 years. The Owls were 1-10 in 2005 and went 7-6 under Graham.

"I'm very excited for my family, and thrilled about this opportunity to be the head football coach at the University of Tulsa," Graham said.

"To be able to return to a program that you helped to rebuild and now have the chance to take it to an even higher level is exciting."

Despite Graham's new deal at Rice, Tulsa was still able to lure him away.

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Nutting new Pirates controlling owner
PITTSBURGH — Robert Nutting will replace

Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

Kevin McClatchy as controlling owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

McClatchy, who headed the group that bought the team before the 1996 season, will remain in control of the team's day-to-day operations and report to Nutting, the club said Friday.

The change must be approved by major league owners, who are scheduled to meet Jan. 17-18 in Phoenix.

MAGIC VALLEY
Gooding volleyball tourney planned

GOODING — The Gooding Adult Co-ed Volleyball Tournament will be Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8:30 a.m. at Gooding High School. There will be three divisions of play and the cost is \$80. For more information, contact Jenny Koski at 534-4941 or JoAnn Toome at 539-1313.

Volleyball tourney to raise funds for CSI recreation center

TWIN FALLS — An all-day volleyball tournament at the College of Southern Idaho on Jan. 27 will be a fund-raiser for additional equipment at the new student recreation center. Teams of all skill levels are welcome to participate and there will be two divisions of play. The entry fee is \$80 per

team. For more information, contact Scott Rogers at 732-6470.

Magic Valley Bulldogs hold open house

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Bulldogs will hold an open house at p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Jerome High School auditorium in preparation for discussing recruiting sessions. The Bulldogs will practice/hybrid on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Jerome High School.

Contact Ben Landrian at (208) 358-1469 for more information.

Adult Indoor Soccer meeting planned

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for the Twin Falls Adult Indoor Soccer League will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office (136 Maxwell Ave.) in the upstairs meeting room. Items to be discussed include: rules and setup. All teams wishing to participate should have a representative at the meeting. Eight teams are needed in order for the league to run.

Those wishing to organize a team that are unable to attend should call 736-2265.

Jerome offers kindergarten clinic

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is offering a kindergarten basketball clinic Jan. 18-26 with sessions Thursdays and Fridays from 4-5 p.m. The cost is \$15. Contact Becky at 324-3389 for more information or to register by phone.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

SPORTS

Payton, Johnson match wits as Saints host Eagles

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Sean Payton grew up rooting for the sports teams in Philadelphia, and got his first NFL coaching job with the Eagles.

Since leaving Philadelphia, though, Payton has become quite a nemesis for Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson. The two match wits again Saturday night when Payton leads the New Orleans Saints (10-6) against the Eagles (11-6) in an NFC second-round playoff game.

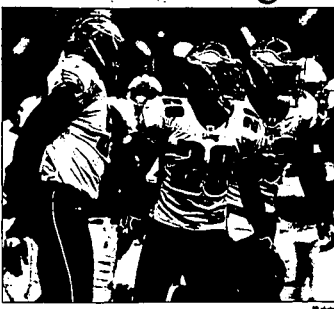
"I've got a lot of respect for Sean," Johnson said. "He's always been a guy that presents problems. I kind of know him; he kind of knows me and we'll see what happens. He does a great job as far as a play-caller and moving people around."

In his first season as a head coach, Payton improved the Saints' victory total by seven en route to securing the second seed in the conference. He also was named Coach of the Year after reviving one of the league's historically unsuccessful franchises and rejuvenating a city torn apart by Hurricane Katrina.

The Saints already beat Philadelphia this season, and Payton was 9-6 against Andy Reid's Eagles as an assistant coach/offensive coordinator with the New York Giants and Dallas Cowboys.

None of that success will matter if the Saints don't win this one and advance to the NFC championship game for the first time in the franchise's 41-year history. New Orleans is just 1-5 in the playoffs, while the Eagles have played in four conference title games and one Super Bowl this decade.

During Andy's time there, they've been able to accomplish all the things that we



Philadelphia Eagles cornerback Roderick Hood (29), linebackers Detrick Roper, right, and Torrance Datta, left, celebrate against the Dallas Cowboys in Irving, Texas, Dec. 25, 2006. The Eagles visit the New Orleans Saints today in the NFC playoffs.

want to accomplish and build here," Payton said. "That's a good football team year in and year out that has a chance to play in the postseason and to possibly go on and play for a championship.

"Those are the things that Andy, his staff and his team have been able to accomplish since he's been hired from the late '90s up until now. They've been one of the most consistent teams from a win-loss standpoint over the last five or six seasons of any team in our league. They've done a great job. Those are the things that we wanted to aspire to be."

Payton spent his formative years in the Philadelphia suburb of Newtown Square in the early 1970s, and often attended the Flyers' Stanley Cup championship parade as a 11-year-old in 1975.

He played quarterback and linebacker as a kid, and later

found his niche as a coach. Payton was the quarterbacks coach on Ray Rhodes' staff in Philadelphia in 1997-98. He joined the Giants in 1999 after the Eagles brought in a new coaching staff.

During his four seasons as an assistant in New York, including the final three as offensive coordinator, the Giants were 6-3 against the Eagles. In his three seasons under Bill Parcells with Dallas, the Cowboys were 3-3 against the Eagles.

Payton has outfoxed Johnson with quarterbacks including Kent Graham and Quincy Carter. Kerry Collins and Drew Bledsoe, All-Pro Drew Brees makes his job easier.

"It's obviously a very good coach," Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said. "We've had our battles over the years, he and Jim Johnson."

Ravens plan is to keep Manning on the sideline

BALTIMORE (AP) — Just like every other team that faces the Indianapolis Colts, the Baltimore Ravens' top priority is containing Peyton Manning.

To reach that goal, the Ravens will depend as much on their defense as their top-ranked offense in Saturday's second-round AFC playoff game.

"Any time you play the Colts and Peyton Manning, the old adage is true: It's hard to score when you're not on the field," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.

The Ravens (13-3) are well equipped to play keep-away from the NFL's top-ranked quarterback. With Jamal Lewis getting around 20-25 carries a game and Steve McNair employing a precision passing game designed to move the first-down chains 10 yards at a time, Baltimore led the NFL this season in time of possession.

"That brand of offense should come in handy Saturday against Indianapolis (13-4)."

"Controlling the clock lets our defense rest so they don't get people when they do get on the field," Baltimore center Mike Flynn said. "The few games we lost this year, we didn't control the ball and the time of possession. If we make first downs, we're tough to beat."

The Colts allowed only one touchdown and survived three Manning interceptions last week in a 23-win over Kansas City. More often than not, however, Indianapolis relies on its prolific quarterback to win.

"This game should be no exception.

"The same basic principles are in place: We want to protect the ball, convert third downs and win the red zone, we want to score touchdowns," Manning said. "But Baltimore makes that a real challenge."

Such was not the case in the opener last season, when the Colts took a 17-0 lead in the third quarter and coasted to a 24-7 win in Baltimore.

"We didn't control them early, let them get the lead and ended up getting into a throwing game," Flynn recalled.

This isn't the same Baltimore team. In that 2005 game, Kyle Bolter started at quarterback and left with an injury before being replaced by Johnny Wright. Neither of whom proved to be effective as the Ravens staggered to a 6-10 finish.

Now Baltimore has McNair, who for the sake of variety might take a few shots at throwing long Saturday. But the game plan calls for plenty of handoffs to Lewis and high-percentage short tosses to Todd Heap, Derrick Mason and



Baltimore Ravens linebacker Adalius Thomas (96) celebrates with teammate Ray Lewis, top, in Baltimore on Nov. 5, 2006. The Ravens host the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC playoffs today.

Mark Clayton.

Fresh after taking a week off during the first-round bye, Lewis is eager to run the football — and run down the clock.

"You want to keep Peyton off the field, because if you leave him on the field long enough he's going to make some plays," Lewis said. "We have a great defense. I'm sure they have a great plan for them. But, from an offensive standpoint, I think we're going to be the best defense."

The Indianapolis offense is known for its quick strikes — Manning to Marvin Harrison, Manning to Reggie Wayne, and so on. Manning threw an NFL-high 31 touchdown passes this season and the Colts owned the top-ranked offense.

But the Ravens, thanks to McNair, showed they no longer have to rely on defense to win.

"They just feel like they've got a whole package now," Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy said. "They've got a guy who's going to take care of the football. He's not going to get rattled, he's not going to have an off day in a big game."

Eagles try to end Saints' feel-good story

NEW YORK (AP) — Sean Payton is coach of the year. Drew Brees is the All-Pro quarterback.

These honors are nice.

But they are nothing next to the possibilities that await the New Orleans Saints if they can beat Philadelphia at the Superdome on Saturday night. It would get them to the first championship game in the team's mostly dismal 40-season history, and move them one step from the Super Bowl a season after going 3-13 season during a Katrina-enforced exile.

"We've beaten all the odds," says wide receiver lb Horn, who is still bothered by a groin injury.

"No one outside this locker room was even thinking we had a chance to be where we are right now. It speaks volumes to the football players in this locker room, the camaraderie that we have here, the chemistry that coach Payton has definitely given us the opportunity to be here."

Saturday matchups

Colts at Ravens 12:41 (0-0) 13:30 (0-0)	Eagles at Saints 12:06 (10-6) 12:06 (0-0)
MST (Braz. Stadium) 4:30 p.m., CBS	Superdome 8 p.m., Fox
Passing (yards)	203 (2-0) 214 (7-10)
Rushing	110 (1-0) 102 (2-24)
Pass defense	159 (2-1) 168 (3-1)
Run defense	173 (0-2) 75 (0-1)

Sunday matchups

Seahawks at Bears 9:17 (4-0) 13:30 (0-0)	Patriots at Chargers 12:41 (0-1) 14:02 (0-0)
Sun Life Stadium 1 p.m., Fox	Qualcomm Stadium 4:30 p.m., CBS
Passing (yards)	190 (9-10) 205 (9-14)
Rushing	120 (2-14) 119 (8-11)
Pass defense	203 (2-14) 194 (8-11)
Run defense	126 (8-22) 99 (4-4)

injured Donovan McNabb and thank to an enhanced running game featuring Brian Westbrook, who rushed for a career-high 141 yards on 20 carries against the Giants.

"We've been doing it these last few weeks and we've gotten better and better," said Westbrook, who finished with 1,217 yards rushing in the regular season.

Indianapolis (13-4) at Baltimore (13-3)

The Colts return to the city they abandoned after the 1983 season for this matchup between the NFL's equivalent of the unstoppable force (Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis offense) and the irresistible object (the Ravens' defense).

The very resistable object that was Indy's run defense stiffened against the Chiefs, allowing Larry Johnson just 32 yards on 13 carries after giving up a league-high average of 173 yards rushing a game during the season. Meanwhile, rookie Joseph Addai rushed for 122 yards in his 23-rush game.

The job will be a lot harder this week against Baltimore's defense, which features three first- or second-team All-Pro linebackers Adalius Thomas and Bart Scott, and safety LD Reed. And that's not counting

Seattle (10-7) at Chicago (13-3)

Ray Lewis plus Trevor Pryce and Iretell Sages, who combined for more than a third of the team's 60 sacks, second in the league.

But these Ravens are more than a dominant defense, which was what won a Super Bowl for Baltimore six years ago. Steve McNair says Baltimore's best quarterback's ever had, and Jamal Lewis, while not the Lewis of old, is capable of exploiting the Colts if they revert to their old, gear-up ways.

New England (14-2) at San Diego (14-2)

While the Chargers are the AFC's top-seeded team, the playoff experience belongs to the Patriots, who are seeking their fourth title in six seasons. That's true especially at quarterback and coach.

Tom Brady is 11-1 in the postseason, with three Super Bowl titles. Philip Rivers is in his first year as a starter and will be in his first playoffs. And coach Bill Belichick is 12-2 with those same three championships, while Matt Schottenheimer is 5-12 in Cleveland, Kansas City and San Diego.

Schottenheimer has laughed at himself this year when he refers to "Martyball," the conservative style that cost him

some of those playoff games. He's had no choice but to open up the offense because he has league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson, who set an NFL record with 31 touchdowns and can score from anywhere on the field.

San Diego also is one of the few teams that can dominate on both offense and defense. It is the only team with more sacks (61) than the Ravens, with Shawne Merriman leading the league with 17 despite missing four games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

The Chargers understand their position — and New England's.

"You definitely respect them for the things they've done in the past and the things they've done in the present," says All-Pro tight end Antonio Gates says of the Patriots. "You just want to go out and play with respect. But at the same time, you fear no one. That's our mind-set."

Seattle (10-7) at Chicago (13-3)

The Bears seem to be one of the least respected top-seeded teams in NFL history, due in part to a weak schedule, to injuries, and to the sometimes awful play of quarterback Rex Grossman, who had a passer rating of 0.0 in the finale against Green Bay and threw two interceptions for touchdowns.

In fact, Chicagoans spent the bye week speculating how long it might take coach Louie Smith to replace Grossman with journeyman Brian Griese.

Forgotten is Chicago's 37-7 win over the Seahawks on Oct. 1 in a game that wasn't that close. The Seahawks were without RB Shaun Alexander, last season's MVP. In that game, but they haven't played especially well since he returned either.

Seattle backed into the NFC West title and has been playing so well that it acknowledges as 50-50 football all season.

The Seahawks are also lucky to be here. They beat Dallas 21-20 last week when Tony Romo dropped the snap on what would have been a chip-shot field goal to put the Cowboys ahead with just over a minute remaining in Seattle.

Pats and Chargers: QB experience will be factor

Tom Brady is 11-1 in playoff games as a starting quarterback. Philip Rivers is starting his first.

That makes New England's trip to San Diego on Sunday a mismatch at the game's most important position. It's also a mismatch (at least by possession record) at coach, where the Patriots' Bill Belichick is 12-2 in the playoffs and the Chargers' Marty Schottenheimer is 5-12.

Beyond that, however, the Chargers have a huge talent advantage, which is one reason they are a five-point favorite in what might be the marquee game in the second round of the playoffs. In fact, start with last season's Tomlinson, the NFL's MVP, and keep going through Antonio Gates, Shawne Merriman and a bunch of lesser-known but very skilled Chargers.

"It's no one-man band out there," Belichick says of San Diego, whose 14-2 record was the NFL's best in the regular season. "They have a lot of good players."

"Good" doesn't always cut it in the playoffs.

Experience does, especially at quarterback.

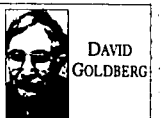
So expect Rivers to see things from Belichick's defense that he hasn't witnessed before. Rivers was on the bench last season when Drew Brees quarterbacked San Diego to a 41-17 regular-season win in Foxborough, a game in which Tomlinson ran for 134 yards. Rivers probably won't learn from looking at tape, either, because the Patriots adjust better than anyone to their opponents. What they did against the Jets last week may have been a lesson on what they do against the Chargers on Sunday.

Maybe all Rivers has to do is hand the ball to Tomlinson a few times and watch him run. Or throw it to him. Or to Antonio Gates.

Could happen.

The guess is that it won't.

PATRIOTS, 20-19
INDIANAPOLIS (plus 4) at Baltimore



DAVID GOLDBERG

If the Colts' defense can play the way it did against the Chiefs, Peyton Manning can provide enough offense to win. Even against Baltimore's defense.

But this isn't the BCS Dome and the Ravens' middling offense can't possibly be as inept as the Chiefs were last week.

RAVENS, 24-22

Philadelphia (plus 5) at New Orleans

The Eagles, who lost 27-24 in New Orleans in October, are the hottest team in the NFC with six straight wins.

The Saints are the feel-good story.

But this game may turn simply on the dislocated elbow injured by cornerback Lito Sheppard.

Philadelphia's best cover man in the Eagles' 23-20 win over the Giants last week, New York exploited his absence for the tying touchdown in the fourth quarter and Brees is sure to try to do the same.

SAINTS, 31-25

Seattle (plus 8) at Chicago

Rex Grossman is liable to be paying attention this week the way he wasn't the last. He's also likely to be on a short leash. Any sign of a passer rating up and Brian Griese will be in the game.

Shaun Alexander didn't play in the Seahawks' 37-6 loss at Soldier Field on Oct. 1 and some significant Chicago defenders (Mike Brown and Tommie Harris) won't play in this one.

The spread is too big, but

BEARS, 16-12
STRANGE PERFECTA
LAST WEEK: 0-4 (spread), 4-0 (straight up)

Rob Ryan interviews for Raiders head coaching job

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Oakland Raiders defensive coordinator Rob Ryan interviewed Friday for the team's head coaching vacancy.

Ryan followed former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel and Southern California quarterbacks coach Steve Sarkisian to interview to replace the fired Art Shell. Ryan is the only defensive coach to interview so far.

One of his former Philadelphia and Arizona coach Buddy Ryan. Rob Ryan was the coordinator of the NFL's third-ranked defense. While the offense struggled all season, scoring only 12 touchdowns, Oakland's defense was one of the only bright spots in a 2-14 season.

The Raiders allowed the fewest yards passing in the NFL in Ryan's third season as coordinator and were able to stay close in many games even when the offense failed to move the ball.

He is extremely popular with the defensive players, many of whom have advocated him for the head coaching job.

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

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.

The Raiders still plan to bring in other candidates. Detroit Lions offensive coordinator Mike Martz also could be brought in for a second straight year for an interview, and the team also plans to talk to at least one or two minority coaches.

Also Friday, Raiders offensive coordinator John Shoop was hired in the same job at the University of North Carolina. Shoop, who replaced Tom Walsh as coordinator late in the season, had been hoping to interview for the head coaching job.

The Raiders have already interviewed Marc Trestman for the offensive coordinator's job. Trestman was an assistant with Oakland from 2001-03. He was offensive coordinator at North Carolina State last season before losing his job when head coach Chuck Amato was fired.

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Nowitzki sends Mavs past Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 43 points, including three free throws in the final 5 seconds of overtime, to lift the Dallas Mavericks to a 115-113 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Friday night.

Jason Terry had 30 points, Josh Howard scored 15 and Nowitzki grabbed 12 rebounds for the Mavericks, 16-1 in their last 17 games and an NBA-best 30-8 overall.

Jermaine O'Neal finished with 26 points and nine rebounds, and Danny Granger and Stephen Jackson scored 22 apiece for the Pacers, who had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Hawks 99, Pistons 93

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 34 points and Josh Smith, just back from hernia surgery, hit a 3-pointer with 10.7 seconds left to help Atlanta hold off Detroit.

Johnson finished 13-of-17 from the field, making four from 3-point range. Josh Childress added 18 points, while Marvin Williams and Shelden Williams had 12 apiece. Smith, who had surgery on Dec. 26, scored only five points in 31 minutes but looked strong at the end. He had eight rebounds and four assists.

Hamilton scored 32 points to lead the Pistons.

7ers 110, Bucks 97

PHILADELPHIA — Willie Green scored 30 points. Andre Iguodala had 26 and Kyle Korver had 24. Milwaukee and spud a four-game skid.

Andre Miller had 11 points and 11 assists. Samuel Dalembert added 16 points, and the Sixers sent the Bucks, who were missing four starters, to their fifth straight loss.

Andrew Bogut had another breakout game with 20 points and 24 rebounds. Charlie Bell scored 26 points, and Earl Boykins, acquired with Julius Hodge from Denver on Thursday for backup



Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry, left, puts up a shot against Indiana Pacers forward JJ Harrison during the first quarter in Indianapolis, Friday.

guard Steve Blake, had 11 points and 11 assists in his Bucks debut.

Hornets 104, Wizards 97

OKLAHOMA CITY — Desmond Mason scored 22 points and converted a late three-point play to help New Orleans hold off Washington and Gilbert Arenas.

Devin Brown matched his season-high with 19 points and added a career-high nine assists for New Orleans, which was missing three injured starters and won back-to-back games for the first time in nearly two months.

Arenas missed 12 of his first 15 shots and finished with 23 points on 5-of-19 shooting for the Wizards, and DeShawn

Stevenson added a season-high 22.

Bobcats 126, Knicks 110

NEW YORK — Emeka Okafor had 20 points and a career-high 10 blocks. Derik Anderson scored 19 points, and Charlotte snapped New York's three-game winning streak.

Matt Carroll added 23 points for the Bobcats, who rode a strong second half to their second impressive road victory this week. They were coming off a 103-96 win at Detroit.

Stephon Marbury scored 28 points and Eddy Curry added 27 for the Knicks.

Raptors 95, Celtics 86

BOSTON — Chris Bosh scored 27 points and Ti. Ford added 19 to lead Toronto.

The Raptors took command with a 16-6 run to close out the third quarter with a 67-58 lead. Bosh scored 10 in the quarter and six during the run. Anthony Parker scored 16 points and Jose Calderon had 11 in helping Toronto win consecutive road games.

Rajon Rondo's 23 points led the Celtics, losers of three straight and 10 of 12. They dressed nine players and were without leading scorers Paul Pierce and Wally Szczerbiak, as well as Brian Scalabrine and Delonte West.

Timberwolves 116, Grizzlies 110

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kevin Garnett had 28 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. Ricky Davis added 27 points and seven assists, and Minnesota weathered Memphis' late rally for its fifth win in six games.

Mike James scored 16 for the Timberwolves, and Justin Rifeed had 10 off the bench.

Mike Miller scored 23 and Pau Gasol finished with 20 for the Grizzlies, who beat the Lakers on Monday night.

— The Associated Press

Youngest teen in 50 years makes cut on Tour — but not Wie

HONOLULU (AP) — History finally arrived at the Sony Open when a teenager from Hawaii made the cut Friday.

Michelle Wie won't be around to see it.

Taded Fujikawa, the pint-sized sophomore who turned 16 on Monday, stole the show from the island's biggest golf star with an eagle on the last hole for a 4-under 68, making him the youngest player in 50 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour.

He walked up to the 18th green to a standing ovation, the loudest of the week at Waialae Country Club, then sent the grandstands into delirium with a 15-foot eagle putt. He dropped his putter and raised both hands in the air, then punched the air with a big grin as he walked across his fair.

"I can't breathe right now," Fujikawa said. "I'm so excited."

The cheer resonated all the way to the clubhouse, where the 17-year-old Wie was wrapping up her press conference after again struggling off the tee on her way to a 76. She missed the cut for the fourth straight time at the Sony Open, this time by 14 shots.

"I tried my best. It's all I can do," said Wie, who has not made the cut in seven PGA Tour starts. "I have a lot of game. It's just not showing right now. When I get it to come out, I'm going to be fine."

Paul Gonsky (69) and Luke Donald (66) shared the lead at 11-under 129, but attention shifted to the 5-foot-11 kid who first got everyone's attention when he qualified for the U.S. Open at Winged Foot.

Fujikawa was tied for 25th at 3-under 137.



Chad Campbell, of Colleyville, Tex., chips the ball onto the 18th green of Waialae Country Club during the second round of the Sony Open PGA Tour golf event in Honolulu, Friday. Campbell shot a five-under-par 65 to finish at total nine-under-par.

The youngest player to qualify for the weekend on the PGA Tour was Bob Panatik at the 1957 Canadian Open when he was 15 years, eight months. Ty Trivon was 16 years, nine months when he made the cut in the 2001 Honda Classic.

"Making the cut is an awesome thing for me right now," Fujikawa said. "Having all these people watching and supporting me... I wish everybody in the world could feel what I'm feeling now."

That's what Wie has wanted since she was 14, but it will have to wait. Her driving was so erratic that when she hit the fairway on her 10th hole, she covered her mouth and said, "Oh, my God!" in mock surprise.

Eagles women

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as Maria Moore's though, as Maria Moore's pull-up jumper rolled at the buzzer.

The Golden Eagles and Bruins met at 5:30 p.m. tonight for the second half of

the weekend doubleheader.

No. 13 CSU 70, No. 18 Ball State 67
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Jerome

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Both teams move back to conference play as Buhl takes on Gooding tonight while Jerome hosts Wood River on Wednesday.

"It was a true team effort," said Jerome coach Mary Espinoza. Buhl coach Jerry Bowman said his team struggled defensively.

"Give the credit to Jerome, they shot well. We gave them a lot of open looks," said Bowman. "It is a loss, we need to learn from it and move on."

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What's she going to do if nobody helps?

There were a thousand reasons not to stop. I was running late for — um — well, whatever it was that I was running late for that day. The freeway was busy and I didn't want to cause an accident. Surely the highway patrol would be along soon, and it's their job to help stranded motorists; isn't it? And I had on my navy blue suit, with a light blue shirt and a silk tie. Not exactly car-fading clothes, you know? Let's see — that makes 1,004 reasons not to stop.



VALUESPEAK
Joseph Walker

And here's 1,005: I am the world's worst auto mechanic. Public enemy No. 1 on the AAA's Ten Most Wanted list. Mr. WhatsaWrench. The first time I tried to change my car's oil myself I did fine — until I forgot to put the new oil in. The boys down at the garage had a big laugh over that one. The next time, I remembered to put in the new oil — only I put it in where the power steering fluid goes. That triggered a letter from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Chryslers. They suggested I get a horse.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not feeling sorry for myself. God has given me other talents to use for the benefit of mankind. But I'm not sure how much it would have helped that lady who was stranded by the side of the freeway if I would have pulled over and burped on cue.

So I did pull over. I drove by, just like dozens of other drivers on the freeway that day. And I felt guilty about it. So I turned off at the next exit and made my way back to see if I could at least give her a lift or something. But by the time I got back to her, a Hispanic gentleman had pulled in behind her and was tinkering with her car engine like he knew what he was doing.

"Is there anything I can do to help?" I asked.
"No, thank you," the lady replied. "This nice man says he can fix it."
At that moment, a voice from under the hood shouted: "OK, try it now!"

The woman reached for the key and turned it. The engine started beautifully.

"It was your serpentine belt," the man explained, wiping his hands on his pants. "I slipped off. It's pretty new, but you want to take it to a mechanic, get a new one put on."

The woman tried to give the freeway Samaritan some money, but he declined and waved as she drove off. It wasn't until we started walking toward our cars that I noticed he had five more reasons not to stop than I did: his family was sitting in the station wagon, waiting patiently.

"Do you stop and help people like this often?" I asked.
He shrugged. "Somebody has to," he said. "What's she going to do if nobody helps?"

And for him that was reason enough.

In his final sermon, given the night before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took as his text the biblical parable of the wrong Samaritan. In the story, a man is attacked by thieves and left by the roadside. Several travelers happen upon him, but they pass by. Eventually someone does stop to help, although it is the one person who might have had a reason not to. He is a Samaritan and the victim is a Jew. Those folks didn't get along any better back then than they do now.

According to Dr. King, those who passed by the injured man were asking themselves the wrong question: "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan stopped to help because he asked the right question: "If I don't help this man, what will happen to him?"

Dr. King spent a lifetime asking the right question. If we truly want to keep his memory during this time of year and always, then we need to ask ourselves that question, too.

No matter how many reasons we think we have not to.

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Scripture gets a makeover



The Last Supper scene from *The Brick Testament*, a Web site (thebricktestament.com) and a series of books created to illustrate biblical stories using characters and scenes constructed with LEGO parts.

Hollywood, Silicon Valley taking Bible into undiscovered multimedia territory

Newsday

The Word writ large

It's called the "Good Book." But is the Bible a good book as in a riveting, can't-put-down page-turner? Many — with eyes nervously scanning the sky — might argue no.

To most people, the perennial bestseller is a moral must-read. It's just not a gut-stirring one. Recently, however, some innovative minds have challenged the view that the Bible is a stuffy, dispassionate tome. A wide range of presentations of the Bible have emerged as technology, multimedia and dry wit have been used to revamp one of the most influential and widely quoted texts in the world. The results range from the dramatic to the astute to the downright wacky.

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Hodgson said passages from the Bible were illustrated in the catacombs of ancient Rome, performed in the passion plays depicting the death and resurrection of Christ in medieval Europe and displayed in stone cathedrals around the world. "Now," he adds, "it's on movie screens, iPods and audio CDs."

Some examples: A celebrity-studded, 18-disk audio CD Bible, "The Bible Experience: New Testament," was released in October and, according to its publisher, it has outsold every audio CD Bible that the company ever produced.

A series, "Blogging the Bible," by David Plotz, a deputy editor of the Web magazine *Slate*, has prompted nearly 7,000 e-mails from readers, according to the author. A pocket-sized MP3 player, called the GoBible, that contains the King James and New King James versions of the Bible and is searchable by verse, was created and is being sold by Manhattan entrepreneur Andrew Block.

A new movie, "The Nativity Story," from New Line Cinema, tells the

story of the birth of Christ; it was released in time for the holiday season. A Web site and book series, called the Brick Testament, illustrates biblical stories by using LEGO bricks. Comic books, novels, and you bet, PC computer games, are also on the market. Can a sitcom be far behind? The numerous interpretations are not surprising. The text remains one of the most popular books in America.

More than 90 percent of American households have at least one Bible, according to Zondervan, a publishing company based in Grand Rapids, Mich., that estimates many families are looking to buy more.

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At the same time, sales of the "Good Book" easily clear \$1 billion annually.

Written versions of the Bible have always abounded — the two most popular being the near 400-year-old King James version and the more contemporary New International version.

Four years ago, Kyle Bowser, a former television executive and attorney, said his goal was to listen to the entire Bible.

"I bought an audio one," he said. "And came away disappointed. It was very boring." So Bowser teamed up with new media executive Ron Belk, music producer Louis Brown and casting director Robi Reed to create their own production company. That company, inspired by Media Group of Beverly Hills, Calif., then hooked up with Zondervan to create an

audio CD, "The Bible Experience: New Testament," featuring an star-studded, all-black cast; that was released in October.

The 21-hour, multimillion-dollar production, featuring music and state-of-the-art sound effects, includes the voices of Denzel Washington as King Solomon, Blair Underwood as Jesus, and Samuel L. Jackson as God. Other cast members include Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding Jr. and more than 250 singers, clergy and actors and athletes.

"Every ear shall hear," said Belk, quoting the Bible itself. "This generation is focused on sight and sound; it is bombarded with imagery. And we felt we had to make a product relevant to them." "The Bible Experience: New Testament" sold more than 100,000 copies within six weeks after its release, said Paul Caminiti, vice president and publisher for Bible at Zondervan.

The company's previous best-selling audio Bible — a New International version — sold 600,000 copies last year.

"Experience" has ranked consistently high on the Amazon.com and Wal-Mart Web sites and is the fastest-selling audio Bible, according to Family Christian Stores, a Michigan-based retail chain.

"Sales have just been mind-boggling," Caminiti said.

An Old Testament version of "Experience" is due out next spring. "Slate.com's Plotz describes a similar experience for his project. He began his "Blogging the Bible" effort in May, offering dry insights into the Bible. His postings — hilarious, and maybe blasphemous depending on how humorless you are — have attracted a rapt and loyal audience.

"When I first started the project, I expected to be damned to hell by a lot of people," said Plotz, who estimates that his blog is about 100,000 words.

"But that hasn't happened. Americans are very open-minded about religions, and they want to be engaged. They want to be able to joke and ask dumb questions. They want to look at it in a fresh way."

After Schiavo, Catholics turn to church for legal guidance

The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Thomas Kelly embraces life, having survived two bouts with cancer. But when the end comes, the retired nurse is leaving nothing to chance.

Appalled by seeing swollen hospital patients on feeding

tubes and respirators during his career, Kelly, 78, signed a legal document with the encouragement of his Roman Catholic priest. It permits his wife to stop those treatments once death is imminent — and not any sooner.

Catholics around the country are turning to their churches for

similar fill-in-the-blank documents that turn Catholic teachings into legally binding agreements about how they want to die. Many signers cite Terry Schiavo, whose case sparked a 15-year legal battle that grew beyond her family all the way to the White House over whether she should be allowed to die.

In a persistent vegetative state, her husband ordered her feeding tube removed against her parents' vehement opposition, and she died in 2005. Some, including the Vatican, likened her death to murder.

"I don't think I have any right,"

RELIGION

Presbyterians announce ordination, installation

TWIN FALLS — An ordination and installation will be held during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. No.

Ann Vogt will be ordained and installed as an elder, and Rob and Kelly Probasco will be ordained as deacons, as do consens. Ian Probasco, Donna Brize and Jerry Green will be installed as deacons, and Dorothy Geist, Lawrence Flournoy and Kermil Ritz will be installed as elders.

The Scotch Shop will be open during fellowship after worship. Children are invited to play in the gym during fellowship.

Adult Bible study is at 8:30 a.m. Sundays in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

A half-price sale will be featured at the Scotch Shop while it is open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

A new book club started by Kathy Price will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Price home. Anyone interested is asked to call Price at 736-6297.

A LKOGS Steering Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in the children's library. LKOGS is a ministry where adults, youth and children learn to model Christ to each other in everything they do.

A fellowship luncheon will be held at noon Jan. 24. All are invited.

New Bible studies are available during the week. The Thursday evening women's group will be studying "Christian Responses to War" when it meets at 7 p.m. Jan. 25 at Mouze Java.

A congregational meeting will follow worship Jan. 20, and a potluck dinner will follow the meeting.

For more information, call the church office at 733-7023.

Lay pastor will speak on 'Make Use of Your Gifts'

BUILH — Blake Walsh, a commissioned lay pastor, will

Church news

Lasagna dinner will raise money for scholarships

TWIN FALLS — A lasagna dinner to raise funds for church camp scholarships will be held at noon Sunday at the First United Methodist Church.

The menu includes lasagna, salad, garlic bread, green beans and dessert. Tickets are \$8 each and are available at the door.

A blanket drive is under way to benefit Community Action and Safe Harbor.

Used blankets in good condition and new ones are needed.

Sunday will be Human Relations Day, with a special offering to strengthen United Methodist outreach, encourage social justice and work with at-risk youth. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. in the Wesley Chapel and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Choir practice is at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays. Plans are being made to reactivate the Bell Choir.

Leadership meeting will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the After-School program is at 4 p.m. Wednesdays.

Video course will help women live with integrity

BURLEY — A 12-week video study on the biblical book of Daniel by Beth Moore will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, 2292 Hilland Ave.

The series is designed for women to become more aware of how to live with integrity in the "babylon" that surrounds the world today. A workbook (not required) will be available for \$17.50.

For more information, call 878-7613 or 878-8251.

First Presbyterian Church sponsors marriage course

HERMIE — The First Presbyterian Church in

Jerome is sponsoring "The Marriage Course," an eight-week class for any couple that wants to work together on their relationship.

The class will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 16 in the Community Room at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

The course will be led by Pastor Ronald Matheny and other members from the First Presbyterian Church. It is based on Christian principles and led by Christians but is suitable for those with no Christian faith or church background.

For more information, call 324-7162

Agape Interfaith Luncheon takes place in Gooding

GOODING — The Agape Interfaith Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Besque Center on University Avenue.

Andrea Sporn-Summers will be speaking on "Stepping Stones to Faith." Cindy Douville of Calvary Chapel in Hayden will provide special music.

Sporn-Summers moved from New York to Idaho with her family in 1993. She has five children and is employed in the radiology department at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Cost for the lunch is \$6. Please make reservations by calling Carolyn Herzinger at 834-6700 before Jan. 21.

Admission to the program is free. Everyone is welcome.

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Pastor says Jonah isn't just a kids' story anymore

TWIN FALLS — Pastor Garald Nielsen will speak on "Jonah, Not Just a Kids' Story Anymore" during worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Agape Foursquare Church, 181 Morrison St. Worship music will be led by Patty Lemrick.

Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. Evening worship begins at 7 p.m.

The Men's Group meets at 7 p.m. Monday. Bible study and an Agape Youth meeting are at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Reverend will be worship speaker at Hollister church

HOLLISTER — The Rev. Ronald Matheny, pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome, will be the worship speaker at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave. His topic is "Remember." Call to Remember. Scripture reading is I Corinthians 11:23-26. Holy Communion will be observed.

A potluck dinner will follow worship, and a congregational meeting will be held after the dinner.

Sunday morning Bible study starts at 10 a.m.

Wednesday evening Bible study will not be held in January, but will start again at 7 p.m. Feb. 7.

Visitors are welcome.

RELIGION LETTER

Animals might be more civil than some people

Anyone can be a prophet, for history often repeats itself. But they prophesy things that are impossible, they never come to pass.

The gods early man created had great power over the peo-

ple that worshipped them, but they had no power at all over Mother Nature.

Whenever there was an earthquake or other natural disaster, many people believed their gods were angry. Some people even sacrificed their children, for they believed it would please

their gods.

There are some animals that will not kill their own kind. It would appear they are more civilized than some people.

WILLIAM HAFNER
Twin Falls

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Turkey's 'Islamic Protestants' struggle for rights

Will country tolerate all religious beliefs?

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — It's Sunday and prayer leader Bektaş Akkaya is twanging a Turkish version of the electric banjo, working some 200 members of this country's largest religious minority into a trance.

When in headscarves flap their knees, sway to the music and wipe tears from their eyes. A young man swings his arms wildly and beats his chest, his head gyrating like a bobble-head doll until he collapses.

Here, there is no imam, minaret or call to prayer. But for an estimated 20 percent of Turkey's 71 million people, that's Islam.

For worshippers are Alevis, followers of a tradition rooted in the beliefs of the Shiite branch of Islam — but which diverges greatly from Shiite majorities in neighboring Iran and Iraq. The Alevi incorporate shamanistic rites such as singing, ritual chanting and dance, and shun many customary Islamic practices, including the separation of men and women in prayer and the hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.

Without women, without dancing, and without a song, you can't have an Alevi ceremony," smiled Cemalek Sener, a spokesman for the Alevi community in Istanbul.

He likened the followers to "Islamic Protestants" for their focus on the message and intensity of Islam rather than its rituals. But Muslim traditionalists have other names



An Alevi man bows down on his knees during a ceremony of the Karacahambet con house in Istanbul, Turkey. Alevis, followers of a faith rooted in the beliefs of Shia Islam, are considered heretics in Turkey, making them targets of discrimination.

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The strains are now drawing the attention of the European Union, which has made religious liberties a condition for Turkey's troubled bid for membership. The latest EU progress report on Turkey, issued in November, cited "no improvements" in addressing Alevi claims, including difficulties opening their houses of worship and obtaining state funds for religious facilities.

The plight of the Alevi was not mentioned in Pope Benedict XVI's plans to improve the lot of religious minorities during his Nov. 28-Dec. 1 visit. But their fate is a good barometer of Turkey's willingness to tolerate free religious practice at a time when conservative Islamic senti-

ments are on the rise.

"They want to act like Alevi don't exist," said Sener, an author of more than 20 books on Alevism. "They see us as perverts, heretics."

Sonmez Kudat, a professor of divinity at Ankara University, said that much of the antagonism against Alevi has origins in the centuries-old rivalries among Islamic groups — a fact still relevant across much of the strife-torn modern Muslim world.

But he also acknowledges that there is a general feeling that the Alevi are simply wrong. Traditionalists see this as a threat to their way of life and an obstacle to their ideal of creating a pious society built around the Quran.

"From the standpoint of practices, like regular prayers, fasting and the hajj, Sunnis see the Alevi's religious life as

being lower," Kudat said.

Adherents of Alevism, which is mostly confined to Turkey, complain of discrimination in business and education, barriers to getting government jobs and forced assimilation through mandatory courses on Sunni Islam — the overwhelming majority faith in Turkey and one which accounts for about 85 percent of the world's 1.2 billion Muslims.

Alevi are denied funding from the powerful religious affairs directorate, or Diyaneet, which uses state funds for nearly 80,000 mosques. The "ceam houses," where Alevi ceremonies are held, are seen as illegitimate and un-Islamic.

"A Muslim prays in a mosque," the Diyaneet president, Ali Bardakoglu, said in an interview aired earlier this month.

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Crane graduated from Kimberly High School in 2005 and attended

Boise State University. He is the son of Dan and Shauna Crane of Kimberly and is in the Kimberly 1st Ward.

Elder Randy Hale will serve in the Marshall Islands Majuro Mission.

Hale is the son of Leon and Starla Hale of Rupert and is in the Rupert 10th Ward. He will enter the Mission Training Center on Wednesday. He attended the American Heritage Academy and Minico High School, where he participated in the Minico Business Club. He graduated in 2005 with a GED from the College of Southern Idaho and has been employed at the Swensens in Rupert.

Elder Adam Rice will serve in the Georgia Macon Mission.

Rice graduated in 2005 from Burley High School, where he played soccer, and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He is the son of John and Allison Rice of Burley and is in the Burley 9th Ward.

Returned from serving

Mormon-owned Deseret Book buys pair of competitors

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Deseret Book, part of the business holdings of a Mormon church, has bought competitor Covenant Communications and its sister company, Seagull Book & Tape. The acquisition, announced Dec. 28, ends a difficult year for the companies, which had been tangled in merchandising and marketing disputes. The buyout was initiated by Seagull and Covenant founder Lewis Kofford. Financial details were not released. Deseret Book is a subsidiary of Deseret Management Corp., the holding company for businesses owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Earlier in the year, the com-

panies were at odds over how Seagull sold and marketed Deseret Book products, with Deseret Book accusingly threatening to pull its merchandise.

Talks to resolve those issues started in July and ended with the acquisition, Kofford said. Both companies will continue to operate independently and no layoffs or store closures are planned, said Sheri Dew, president and chief executive officer of Deseret Book.

"We are not going to merge retailers; we are not going to merge publishers. We're going to let Seagull be Seagull, and we're going to let Deseret Book be Deseret Book," Dew said. "They've coexisted before and all found their markets and have been successful."

Schiavo

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as a Catholic as say when my life should end," Kelly said. "I don't think I have a right to take my own life, a right to take anyone else's life, and I certainly don't want anyone taking my own life."

Troubled by the Schiavo case, Kelly attended a seminar organized by the Rev. Christopher Mahar, associate pastor of Our Lady of Mercy parish in East Greenwich, to help guide his parishioners following Schiavo's case.

Mahar said he intended to hand out a legal form from the diocese produced about a decade ago, but stopped when he realized it was more permissive than more recent guidance from the Vatican about when feeding tubes should be removed.

"To remove it would be considered passive euthanasia," said the priest, who's now working to draft a new document. "I guess what the church is trying to do is keep up with the times."

Known as a durable power of attorney, the document would eventually become the centerpiece of an information packet about death that Catholic leaders in Rhode Island could hand out in hospitals, hospices or local churches.

The form allows the signer to designate a medical decision-maker in case the signer becomes incapable. That person would be constrained by church teachings, including prohibitions against mercy killing.

Dioceses in South Dakota, Florida, Michigan and Washington states already distribute similar packets, some

with legal paperwork that people can easily complete and sign. The Vatican's top health official recently backed the use of living wills, a similar legal document, in Italy.

The National Catholic Bioethics Center, which advises many Catholic institutions, also revised its own durable power of attorney after the Schiavo case. It has shipped thousands of the forms from its Philadelphia headquarters, and demand peaked when the Schiavo case headed to court.

"They were going into extraordinary numbers then," said Edward Furton, an ethicist who works at the center. While all the documents work off of the same core church teachings, they sometimes reach different conclusions, particularly on when and how feeding tubes can be removed.

In general, the Catholic Church teaches that believers are morally required to seek ordinary care, or medical treatment that offers a reasonable hope of benefit and isn't overly burdensome.

Anything else is usually termed extraordinary treatment and considered optional. Applying centuries-old guidelines in an age of respirators and feeding tubes has challenged church authorities. Before Schiavo died, the late Pope John Paul II said that feeding tubes should be considered mandatory care for vegetative patients, even if hope for a full recovery wanes. Theologians say exceptions can be made when patients can't digest food or water or when the tube itself causes other serious medical conditions.

Ancient way of worship

Liturgy and theology of Orthodox Christian churches draw Americans

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Greg Menciotti worried he would never find a spiritual home.

The Sunday school teacher grew up Roman Catholic, lost his faith and became an atheist. Eventually, he returned to Christianity, this time as a born-again Christian, spending years worshipping in a Methodist congregation. Still, he felt his search wasn't over.

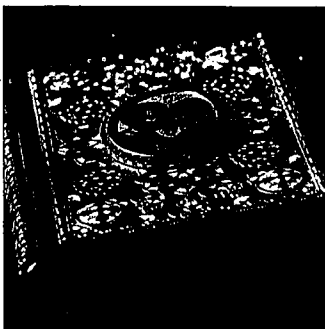
That led him to the Holy Spirit Antiochian Orthodox Church in Huntington, a denomination with Mideast roots that, like all Orthodox groups, traces its origins to the earliest days of Christianity.

Today, Menciotti is one of about 250 million Orthodox believers worldwide — and among a significant number of newcomers attracted to this ancient way of worship. The trend is especially notable since so few in the United States know about the Orthodox churches here.

"I was like most Americans," said Menciotti, who was urged by his wife to explore Orthodox worship. "I didn't understand anything about Orthodoxy."

Orthodoxy was born from the Great Schism of 1054, when feuds over papal authority and differences in the liturgy split Christianity into Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox halves.

In the United States, Orthodox Christians are a fraction of religious believers, numbering about 1.2 million, according to estimates by Orthodox researchers.



A Bible sits on the lectern at Holy Spirit Antiochian Orthodox Church on Dec. 1 in Huntington, W.Va. More Americans seem to be looking to this ancient, exotic form of Christianity.

In the past, their growth had been largely fueled by immigration, with churches forming mainly along ethnic lines. Some converts came to Orthodoxy through marriage to a church member.

But now about one-third of all U.S. Orthodox priests are converts — and that number is likely to grow, according to Alexei D. Krindatch, research director at the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute in Berkeley, Calif. A 2006 survey of the four Orthodox seminaries in the country found that about 43

percent of seminarians are converts, Krindatch said.

There are no exact figures on the rate of conversion across the 22 separate U.S. Orthodox jurisdictions. But when Menciotti began attending Orthodox worship, the church was packed with converts, including the church's pastor, the Rev. John Dixon.

The Rev. John Matusiak, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Wheaton, Ill., part of the Orthodox Church in America, said his parish has grown from 20 people in the early 1990s to more than 600 today.

with the overwhelming majority of new members younger than 40.

Krindatch's research found that one-third of the more than 200 U.S. parishes in the Antiochian Orthodox Church were founded after 1990.

Matusiak said growth is especially apparent in suburbs and commuter towns. "People in Wheaton weren't flocking to 'Orthodoxy' because there was never a church here," Matusiak said.

Many converts credit the beauty of the liturgy and the durability of the theology, which can be a comfort to those seeking shelter from divisive battles over biblical interpretation in other Christian traditions.

Dixon, who was raised an Old Regular Baptist, an austere faith of the Southern Appalachians, said his conversion grew from his studies about the origins of Christianity as an undergraduate at Marshall University.

The turning point came when he first attended services at an Orthodox church.

"As soon as I came in that day," he says, "I knew I was home." Convert-led growth, though, has its challenges.

Like converts in all faiths, the newly Orthodox bring a zeal that can be unsettling for those born into the church, who tend to be more easygoing in their religious observations. Pastors run the risk of dividing between new and lifelong parishioners, Krindatch says.

Gay evangelicals ask: Where do we fit in?

The Denver Post

Sheila Burris tried to pray it away. She would lock herself in her dorm room closet with her Gospel music, Bible and the belief she was going to hell.

If this is a choice, Burris thought, I'd be the last one to choose it. She was a Pentecostal youth minister and Sunday school teacher. God meant everything to her.

Only after a long journey that included re-reading the Scriptures and advice from her grandmother that she listen to God, not people, did Burris conclude that two important aspects of her identity were not at odds.

She was a lesbian and an

evangelical Christian.

"I never stopped loving God," said Burris, 43, who lives in the Denver suburb of Littleton. "I thought I had to change and live a lie. I realized I didn't have to make that choice. I could be who I was and God would still love me."

The experiences of gay and lesbian evangelicals — and how the broader evangelical community responds to homosexuality — is back in the public eye after two Colorado pastors fell from grace over an issue that has divided Christianity for decades.

In November, Colorado Springs pastor Ted Haggard, a national figure, denied being gay while confessing to "sexual

immorality" in response to allegations of a three-year relationship with a male prostitute.

A month later, the relatively unknown Rev. Paul Barnes resigned from Grace Chapel in Douglas County, Colo., after admitting to sexual infidelity with other men and "struggling with homosexuality" since he was 5.

Rather than lash out in anger, many gay and lesbian evangelicals have reacted to the scandals with empathy because they recognize their own stories.

For Christian gays and lesbians, confronting their sexuality can be a faith crisis, said Melissa Wilcox, an assist-

ant professor of religion at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and author of "Coming Out in Christianity."

"They realize either the God I believe in is very different from how I conceptualized God," Wilcox said, "or I'm asking the wrong thing, and God's not answering it by saying, 'No, not going to change it.'"

Gay Christians who have reconciled their spiritual and sexual identities may not feel at home in a liberal Christian church because the worship is too stiff or biblical authority isn't stressed as much, Wilcox said. So some stay cloistered in evangelical churches.

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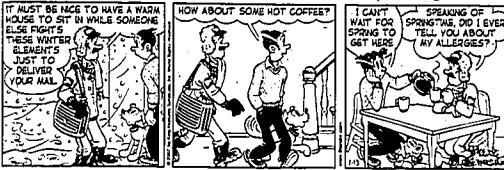
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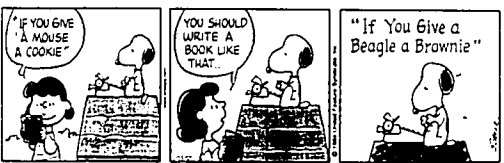
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This friend in need finds some good friends indeed



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years; now it's my turn with a question. Two years ago, some friends of mine saw I was in a real bind, caught in a vicious circle I couldn't get out of on my own. They invited me to move into their spare room until I could meet some goals and was able to move on. I decided to accept their offer.

The time I have spent with them has literally changed my life. I have grown tremendously in the last year and a half—emotionally, spiritually and mentally. I have even improved physically. From day one, they made me a member of their family, and I have come to love them as such. They have been my supporters, my advisors, my friends, and I count myself lucky to have been part of their household.

Now that I have met most of my goals, I am getting ready to move on, and I am not sure how to repay them. They have literally set me in a new direction. Any successes I have from this point on will be success that they have had a hand in.

How do I thank this couple and their family for all they have done for me in the last 18 months?

as a handwritten letter from you expressing the feelings you have confided to me. I am sure it would be something they would treasure for the rest of their lives.

Of course, it goes without saying that being able to move out and live a full, successful and happy life will also show them that their efforts were not wasted. I cannot imagine a better tribute to their generosity.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my brother, "Ronny," stopped speaking to our parents. He said they did something "unforgivable" to him during his childhood. I know Ronny wasn't neglected or physically or sexually abused. From what my parents have told me e-mails they have received from him, he is angry about basic mistakes parents make.

Recently he mentioned that he just wants them to "respect" him. I have seen Ronny become overly sensitive about any sort of teasing that comes his way, and I guess that he's referring to this. I have asked him not to tell me his reason, for fear of being too angry

about why he made this decision. This mess has caused a lot of tension in our whole family.

My brother is coming to visit me, and my family in a few weeks, but won't be visiting our parents. How do I handle their questions and probe about his visit, and what do I say when they get angry about his not visiting them?

—RONNY'S SISTER IN IOWA

DEAR SISTER: I think you should ask your brother about his reasons and withhold judgment. I'm glad that he was beaten or sexually abused as a child. However, someone should have told your parents that "teasing" can be like acid, eating away at a person's self-worth.

While it may seem to you that Ronny is overly sensitive, I find it interesting that you didn't mention what he was teased about that was so hurtful. Was the teasing "the folks" was the teasing, too, or was it aimed only in one direction? And was it persistent?

Do not allow your parents to put you in the middle. This isn't your squabble; you have nothing to do with it. When they ask how the visit went, tell them it was "nice" — if it was. Do not go into chapter and verse. And if they become angry that Ronny did not visit them, face it — the problem is theirs, and it's up to them to resolve it, not you.

You wouldn't want to do this diabetes test



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Until a hundred years ago, there was no chemical test for diabetes. The only way to check for excessive sugar in the urine was to taste it. A medical book from the 1500s suggested that "it is below the dignity of physicians to do it" and recommended leaving the task to servants or the patients themselves.

That's it in history: Bless him or curse, but Jan. 13, 1854, is the day that Anthony Faas of Philadelphia patented his design of the modern-day aedon.

The motto inscribed in the lobby of the CIA building in Langley, Va., is: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make ye free." It's a Bible verse.

The Statue of Liberty is about 20 times bigger than an average American woman. From her toes to the top of her head, she measures about a bit over 111 feet.

Most stringed instruments are similar in basic shape, but the bodies of the instruments are called different things. For instance, a violin body is called "sound box." Banjo and mandolin bodies are called "bells." And a sitar's body is a "resonator gourd."

"Click-click, click-click." That was the sound of the first heart valve in the 1950s. When patients opened their mouths, people nearby could hear the sound.

Ronald Reagan had several fires; he was the first president who had been a Hollywood star; he was also the first president to have been divorced.

Judy Garland's real name was Frances Gumm.

Cartoonists have their own jargon. The pointy thing at the bottom of a dialog balloon is called a "balloon pointer." When a cartoon character is fretting, the little inverted water droplets above his head are called "pleads." And the lines designed to show fast motion are "blurred lines."

In 1984, Michael Jackson outbid the surviving Beatles for publishing rights to their own songs. Whenever Paul McCartney performs one of his songs from the Beatles era, he has had to pay a royalty to a partnership of Jackson and Sony.

Vincent Van Gogh painted his starry night scenes by fixing candles to his straw hat.

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Hungry feline too big for the dog door



POHPLAND, Ore. — A 20-pound stray cat whose girth got him stuck in a pet dog door while trying to plunder some dog food was reunited with his owner Thursday.

Owner Geoff Ernest said the tubby tabby, Hercules, went missing while he was in Seattle for a lung transplant six months ago.

Jadwiga Drzdzek, who lives in suburban Portland, found the feline stuck in a pet dog door of her home a few days ago, helped free him and gave him a plate of food you could buy.

While at the Humane Society, Hercules was diagnosed with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, similar to HIV in humans.

The society says cats can live years with the virus and still make good pets, but owners should keep their indoors to keep it from spreading.

Veterinarians say about 40 percent of America's cats are obese, putting them at risk for a host of diabetes-related disorders.

Hercules, meanwhile, has had his 15 minutes of fame, piling up stacks of hits on YouTube and other Web sites.

Hilary Norvall, an animal care technician at the Oregon Humane Society, holds Hercules, a 20-pound stray whose girth got him stuck in a pet dog door while trying to plunder some dog food.

Odds and ends

Guilt catches up to man who shoplifted from store

OSLO, Norway — Thirty-six years of suffering a guilty conscience finally found its way to a German who shoplifted from a small store while on vacation in Norway in 1970.

Seeking to make amends, he sent a check for \$375 to the small mountain town of Lorn, and asked them to find the German, who was identified by a shopkeeper said on the town's Internet site on Thursday.

"For many years, my conscience has bothered me. With the enclosed check, I hope to free myself from that and request your help," wrote the German, whose name was not released. "I would also like to ask for forgiveness for the wrong I did so long ago."

—The Associated Press

Fire extinguisher helps put out intruder's plans

YONKERS, N.Y. — A homeowner used a kitchen fire extinguisher to catch back an intruder before catching him early Thursday, police said.

The homeowner woke up around 1:30 a.m. when he heard a man banging on the kitchen door and fumbling with the doorknob while trying to get in, police said. When the homeowner opened the door to see who was there, the man barged in.

The homeowner, fearing for the safety of his wife and children upstairs, grabbed the fire extinguisher, sprayed the intruder with foam, smacked him over the head and held him on the floor, said police, who arrested the thug and took him to a hospital.

The intruder, who was treated for minor injuries, was scheduled to be arraigned late Thursday in Yonkers City Court on a felony charge of second-degree attempted burglary, police said.

TWIN FALLS FOUR CAST

Today: A few clouds and still very cold. Highs, teens. **Tonight:** Wet below average temperatures. Lows, single digits. **Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny to partly cloud, a few degrees warmer, but still cold. Highs near 20.

BOISE VARIETY BY FIVE CAST

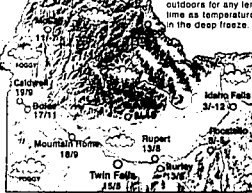
Today: A partly cloudy, cold start to the weekend. Highs, teens. **Tonight:** Quiet weather with very cold temperatures. Lows, single digits. **Tomorrow:** A few clouds, dry and still cold. Highs, upper teens toward 20.

IDAHO'S FIVE CAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Icy cold, low temperatures will make it tough to be outdoors for any amount of time this weekend. Other than the extreme cold, traveling conditions will not be too bad. There may be a few furies on Sunday.

BOISE Watch for areas of fog this morning, otherwise the weather will be dry, but still cold throughout the weekend. If it is not until early and toward the middle of next week that temperatures start to moderate.

NORTHERN UTAH No additional rain is expected, but it is going to be tough to be outdoors for any length of time as temperatures stay in the deep freeze.



Yesterday's Sun Extremes: 28 at Caswell, Low: 30 at Starkey. 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104. Personals

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101 Lost and Found

FOUND black Lab south of Rupert. If not claimed free to good home. 208-438-4523

FOUND Dachshund, near Harmon Park area. Call to identify. 733-3890 ask for Joe

FOUND German Wire-haired Pointer, male. Was roaming Addison Ave. E. Call 538-2424 or 734-8400 (Sun).

LOST Black Lab Border Collie cross, approx 2 miles southwest of airport on 1/5/2007. Silver & black collar no tags. Answers to Quasar. Reward! 539-9909

101 Lost and Found

LOST Boxer X female light brown with a white spot on chest, owners to identify. On January 11, around 5th Ave N in Twin Falls, 934-1751 vs mg or 736-4186.

LOST cat, gray & white long haired female, in Winco parking lot near Harmon Park. Reward! 838-2752

LOST child's purse, animal print, in the Burley-Rupert area on Dec. 27. Wallet and ID inside. Reward. Call 208-436-8470.

LOST Dachshund, brown male near McDonalds and Walmart in Jerome. Family misses very much. Please call 208-420-1561 or 208-420-2344

LOST dog on Dec. 26, near 453 E. Baseline, female, black, slightly larger than Heeler with white speckled patch on chest, docked tail, answers to "Baffin" 431-6261.

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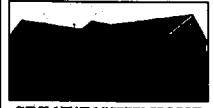
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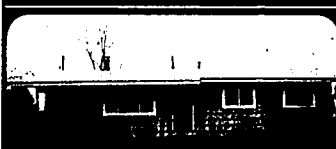


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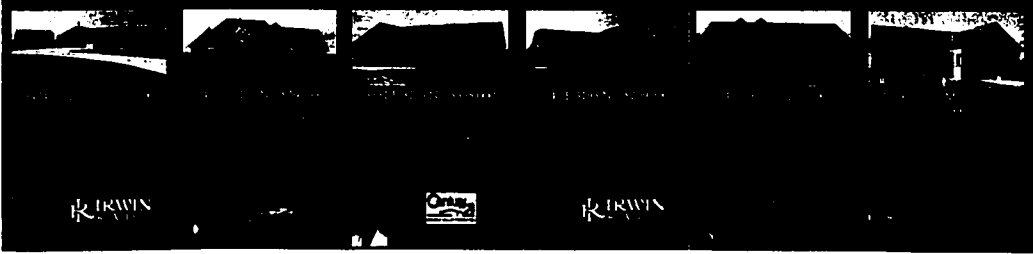
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514 Income Property

TWIN FALLS Investment opportunity. Leased medical office for sale. 526-C Shoshone Ave. \$229,000. Cap rate .9%. Greg Gaudes 208-947-0827

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JEROME 240 South Lincoln. 3,000 sq ft corner lot, good parking. \$103,500. Call 208-420-0799 John

JEROME Brand new 2 1/2 bath and wash house building available soon 208-404-4343

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BUHL 1973 24x48 mobile home that has been remodeled. Really good condition. Needs to be moved. \$6,000 or best offer. Call 208-543-8343

E-Z down, E-Z payments, beautiful 3 and 2 bedrooms. Call 208-419-2332

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HANSEN 37 N. Astoria 14x56. 2 bedroom, 1 bath 431-6684 days or 208-673-6684 eves

JEROME 1993 Georgetown wide mobile home. 1800 sq ft. Very good cond with upgrades. 438-5177

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602 Unfurnished Homes

BUHL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, mobile home, no pets, king term. \$450 + \$300 deposit. Call 208-543-8342

FILER 1 and 2 bedroom houses, \$400-\$425 + \$300 deposit. Call 208-731-0919

FILER 1 bdrm, \$380 + \$350 dep. water & garbage paid. 702 Adult. Call 539-8356

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JEROME 1 bdrm, very clean & comfortable. Applicant included. No pets. \$375 + \$300 dep. 208-539-7065

JEROME 1 bedroom, \$250 mo. + dep. Sewer/water. Call 208-469-8120-2096

JEROME 1 bdm, 1 bath, \$400/mo. Pets ok w/dog. W. Ave. \$50-1284

JEROME small 2 bedroom, \$485 month + \$400 deposit. Call 208-324-9113

JEROME Triplex 1 bdm, refrigerator and stove, w/dishwasher. Most pets ok \$325 month. 208-308-4647

KIMBERLY 2 bdm, 1 bath, large lot, no pets or smoking. \$500/mo. + \$350 deposit. Call 208-423-5505

KIMBERLY built 2 bdm, 2 bath, big yard, \$550 + deposit. Pets negotiable. Call 208-295-2626

SMOKEHOUSE 4 bdm, 1 bath, all apps, shop \$650. 2 bdm apt. \$450. No pet/smoking. 208-886-2636

TWIN FALLS 1388 Cody Court Deluxe home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, gas heat, central AC, 2 car garage, fenced with auto sprinkler, \$1,100 + \$150 dep. No smoking/pets

351 N. Elm Great condo 2 bdm, 2 bath, + den. Secured entry & underground secured parking, water/sewer provided \$700 mo. + \$700 dep. No smoking or pets.

441 Federation Way Great home in NW area, 3 bdm, 2 bath, gas heat & fireplace, AC, 3-car garage, fenced yard with auto sprinkler system, \$1,150 mo. + \$150 deposit. No smoking or pets 204-7747

3 bdm, 2 bath, lg family room, kitchen apps, hardwood floors, 2-car garage, fenced yard no smoking. 775-5775 dep. Vash Property Management Lyle @ 731-8889

TWIN FALLS 1414 Valencia 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$850 + \$850 deposit. 2911 Denise Ave 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$875 + \$875 deposit. 3555 Addison Ave E 3 bedroom, 1 bath, \$775 + \$775 deposit. 727 North Pointe Dr 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$950 + \$950 deposit. 1237 8th Ave E 4 bedroom, 2 bath, \$700 + \$700 deposit. 1603 Kilmer St 4 bedroom, 2 bath, \$900 + \$900 deposit. 475 Rosewood 5 bedroom, 2 bath, \$950 + \$950 deposit.

HANSEN E 3000 N 4 bedroom, 2 bath, \$900 + \$900 deposit. NO SMOKING/PETS

BRAWLEY PROPERTY MGT 734-5861

EVES DAVE 731-5861

603 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 1 bdm, 1566H Filer Ave East \$425 + dep. No pets, water, yard care provided. 539-420-0125

TWIN FALLS 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, W/D hook ups. Large carpet w/water lease. \$750 month + deposit. 208-423-4676

TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, basement, finished, fenced yard, cooling with acreage, \$900 + dep. 328-3322 or 731-2455

TWIN FALLS 4 bdm, 2 bath, 2 car garage. No smoking no pets. \$900 + \$500 deposit. Call 208-733-4638

TWIN FALLS 4 bdm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, no smoking, no pets. \$900 + \$500 deposit. Call 208-733-4638

TWIN FALLS 4 bdm, 2.5 bath, remodeled full bath, 2200 sq ft, Morningstar School district. 733-0178

TWIN FALLS 4 bedroom 1 1/2 bath, gas heat. No pet/smoking. Year lease, \$795 mo. + \$75 dep. 257 Carney St. Call Janice 208-731-3533

TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, newer home, fenced back yard, no pet/smoking. \$975/mo. + deposit. 208-731-1446 or 280-2009

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Close to schools and shopping this 4-bedroom, 2-bath home has a full basement with a family room, and a large finished backyard. Freshly painted living room and dining room. \$159,000 MLS#98279296
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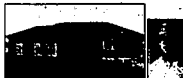
GOLFER'S DELIGHT ON ONE ACRE
Only a year old, this freshly painted better than new spacious Kimberly country home, where you can enjoy the wide open spaces, glorious mountain views and quiet and peaceful surroundings. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and large bonus room. \$209,900 MLS#98271908
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Lovely updated home with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and partial finished basement. Located on a large partially fenced lot and extra home in back which could be finished for a rental. Priced at only \$122,500 ML#98251701
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Luxury 5-bedroom, 3-bath, 3,648 sq. ft. home first occupied in 2005 on 2.5 acres. Gas log fireplace, oak hardwood floors, granite counters, maple cabinets, central vacuum. Kinetico water system, walk-in closets & jetted tub. \$485,000 ML#98279620
Call Ray 539-3321 for details



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You must see this 3-bedroom, 2-bath home with beautiful landscaping on a quiet cul-de-sac. Cook's delight kitchen with granite, cherrywood and hardwood. \$229,900 MLS#98281984
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Custom-built home with quality and elegance. Featuring a formal dining room, breakfast nook, fireplace in great room, Jacuzzi tub in master, bathroom in the bonus room, tile, hardwood, granite and more! \$299,900 ML#98132037
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One-of-a-kind setting, close to town, not in a subdivision, privately located, impressive new home featuring over 2,300 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, great master suite, new 4-car garage/shed, water shares, call us now for a private showing. \$235,000 ML#98271067
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PRICE REDUCED
3 bedroom/1.75 bath - Freshly painted - New floor coverings - Added insulation - Maintenance-free Electric Furnace & A/C - Large covered deck - Easy-care lawn - Home is better than new - Jerome location \$125,000 ML#982826458
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Elegant 5-bedroom home in the Northern Passage Subd. built by Grover Construction with massivel 9'4" vaulted ceilings, Trey-Kouffer ceilings in the family/dining room, split-floor plan, granite counter-tops and more! \$395,000 ML#9827067
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SUPERB LAND!
3.54 acres of land ready for you to build your dream home on. Great view, quiet location with Rock Creek running through property. Wonderful access road put in for property. Geothermal water is known to flow under this area. MLS#98265058
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READY TO MOVE IN!
Clean, new carpet, insulation on the floor, and fresh paint. Split-floor plan, vaulted ceilings in the living room, private bath off the master bedroom, and fully fenced back yard. Perfect starter home or investment property. \$98,500 ML#98277358
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FIELD OF DREAMS ESTATE!
Unique Gambrel Roof-style home, designed from an old barn with over 5,073 sq. ft., 3 levels provide a canvas to create your field-of-dreams home with a view. Secluded master suite with jacuzzi tub and body shower. \$449,000 ML#98285933
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Featuring over 3,000 sq. ft. of living space this quality home provides 4 spacious bedrooms, 3 baths, formal dining, breakfast nook, great room with fireplace, bonus family room. Elaborate officiation with fireplace. \$349,900 ML#98264964
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COMFORTS OF COUNTRY!
4-bedroom, 3-bath home on 1.91 acres with spacious rooms, formal dining, living room, family room, guest room/office, swimming pool, hot tub, studio apartment, corral, RV parking, new interior paint, views to north. \$279,900 ML#98264964
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TWIN FALLS NW
Brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath town home, gas heat, AC, 2 car garage. Nice apr floor plan. \$675. Call Denise at 208-420-8170

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JEROME
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604 Unfurnished Apts. And Duplex
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KIMBERLY Duplex 2 large bdrm., 2 bath, office, laundry room, by the schools. No smoking, no pets. \$625 per month. Call Jenn at 208-734-0062 or 208-731-6801.

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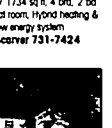
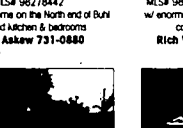
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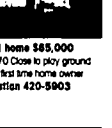
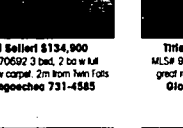
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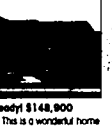
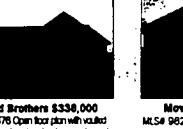
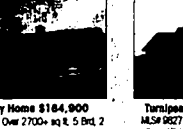
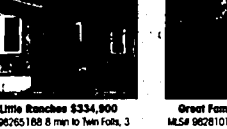
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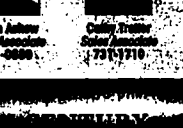
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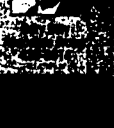
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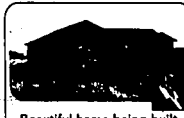


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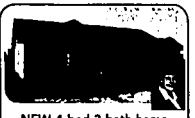


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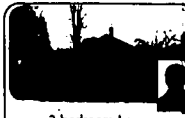
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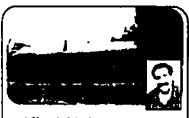
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













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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"They took some honey, and plenty of money, Wrapped up in a five-pound note."
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Although Brazil lost the final of the 1999 Bermuda Bowl to USA 1, Roberto Mello found the best individual piece of declarer play in the finals to bring home an impossible contract. Consider your chances in five clubs doubled, then watch an inevitable loser or two vanish.

Mello received a heart lead from Paul Soloway. He took Bob Hamman's nine in hand and started well by leading a trump to dummy's 10, then ran four rounds of trump. This squeezed Hamman, who could spare two spades and a diamond, but was in trouble on the next trump. Either major suit would be fatal, so he had to bare his diamond king. Mello now threw him in with a diamond, endplaying him for the first time. Hamman could exit with a top spade to dummy, but Mello now found the elegant solution when he exited from dummy with a low heart!

Hamman could win, but was now firmly endplayed. Whichever major suit he led would give up a trick, allowing declarer's spade and diamond losers to vanish.

If Hamman had discarded the diamond king rather than a small diamond on the fourth club, Mello could still have succeeded. He could have cashed dummy's two spade winners and led a diamond. That would have allowed Soloway (who would be down to his six diamonds) to take his two diamond winners and lead a third round. But Mello would have ruffed and led his last trump, which would have squeezed Hamman in the majors.

ANSWER: Settle for simplicity and give preference to two diamonds. While you might have a 5-3 major-suit fit that will play better, or even a shot at three no-trump, your partner is not necessarily done yet! If he has extras, he will bid again, and you will know what to do. If he does not have extras, be happy you stayed low in a comfortable spot.

North 01-12-A
 ♠ A K 4
 ♥ A 10 6 5 4
 ♦ 4 3
 ♣ K 10 9

West
 ♠ 6 2
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A J 8 6 5 2
 ♣ J 8 6 5

East
 ♠ Q J 9 5 3
 ♥ Q J 9 7 3
 ♦ K 9 7
 ♣

South
 ♠ 10 8 7
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A Q 7 4 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: North

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2♣ 2♦ Pass Pass
 3♣ Pass 3♦ Pass
 4♣ Pass 5♦ Pass
 Pass Dbl. All pass

Opening lead: Heart two

BID WITH THE ACES 01-13-B

South holds:
 ♠ Q J 9 5 3
 ♥ Q J 9 7 3
 ♦ K 9 7
 ♣

South West North East
 1♠ Pass 1♦ Pass
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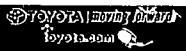
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