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Hoping to get a jump on their Christmas shopping, many shoppers waited outside stores in the pre-dawn hours Friday to be the

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A little after 5 a.m. Friday, Brenda Gardner, left, and her husband, Steve, navigates their way through a checkout line at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Jerome. Hundreds of shoppers visited the store and the Gardners said their best purchases were on Transformers toys and memory cards for cameras.

Electronics the biggest sellers on Black Friday in T.F.

By **Joshua Palmer**
Times-News writer

Retailers in Twin Falls say they experienced an average to above-average customer turnout for one of the most aggressive shopping days of the year.

Retail stores with deep discounts on electronics appeared to be the big winners on Black Friday in Twin Falls as consumers sought deals on personal computers, video games and televisions.

Customers lined up in front of stores such as Best Buy as early as 7 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day to take advantage of discounts on Sony laptop computers and LCD televisions.

There were more than 30 people waiting outside the electronics retailer, while J.C. Penney and other clothing stores boasted smaller crowds before they opened their doors at 5 a.m.

Most shoppers who waited outside big-box retailers, such as Target and Wal-Mart, were hoping to take advantage of sales on limited quantities of video games, digital cameras and other electronics.

"We had to start with (Best Buy) because they only have so many of the computers that my son wants," said Sharon Conner of Twin Falls. "After this, we are going to hit the mall to shop for some clothes — we just figured that the electronic items would be the first thing that stores would run out of."

Retailers ran out of one electronic item even before shoppers lined up on Friday. The Nintendo Wii, the best-selling game console for two consecutive years, was sold out in all stores in Twin Falls by 10 a.m.

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Families are cutting back on their holiday spending this year.

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Retailers hope shoppers maintain buying throughout holiday season

By **Anne D'Amico**
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Shoppers — shrugging off a spate of lead-tainted toy recalls and higher prices for food and gas — jammed stores before dawn Friday to grab discounted TVs, toys and the hard-to-find Nintendo Wii, for the official start of the holiday season, expected to be the weakest retail showing in five years.

Stores, including Toys "R" Us and Macy's Inc., said more people were showing up this year for pre-dawn specials, but merchants need them to keep coming throughout the holiday season to make their sales goals.

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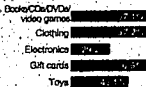
Holiday shopping

A third of shoppers responding to a recent survey said online purchases will account for less than a quarter of their holiday budget.

What share of your holiday budget do you expect to spend online?



What type of gifts do you plan to buy this season?



SOURCES: Nielsen Online; National Retail Federation; IBG Research

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Gooding facility tried to help suicidal resident, manager says

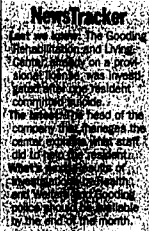
By **Nate Poppo**
Times-News writer

The skilled-nursing facility that manages a Gooding pre-dawn nursing facility defended the center's level of care this week in the wake of the suicide of a resident.

Dan Adamson, president of the Chubbuck-based Northwest Bee-Corp, said Wednesday that the staff of the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center did everything they could to help Gerald L. DeCoria in the time leading up to his death — even transferring him to the company's psychiatric hospital for 11 days of evaluation and counseling.

DeCoria, 70, hanged himself with a window blind cord Nov. 11 in what Adamson said was the first suicide in any of the company's facilities in Idaho and California.

"I think a person who



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wants to commit suicide, it's pretty hard to stop them," Adamson said. "On the other hand, we are charged with doing everything we can to provide a safe environment for people."

DeCoria's death triggered investigations by both the Idaho Department of Health

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Woman charged with embezzling from women's clinic appears in court

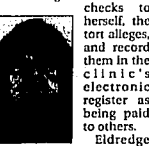
By **Cass Friedman**
Times-News writer

Karie Eldredge responded to a summons Friday, appearing in court and registering at the jail after she was charged with embezzling \$424,314 from a local women's clinic.

The Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office has leveled four counts of grand theft against the former bookkeeper of the Magic Valley Women's Health Clinic. Because the charges came after a one-month investigation and Eldredge appeared not to be a flight risk, the prosecutor argues this month filed a summons rather than an arrest warrant.

Eldredge is scheduled to appear again in court on Nov. 30 for a preliminary hearing. In the meantime she was released without bail and is hiring Halley attorney Keith Roark.

Eldredge also faces a tort claim from the clinic, which says she took the money beginning in February 2004 and continued until she was fired Oct. 1. Eldredge would write checks to herself, the tort alleges, and record them in the clinic's electronic register as being paid to others.



Eldredge told police she embezzled money to help family members but ended up lavishing herself with gifts to ease her own depression, according to court records.

The investigation found Eldredge used a doctor's stamp on the checks next to her signature. The checks require two signatures to be valid.

Study shows link between excess body fat and increased risk of cancer

By **Nate Poppo**
Times-News writer

Health professionals have warned the public for years about obesity — that it leads to diabetes, heart attacks and more.

Now they can add cancer to that list. New research released this month by the American Institute for Cancer Research — only confirmed what Magic Valley dietitians say they've long suspected: Excess body fat can encourage cancer growth and division; possibly harmful hormones and otherwise stress the body.

A small booklet released by the Institute warns that improper diet and lack of exercise can lead to excess hormones and other substances, and deprives the body of chemicals that "naturally" prevent a variety of cancers, including those of the stomach, lungs and prostate.

"People are not noticing this as one of the major risk factors," Suzanne Reitel, a clinical dietitian, with St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said

not much else, she said. That leads to a lack of whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables, which, among other things, provide much-needed fiber, something that helps prevent colon cancer.

While the body struggles to compensate for the lost nutrients, it's also feeling the squeeze of additional fat on organs, said Paul Pearson, a health education specialist with the South Central Public Health District. More body fat adds more stress to body functions of all kinds, she said.

"And any time you start adding stress, the risks of something going wrong increase," she said. Add in emotional stress and the chemicals placed in processed foods, and cancer can become a real risk, Twin Falls nutritionist Marlon Wallace said. It's something she said she's known for years.

"These are some things people have known for a long time that are finally getting supported through... statistics," she said.

Studies have already proven diet to definitely be

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and Welfare and Gooding are still ongoing. The center's provisional Medicare/Medicaid license expires next month, and any fault found with DeCoria's care there could keep the center from accepting Medicare/Medicaid patients — likely forcing the center to close.

Both Adamson and DeCoria's daughter, Monica Nelson, said the incident was the result more of outside factors and DeCoria's determination than anything else. Nelson, who kept close tabs on her father's condition, said he had a psychology degree and knew Medicaid would only pay for his psychiatric care for a certain amount of time — even with a recent history of behavioral problems. Cutting off those

payments, Nelson said, put her father back in a position to hurt himself. Adamson said the Gooding center operates with higher staff-resident ratios than the company's others — including four other homes in Burley, Shoshone, Kimberly and Buhl. That's because the center's rare behavioral health unit means it takes on more patients than the company's other facilities, he said, all while being held to the same regulations as regular nursing homes.

"We are to operate as if we had a group of elderly caring players, and our residents are not that," Adamson said. Adamson declined to speculate on the future of the center's license, saying he wasn't going to "second-guess" Health and Welfare inspectors. But he said center staff

had done everything they could for DeCoria, whom he claimed would have been discharged from any other skilled-nursing home at the first sign of suicidal thoughts.

DeCoria had only recently displayed suicidal behavior, Adamson said, and was immediately sent to the company's psychiatric hospital for new medications and a psychiatric evaluation. Window blinds installed in the Gooding facility release after 15 pounds of pressure is placed on them, and the elderly man had to avoid triggering the release while still cutting off his air flow — all without tipping off his caregivers.

"I tried awfully hard with this resident ... though we had done wonderful things for him," Adamson said.

2006 incident that placed the Gooding center on its provisional license, he said, in which one resident died following an infection and died following a leg amputation. The center's Health and Welfare surveys since that time have been good overall, he said. And while the center has seen its share of deaths, they've all been natural ones — such as one woman who died in October, two days after she had an apparently unrelated choking episode while the center's medical director was present.

"I'd love to say we don't ever have deaths at our facility," Adamson said. "(But) people at nursing homes are very, very sick people."

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stores, and we don't have to put up with the traffic and overcrowding at stores in Salt Lake (City)," said Lucas Jentsch, from Wells. "We've kind of made it an annual thing to come up here to get all our Christmas shopping out of the way."

Retail wasn't the only sector that was doing big business at early hours.

Starbucks Coffee on Blue Lakes Boulevard North opened at 4 a.m. to accommodate early morning shoppers, and Moxie Java Tuscany opened less than 30 minutes later.

Both businesses had customers waiting before they even opened.

On the other side of the canyon in Jerome, some shoppers at the 24-hour Wal-Mart Supercenter began piling disassembled items into their carts even before the sales took effect at 5 a.m.

"We figured that everyone else would get here at five in the morning and take all the good deals, so we just beat them to the punch and loaded the TV onto the cart ahead of time," said Fabian Rios, of Jerome, who said

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"As soon as five o'clock came around, bam, we got in line and paid the discount price." Only time will tell if consumers continue to buy as aggressively as they did on Black Friday. However, retailers are expecting only a small increase compared to last year because south-central Idaho is being the brunt of higher fuel prices and a slight increase in unemployment.

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Sales

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J.C. Penney Co., which opened at 4 a.m., an hour earlier than last year, served up such deals as a leather massage recliner for \$298.88, after a \$50 mail-in rebate. The original price was \$799. Other deals include 50 percent off toys and board games.

In a scene replayed again and again at stores nationwide, about 200 people stood in line outside a Target in Columbia, S.C., at 5 a.m., an hour before the store was to open.

Tracy Jenkinson, 34, arrived just after 3 a.m. to take the first spot in line.

He planned to buy a \$199 19-inch LCD television for his daughters.

"It's kind of crazy if you're not here to get a particular thing," Jenkinson said. Best Buy Co. Inc. drew more than a thousand shoppers to West Paterson, N.J., and to its Manhattan store for early morning bargains on Sony laptop computers, cut to \$359.99 from \$749.99, and GPS devices from TomTom for \$119.99, from the normal \$249.99, according to store managers.

"If they were selling it, we were buying it," Tom Shea, 23, said as he surveyed his purchases at a midtown Manhattan Best Buy store.



Executive team leader Angie Stritzman, at the Target store in Owatonna, Minn., counts down the seconds to unlock the doors for shoppers who have been waiting for the 6 a.m. opening, Friday.

He said he, some friends and a cousin were the first through the doors when the store opened at 4 a.m.

Shea, of Brooklyn, and two friends spent a total of about \$2,500 on two laptop computers, an Xbox game console, a vacuum and several other items. They estimated they had saved about \$1,500 — after waiting for 35 hours outside the fifth Avenue store to make sure

they were first in line, he said.

Shoppers from overseas were reveling in exchange rates that made discounts even deeper.

The dollar hit record lows against the euro Friday and reached their lowest point in 12 years against the yen.

"Everything is half price for us," Ashley Clifford said, smiling, as she shopped at a Circuit City in Manhattan.

Clifford lives in Northern Ireland.

She was unaware of the post-Thanksgiving shopping frenzy — known in retail circles as Black Friday — until she arrived in New York.

"It's absolutely madness," said Clifford, 26. Many prepared in advance to snap up their most coveted items, though some were not happy with what they found.

Amber Hanson, 23, of Madison, Wis., and her mother, Heather Ludwig, 51, of Stoughton, Wis., mapped out a game plan using ad filters Thursday. Hanson went to bed at midnight and was up again at 2:30 a.m. to get to Kohl's 4 a.m. opening, where she bought sweaters and candles.

Ludwig said the best deal she saw offered was \$10 cash to spend on Saturday for every \$50 spent on Black Friday, calling the lines "ridiculous," after an hour-and-a-half wait to check out.

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Congress skeptical of most special-interest e-mails

By Jeffrey H. Birnbaum and Kim Hart
The Washington Post

Janita Daigle, of Baton Rouge, La., is listed as one of the thousands of people who sent e-mails to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) opposing the proposed merger between the satellite radio networks XM and Sirius.

But Daigle said she never sent an e-mail and is distressed that anyone would think she did. "How did they get my name?" she asked. "I don't want someone using my name for something I don't even know about."

A check by The Washington Post of 60 people whose names were attached to identical, anti-merger e-mails instituted by the National Association of Broadcasters, a major opponent of the merger, produced mostly unanswered phone calls and recordings, saying the phones were disconnected.

Of the 10 people reached, nine said they never sent anything to the FCC, and only one said she remembered filling out something on Sirius but did not recall taking a position on a merger.

The responses raise questions debated a lot in Congress and other federal agencies lately: Are the hundreds of millions of narrow-interest e-mails that deluge official Washington each year a useful measure of public sentiment? Are they even being sent by real people?

The torrent, made possible by Web lobbying techniques, is subverting the process it was meant to influence, some experts said.

"It's a problem," said Stuart Shulman, a political scientist at the University of Pittsburgh. "If someone sends a meaningful comment, which is what the agencies are seeking, it becomes difficult to find."

The e-mail volume is so massive, he said, that agencies have begun to pay less attention to the comments. Congress is also wary of the trend. A poll of 360 con-

gressional staffers conducted by the Congressional Management Institute in 2005 indicated that half of them did not believe that form-letter messages were approved of constituents.

For the volume of e-mail has skyrocketed. House and Senate offices last year received 318 million electronic messages, up from 200 million e-mails and postal letters in 2004.

A large number of those e-mails were produced through interest group Web sites, a standard lobbying practice. Lawmakers are so frustrated with the volume of missives thrown off by those sites that many are placing obstacles in the way of e-mails not written personally by constituents. Efforts include requiring e-mailers to fill out a special form on lawmakers' Web sites and to complete a simple math problem to get their e-mails through.

Federal agencies have also experienced a gigantic increase in computer-generated e-mail. This year, the Fish and Wildlife Service received more than 300,000 form-letter e-mails from members of the Natural Resources Defense Council

urging that ponds be reclassified as endangered species list, according to the Rulemaking Research Group, which tracks e-mails dealing with regulations. At the FCC, most of the e-mails about the proposed merger between XM Satellite Radio Holdings, of Washington, and Sirius Satellite Radio, of New York, were prompted by the National Association of Broadcasters. The lobby group said it inspired the sending of 8,500 e-mails to the agency by buying pop-ups ads on consumer-oriented Web sites such as CarMax.com, Staples.com and PriceGrabber.com in August and September.

Spokesman Dennis Horton said his group has the name, date, postal address and numerical Internet address of the e-mailers, including

those contacted by The Post, to show that the electronic letters were sent by actual people.

"I have a high degree of confidence in this," Wharton said. "They (the e-mailers) had to physically type in their name and address. It was a fairly rigorous process."

XM and Sirius are not so certain. "The timing and pattern of delivery of these comments is highly unusual and suspicious," said Kelly Sullivan, a spokeswoman for both companies. "The letters lack any apparent commonality or indication of the source of the effort, all of which calls into question the legitimacy of the filings."

The FCC declined to comment.

The FCC and Justice Department are reviewing the XM-Sirius deal, with a decision expected soon. Either agency could move to block a proposed stock swap if it thinks the consolidation would violate anti-monopoly laws or harm consumers. XM and Sirius contend that a merged company would help consumers by providing them more services and would not constitute a monopoly because of the proliferation of ways people get their audio entertainment these days.

The broadcasters, who represent free radio services such as AM and FM, do not want a stronger competitor. They claim that the merger would lead to higher prices for listeners, and thus hurt consumers, and would also violate antitrust agreements established by the government when the subscription services were founded not long ago.

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Factor in which types of cancer a person can get, said Tebekah Ramsey, a dietitian for St. Luke's Magic Valley who consults for Countryside Care and Rehab at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. People in Japan, for example, have higher rates of stomach cancer, she said, but when they move to the United States, they develop the breast and colon cancers common to this country.

The two environments contain more differences than just food, Ramsey said. "They're missing a lot of things in our diet," she said. The solution, Hotel said, is education. She works closely

with cancer patients coming through the Twin Falls hospital to create diets that will keep them healthy, and includes cancer in the list of conditions obesity could trigger.

The challenge, Wallace said, can be finding people willing to listen. She sometimes holds back on warning about cancer, she said, because her clients feel she's answering more than they're asking about.

"For the most part, people don't want too much information."

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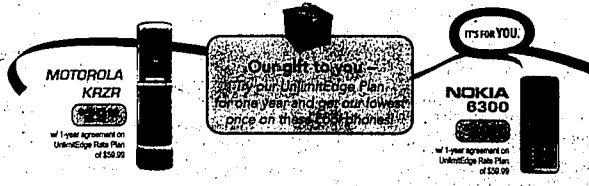
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Lethal injection to get 'supreme' test

By Darryl Foers
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On the cold prison gurney, Joseph Clark's eyes fluttered as he woke up from what was supposed to be his death.

"It don't work," Clark muttered to Ohio corrections officials who were preparing him for a lethal injection. They had punctured his arms 19 times in a fumbling attempt to find a vein, according to court records and news reports. The anesthesiologist Clark was given to ward off pain from the lethal dose of chemicals had worn off.

"Can you just give me something by mouth to end this?" Clark asked. He writhed and screamed as pancuronium bromide paralyzed him and potassium chloride stopped his heart, witnesses said.

When death penalty opponents bring arguments before the Supreme Court challenging Kentucky's method of lethal injection, they will argue that executions such as Clark's are proof that techniques used to put down the condemned are not as painless and humane as state corrections officials say. Death penalty opponents will argue that using a procedure that creates "a known risk of pain and suffering," when other alternatives are available, violates the Eighth Amendment's cruel and unusual punishment clause.

Since the high court decided to hear the case, a de facto moratorium on executions has occurred. On Nov. 15, the justices stayed the execution of Frank Dean Schwab, who was scheduled to be executed in Florida for the kidnapping, rape and murder of an 11-year-old boy.

Schwab's execution would have been the first in Florida since the state revised its lethal injection procedures after a botched execution last December. The change in procedures, which state officials say was made to lessen the chance of pain, had led state courts to allow the Schwab execution to move forward. In making their case against lethal injection, death penalty opponents may cite what they describe as botched executions, such as Clark's, which they say are often carried out by personnel who are poorly trained, even on basics such as how to find a vein, or how to insert a needle or a catheter.

Some states have allowed executions, some with little medical training to surgically open the arm of a prisoner when they cannot find a vein, fish out an exposed vein with string and insert a needle.

Lisa McCalmont, a consultant at the Death Penalty Clinic at the University of California at Berkeley law school who recently committed suicide, said in an interview before her death that the idea of an inmate gently passes away during a lethal injection procedure may be a false one. She added, "I don't think everybody knows that two of the drugs are capable of causing excruciating pain."

State officials defend their

methods of lethal injection, asserting that when carried out properly, including proper anesthesia, no pain results. Matt Dornheim, a doctor and anesthesiology professor at the University of Massachusetts who has reviewed protocols and testified on behalf of states, said that even he has trouble inserting needles in some patients.

He added that the procedure of surgically opening a patient to find a vein is an old ruse, is no longer used in the more than three dozen states that carry out lethal injections.

"In a nutshell ... if the protocol is implemented as written, there is only the remotest chance that an inmate could be conscious during the administration of the muscle relaxant and the potassium chloride," Dornheim wrote.

When lethal injections are more likely to go wrong in inexperienced hands, lawsuits and news accounts have revealed instances of poorly screened hires and badly trained personnel.

In Missouri, Alan Doerhoff, a doctor who administered the state's lethal injections for more than a decade, admitted he was not a medical background and that execution day was the first time that many of them had picked up a needle. He also said that the execution chamber was kept dark to obscure witness views that executioners used flashlights to light their way around.

Missouri stuck by Doerhoff until a report by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch revealed that he was the target of nearly two dozen medical malpractice suits. He was relieved of his post in April, said Brian Hainsworth, a spokesman for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

"We still feel that (Doerhoff) did a professional job with the Department of Corrections," Hainsworth said. He said the department's director had no knowledge of Doerhoff's dyslexia until it was revealed in court. "The director decided we would not be using him for future executions."

Florida was the scene of what death penalty opponents call a terrible lethal injection in December. The execution of convicted killer Angelo Diaz, which took the normal time according to court documents citing the accounts of prison officials and witnesses.

The executioner noted in prison records that pushing the syringes that contained the anesthetic was "more difficult." The executioner used a backup line to deliver the painful pancuronium bromide without doing the same with the anesthetic.

Abortion foes push 'personhood' for eggs

By Nichola Ricciardi
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — Anti-abortion activists in several states are promoting constitutional amendments that would define life as beginning at conception, which could effectively outlaw all abortions and some birth-control methods.

The campaigns to grant "personhood" to fertilized eggs, giving them the same legal status as human beings, come as the nation in December marks the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade — the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

During those three decades, abortion foes have succeeded in imposing a variety of restrictions, such as waiting periods and parental notification for minors. But there are still about 1.3 million abortions a year in the U.S.

Some activists say they are fed up with incremental steps and are not interested in waiting years for a more conservative court to revisit Roe. Instead, they are out to change the legal status of embryos to force the court to ban abortion.

"The concept that we're going to elect judges who will change everything has failed," said Brian Holzbough, past president of Colorado Right to Life. "The logical thing is to start with personhood ... It's the only legitimate tactic that does not involve a compromise."

Ever since abortion was legalized, anti-abortion groups have pushed for a federal Human Life Amendment that would

define life as beginning at conception. One of the reasons the court gave for legalizing the procedure is that the fetus legally is not a person. Abortion opponents theorize that by granting human status to embryos they will destroy the legal foundation for abortions.

Members of Congress have introduced a bill every year since the decision to do that, but never got anywhere.

New a grass-roots movement is underway at the state level to undermine Roe v. Wade.

The Colorado Supreme Court last week cleared the way for advocates to begin collecting signatures to place a personhood amendment on the state's 2008 ballot. Activists in Michigan, Mississippi and Montana are gearing up to gather signatures as well. In January, the Georgia Legislature will consider placing a constitutional amendment on its 2008 ballot.

The initiatives face several stiff challenges.

For the most part, the campaigns are run by local activists with little support or funding from big national anti-abortion groups. Similar efforts have failed in the past. Proponents in Michigan could not collect enough signatures to put a personhood measure on the ballot in 2006. The Georgia proposal stalled in the Legislature this year.

Any amendments that make it to the ballot will be voted on by a public that has expressed consistent support for allowing at least some abortions, especially during the first trimester, which is when 90 percent of abortions occur in this country. In South Dakota, a deeply conservative state, voters last year resoundingly rejected a ballot measure that would have out-

"It's not just Bible-thumping kooks or some Roman Catholic nuns.

There are a lot of moms and pops that are going to say, 'Why haven't we done something in our state?'"

— Cal Zastrow, head of Michigan Citizens for Life

lived virtually all abortions. Even if the amendments pass, it could take years of legal challenges before they reach the Supreme Court.

Still, national abortion-rights groups consider the current wave of amendment campaigns a legitimate threat. They worry that the language of the initiatives might mislead voters.

In Colorado, for instance, voters will be asked whether the constitution should "include any human being from the moment of fertilization as person ... in those provisions of the Colorado constitution relating to inalienable rights, equality of justice, and due process of law."

The amendment is being promoted by a group called Colorado for Equal Rights.

"This type of language may be scary than an outright ban," said Belinda Bulger, deputy legal director for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL).

"First, because it can be hard for people to understand what

it's doing, and second, because it would be far further reaching."

Abortion-rights advocates tried to block the Colorado ballot initiative by claiming the language would confuse voters, but the state Supreme Court ruled 7-0 that the initiative was acceptable as written. The measure's proponents must collect 76,000 signatures in the next six months to qualify for the general election ballot.

If successful — and upheld by the courts — the amendments could outlaw certain forms of birth control that prevent fertilized eggs from implanting in the uterus, such as the birth control pill or contraceptive sponge. They also could ban or restrict common fertility treatments, such as in vitro procedures in which multiple eggs are fertilized, but only some are introduced into the mother's womb.

Amendment supporters freely admit that giving a fertilized egg the legal status of a human being would affect a wide range of medical decisions. That's precisely the point, they say. "We're trying to establish some bio-ethical standards to move us into the 21st century," said Dan Becker, president of Georgia Right to Life.

Starting in the late 1980s, 10 states amended their constitutions to provide general protections for unborn life. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, implied in one case that the amendments did not trump its core holding that women have a legal right to end their pregnancies. According to the Roe decision, many laws against abortion in the United States violated a woman's constitutional right to privacy under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment.

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Should accused killer Park be in a hospital?

CHEERS: In September 2003, police say a transient named Harley Park kicked a Camas County golf course owner to death with steel-toed work boots.

Now Park is mixing with the patient population at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's State Hospital South in Blackfoot.

That fact has caused one employee of SHS to quit. Other workers say they fear for their safety.

Park was moved to Blackfoot from the Idaho Department of Corrections' Secure Mental Health Facility near Boise earlier this month to treat his mental illness so he can be competent to stand trial. He'll be at SHS for about three months.

While in Blackfoot, he'll have his own room. It's individually supervised, but will be free to mingle without restraints with the hospital's population during the day. We're not sure that's a good idea.

In 2006, Park was ruled not mentally competent to stand trial in the killing of 61-year-old Lynn Stevenson. He reportedly told Camas County Sheriff Dave

Sanders he beat Stevenson because Stevenson "was the devil; he was evil."

We understand that Health and Welfare is bound by law to help prepare for trial mentally ill people charged with crimes, but there must be a better place for Park.

The Blackfoot hospital has a lockdown area and security guards, but no fence around the building.

If we were neighbors of SHS or its employees, we'd be concerned, too.

CHEERS: To U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, for moving to untangle the bureaucratic Gordian knot that has held up development of a park at Auger Falls in the Snake River Canyon.

Simpson introduced legislation in the House of Representatives last week to transfer 165 acres of Bureau of Land Management property to the City of Twin Falls. The city bought 500 acres near the falls for \$1.3 million in 2002 and wants to build a park and water-treatment facility there.

The transfer would envelop four parcels of federal land near or surrounded by that property to expand the proposed park to about



665 acres.

Bureaucratic wrangling over environmental-impact studies has slowed the project, leaving the area off-limits to the public for years.

But this hidden jewel in the canyon — surrounded by birds and wildlife — may soon be accessible by everyone.

CHEERS: To Idaho human rights and religious groups, for launching an ad campaign designed to welcome strangers to southern Idaho and to counterbalance immigration raids and anti-immigration sentiment nationwide.

The ads will initially appear on 10 bus benches in the Boise area and on a billboard posted on Interstate 84 between Jerome and Burley. The campaign features two messages: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," a biblical

quote, and the statement: "Immigration is an American experience. Acceptance is an American value."

Organizers, including the Idaho Human Rights Education Center and the Idaho Citizens Action Network, hope to expand the campaign statewide.

Amy Herzfeld, executive director of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center, said the campaign will run for a year. It is paid for by donations and modeled after campaigns in Tennessee and Iowa. Its launch coincides with the intensifying of anti-immigration rhetoric in national debates and federal immigration sweeps in the Magic Valley. In the past week, U.S. Border Patrol agents confirmed they arrested about 100 illegal aliens here.

Largely because of the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations Brotherhood and other extremists who settled in Idaho, the state has long seemed unfriendly to outsiders who aren't middle-class and white.

Unfortunately, such perceptions sometimes mirror reality. That must change.

This ad campaign is a modest

step in that direction.

CHEERS: To state Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, who soon will introduce legislation that would require state officials to wait a year after leaving office before working as private-sector lobbyists seeking concessions from their former colleagues.

"To me, it's an important issue," Kelly told the *Times-News*. "It's about your government officials and it's about ethics."

Earlier this month, Gov. Butch Otter's top aide, Jeff Malmen, quit to lobby for the company that owns Idaho Power.

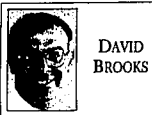
Idaho has no revolving-door laws that limit officials such as Malmen from immediately going to work at private sector jobs in which they could be lobbying state government.

In the past 18 months, at least eight ex-lawmakers or staff for Otter and former Govs. Dirk Kempthorne and Jim Risch became lobbyists.

A similar revolving-door bill never got a hearing in the last legislative session. We hope the Malmen shuffle will get lawmakers' attention in January.

The segmented society

On Feb. 9, 1964, the Beatles played on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Or as Steven Van Zandt remembers the moment: "It was the beginning of my life."



DAVID BROOKS

Van Zandt fell for the Beatles and discovered the blues and early rock music that inspired them. He played in a series of bands on the Jersey shore, and when a friend wanted to draw on his encyclopedia he knew the edge for a song called "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out." Van Zandt wound up as a guitarist for Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.

The 1970s were a great moment for musical integration. Artists like the Rolling Stones and Springsteen drew on a range of musical influences and produced songs that might be country-influenced, soul-influenced, blues-influenced or a combination of all three. These mega-groups attracted gigantic followings and can still fill huge arenas.

But cultural history has pivot moments, and at some point toward the end of the 1970s or the early 1980s, the era of integration gave way to the era of fragmentation. There are now dozens of niche musical genres where there used to be this thing called rock. There are many bands that can fill 5,000-seat theaters, but there are almost no new groups with the broad following or longevity of the Rolling Stones, Springsteen or U2.

People have been writing about the fragmentation of American music for decades. Back in the Feb. 18, 1982, issue of *Time*, Jay Cock wrote that American music was in splinters. But year after year, the segmentation builds.

Last month, for example, Sasha Freire-Jones wrote an essay in *The New Yorker* noting that indie rock is now almost completely white, lacking even the motifs of African-American popular music. Carl Wilson commented in *Rolling Stone* that indie rock's real wall is social; it's the genre for the liberal-arts-college upper-middle class.

Technology drives some of the fragmentation. Computers allow musicians to produce a broader range of sounds. Top 40 radio no longer serves as the gateway for the listening public. Music industry executives can use



The Rolling Stones perform in this undated file photo.

market research to divide consumers into narrower and narrower slices.

But other causes flow from the temper of the times. It's considered inappropriate or even immoral for white musicians to appropriate African-American styles. And there's the rise of the mass educated class.

People who have built up cultural capital and pride themselves on their superior discernment are naturally going to cultivate ever more obscure musical tastes. I'm not sure they enjoy music more than the throngs who sat around listening to Led Zeppelin, but they can certainly feel more individualistic and special.

Van Zandt grew up in one era and now thrives in the other, but how long can mega-groups like the E Street Band still tour?

"This could be the last time," he says. It argues that if the Rolling Stones came along now, they wouldn't be able to get mass airtime because there is no broadcast vehicle for all-purpose rock. And he says that most young musicians don't know the roots and traditions of their music. They don't have broad musical vocabularies to draw on when they are writing songs.

As a result, much of their music (and here I'm bowdlerizing his language) stinks. He describes a musical culture that has lost touch with its common roots. And as he speaks, I hear the echoes of thousands of other interviews concerning dozens of other spheres.

It seems that whatever story I cover, people are anxious about fragmentation and longing for cohesion. This is the driving fear behind the inequality and immigration debates, behind worries

of polarization and behind the entire Obama candidacy. If you go to marketing conferences, you realize we really are in the era of the long tail. In any given industry, companies are dividing the marketplace into narrower and more segmented lifestyle niches.

Van Zandt has a way to counter all this, at least where music is concerned. He's drawn up a high school music curriculum that tells the rest of that dollar is going?

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David Brooks's column has appeared on the Op-Ed page of *The New York Times*.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bush not as big a war mongerer as Clinton was

If the world hates America so much because of George Bush going to war, how did Bill Clinton manage to get more

American GIs killed in his eight years in office than George Bush did in his first six? Clinton did not have a war on his hands. How did he manage to kill so many?

When the American people were sold the idea of a federal income tax, it was to go for defense of this country only. The past year, the smallest amount of that tax dollar has gone for defense ever — only a nickel goes for defense now. Old Hillary said the other day she will cut that by \$10 billion, so I guess only a penny of that federal tax dollar will go for defense. Man, I feel safer already.

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been a cold-blooded killer. EMMA ROBINSON Hegerman

Driver's licenses for illegal aliens a bad idea

Matt Smith, in his letter to the paper said, "What's hard to understand about illegal? Break the law you're a criminal." Also, overstay your visa, steal an American's Social Security number and you have committed a felony. Case in point. There are 8 million IRS W-2 forms and 8 million Social Security numbers where the numbers on both forms don't match — 8 million felonies!

Immigration picked up 106 illegals; 25 percent had criminal records. Hispanics met at a local church to discuss the arrests. At the meeting it was suggested to boycott WinCo. I guess WinCo called immigration to come and pick up illegals at WinCo because they were tired of selling their products to Hispanics and wanted to make less profit. Talk about third-grade mentality.

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State. He says "Go to the DMV and apply for your driver's license."

As long as you are there you may as well register to vote. Just check the box that says you are an American citizen and you're all set to vote next election. DMV will not check your legal status." Case in point. Hijackers on 9-11 had dozens of IDs and driver's licenses. Case in point. Eight of the 18 hijackers were registered to vote in the United States.

Anyone for driver's licenses for terrorists and illegals? AL DUTT Twin Falls

Legality of Wendell City Council questioned

To the citizens of the city of Wendell:

Do we have an illegal government? It is my understanding that the mayor and City Council held a special meeting on both forms don't match — 8 million felonies!

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These bullies can't hide behind the Internet anymore

When Megan Meier logged on to MySpace a little over a year ago, she was seeking a new start with new friends. She'd had some hard times: She considered herself overweight, had been bullied in school and had low self-esteem.

Still, things seemed to be getting better. She had just started eighth grade at a new school in Dardenne Prairie, Mo., had lost 20 pounds and made some new friends. Her parents recently had restored her Internet access. (She had lost that privilege when she and a friend had created a secret MySpace page.)

JONATHAN TURLEY

place without you."

Megan fell apart. She went to her room, tied a cloth belt around a support beam in her closet and hanged herself.

Perhaps the only shock that could rival Megan's death was the news (given to her parents by a neighbor) that Josh had never existed — he had been created by adults who lived nearby.

These neighbors, supposed to be friends of the Meier family, apparently had laid the trap in retaliation for Megan's treatment of their own daughter, the girl who had created the secret MySpace page with Megan.

Megan is only the latest victim of cyber-bullying. In Florida, Jeff Johnston, 15, hanged himself by his bookbag in 2005, and in Vermont, Ryan Halligan, 13, hanged himself in 2003 — both victims of Internet harassment.

There are many disturbing aspects of this story, but two are of particular concern to a lawyer. First, Tina and Ron Meier were told they had no clear legal recourse — either criminal or civil. It is not a crime to be cruel and immature. Although there is a new law passed by the last Congress criminalizing the use of the Internet to "annoy," it is a poorly written statute that is extremely likely to be challenged on constitutional grounds. Other well-established charges, such as child endangerment or intentional infliction of emotional distress, would be hard to prove in this case.

There are civil charges that conceivably could be brought, such as negligence or intentional infliction of emotional distress, but the Meiers are running out of time to file. Although the law



generally holds landowners liable for "attractive nuisances" they create that lure kids into dangerous conditions, there is no comparable law on the books for cyber-based lures.

A second disturbing aspect of the case is that the alleged culprits did not even face public scrutiny or stigma for their actions. The local newspaper refused to publish the name of the family responsible for the crime out of consideration, it said, for their young daughter. Other news outlets, such as Fox and CNN, followed suit, running stories that also withheld the names. In other words, simply because they had a child, the alleged perpetrators were given the benefit of anonymity.

The decision to protect the family's identity was particularly strange because they are involved in a pending criminal case against Ron Meier after he allegedly caused about \$1,000 damage to their lawn by driving a truck across it in the weeks after Megan's death.

The Meier case is an

example of a growing trend on the part of the media toward omitting names or identifying information from the public because of paternalistic concerns.

In one particularly alarming case, *The Washington Post* in 2000 withheld the name of a man who had stabbed an 8-year-old to death in his grandmother's front yard. Living near the crime scene in Alexandria and worried for our own children, my wife and I searched the newspaper for a description of the killer still at large. We were given the person's height and general description but not his race — because the newspaper generally declines to publish the race of criminal suspects. Thus, we did not know that Gregory Murphy

was black because *The Post* did not want to foster racial stereotypes.

The media also routinely decline to name victims in rape cases, even when the accuser is subsequently discredited. For example, after an investigation cleared the Duke lacrosse players, the media still refused to publish their accuser's name under some twisted protection policy for false victims.

This week — more than a year after Megan Meier's death — the names of the neighbors finally were disclosed in published accounts. The disclosure largely was the result of pressure from bloggers, who do not feel bound by the rules of mainstream newspapers and networks and who have been meeting out

their own form of Internet justice. The neighbors are Lori and Curt Drew, according to news reports.

The Drews' daughter certainly was dealt a bad hand by her parents. However, the media puts itself on a slippery slope when it starts to protect accused wrongdoers on behalf of their progeny, offering a free pass for alleged predators who procreate.

It seems clear that the Drews did not want to kill Megan or even hurt her physically. They are not the first to be grotesquely transformed by a new technology that offers access availability and anonymity to its users. Yet, if cyber-traps are to be deterred, there must be the avenues to guarantee both forms of private relief and public reproof.

Megan never knew the true identity of those who trapped her, but the people of Dardenne Prairie have a right to know.

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Critics claim 'benchmarks' are what matter in Iraq

WASHINGTON — It does not have the drama of the Inchon landing or the sweep of the Union combine in the summer of 1945. But the turnaround of American fortunes in Iraq over the last several months is of equal moment — a war seemingly lost, now winning. Violence in Iraq has been dramatically reduced. Political allegiances have been radically reversed.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

The revival of ordinary life in many cities is palpable. Something important is happening.

And what is the reaction of the war critics? Nancy Pelosi stoutly maintains her state of denial, saying this about the war just two weeks ago: "This is not working. ... We must reverse it." A euphemism for "abandon the field," which is what every Democratic presidential candidate is promising, with variations only in how precipitous to make the retreat.

How do they avoid acknowledging the realities on the ground? By asserting that we have not achieved political benchmarks — mostly legislative actions by the Baghdad government — that were set months ago.

And that these benchmarks are paramount. And that all the current progress is ultimately vitiated by the absence of centrally legislated national reconciliation.

I can understand Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, the No. 2 commander in Iraq, saying that the central government needs to seize the

moment, encouraging the emergence of and allying ourselves with tribal and provincial leaders — without waiting for cosmic national deliverance from the newly constructed and still dysfunctional constitutional apparatus in Baghdad.

Al-Qaida in Iraq is in disarray, the Sunni insurgency declines, the Shiite militias quiescent, the capital city reviving. Are we now to reverse course and abandon all this because parliament cannot ratify the reconciliation already occurring on the ground?

So, just as we have learned this hard lesson of the dis-

connect between political benchmarks and real stability, the critics now claim the reverse — that benchmarks are what really count.

This is to fundamentally mistake ends and means. The benchmarks would be a wonderful shortcut to success in Iraq. But it is folly to abandon the pursuit of that success when a different route, more arduous but still doable, is at hand and demonstrably working.

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Yes, a provincial powers law would be nice because it would allow for provincial elections. We should push hard for it. But we already have an effective provincial and tribal autonomy in pivotal regions of the country.

Why is top-down national reconciliation as yet unattainable? Because decades of Saddam's totalitarianism followed by the brutality of the post-invasion insurgency destroyed much of the political infrastructure of the country, causing the Iraqis to revert to the most basic political attachment — tribe and locality. Gen. David Petraeus' genius has been to adapt American strategy to capitalize on that develop-

ment, encouraging the emergence of and allying ourselves with tribal and provincial leaders — without waiting for cosmic national deliverance from the newly constructed and still dysfunctional constitutional apparatus in Baghdad.

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The other Petersen

Sophomore guard ready to make name for himself

By Bradley Gore
Times-News writer

He's Amber Petersen's brother. At least, that's how he's referred to many times among people in the stands at Twin Falls games. Yet he's on track to make a name for himself as he enters his second season on the Bruins boys basketball varsity squad, a sophomore hoping to provide some of last year's experience and exert leadership on the court whether he starts or comes off the bench.

His name is Ryan Petersen.

Mature beyond his years

Being a younger sibling may not

be an easy thing for some people. The way in which the older sibling lives life and the things accomplished in that life often places expectations upon the younger brother or sister. That's true to an extent for Ryan. He knew that he would be expected to perform to a level comparative of his sister or even better.

"It does put some pressure on you when she is as good as she has been," Ryan said, but added that he doesn't necessarily make others' expectations his own.

"I try not to say, 'Well, Amber did this, so I should do that.' I look at it ... not specific things, but how she carries herself. I try to just do what I

can do and perform to the best of my abilities and work as hard as I can," he said.

For this basketball season, he will place a bigger burden on himself. Knowing the system better, getting more comfortable and eliminating the nerves could allow him to blossom into a floor leader or whatever role is demanded of him.

"I don't even consider him a sophomore. More of a junior," coach Matt Harr said. "Matter of fact, when people ask about the team, I say we have a good core of juniors. I keep thinking he's a junior, how he plays and how he acts. It's a compliment to him."

Big sister expressed that she's confident that he can do whatever is asked of him.

"Ryan handles himself well. He's a



Amber and Ryan Petersen, of Twin Falls, pose for a portrait Nov. 19 at Bacon Gymnasium in Twin Falls.

mature kid for a sophomore. He's humble, but he knows that people expect a lot out of him and he's willing

to put his head down and go for it. Please see PETERSEN, Page B2

Bronco busters



Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan releases his record-breaking 122nd career touchdown pass against Boise State Friday in Honolulu.

Brennan has record night as Hawaii stays perfect

By Jaymes Song
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — Unbeaten. Record-breaking. Western Athletic Conference champion. Maybe BCS boost.

All apply to Colt Brennan and Hawaii.

The Warriors' prolific passer threw five touchdowns to break the major college record with 12 straight wins and denied the Broncos (10-2, 7-1) a sixth straight conference championship.



win its first outright Western Athletic Conference title.

Brennan finished 40-of-53 for 495 yards for the Warriors (11-0, 6-0), who set a school record with 12 straight wins and denied the Broncos (10-2, 7-1) a sixth straight conference championship.

The WAC heavyweights traded scores and the lead until Brennan erupted for three TD tosses in the third quarter to give the Warriors their largest lead, 39-27, heading into the final quarter.

The quick-striking Warriors, who have won 21 of its last 22

games and lead the nation in scoring, ran out the clock with their rare running game to seal the win as the crowd chanted, "BCS! BCS!"

Hawaii entered 15th in the Bowl Championship Series standings, needing to finish 12th or higher to secure an automatic bid to the BCS. A weak schedule has kept the Warriors from moving up the rankings, but a convincing win over last season's BCS

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Pringle-Buchanan jump-starts Golden Eagles

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

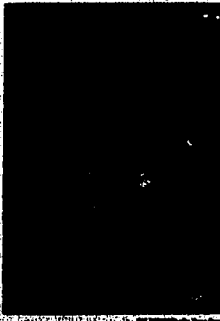
It's a first impression they won't regret making — a good one.

The catalytic play of freshman guard Luke Pringle-Buchanan pushed the College of Southern Idaho women past visiting Treasure Valley Community College in a 103-68 runaway home-opener win. A 9-0 run off the opening tip-off gave the No. 10 Golden Eagles all the cushion they would need to defend home court during Thursday's first night of the Wolverton Challenge at the CSI gymnasium.

"It's amazing, actually," Pringle-Buchanan said of her first game in front of the home crowd. "It's an unbelievable feeling to have our first win in front of all this support. I'm glad we put on a good performance."

Pringle-Buchanan lit up the scoreboard with a team-high 21 points, eight of which he quadruple-doubled with eight rebounds, eight steals and seven assists in 21 minutes.

"Luka gives us a little bit of a feeling where we're pretty confident with him on the floor," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "The fact that he's real well past really puts us ahead with her passing ability."



College of Southern Idaho post Luke Pringle-Buchanan jumps against a Treasure Valley Community College defender Friday at the CSI gymnasium.

The 5-11 Golden Eagles hit 57.1 percent of their first-half shots, opened up a 20-point lead with 5:17 before halftime

and extended their advantage to 30 at 53-23 with 1:05 remaining before halftime.

CSI made the best of its decided advantage in the paint, outrebounding the Chukars 49-28. Freshman post Maddy Plunkett played strong for the duration, notching 17 points and eight rebounds, while fellow freshman Soana Lucret came into her own during the second half with 13 points.

Seven CSI players finished in double figures, including Maylene Ornelas (15), Eya Ivanova (12), Terra Tremayne (10) and Anita Burdick (10).

TVCC was led by sophomore Ashlie MacFarlane's game-high 24 points, while Hope Williams added 13.

While the Golden Eagles dominated the first half, taking a 54-27 lead, Rogers was less than pleased with a CSI defense that yielded 41 second-half points to the Chukars. Nearly half came at the free-throw line as TVCC's double penetration led to 23 second-half free-throw attempts, of which 20 were made.

"We had a job, didn't move our feet on defense," Rogers said. "I thought our defense broke down and didn't stay in front of the guys. That's what the coaches are going to harp on."

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College of Southern Idaho center Art Parakhouski attempts a basket against Chemeketa Friday at the CSI gymnasium.

Seventh win, sixth blowout

Parakhouski, Ba too big for Chemeketa to handle

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

The chunk in Chemeketa's armor wasn't immediately apparent. When it revealed itself, the Golden Eagles hit it repeatedly, with all the ferocity and tenacity of a jackhammer.

The No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team broke out of an early scrape with visiting Chemeketa College of Salem, Ore., to improve to 7-0 with a 138-89 win Friday night in Twin Falls.

Nearly 11 minutes ticked off the CSI gymnasium's scoreboards as the Storm stuck with the Golden Eagles, trailing only 32-28 with 9:18 left in the first half. But with the Storm's early flurry weathered, CSI rolled off a 29-15 run to finish the half up 61-43.

That key stretch included a 13-0 run that would nearly be repeated after the break as CSI opened the second half with a 14-2 run to go up an insurmountable 30 points, leading 73-45 with 16:52 remaining.

"We had a great start in that half and we ended it with a great finish," CSI head coach Barry Perry said. "As expected, CSI's 10th rebound height advantage

Wolverton Challenge

Friday's scores

Women

- Salt Lake CC 67, Yavapai 58
- No. 10 CSI 103, Treasure Valley 68

Men

- No. 11 Salt Lake CC 90, North Dakota State 53
- No. 2 CSI 138, Chemeketa 89

Today

- Salt Lake CC vs. Treasure Valley women, 2 p.m.
- No. 11 Salt Lake CC vs. Chemeketa men, 4 p.m.
- No. 10 CSI vs. Yavapai women, 6 p.m.
- No. 2 CSI vs. North Dakota State men, 8 p.m.

paid off in the post as sophomore centers Art Parakhouski and Bocca Ba demolished Chemeketa from the inside. Parakhouski scored 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds after opening the game with 20 first-half points in 10 minutes played. Ba added a 15-point, 15-rebound double-double.

"We knew we were bigger inside," Ba said. "We just had to play inside-out. They couldn't run with us. We took advantage of the short team, but they couldn't run with us."

Sophomore shooting guard Joey Shaw, scored 27 points for high schooler with 27 points, while Daquon Montreal and Harvey Perry added 14 and 12 points, respectively. Sophomore floor general

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Vandals bid farewell to 15 seniors in today's finale

By Grant Judd
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — Vandal head coach Robb Akey's inaugural season concludes today with a home game that bids farewell to 15 seniors. The preseason Western Athletic Conference football polls have proven accurate with Utah State against Idaho to battle it out to get out of the WAC basement. Akey has been adamant since fall camp that his Vandals would definitely not finish in last place. The first-year coach has one game left to prove the pollsters wrong. This afternoon's kickoff will mark the 34th meeting between Idaho and Utah State, a series that dates back to 1916.

The Vandals have won 16, the Aggies 15 and there have been 2 ties. Within the last two weeks both teams have faced a common foe in Boise State. Utah State lost to the Broncos at home 52-0, while Idaho experienced a drubbing in Boise last Saturday, 58-14. The odds makers have given Idaho a slight edge of 2 1/2 points. An Aggie win on the road over New Mexico State last week has sparked excitement and a sense of momentum in a team as fearless as the Vandals in the success department. Said Aggie head coach Brent Guy: "We've had such a long losing streak dating back to last year that it was so great to see our kids get the opportunity to

enjoy a win." Idaho's only victory this season was against Cal-Poly, a Championship Subdivision team (formerly 1-AA). Akey and his staff made the best of week that saw the c a m p u s vacant of students in the Thanksgiving break. Plenty of work was put into the basic fundamentals, along with a holiday spirit suited for team bonding. Like Utah State, the Vandals realize the urgency to end on a positive. This game may be coined the "Basement Bowl"

by some, but for these two programs it is all about pride and going into spring ball with momentum. "We want to make a difference. I know (the Aggies) have some confidence, so the attention is on us to get this team ready to roll," said Akey. "Obviously, there has been a great deal of disappointment — it's my job to get them back up and ready to play again. Our players have always shown a tremendous joy in getting themselves up again

and ready to roll." The Vandal staff has been promoting today's game as Family Day. The 15 seniors will be honored in a pre-game ceremony with many family members and community supporters present. Akey is quick to respond in describing this core of leaders. "I'd have to say they're resilient," he said. "It's (a victory today) going to put a smile on my face for the first time in a long time. It's going to give us a vault into the off season." A Utah State arrival on Friday and planned a long session in the Kibbie Dome. Guy felt that the indoor facility was something his team needed to acclimate to.

"One of the harder things I have experienced over my career (in the Kibbie Dome) is judging the football — as far as punts and deep balls because it just looks different to you," said Guy. "When you're trying to high point a ball or catch the ball in judging it, so I'll spend some extra time in there." "Home Sweet Dome" may just give that break the Vandals need in securing a long sought after win. "Progress needs to show up on the scoreboard," said Akey. "That's been tough, but I hope one win might show we are progressing. More than anything, I want (the seniors) to have the opportunity to win their final game."

Utah State at Idaho

Radio: 1:30 p.m.
KSLX 13.1 FM
TV: Altitude
Live! 10/24 by 2 1/2



Texas quarterback Colt McCoy (12) throws an incomplete pass as he is hit by Texas A&M's Henry Smith (95) during the first quarter of Friday's game in College Station, Texas. Texas A&M beat Texas 38-30.

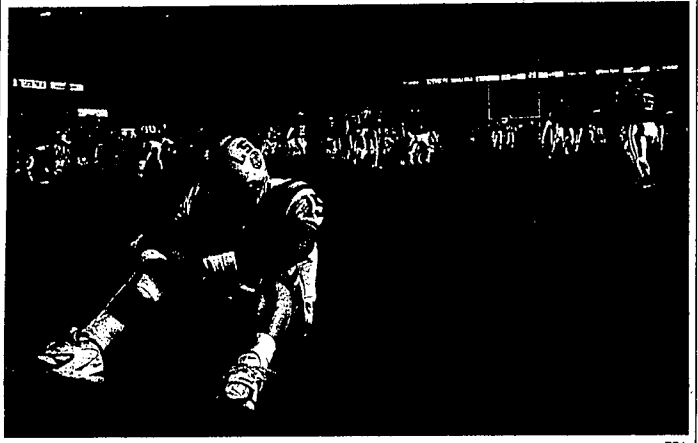
McGee leads Aggies to upset win over Texas

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione's finale at least provided a fun day for the Aggies' faithful, a 38-30 victory over the 13th-ranked Longhorns on Friday. With a seemingly inspired performance, the Aggies (7-5, 4-4 Big 12) have consecutive victories over Texas for the first time since 1991-94 under Franchione's predecessor, R.C. Slocum. Stephen McGee threw for a career-high 362 yards with three touchdowns and scored on a hard-driving run. Quarterback T.J. Sanders got his only career TD when he capped A&M's 85-yard drive with a 5-yard TD run on a fake field goal and the defense forced three turnovers (two fumbles and an interception) by Texas quarterback Colt McCoy.

Texas (9-3, 5-3), which after its first 0-2 conference start since 1956 had won five straight games, still has an outside shot of making it to the Big 12 championship game — if 10th-ranked Oklahoma loses to Oklahoma State on Saturday. Mike Goodson ran 12 times for 72 yards and caught six passes for 82 yards and two touchdowns for the Aggies. McGee was 25-of-36 with two interceptions.

McCoy was 17-of-32 for 229 yards, Jamaal Charles ran 17 times for 52 yards, with an 8-yard touchdown after Brandon Foster's 39-yard interception return in the third quarter. **COLORADO 65, NEBRASKA 51** BOULDER, Neb. — All eyes in Nebraska now look toward Tom Osborne's office — to see if Bill Callahan could possibly emerge from his upcoming meeting with Nebraska's athletic director with his job still in hand. The final chapter was written Friday when Callahan, with one last chance to make a good impression, instead suffered another loss by a video game score. Cody Hawkins threw for 241 yards and Hugh Charles ran for 168 yards and three scores to hit the Buffs (6-6, 4-4 Big 12) to the break-even mark in an up-and-down season that includes a victory

NO. 1 NO MORE ... AGAIN



Louisiana State quarterback Matt Flynn sits on the field after throwing an interception on a 2-point conversion attempt in the third overtime period against Arkansas in Baton Rouge, La., Friday, Arkansas won 50-48.

Arkansas ends LSU's title dreams in 3 OT

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU's national title hopes were crushed by a Heisman-worthy performance. Darren McFadden rushed for three touchdowns and threw for another to lift Arkansas to a 50-48, three-overtime victory over the top-ranked Tigers on Friday. Peyton Hills also scored three TDs, the last in the third overtime. Felix Jones ran for the critical 2-point conversion to make it 50-42 for the Razorbacks (8-4, 4-4 Southeastern Conference). LSU (10-2, 6-2) responded when Matt Flynn found Brandon LaBell for a 9-yard TD, but Matthew Richardson intercepted the 2-point conversion attempt, and Arkansas' bench emptied onto the field in triumph, halving ending the nation's longest home winning streak at 19 games. "They were the best team in the country today," boasted

Houston Nutt, who is rumored to be on his way out as the Razorbacks' head coach. "It came down here in Baton Rouge and win is huge." McFadden, last year's Heisman Trophy runner-up, rushed for 206 yards 32 carries and now has 1,725 yards rushing this season, breaking the single-season record of 1,647 he set last year. "Certainly, he had a Heisman performance today," Miles said. "There were two 'Right now, there's a goal of our football team taken off the board and it's sad. Tonight, we'll be sick." McFadden often took direct snaps in "Wild Hog" formation. He was a triple threat to run, hand off or throw, and looked quite comfortable in the quarterback role. He executed a flawless play-action fake on his 24-yard touchdown pass to Hills in the fourth quarter. He was most dangerous

running the ball, as usual. His second TD, again coming after he took the direct snap, went for 73 yards. Miles said he thought he had a good plan for the "Wild Hog" formation, with two defenders shadowing McFadden. LSU linebacker All Highsmith did his best making 15 tackles. "There's a point where I thought we were going to defend that thing pretty well," Miles said. "There were two pretty good LSU tacklers ready to tackle that guy and he didn't go down. It definitely affected us." McFadden wasn't the only running back LSU had trouble wrapping up. Hills and Jones each ran for 89 yards as Arkansas finished with a 305 yards on the ground against one of the best run defenses in the country. It's the second time this season the Tigers have fallen while at No. 1 and it's probably

too late in the season now for them to get another chance. Flynn finished 209 yards passing and three touchdowns. He also ran for another score in the first overtime, when LSU could have emerged victorious with a stop on fourth-and-10. But Casey Dick found Hills open for a 12-yard gain to keep the Razorbacks alive, then later found Hills again for a 9-yard tying TD. Hester rushed for 126 yards and two TDs for LSU, which had to rally from a seven-point deficit three times in the second half, and convert two fourth-down plays on its last drive in regulation, just to force overtime. "It's disappointing, especially after we came back like that to tie the game up," Hester said. "Two losses, both of them being in triple overtime, is something we don't want to happen. But we have to bounce back."

BYU tries to clinch MWC title against rival Utah

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Utah and Brigham Young isn't quite winner-take-all. It's pretty close, though. Na 23 BYU is trying to lock up a second straight outright Mountain West Conference championship Saturday and Utah is trying to catch the Cougars or at least put a blemish on their conference record. So instead of getting caught up in the annual hype that divides the state between fans wearing blue or red, the players see that this year there is a bigger prize than the Beehive Bowl trophy. "It makes it even more of a bigger game," Utah running back Darrell Mack said. BYU (9-2, 6-0) has already won at least a share of the MWC title and will be the

undisputed champion with one more win. The Cougars have won 14 straight in the league, dating back to Utah's 41-34 overtime win in 2005. Utah (9-3, 5-2) is one of two teams that still has a slim chance to join the Cougars on top of the Mountain West. The Utes would need to win Saturday at LaVell Edwards Stadium, something nobody has done since Utah did it two years ago, and have BYU lose next week at San Diego State in a game that was postponed because of the wildfires in southern California. That scenario would leave BYU, Utah and Air Force all with 6-2 MWC records and the league's first shared title, since Utah, BYU and Colorado State tied for the first MWC champi-

onship in 1999. "We still have a shot, but of course if we don't come away on the right end of this one this weekend it's a moot point," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. Actually a second-place finish and victory over the rival Cougars wouldn't be bad for Utah, considering the Utes' 0-2 start in the conference. Since an embarrassing 27-0 loss at UNLV on Sept. 22, Utah has won seven straight. The Utes have gotten healthy and the inexperienced players on defense have developed. And everybody, Whittingham said, has kept their focus despite the dismal start. "These guys have been very good about doing that this

entire seven-game winning streak," Whittingham said. "We don't think there's going to be any lack of focus or emotions getting the best of us. This is a pretty grounded football team." BYU has had a remarkably similar season to last year, losing two non-conference games early and then going undefeated in the MWC and joining the national title race. Coach Bronco Mendenhall said he took a moment to acknowledge the ranking with his players, then shifted the focus right back to Utah. "My initial thoughts are in focus to be recognized," Mendenhall said. "We certainly place more emphasis on the end after all the games are played to see where we finish."

TWIN FALLS 10-DAY CAST

Today: Temperature hit upward. Highs mid-to 40s. Tonight: Chilly with a low passing cloud. Lows 20s. Tomorrow: Increasing late day clouds. Seasonal. Highs low to middle 40s.

BURLEIGHPORT FORECAST

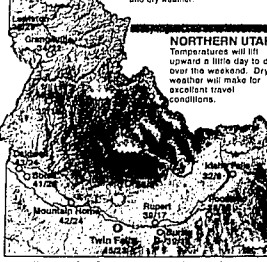
Today: Sunny and not as chilly. High up 30s to low 40s. Tonight: Cold with patchy late night clouds. Lows teens. Tomorrow: More sun with increasing late day clouds. Highs middle to upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Temperatures will edge upward a kase each day from now through Sunday. No precipitation is forecast. Next week will start off cooler and cloudy with rain and snow possible.

BOISE Temperatures will warm a little from day to day through Monday. We can expect mostly sunny to sunny skies and dry weather.

NORTHERN UTAH "I mean, don't know if the young are old enough to be prudent, and they may attempt the impossible - and achieve after generation."



Yesterday's State Extreme: 44 at Ontario. Low: -8 at Doot. Weather here for the week: High 40s to low 50s. Low 20s to 30s. No heavy snow, but early clouds. Light snow, showers, or sunny. In the mountains, wind.

REGG MIDDLEKAMP'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "I mean, don't know if the young are old enough to be prudent, and they may attempt the impossible - and achieve after generation."

TWIN FALLS 5-DAY TOBI CASI

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Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases: New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today.

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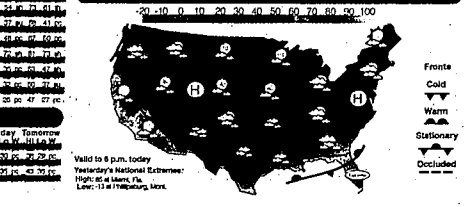
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Weekley, Slocum give Americans lead in golf's World Cup

SHENZHEN, China — Police officers salute as players approach the tee. Fans jostle for space when silence is supposed to be in order. Golf carts buzz everywhere, cell phones ring and nobody is shy with a camera.

alternate-shot format on Sunday. Though this is a stroke-play event, match-play rules are in play. This is the first year in a 12-year contract to play this unusual team event at the Mission Hills Golf Club, the world's largest golf complex with 12 courses spread over 5.8 square miles just a few minutes drive from Hong Kong.



only bogey on the par-3 17th. Poulter ran a 20-foot putt for birdie's feet past the hole, and Rose missed to save par. Scotland pulled within a shot on No. 18 when Montgomerie dropped a 5-foot birdie putt following Warren's long approach to the green.

with a 69. Australians Terri Pilkadarris (68), Rick Kulzer (69) and Scott Strange (69) and Sweden's Daniel Chopra (70) also were 5 under. Alenby took a two-stroke lead with a birdie on the 17th, but gave the shot back on the 18th after an errant tee shot.

Cowboys' numbers are impressive, but beating Pack most important goal now

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The records keep coming for the Dallas Cowboys, with more in sight. Good ones are already 13, and this club is looking 10-1 itself a record for best start. Dallas would have to finish 2-3 or worse not to get this one.

upcoming game could determine whether the NFC Championship is played at Texas Stadium or Lambeau Field. A late injury to Green's son, Dallas' Super Bowl chances. After all, the Cowboys are 5-0 on the road and, as coach Wade Phillips noted Friday, a game in nasty weather would mean fewer passes and more punts, which probably would benefit his club.

ing to be good, just not so good that it's rattled off a pair of five-game winning streaks around the lone loss, to New England. Expectations are now flying despite the team having gone 10 straight seasons without winning a playoff game.

get better, continue to work linebacker Braden James said. Talking care of business is never as easy as it sounds in the NFL. In this case, Dallas had to get fired up for a 2-0 team on a short week following a win over rival Washington that closed a 3-0 stretch against division foes.

Advertisement for a car, featuring the text 'The car you want. Right now.' and 'Here's how:'. Includes an image of a car and a person.

Fire burns out Twin Falls home

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

When it comes to fires, looks can be deceiving. A family evacuated their Elm Street home on Thanksgiving night when flames that roused the neighborhood punctured the roof around a brick chimney. The next morning concerned neighbors who came by to see the aftermath said that in the light of day the damage looked minor.

It did, but that's without looking inside.

"With all the smoke in there last night I'm sure all the furniture is ruined," said next door neighbor Marissa Bldler. Fire crews estimated damages to be about \$25,000 after examining the roof and attic at 257 Elm St., said Jack Barnes, a Twin Falls Fire Department battalion chief. Barnes said the fire was apparently started by electrical wires in the attic. Only last spring, fraternal

twins Alexandra and Micah Rivera bought the home and became first-time homeowners.

"They were really cute," said neighbor Marla Rasmussen. "They were really excited because they had just bought their first home. It's a really sad thing especially on Thanksgiving."

The first fire engine arrived on scene at 8:51 p.m. The twins, who graduated high school recently, watched the flames from a street cor-

ner across Elm Street, neighbors said. They could not be reached Friday.

All told, 11 firefighters with three engines battled the blaze, which was under control within 30 minutes.

"The long part is the cleanup and overhaul," Barnes said.

Firefighters worked for more than three hours Thursday to eliminate smoldering embers and vacuum burnt insulation from the attic.



A Twin Falls Fire Department engine responds to a fire on Thanksgiving evening on Elm Street.

Accused bank robber pleads not guilty

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

Steven Parker, the man accused of robbing Zions Bank in Burley on Sept. 12 and again on Oct. 17, pleaded not guilty Friday to 10 charges related to the robberies. Parker was captured following the Oct. 17 robbery when a high speed pursuit by Cassia and Twin Falls county sheriff's departments ended with him driving his pickup into a canal west of Murraugh.



Parker

Prior to that robbery, police had been on the lookout for the culprit of the Sept. 12 robbery. Cassia County Sheriff's Department reported that following his arrest, Parker admitted to both robberies.

Two of the charges filed against him are enhancements for the use of a weapon in the commission of the robberies. Deadly weapons enhancements carry a 15-year increase to the sentence if the defendant is found guilty.

If Parker is found guilty of all counts and required to serve sentences consecutively, he faces a minimum of 49 years imprisonment. If maximum penalties are assessed he would serve several life sentences in state prison.

Parker is being represented by the Mint-Cassia Public Defender.

Steve Ormond, branch manager of the Burley Zions Bank was present at Friday's proceedings but declined to comment.

Sven Berg is a staff writer for the South Idaho Press.

FREELOADING FOR FIREWORKS

Christmas in the Nighttime Sky draws spectators — many without gifts.

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Organizers of the 17th annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky event in Twin Falls were enthusiastic Friday morning about a large turnout and an abundance of toy donations for needy children.

But one concern was weighing heavy this year, just as it has in previous years — fireworks freeloading.

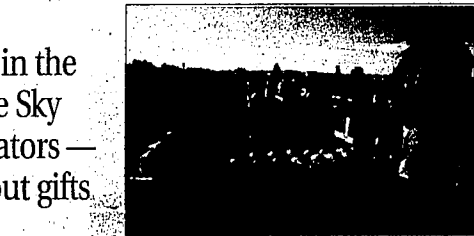
The event, which featured food, fireworks and entertainment, carried a price: One new, unwrapped children's toy per family attending the event — toys to be dispersed free to needy children in the Magic Valley during the holidays.

But every year some people enjoy the fireworks show without giving a toy, organizers said. Those entering the venue at Kimberly Nursery on Addison Avenue had to give up their toy before they could enjoy Santa Claus, live nativity characters, music and food.

But Friday night, as in the past, the charity fireworks show also drew people who parked on roads around the nursery or who sat on their lawns to gawk at the brilliant lights in the sky. Many failed to pay the toy toll.

"If you watch the fireworks from your home or the side of road, remember the reason we're doing this," said Sherry Wright, a co-owner of Kimberly Nurseries Inc. "We put a lot of time and energy into this thing. It's all for the kids."

Wright said it's not too late to drop off a toy. About 100 toys had already been donated by Friday morning by people who could not attend the event, Wright said.



ABOVE: Volunteers Larry Marley, left, and Rocky McKeown are surrounded by a crowd of donors from a large pot of holiday donations as they prepare for the annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky celebration at Kimberly Nursery in Twin Falls. The volunteers have built bins part of the holiday season's preparations for now 15 years. TOP: Charles Whitworth, far left and Don Johnson, both co-owners of Kimberly Nurseries, lead thousands of spectators Friday afternoon to a presentation for the 17th Annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky benefit for children's Christmas presents. Six hundred friends with 45 different types of fireworks were shot.

Depending on the weather, other sponsor sites include: Community Bank, Premier Insurance, KMYV, Cooper Norman, Twin Stop Chevron, Swire Coca-Cola of Twin Falls and Clear Channel

Communications. Donated toys are dispersed through the KMYV Christmas for Kids Program.

Andrea Gates can be reached at 735-3380.

Caldwell threat puts police on warning

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

While most of Twin Falls County drowsily awoke Friday morning to a cryptic plan hangover, law enforcement officers were being splashed with the equivalent of a cold shower wake-up.

Caldwell police had sent a warning that a Canyon County man had told an unidentified source in he was going to go out in "a blaze of glory." The man then left for Twin Falls with his brother and a woman, intending to square a beef with someone.

The man left Caldwell angry after a fight, declaring that if police tried to stop him he wouldn't hesitate to shoot them. He was armed with a semi-automatic, the source told Caldwell police.

The threat was enough to make every on-duty cop in Twin Falls County forget about turkey leftovers.

"When they give you dates and times, it makes your hair stand up a bit," said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Staff Sgt. Matthew Eden. But, he added, "It's just life."

After receiving photos and a description of the car Friday morning, South Idaho Regional Communications alerted local police.

As of late Friday nothing had come of the warning — though police remained on guard.

Street cops prepare themselves to hear messages such as these. But they are taught to take such threats with a grain of salt. Most prove hollow.

Serious or not, the statements strike a chord.

"They are saying we won't go out like somebody else," said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Lt. Don Newman. "If cops get involved, they'll go down as well."

If you're a cop, that's bad news. It is, however, also useful news.

On any given day, police officers make routine stops without knowing who they are pulling over. They choose down suspects who run, unaware if they are dangerous. So, deputies universally see the alert from SIRCOMM as giving them a competitive advantage. They now know whom to look out for.

"The guys that make traffic stops sooner or later, they are going to run into the wrong person," Newman said. "It's the not knowing and walking into it that is the bigger threat."

In this case, police plan to play it safe. If they spot the man, they'll keep their distance and call backup. If the men resist arrest, police will use force.

"We meet or exceed the force they use," Eden said. "When somebody pulls a pistol on me I won't pull a Taser. I hate to say it but sometimes keeping the peace is ugly."

Cass Friedman can be reached at 735-3241.

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With gray wolf population surging in Rockies, officials seek end to endangered species listing

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

PRAY, Mont. — For rancher Randy Petrich, the removal of gray wolves from the endangered species list — a move that would open up the animals to hunting in the Northern Rockies for the first time in decades — couldn't come soon enough.

On the same land where it was once rare to see the animal, Petrich has seen fresh wolf tracks almost every morning this fall — close enough to threaten his cattle. "I believe that any wolf on any given night, if there happens to be a calf there, they will kill it," Petrich said. "In reality, to help us now, we need to be trapping them, shooting them — as many as possible."

Just 12 years since the wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park after years of near-extinction, federal officials say the sharp rise in the wolf population in the region justifies removing them from the endangered species list.

Critics, however, say the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is moving too fast, and could be setting the stage for a slaughter that would push wolves back to the brink in the Rockies.

For cattle ranchers like Petrich in the Paradise Valley north of Yellowstone, who already have the right to kill predators threatening their stock, the killing of wolves who established new territories outside the park has already begun. Seven times in the last five years, Petrich, a third-generation rancher, has sent a wolf for killing or harassing cattle.

It took \$24 million of federal funds and more than two decades to bring wolves back from near-extinction in the northern Rocky Mountains as the result of a government eradication program in the mid-1900s that included widespread poisoning of wolves.

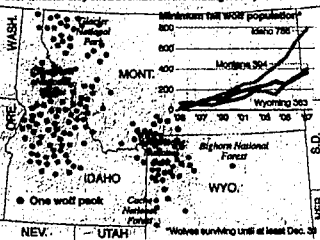
For years of debate, an initial 66 wolves were transplanted into the park from Canada beginning in 1995. Now, an estimated 1,545 wolves roam Idaho, Montana and Wyoming — more than enough, federal officials say, to justify removing them from



This photo provided by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks shows a gray wolf pup from the Cascade Mountains pack along the Montana and Idaho borders west of Troy, Mont. In this August 2005, file photo, the pack \$24 million in federal funds and more than two decades to bring wolves back from near-extinction in the northern Rocky Mountains. Now, federal officials may be able to justify removing them from the endangered species list, opening the way for states to let hunters and trappers kill them.

Recovery effort helps wolf population

The proliferation of gray wolves in the past decade has fueled debate over whether they should remain on the endangered species list.



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"The more of something you have, the less valuable each individual piece becomes," said Ed Bangs, the Fish and Wildlife Service's wolf recovery project leader. "If you have more wolves than you have now, it's really going to start causing a lot of problems."

Environmentalists fighting the plan argue that at least

2,000 to 3,000 wolves are needed in the region to keep them from again disappearing from the American West. "This is all about wolf killing," said Doug Homold, an attorney for the environmental group Earthjustice. "This approach of managing wolves to the knife-edge where they say the population would be at risk of extinction is simply crazy."

In recent years, as the wolf population re-established itself, the number of cattle, sheep and other domestic animals killed by wolves has soared from 123 in 2000 to 330 this year through early October. The number of wolves killed in response — by ranchers and federal wildlife agents acting on their behalf — increased sevenfold in the same period, from 20 to 146.

Under the plan to delist the animal, hunters and trappers would be allowed to obtain permits to kill wolves. As long as at least 450 wolves survived, the animal would remain fair game. Any fewer and hunting and trapping would be curtailed. If their numbers dropped below 300, they would go back on the endangered list.

Several environmental groups are promising lawsuits to halt the delisting. Anticipating court delays, the Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing a backup plan that would keep wolves on the endangered list but loosen restrictions on when they could be killed to protect game animals such as elk — the wolves' natural prey.

Federal wildlife officials offer a paradoxical reasoning for their bid to remove the animal from the endangered list. To survive in the Rockies, they say, wolves must be hunted and killed. By reclassifying them as "big-game," wolves could emerge from centuries of persecution and find a niche along other regularly hunted predators such as mountain lions and black bears. Those predators, too, were once at risk of disappearing but rebounded after their status changed from predators that could be shot on sight to big-game animals with limits on how many can be hunted.

Similarly, if wolves are removed from the endangered list, proponents argue, states could tailor the number of wolf hunting permits around target population levels.

But some wolf experts say managing wolves is not so simple. David Meech, a University of Minnesota researcher considered one of the world's leading experts on wolf behavior, predicted populations in the Northern Rockies could hold steady or keep expanding, even with hunting permitted, if the wily animals prove too smart for hunters.

Since reintroduction, wolf numbers have increased 20 percent to 30 percent a year as the animals thrived in a habitat flush with elk, moose and other prey. Even where packs were taken out, curb livestock kills, new packs have quickly filled the gap.

Petrich's tale offers testimony to that resiliency. The seven he killed — plus another he's making it illegal to hunt — were all from a single pack. Each time, the pack's numbers quickly rebounded and the killing of livestock resumed, according to federal data.

Although his wolf kills have earned praise from fellow ranchers, Petrich shrugs off the attention, saying he shot the wolves out of necessity, to protect his ranch and his family.

"This is something we're going to have to keep doing," he said. "I didn't ask for this. ... We're just going to have to cope with it however we can."

Plea expected for Utah mall shooting gun salesman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The West Valley gun dealer accused of selling a shotgun to a teen immigrant who then used it during a shooting rampage in a Salt Lake City mall appears to have reached a plea agreement with prosecutors.

Court documents filed in Utah's U.S. District Court show Westley Wayne Hill has asked for a change of plea to a shooting Nov. 26, the day he was scheduled to stand trial.

Federal prosecutors claim Hill, 39, sold a Maverick Arms Model 49 12-gauge shotgun to Suljman Talovic on Nov. 13, 2006. The 18-year-old used the weapon in the Feb. 12, 2007 massacre at the Traylor Square mall that left five dead and four others wounded. Talovic was also killed in a shootout with police.

The deal comes as a federal judge was considering tossing the charge.

Prosecutors said Hill should not have sold the weapon to Talovic because it was equipped with a pistol grip making it illegal for sale to anyone under 21. But Hill's attorneys argued the federal gun laws are too vague and the charge should be dropped.

Hill is one of four men charged for selling weapons to the Bosnian immigrant. Three men charged with selling a 308 special hunt rifle to a 17-year-old were sentenced to a year of probation. The third is scheduled for sentencing, Jan. 14.

Parking fight gets man hit in head with gray can

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — An argument over parking outside a nursing home got one man so aggravated he hit the other — with a can of gray. A man who was dropping his mother off parked his vehicle in front of the entrance to the home Thursday night, West Valley Police Lt. Dalan Taylor said. The second man arrived to also drop off a relative and was angry that the entrance was blocked.

Witnesses told police that the man argued about the blocked entrance until the second man flung the gray at the other, Taylor said.

"He got a can of gray and plucked him in the head," Taylor said.

BSU president calls mobile home park study 'alarming'

BOISE (AP) — A study found that low-income residents are being forced from mobile homes to make way for new developments.

"The threat to mobile home living as an affordable, low-cost housing alternative is alarming," Boise State University President Bob Kustra told the Idaho Statesman. "Our hope is that our report will offer new insight on the problem as well as possible solutions."

The study released earlier this week was conducted by

university and Boise city researchers. It found BSU had 50 mobile home parks with 2,076 manufactured homes being occupied by 5,412 people.

Of those residents, half are senior citizens living on \$20,000 a year. Most of the residents are female and nearly half have chronic medical conditions.

The study found that, since 2001, about 1,300 mobile home households have been forced to move. Since 2005, there have been 315 house-

holds forced to relocate. The cost of relocating — from \$5,000 to \$10,000 — often exceeds the value of the home, the study said.

Last year residents were evicted from the Coffey Mobile Home Park in Garden City after it was purchased by a developer. Garden City also temporarily closed the Overland Park trailer court for electrical and other violations.

In Boise, the Thunderbird Mobile Home Park has been sold to a developer who plans to build 70 homes.

The study also looked at ways to try and help mobile home park residents. Recommendations included the city supplementing relocation grants for affordable housing and helping build housing cooperatives where mobile home park residents own their land collectively.

About two-thirds of mobile homes sit on leased land, the study found.

Much of the pressure on mobile home parks came from a housing boom that

ended last year. During the boom developers were having a hard time finding vacant property on which to build.

"Our biggest challenge was getting enough time to pause to get a more proactive strategy on paper," said Jade Riley, an adviser to Boise Mayor Dave Bleter. "That's the positive of this. It's not that these recommendations will be easy to implement."

He said the Boise City Council and Bleter will be briefed on the study in December.

Utah man returns mistaken millions to state

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There are probably a million ways Jerry Mika could spend \$2 million dollars.

Trouble is, he couldn't cash the check.

Expecting a \$15 refund from the Utah Department of Commerce, the Draper man

opened his mail recently to find a \$2,245,342 check.

"I kept trying to find a way to make it legitimate so I could cash it," he said. "I did think about all the things I could do with the money — who wouldn't?"

Mika returned the check —

a mistake that occurred when an employee entered a serial number, not an amount — to state finance offices Wednesday.

"Clearly we have an honest, honest citizen, I wish I could do something more than say thanks," commerce depart-

ment director Francine Gianl said.

Gianl said the state will implement additional internal controls to catch such mistakes in the future. A new computer system might have contributed to the problem, she said.

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Few successes in U.S. peace efforts

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Mideast peacemaking hasn't changed much since Israel and Egypt fought to a draw in their 1973 war and shuttle diplomacy emerged as the high-profile vehicle for U.S. intervention.

Certainly, a constant since then is that only the United States has sufficient standing with the Arabs and Israel to be considered a generally overhauled and trusted mediator.

That reputation remains intact 34 years later as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice prepares for negotiations next week at Annapolis, Md., between Israel and the Palestinians as part of an effort to set up a Palestinian state alongside a shrunken, predominantly Jewish one.

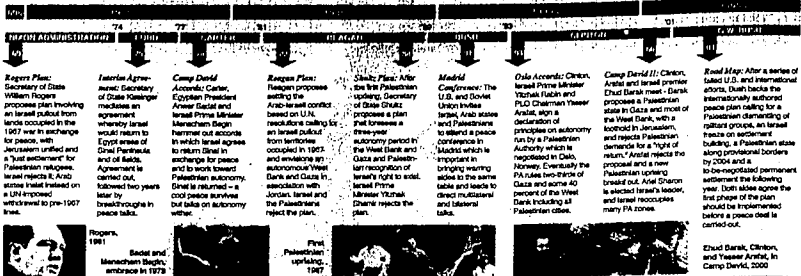
The real significance of Annapolis is what happens in the year that is left to the Bush administration, said Aaron David Miller, long a member of U.S. peace team and now at the Wilson Center. "The real question is, Does Annapolis have legs?"

There is little precedent for instant success, and Rice has not shown much inclination to shuttle between the parties.

It took three separate and extensive journeys by Henry Kissinger, the secretary of state who invented the role of the uniquely trusted American mediator, to induce Israel and Egypt to separate their forces in a UN-imposed ceasefire in 1967.

Four decades of peace plans for the Middle East

A series of summits and peace plans have been held and proposed over decades to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict, with past U.S. administrations playing host.



SOURCES: State Department; White House; Israel and Palestinian governments; Clinton on Foreign Policy

Still, it wasn't until President Jimmy Carter succeeded Kissinger in the role in 1978 that the two countries agreed to make peace — and even then Carter had to travel to the region to keep the accord reached under his close supervision at Camp David from flying apart.

Rice relinquished all of Sinai to Egypt in exchange for diplomatic recognition by the most powerful Arab country, and the principle of land-for-peace became enshrined as a guide to peacemaking in the landmark 1979 treaty.

Not much has changed since.

There have been far more false starts than successes — most prominently President Clinton's negotiations with Israel and the Palestinians in July 2000, near the end of his two terms in the White House.

Nor did Clinton's hands-on mediating between Israel and Syria at Shepherdstown, W.Va., in January 2000 produce peace between the two longtime antagonists.

Israel and Jordan, already inclined to come to terms, were gently guided to a peace treaty mostly of their making in 1994.

Unlike the Palestinian situation, the Bush administration has made little effort to go down that road again, while it joined with the European Union, Russia and the United Nations in 2002 to produce a roadmap for peacemaking with Palestinian stashed a final-stage

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Prayers for peace precede talks

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Answer Hassan isn't bothered by talk from Washington that little progress is likely at the Mideast peace talks planned for next week.

That's because the Maryland Muslim Council president doesn't think diplomats are the only ones with a role to play in seeking peace.

"We definitely are praying," Hassan said Friday. "We are looking forward to getting a breakthrough in this thing and the sooner they come to one, the better off we'll all be."

Faith leaders in Maryland and elsewhere are planning special prayers and services to prepare for what some hope could lead to a safer Middle East.

"We sit around and talk about things, but we don't get out and show an effort to say we are indeed concerned about peace in the world," said Dianne Crews, secretary of the Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network.

The group planned a prayer service for Sunday, in advance of the talks, that will include Christians, Muslims and Jews.

Faith leaders were unfazed by word from Iran and other Arab nations "skeptical that the negotiations would establish an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel."

"Our hearts are changed by prayer, and every time we say a prayer, it doesn't just disappear," said Carol Leah, get out a publisher from an Anne's Episcopal church in Annapolis. "Prayer is the best thing we can do for peace right now."

Coming together

Saudi Arabia, other Arab nations agree to participate in Annapolis talks

By Salah Nazareni
Associated Press writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations grudgingly agreed Friday to attend next week's U.S.-sponsored Mideast peace conference, despite failing to get any guarantee of Israeli concessions.

In a sign of the skepticism, even among close U.S. allies, the Saudi foreign minister cautioned that there would be no public handshakes with Israeli officials at the gathering in Annapolis, Md.

Still, the Arab League's decision to participate marked a success for the United States, which had pushed hard for regional powerhouse Saudi Arabia to attend the conference.

It was unclear whether another key player, Syria, would show up, even though it was not invited to the Arab League's collective decision to participate.

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said his government was waiting to see if the agenda addressed its priority issue — the return of the Golan Heights, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

U.S. officials have said Syria would be free to raise any issues it wants.

The meeting will include discussions on a "comprehensive" Arab-Israeli peace deal. But it is mainly intended to launch Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations after a lull of seven years, and Washington had pushed for a strong Arab presence to show support.

Arab leaders made clear they were on board in part to ensure that Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas does not make any damaging



Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa, right, and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal talk during a press conference following an Arab foreign ministers meeting at their League in Cairo, Egypt, Friday. The key league meeting, attended by Palestinian Authority president Mahmoud Abbas, is to hammer out a unified Arab position on the upcoming Annapolis conference.

Small steps toward peace

ISSUE	PALESTINIANS	ISRAEL
Borders of a Palestinian state	Wants complete Israel withdrawal from the West Bank	Wants 1949 cease-fire line changed to include main West Bank settlements
Jerusalem	Wants east Jerusalem, including the Old City as capital of their state	Has annexed east Jerusalem, offers control of some Arab neighborhoods
Palestinian refugees	Right of return for refugees and descendants of 1948-49 war	Refugees must be resettled in the new Palestinian state or where they now reside
West Bank Jewish settlements	Demand all Jewish West Bank settlements be dismantled	Wants to keep main settlement blocs under its sovereignty

SOURCE: EPR

Participants at a U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace conference next week in Maryland will address the tough issues that have been on the table for years.

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return to negotiate a deal, Arab League chief Amr Moussa underscored that Arab countries would not back an agreement deal that did not meet an Arab peace plan calling for

a return of all lands Israel seized in the 1967 war. "I repeat again and again that we are governed by the Arab Initiative in all behaviors and ... and in our agreement to

Feds urge heightened awareness of terror threats

By David DeRosier and Brian White
Associated Press writers

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Federal authorities have advised local law enforcement agencies to be alert to possible terrorist threats because of the Middle East peace conference next week in Annapolis, Homeland Security and FBI officials said Friday.

ist groups to the conference or Islamic or Jewish sites in the Annapolis area. "nonetheless, the Department of Homeland Security does not discount the threat of the lone wolf terrorist, including individuals radicalized by home-grown extremist groups or Internet content," said a bulletin issued by the agency and the FBI.

radical Islamic fundamentalist organization Hamas, and Hezbollah, the Lebanese umbrella organization of radical Islamic Shiite groups that is a bitter foe of Israel. Homeland Security spokesman Laura Keenher said the bulletin was sent to law enforcement agencies "in an abundance of caution."

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Firefighters train as anti-terrorism eyes for U.S.

By Eileen Sullivan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Firefighters in major cities are being trained to take on a new role as lookouts for terrorism, raising concerns of eroding their standing as American icons and infringing on people's privacy.

Unlike police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel don't need warrants to access hundreds of thousands of homes and buildings each year, putting them in a position to spot behavior that could indicate terrorist activity or planning.

But there are fears that they could lose the faith of a skeptical public by becoming the eyes of the government, looking for suspicious items such as building blueprints or bomb-making manuals or materials.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Americans have given up some of their privacy rights in an effort to prevent future strikes.

The government monitors phone calls and e-mails; people who fly have their belongings searched before boarding and are limited in what they can carry; and some people have trouble traveling because their names are similar to those on terrorist watch lists.

The American Civil Liberties Union says firefighters is another step in that direction. Mike German, a former FBI agent who is now national security policy counsel to the ACLU, said the concept is dangerously close to the Bush administration's 2002 proposal to have workers with access to private homes — such as postal carriers and telephone repairmen — report suspicious behavior to the FBI.

"Americans universally abhorred that idea," German said.

The Homeland Security Department is testing a program with the New York City fire department to share intelligence information so firefighters are better pre-

pared when they respond to emergency calls. Homeland Security also trains the New York City fire service in how to identify material or behavior that may indicate terrorist activities.

If it's successful, the government intends to expand the program to other major metropolitan areas.

As part of the program, which started last December, Homeland Security gave special clearances to nine New York fire chiefs, according to reports obtained by The Associated Press.

"They're really doing technical inspections, and if perchance they find something like, you know, a bunch of RPG (rocket-propelled grenade) rounds in somebody's basement, I think it's a no-brainer," said Jack Tomarchio, a senior official in Homeland Security's intelligence division.

"The police ought to know about that; the fire service ought to know about that; and potentially maybe somebody in the intelligence community should know about that."

Even before the federal program began, New York firefighters and inspectors had been training to recognize materials and behavior the government identifies as "signs of planning and support for terrorism."

When going to private residences, for example, they are told to be alert for a person who is hostile, uncooperative or expressing hate or discontent with the United States; unusual chemicals or other materials that seem out of place; ammunition, firearms or weapons boxes; surveillance equipment; still and video cameras; night-vision goggles; maps, photos, blueprints; electronic training manuals, flight manuals; and little or no furniture other than a bed or mattress.

The trial program with Homeland Security opens a clear information-sharing channel — which did not exist before — between the fire service and Homeland Security's intelligence division.



Tim Holmes of Station 9 is overcome with emotion as he helps unveil a new statue Nov. 20, in Nashville, Tenn., that is part of a memorial to all Nashville firefighters and EMS personnel who have died in the line of duty. "You never really think about it until a day like today," Holmes said.

"We're there to help people, and by discovering these type of events, we're helping people," said New York City Fire Chief Salvatore Casano. "There are many things that firefighters do that other agencies enforce or other agencies aren't able to do." He added, "A normal person that doesn't have this training wouldn't be looking for it."

Casano would not discuss specifics, but he did say that some terrorism-related information has been passed along to law enforcement since firefighters and officers began the training three years ago. "They've had some hits," Casano said. "It's working."

Separately, the fire services

in Washington, D.C., Phoenix and Atlanta have also been receiving terrorism-related intelligence training. Los Angeles County provides intelligence training so firefighters and inspectors can spot dangerous chemicals or other materials that could be used in bombs. And the fire service is also represented in at least 13 state and regional intelligence "fusion" centers across the country — where local, state and federal agencies share information about terrorism and other crises.

In Washington, the fire service made its first foray into the intelligence world about two years ago, and now D.C. firefighters have access to

the same terrorism-related intelligence as the police, said Larry Schultz, an assistant fire chief in charge of operations.

D.C. firefighters and EMS providers are in 170,000 homes and businesses each year on routine calls, Schultz said.

"So we see things and observe things that may be useful to law enforcement," he said. "We can walk into your house. We don't need a search warrant." If an ambulance team shows up at a house and sees detailed maps of the District's public transit system on the wall, that's something the EMS provider would pass along, he said.

"It's the evolution of the fire service," said Bob Khan, the fire chief in Phoenix, which has created an information-sharing arrangement between the fire service and law enforcement through terrorism liaison officers.

Because firefighters are on the front lines, the fire service needs to know about intelligence that could somehow affect what they do, said Gregory Cade, who as head of the U.S. Fire Administration is the nation's top fire chief.

If, for example, Washington is hosting an International Monetary Fund meeting where there will be a large group of protesters and a truckload of gasoline has been stolen in Baltimore, firefighters need to know about intelligence from overseas that terrorists are trying to make explosive devices out of gasoline, Schultz said.

"Getting appropriate, actionable intelligence is important for a fire chief in deciding what to do and how to allocate resources and to know what's going on," Cade said. "No one is expecting us to be the analyst person who is sitting down, trying to connect all of this stuff together and determining, 'Oh, yes, this looks like a terrorist plot.'"

But Cade said that until recently, there's been no mechanism for fire departments to share what they

learn with law enforcement and intelligence analysts who could use it.

"If in the conduct of doing their jobs they come across evidence of a crime, of course they should report that to the police," said the ACLU's German. "But you don't want them being intelligence agents."

It's of particular concern for communities already under scrutiny by law enforcement auditing. "Do we want them to fear the fire department as well as the police?" German asked.

The Detroit metropolitan area, which has one of the largest concentrations of Arab-Americans in the country, does not conduct this type of intelligence training, nor does it plan to. "That's a touchy area," said Detroit's deputy fire commissioner, Seth Doyle. Detroit firefighters do receive training about hazardous materials, but not the details that New York and D.C. firefighters are now on the lookout for.

A structural diagram of the Ambassador Bridge, which links Detroit to Canada, materials and literature to make a bomb and a bomb prototype are things firefighters need not attend to, Doyle said. But the bridge diagram by itself might not be enough. "I don't want our folks to be put in a position where they're reporting something that creates a situation where there was really no real problem in the first place," Doyle said.

Jeff Zack, a spokesman for the International Association of Fire Fighters, said the union does not know enough about the training programs to say whether it's a good idea for the country, but the union is concerned that the training be done properly and that this new development does not take away people's rights.

Advocates of the fire service's intelligence role say privacy should pay attention to, Homeland Security said if its program with New York is expanded across the country, civil rights and civil liberties training would be included.

Cellphone tracking requests by Feds raise privacy concerns

By Eileen Nakashima
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal officials are routinely asking courts to order cellphone companies to furnish real-time tracking data so they can pinpoint the whereabouts of drug traffickers, fugitives and other criminal suspects, according to judges and industry lawyers.

In some cases, judges have granted the requests without requiring the government to demonstrate that there is "probable cause to believe that a crime is taking place or that the inquiry will yield evidence of a crime. Privacy advocates fear such a practice may expose average Americans to a new level of government scrutiny of their daily lives.

Such requests run counter to the Justice Department's internal recommendation that federal prosecutors seek warrants based on probable cause to obtain precise location data in private areas. The requests and orders are sealed at the government's request, so it is difficult to know how often the orders are issued or denied.

The issue is taking on greater relevance as wireless carriers are racing to offer sleek services that allow cellphone users to have a mandate to provide enhanced 911 (E911) location tracking. Sprint Nextel, for instance, boasts that its "loopt" service even sends an alert when a friend is near, "putting an end to missed connections in the middle of the movies or around town."

With Verizon's Chaperone service, parents can set up a "geofence" around, say, a few

city blocks and receive an automatic text message if their child, holding the cellphone, travels outside that area.

"Most people don't realize it, but they're carrying a tracking device in their pocket," said Kevin Bankson of the privacy advocacy group Electronic Frontier Foundation. "Cellphones can reveal very precise information about your location, and yet legal protections are very much up in the air."

In a stinging opinion this month, a federal judge in Texas denied a request by a Drug Enforcement Administration agent for data that would identify drug traffickers' phone location by using the carrier's E911 tracking capability. E911 tracking systems read signals sent to satellites from a phone's Global Positioning System (GPS) chip or triangulated radio signals sent from phones to cell towers. Magistrate Judge Brian Owsley, of the Corpus Christi division of the Southern District of Texas, said the agent's affidavit failed to focus on "specifics necessary to establish probable cause, such as relevant dates, names and places."

Owsley declined to publish his opinion, which explained that the agent failed to provide "sufficient specific information to support the assertion" that the phone was being used in "criminal" activity. Instead, Owsley wrote, the agent simply alleged that the subject trafficked in narcotics and used the phone to do so.

The agent stated that the DEA had "identified" or "determined" certain matters. Owsley wrote, "These identifications, determinations or revelations are not facts, but simply conclusions by the agency."

Instead of seeking warrants based on probable cause, some federal prosecutors are applying for orders based on a standard lower than probable cause derived from two statutes: the Stored Communications Act and the Pen Register Statute, according to judges and industry lawyers. The orders are typically issued by magistrate judges in U.S. district courts, who often handle applications for search warrants.

In one case last month in a southwestern state, an FBI agent obtained precise location data with a court order based on the lower standard, citing "specific and articulable facts" showing reasonable grounds to believe the data are "relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation," said Al Gidari, a partner at Perkins Cole in Seattle, who reviews data requests for carriers.

Another magistrate judge, who has denied about a dozen such requests in the past six months, said some agents attach affidavits to their applications that merely assert that "the evidence offered is consistent with the probable cause standard" of Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The judge spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

"Law enforcement routinely now requests carriers to continuously 'ping' wireless devices of suspects to locate them when a call is not being made ... so law enforcement can triangulate the precise location of a device and (seek) the location of all associates communicating with a target," wrote Christopher Gittman, McCabe, vice president of regulatory affairs for CTIA — the Wireless Association, in a July comment to the Federal Communications Commission.

He said the "lack of a consistent legal standard for tracking a user's location has made it difficult for carriers to comply" with law enforcement agencies' demands.

Gidari, who also represents CTIA, said he has never seen such a request that was based on probable cause.

Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said field attorneys should follow the department's policy. "We strongly recommend that prosecutors in the field obtain a warrant based on probable cause" to get location data "in a private area not accessible to the public," he said. "When we become aware of situations where this has not occurred, we contact the field office and discuss the matter."

The phone data can come in

on a target to within about 30 feet, experts said.

Federal agents used exact real-time data in October 2006 to track a serial killer in Florida who was linked to at least six murders in four states. The killer died in a police shooting as he tried to flee.

"Law enforcement has absolutely no interest in tracking the locations of law-abiding citizens. None whatsoever," Boyd said. "What we're doing is going through the courts to lawfully obtain data that will help us locate criminal targets, sometimes in cases where lives are literally hanging in the balance, such as a child abduction or serial

murderer on the loose."

In many cases, orders are being issued for cell-tower site data, which are less precise than the data derived from E911 signals. Many cell sites have a range of one to three miles, though rural cell sites can have reach as far as 10 miles.

Since 2005, federal magistrates judges in at least 17 cases have denied federal requests for the less-precise cellphone tracking data absent a demonstration of probable cause that a crime is being committed. Some went out of their way to issue published opinions in these otherwise sealed cases.

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Studies scarce for prescription drugs' effects on children

By Bob Stein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A decade after the government began trying to ensure that prescription drugs used to treat children work and are safe, doctors still have scant information to guide them when they administer many medications to kids.

Although federal regulators have enticed or forced pharmaceutical companies to conduct hundreds of studies that have produced solid results about more than 200 drugs, perhaps two-thirds of the thousands of medications given to children remain untested on them.

"Are there children dying because of this? I don't know. Are there children being less effectively treated because of this? Probably yes. But I can't tell you because I don't know," said Richard Gorman of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "That's the problem:

We don't know what we don't know."

While researchers have discovered how to make a highly effective adult migraine drug, for example, turned out to be worthless in children while sometimes causing serious side effects, including strokes. An asthma inhaler could inhibit growth. A narcotic patch routinely used to relieve pain, such as after tonsil surgery, could cause fatal overdoses. Doctors were giving far too little of a medicine used to prevent seizures.

The alarming gap in medical knowledge is the legacy of many factors. The testing of drugs in children was shunned for decades as unnecessary and unethical; Congress and the pharmaceutical industry failed to provide adequate funding; and conducting medical experiments on children is difficult.

"We're chipping away at the problem, but we still have a

long way to go," Gorman said. "It's like trying to turn an oil tanker: It takes a long time to get it moving in the right direction. And even when it's moving in the right direction there's a big ocean it has to get across. There's still a big ocean of untested drugs that we have to sail across before we complete them all."

The quandary stems from the same dynamics that left over-the-counter pediatric cold remedies on drug store shelves despite little evidence they helped and mounting evidence that they could be dangerous. Drug companies, regulators and researchers long thought doctors could safely extrapolate the results of studies in adults and simply scale down the doses.

"Up to the late 1990s, children were mostly left out of drug development," said Ralph Kauffman, an emeritus professor of pediatrics at the University of Missouri School

of Medicine. "It just wasn't thought necessary."

But researchers started to realize that children react to many drugs in surprising ways. In 1997 Congress began to address the problem. The FDA Modernization Act gave the agency a crucial tool — it could offer companies six precious extra months to sell a drug without competition if they studied it in children.

Congress renewed FDA's authority in 2002 with the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act. The legislation called for Congress to appropriate \$20 million for the NIH to study the highest-priority medications.

Advocates pushed for a written commitment from the pharmaceutical industry to provide \$6 million a year, said Elaine Vining, who was the American Academy of Pediatrics' chief lobbyist. "Unfortunately for children, that money never materialized," said Vining.

FDA wants warnings about bizarre behavior in kids that take 2 widely used flu drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government health regulators recommended adding label precautions about neurological problems seen in children who have taken flu drugs made by Roche and GlaxoSmithKline.

The Food and Drug Administration on Friday released its safety review of Roche's Tamiflu and Glaxo's Relenza. Next week, an outside group of pediatric experts is scheduled to review the safety of several such drugs when used in children.

FDA began reviewing Tamiflu's safety in 2005 after receiving reports of children experiencing neurological problems, including hallucinations and convulsions.

Twenty-five patients under age 21 have died while taking the drug, most of them in Japan.

Five deaths resulted from children falling from windows or balconies or running into traffic.

While FDA said it isn't clear whether the problems are directly related to the drugs, it recommends adding language about the possible side effects to labeling for physicians who prescribe Tamiflu and Relenza.

Besides being a drug sure effect, the agency said the behaviors alternately could result from an unusual strain of flu or a rare genetic reaction to the drug. "Company representatives were not immediately available for comment."

90 businesses and people sued in R.I. nightclub fire

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — At Prudhomme figures there's plenty of blame to go around for a fire that killed two of his band mates and about a dozen of his friends in the 2003 nightclub blaze that killed 100 people.

Prudhomme and other survivors and victims' relatives have sued more than 90 people and businesses in all, some of which are related companies or subsidiaries. "It's not any one person," said Prudhomme, whose band Fahrenheit performed at The Station nightclub in West Warwick before Great White took the stage with a pyrotechnic display that triggered the fire. "It's a collaboration of mistakes by people."

The plaintiffs blame Anthem-Busch and its local distributor for helping promote the show. They blame Clear Channel Broadcasting, saying, one of its radio stations advertised the show and the fire marshal was master of ceremonies that night.

They blame several foam manufacturers, saying the manufacturers made the flammable foam that was affixed to walls of the club for soundproofing. West Warwick town officials are blamed for failing to correct the club's shoddy conditions, and the fire marshal who admitted overlooking the foam during multiple inspections.

Fingers also are pointed at the previous club owner, members of Great White and even a TV cameraman who was there as the fire began. Only club owners Jeffrey and Michael Dederian and former Great White tour manager Dan Givens faced criminal charges, and all three reached plea deals on involuntary manslaughter charges last year.

The lawsuits cast a wider net. The consolidated federal case names about 90 defendants, some of whom are related companies and a few of whom have been dismissed. "Criminally, you can't go after a foam company that maybe has much more indirect involvement," said Michael St. Pierre, another lawyer for the victims' families.

Legal experts also say it makes sense for the survivors and families to sue those with deep pockets. It's unlikely anyone could sue much money from the men convicted: The Dederians filed for bankruptcy and Bieleche presumably is not wealthy.

Panda super couple at San Diego Zoo is super fertile

By Allison Hoffman
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Giving each other every space may not work in every relationship, but it's what keeps the magic alive for the very fertile giant panda pair at the San Diego Zoo.

Since 2003, Bai Yun and her consort, Gao Gao, have produced three cubs, making them one of the most reproductively successful panda couples ever in captivity. Their youngest offspring, a chubby female, will be named Monday when she reaches 100 days old, following Chinese tradition.

For all but two days of the year, Bai Yun (White Cloud) and Gao Gao (Big Big) lead separate lives, prowling on bamboo and taking long naps in pens far apart, much as wild pandas — naturally solitary creatures — would do from each other in mountain forests.

But when Bai Yun enters her brief fertile periods, zookeepers make sure Gao Gao is there, sniffing her through a perforated gate. Zookeepers call the "howdy door" until her chirps and bleats indicate she's ready to get down to business.

"For 363 days a year they don't meet to have anything



This photo provided by the San Diego Zoo shows a veterinarian examining the zoo's newest giant panda cub during her weekly exam Nov. 7, in San Diego. Since 2003, the giant panda pair at the San Diego Zoo, Bai Yun and her consort, Gao Gao, have produced three cubs.

to do with each other," said Ron Swalsgood, co-head of the zoo's panda research unit.

Pandas are notoriously poor breeders — one reason their species is endangered — and females have only three days a year in which they can conceive. Only about 1,600 giant pandas remain in the wild, and fewer than 100 live in captivity.

While pandas have been born at the zoos in

Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, Bai Yun and Gao Gao have been the most successful. Bai Yun has had four panda cubs — three with her "super" mate.

Bai Yun gave birth to her first cub in 1999 through artificial insemination from her first arranged suitor, Shi Shi (Stone). It was the first giant panda cub in the U.S. after a decade of failed

breeding attempts.

Bai Yun also gave birth to a male panda in 2003 and to a female panda in 2005 before having her latest this year.

Gao Gao arrived in San Diego in 2003 after veterinarians gave up on Shi Shi, who turned out to be older and less virile than originally believed and was returned to China.

Putting the virgin Bai Yun

with Gao Gao, who had not mated before, caused some concern.

Swalsgood thought it might be like "the blind leading the blind." Instead, Gao Gao surprised everyone by mating with Bai Yun three times in a single day.

Gao Gao is aggressive during the first 24 hours of her cycle and then wanders back to his bamboo pile once he's had his fill — even if Bai Yun beckons him with her customary booty-shake.

"He only has interest in her for one day, but day two or day three, when she's still exhibiting interest, he just has nothing to do with her," said Kathy Hawk, the zoo's senior panda keeper. "He seems to be a one-shot guy, but she's gotten pregnant each time. He knows what he's doing."

The newest cub remains hidden with Bai Yun in a cozy den that can only be seen by the public via Webcam.

The zoo will announce the cub's name from among four finalists: Li Hua (Beautiful China), Ming Zhu (Bright Treasure), Xiao Li (Little Beauty) and Zhen Zhen (Precious).

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Lebanon president leaves without successor, hands security power to army

By Sam F. Ghattas
Associated Press writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's political turmoil intensified as President Emile Lahoud said the country is in a "state of emergency" and handed security powers to the army before he left office late Friday without a successor. The rival, pro-Western Cabinet rejected the declaration.

Lahoud's final announcement created new confusion in an already unsettled situation, which many Lebanese fear could explode into violence between supporters of Prime Minister Fuad Saniora's Western-backed government and the pro-Syria opposition led by the Shiite militant group Hezbollah.

The departure of Lahoud, a staunch ally of the Syrian regime during nine years in office, was a long-sought goal of the government installed by parliament's anti-Syria majority, which has been try-

ing to put one of its own in the presidency.

Hezbollah and other opposition groups have blocked legislators from electing a new president by boycotting ballot sessions, leaving parliament without the required quorum.

The fight has put Lebanon into dangerous, unknown territory: Both sides are locked in bitter recriminations, accusing the other of breaking the constitution, and they are nowhere near a compromise on a candidate to become head of state.

The capital was calm, and all sides were vowing to avoid violence. Even before the president's vague announcement, the military was in place to guard against the two sides' supporters taking the conflict to the streets. On alert for days, hundreds of soldiers stood with tanks, armored personnel carriers and jeeps in the area around the downtown parliament building as well as on roads leading into Beirut.

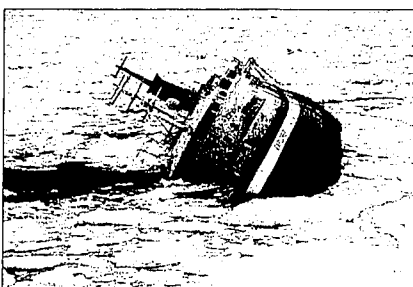
154 people evacuated from cruise ship after it hits ice off Antarctica

By Bill Corrier
Associated Press writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A Canadian cruise ship struck submerged ice off Antarctica and began taking on water, but all 154 passengers and crew, Americans and Britons among them, took to lifeboats Friday and were plucked to safety by a passing cruise ship.

No injuries were reported although passengers reportedly endured subfreezing temperatures for several hours as they waited in bobbing lifeboats for a Norwegian liner that took them to a Chilean military base in the region.

"The ship ran into some ice. It was submerged ice and the result was a hole about the size of a fist in the side of the hull so it began taking on water ... but quite slowly," said Susan Hayes of G.A.P. Adventures of Toronto, which owns the stricken MS Explorer. The passengers are absolutely fine. They're all



In this photo released by Chile's Navy, the Liberian-flagged Explorer cruise ship is seen sinking after it hit an object in Antarctic waters, Friday. More than 150 passengers and crew took to lifeboats after the ship hit an object and began taking on water through a hole in the hull.

accounted for, no injuries whatsoever."

Hours after the pre-dawn accident near Antarctica's South Shetland Islands, Chilean aerial photographs showed the ship listing heavily, its white superstructure and red hull starkly visible against the gray choppy waters and overcast sky.

Argentina's coast guard said it was in danger of sinking.

Hayes said 91 passengers had been aboard, including at least 23 Britons, 17 Dutch, 13 Americans and 10 Canadians. The ship also carried nine expedition staff members and a crew of 54. The group calmly abandoned ship when the cap-

tain's order came and pumps helped keep the ship stable for an orderly evacuation, Hayes said. Arvid Hansen, captain of the Norwegian liner Nordnorge, said his ship ferried the passengers and crew to a Chilean air force base on King George Island in Antarctic waters near South America.



Yaki Atamanenko, 95, talks in his kitchen in the village of Krasny Lirka, Ukraine, Tuesday, recounting how the man-made famine of 1932-33 killed his two brothers and mother. Ukraine is marking the 75th anniversary of the Soviet man-made famine.

On anniversary of Soviet man-made famine, Ukraine seeks recognition as genocide

By Maria Danilova
Associated Press writer

KRASNYLIRKA, Ukraine — After authorities broke into Yaki Atamanenko's home in autumn of 1932 and confiscated the family's food, his mother and two brothers died of starvation and their bloated bodies were tossed among others in a freshly dug grave on the outskirts of this farming village.

Atamanenko and other survivors here sold one of their neighbors. Oleksandra Korytnyk and her husband, and their two children. "They cut their children into pieces and ate them," recalled Atamanenko, now a frail, gray-haired 95-year-old.

In the end, he and others said, the Korytnyks died as well. On Saturday, Ukraine marks the 75th anniversary of the terrible famine of 1932-33, engineered by Soviet authorities to force peasants across the former U.S.S.R. to give up their privately held plots of land and join collective farms. Millions perished.

Now President Viktor Yushchenko is leading an effort to gain international recognition of Holodomor, or death by hunger, as it is known here — as a crime rather than merely a disaster,

by labeling it an act of genocide.

Long kept secret by Soviet authorities, accounts of the Great Famine still divide historians and politicians, not just in this nation of 47 million but throughout the former Soviet Union.

Some are convinced that the famine targeted Ukrainians as an ethnic group. Others argue authorities set out to eradicate all private land owners as a social class, and that the Soviets sought to pay for the U.S.S.R.'s industrialization with grain exports at the expense of starving millions of its own people.

The dictator Josef Stalin's collectivization drive affected the entire U.S.S.R., but was particularly callous for Ukraine, which had some of the former Soviet Union's richest agricultural land. The campaign coincided, as well, with the Kromlin's efforts to root out a growing Ukrainian nationalist movement. Estimates of the number of people who perished in Holodomor differ, but there is no doubt the death toll was horrific. Yushchenko estimates 10 million Ukrainians died, while Stanlyan Kulchitsky, a Ukrainian historian, believes the number is closer to 3.5 million.

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Poland will pull out of Iraq next year

By Vanessa Geru
Associated Press writer

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's new prime minister outlined ambitious plans for the next four years in his inaugural address Friday, saying he plans to withdraw troops from Iraq next year but also push for stronger relations with NATO.

In a three-hour speech to parliament, Donald Tusk said he has a vision for the country that includes more capitalism — privatization, tax cuts and simplifying business laws — to bolster the economy of this ex-communist country.

While Tusk and his Civic Platform party want to continue the strong friendship with the U.S., he gave a taste of plans that, taken together, would suggest that the country plans to assert more independence in its relations with Washington.

Tusk said that, by the end of next year, Poland would withdraw its 900 troops from Iraq, where it leads an international contingent of about 2,000 soldiers from 10 nations in the south-central part of the country.

"We will carry out that operation with the conviction that we have done more than what our allies — especially the U.S. — had expected from us," he said.

Tusk's call for a pullout came as no surprise. He campaigned on promises to end the unpopular mission, clashing on the issue with his opponent, then incumbent Jaroslaw Kaczynski, who argued that withdrawing would amount to desertion.

His twin brother, President Lech Kaczynski, who is the armed forces' commander in chief, supports staying in Iraq longer and has the power to authorize foreign military missions. But he cannot unilaterally extend a mission the government wants to end.

Poland's mission in Iraq has the president's authorization until the end of the year.

Tusk and the president will have to hold talks to decide when and how to end the mission.

Tusk said he planned to keep Poland's 1,200-member force in Afghanistan next year.

U.S. State Department spokesman Edgard Vasquez said Friday that the U.S. had been discussing the issue with the new Polish government and was grateful for Poland's contribution.

Poland had indicated that it will consult fully with the United States and other allies when conducting their withdrawal to ensure that there is not any reduction in stability in the areas they are leaving, Vasquez said.

Tusk also said he will resume talks with the U.S. on accepting a U.S. missile defense base in Poland — but only after consulting with NATO and other neighboring countries — signaling a greater hesitancy over the plan than the previous government.

Bombs strike pet market in Baghdad; 28 killed

BAGHDAD (AP) — Bombers struck a pet market in central Baghdad and a police checkpoint in the northern city of Mosul on Friday, killing 28 people in two of the deadliest attacks in weeks.

The first blast occurred before 9 a.m. when a bomb hidden in a box of small birds exploded as Iraqis were strolling past animal stalls and bird cages at Baghdad's al-Ghazl market. The market had recently re-emerged as a popular venue as security has increased in the capital. Police and hospital officials said

at least 15 people were killed and 56 wounded, including four policemen. Another 13 people were killed in the Mosul attack, police said.

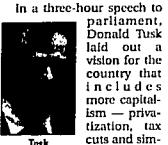
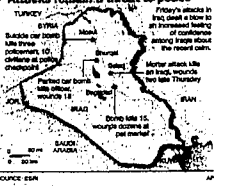
The Baghdad bombing was the deadliest in the Iraqi capital since Sept. 9, when a suicide car bomber killed 15 people in Sadr City. The ability of extremists to penetrate the security surrounding one of Baghdad's most popular shopping areas tempered the budding sense of hope in the capital after years of turmoil.

The blast sent dogs scattering in

the streets and neglected chicks chirping near pools of blood as vendors rushed to help the wounded.

"Today, the market was very crowded and we were happy about that," said Amir Aziz, a 22-year-old pigeon vendor who was wounded by shrapnel. "The Iraqi security officials have deceived us by their statements that the situation is 80 percent better. People believed them and began to go out thinking that it would be safe. I think that the situation will become worse again."

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Why guys don't go to church

"... most churches today are out of balance, brimming with the feminine spirit while short on the masculine spirit. Men sense this and withdraw."

— David Murrow, a Presbyterian deacon and author



It's not the football games that are keeping men at home on Sunday. Instead, many men feel that services have been feminized and no longer speak to them.

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Maybe they're not hearing what they need

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

Fifty years ago on Sundays, it was "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and a man's responsibility to bring his family to Christ.

Now it's the Colts vs. the Patriots.

"I think there's a perception, at least, that the message of the church has been feminized," said the Rev. Lynn Schaal, pastor of the Amazing Grace Fellowship, a large evangelical congregation in Twin Falls. "It doesn't ring as true for a lot of men as it used to."
Forty-four percent of American men attend weekly church services, as opposed to 50 percent of women. Two generations ago, those numbers were exactly the reverse.

"Men hate to be talked down to," said the Rev. Jerry Kester, pastor of the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene. "Unfortunately, that's their perception of the church."

Sunday church services have been feminized during the past two generations, according to David Murrow, a Presbyterian deacon in Alaska and the author of "Why Men Don't Go to Church" (Nelson Books, \$19.99).

"The pastorate is a men's club," Murrow said. "But almost every other area of church is dominated by women. Whenever large numbers of Christians gather, men are never in the majority. Not at revivals. Not at crusades. Not at retreats. Not at concerts. With the exception of men's events at pastoral conferences, can you think of any large gathering of

Christians that attracts more men than women?"

Neither Schaal nor Kester can, although both have high-profile, vocal male members of their congregations.

"We have the former chief of police (Leo DeVore) and the superintendent of schools, among others, and we don't have much problem keeping men engaged," Kester said. "But that's because we don't talk down to them."

"That's one of the biggest mistakes that churches have made," Schaal said. "When you talk to men, it had better be real. It had better be relevant to their lives."

Murrow explains it this way:

"For decades, those few people who noticed the gender gap have assumed that men are to blame for it," he said. "Sometimes they are.

Many men intentionally reject the Christian faith. Some men are proud and want to be their own God. Men hate to admit weakness or neediness. Millions are captive to sin, unbelief, and other religions that preclude commitment to Christ. Men get distracted by the concerns of this world and lose interest in spiritual matters. Men suffer abuse at the hands of religious people and go away."

"Men deal with the same questions that women do, but they respond more to straight answers," Kester said. "Tell me the truth, and tell it to me straight."

"The core values of sports are competition, achievement and victory," Murrow says. "On the other hand, the core values of elementary education are steeped in

the feminine spirit. Its core values are harmony, cooperation and nurture."

"... most churches today are out of balance, brimming with the feminine spirit while short on the masculine spirit. Men sense this and withdraw."

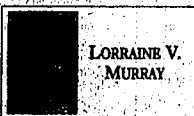
In short, faith — an act of considerable emotional commitment — seems somehow hollow to men.

"A lot of men don't come to church because they're not hearing things about what's relevant to being a man and being a Christian in today's society," Kester said. "That's the very least of what we owe them."

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Giving thanks for soy burgers and steak

ATLANTA — There are vegetarians who shun animal flesh but will eat cheese and eggs; while vegans steer clear of all animal products. Some religions say no to pork and shellfish, while others forbid eating beef.
Then there are folks who eat whatever is set before them, "whether it's fish, God or meat beast. And thank God for it."
Growing up, I was in that last category. I ate whatever my mother



LORRAINE V. MURRAY

or prepared, which meant meats, fruits, veggies and, of course, pasta. We were city folks and did

not raise animals to get food. Instead, we headed to the grocery store and bought whatever the budget allowed.

In college, I discovered that some philosophers claimed it was wrong to kill animals for food. They insisted humans could survive just fine without contributing to the suffering and death of animals.

There was also the telling principle that one should not eat an animal that one would be unable to kill oneself. Truthfully, I could not imagine wringing a chicken's neck and even had trouble putting the ball on the hook when I went fishing.

It seemed that vegetarianism was calling my name.
For years I turned my back on meat and dined on soy burgers. Instead, then, after my mother died from cancer, I became a more passionate disciple of vegetarianism.

I assured myself that if I ate veggies, grains and tofu, I would avoid her fate.

As the years passed, vegetarianism became more than an eating plan. It was a form of religion.

I rallied against the cruel ways animals were treated on factory farms. And had trouble understanding how otherwise compassionate people could eat a steak dinner with clear consciences.

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CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterian Church shows 'Amazing Grace'

The movie "Amazing Grace" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. today in the fellowship hall at the First Presbyterian Church, 205 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Discussion about the meaning and power of the director's version and God's direction for people's lives will follow. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a snack to share.

The Rev. Phil Price will speak on "What Kind of Jesus?" based on Colossians 1:11-20 for worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Sierra Dunken and Ben Neilsen will serve as acolytes. Sunday school following the children's message, and fellowship will follow worship.

The Fellowship Lunch Group will meet at noon Wednesday at Idaho Joe's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Wednesday's LOGOS Program theme is "Backwards Night." Participants are asked to wear their clothes backwards.

Bible study will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the children's library. A new study on "Rejoice in Hope" will begin.

Revis Turner speaks at Methodist worship

Revis Turner will be the worship speaker Sunday in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. His topic is "Finding God in Unlikely Places."

Turner is a former Baptist minister and educator and currently a counselor at the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

The choir will sing "In the Mid-Winter" by Host/Scott during the traditional service at 9:30 a.m. The contemporary service begins at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be available. Sunday school starts at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, the Fireside Room will be decorated and a Christmas tree will be set up in preparation for an open house 4-7 p.m. Dec. 9. The Boy Scouts will meet at 7 p.m. Monday.

On Wednesday, the Novemberists meet at 6:30 p.m. after the school program for Hispanic children starts at 4 p.m., and the Cub Scouts will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning Dec. 2, the Sunday worship will be twice a week, with the contemporary service starting at 9:30 a.m. and the traditional service beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday school will continue at 10:45 a.m.

The United Methodist Women's bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1.

Gauger provides music for Rock Creek worship

Dwayne Gauger will provide special music for worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "Un-Zero," from Colossians 1:11-20.

Coffee fellowship is held before and after worship each Sunday; coffee, tea and juice are served.

The church is preparing for its annual Christmas Eve service and caroling.

Stevens speaks at Hollister church

The Rev. Bruce Stevens will speak on "Save Us From Our Crosses" for worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church. Scripture reading is Luke 23:32-38. Refreshments will be served after the worship.

Visitors are welcome.

Trinity Lutheran Church hosts fundraiser

The Trinity Lutheran Church on the corner of Eighth and Streets in Rupert will host a chili feed fundraiser from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, at the LDS Family History Library and the Museum of Church History and Art, located just west of Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The event features activities for families, including crafts, games, caroling, old-time dancing with the Firewood Pioneer Band and presentations on holiday traditions in various countries. The crafts, presentations and games will be in the library and museum, and the dancing and caroling will be on the plaza between the buildings. Free refreshments will be available on the plaza until 4 p.m.

For a schedule of activities, go to www.familysearch.org and click on the link under the Family History Library heading.

Parking is available for a fee at the northwest corner of West Temple and North Temple streets. Families are invited to the activities on the west plaza and to see the lights on Temple Square.

Clews performs at Agape luncheon

The...Agape...Interfaith Ministry will hold its Christmas luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Basque Center on

University Avenue in Gooding. Recording artist T.J. Clews will present a holiday program titled "Redeemed."

Bazaar features crafts, baked goods

St. Jerome's Christmas Bazaar will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome.

More than 20 crafters will feature Christmas crafts, jewelry, rocks, wood, candles, blankets, quilts, religious items and homemade baked goods.

Lunch will be available for \$5 per person.

Christian Movie Night features 'Amazing Grace'

The River Christian Fellowship (formerly Chapel Chapel in Twin Falls) will hold its monthly Christian Movie Night at 7 p.m. Friday at the church, on the corner of Falls Avenue East and Shoshone Falls Road.

The movie will be "Amazing Grace," which tells the story of one man's role in the battle to outlaw slavery in the United Kingdom.

Admission is free. Information: 733-3133.

Family History Library hosts holiday event

A special holiday event will be held 2-7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the LDS Family History Library and the Museum of Church History and Art, located just west of Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Clews lives in Jerome and is the lead vocalist with the vocal group "The Few and the Faithful," which performs a variety of gospel, country, blues and folk music. She started composing Christian songs about three years ago.

She was asked by Nashville recording artist and ordained minister Chuck Day to record some of her original works, and her compact disc "Redeemed" was released in 2006. CDs will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

Lunch reservations are required and should be made by noon. Carolyn Herzinger at 934-5700 before Dec. 2. Cost of the lunch is \$7. Attendance at the program only is free. Everyone is welcome.

Information: June Peterson, 366-2974 or riverroads@msn.com.

FamilySearch classes offered at library

The Family History Library is offering free classes on the new FamilySearch Indexing program, with the next series of classes set for 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Dec. 15 on the main floor computer lab of the library, located west of Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Each class lasts 90 minutes. Topics include "How to do Indexing," "Arbitrating FamilySearch Indexing Batches" and "Indexing Administrative." To view class schedules online, go to www.familysearch.org.

Parking is available for a fee at the northwest corner of West Temple and North Temple streets.

To register: (801) 240-4950 or email FHClassReg@ldschurch.org.

Rupert church establishes angel tree

First Christian Praise Chapel, 1110 Eight St. in Rupert, has set up an Angel Tree for children whose parents are in jail or prison.

New toys for all ages are being collected to ensure the children have a gift for Christmas. Information: 436-4040.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomson at ellen@magicalvalley.com. In the Mini-Cassia area, Trena Tegan at tegan@magicalvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Mormons make up smaller share of Utah population

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utahns who belong to the Mormon church make up 60.7 percent of the state's population, the lowest share ever.

The percentage has declined every year for nearly two decades, according to membership numbers supplied by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The numbers, along with statistics from school districts, the Internal Revenue Service and other sources, helped state officials last week when they estimated Utah's population at 2.69 million, as of July.

If the trend holds, Mormons will make up less than half of Utah's population by 2030.

The state gained more than 84,000 residents between the summers of 2006 and 2007, about half of them transplants. Mormons will always be a dominant center for that religion. That is not going to change, said Pam Perlich, a demographer at the University of Utah. "But a slow, steady decline of the

Mormon share will continue as long as the state grows." The Mormon church, which has world headquarters in Salt Lake City, declined to comment on the trend.

"The Saints will likely surrender majority status in the state within a couple of decades," said Philip Barlow, a professor of Mormon history and culture at Utah State University. "But its members are apt to remain the dominant social/political force, albeit in diluted fashion, for the foreseeable future."

Kelly Patterson, a political scientist at Brigham Young University, said Mormons vote at higher rates than non-Mormons, which will give them a larger influence. But he expects the slow rise of the Democratic Party, and the growing non-Mormon population in Salt Lake County, will result in more political clashes. "A competitive two-party system seems to serve democracy better in the long run," Patterson told *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

MISSIONARIES

Three young men have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

Elder Joshua Pehrson will serve in the Canada Calgary Mission.

Pehrson graduated in 2007 from Declo High School in Shoshone, where he was involved in football, wrestling, track, drama and Trenchsetters and was president of the Declo LDS Seminary. He is the son of Sue and Jim Pehrson of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Burley. The Pehrsons were in the Springdale 2nd Ward, where Joshua will speak Sunday. He will enter the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Dec. 19.

Elder Brogan Leroy Darrington will serve in the Chile Antofagasta Mission. Darrington is the son of Mark and Verla Darrington

of Declo and is in the Declo 1st Ward. He will enter the Mission Training Center on the Dec. 5.

Returned from serving:

Elder Casey Richman served in the West Virginia Charleston Mission.

Richman is the son of Elaine and Monte Richman of Declo and is in the Springdale 1st Ward. He plans to work in the Burley area.

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Parishioners rejoice as their faith endures

By Susan Abram
Los Angeles Daily News



A plume of smoke from a fire in Malibu, Calif., drifts out over the Pacific Ocean during the October wildfires. The Presbyterian church in Malibu burned to the ground in the fires, leaving parishioners without a place to worship.

MALIBU — On the first Sunday after a fire that burned down, the people gathered and stood side-by-side, lifted their eyes toward the heavens and gave thanks.

The Santa Anas, known by their nickname in the West as the "devil winds," had swooped down upon them a week before, brought fire and smoke and clouded the skies with ash that rained the sun. Despite the October blaze that left Malibu Presbyterian Church in a heap of charred wood and exposed pipe, the people chose to rejoice in their faith in God and community.

"Last week, we lost a building, but we did not lose our church," said the Rev. Greg Hughes, the church pastor.

Dressed in casual slacks and shirt, Hughes found his role an unexpected venue, under spotlights and a professional sound system as he stood on the stage of the 500-seat Malibu Performing Arts Center during Sunday services took place, his shoes still caked in ash.

"Thanks for proving me right," he said to the standing-widely crowd of families and Pepperdine University students.

By now, the story of how the 60-year-old church burned down has become part of local lore. Long after the flames and church is rebuilt, generations will repeat how the flames bore

down on Malibu on a day when wildfires seemed to erupt from every corner of Los Angeles County. They will remember how the blaze began within the church spire and ate its way down into the sanctuary. They will be thankful that no one was hurt.

Only a cross that had sat atop the spire and some plastic playground equipment from the nursery school survived.

"What a difference a week makes," Hughes said. "Last week we had a church. This week, we are like the Israelites wandering through the desert."

For some, the loss of the church brought grief, as if a loved one had died. Some stood up to recount the smiles and laughter that came with baptisms and weddings. They remembered the tears they shed at funerals, or just the quiet moments as they sat inside the church sanc-

uary to seek solace.

"I'm upset about this," said Mike Rupp, a former Montreal Expos baseball player who stood to read a letter he had written about the 20 years he has attended the church.

"This church was a symbol of happiness and tears," he said. "This building was my home. My safe haven. My refuge."

In the days after the fire, Hughes said he had been asked repeatedly, "Why would God allow our church to be burned down?"

Through passages from the book of John, Hughes told the story of Lazarus, whom Jesus brought back from the dead, a metaphor for what was to come.

"God allowed the suffering to take place so that something great could rise from the ashes," Hughes said.

After the service, members of the congregation milled

around the lobby to read letters posted along the staircase from well-wishers from places where faith also had been tested: New Orleans, Oklahoma City, New York.

Some revisited the site of their church, just off Malibu Canyon Road, to touch the ash and to spread it on their skin as a way to remember.

And others said that while they were saddened by the loss of their church, they were relieved there were no injuries. Some even saw the church burning down as a miracle.

"A church is so replaceable because, it's the people that make a church," said Collin Wedel, a 21-year-old senior from nearby Pepperdine University who attended services at Malibu Presbyterian since he began attending the college four years ago.

"Of all the things that could have burned down, in a way I'm glad it was the church because the church bore the brunt of the fires, to help save the rest of the community," he said.

Others said Sunday's services only proved that a church is its people.

"This morning demonstrated the love everyone has for each other," said 21-year-old Sarah Stone, a senior at Pepperdine.

"It is really amazing," said Rosie Palmer, a 59-year-old from England who attends the church each year when she is visiting her family in Calabasas.

Freedom of religion?

Indians say they should be allowed to kill bald eagles

By Ben Heary
Associated Press writer



A Wyoming tribe is seeking a legal ruling allowing members to kill bald eagles for religious ceremonies without permission from federal agencies.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — With the population of bald eagles now high enough that they're no longer protected under the federal Endangered Species Act, some American Indians in Wyoming say the federal government shouldn't require them to get permission to kill the birds for religious ceremonies.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver is scheduled to hear arguments next month about whether to reinstate a criminal charge against Winslow Friday. He's a member of the Northern Arapaho tribe who shot a bald eagle on the Wind River Reservation in 2005 for use in his tribe's Sun Dance.

John T. Carlson, an assistant federal public defender, represents Friday. Friday is from Ethete, a town on the Wind River Indian Reservation, in central Wyoming.

If the appeals court sides with Friday, Carlson said it would mean that "the government will no longer be able to force tribal members to get government permission to engage in a sincerely held religious ceremony" that requires killing eagles.

Carlson said he will consider appealing the matter to the U.S. Supreme Court if the appeals court finds the federal government's request to reinstate the criminal charge.

U.S. District Judge William E. Downes of Casper last year dismissed the criminal charge against Friday. In his ruling, the judge accepted arguments from lawyers for Friday and his tribe that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service generally refuses to grant permits allowing American Indians to kill eagles even though federal regulations say such permits should be available.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also has a program to provide eagle carcasses from a federal repository in Denver to American Indians who apply for them. However, Downes noted that the program has a waiting period of several years. He said that "the federal response to American Indian demand for eagles

showed callous indifference to their religious practices.

Friday didn't try to secure a federal permit before shooting the eagle. Recent efforts to reach him for comment were unsuccessful.

In an interview with The Associated Press last year, Friday said he had no regrets about killing the bird. He could have been sentenced to up to a year in jail and a \$100,000 fine if convicted.

"I'm going to say no, because of what I did with the bird," Friday said. "I participated in our Sun Dance. No, because that made me feel good in my heart."

The U.S. Department of Justice appealed Downes' dismissal of the charge against Friday this spring.

Assistant Federal Public Defender Robert R. Rogers, who died in September, represented Friday in Downes' court. Rogers also filed Friday's main written argument in

the federal appeals court.

Rogers argued that the government actively has discouraged Indians from seeking permits to kill eagles for religious ceremonies. And he said that several Indians have said they've received eagle carcasses from the federal repository that were dirty or otherwise unfit for religious use.

Carlson took over Friday's case after Rogers' death. Carlson recently filed supplemental papers with the appeals court seeking to broaden Friday's argument on why the charges against him should not be reinstated.

Carlson noted that the federal government itself announced that there has been the "dramatic resurgence" of the eagle population when it removed the bird from protection under the Endangered Species Act in June. Both bald eagles and golden eagles are still protected under other

federal laws.

Given the bird's recovery, Carlson argues that requiring American Indians to get federal permits to kill them for religious purposes violates the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"I think it's no longer just to require sincerely practicing tribal members to get the government's permission in order to perform a sacred ceremony," Carlson said.

Federal lawyers haven't filed a response to Carlson's new argument yet, but Carlson stated to the appeals court the lawyers with the U.S. Department of Justice say they will oppose his filing a new argument so soon before next month's hearing.

Kathryn Kovacs, assistant U.S. Attorney in Friday's case, stated Friday's case couldn't comment on any case in litigation. Andrew Ames, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, likewise stated he couldn't

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— Norman Willow, Sr., a member of the Northern Arapaho Business Council

say whether the government plans to file anything in response to Carlson's new argument.

Christopher Schneider, a lawyer representing the Northern Arapaho Tribe, said this week that Friday's case is a top priority for the tribe. He said the tribe will have five minutes to make its arguments before the appeals court next month.

Norman Willow, Sr., a member of the Northern Arapaho Business Council, said it's critical for the tribe to have a bald eagle each year for its Sun Dance.

"This is very sacred to us, and our ceremonies," Willow said. "And we depend on them for healing just overall, to have a good outcome on everything that we pray for. We have our tribal members in the military. And you know, it's very important for us to have these things, and use them in the ways that were given to us — that were handed down to us. That's how we look at it."

Willow said tribal members hold the eagle in high respect. "We want to keep our traditions going," he said. "We don't want to lose our identity, just because we were put on a reservation and everything, we're not going to lose everything that we have. And that's why we're contesting the federal government."

YOUNG WOMANHOOD AWARD

Catherine Christiansen recently received her Young Womanhood Recognition Award through the Young Women program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The award was presented to her by Bishop John Garrard.

To earn the award, girls age 12 to 18 set goals, in which value areas: faith, divine nature, individual worth, knowledge, choice and accountability, good

works and integrity — and strive to achieve them through church and community service projects.

Christiansen, 14, is a freshman at Declo High School, where she is an honor student, a cheerleader and a member of the volleyball team. She is the daughter of

Joey and Bonny Christiansen of Burley and is in the Springdale 2nd Ward of the Declo Stake.

The Times-News welcomes nominations of Young Womanhood Recognition awards. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicvalley.com or, in the Mini-Cassa area, Trina Tegan at trina@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.



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In my forties, however, I had a rude awakening.

You see, despite my supposedly healthy diet, my own track record was none too good. In the span of five years, I came down with pneumonia, chicken pox — and then cancer.

I began wondering if vegetarianism truly was the gateway to good health. True, some vegetarians may go their entire lives with few health problems, as long as they get sufficient protein. For those who are not diligent, however, insufficient protein may weaken the immune system. Which apparently was my dilemma.

The turning point came right after my husband, also a vegetarian, had eye surgery.

The surgeon mentioned that vegetarians usually "cook meat to heal. I didn't need to hear another word. I rushed to the market and sprinted home with a roasted chicken.

That night, as we feasted on the delicious flesh of the bird, I knew I had changed forever. My inner carnivore was unleashed. Before long, you and

bean burgers were out, and roast beasts were in. And I can attest that the diet indeed a slippery slope when it comes to vegetarianism. Chicken led to turkey, which led to a weekly steak grilled outdoors. And what would outdoor cooking be without an occasional platter of ribs?

Truth be told, if I never see another blob of tofu again, I will not grieve. Now I don't know for certain that my eating habits sabotaged my health. And obviously, everyone has to forge their own path through the food jungle. But I am leaving proof that one's person's (fast) can be another's fiasco.

Today, my husband and I try to support compassionate farming methods by buying free-range chickens, and beef from animals raised humanely. But

sometimes economics prohibits this. And then we buy whatever we can afford.

One thing is for certain: I have never gone hungry, as have millions of my brothers and sisters throughout the world. For the poor, food is not a tangled moral issue, nor do they quibble over the menu. They just sit down at the table and are grateful for what God provides.

And with Thanksgiving just past, maybe there's a lesson here.

Food may be complicated, but gratitude is always simple.

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Chairman offers glimpse of Mini-Cassia economic development goals

By Rich Greene
For the Times-News

BURLEY — With a newly named Economic Development Coordinator and 400 new jobs already announced for 2008, the job of chairman for the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission (MCEDC) seems to have gotten a little easier.

Mark Maier, who became chairman in October, is certainly eager to talk about the MCEDC's recent successes. He's also willing to talk about the growing pains that would face Mini-Cassia as a result of future economic growth.

Maier said skeptics have questioned the amount of growth and new jobs being brought to Mini-Cassia.

"Everyone looks at our low unemployment rate and they say, 'where are you going to find all the new people?'" he said.

Economic studies have shown the MCEDC 1,500 people commute from Mini-Cassia to Twin Falls or Jerome for employment. Maier says part of Mini-Cassia's growing pains will be dealing with a labor shift as residents begin taking jobs closer to home.

"When you really take a look at what economic development is, it is raising the standard of living in the community," he said.

The negative impact will be felt by small businesses, retail and service industries.

"It makes it harder to pay minimum wage anymore," Maier said.

Three goals

One way the MCEDC hopes it can help retail and service industries is with a new business retention and expansion program. The program is one of three long term goals the MCEDC will be focusing on next year.

Maier said, according to a study by the University of Minnesota, communities that put together a business retention and expansion program have seen about 70 percent of their growth come from existing businesses.

The MCEDC hopes to put together the program as part of a joint venture with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

"Once you start the program it really is a never ending program," Maier said. "It's continually updating the program. It's continually interviewing business owners about what can be done to help them expand and grow."

Site inventory

The second goal the

MCEDC has is to inventory all buildings and land available for commercial or industrial use in Mini-Cassia.

"It's something we haven't done here. No one has ever put it all together where it could be uploaded to the CommerceWeb site."

Part of that effort will be reaching out to the real estate community, Maier says.

The inventory will be a database of available infrastructure at each location, such as power supply, rail and transportation access and available zoning.

Industrial park

The MCEDC's third goal is the formation of an at least 200-acre industrial park.

Maier says the space would be available if plans to build a new airport continue as the existing airport would be transformed into the new industrial park.

"Two hundred acres is kind of a key number to have," Maier said. "Site selectors from national companies representing individual companies—that's the benchmark size."

By comparison, the Burley-Heyburn Industrial Park, of which Maier is property manager, is only 125 acres.

The larger industrial park would help Mini-Cassia stay competitive with Twin Falls, where a new industrial park has just been announced.

Cooperation and competition

Maier describes Mini-Cassia and Twin Falls as having a friendly competition when it comes to recruiting new businesses. Part of that competition is actually working together to draw interest to southern Idaho as a desirable location.

"The reality is we come together as a region to talk about lifestyle issues, culture, work ethic, labor, cost of living, quality of life. The region does a great job working together on those issues."

However, once a business has chosen southern Idaho, Mini-Cassia, Twin Falls and Jerome turn back into competitors, Maier says.

The same competitive spirit is often seen within Mini-Cassia. Maier says any talk of the MCEDC favoring Burley over Minidoka County is unfounded.

"This business is very client driven," he said. "The client ultimately makes the decision about where they want to go."

More frugal this year, families cut back on spending plans for the holidays

By Ellen Alt Powell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — With a wedding planned for August and a new mortgage to pay, Laura Capp and her fiancé don't have a lot of money to spend on Christmas this year.

So Capp and Fred Rihn will limit their gift list, try to make rather than buy some of the items they do give and eliminate some holiday travel.

"Luckily, my extensive extended family is also cutting back this year," Capp said. For the first time, her wing of the family in Pittsburgh probably won't travel to visit the Baltimore clan.

"The high cost of gas is a factor," Capp said. "And some of us don't have time off of work — or need to save up the time for other things."

Many Americans like Capp and Rihn are cutting their spending this holiday season, scaling back plans for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, or looking for gifts that don't break their budgets. Some are trying to take on less debt or reduce the materialism that has come to characterize the season.

Others are being hurt by rising gas prices and the softening job market, said Jim Thybor, vice chairman of the Taylor Group market research firm in Waterbury, Conn.

A recent survey conducted by the group found that nearly one-third of consumers plan to spend less this year than last. Most say they don't have as much money available, while others cite concerns about fuel prices and jobs, the survey found.

"There's a kind of emotional recession out there," Thybor said. "It's the war, the economy, the falling dollar and a kind of, vague sense everything isn't quite right with the world."

Trade groups like the National Retail Federation predict holiday sales will rise a modest 4 percent this year to \$474.5 billion. That's well below the 4.8 percent average of the past decade and the slowest holiday sales growth since 2002, when sales rose 1.3 percent, the Washington, D.C.-based group said.

One concern as people cut back on gifts, parties and travel is that they may cross the line from appearing to be frugal to looking cheap.

Mar Jennings, a home decorating and entertaining consultant based in Westport, Conn., defines frugal as "buying what you can afford, not beyond your means" and cheap as "buying solely on price."

"People don't have to wear frugality on their sleeves, either, he adds.

"It's not necessary for people to say, 'I'm having a bad year so I'm only spending \$20 on your gift,'" Jennings said. "I think that sets the wrong tone."

What the holiday season is about, he says, is giving family and friends something selected with care that they'll enjoy.

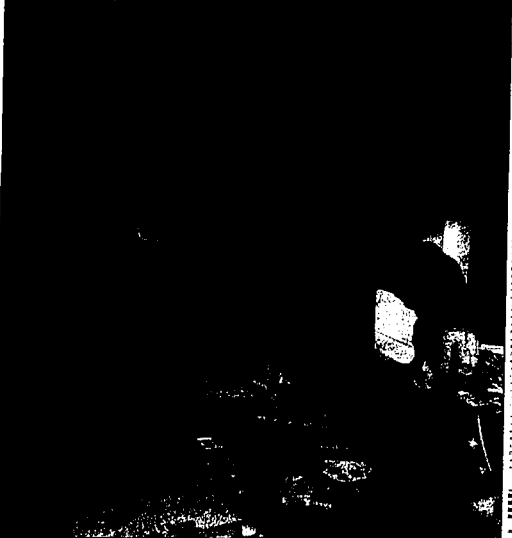
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As far as Betsy Storm is concerned, the holidays are about being thoughtful — and having a minimum impact on the environment.

"Like a lot of people, we're seeing that we really don't want or need more stuff," said Storm, who runs her own public relations consulting firm in Chicago. "We also want to make an effort to do more recycling, refreshing, reusing."

And to limit overspending, Storm uses only cash, not credit, on her holiday purchases.

One of her favorite strate-



Laura Capp, left, and her fiancé, Fred Rihn, wrap previously viewed DVD's they bought from a video rental store to give as holiday presents at their home in Bellevue, Pa., Nov. 17. Many Americans like Capp and Rihn are lightening their belts this holiday season, reducing plans for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Some are trying to take on less debt or reduce the materialism that has come to characterize the season.

Some tips to save a little less

By The Associated Press

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Showdown over possible cable TV regulation pits FCC chairman against cable industry

By John Dunbar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A long-simmering dispute between the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and the cable television industry has reached a boiling point, with a potential showdown shaping up for the agency's next meeting.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin has proposed a series of initiatives, scheduled for a possible vote at a Nov. 27 meeting, that are opposed by the industry. One that could mean new regulation of the cable industry has prompted criticism from a fellow Republican commissioner and from House GOP members.

The most controversial issue is an upcoming report on competition in the pay-television industry. According to FCC officials, the report will show that the cable industry now reaches enough subscribers to trigger the so-called 70-70 rule.

Created by Congress in 1984, the rule says that when cable systems with 36 or more channels are available to 70 percent of U.S. households, and 70 percent or more of those households subscribe to cable systems, the com-

mission may "promulgate any additional rules necessary to promote diversity of information sources."

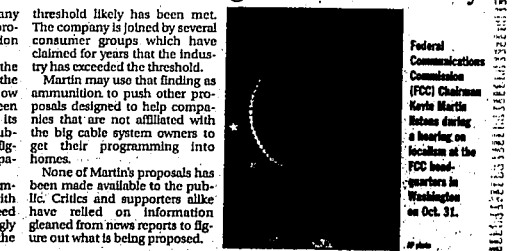
What that means, exactly, is the subject of some dispute, as is the methodology used to show whether the threshold has been met. The FCC does not keep its own numbers on cable subscribers, but instead relies on figures provided by private companies, which can vary.

Regardless, AT&T Inc., a company that competes fiercely with the cable industry for high-speed Internet access and increasingly for video customers, has said the

threshold likely has been met. The company is joined by several consumer groups which have claimed for years that the industry has exceeded the threshold.

Martin may use that finding as ammunition to push other proposals designed to help companies that are not affiliated with the big cable system owners to get their programming into homes.

None of Martin's proposals has been made available to the public. Critics and supporters alike have relied on information gleaned from news reports to figure out what is being proposed.



Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin Martin during a hearing on legislation at the FCC headquarters in Washington on Oct. 31.

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<p>BE ABLE TO SPEAK SPANISH!</p> <p>4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath home on 3.5 acres. Extra large garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. Call only \$200,000 ML# 060325292 Call Barry 320-1864 or Dan Suhr 524-2019</p>	<p>Nice Home</p> <p>4 bed 2 1/2 bath home with room. 2154 sq ft home in Jerome new Jerome Subdivision. Time to choose your own place! Come out & see this beautiful pool home. \$216,000 ML# 060316590 Call Barry 320-1864 or Dan Suhr 524-2019</p>	<p>This home is stunning</p> <p>Just one of the features you will love! Hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, full kitchen, full bathroom and wood burning fireplace. Beautiful stone patio, full view of the canyon. Call only \$216,000 ML# 060316590 Call Barry 320-1864 or Dan Suhr 524-2019</p>	<p>Awesome country home</p> <p>with beautiful views and a very open floor plan. Large covered porch, newer kitchen, concrete garage floor. Several storage structures and a shop. Owner will include all furnishings. Buyer welcome to search for the purchase price. \$179,500 ML# 060324500 Call Ron Bean 420-8070</p>	<p>Call Ron Bean 420-8070</p>

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND German Shepherd, large male. Found on 11/19 at 4100 North 1100 East in Buhi. 731-5003.

FOUND Glasses at Selman Dam Reservoir on boat deck, Childs prescription glasses. 324-2196

FOUND Labs (2). 1 chocolate Lab and 1 black Lab. Found on West 24th Street in Burley. 208-431-4756.

FOUND little black dog maybe pup Papillon, in the Candleridge area. Call 734-4930.

FOUND Several misc. items, mittens, hats and more, left from Christmas in the nighttime sky at Kimberly Nursery's. Call 208-733-2717

LOST 4 cats. Male-short hair gray 2 years. Female-short hair tortoiseshell 2 years. Female-long hair buff. Female-short hair yellow and white 12 years. LDS Temple area. 734-3285, leave message.

LOST Chihuahua mix, black, male, small. Green collar. Last seen near City Pool. Call 208-404-4559

LOST Chocolate Lab on Melon Valley Rd. 1/2 mile north of Buhi. Reward. 300-0108

LOST Ivory Lab, 2 yrs old, male, last seen in Hansen area. Has name tags in Koda. Missing for 2 mos. Call Jona wife 731-8288.

LOST Jack Russell Terrier, male, neutered, approx. 12 years old, of white, all teeth broken off. He is on daily medication and is micro chipped. Lost in the area of 254 S. 400 W. Jerome. Call 208-644-8623.

LOST Remington Rifle and SKS Case. Left at Jerome gun range Sat November 17th. Call 208-731-1633.

REWARD: Small black Cocker Spaniel in vicinity of Thomson Park. Answers to Junobug. Blind in right eye. 308-0358 or 731-1304 or 539-7731

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LOST Yellow Lab, female, at Roseworth on 11/18/07. Wearing tags. Call 328-4424

LOST Yorkie, Tan, red, black, female, 12 years old. Family misses her. Reward! 734-8060 or 734-4966

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Full-time Office Assistant needed at Jerome company. Job duties include travel & event coordination, QuickBooks data entry and excellent customer service skills via telephone & email. Send resume to: Elcledata PO Box 31 Jerome, ID 83338.

Clerical
Jerome County is seeking a full-time Administrative Secretary for the Jerome County Extension Office. Wage-to-be determined. Application may be obtained along with a job description and returned to the County Clerks Office, Room 300, second floor Courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID, 83338. Closing date December 7, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-16.

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Drivers
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Please send resume, cover letter and references to: Trish Mitchell, Times-News, Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 or send by email to tmitchell@magicvalley.com.

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GENERAL Full-time opening driving an established route... Will load & unload truck...

GENERAL Santa's needed for holiday season at Magic Valley Mall...

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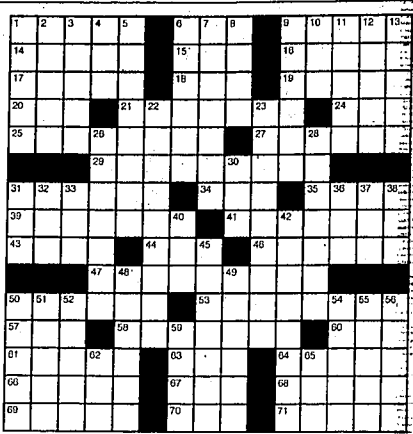
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The Wood River Journal Marketing Representative Everyone is saying it, The Wood River Journal is their newspaper of choice...

PhonBase Research Inc. PhonBase Research currently has immediate openings in its growing department...

213 Professional COMPUTERS Haley Public Library seeks IT Systems Administrator...

210 Management MANAGEMENT Seeking motivated self starter for Property Manager position in the Twin Falls area...

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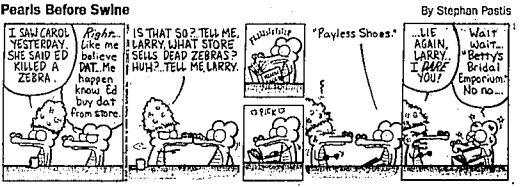
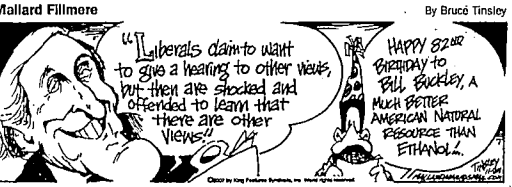
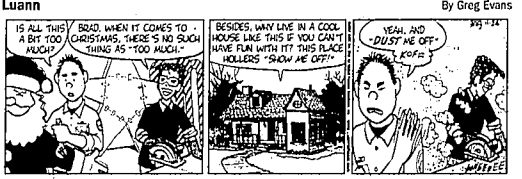
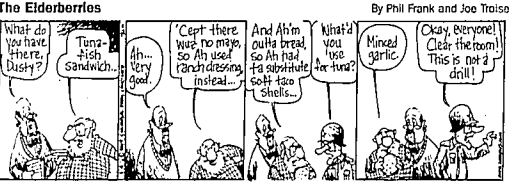
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PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE Bay made 6 yrs old, broke to ride, \$700. 2 yr old Bay Gelding, has some halter work...

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Taurus, pay attention to obligations

HOROSCOPE
Jeralaine Saunders

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Prostitution can be a good thing. Put off making rude remarks and wait before making an important decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Under the full moon, doubts and fears may assail you. Rest assured that a decision made earlier this month should not be cast aside because of a temporary lack of confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your get-up-and-go may have gotten up and gone, leaving you feeling at odds with the world. If you are out of sorts, find something fascinating to read or rent a movie and escape for a few hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may walk a tightrope between being disheartening and being disapproving. Or you could seeweb between being respectful and fighting tooth and nail for freedom.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Can the critics claim. You could inadvertently stir up trouble with a certain someone. The more you strive to do things in your own unique way, the more of them will oppose you today.

IF NOV. 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Look for the light at the end of the tunnel. Right now it seems as though you are carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders. This is a very poor time to make important decisions, changes or agreements. The things that are troublesome now will fade into the background by the end of this month. Therefore, make every effort to improve your situation. If you are sincere and honest, people will give you the help you deserve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ignore the nagging voice that urges you to do something wild or shocking. It is best to leave well enough alone. In another day or two you will wonder why you were so mischievous and defiant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If the holiday interfered with your bill-paying routines, you could have a rude awakening today. Make sure you are attentive to obligations, even if they interfere with your weekend fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): During this full moon you may be shy wonder. If your faith in others is invested wisely, Don't be distracted by logic or temporary doubts.



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



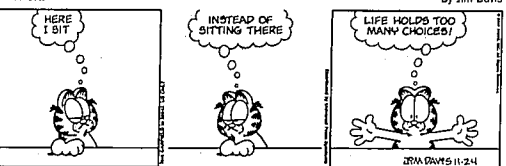
The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Brown



Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



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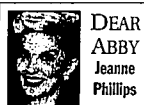


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Man wants fiancée's late mom to be honored at their wedding



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

try and see what happens.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée, "Cassie," and I are being married in the spring...

Is there an acceptable way to honor her during the ceremony and reception?

—GROOM-TO-BE, LEXINGTON, KY

DEAR GROOM-TO-BE: What a thoughtful man you are.

One way might be to light a candle in Cassie's mother's memory...

DEAR ABBY: I haven't had a boyfriend for a while now, and I'm not sure why.

and outgoing. I play video games, sports, and do things that boys think girls would never do...

What am I doing wrong? I love who I am and so do boys.

—BOYFRIENDLESS IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR BOYFRIENDLESS: Maybe that "guys" see you as one of them.

DEAR ABBY: I am a very fair-skinned, blonde, blue-eyed, blue-eyed blonde.

I know I should ignore them, but it's making me self-conscious.

—FAIREST OF THEM ALL IN D.C.

DEAR FAIREST: Tanning salons ARE unhealthy, and you're wise to avoid them.

When someone remarks about your complexion, you are within your rights to tell that person you don't appreciate that kind of personal comment and to knock it off.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2007. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Nov. 24, 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

On this date:

In 1794, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Va. In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published his Origin of Species...

refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie industry.

In 1947, John Steinbeck's novel "The Pearl" was first published.

In 1950, the musical "Guys and Dolls," based on the writings of Damon Runyon and featuring songs by Frank Loesser, opened on Broadway.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific. In 1971, hijacker D.B. Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Airlines 727 over Washington state with \$200,000 dollars in ransom.

In 1974, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed on terms to scrap shorter and medium-range missiles. Ten years ago, President Clinton and Pacific leaders began meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, to discuss ways of calming the Asian economic crisis.

crew to use the shuttle's robot arm to return it to the cargo bay.

Five years ago: In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the Iraqi government complained that the small print behind upcoming weapons inspections would give Washington a pretext that kind of pseudo Gutierrez, a populist former army colonel who led a coup in 2000, was elected as Ecuador's sixth president in six years.

One year ago: Shiite militiamen in Iraq doused six Sunni Arabs with kerosene and burned them alive and killed 19 other Sunnis, taking revenge for the slaughter of 215 Shiites in Baghdad's Sadr City the day before. Belfast's most infamous Protestant militant, Michael Stone, stormed into the Northern Ireland Assembly headquarters with a bagful of pipe bombs; he was later subdued. Opera singer Robert McFerrin Sr., the father of Grammy-winning conductor-vocalist Bobby McFerrin, died in suburban St. Louis at age 65.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Columnist William F. Buckley is 82. Country singer Johnny Cash is 67. Rock-and-roll drummer Pete Dinklage is 66. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. and the MG's) is 66. Actor-comedian Billy Connolly is 65. Former White House news secretary Marlin Fitzwater is 65. Motion Picture Association of America President Dan Glickman is 63. Singer Lee Michaels is 62. Actor Dwight Schultz is 60. Actor Stanley Livingston is 57. Rock musician Clem Burke (Blondie: The Romantics) is 52. Record producer Terry Lewis is 51. Actor Ruben Santiago-Hudson is 51. Actress Denise Crosby is 49. Actress Shae, D'Lyln is 45. Rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 45. Rock musician Gary Stonadge (Big Audio) is 45. Rock musician Chad Taylor (Live) is 37. Actress Lola Glaudini is 36. Actor Colin Hanks is 30. Actress Katherine Heigl ("Grey's Anatomy") is 29.

THOUGHT

"There is a great deal of difference in believing something still, and believing it again." —W.H. Auden, British poet (1907-1973)

Man trumps sister in turkey competition

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota man basted a 72-pound turkey to trounce his sister in their annual sibling rivalry over who can prepare the 'biggest Thanksgiving bird.'

Rich Portnoy roasted his fussy turkey in his 36-inch-wide, chef-caliber oven on Thursday to top the biggest bird — a 65-pound, overcooked 25-pounder. And Portnoy conceded defeat from her Reston, Va., home, but holed that her brother could only find a 37-pounder,

large oven gave him an edge.

"It actually tastes pretty good!" Rich Portnoy said, gloating a bit after he and two other men pulled the turkey from the oven after 15 hours cooking.

'Big turkeys are a tradition in the Portnoy family. Rich Portnoy said his father cooked birds of 30 pounds or more, says his sister, Andrea Portnoy, 47, and Portnoy cooked a 47-pounder to take the lead after her brother could only find a 37-pounder,

even though he lives in the nation's top turkey-producing state.

This year, Rich Portnoy approached the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association, which helped him find an 85-pound breeding tom that, at 59 weeks old, was near the end of its useful life.

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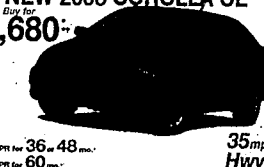
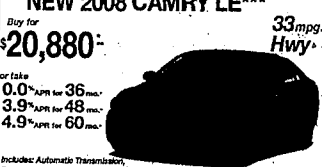
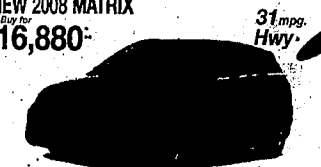
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