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Fired CSI coach receives settlement

Stroud, CSI reach \$285,000 settlement in 2006 firing

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

An acclaimed College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach fired last year will get a thicker wallet and a clean letter of recommendation.

A settlement agreement was signed Oct. 31 by former CSI coach Ben Stroud and his lawyer, Bill Mauk, according to documents released Friday in response to a Times-News public records request. The deal gives Stroud an initial

lump sum payment of \$10,000, but the college will pay another \$275,000 to a company that will buy an annuity that will over time pay out far more to Stroud and his lawyer.

According to the settlement, Stroud will get \$1,985 every month for 15 years, starting Sept. 7, 2016. His total payout will be \$357,300.

CSI also will cover Stroud's legal fees through a similar arrangement that will give Mauk \$1,000 per month for 10 years starting March

15, 2012, for a total of \$120,000.

College officials and Mauk refused comment on the settlement, which stipulates that if they talk about it they would be fined \$10,000.

"The documents speak for themselves and, by agreement, CSI and Ben Stroud cannot comment on the matter further, except to acknowl-



Ben Stroud



Jerry Beck

edge that it has been settled." CSI officials said in a written statement Friday.

Stroud was employed as a CSI coach for 21 years. He developed the women's volleyball program at CSI and served as its head coach through his tenure. During that time, the team won 13 conference championships and eight national championships.

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A grim year

Homicides spike in Twin Falls in 2007, setting a new record.
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Magic Valley High School grads make the most of second chances.
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Families learn to balance their seasonal fun with family troubles.
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MED SCHOOL DIAGNOSIS

State-ed board calls medical report a good first step

By Kate Poppo
Times-News writer

The Idaho State Board of Education called a report on medical education in Idaho as a good start at its Thursday meeting in Pocatello.

But a presentation by MGT of America Inc., the company behind the study commissioned by the state Legislature, also highlighted the need for more research into a number of related areas, board spokesman Mark Browning said on Friday.

The 113-page study, which looked at the state's current physician shortage and evaluated several possible solutions, did touch on the programs and degrees put out by the state's three large universities, Browning said. But the state, he said, needs to build off of the study and evaluate its existing assets before acting on any of the recommendations in the report.

"There's a real need to look



College of Southern Idaho nursing students Matt Ramsey, left, and Keeley Shockey complete stretches Friday afternoon along with the rest of their class during a lecture on stress and its effects on health.

at what we had that could be used in future programs," Browning said.

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Some heart, cancer tests put off because of shortage of radioactive ingredient for scans

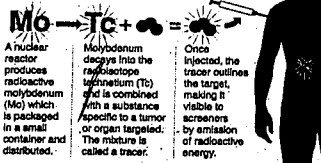
By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Thousands of patients are facing delays in crucial medical tests because of a shortage of a radioactive substance used in those examinations — all because of the shutdown of one nuclear reactor in Canada.

The substance is used in at least 15 million medical scans a year in the United States, by one estimate. Those scans are used to diagnose and assess a wide variety of conditions including cancer, heart disease and bone or kidney illnesses.

They are often crucial for guiding therapy, telling a doctor whether a woman's breast cancer has invaded her bones, for example.

Targeting trouble In nuclear medicine, radioactive substances known as radiotracers are administered to patients in order to diagnose disease.



SOURCE: National Cancer Institute

But over the past few days, many hospitals began facing a shortage of a radioactive substance called technetium-99 that is injected into patients to do these body scans. And that has forced them to cut back on the procedures.

"Many, many hospitals are working at about 20 to 30 percent of capacity" in doing the scans in the United States and Canada, estimated Dr. Sandy McIwain, president of the

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Inquiry sought on CIA videos

Congressional Democrats demand to know why agency destroyed interrogation tapes

By Pamela Hess
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Angry congressional Democrats demanded Friday that the Justice Department investigate why the CIA destroyed videotapes of the interrogation of two terrorism suspects.

The Senate's No. 2 Democrat, Dick Durbin of Illinois, called on Attorney General Michael Mukasey to find out "whether CIA officials who destroyed these videotapes and withheld information about their existence from official proceedings violated the law."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., accused the CIA of a cover-up. "We haven't seen anything like this since the 18 1/2-minute gap in the tapes of President Richard Nixon," he said in a Senate floor speech.

And Senate Armed-Services Committee

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White House Press Secretary Dana Perino returns to a reporter's question about the CIA videotaping of its interrogations of two top terror suspects in 2002, Friday.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Sunday
Periods of snow, light additional accumulations High 35	Snow chances tapering off Low 23	Variably cloudy, slight chance of a snow shower 32/17

MINI-CASSIA

Today: A chance of snow with light additional accumulations. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Cold with snow chances tapering off. Lows in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Slight chance of a snow shower. Highs in the middle 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Falls High School Drama Department Dessert Theater, a collection of competition selections and concert-fictions, musical entertainment and dessert beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. curtain, Roper Auditorium, \$5, limited seating, 733-6900.
The Stars of Christmas program, featuring Snake River Flats Barbershop Chorus and Quartets and the Crescendos, 7 p.m., Wilson Theatre, Rupert, free-will donation, 678-7850.
"Traditional Christmas Arrangements by the Great Masters", presented by Magic Valley Chorale; includes performance by Hallelujah Handbells, 7:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Auditorium, \$7 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors, 732-6781.
"The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail", presented by the CSI Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Theater, \$8 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors, 732-6781, 732-6788 or tickets.csi.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees "Angels Among Us", includes Children's Workshop and Santa—from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—and day-long entertainment, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ISDB Round Building, Gooding, 52, 534-5760.
Benefit for Morgan Walton, for the medical needs of 7-year-old pediatric cancer patient; includes dinner, entertainment and auction, 6:30 a.m., Steakhouse and Convention Center, Oakley Avenue, Burley; \$10 for adults, \$3 for children and \$1 for Picture with Santa, 678-2266.

BUSINESS

Buhl Businesses Open House, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Buhl Businesses, 543-6662.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Twin Falls Bank & Trust Employees meeting and no-host lunch, for all former and current employees of Twin Falls Bank & Trust, 1 p.m., Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls, 423-5493 or 423-4443.
Daughters of the American Revolution meeting, Silver Tea and desserts, 1:30 p.m., at home of M. Williams, 3258 E. Canyon Place, Twin Falls, prospective members welcome, 735-1205.
Mindoka Scout Leader Round Table, includes 7 p.m. District Committee Meeting (room 7) and Boy Scouts Merit Badge College (Citizenship in the Nation and Public Speaking), 8 p.m., East Minico Middle School, Rupert, bring pencil, paper and blue card, 670-1156.
Burttons 'n' Bows Square Dance Club Regular Dance, includes election of officers, 7:30 p.m. pre-reunds and 8 p.m. square dance, Twin Falls Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., \$4 per person, bring finger foods, 308-4628.

CRAFTS AND BAZAARS

Juniper Street Farms and Granda's Christmas Gathering Open House, with over 20 local crafters; includes Christmas florals, candles, ornaments, and many unique gift ideas, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., east from Buhl on U. S. Highway 30 (1.75 miles), 543-4829.
The 4th annual Christmas Procrastination Sale, includes jewelry, sculptures, wooden bowls, books and more by national and local artists and craftsmen, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St., Filer, chili and cider available, 410-0034.

CORRECTIONS

Correction on Gooding facility listing

Friday's story about the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center said the center was placed on a national Medicare watchlist on Nov. 29. The center has been on the list for 34 months, and part of the list was made public on that date. The Times-News regrets the error.

Trigation access holes misidentified

A story in Friday's paper mistakenly identified irrigation system access holes in Castledo as sewer system drains. The Times-News regrets the error.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% above	% below
Saltwater	101%	25%
Big Wood	78%	21%
Little Wood	73%	17%
Big Lost	80%	19%
Little Lost	85%	22%
Henrys Fork/Teton	80%	21%
Upper Snake Basin	37%	9%
Osley	38%	8%
Salmon Falls	37%	9%

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

WISCONSIN
Drivers line up after worker accidentally drops gas to 33 cents

MINOQCQUA — Dozens of drivers made a mad rush for cheap gas after a station employee accidentally changed the price to 33 cents a gallon.

An employee closing Triq's Minoqcqua Shell for the night meant to drop the price of gas by 1 cent, but mistakenly changed a nine from the \$3.299 a gallon in the computer, making the price of gas 32.9 cents Monday night.

He left about 10 p.m., but drivers could still use their credit cards to buy gas. Word of the bargain spread fast in the rural northern Wisconsin community, with 42 people buying 586 gallons of gas in an hour and 45 minutes. One person had pumped 27 gallons and two purchased 18 gallons.

Local police saw the horde at the station and called store manager Andrea Reuland, who went to the station and pushed the emergency stop. "There were cars too deep at each of my pumps," said Reuland, who knew "many" of the drivers and told them they were being dishonest — the main store sign had the correct price.

"I was very upset that there's that many dishonest people," she said. "They knew there was a problem, and they took advantage of an employee's mistake and I think that's terrible."

WASHINGTON

Chrysler recalls nearly 600,000 Dodge vehicles

WASHINGTON — Chrysler LLC said Friday it is recalling nearly 600,000 Dodge trucks and vans to address concerns that the vehicles could shift out of park without the key in the ignition.



Alexandra Ananof, front, of the U.S., who plays the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Valeri Hristov of Bulgaria perform during a dress rehearsal for The Nutcracker at the Royal Opera House in London, Friday. Peter Wright's staging of The Nutcracker returns for the Christmas season with the first public performance taking place at the venue tonight.

The recall affects 576,417 2001-2002 Dodge Dakota trucks, Dodge Durango sport utility vehicles and Dodge Ram vans and the 2002 Dodge Ram pickup. In some cases, long-term wear on the gearshift assembly could erode the height of the shift blocker, creating the potential for the vehicle to shift out of park.

Chrysler spokesman Max Gates said there have been nine incidents involving injuries connected to the issue. No fatalities have been reported, he said in an e-mail. Owners will be notified beginning in January 2008 and dealers will replace the gearshift blocker and bracket assembly.

In the interim, vehicle owners are advised to use the parking brake "at all times when the vehicle is not in use," Gates said.

COLORADO

Colorado forecaster predicts above-average hurricane season in '08

DENVER — Using a simplified forecasting technique,

An average of 5.9 hurricanes form in the Atlantic each year.

Gray said his team based the 2008 extended-range forecast, issued six months before the June-November season, on three predictors. In the past, they have used as many as six.

The new method relies on water temperatures in the Atlantic and Pacific and the relationship between barometric pressure and altitude over the Atlantic. Gray said the method fared well when his forecasters applied it to conditions in previous years.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issues its first forecast in May.

FLORIDA

The perfect stocking stuffer — rhino poop

JULIE, Fla. — Stumped about what to give that special someone this Christmas? How about some rhino poop.

The International Rhino Foundation is funding an effort for four rhinos from the endangered species and will use the proceeds to fund conservation efforts.

The pieces come from four of the five types of rhino: white, black, Indian and Sumatran. The Javan rhino is so rare, a sample could not be collected.

Each piece is dried, mounted in a clear plastic case and marked with the type of rhino that produced it.

The auction ends Sunday. As of Thursday afternoon bidding had been light, with the top bid for Sumatran rhino poop standing at \$500. Black rhino poop was standing at \$255; Indian was at \$250 and white was at \$122.50.

The foundation, which is based at the White Oak Conservation Center, says only about 17,500 rhinos remain in the wild with another 1,200 living in captivity.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CRAFTS AND BAZAARS

Christmas Bazaar, with baked goods, crafts, Christmas candy, ornaments, new and used items, ethnic foods and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bliss High School Rugby Gymnasium, admission: one canned item or \$1 (to benefit Holiday Food Baskets), 352-4445.
Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E., snack bar available, 324-5642.
"Free Appraisal Day", to appraise valuables and collectibles, sponsored by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and 2nd Time Around, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 2nd Time Around Antique Mall, 689 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, 735-2265 or 734-6008.
"Woodstock", the 18th annual Christmas show and auction for the CSI's cabinetmaking and welding programs, 1 to 2:30 p.m. open for viewing and 2:30 p.m. bidding, Rick Allen Community Room, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, CSI campus, Culinary Arts students will sell treats, refreshments and gingerbread houses, 732-6655.

HEALTH

Flu Shot Clinic, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kurt's Pharmacy, Lynwood Shopping Center, Twin Falls, \$20, 734-8177.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Jerome unit of United Methodist Women Christmas Season Brunch, for

all ladies of the community; includes piano and skit entertainment, 10 a.m., 211 S. Buchanan, Jerome, 324-4185 or 324-2981.
A Community Nativity Celebration, includes special viewing for senior citizens and handicapped individuals from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; open to the public with nativity displays and "Live Nativity," 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Burley West LDS Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave., Burley, no cost, open to the public, 678-0459.

St. Nicholas Celebration, after a reading on the life of St. Nicholas, he will ride in on his horse with gifts for children, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery, 3796 N. 3386 E., Kimberly Road, Kimberly, free hot cocoa and cider; sausage and sauerkraut available, 734-2481.
Albion Four Leaf Clover Club Christmas Season Kickoff, with Santa's arrival on fire engine, turning on of Christmas lights, dedication of Memorial Tree and more, 7 p.m., in front of Albion City Office and Library, 236 S. Main St., 673-6280.

The College of Southern Idaho Program Board Fourth annual Breakfast With Santa, for local children; includes buffet breakfast, coloring contest with prizes and pictures with Santa, 9 to 11 a.m., CSI Student Union building, \$5 general admission and no cost for CSI students with current ID cards or for children under age three, 732-6252.

Buhl Night Light Parade, with Kiwanis Chili Feed, Santa, live music and lighting of tree, 7:15 p.m., downtown Buhl, bring canned food and toy donations to Senior Center, 543-6682.
Holiday Celebration and Christmas Tree (following Buhl Night Light Parade), includes treats, Buhl High School choir and display of works by local artists, Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., 543-5417.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Icy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour", at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; "Season of Light," at 7 p.m.; and "Steamrolling" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the CSI campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

OPEN HOUSE

Jubilee House Open House, with guided tours of the facility, refreshments and representatives on hand to answer questions and provide information, 1 to 5 p.m., 30 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, 736-2566, 734-9514, or 316-2687.

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

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Coach

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Stroud was fired Aug. 24, 2006, amid allegations that he violated National Junior College Athletic Association rules by recruiting an athlete who had already signed with a high school.

At that time he was paid \$59,410 annually, according to an employment contract also released by CSI. Athletic Director Jeff Duggan was also dismissed on Sept. 1, 2006.

Documents obtained by the Times-News under a separate records request show that the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program will pay Stroud only \$100,000. ICRMP is an insurance pool that covers public agencies in Idaho.

The documents released Friday do not specify why ICRMP will pay only a portion of Stroud's settlement, or how CSI will cover the \$185,000 balance.

Along with the cash payout, Stroud got something else: a clean recommendation.

According to documents, the college can't make "any negative or disparaging comments about Stroud," nor can it discuss the circumstances leading to his termination.

If potential employers inquire about Stroud, the college's athletic director can only give two pre-written letters in response. One of those letters is from the CSI board chairman, the other from the athletic director.

The athletic director's letter says the circumstances that led to Stroud's termination "were unique and unfortu-

nate for both CSI and Coach Stroud."

The letter also states: "Coach Stroud has considerable experience and skills which, no doubt, recommend him highly and which would be an asset to other college athletic programs."

The board chairman's letter says the board refused to rescind CSI President Jerry Beck's decision to fire Stroud, but acknowledged that the "precipitating cause" for the NCAAA investigation was the dishonesty of a young recruit who concealed "that she had signed a Letter of Intent with another junior college."

The board's letter concludes: "These accomplishments, we trust, recommend you highly for future employment at another institution. Although we believe the decision to sever your employment relationship was the right decision for CSI under the circumstances of your case, we have no desire to impair your ability to continue your coaching career and wish you well in that pursuit."

The board's letter says Stroud failed to be responsive to Beck's inquiries regarding the NCAAA investigation.

Mark said in a Sept. 18, 2006, press release that Beck did not tell Stroud about the "specific allegations being made, or the source of substance of information believed to support the allegations" from NCAAA.

Andrea Gates may be reached at Andrea.Gates@twfnet.org or 735-3380.

Study

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"We're not keeping up with demand for physicians in that aspect of health care," he said. "There is definitely a need there that the state's going to have to take an aggressive position on."

And the board isn't the only group saying that. Susie Poulton, CEO of the Idaho Medical Association, said the group's education affairs committee and board of trustees both rejected the study and supported it as a "credible and quality" report.

Of four different remedies evaluated in the report, the board has thrown its weight behind increasing the number of residency programs in the state for graduate-level candidates and increasing the number of spots available out-of-state at medical schools. She said it more cautiously supported looking further into the idea of a new medical school in the state, whether created on its own or as a joint venture among Idaho State University, Boise State University and the

University of Idaho.

"Expanding medical school seats are probably the quickest, most efficient way to get students in the pipeline," Poulton said. "This will be the most expedient way to start to address the problem."

It would definitely be a cheaper alternative to creating a medical school.

But state Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, said she wasn't sure how much of a priority cost will be when the Legislature reviews

the results. Block, who sits on the House Education Committee and serves as chairwoman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, said she was impressed by the retention rates for students sent to the out-of-state schools and to the in-state medical schools. "That certainly would affect our workforce issues," she said.

Note: Papping can be reached at 253-3237 or mpapping@twfnet.org.

Tapes

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Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., told reporters the CIA's explanation that the tapes were destroyed to protect the identity of agents is "a pathetic excuse," adding: "You'd have to burn every document at the CIA that has the identity of an agent on it under that theory."

Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee sent letters to CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden and Mikasey asking whether the tapes were destroyed to protect the identity of agents, and whether it was planning an obstruction-of-justice investigation.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Friday that President Bush did not recall being told about the tapes or their destruction. But she could not rule out

"We haven't seen anything like this since the 18 1/2-minute gap in the tapes of President Richard Nixon."

— Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

White House involvement in the decision to destroy the tapes, saying she had only asked the president about it, not others.

Perino refused to say whether the destruction could have been an obstruction of justice or a threat to cases against terrorist suspects. If the attorney general decides to investigate, "of course the White House would support that," she said.

The spy agency destroyed the tapes in November 2005, at a time when human rights groups and lawyers for detainees were clamoring for

information about the agency's secret detention and interrogation program, and Congress and U.S. courts were debating where "enhanced interrogation" crossed the line into torture.

Also at that time, the Senate Intelligence Committee was asking whether the videotapes showed CIA interrogators were complying with interrogation guidelines. The CIA refused twice in 2005 to provide the committee with its general counsels' report on the tapes, according to Committee Chairman Sen. by Rockefeller, D-WV.

Hayden told agency employees Thursday that the recordings were destroyed out of fear the tapes would leak and reveal the identities of CIA agents. He said the sessions were videotaped to provide an added layer of legal protection for interrogators using new, harsh methods. President Bush had just authorized these methods as a way to break down the defenses of recalcitrant prisoners.

The decision to destroy the tapes was made by Jose Rodriguez, then the head of the CIA's clandestine directorate of operations under CIA Director Porter Goss.

Hayden said members of the congressional intelligence committees were made aware in February 2003 both of the tapes and the CIA's ultimate plan to destroy them.

Tests

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Society of Nuclear Medicine, based in Reston, Va. He said he didn't know how many scans had been postponed.

The shortage seemed to be hitting parts of Canada hardest. Dr. Chris O'Brien, president of the Ontario Association of Nuclear Medicine, put it this way to Canadian Press: "Last week, I

guess you could describe it as straggling. This week it's devastating, and next week potentially catastrophic."

Ontario, for example, is now down to about half of its normal scan capacity, meaning about 1,000 patients a day are having their tests put off, he said.

The Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine estimates

the shortage will cause delays in treatment for 50,000 Canadians each month that services are reduced.

White doctors can often turn to other tests, these can be more complicated and more awkward to interpret, experts said.

What's the cause of all this? It's the unexpectedly long shutdown of a nuclear reactor

in Chalk River, Ontario. The 50-year-old reactor is North America's biggest source of the radioactive isotope that makes technetium.

The owner of the reactor, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., shut it down Nov. 11 for what was supposed to be five days of routine maintenance. However, the company decided to keep it closed to do more

work. The reactor will probably be working again by the end of December and almost surely by the end of January, the company says.

But in the meantime, the shutdown stopped the reactor's output of a radioactive substance called molybdenum-99, which is processed and packaged into canisters that are sold to big hospitals

and specialized pharmacies. These canisters are "milked" for their technetium-99, which is then prepared for use in the medical scans.

Since the technician supply from each cylinder eventually runs out, the cylinders have to be regularly replaced. That's when the effect of the Chalk River reactor shutdown shows up.



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Police release chilling surveillance images of gunman

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Chilling surveillance images released Friday show a shaggy-haired, bespectacled Robert Hawkins taking aim at holiday shoppers, and his hand-scrawled suicide note offers compassion for his friends and only contempt to his victims.

"I know everyone will remember me as some sort of monster, but please understand that I just don't want to be a burden on the ones that I care for my entire life," he wrote. "I just want to take a few pieces (sic) of (expletive) with me."

The 19-year-old gunman left the note at the suburban house where he lived Wednesday before going to Omaha Westgate Mall with an AK-47 and opening fire on the midday holiday shopping crowd. Fatally shooting eight people at the Von Maur store before turning the gun on

Mass shootings

Eighteen to 34-year-olds were more likely the age of the offender involved in a multiple homicide between 1976 and 2005.

Offenders' age involved in a multiple homicide, 1976-2005



SOURCE: FBI U.S. Department of Justice

Number of homicide incidents with more than five victims



AP

himself. Surveillance video and still images of the attack show Hawkins initially walking into the mall unarmed, wearing glasses, a black zippered sweat shirt over a black T-shirt with a white logo. He returned to the store six minutes later, according to time-stamps on the footage.

Video of the department store's south entrance shows Hawkins entering the festooned store and immediately walking to the elevator to his right. His right hand was tight against his midsection to hide what police said was an AK-47 assault rifle.

Other footage released showed people fleeing the

store, and the first police officer on the scene walking in with gun drawn.

Police did not release video of the shooting, but released a still image from the tape that showed Hawkins with his sleeves rolled up, aiming the AK-47 to fire in front of a store-mannequin.

The photos appear to contradict earlier reports that the gunman had a military-style haircut and entered the mall wearing a camouflage vest. Also, the note made no mention of widely reported broadcast reports that he wrote he wanted to "go out in style."

Hawkins was a troubled teenager who spent four years in a series of treatment centers, group homes and foster care after threatening to kill his stepmother in 2002. He had recently broken up with a girlfriend recently

and lost his job at a McDonald's.

"I've just snapped, I can't take this meaningless existence anymore. I've been a constant disappointment and that trend would have only continued."

Hawkins added, "I love you mommy, I love you dad," and "expressed love for several other people. He told them to remember the good times they had."

"Just think the I'm gonna be (expletive) famous," he wrote.

Also Friday, those who knew Hawkins most recently in suburban Bellevue said they tried to warn police about his behavior but got no response.

drugs and smoked pot with an adult.

Bellevue police said the house where Hawkins lived is in an unincorporated part of the city and not in their jurisdiction. Police Chief John Sancey would not talk about

Harrington's complaint, but said normally officers pass complaints from that neighborhood onto the Sarpy County Sheriff.

Sheriff's officials said they never received the complaint.

Harrington, 45, said he told police in Bellevue about a month ago that one of Hawkins' friends offered to sell Vallin to his 13-year-old son. Harrington said he also told police that Hawkins had previously shot at a car during a drug deal gone bad. "We told them about the drugs, we told them about the guns, and nothing was done," Harrington said.

After latest mall massacre, Americans ponder: How much security do they want?

By David Gray
Associated Press writer

News analysis

OMAHA, Neb. — An Amish schoolhouse. A college classroom building, bustling with students and professors. An upscale department store at a mall, decked with holiday trimmings.

In recent years, massacres have occurred in the most benign settings, confronting Americans with a troubling choice — move toward airport-style security in a wide range of public places or fatalistically accept the slim chance that a tragedy could strike anywhere in a free society.

In Omaha, where a suicidal gunman killed eight people Wednesday at Von Maur department store, extra police have been deployed at shopping malls. A local security firm reports increased requests from retailers for advice on guards.

Yet security experts say Americans don't want their stores to become fortified, as they are in Israel, where fears of terrorism have led to checkpoints and metal detec-

screenings in numerous situations — not just at airports, but when entering many courthouses, stadiums, office buildings and schools.

Yet who would have expected there to be security measures at the one-room Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pa., where a gunman killed five girls last year? It was as simple and innocent as a school could be, with a little bell capula on the roof and a sign near the blackboard that read, "Visitors Bubble Up Our Day."

After the Virginia Tech massacre in April, colleges and universities redoubt their entire security plans. Virginia Tech itself modified some classroom doors so they can be locked from inside.

But most schools focused on implementing or improving emergency notification systems, not limiting access to public buildings, said Allison Kays, program director of the group Security on Campus. The general sentiment, she said, is that college campuses need to be open places, even if that means imperfect security.

America's theme parks have wrestled with a similar dilemma — how to provide security that doesn't dampen the spirit of fun that visitors are seeking.

Walt Disney World, for example, keeps tabs on guests with officers in plainclothes and uniform, along with a sophisticated video surveillance system. The park began checking bags and backpacks after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but as yet it has not followed the path of numerous other theme parks by requiring visitors to pass through metal detectors.

The Omaha massacre, carried out by a troubled 19-year-old, was deadliest mall shooting on record in the United States. In February, five people were killed at a mall in Salt Lake City by an 18-year-old who was shot dead by police.

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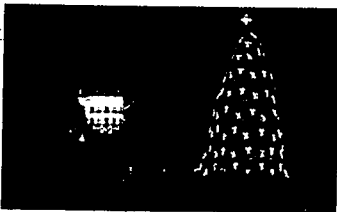
Growing chorus of tree lighters sing praises of LEDs

By Daniel LeDuc
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It takes a while for a tree to be green.

For decades, the National Christmas Tree was heartily chopped down from forests throughout the nation and trucked to the White House to be decked out in lights and ornaments. Then someone finally had the idea to plant the tree, so it would grow each year; the current tree has stood in place for 28 years.

Friday, the Colorado blue spruce passed an ecological test. When President Bush flicked the switch, those were not filament-burning bulbs that bedazzled the thousands who thronged the Ellipse for the annual tradition; they were glowing, energy-efficient light-emitting diodes.



The lights on the National Christmas Tree might look multicolored, but they're also very green, as in energy-efficient. Low-energy light-emitting diodes have replaced incandescent bulbs this year.

It was a first for the national tree and part of a new holiday tradition: public

Christmas displays switch to bulbs that illuminate by chemical reaction. The Christmas tree at the Capitol switched two years ago. All

the Christmas lights in the Maryland State House and governor's residence—in Annapolis—made the change this year. The Festival of Lights at the Murrow Temple in Kensington, Md., has replaced more than three-fourths of its half-million lights and hopes to finish the rest next year.

"We've had people come in and say, 'Where did you get those colors? The blue, the charcoal — they're beautiful,'" said William Child, director of the visitor center at the temple. "They're much brighter. You can tell if you turn them on in the daytime."

The LEDs have become available commercially for residential use only in the past year or two, but retailers report a steady increase in

sales. The lights offer lots of advantages beyond significant energy savings. Although slightly more expensive to purchase, they can be made in a rainbow of colors and last much longer than old-fashioned lights.

Of course, this all means an end to some other Christmas traditions, such as decorating the tree, plugging in the lights and standing back to discover

that one strand, way near the top, is out.

Or the moment of burnt fingers from grabbing hot lights. Or the comfort and joy of blown fuses from overloaded circuits.

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State department inspector general Krongard resigns

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — State Department Inspector General Howard J. Krongard, who has been accused of improperly interfering with investigations into private security contractor Blackwater USA and with other probes, resigned Friday.

In a brief public statement, the longtime corporate lawyer pointed to his recent battles with congressional Democrats and said they explained the reason for his departure.

"I have nothing further to say at this time," wrote Krongard, whose job made him the department's chief internal watchdog.

In a separate resignation letter to President Bush, he said that he was troubled by "inherent structural and conceptual defects" in the inspector general's job. He also expressed concern about the "grave threat to public service posed by current rancor and distrust" between political parties, the government, and the media and interest groups.

Krongard, 66, has been accused by current and former members of his staff and by congressional Democrats of thwarting investigations of waste and fraud in Iraq. Among those are allegations of arms smuggling by Blackwater, the North Carolina-based security contractor that protects U.S. diplomats in Iraq and has been criticized for using

an excessive force against Iraqi civilians.

Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, has charged that Krongard interfered to shield the administration from embarrassment on politically sensitive issues.

Last month, Krongard recused himself from investigations regarding Blackwater after it was revealed in a dramatic appearance at a House committee hearing—that Krongard's brother was on a Blackwater advisory board.

Krongard had denied that his brother, Alvin B. Krongard, a former No. 3 official at the CIA, was connected to Blackwater until he was confronted at the hearing with paperwork indicating that his brother served on the board.

Krongard also had withdrawn from an inquiry into the construction of the huge new U.S. embassy complex in Baghdad. And he battled accusations from subordinates of abusive treatment.

Gonzalo Gallegos, a spokesman for the State Department, said: "We thank him for his dedication to public service and wish him well in the future."

Krongard grew up in a family of modest means in Baltimore and moved from one success to another in life. He was an All-American lacrosse goalie at Princeton, also studied at Harvard and Cambridge.



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Loaded sage grouse assessment may have far-reaching effects

JERES: To the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's sloppy and slanted assessment of Idaho's sage grouse, an action that may be the catalyst for putting the popular upland game bird on the Endangered Species List.

Federal District Judge Lynn Winmill earlier this week rejected a 2003 Fish and Wildlife decision not to list sage grouse, saying the agency failed to consider opinions of its own scientists in making the decision.

Winmill said one former supervisor of the agency, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior Julie MacDonald, intimidated scientists and tweaked reports to keep the grouse off the list.

The judge ruled Fish and Wildlife must reconsider its decision using the best available science. That may

well mean the grouse will be put on the endangered list, with potentially far-reaching consequences for land users.

There's no question that the bird is in some jeopardy following the devastating Murphy Complex Fire last summer. Dwindling habitat and West Nile virus have decimated populations in Idaho.

Livestock grazing has an impact on sage grouse too, although that's a matter of some controversy. What's clear is that nearly half of sage grouse habitat in the West is on territory administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

By cooking the books, Fish and Wildlife managers may end up achieving exactly what they were trying to avoid.

JERES: To the 83.2 percent of

CHEERS & JEERS

Idahoans who don't light up.

Idaho has the third-lowest percentage of its population that smokes, just 16.8 percent, according to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System report for 2006. Only Utah and California are more abstemious.

Simply stated, that means Idahoans — as a group — live longer and spend less on health care. Life expectancy in Idaho is

now 78.9 years. In smokes-like-achimney West Virginia, it's 75.

West Virginians pay an average annual premium of \$3,141 for health insurance, according to the Centers for Policy and Research of America's Health Plans. The average Idaho premium is \$2,207.

These statistics show the power — in both human and economic terms — of a single healthy lifestyle choice. And they should be an incentive for Idahoans to make wise choices in other behaviors.

JERES: There they go again, those self-appointed guardians of our morals, telling kids what not to read.

A group of Pocatello pastors has warned the School Board about perceived atheistic messages in the popular children's book trilogy, "His Dark Materials."

One of the books, "The Golden Compass," has been made into a movie, starring Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig. It was released Friday.

The clergymen fear that the film will entice impressionable kids to read Philip Pullman's books.

This is the same crowd that thought "Harry Potter" celebrates the occult.

It seems to us that, "Harry Potter," more or less single-handedly, got millions of kids reading again. If "The Golden Compass" can achieve the same thing, that's an achievement.

Blacklisting books is the work of

medieval minds of the 13th century. No child deserves to have his or her view of the world circumscribed by even-nothing busybodies who haven't even read the works they condemn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop mail, commerce and stop illegal immigration

The answer to illegal immigration:

Boycott all products from entering the United States from Mexico, Canada and no free trade; no products from United States going to Mexico. Stop all mail leaving the United States to either country, including money orders.

We do this and the Mexicans will stop illegal border crossings and it will not cost American citizens one dime.

This problem can be solved in 30 days. It's got to work, but maybe it's too simple.

Merry Christmas.
CARI CORMIER
Jerome

Comics should watch the foul language

My name is Zac Avelar. I am 9 years old. I go to Poppleville Elementary School in Butte.

I like your newspaper, and on Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the comics, I saw a bad word in Doonesbury. This bothers me because I don't want other kids to learn this word.

ZAC AVELAR
Butte

Wolves aren't simply 'merciless killers'

This letter is overdue and directed toward Tony Mayer's letter, "Growth of wolf population will wipe out deer and elk," dated Nov. 23.

Tony Mayer, you're just simply wrong in assuming wolves have "... no natural predators." It is well known that adult wolves and their cubs fall prey to black bears, grizzlies, cougars, wolverines and rival packs.

The predation on any predator population is only restricted by the opportunities afforded its competitors. Every species, including man, is one reckless step away from becoming another's meal.

"Any wolf is no more or less ..." a merciless killer ... " than any other predator.

Deliberately preying on the prime representatives of another species is not uniquely human. All other predators, through trial and error, search for the easiest and safest kills — the young, old, inattentive, sick or injured; in short, the vulnerable.

The struggle between prey and predator has never been pleasant. It may seem cruel and merciless to man, but only man has the capacity to perceive cruelty and mercy.

So why villainize wolves? Man did not become the "supreme predator"

through humanity!

Tony, ever since our ancestors began falling head-first out of trees, the concept of a "... balance of nature ..." became a human fantasy! For man to point a finger at any other species when discussing the diminishing population or extinction of another species is utterly ridiculous! Tony, you're tracking the wrong beast. No matter how vast or remote a wilderness area may seem, it is still a shrinking ecosystem corralled in and continuously infiltrated by human encroachment; kill this beast and all species will prosper.

Tony, I have 43 years of hunting under my belt, and I know with absolute certainty that man is the problem and not wolves.

LOUIS J. BIOMBACHER
Twin Falls

Control your anger and express your love

Unmet needs feed anger. Insufficient love creates a fertile ground for emotional instability. It would help if we learned to recognize the many faces of anger. When triggered, our explosive feelings I believe have a cut-off valve to keep from exploding if we can just remember to use it and rely on God's help.

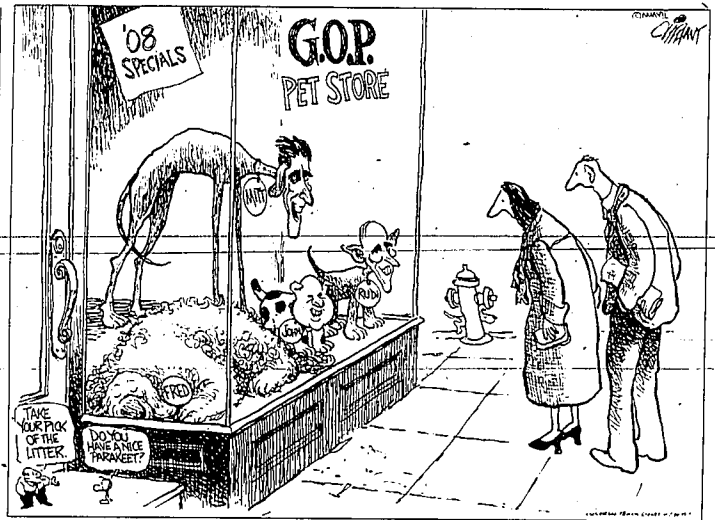
The Bible provides some understanding of basic survival. When we love one another, bear one another's burdens, encourage one another, confess to one another and respect one another, we are less likely to stay angry with one another. We can work together to preserve our essential needs and validate each other.

Once you have learned to identify anger and understand its meaning, you can learn appropriate ways to manage it. If you make anger management a choice, you'll find that you can be stable in an unstable world. You can show your children healthy ways to express and control their anger as well.

We make fine general choices when anger arises: (1) suppression, (2) open aggression, (3) passive aggression, (4) assertive anger, or (5) denying it. The first three choices tend to perpetuate anger. The last two choices can lead to success.

Take responsibility for your own emotional expressions. Become a peacemaker instead of a troublemaker. *The Bible says, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:18).* Make every effort to live in peace and build each other up.

LOYD T. BAKEWELL
Twin Falls



It's beginning to look a lot like 1992

If (George) Bush had been less successful in foreign policy — if the Cold War had continued, if the Kuwait crisis had somehow stretched out — the 41st president would have been better able to argue, "Re-elect me, because you need someone with experience to keep an eye on the Russian bear, and that nogodnik Saddam Hussein."



JAMES
PINKERTON

The latest National Intelligence Estimate on Iran — suggesting

that Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's government is not an imminent nuclear threat — will undercut some of the tough-talking foreign policy positions staked out by most of the Republican presidential candidates. Still, Democrats must beware, because the American people, inclined toward hawkishness since 9/11, will be suspicious of too-ager doves.

In the meantime, the seeming stand-down with Iran brings back memories of past presidential elections, won or lost.

I worked for George H.W. Bush in both his successful 1988 election campaign and his unsuccessful 1992 re-election campaign — and what a difference the passage of four years made.

'88, the Cold War was obviously winding down, but plenty of voters still worried, rightly, about the Soviet Union.

During that campaign I was proud to watch and listen as then-Vice President Bush answered national security questions from reporters and from citizens. His calmness and precision made me feel safe, and, more to the point, it made the voters feel safe. Bush could be trusted near "The Button."

Over the next four years of the Bush presidency, the Berlin Wall came down and the USSR broke up. No more Red Menace. In addition, Bush brilliantly managed

Kuwait crisis had somehow stretched out — the 41st president would have been better able to argue, "Re-elect me, because you need someone with experience to keep an eye on the Russian bear, and that nogodnik Saddam Hussein."

Instead, Bush suffered the same fate as Winston Churchill back in 1945: Win the war, lose the next election, as the voters look to the future, not the past.

And, of course, in the next two elections, 1996 and 2000, foreign policy was barely an issue. Then came 9/11, and once again a Republican president named Bush held the national security high cards. The anti-terror hand worked well for him in his 2004 re-election, although not so well in the 2006 midterms.

But now, with Iraq in post-surge remission and Iran seemingly off the table — and assuming that nuclear-armed Pakistan doesn't come completely unglued — the 2008 election is likely to share the same left-focus-on-the-home-front mind-set.

Indeed, the next presidential election might be a lot like 1992.

And that's bad for the GOP. Yet, at the same time, the Democrats are not immune from falling into losing patterns, either. The Democratic leadership in Congress, for example, seems heavily invested in the proposition that we have "lost" the war in Iraq. It would be foolish to say "mission accomplished," and yet the American people don't want to lose.

So the sense that the Democrats are defeatist could be toxic to donkeys next year. That was the bleak fate of the party's Civil War-era nominee, George McClellan, back in the 1864 presidential election. And it happened also to George McGovern in the Vietnam election of 1972.

Oh, one last thing: Who really thinks, down deep, that Iran is not actively pursuing nuclear weapons? We don't know exactly when the Iranians will get the Bomb, but then, of course, we never do. The Soviets took us by surprise when they tested their nuke in 1949.

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KAYCEE HOMNEY student
MELANIE HUTCHINSON teacher
Staff and students
Magic Valley High School
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Breakfast with Santa in Kimberly a success

The Kimberly Public Library would like to thank those who helped make the breakfast with Santa successful. Our Summer Reading program will be the best.

Thanks to those who donated food: Lamb Weston (hash browns); Falls Brand Meats (sausages); United Electric of Idaho (butter and cute little bottles of chocolate and regular milk); Riddle's in Kimberly (pancakes and syrup); Chubbys; and staff in Kimberly for preparation and serving; Maxie's in Twin Falls (pizzas); Center Street Plaza in Kimberly (pictures of the

kids with Santa — Larry Evans, the man). Thank you.

We are grateful for donated items for the silent auction: Forge-Me-Nor; Debra's Floral; Maryanne's Own Body Care Essentials; Jacqueline Luff; Finn's Greenhouses; Robert Beck; Kimberly Elementary School (classes); Mrs. Crockett; Mrs. Griffith; Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Fortico; and everyone who bought tickets; Super Wash in Kimberly; for advertising on the marquee.

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Wishing Star Foundation thanks local supporters

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ALLIE VARGAS president
Magic Valley Chapter
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Twin Falls

Chili feed a great help for Jerome coach

We would like to thank

everyone who supported Coach Will Harbison and his family at the Chili Feed and Auctions Benefit at the Jerome High School on Nov. 7.

A special thanks to Jim and Nancy Hollifield and associates for running the auction; also to the lunch-room epoks from the Bliss, Hagerman, Jerome and Wendell schools for their help with the dinner, and to Scott Burton for being the master of ceremonies for the evening.

A very special thanks to Carolyn Sullivan and Larry Campbell for running the kitchen and to Becky Long for taking tickets; also to the Jerome High School Girls Basketball team for serving at the dinner.

Thanks again to everyone who so generously donated items and money to help defray costs for Will's lung transplant.

RANDY CLARK DONNA CLARK Hagerman
Editor's note: Randy and Donna Clark are on the Will Harbison Benefit Committee; other committee members are Brent and Stacey Clark, Ty Jones, Kevin Lamcaston, Roby and Misty Sauer and Lonnie Rankhouse.

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The ACT Team for Region 5 Behavioral Health would like to thank the following people and businesses for their wonderful contributions to the 2007 statewide Assertive Community Treatment Conference held during October at the Herrett Center in Twin Falls:

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BRENDA GRUPE Human services supervisor
Region 5, Behavioral Health
Twin Falls

Donors support of local veterans appreciated

On behalf of the Rupert Elks Lodge No. 2106, I would like to thank these local businesses that donated to our Veterans Day

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MIKE L. ZEMKE Rupert

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hillary Clinton deserves what she gets

Poor little Hillary, the bullies are picking on her. Not one of you editors can claim the outstanding record that she has. Listen up, bullies, here are examples of this brilliant woman's record: She took over the administration of the Arkansas Public School system. When finished with it, it ranked 49th in the nation; brilliant. Invested \$1,000; a day later, it turned into \$100,000; brilliant.

Made damaging papers to her hubby disappear only to have them turn up years later on her desk; brilliant. Received \$50,000 from a convicted felon; brilliant.

When her hubby pardoned hundreds, her brother received thousands of dollars from those pardoned; brilliant.

Let bet none of you bullies can waffle on issues as she does; brilliant.

She stood by while hubby was accused of rape, destroyed several women. Led to a grand jury and perfected the disappearing cigar trick and did nothing. That's the kind of strong person we need in the White House — one with strong family values.

Can any of you bullies brag about when greeting a known terrorist that vowed to destroy Israel, she kissed his wife; brilliant.

Question for your bullies:

If any of you are elected (God forbid), and when your term is over, will we have to nail down everything in the White House? We didn't when she and hubby left the White House, and they stole everything but the kitchen sink.

Tucky, but she got caught and returned only one truckload.

And you bullies say she does not have the qualities to be president. Come on, bullies, she was part of the most corrupt presidency in modern times; they made Nixon look like a choir boy. And she can do it again.

Just what we need, a Marxist in the White House.
MIKE SIMMONS
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Huckabee surge brings harsher scrutiny

Candidate finds the spotlight hot

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Republican presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee, unaccustomed to the national spotlight, is squirming under the glare.

With his bare-bones campaign, the former Arkansas governor was considered an also-ran until recently when he surged to a lead over fellow Republicans in Iowa. A Newsweek survey on Friday showed him with a two-to-one lead over Mitt Romney, and he is in second place nationally among GOP candidates, behind Rudy Giuliani, according to an Associated Press poll on Friday.

The added scrutiny and pressure have resulted in a series of what look like beginner's mistakes:

- Huckabee made a joke of his skinny foreign policy experience, telling radio host Don Imus, "I may not be the expert as some people on foreign policy, but I did stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night."

- A spokesman for rival Fred Thompson sniffed that people want a commander in chief, not a court jester.

- Questioned by reporters this week, Huckabee was unaware of a report the White House released that said Iran had halted its nuclear weapons program. President Bush had held a news conference about the report, and Democrats had focused on it in a debate.

- Huckabee said he'd been campaigning so hard in Iowa, he hadn't had time to read the newspaper or be briefed. And he said that probably would happen again.

- Thompson called it surprising that Huckabee would



Republican presidential hopeful Mike Huckabee talks to the media on his way to a private fundraiser in Greensboro, N.C., on Thursday.

News analysis

not know. "It's a matter of priorities," he told reporters in Des Moines. "The nuclear ambitions of Iran, who calls us the Great Satan, who's been killing our people for years ... is No. 1 priority for this country, a No. 1 priority for anybody who aspires to be president."

- Huckabee understated his role in the release of a rapist, Wayne DuMont, who murdered a woman after being paroled. Huckabee blames former Arkansas Govs. Bill Clinton and Jim Guy Tucker for making the rapist eligible for parole.

- Yet Huckabee had questioned whether DuMont was guilty, had met with DuMont's wife before and after becoming governor and had written DuMont, on the day the state parole board freed him: "Dear Wayne ... My desire is that you be released from prison."

- Misteps are natural as Huckabee experiences what it's like to be a first-tier candidate, said Dennis Goldford, a political science professor at Iowa's Drake University.

- "Even though he's been a governor of Arkansas, that's minor-league compared to

the big leagues of presidential politics, and he's learning the big leagues are a lot tougher than the minor leagues," Goldford said.

- "So he's genial, he's got a sense of humor, but he's running for commander in chief, not comedian in chief. People after a certain while are going to look deeper than his clever responses," he said.

- Not that Huckabee should abandon his sense of humor. The former Southern Baptist preacher's corny jokes and dimpled grin have helped elevate him in Iowa.

- But the jokes aren't his only appeal with Southern Baptists and other evangelical Christians who share his faith. Many of those voters have decided he is the most authentic conservative in the race. That is important because evangelical Christians carry considerable weight in the Iowa caucuses, which start the nominating process on Jan. 3.

- To stay at the top level, Huckabee needs to be a quick study, learning to be more judicious with his humor. Expanding his staff and getting daily briefings on the issues of the day — as other candidates do — would seem wise.

- And he needs to find concise, accurate answers to

criticism. Huckabee spent more than six minutes describing the intricacies of the DuMont case when asked about it at a news conference Tuesday, and his answer implied that he opposed the rapist's release all along when he did not.

- Huckabee's rivals are combing through his Arkansas record, which includes ethics complaints, tax increases and support for children of illegal immigrants, among other things. On occasion, Huckabee has grown testy under the increased scrutiny, as when Thompson criticized his foreign policy joke. Huckabee, who is known for sometimes being thin-skinned, got personal, making cracks about Thompson being lazy and not regularly attending church.

- "The most activity we've seen out of the Fred Thompson campaign are the relentless press releases coming from his campaign about how he'll be here before 10 o'clock Sunday morning," Huckabee said at the news conference, where he was surrounded by pastors.

- "Most of us were in church. He was cranking out press releases that morning," Huckabee said as the pastors chuckled.

Slaughterhouse workers fall ill

Pig-brain removal technique suspected

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — On the slaughterhouse floor at Quality Pork Processors Inc. is an area known as the "head table," but not because it is the place of honor. It is where workers cut up pigs' heads and then shoot compressed air into the skulls until the brains come spilling out.

But now the grisly practice has come under suspicion from health authorities.

Over eight months from last December through July, 11 workers at the plant in Austin, Minn., — all of them employed at the head table — developed numbness, tingling or other neurological symptoms, and some scientists suspect inhaled airborne brain matter may have somehow triggered the illnesses.

The use of compressed air to remove pig brains was suspended at Quality Pork earlier this week while authorities try to get to the bottom of the mystery.

"I'm still in shock, I guess," said 37-year-old Susan Kruse, who worked at the plant for 15 years until she got too weak to do her job

last February. "But it was very surprising to hear that there was that many other people that have gotten this."

Five of the workers — including Kruse, who has been told she may never work again — have been diagnosed with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, or CIDP, a rare immune disorder that attacks the nerves and produces tingling, numbness and weakness in the arms and legs, sometimes causing lasting damage.

New cases of CIDP occur at the rate of one or two per 100,000 people each year, according to Dr. P. James B. Dyck of the Mayo Clinic.

State health officials said there is no evidence the public is at risk — either from those afflicted or from any food leaving the plant, which supplies Hormel Foods Inc.

The working theory from two Mayo Clinic neurologists treating the workers: Exposure to pig brain tissue scattered by the compressed air triggered the illnesses.

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Golden Eagles grind past Generals

Late emphasis on post points pays off

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Quite often, success in this life is a result of playing to one's strengths.

The No. 8 College of Southern Idaho women's team broke out of a game-long scoring funk with a simple solution. Shoot from spots closer to the basket.

The 10-1 Golden Eagles clipped Sheridan (Wyo.) College 75-67 by scoring 18 of their final 26 points from within five feet of the basket. The Golden Eagles' final nine field goals came in the

College of Southern Idaho Center Anita Burdick shoots against Sheridan College Friday in Twin Falls.

PHOTO BY ERIC LARSEN

Coca-Cola Classic

At CSI gymnasium
Thursday's scores
Eastern Utah 85, Sheridan 82, 0T
Northwest College 87, Colorado NW 54
No. 8 CSI 86, Yakima Valley 62

Friday's scores
Yakima Valley 97, Colorado NW 53
Eastern Utah 52, Northwest College 49
No. 8 CSI 75, Sheridan 67

Today
Sheridan vs. Colorado NW, 4 p.m.
Eastern Utah vs. Yakima Valley, 6 p.m.
No. 8 CSI vs. Northwest College, 8 p.m.

point, and each of CSI's points that didn't come in the post came as free throws.

"We knew we had to work the ball inside and use our hips to our advantage," freshman post Maady Plunkett said. "I think we did a better job of that in the second half."

Plunkett led the way for CSI, scoring a

game-high 22 points to go with 11 rebounds. She struggled early, but was able to connect on 11 of 24 field goal attempts for the game.

"I was fading away from the basket early," the 6-foot-3 Australian said. "In the second half, I think I just did a better job of going toward the basket."

One night after the Generals grabbed 68 rebounds in an overtime loss to the College of Eastern Utah, CSI held 9-2 Sheridan to 28 rebounds while grabbing 57 of its own. Sheridan's Lushica Black finished with 14 points and rebounds each, while Taline Robinson added 10 and 10. The Golden Eagles out rebounded Sheridan 22-15 in the second half.

"It was a big difference in the second half," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said of his team's rebounding. "We were really motivated to beat them on the glass. (Black and Robinson) still did pretty good, but they're active players."

Sheridan's Randa Clabaugh pumped

Please see CSI, Page B2



Report card

College of Southern Idaho
Men's Basketball

Attendance - 10-0 Class rank - 11-0

Section A - Productivity

Category	Grade	Comments
Post offense	B	Posts/forwards shoot 58.2 percent from field
Perimeter offense	B	Joey Shaw team: high 18.1 MPG
Post defense	B	Allowed only one double-double
Perimeter defense	B	Averages 16.7 steals
Offensive rebounding	B	Swags 25.3 boards per game
Defensive rebounding	B	Allows 14.9 offensive rebounds per game
Ball control	C	On pace for single-season program high in turnovers

Teacher comment (Barry Perry): "I think defensively we're ahead of schedule. Offensively, we're a little bit behind... I think we can improve our self turnovers, happy turnovers. I think we can do a better job with the ball."

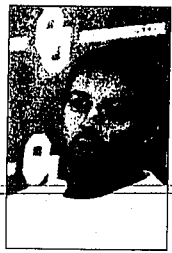
Section B - Behavior

Category	Grade	Comments
Shows courtesy and consideration	F	Continues to beat dorm rules mercilessly. Plus games by 25.4 points
Plays cooperatively	A-	Shares ball almost to own detriment. Averages 25 assists
Respects nap time	A-	Enters second half leading by an average of 22 points
Communicates clearly	A-	Made statement with 29-point victory over No. 11 Sheridan College

Teacher comment (Barry Perry): "I think their attitude's been good. I think they're a solid B as far as that goes... I think they really have good fans and really like and know that they keep working they can be somewhere good at the end... You've got to be a winner to win it. They're not there yet but we're going to try to be."

Explanation of Marking System:
A - Superior B - Above average C - Average D - Below average F - Failing

Information by Eric Larsen - Illustration by Bradley Gunn



Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops talks with reporters in Norman, Okla., Friday. Oklahoma faces West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2.

Back at the Fiesta

No. 3 Sooners try to erase memories of loss to Boise State

The Associated Press

NOHMAN, Okla. — The last time Oklahoma took a trip to the Fiesta Bowl, the Sooners got to see an unexpected attraction: the Statue of Liberty.

Underdog Boise State emptied its bag of tricks to beat Oklahoma in an exhilarating 43-42 upset in January: a hook-and-ladder to force overtime, a wide receiver pass to tie the game in the extra period and the Statue of Liberty play on a 2-point conversion to win it.

For some Sooners, the game still holds some sting as they prepare to return to Arizona to face No. 11 West Virginia (10-2).

"When we went and played against Boise State, we weren't really on the top of our game and we let one slip away," linebacker Curtis Lofton said Friday. "We've got to go back and erase all that. It's a new year and it's a different team."

Coach Bob Stoops said he considered the loss easier to take because it wasn't for the Big 12 or national championship. Boise State jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead and then squandered an 18-point advantage before rallying late.

"They made some great plays at the end and we weren't far off. It wasn't like we were sitting there out to lunch on anything," Stoops said.

"They just caught us and the timing for some of them was perfect. They played well enough early and we made some mistakes early that we got in a hole that was really hard to get out of. We thought we had, and they made some plays at the end. That's the way it goes."

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Trojan bigs help Wendell declaw Filer

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

WENDELL — The message all season for Wendell has been to almost excessively feed the two-headed monster — Ruben Cortez and Justin Brandsma — in the post. On Friday, the Trojans reaped the rewards at long last.

Cortez scored seven first-quarter points en route to a 21-point, 11-rebound performance, and Wendell outscored Filer 18-7 in the first quarter in coasting to a 58-44 victory.

Trojan (2-3) guards Devin Hosack, Eric Lopez and Jordan Lancaster did a masterful job of working the ball around the perimeter, waiting for Cortez and Brandsma — who finished with 12 points and five boards — to get open before working the ball inside to great effect.

"We've been working hard on our guards getting the ball cleanly," said Wendell coach Ryan Jarvis. "We knew (Cortez and Brandsma) could do that, but we've had to get the guards to make it happen."

Filer (0-4) zoned Wendell defensively, which left Brandsma and Cortez to navigate in the lane area in order to make themselves available.

"The defenders were losing me, so I just struck and got the ball inside to great effect, and (the guards) got me the ball. I've gotta give it to the team, we all played hard tonight."

Said Brandsma: "I just waited until (Cortez) got the ball and he passed it to me. They would sink on him and I'd be open. It worked pretty well."

Wendell outscored Filer in each of the first three



Wendell's Ruben Cortez (35) shoots over Filer's Cameron Courtney Friday night in Wendell.

quarters, piling up a 41-24 edge heading into the final period.

It took until the fourth quarter for the Wildcats to break into double-digit scoring, when they scored 20 in the period. That, Filer coach Jay Silver said, just went cut it.

"It's been that way all season for us. We get way behind, and we play well from behind, but we get too deep of a hole to dig out of," said Silver. "We can't get so far behind in the first half... we've got to give ourselves a chance."

Tyson Johnson and Bryce Beard, who dropped three 3-pointers, co-led the Wildcats with nine points.

Filer finally managed to whittle the margin to nine points with 1:15 left to play, but an intentional foul by Tyson Johnson on Jansen Chandler immediately restored Wendell's lead to 10 and the Wildcats never sniffed single digits again.

"Our team has been having trouble staying ahead, but we've been letting teams back into games," said Brandsma. "(To hold a double-digit lead) is a big step for this team."

Wendell ES, Filer 44

Player	Points	Rebounds
Wendell	78-29-44	22-12-27-38
Filer	44-21-27-38	16-11-17-28

Wendell (44)
 Mike Vandenberg 1 0 0, Brian Powell 0 1 2, Fred Brown 2 0 4, Matt Larson 3 1 7,
 Nathan Reed 2 4 8, Justin Day 2 2 4, Ryan Johnson 3 2 4, Bryce Dreyer 1 0 2, Cameron
 Courtney 1 2 4, Devin Hosack 4 1 2, 44.

Filer (44)
 Devin Hosack 4 0 0, Eric Lopez 0 4 4, Jordan Lancaster 2 2 8, Ryan Johnson 2 2 1,
 Bryce Beard 0 3 2, Ruben Cortez 20 3 1 2, Jay Silver 1 0 2, Brock Leonard 0 2 2,
 Mike 22 20 4 2.

Scoring guide: Filer 9 (Cortez 2, Johnson, Vandenberg) Wendell 2 (Larson 2), Total fouls: Filer 24, Wendell 25. Fouled out: Filer, Larson, Vandenberg. Technical: None.

Broncos tackle Clady named All-American

For the Times-News

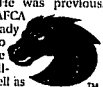
BOISE — Boise State junior offensive tackle Bryan Clady was named to the Sporting News All-American Team.

The honor is the second first-team honor for Clady. He was previously named to the 2007 AFCA All-American Team. Clady is the first Bronco to be named to the Sporting News All-American Team, as well as the first to be named to the AFCA All-American Team since the Broncos moved to Division I before the 1996 season.

Clady is just the second Bronco to be selected to a national All-American team since the move in 1996. Running back Ian Johnson received SI.com first-team All-American honors last year.

At 6-foot-5, 315 pounds, Clady was once again the anchor of the Broncos offensive line which led one of the top offenses in the country this year. Boise State ranked among the top 10 in three of the five team statistical categories including fifth in scoring offense with a 42.75 points-per-game average, sixth in passing efficiency with a rating of 155.87, and ninth in total offense averaging 475.67 yards per game.

Clady lived up to hefty expectations this season earning a spot on the postseason All-American Teams. This past summer he was named to the 2007 PlayBoy All-American team and he also received first-team preseason honors from Sporting News and SI.com.



SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA

Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	10	10	.500
Boston	10	10	.500
Brooklyn	10	10	.500
Charlotte	10	10	.500
Chicago	10	10	.500
Cleveland	10	10	.500
Denver	10	10	.500
Detroit	10	10	.500
Golden State	10	10	.500
Houston	10	10	.500
Indiana	10	10	.500
L.A. Clippers	10	10	.500
L.A. Lakers	10	10	.500
Memphis	10	10	.500
Minnesota	10	10	.500
Milwaukee	10	10	.500
New York	10	10	.500
Oklahoma City	10	10	.500
Orlando	10	10	.500
Phoenix	10	10	.500
Portland	10	10	.500
Sacramento	10	10	.500
San Antonio	10	10	.500
San Diego	10	10	.500
Seattle	10	10	.500
Utah	10	10	.500
Washington	10	10	.500

COLLEGE

FOOTBALL

Team	W	L	T
Alabama	10	0	0
Arkansas	10	0	0
Auburn	10	0	0
Baylor	10	0	0
Boise State	10	0	0
Brigham Young	10	0	0
California	10	0	0
Clemson	10	0	0
Colorado	10	0	0
Connecticut	10	0	0
Duke	10	0	0
Florida	10	0	0
Georgia	10	0	0
Georgia Tech	10	0	0
Illinois	10	0	0
Indiana	10	0	0
Iowa	10	0	0
Kansas	10	0	0
Kentucky	10	0	0
LSU	10	0	0
Michigan	10	0	0
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Mississippi State	10	0	0
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Purdue	10	0	0
San Diego State	10	0	0
Stanford	10	0	0
Texas	10	0	0
Texas A&M	10	0	0
Texas Tech	10	0	0
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UCLA	10	0	0
UCSB	10	0	0
Utah	10	0	0
Utah State	10	0	0
Vanderbilt	10	0	0
Virginia Tech	10	0	0
Washington	10	0	0
Washington State	10	0	0
West Virginia	10	0	0
Wisconsin	10	0	0
Wisconsin State	10	0	0
Wyoming	10	0	0

LOCAL

WRESTLING

Weight	W	L	T
112 lbs	10	0	0
126 lbs	10	0	0
141 lbs	10	0	0
157 lbs	10	0	0
174 lbs	10	0	0
190 lbs	10	0	0
217 lbs	10	0	0
243 lbs	10	0	0
270 lbs	10	0	0
300 lbs	10	0	0

GAME PLAN

LOCAL COLLEGE

Team	W	L	T
Boise State	10	0	0
Idaho State	10	0	0
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LOCAL COLLEGE

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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HR king Barry Bonds pleads not guilty to perjury



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds let one of his six lawyers say the words: "Not guilty."

No courtroom drama, no surprises. Flanked by an entourage of lawyers and family members, baseball's home run king smiled, waved and made eye contact with fans Friday as he made his first court appearance since being charged with lying under oath about using steroids.

Bonds' new lawyer entered a not guilty plea in U.S. District Court to the four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice contained in the Nov. 15 indictment.

Afterward, defense attorney Allen Ruby didn't waste any time, saying he would soon ask a judge to toss out the case because of "defects" in the indictment. He declined to elaborate.

If convicted, legal experts say Bonds could spend up to 2½ years in prison.

The 34-year-old said little during the 30-minute hearing. He appeared relaxed as he smiled and chatted with his cadre of six attorneys. He stood behind the judge with his hands clasped behind his

back and said: "I'm Barry Bonds."

He was allowed to face without posturing but, if he violated the terms of his release, he faces any required court appearances, he'll forfeit \$500,000. A pretrial hearing was scheduled for Feb. 7. Bonds might not have to attend.

"Barry Bonds is innocent," Ruby told a crisscross throng of television cameras and reporters outside the courthouse afterward. "He has trust and faith in the justice system."

Bonds made a similar statement on his Web site.

"I still have confidence in the judicial system and especially in the judgment of the citizens who will decide this case," he said. "And I know that when all of this is over, I will be vindicated because I am innocent."

Prosecutors wanted Bonds to turn over his passport and restrict his travel within the United States. But the judge declined after Ruby said such a restriction would interfere with his ability to make a living, preventing him from going to Toronto to play for or against the Blue Jays.

Mr. Bonds is a Major League Baseball

player," Ruby said.

Bonds, who played the past 15 seasons in San Francisco, is a free agent. His agent said Thursday he spoke formally to 24 teams at baseball's winter meetings this week. One possible destination for Bonds is across the bay with the Oakland Athletics, who began the 2008 season against the Bay Area's Giants.

The indictment charges Bonds with lying when he testified he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs, even though prosecutors say he flunked a private steroids test in 2003. Bonds' personal attorney, Dr. Arthur Tard, collected the blood sample and is expected to be called as a witness if Bonds's case goes to trial.

Former Giants teammates and other players, including Greg Maddux and Jason Giambi, also could testify at the trial, which wouldn't begin until late next year at the earliest.

Investigators also say they seized other evidence, including an alleged "doping calendar" in Toronto, and hired a former trainer Greg Anderson, who spent about a year in jail for refusing to help investigators.

Baseball waits for Mitchell report

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball is about to get its official bosscore on the Steroids Era.

It's the Mitchell Report, the findings of former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's 20-month investigation into performance-enhancing drug use that has tarnished some of the game's greatest stars and records.

It's due out next week, possibly Thursday, and while critics are sure to claim it's one-sided and outdated, it has given players and executives cause for pause and led some to fear a modern-day Black Sox scandal.

"Well, it ain't Merry Christmas or Happy New Year for somebody," Cincinnati Reds manager Dusty Baker said.

Shining light into the shadows, the 74-year-old Mitchell brought experience from many fields. The former chairman of The Walt Disney Co., he once was offered a spot on the Supreme Court by President Clinton and vigorously challenged Lt. Col. Oliver North during the Iran-Contra hearings.

But he also is a director with the World Series champion Red Sox, a role players say makes him hopelessly conflicted, and an agent of Selig, who appointed him. Players also claim Mitchell refused to show those accused the evidence against them, denying them a chance to refute the allegations.

For now, Selig claims not to know what's inside the report. Suffice to say, midway between Boston wrapping up the Fall Classic and the start of spring training, there are plenty of jittery people around the majors.

"Obviously, it can't be really good," New York Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "If there's some really, really big names I'm sure it's going to be a real impact in some ways."

Outfielder Jose Guillen and first baseman Jason Giambi in media reports to receiving human growth hormone, were suspended Thursday for the first 15 days of next season. The penalties are in addition to how baseball might treat any players named by Mitchell.

Although some say Bonds' home run record — and milestone ball — should be marked with an asterisk, Mitchell noted the Hall of Fame vote in which Mark McGwire was picked on just 23.5 percent of ballots, nowhere near the 75 percent needed for induction. That election in January was considered the first test on how history will view a period when bulked-up stars amassed bulked-up stats. "If nothing else, the results of the Hall of Fame voting last week, and the reaction to it, offer fresh evidence that this issue will not just fade away," Mitchell said then.

Binobili leads Spurs past Jazz

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili had 37 points for the second straight game to lift the San Antonio Spurs to a 104-99 win over the Utah Jazz Friday for their fifth straight victory.

The Spurs remained unbeaten at home despite their second straight game without Tim Duncan, who is recovering from a sprained ankle.

Tony Parker had a hand shooting night but added 16 points for the Spurs and Michael Finley contributed 15.

Deron Williams and Carlos Boozer had 28 points apiece for Utah, which hefted won in San Antonio since 1995. Williams also had 10 assists and Ronnie Brewer added 14 points for the Jazz, who have now lost two in a row.

The Jazz led for most of the game and were up by as many as 11 points. But the Spurs inched their way up in the fourth, and took their first lead since the first quarter at 65-64 off Matt Bonner's jumper with 6:36 to play.

SUNS 122, WIZARDS 107
WASHINGTON — Steve Nash delivered a season-high 19 assists. Amar'e Stoudemire scored 27 points, and Raja Bell had 14 of his 22 points during a game-deciding third quarter, helping Phoenix beat Washington 122-107 Friday night for its fifth consecutive victory.

Phoenix finished with a total of 42 assists, the most by any NBA team in a game this season.

Nash finished with 12 points. Leandro Barbosa had 20, Grant Hill had 18 points and eight assists, and Shawn Marion had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Wizards were led by reserve forward Andray Blatche's 19 points and 10 rebounds.

CELTICS 112, RAPTORS 84
BOSTON — Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and Boston improved to 10-0 at home, the franchise's best start at home since winning 12 straight to open the 1984-85 season.

Paul Pierce had 18 points and Ray Allen 13 for Boston (16-2), which broke it open early. Boston has won all but one of its home games by double digits — eight by 20 points or more.

Anthony Parker led the injury-riddled Raptors with 13 points.

HORNETS 118, GRIZZLIES 116, OT
NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul hit a driving layup through a crowd of defenders with 1.8 seconds left in overtime, capping a game of career highs and lifting New Orleans over Memphis. Paul hit five 3-pointers on his way to 43 points, both career highs, to go with nine assists and four steals. He also made a pair of crucial free throws that tied the game at 107 with 33.1 seconds left, a score that held until overtime, when New Orleans never seems to lose anymore.



San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, left, is defended by Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams (8) during the game in San Antonio, Friday.

David West scored 27 for New Orleans.

PACERS 115, MAGIC 109
ORLANDO, Fla. — Danny Granger scored a season-high 27 points, Jamal Tinsley had 20 points and 10 assists and seven players total scored in double figures for Indiana.

Jermine O'Neal had 15 points and Marquis Daniels 13 off the bench for the Pacers, who rallied from a 15-point third-quarter deficit.

Dwight Howard led Orlando with 30 points and 15 rebounds. Rashard Lewis added 24 points and Keith Bogans had 14, but the Magic hit only 33.3 percent of their shots in the second half.

76ERS 101, KNICKS 90
PHILADELPHIA — Samuel Dalembert scored 20 points, Lou Williams and Andre Iguodala each scored 15 and Philadelphia snapped a three-game losing streak.

Jamal Crawford scored New York's first 16 points in the fourth and finished with 28 points. David Lee had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Stephen Marbury returned to the lineup a day after attending the funeral of his father, Steve, who died Sunday night. Marbury briefly consid-

ered skipping the game, and scored only two points in the first half before spending the entire second half on the bench.

Reggie Evans added 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Sixers.

ROCKETS 96, NETS 89
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Yao Ming had 25 points and 11 rebounds, Tracy McGrady added 24 points, and Houston never trailed in beating New Jersey.

Jason Kidd returned to the Nets' lineup after a one-game absence, and finished with 10 points — eight in the fourth quarter — seven rebounds and seven assists.

Rafael Alston scored 15 points and Shane Battier had 12 for the Rockets.

BULLS 98, PISTONS 91
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Andres Nocioni scored 22 points and Ben Wallace added 10 points and 13 rebounds to lead Chicago, which has won four of its last five.

Laol Deng had 17 points and Joe Smith added 14 rebounds.

Chauncey Billups had 27 points and Richard Hamilton added 24 for Detroit, but only had two in the final period. Rashard Lewis finished with 11. — The Associated Press

Arizona's Olson files for divorce

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona basketball coach Luke Olson has filed for divorce, although his wife says she remains committed to the marriage.

The 73-year-old Hall of Fame coach filed a divorce petition in Pima County Superior Court on Thursday the same day he announced he would extend his leave from the team through the end of the season.

"The marriage has been irretrievably broken with no reasonable prospect of reconciliation," Luke Olson's lawyer, Leonard Karp, said Friday.

Christine Olson, 50, is the coach's second wife. Luke Olson and his first wife, Bobbi, were married for 47 years before her 2001 death from ovarian cancer. The couple had five children.

Christine Olson was New York state judge for meetings connected to her position as a Republican national committeewoman from Pennsylvania.

The Olsons were to have met in Chicago on Friday night, where the 22nd-ranked Wildcats arrived in advance of Saturday's game against Illinois.

"Our family has been struggling through a difficult and private matter for some months now," Christine Olson's statement said. "It was my hope that during my husband's temporary leave of absence, we would be able to focus on our family and successfully address this matter."

"Unfortunately, it seems that my husband has reached a decision that he is unable to continue our relationship together during this difficult time. While I am personally devastated, I remain committed to my marriage and will continue to support my husband through this difficult time in his life. I have nothing but love and respect for him."

Christine Olson is still living in Tucson with the children remaining in the family home.

Cultures clash before big bout when Hatton's fans storm Vegas



Boxers Ricky Hatton, left, and champion Floyd Mayweather go nose-to-nose during the weigh-in for their WBC welterweight title fight in Las Vegas Friday.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In one corner of the MGM Grand, jet-lagged English boxing fans in Manchester City jerseys knock back pints in the early morning and burst into songs celebrating Ricky Hatton.

In another corner of the bustling casino are hard-bitten American cowboys, many in garish rodeo shirts and 10-gallon hats. Their countryman, Floyd Mayweather Jr., is fighting in his adopted hometown — yet some of the good of boys rubbing shoulders with the British lads are turning into Hatton fans, one glass at a time.

"All Americans will be Hatton fans as soon as they leave Ricky," said Trevor Smith, a pint-wielding businessman from Manchester who flew into Vegas without a fight ticket simply for the fun of it. "His a people's champion. Nobody loves Floyd like we love Ricky — not even his mum." The National Finals Rodeo is in

town on fight weekend — and so is the circus, in the form of several thousand English supporters of the underized welterweight shooting on an improbable upset Saturday night in a meeting of unbeaten fighters.

Mayweather (38-0, 24 KO) says he's the face of boxing and an A-list star after an outstanding year in and out of the ring. But the crackling atmosphere on the second end of the Las Vegas Strip is mostly due to the presence of Hatton (43-0, 31 KO), the beloved brawler literally born with two black eyes, in the biggest fight of his career.

The excitement multiplied at Friday's exuberant weigh-in — the only chance for thousands of Hatton fans without a fight ticket to see their man, since brokers already were charging up to \$45,000 two days beforehand. They packed nearly every seat on

one end of the Grand Garden Arena, singing "Hatton Wonderland" and "God Save the Queen" at deafening volume while clapping and banging drums.

"This really is the tip of the iceberg. In terms of what it's going to be like tomorrow night," said Wayne Newton, the celebrated Vegas crooner who carried two of Mayweather's title belts into the ring.

The crowd roared at Hatton's fist-pumping entrance and booed Mayweather relentlessly before erupting in excitement when the fighters bumped chests.

"Who's the one to see?" Hatton asked the crowd, getting about 6,000 fans to scream, "Youuuuuuu!"

From a technical standpoint, Mayweather's superior size, reach and defense skills make the WBC title fight a mismatch.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with a good chance for light to heavy snow. Additional accumulation will be light to moderate.

Night: Snow chances, diminished with partial clearing late. Lows in the low to mid 20s.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Slight chance of a snow shower. Highs in the lower 20s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI Lo Prep. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A change of snow with light additional accumulation. Highs in the lower 20s.

Night: Cold with snow chances, tapering off. Lows in the middle teens.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Slight chance of a snow shower. Highs in the lower 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered areas of light snow will remain possible today.

BOISE. Today High 37 to 34. Tonight's Lows -2 to 2. There will be a slight chance of lingering snow...

NORTHERN UTAH. Cold with snow likely. Snow chances are more likely with only a slight chance on Sunday.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. "I just mean he appears to be and you make him...

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Dec 9, Dec 17, Dec 24, Dec 31. Lists moon phases like New Moon, First Quarter, etc.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists UV index levels.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists national weather forecasts for various cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists Canadian weather forecasts.

Bills' Everett walking out of rehab

Kevin Everett is walking on his own at a Houston rehab center, the latest significant progress by the Buffalo Bills tight end in his remarkable recovery from a serious spinal cord injury.

Wilson Stadium video scoreboard. "I just want to say, 'Come on, let's beat the Patriots.'"

Attorney suspects almost fled Taylor's house before shooting

MIAMI — The burglary that led to the shooting death of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor almost didn't happen when one suspect heard a noise and wanted to flee an attorney close to the case said Friday.

Sharpstein, a veteran Miami defense attorney, said his information came from unreleased statements to police given by the four suspects in the case. They are being held without bail and face arraignment on murder and other charges Dec. 21.

Those statements, Sharpstein said, indicate 19-year-old Jason Mitchell and 17-year-old Eric Rivera Jr. went to the house while the other two — Venish K. Hunt, 20, and Charles Wardlow, 18 — stayed outside, where there was a getaway car. The four are all from the Fort Myers area on the state's southwest coast, more than 100 miles from Miami.

At some point, Mitchell got spooked by noises and ran out of Taylor's house but was unable to return to Rivera, who said it was he who had caused the noise. Mitchell and Rivera apparently had been involved in an earlier burglary at Taylor's

home. Sharpstein said. Eight days before the shooting, someone pried open a front window at Taylor's home, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

Four Ravens fined for abuse of officials

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Bill Scott and the other players on the Baltimore Ravens were fined by the NFL on Friday for arguing with game officials and complaining about calls in Monday's game against the New England Patriots.

Scott, who argued with officials and tossed a penalty flag into the stands, was fined \$25,000. Cornerbacks Chris McMillister and Samari McCree and wide receiver Derrick Mason each were fined \$15,000 for critical remarks made after the game.

"This is about the importance of sportsmanship and respecting the integrity of our game," NFL vice president of football operations Bill Anderson said. "We do not tolerate inappropriate conduct between teams and game officials. This includes arguing game officials and attempting to conduct themselves at all times as professionals in their dealings with players, coaches and other club personnel."

Rolle accused head linesman Phil McKinstry of repeatedly calling him 'pig.' NFL vice president of officiating Mike Pereira acknowledged that Rolle and McKinstry argued during the game, but said their verbal confrontation did not occur in the context that Rolle described.

NFL fines Shanahan for remarks on policy

DENVER — Broncos coach Mike Shanahan was fined \$25,000 by the NFL for his comments about running back Travis Henry's appeal of a one-year drug suspension. The NFL informed Henry in September that he failed a test for marijuana. He sued the NFL to avoid a suspension and won his appeal Tuesday. Shanahan supported Henry's appeal, saying he was convinced of his innocence after the player passed a polygraph test and a hair sample came back negative for marijuana.

NFL spokesman Greg Akins wrote in an e-mail that Shanahan was fined by the commissioner for "inappropriate public comments about the substance abuse program in violation of league rules."

Rams QB Bulger has setback in recovery, from concussion

ST. LOUIS — Rams quarterback Marc Bulger had a setback in his recovery from a concussion, meaning it's possible three-stringer Brock Berlin will have to attempt a pass in a regular-season game, might start Sunday at Cincinnati.

Bulger passed a neurological exam Tuesday and was cleared to practice but began feeling poorly during meetings Thursday afternoon, Rams coach Scott Linehan said, adding that the decision on a starter is likely to be made late Saturday.

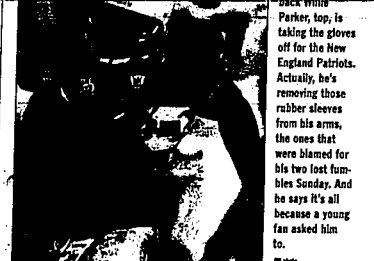
Regular backup — Gus Frerotte will be the emergency quarterback for the Rams. Frerotte partially tore the labrum in his right (throwing) shoulder in Sunday's win over Atlanta. Frerotte can hand off, but is unable to throw, Linehan said.

"Right now, I'm just trying to get ready to play," Berlin said. "My number is over Atlanta. I'm ready to play. Football is football. I've played it my whole life. If it does come, it's a great opportunity."

Vikings put Erasmus James on IR

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Erasmus James' comeback from major knee surgery lasted all of three or four plays. The Minnesota Vikings defensive end was placed on Injured Reserve Friday and will need surgery again to repair the ACL in his left knee.

James, injured early in Sunday's game against Detroit, first tore his left ACL in Week 2 last season. He missed the rest of the year and a good portion of 2007 working his way back into shape. After several setbacks, it appeared he was back on track when he reclaimed his starting spot at left defensive end against the Lions. Minnesota coach Brad Childers said James "had an episode" on the third or fourth play of the game but was able to finish. An MRI revealed the injury.



Parker taking the gloves off for Pats

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Willis Parker is taking the gloves off for the New England Patriots.

Actually, he's removing those rubber sleeves from his arms, the ones that were blamed for his two lost fumbles Sunday. And he says it's all because a young fan asked him to.

Steelers' Polamalu likely to miss game

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers safety Troy Polamalu is likely to miss Pittsburgh's game Sunday at New England after sitting out practice for the second day in a row Friday because of a sprained knee.

Polamalu, who has missed the Steelers' last two games, aggravated the injury during practice Wednesday and has been unable to practice since. He is listed as doubtful, meaning he has a 25 percent chance of playing.

Field's squally playing field?

Sure, the Steelers beat Cincinnati 24-10 and Parker, No. 2 in NFL rushing with 1,093 yards, ran for 87 yards and had a 14-yard reception. Still, it seemed an odd equipment choice given the weather and field conditions.

Parker said the sleeves usually allow him to grip the ball better. Until fumbling twice in less than a quarter's worth of playing time, Parker had lost only one other fumble this season.

Turns out the player who advised Parker to wear the rubber sleeves was Jerome Betts, the No. 5 kicker in NFL history and Parker's former teammate.

As much as Parker respects Madden for being a Super Bowl-winning coach, he believes Betts knows a little more about a running back's business than Madden. "He once told me, 'Use those rubber gloves when it gets wet,'" Parker said, "I have been using them ever since."



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Collision kills one on U.S. Highway 30

One person was killed Friday evening in a head-on collision involving three vehicles on U.S. Highway 30 about one mile west of Filer. Idaho State Police, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, Twin Falls paramedics and Filer Police were dispatched to the scene a little before 7 p.m. Highway 30 was blocked due to the accident, with both eastbound and westbound traffic being diverted to other routes. Crews were investigating the accident Friday night.

Orofino prison inmate dies after collapsing

An inmate of Idaho Correctional Institution-Orofino died Friday after collapsing at the prison. IDOC inmate, 40, was serving time for forgery out of Twin Falls. He complained of dizziness, so staff called for medical help around 10:40 a.m. Inmate collapsed and was taken by ambulance to the Orofino hospital where he was declared dead at 11:16 a.m. IDOC is working with the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office to determine the cause of death.

ITD warns of license plate phone scam

If you receive a telephone call asking to renew your license plates, it's a scam, the Idaho Transportation Department is warning. "ITD recently received a few telephone calls from customers asking if it is a common practice for county DMV offices to offer to renew vehicle registrations by telephone," said Amy Smith, ITD vehicle services manager. She added that some county DMV offices have also been contacted by customers who received such calls. "DMV offices do not solicit vehicle registration renewals by telephone," she said. "In Idaho, vehicle registrations can be renewed in person, by mail or online (if your county participates) at www.itd.idaho.gov."

Smith urged people who get these calls to try to get as much information as possible from the caller and then contact local law enforcement immediately.

People who believe they are victims of identity theft may contact the Idaho Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division: (208) 334-2424, or (800) 432-3545.

Sun Valley Nordic center opens today

Ned Wheeler, director of the Sun Valley Nordic Center, announced the Nordic Center will open for the winter season today. More information: (208) 622-2250.

— compiled from staff reports

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Corey Lee Grega
Age: 22
Description: 5 feet, 7 inches tall, 158 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes
Wanted for: Probation violation
Original charges: Robbery, bond: \$20,000
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about Grega's whereabouts to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where informants can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.

Three Hailey teens plead guilty in child porn case

By Kelly Jackson For the Times-News

Three Hailey teens that were arrested in May for allegedly distributing child pornography via cellular phones were scheduled for jury trial to begin on Tuesday, but have entered guilty pleas in the case and are now scheduled for sentencing in January. Fifth District Judge Randy Stoker in Twin Falls has handled court pro-

ceedings in all three of the cases. Skyler K. Vollmer, 18, Joshua Charon J. Jones, 19, and John Paul Silvia, 18, all of Hailey, were arrested in May for allegedly videotaping a 13-year-old Hailey girl engaging in sexual acts and sending the video to friends.

Jones and Silvia were charged with possession of sexually exploitative material for use of other than commercial purposes and sexual abuse of a child under 16, both

felonies. The sexual abuse charge has since been amended to video voyeurism, also a felony.

Vollmer was initially also charged with possession of sexually exploitative material for use of other than commercial purposes, as well as lewd conduct with a minor under 16 because he allegedly appeared in the video.

The second charge against Vollmer was also later changed to video voyeurism.

Details about the plea agreements had not been formalized in writing Friday afternoon and Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas was not available for comment.

All three men are scheduled to appear before Judge Stoker for sentencing on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008.

Vollmer is set to appear at 9 a.m., Jones at 10 a.m. and Silvia at 11 a.m.

They are all currently free on bond.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE BRIGHTENS DOWNTOWN



With a garland of lights draped around her shoulders, Shasta Lybrand, 7, fits right in as she hands out candy Friday night during the Festival of Lights Parade in downtown Twin Falls.



An old tow truck covered in Christmas lights makes its way across an intersection during Friday's annual Festival of Lights Parade in downtown Twin Falls.

One charge dropped in Peeping Tom case

By Cass Friedman Times-News writer

A man charged with peeping on salon tanners in November had one felony charge dropped Friday. But he still faces charges for trespassing of privacy.

After determining Greg Holton did not dismantle a video camera inside Sunstansions, tanning salon when he allegedly peeped on women in tanning beds, the Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office dropped a malicious injury to property charge on Friday.

"In order for the felony to be prosecuted there has to be \$1,000 worth of damage," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb. "It is by law not a felony because there is only \$800 worth of damage. We still intend to pursue numerous counts of peeping on this guy."

Holton, a former employee of Gold's Gym, located next door to Sunstansions, at 1487 Fillmore St., was charged Nov. 2 with malicious injury to property and was cited for trespassing of privacy, or peeping.

Peep holes were discovered over three tanning rooms, and Holton confessed that for two weeks he had been spying on tanners who dropped their clothes for a tan. Assessing the damage to the ceiling and elsewhere, prosecutors believed a tampered video camera may have been associated with the alleged crimes. Loeb said now he believes they are not connected. It remains to be seen whether Twin Falls City Prosecutor Fritz Wonderlich, who is responsible for prosecuting all misdemeanors within the city, will pick up the property damages charges. Wonderlich could not be reached Friday afternoon.

As for the peeping charges, prosecutors ask for people who suspect they were peeped on to come forward. Currently, only one peeping charge has been filed.

Cass Friedman may be reached at 735-3241.

Buhl Moose Lodge hosts Yuletide fundraiser for youth sports

By Blak Koch Times-News correspondent

If you haven't bought a Christmas tree yet here's your chance. You could also help the Buhl community.

Today, the Buhl Moose Lodge will host a Christmas tree auction as a fundraiser for local youth sports programs. The auction will be conducted by Lytle Masters of Buhl's Masters Auction Service, and community feedback has indicated that many plan to attend the event.

"We hope to have a really good turnout," said lodge member Terry Cook, who helped organize the event. "We have 16 trees total. One of the trees is a Turkish fir and the others are noble fir trees, but all of them look real good."

All of the trees are being supplied by Santa's Forest Christmas Trees of Oregon. The vendors commonly set up shop in Twin Falls during the holiday season.

"These will be really nice trees for a really good cause," said Dan McClain, Buhl Moose member and manager of Santa's Forest. "I just thought having a tree auc-

Christmas tree auction

The Buhl Moose Lodge will hold an auction featuring freshly cut Christmas trees at 4 p.m. today, at the Buhl Moose Lodge, located on the corner of Main Street and 11th Avenue South.

tion would be something different."

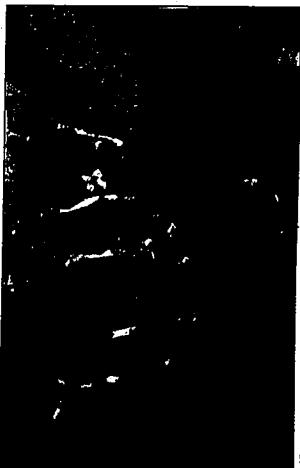
The money will be given to non-school sponsored youth sports, said Lodge Administrator Cress DeAlba.

"We hope to raise as much as we can get," DeAlba said. "This is the first year, so we are just seeing how it goes."

The Moose Lodge, with more than 160 members, gives to many Buhl organizations, DeAlba said.

"We sponsor our own baseball team and give to the senior center," he said. "Head Start program, animal shelter and open up the lodge regularly for blood drives and other community events."

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Members of the Buhl Moose Lodge review their Christmas trees Friday in preparation for today's auction. The event is being held to raise money for youth sports in Buhl.

Cletus Trueblood

Cletus Trueblood, 66-year-old Burley resident, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at home with his daughters by his side.



Cletus was born Sept. 4, 1941, in Salem, Ind., the son of Russell Harrison and Mary Catherline Trueblood. Cletus joined the Air Force in 1960, where he was a jet engine mechanic. In 1988, he opened his own auto repair business in Burley, Cletus' Auto Repair, or as he called it, "The Moth Shop."

Cletus is survived by his seven daughters, Cathye Trueblood, Donna Trueblood, Rita Scranston, Tina Garrison, Misty Chapa, Torri Petersen and Angie Trueblood; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He also survived by his father, Russell; four brothers, Richard, Paul, Raymond and Warren; and two sisters, Sue and Alice. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ananda; mother, Mary; and two sisters, Doris and Judy.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St. in Burley, with Pastor John Ramsey officiating. He will be laid to rest in the Pleasant View Cemetery, with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of the service Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations will be appreciated to help with funeral expenses. Contributions can be made at any D.L. Evans branch under Benefit of Cletus Trueblood.

Contributions may also be left at Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Rodolfo 'Rudy' G. Rodriguez

CHILDRESS, Texas. — Rodolfo "Rudy" G. Rodriguez, age 89, of Childress, Texas, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007.

"Rudy" was born Oct. 40, 1938, in Tamahulpa, Mexico, to Martin and Mannelia Garcia Rodriguez. Rudy loved all his grandchildren. He drove a modular truck for the Cotton Gin and was the maintenance man for the Reformed Church in Twin Falls. His passion was ministering the word of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, one brother and two sons. He is survived by three daughters, Dee Jones and Marcella

Ruiz (Ted Sanchez), all of Childress, Texas, and Kay Rodriguez of Colorado; three sons, Martin (Donna) Rodriguez and Manuel Rodriguez, all of Childress, Texas, and David (Lucy) Rodriguez of McAllen, Texas; 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Trinity Worship Center, with the Rev. Ronnie Scholffner officiating. Interment will be at Childress Cemetery in Childress, Texas. Arrangements are being handled by Johnson-Funeral-Home-307 Ave. C NW, Childress, TX 79201.

SERVICES

Ronald Dean Koger of Medford, Ore., memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Perl Funeral Home at Siskiyou Memorial Park in Medford, Ore.

William "Bill" G. Mason of Buhl, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the First Christian Church at Peplar and Broadway in Buhl (Former Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Thelma Robinson Nanz of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Connie (Colleen) Timmons of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Doris E. Grimsman Todd Brown of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Red Rock Christian Church in Boise (Cremation Society of Idaho in Boise).

Rodney W. Johnson of Heyburn, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Gem Memorial Gardens, 3435 Overland Ave. in Heyburn; visitation from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today.

Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E-16th St. in Burley.

Thelma Mae Caldwell of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Erma McDonald of Twin Falls, private family service at 1:30 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Albert J. LaBrie and Barbara A. Darrell LaBrie of Buhl, combined memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

James "Jim" P. Gathings of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Gary H. Andreason of Filer, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Filer LDS Stake Center; visitation one hour before the funeral (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Berta Turner of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruthanne Stokesberry

was under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Doris Vaughan

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Idaho test reactor opened for experiments

By Keith Riddle
Associated Press writer

HOISE — The U.S. Department of Energy is making available to university researchers a nuclear reactor test facility in southern Idaho to learn how to build better nuclear power plants.

The Idaho National Laboratory's Advanced Test Reactor earlier this week issued a call for proposals from universities to conduct irradiation experiments as interest in building more nuclear power plants is growing.

The Department of Energy last year designated the test reactor a National Science Foundation Facility, making it available to universities.

Officials at the laboratory said proposals will be accepted through Jan. 21, and at least two will be approved to begin experiments in the spring of 2008.

Universities won't have to pay to run the experiments, but researchers must publish their findings, said Mitchell Meyer, acting director of the Advanced Test Reactor National Scientific User Facility.

He said the opening of the facility to university researchers comes at a time of renewed interest in nuclear energy that's being driven by increased energy demands and concerns about global warming from the burning of coal and other fossil fuels.

Two commercial nuclear plants have been proposed in Idaho, but about 70 miles outside Boise. "If you're going to go back to nuclear energy, you're going to have to advance the technology," Meyer said. "As you increase that research, it's going to benefit the growth of nuclear energy in this country."

The last reactor in the U.S. to begin operating was Watt's Bar in Tennessee in 1996, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The commission said the U.S. currently has 104 commercial nuclear plants that supply about 19 percent of the nation's energy needs. Coal supplies about 49 percent, the commission said.

The commission has received four applications since September to build seven reactors and has been notified by various compa-

nies to expect 17 more applications for 25 reactors through 2009.

"There has been a resurgence of interest in commercial nuclear power," said Ivonne Couret, public affairs officer with the commission. She e-mailed the Associated Press. "The NIC has been very busy and has had an increase of applications received and expects to receive more in 2008."

The university experiments the Department of Energy is looking for will test materials, nuclear fuel, and instruments that operate in the reactors. "Neutrons cause damage to materials," said Meyer, "and we want to see how those materials hold up in that harsh environment."

Neutrons are used to split the nuclei of atoms of enriched uranium in the nuclear fission process, generating energy through a chain reaction.

Meyer said the Advanced Test Reactor can reduce the length of experiments from years to months by subjecting those materials to an increased number of neutrons.

"It as much higher neu-

tron production rate than a commercial reactor," Meyer said. "You can get the same number of neutrons in about 10 percent of the time."

He said only three other test reactors in the world can run similar experiments — one in Russia, one in Belgium, and the High Flux Isotope Reactor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

But he said the ability of the reactor in Idaho to run multiple experiments at the same time sets it apart.

The Advanced Test Reactor is the most flexible and capable for this type of work in the United States," said Meyer. "It's the most realistic option for doing the type of work that needs to be done."

Opening the reactor to university researchers will advance knowledge about nuclear energy, he predicted.

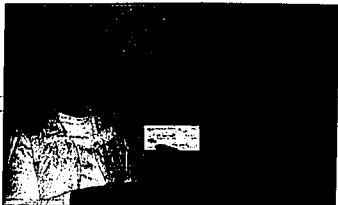
"It just brings another aspect to the research," he said. "The Department of Energy has a lot of bright people, and there are a lot of other bright people available at universities to do this research."

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



St. Nicholas Catholic School Students of the Month for November are, from left, front, Matthew Espinoza, John Inouye, Kaden Ball, Taylor Eberhart, Liberty Schaffer, Eric Murphy; and back, Troy Morfir, Mary Jane Nelson, India Roper-Meyers, Robble Davis, Kaylee Knopp, and Sarah Murphy.

MINIDOKA DONATION



Ed Freiberger, chairman of the board for the Minidoka County Senior Center, received a check in the amount of \$2,000 from the Minidoka Health Care Foundation. Tammy Hanks, executive director for the foundation, made the presentation to the senior center to help with the Meals On Wheels program. The Minidoka Health Care Foundation recently awarded more than \$22,000 to health related causes in Minidoka County. The foundation's main fundraiser is the Carig & Sharig Christmas Festival.

WOOD RIVER HONOR ROLL

Wood River Middle School announces its First Trimester Honor Roll. Students include: 6th grade: Maria Aguayo, Kenza Alaoui, Annie Ashfield, Sarah Bozga, Cooper Bailey, Courtney Ballard, Shelby Barnes, Eron Bates, Emilia Bingham, Angelica Black, Alexa Browne, Wyatt Caccia, Augusta Catherine-Saiz, Alanna Clark, Kyle Clark, Maria Cristina Contreras, Lane Coulthard, Anson Credle, Chloe Davis, Allison Flutsch, Laurel Gaeddert, Caleb Garvin, Miguel Gerhardt, Chandler Gifford, Andrew Graves, Quinn Guthrie, Gisel Guzman, Jaki Halopoff, Kianna Hansen, Lisa Hart, Keegan Henghan, Addison Holmes, Megan Huskinson, Finn Isaacson, Lauren Jacobs, Riley Kilmartin Schmidt, Elana King-Nakaoka, Isabel Kirk, Elin Kjesbo, Palina Lagunas, Courtney Lerone, Manassah Lee, Chloe Lichtenberg, Carolina Loera, Letze McClurdo, Jorge Meza, Zachary Mitznizid, Haley Montgomery, Andrew Morse, Anna Murphy, Nathan Nassip, Michel Nunez, Omar Ocampo, Josely Tzzy, Daniel Owens, Benjamin Parker, Janet Passney, William Paws, Mary Petzke, Stephen Pfiffner, Josie Potts, Ellie Punnett, Matthew Reldy, Ty Reamann, Marshall Reburn, Cody Richmond, Sam Rogers, Sam Ruddell, Amarah Ruhter, Alana Santos-Vercelli, Ashley Shardlow, Marcia Smith, Catrin Stachary, Mariah Stout, Kelsey Syms, Alexandra Taylor, Kay Walton, Tanya Wilkerson, Wyatt Wilson, Kaitly Wilt, James Wygie, Wesley Zhao.

Admir, Tyler Allen, Emily Altermatt, Jared Anderson, Paige Anderson, William Ashfield, Alexandra Avison, Thomas Bailey, Andrew Barsch, Taylor Bates, Taylor Bernston, Tara Bingham, Lucas Bird, Timothy Boyle, Colton Brantz, Trevor Brand, Audrey Brassill, Julia Broderick, "Nickolous Brunker, Cole Caminito, Cole Gaulkins, McKenna Chase, Courtney Compton, Rachel Conover, Brenda Contreras, Haley Cooper, Brian Corona, Forrest Davis, Megan Davis, Julia Dwyer, Augusta Egan, Rachel Evans, Alexander F, Feldman, Jesus Flores-Ayala, Emmet Fortulin, Zackary Freeman, Lena Friessen, Alicia Fugate, Allison Gasenica, Miranda Gasenica, Ian Gillberg, Michael Gillette, Shea Gohlinda, Bryllyn Hansen, Lindsey Heather, Mateja Helnrlich, Madison Hendrix, Catherine Henry, Lara Hobbs, Jimmy Holcomb, James Horn, William Jablonson, Albert Jefferson, Neal Jones, Megan Jones, Chase Josey, Ashley Karst, Ian Keys, Tyler King, Amanda Kinsey, Nathan Lago, Kaitlyn Landis, Brooke Lawrence, Jesus Lorna, Lauren Lichtenberg, Eric Lopez, Jesse Lopez, Quinn Matthews, Reed Matthews, David Maxwell, Telar

McClure, Eli McNeess, Joshua Morell, Parker Morris, Alicia Nelson, David Pantofo, Angelo Pappavas, Jonathan Paris, Stephen Panklema, Nicole Pratt, Drew Punnett, Lillian Richards, Hannah Robideaux, Olivia Roche, Clara Rodriguez, Ryan Roemer, Kalen Savaria, Emily Seiler, Alexis Shapiro, Alyse Shelter, Jose Silva, Emily Sonneland, Kaitlyn Sorenson-Black, Paige Stevenson, Hanna Steike, Maranda Stopol, Danielle Theobald, Karl Thomas, Spencer Thomas, Sydney Tidwell, Chrystal Tullis, Katie Walton, Britlynn Ward, Mary Webb, Colby Wergley, Benjamin Williams, Maggie Williams, Lauren Willows-Munro, Ketchum Wilt, Jia Yang

Enriquez, Robert Farrow, Elizabeth Fry, Sara Galegh, Nicolazzi Gary, Raleigh Grossbaum, Hannah Haupt, Madeline Hayes, Anne Helner, Riley Heneghan, Morgan Jones, Lolla Juez, Nathan Kniffen, Alyssa Krenzel, James Landes, Gregory Lindboom, Jacqueline Loera, Jackson Long, Tadd Mansfield, Kaitana "Martinez, Davis Matthews, Katlyn Matthews, Andrew McKeane, Kara McManis, Maria Mendez, Desiree Midby, Marlow Pusey, Megan Morrell, Nathan Moses, Conor Murray, Samuel Nosworthy, Lily Paisley Ramon Pailan, Jonnie Pederson, Taylor Peters, James Petzke, Meredith Pinter, Adam Potts, Quincy Rainey, Joseph Richardson, Robert Rickbill, Michaela Rodriguez, Nicole Roos, Teague Ruhter, Jose Ruiz, Juan Salinas, Sage Sauerberg, Allison Slegel, Sam Silke, Alexander Sloan, Karl Sluder, Kalli Smith, Joseph Stellers, Amanda Stalling, Sloan Storey, Alma Strosius, Benjamin Stout, Samuel, Strong, James Sutton, Sean Sutton, Cheyenne Swanson, Annette Martha Taylor, Halle Taylor, Sheridan Velasquez, Madison Waller, Joseph Wiederrick, Eric Williamson.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls city

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Christopher G. Hays, 41, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for one day served; nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Dynthia M. Simonsen, 42, Jerome; driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for two days served; eight days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Michael L. Moon, 53, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; excessive; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 355 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Christine E. Jakober, 49, Sun Valley; petty theft; amended to willful concealment; withheld payment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; two days work detail; no alcohol.

Emily E. Dean, 19, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine with \$350 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; six months probation; one day work detail; withheld payment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; two days work detail; no alcohol.

Adrian Salarvand, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 365 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Lauran M. Short, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

Christopher Paloucos, 33, Twin Falls; relating/obstructing an officer's costs waived; 90 days in jail; credit for time served.

Michael G. Wilson, 19, Twin Falls; provide false information to an officer; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for time served; one day work detail; 12 months probation.

Kenneth J. Maxwell, 26, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$700 fine with \$500 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 87 suspended; credit for one day served; two days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count unlawful discharge of a firearm dismissed.

Michael R. Baker, 45, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for time served; one day work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Nelson E. Smith, 36, Sun Valley; domestic battery; amended to battery; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for time served; two days work detail; 12 months probation; no contact with victim.

Michael G. Abercrombie, 59, Filer; provide false information to an officer; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation.

Amy M. Jones, 24, Twin Falls; petty theft; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; 18 months probation.

Amber M. Sheffield, 19, Twin Falls; petty theft; amended to willful concealment; withheld payment; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended; 12 months probation.

Daniel L. Evans, 56, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended; credit for time served; two days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count possession of a drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Christine E. Jakober, 49, Sun Valley; petty theft; amended to willful concealment; withheld payment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; two days work detail; no alcohol.

Emily E. Dean, 19, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance is used; \$500 fine with \$350 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; six months probation; one day work detail; withheld payment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; two days work detail; no alcohol.

for one day served; 12 months probation; consent.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Sabrina M. Shirley, 22, Wendell; driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for one day served; nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Robert Moser, 22, Jerome; driving under the influence, excessive; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 365 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

Abner Arano-Topala, 20, Filer; driving under the influence, under age 21; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 365 suspended; credit for three days served; 18 months probation.

Ramon T. Guzman Jr., 30, Twin Falls; inattentive/careless driving; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

Erin M. Noell, 39, Twin Falls; pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs; 10 days in jail; credit for time served.

Tamal Z. Svanidze, 19, Twin Falls; trespass; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

Sherry S. Clark, 37, Buhi; under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Johnny Hernandez, 30, Buhi; petty theft; dismissed by prosecutor.

Robert Meese, 39, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.

FELONY SENTENCINGS
Chantry R. Hammond Sanchez, 38, Filer; driving under the influence; five years probation; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$2,500 fine with \$2,000 suspended; \$115.50 costs; 30 days in jail; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for three years; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income.

Christopher Selner, 18, Jerome; one count burglary; eight years probation; two years determinate; six years indeterminate; suspended; granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$200 commission fee; \$300 public defender fee; one count criminal possession of a financial transaction card; five years probation; three years determinate; two years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; concurrent; \$1,000 fine; \$97.50 costs; \$342 restitution; \$300 public defender fee.

Andrew L. Burgess, 35, Twin Falls; grand theft; eight years probation; four years determinate; four years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; 90 days in jail; \$2,500 fine with \$2,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$401 restitution.

Alberto Carmona Jr., 24, Twin Falls; one count leaving the scene of an injury accident; five years probation; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; one count leaving the scene of an injury accident dismissed.

Alberto Martinez, 26, Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance; five years probation; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine; \$107.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$400 restitution.

Donald P. Weiden, 40, Twin Falls; enticing children over the internet; eight years probation; four years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; six years probation; \$97.50 costs; complete counseling programs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; must register as sex offender; no computer access.

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Dustin D. Van Engen, 21, Twin Falls; rape; dismissed by prosecutor due to superseding grand jury indictment.

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Gary D. Abercrombie, 64, Hazelton; Interiors; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 28, Twin Falls; insufficient funds check; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; credit for two days served; 12 months probation; \$591.99 restitution to Key Bank.

Devon E. Harris, 18, Kimberly; failure to yield to a lawful proceeding; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; Jerome Mediator Jr., 19, Jerome; petty theft; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 87 suspended; credit for one day served; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

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Chantry R. Hammond Sanchez, 38, Filer; driving under the influence; five years probation; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$2,500 fine with \$2,000 suspended; \$115.50 costs; 30 days in jail; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for three years; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income.

Christopher Selner, 18, Jerome; one count burglary; eight years probation; two years determinate; six years indeterminate; suspended; granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$200 commission fee; \$300 public defender fee; one count criminal possession of a financial transaction card; five years probation; three years determinate; two years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; concurrent; \$1,000 fine; \$97.50 costs; \$342 restitution; \$300 public defender fee.

Andrew L. Burgess, 35, Twin Falls; grand theft; eight years probation; four years determinate; four years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; 90 days in jail; \$2,500 fine with \$2,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$401 restitution.

Alberto Carmona Jr., 24, Twin Falls; one count leaving the scene of an injury accident; five years probation; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; one count leaving the scene of an injury accident dismissed.

Alberto Martinez, 26, Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance; five years probation; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine; \$107.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; \$400 restitution.

Donald P. Weiden, 40, Twin Falls; enticing children over the internet; eight years probation; four years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; six years probation; \$97.50 costs; complete counseling programs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; must register as sex offender; no computer access.

FELONY DISMISSALS
Dustin D. Van Engen, 21, Twin Falls; rape; dismissed by prosecutor due to superseding grand jury indictment.

Jacob K. Sisson, 29, Buhi; grand theft by possession of stolen property; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations.

Nathan D. Keeney, 28, Twin Falls; fraudulent use of a financial transaction card; dismissed by court.

Lisa M. McGinnis, 32, Twin Falls; fraudulent use of a financial transaction card; dismissed by court.

Leitica R. Perez, 18, Jerome; petty theft; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; two days work detail.

Gary D. Abercrombie, 64, Hazelton; Interiors; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 28, Twin Falls; insufficient funds check; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; credit for two days served; 12 months probation; \$591.99 restitution to Key Bank.

Devon E. Harris, 18, Kimberly; failure to yield to a lawful proceeding; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; Jerome Mediator Jr., 19, Jerome; petty theft; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 87 suspended; credit for one day served; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

Kenneth D. Jacobs, 23, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

James C. Conner, 21, Twin Falls; frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; \$100 fine; \$85.50 costs; 12 months probation.

Robert Moser, 22, Jerome; driving under the influence, excessive; \$1,000 fine with \$700 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 365 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

Abner Arano-Topala, 20, Filer; driving under the influence, under age 21; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 365 suspended; credit for three days served; 18 months probation.

Ramon T. Guzman Jr., 30, Twin Falls; inattentive/careless driving; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

Erin M. Noell, 39, Twin Falls; pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs; 10 days in jail; credit for time served.

Tamal Z. Svanidze, 19, Twin Falls; trespass; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

Sherry S. Clark, 37, Buhi; under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

CIVIL FILINGS
Randy Salovee is seeking writ of habeas corpus of his felony sentencing for the crime of transfer of bodily fluid which may contain the HIV virus. Salovee alleges that he is innocent of the charges he has been convicted of.

Nathan Wagstaff vs. Twin Falls County. Seeking post conviction relief of his felony driving under the influence conviction. Plaintiff alleges that his conviction is in violation of the constitution.

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German composer Karlheinz Stockhausen, best known for his electronic compositions, dead at 79

BERLIN (AP) — Karlheinz Stockhausen, one of the most important and controversial composers of the 20th century, who helped shape a new understanding of sound through electronic compositions, died at his home in western Germany. He was 79.

Stockhausen, who gained fame through his avant-garde works in the 1960s and '70s and later composed works for huge theaters and other projects, died in the town of Kuernten on Wednesday, his publisher, the Stockhausen Verlag, said Friday. No cause of death was given.

At La Scala, the famed Milan opera house, conductor Daniel Barenboim said Stockhausen "will have an influence on music history." "I hope it will be very much missed," Barenboim said.

Stockhausen's electronic compositions were a radical departure from musical tradition and incorporated

influences as varied as psychology, the visual arts and the acoustics of a particular concert hall.

He was considered by some an eccentric member of the European musical elite and by others a courageous pioneer in the field of new music. He and other composers such as John Lennon, Frank Zappa and David Bowie have cited him as an influence, and he is also credited with having influenced technical music.

So taken were the Beatles by Stockhausen's music, they asked permission to use his photo on the cover of the 196

Ex-Alaska House speaker gets 6 years on corruption convictions involving oil services company

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Former Alaska House Speaker Pete Kott was sentenced to six years in a federal prison Friday for accepting \$2.6 million in bribes from the founder of an oil field services company.

U.S. District Court Judge John Sedwick bumped up the prison term beyond sentencing guidelines after concluding that Kott had committed perjury during his trial. He also said the legislation Kott took bribes to influence — a revised tax law on Alaska's principal industry, crude oil extraction — affected every Alaskan.

"The amount of money was in the hundreds of mil-

lions, if not billions," Sedwick said.

Kott was convicted in September of bribery, extortion and conspiracy for his dealings with executives of VECO Corp., a major Alaska firm that performed maintenance, design and construction contracts for petroleum producers.

The case has wide implications because the FBI is investigating whether Ted Stevens, the U.S. Senate's longest-serving Republican, received illegal gifts from the head of VECO. Stevens has not been charged and has denied wrongdoing.

Besides the cash, federal prosecutors said the Republican ex-lawmaker accepted a political poll paid on his behalf by VECO and that he received the promise of a job with the company after he left the Alaska Legislature.



Kott

Survivors and families remember Pearl Harbor

By Audrey McHoy Associated Press writer

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — A few dozen graying and wrinkled Pearl Harbor survivors observed a moment of silence on Friday in honor of their comrades who perished in the Japanese bombing of Oahu 66 years ago.

Wearing aloha shirts and orchid flower lei, the veterans stood on a pier overlooking the sunken hull of the USS Arizona and saluted the flag as a sailor sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

"We're honoring the people who were killed. We're not here for ourselves, we're here for them," said George A. Smith, 83, who was on board the USS Oklahoma the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

Overall, 2,388 Americans died in the Dec. 7, 1941, attacks, including some 900 still entombed in the sunken Arizona.

Hawaii Air National Guard helicopters flew over the harbor in "missing man" formation in honor of those lost. B-2 stealth bombers currently



Pearl Harbor and USS Oklahoma survivor George A. Smith salutes Friday during the ceremony for the 66th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

deployed to Guam from Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri performed an additional flyby.

Survivors of each of the nine battleships bombed in the attack took turns setting wreaths before life preservers bearing the names of their ship.

The crowd of some 2,000 family members, friends, officials and the public honored survivors with standing ova-

tion and several minutes of loud applause.

Smith, of Olympia, Wash., was standing watch on the Oklahoma when he saw planes darting through the sky over the harbor.

"One plane came in, circled, came right down to us. The guy opened the hatch to his plane and dropped his torpedoes, vined at me and took off," Smith said.

Smith was able to jump overboard, just avoiding being squashed by the capsizing battleship, and then swam ashore. Smith was among 18 survivors of the Oklahoma who came to Hawaii to help dedicate a new memorial to the vessel after the main ceremony. The USS Oklahoma lost 329 sailors and Marines — the second greatest loss of life among any of the battleships in Pearl Harbor.

The \$1.2 million monument includes 429 white marble standards, each with the name of a fallen sailor or Marine, surrounded by black granite panels etched with a silhouette of the battleship and quotes from World War II-era figures that were selected by some of the survivors.

"The Oklahoma was hit with the first torpedo of the morning assault. It capsized after being struck by eight more, trapping 400 men in its over-turned hull. About 30 of the trapped men were later rescued by Pearl Harbor Navy Yard workers who hammered their way through the ship's metal.

Retired Navy Cmdr. Tucker McLugh, who co-chaired the USS Oklahoma Memorial Committee, said he thinks the memorial will bring some sense of closure to those who survived and even to those who perished.

"I think there's been a void in the minds and hearts of these shipmates that their shipmates were never honored with a lasting memorial," McLugh said. "Total closure might come when the last survivor passes away and they're all reunited together."

"Even though 429 soldiers and Marines died, I believe they're still with us. I think they're looking down and saying, 'Thank you.'"

Idaho, Nevada reservoir trout found with high mercury levels

BOISE (AP) — Idaho health officials are urging anglers at southern Idaho and northern Nevada reservoirs to limit their consumption of rainbow trout after a federal study found elevated levels of mercury.

Higher-than-normal mercury levels were documented in rainbow trout caught in Lake Billy Shew, Sheep Creek Reservoir and Mountain View Reservoir on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, as well as the Wildhorse Reservoir nearby.

Scientists already have documented mercury contamination elsewhere in the region, including brown trout from central Idaho's famed Silver Creek.

In particular, pregnant women and children are advised to limit their consumption of trout caught at the reservoirs.

Storm moves through Southern California without much damage; Colorado and Nevada get snow

By Robert Jablon Associated Press writer

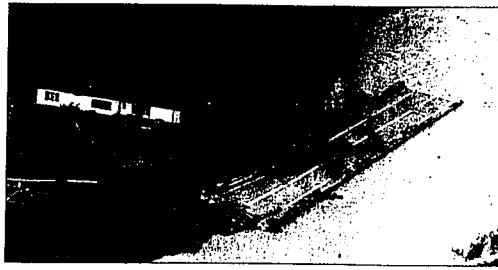
LOS ANGELES — A Pacific Northwest storm blew through Southern California early Friday without causing much damage or delivering the mudslides and severe flooding that many had feared.

But the mountains of Nevada and Colorado saw as much as 2 feet of snow, delighting ski resorts.

"We had 30 inches in the last 24 hours. It's money out there," said Trenton Naef, an employee at the Crested Butte ski area about 110 miles southwest of Denver.

For resorts around Lake Tahoe, which have had to rely on manmade snow to cover the slopes, the snow came just in time for the holiday season.

"This is what we really needed to get the season going," said Savannah



A piece of broken roadway lies in a muddy river in rural Lewis County, Wash. Floodwaters were receding across southwestern Washington Thursday, rescue and evacuation work ended and lights were coming back on in thousands of homes and businesses.

Cowley, spokeswoman at Squaw Valley USA.

In Southern California, the storm system moved through the region so quickly that there was little rain to

bring the region's fire-scarred hillsides down in flows of mud and water, as authorities had feared.

Barely an inch of rain was reported in coastal and val-

ley areas, with as much as 2 inches falling in the mountains, the National Weather Service said.

An evacuation order for about 1,000 homes in three

Orange County canyons was canceled after the predicted deluge failed to happen. As it turned out, only residents of about 40 homes had followed the order, sheriff's officials said.

Most residents gambled that the hillsides, left blackened and denuded by the recent fires, would hold up. But some did slither their driveways and pack their belongings just in case.

"I was out shoveling sand with the neighbors until about 9 o'clock last night but, really, it seems to be OK this morning," resident Russell Taylor told KTLA-TV early Friday. "Just a drizzly day — just like home in England."

Elsewhere, rain-slicked roads led to multiple traffic accidents. In Burbank, firefighters rescued two people whose car went off Interstate 5 shortly after 5 a.m. and overturned in 2 feet of water in the Los Angeles River.

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Some Blackwater guards get immunity

Prosecutors focus on a few guards in Iraq civilian deaths

By Matt Apuzzo and Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors investigating the shooting deaths of 17 Iraqi civilians have narrowed their focus on as few as three Blackwater Worldwide bodyguards, and have given immunity for cooperating in the case. The Associated Press has learned.

By Sept. 16 incident, which has strained relations between the United States and Iraq, reflects progress by the government to prosecute Blackwater guards for the shooting in Baghdad's Nisoor Square.

A final decision on whether to prosecute the guards — and how many — may still be months away. But two weeks into a federal grand jury investigation, people close to the case told AP that authorities

have focused the number who could face charges to about three of the dozen or more guards on the security detail.

Despite the progress, the people who discussed the case noted concerns about testimony given by the four Blackwater guards who have so far appeared in front of the secret panel. Details were discussed on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the information.

The concerns stem, in part at least, from the fact that Blackwater is paying one law firm to represent as many as 10 guards, raising concerns that their stories could be coordinated. The Justice Department tried to get the firm removed from the case but, in a closed-door hearing last week, a federal judge refused the request.

Such conflicts arise when lawyers represent clients whose interests might differ, said Mark H. Thobey, a former prosecutor who now represents companies in white-collar investigations. When one client

implicates another or when one client gets immunity and another doesn't, things get murky.

But it's not a perception issue, he said. There has to be an actual conflict for an attorney to be removed. Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell said the company hired the Indianapolis law firm Barnes and Thornburg. Lawyers traveled to Baghdad to meet with guards, some of whom agreed to be represented. One of those attorneys, James Sweeney, has accompanied guards to the closed-door grand jury hearings.

26 die in Iraq bombings

By Naseer Nour and Sudarsan Raghavan
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A female suicide bomber and a former insurgent killed 26 people in separate attacks Friday in Diyala province, the most volatile part of the country, Iraqi military and police officials said.

In the first attack, the bomber blew herself up in Muqaddiyah, 20 miles northeast of the provincial capital of Baquba, killing 16 people and wounding 27. The attack targeted former Sunni insurgents who had recently aligned themselves with U.S. forces, said Col. Amer Ahmad al-Juburi, the Muqaddiyah police chief.

Witnesses said the woman detonated a vest packed with explosives in front of a former insurgent group's headquarters as people were shopping nearby before Friday prayers.

Diyala is a religiously and ethnically mixed area, remains turbulent despite a downturn in violence nationwide. The region has attracted insurgents from al-Qaida in Iraq and other organizations since the U.S. military launched a major security offensive in Baghdad in February.

Speaking from a hospital bed, Amer Ahmad al-Juburi said the woman, dressed in a head-to-toe abaya, appeared "extremely agitated" and started yelling, which drew a crowd.

"And then suddenly there was this huge explosion," Salman said. "A lot of women and children were among the victims."

Although suicide bombings carried out by women are rare in Iraq, a similar attack wounded seven U.S. soldiers and five Iraqi civilians Nov. 27 in Baquba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Dhara al-Khalayon, an official with the Diyala Provincial Council, said the bomber in Friday's attack was a former member of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party. Iraqi security forces recently killed her two sons, who had joined al-Qaida in Iraq, the official said.

"She wanted to avenge the killing of her two sons," Khalayon said.

Later Friday, a car driven by a suicide bomber exploded at a checkpoint manned by Iraqi soldiers and another group of former Sunni insurgents near Mansouriyah, 35 miles north of Baquba.

China blames West's lifestyle for global warming

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — China and other wealthy nations should bear the burden of curbing global warming, saying the problem was created by their lavish way of life, it rejected mandatory emissions cuts for its own developing industries.

Environmental activists, meanwhile labeled the United States and Saudi Arabia the worst "climate sinners," accusing them of having inadequate policies for climate problems while letting greenhouse gas emissions rise. But the activists also said no country is doing enough.



Su Wei, a top climate expert for China's government attending the U.N. Climate Change Conference, said the job belongs to the wealthy. He said it was unfair to ask developing nations to accept binding

emissions cuts and other restrictions being pushed for already industrialized states. He said the United States and its fellow industrial nations have long spewed greenhouse gases into the

atmosphere while newly emerging economies have done so for only a few decades. "China is in the process of industrialization and there is a need for economic growth to meet the basic needs of the people and fight against poverty," Su said.

While many experts believe China has surpassed the United States as the world's top emitter of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases, Su noted the Chinese population is far bigger and said America's emissions per person are six times higher than in China.

Skeptical Russia ignores Rice calls for new Iran sanctions

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Friday the United States would continue along a two-track strategy to deal with Iran, pressing for new sanctions and demanding Tehran come clean about its nuclear program while offering talks to sweeten the deal. But Russia ignored her calls to punish Iran.

Despite strong support from NATO allies in the wake of a new U.S. intelligence report that concludes Iran actually stopped atomic weapons development in 2003, the top U.S. diplomat was unable to persuade Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on the urgency of fresh sanctions.

Rice said her talks with Lavrov were "an extension of other conversations we have had," suggesting the two didn't see eye to eye.

"So it was a continuation of that discussion and a recommitment to our two-track approach," Rice said at a news conference concerning sanctions and diplomacy.

Rice was explaining the U.S. reevaluation of the Iranian threat during annual meetings at NATO's Belgium headquarters. She also spent two days here galvanizing support for a U.S.-led drive for a third, tougher set of U.N. Security Council sanctions on the clerical regime. The sanctions are meant to force Iran to roll back elements of a nuclear program it claims is peaceful but that the United States and its allies have said could lead to a bomb.

The latest U.S. intelligence assessment appears to undermine the Bush administration's claim that Iran is driving toward a bomb and thus poses an urgent threat. Rice and other U.S. officials insist that Iran remains a danger and they note that it could restart a shelved pro-

gram using technology and materials it is still amassing. After seeing Rice at NATO, Lavrov told reporters: "It fully confirms the information that we have that there is no military element in their nuclear program. We hope very much that these negotiations with Iran will continue."

The question is really not whether to continue negotiations — a process that has so far yielded nothing — but whether Russia and fellow Security Council holdout China will agree that further coercive sanctions are the best way to persuade Iran to really bargain during those talks.

The European-led talks could offer Iran a package of incentives including civilian nuclear cooperation in return for a shutdown of uranium enrichment and reprocessing. Talks have never gotten off the ground because of U.S. and European insistence that Iran suspend that disputed uranium work while talking, Iran has refused.

Lavrov, who has become

the public face of opposition to the U.S. and European sanctions strategy, has maintained Russia has no evidence that Tehran had ever had a secret nuclear weapons program in violation of international treaty obligations.

He did not discuss what Rice had told him.

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Led Zeppelin singer Robert Plant, left, and guitarist Jimmy Page, reunite to perform at the Live Aid famine relief concert at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia Pa., in July 1985.

It's been a long time, but Led Zep ready to rock 'n' roll at first full concert since 1980

By Chris Lehourts
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Led Zeppelin's time is coming again. When the diviners of rock 'n' roll classics "Stairway to Heaven," "Whole Lotta Love" and "Your Time Is Gonna Come" reunite for their first full concert in almost three decades, the question on everyone's mind is sure to be: How many more times?

Monday's reunion in London has quickly become one of the most anticipated concerts of all time. Whether a larger tour will follow could depend on how well Zeppelin's members — singer Robert Plant, guitarist Jimmy Page, bassist-keyboardist John Paul Jones and the late drummer John Bonham's son Jason — perform in front of a frenzied audience.

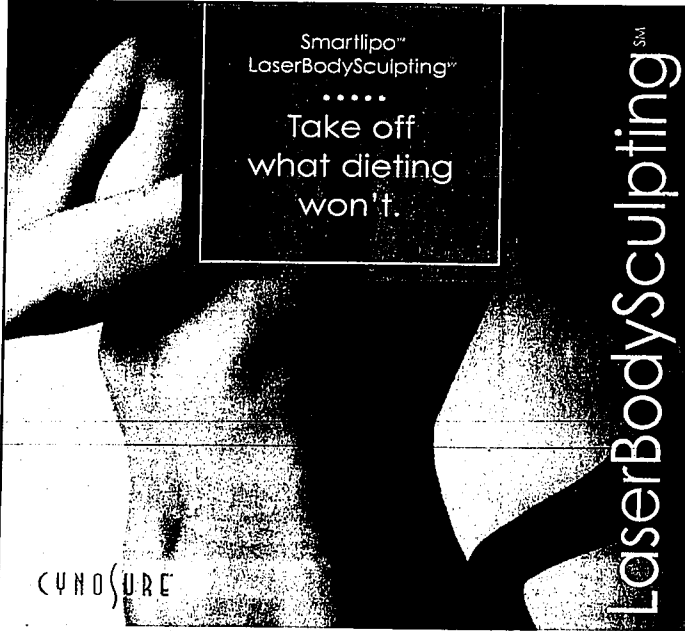
"I've got to go through it, see how I feel," Jones told Rolling Stone magazine in its December issue. If the result of the band's recent rehearsals is any indication, Zeppelin fans have reason to be hopeful. Bonham died Rolling Stone that the band checked immediately after the first song they tried: the haunting dirge "No Quarter."

When the riff came in, there was this look that went around. It was brilliant. After blasting through "Kashmir" next, Bonham told the magazine that the band stopped, and Page said, "Can you give me a hug? And Robert (Plant) shouted, 'Yeah, sons of thund—'"

The 63-year-old Page echoed those sentiments to Q music magazine, saying the initial get-together was "so exhilarating and fun that I did feel I would like to do more." Despite rumors that the 59-year-old Plant can no longer hit the high notes, the singer's latest album, with bluegrass star Alison Krauss, seems to show that he's still in good voice. On "Raising Sand," one of this year's surprise hits, Plant still has that otherworldly feel.

Besides, he rarely was able to contain the same piercing vocals from Zeppelin's studio albums when onstage in the band's heyday.

Led Zeppelin formed in 1968, but disbanded in late 1980 when Bonham choked to death on his own vomit after a drinking binge. In their 12 years, the group evolved from a rhythm and blues band first known as "The New Yardbirds" to become the standard for guitar-driven hard rock.



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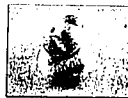
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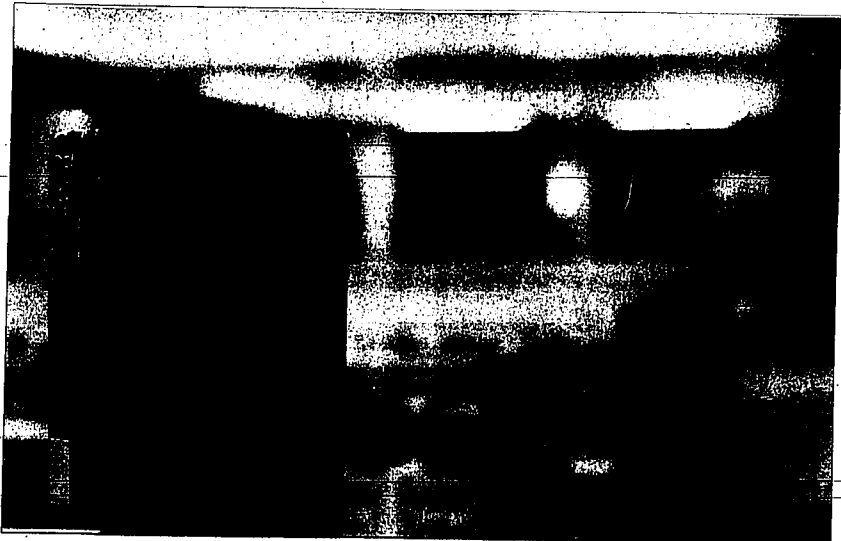
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Pointing to a controversy



The Golden Compass, a book by Philip Pullman, sits on a table top at the Twin Falls Public Library Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls. A movie by the same name hit theaters Friday, accompanied by controversy about the book's subtext.

'The Golden Compass' earns local criticism

By Hilary Johnson
Times-News correspondent

The movie "The Golden Compass," which drew controversy well before its release date, opened nationwide Friday. Adapted from the first book in the series "His Dark Materials" by British author Philip Pullman, "The Golden Compass" has elicited a passionate response from both supporters and critics.

The controversy is Does Pullman have an anti-religious, anti-God agenda in his books? Pullman states on his Web site, hisdarkmaterials.com, that he is only telling a story, "not preaching a sermon."

However, he also declares about himself: "(Poet William) Blake said Milton was a true poet and of the Devil's party without knowing it. I

am of the Devil's party and know it." John Milton's "Paradise Lost," a 1600s story about the fall of man from an innocent Paradise, was one of Pullman's influences, he wrote.

Possibly due to the popularity of such films as "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" (based on books by C.S. Lewis) and "The Lord of the Rings" (based on the books by J.R.R. Tolkien), there has been an increasing interest in fantasy. Parallel universes and secret worlds are familiar themes.

Like these books, Pullman's series has proven popular, with millions of copies appearing in 36 languages.

"The Golden Compass" received many awards, including the Carnegie Medal, England's most prestigious award for children's literature. Admirers praise Pullman's

work as impacting culture like the works of Lewis and Tolkien.

However, unlike Lewis, whose works have Christian metaphors, Pullman's books are criticized for having an anti-religious subtext.

One unique aspect from Pullman's series, which has garnered criticism, is the notion that everyone has a personal "demon," pronounced demon.

"The Golden Compass" official movie Web site describes an individual's demon as the manifestation of his or her spirit in animal form. Until they reach puberty, children's demons can change form. Part of the book's plot is the villain separating children from their demons, which Pullman describes as effectively cutting their spirits in half.

The movie's Web site encourages visitors to meet their demon and

take an avatar with them into the world. On the Internet, an avatar is a two-dimensional icon meant to identify the user.

The film version stars Nicole Kidman, Eva Green, Sam Elliot and Daniel Craig, and is now showing locally. The decision of which film to show is made by individual theater managers, said Interstate Amusement Inc. managing director Larry Roper. Once the theater is solicited by the studio, "We say yes or no," Roper said.

The Twin Falls Public Library has several copies of "The Golden Compass," including one in the adult science fiction section, another in the young adult section and audio versions in the children's room. Schools have also purchased the books, including Vern C. O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. O'Leary school librarian

"The Golden Compass"

Starring Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Eva Green, Sam Elliot and Daniel Craig, the film features sequences of fantasy violence.

Showing at Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema in Burley, and The Magic Lantern in Ketchum.

Geraldyn Cox said that they are not popular and "rarely checked out... Maybe once or twice this whole year."

Cox said the school encourages reading and added that "quality is important." With teacher and student suggestions, Cox chooses a wide variety of books. "We have such diversity here they should be able to find something that fits with their upbringing."

The Catholic League is taking a

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A Nativity story

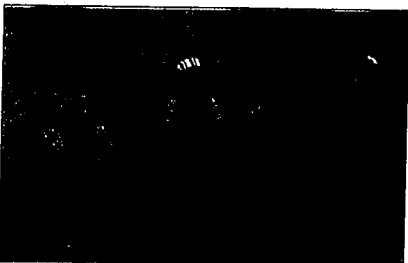
By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'"

— Luke 2:9-10

Children scramble on the long, narrow wooden floors of the Clover Trinity Lutheran school. Their spirits are bright and rightly so, for Christmas is upon them — meaning an extended break from studies, perhaps some travel, home-baked goodies and presents.

However, for the Clover student body this time of year is even more revered. Christmas is not just a day for gifts but the celebrated birthday of Jesus Christ. For the past 18 years students at the school have performed a live Nativity, and this year is no



Clover Lutheran Trinity school students rehearse for a live Nativity at the Buhl school. In this scene, Roman soldiers order people to take part in a census ordered by Emperor Augustus.

different.

The school is buzzing with excitement. Not with wondering what Santa Claus will bring, but in preparation for the play.

Students don costumes — long flowing woolen shepherd robes, bright red fitted

Roman soldier armor and wings for the little ones who run around as angels.

School administrator Yvonne Reinke helps them get dressed for rehearsal, tugging on the rope of the innkeeper's robe and trying, with minimal success, to

locked back so we could start over."

Other than that the production goes pretty smoothly. "We've done this for so long that the kids have a feel for how it goes. The entire school participates and every year they advance in their roles,"

Clover Lutheran School presents live Nativity for Christmas

keep the excited mass quiet and calm.

"There are some challenges in getting the nativity together," she said.

"The biggest challenge is the vocals, either, although this year has been beautiful. One evening we had to cancel and change the day because of a storm. Another challenge are the animals — one year we turned on the music and they got spooked, jumped out of the stalls and we were all running around trying to get them back so we could start over."

Reinke said.

With two productions planned the student body is split, with each student cast in one show or the other. With time for just five rehearsals the students get down to business to make sure the live event goes off without a hitch.

"The lines and the music is all pre-recorded but you can

hear the children singing along," Reinke said. "Usually we have about 75 to 100 people show up to each performance and it's stunning to see that many people. Afterwards the students invite the audience up to sing 'Joy to the World' together."

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Brian Hansen's Starod family is silhouetted while watching a live Nativity scene in 1990, sponsored by Malta elementary students. Live nativities have been put on by many southern Idaho churches over the years.

CHURCH NEWS

Methodists decorate church, serve brunch

A brunch and church-decorating party will be held at 9:30 a.m. today at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, at 205 Madison Ave. E. in Kimberly. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their families and friends.

Adult and children's Sunday school begins 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. and is followed by fellowship with refreshments.

A stampers group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, and Bible study will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the fellowship hall.

Information: 423-4311.

Presbyterian Women host Christmas brunch

The Presbyterian Women will host their annual Christmas brunch with the theme, "The Gifts of Christmas," at 10 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. The event includes food, music and a short program. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

The Hallelujah Handbells will perform with the Magic Valley Choral at 7:30 p.m. today and 4 p.m. Sunday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

The Chancel Choir will sing three numbers for worship at 10 a.m. Sunday to celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. The Rev. Phil Price will speak on "Hoping for Harmony" from Romans 15:1-6. Caitlyn Probasco, Zakk Sharp, Chris Flournoy and Kevin Tegan will participate in a reading and lighting of the Advent candles. The Sunday program for children will follow the children's message. Nursery is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Fellowship will follow worship. Those attending are asked to bring plain sugar cookies and sprinkles for the children to decorate and eat.

A special daily devotional guide, "Advent Devotional Guide and Family Candle Lighting Service," will be available during fellowship. The Deacons encourage everyone to bring clothing and toiletry items listed on the Christmas tree and canned goods for baskets to be distributed to area families.

The Scotch Shop will be open during fellowship. The Laboratory is available before and after worship and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

The youth group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the church for dinner and discussion. Monday is the last day to order Christmas poinsettias. The theme for the family candle lighting program is "Jesus Loves Me"; participants are encouraged to wear pink or red. Congratulations to Rosanna Blackston, the 2007 LOGOS Spirit Award recipient. Information: 733-7023.

Agajanian presents Christmas concerts

"A Country Christmas with Dennis Agajanian" will be presented at two area churches this weekend. Agajanian will perform at 6 p.m. today and 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 250 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

He also will present a concert at 7 p.m. today at the Calvary Chapel of Buhl, 1054 Burley Ave. in Buhl. Agajanian has been per-

forming in Christian music for more than 35 years and has released numerous recordings, projects and videos. He ministers with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for more than 20 years and is currently a featured performer with Franklin Graham, Don and Linda Friel, Harvest Crusaders with Greg Laurie. He has also performed at Promise Keepers stadium events.

Admission is free to all performances.

Magic Valley Jubilee performs at Christian Church

The Magic Valley Jubilee will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. today at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

The concert features local artists and musicians. The Jubilee team includes David and Lorraine Kay Bolster, Rylie Baker, Phillip Morley, Maara Garrett, Karen Johnson, Aaron Marsch, Jill Clevens, Don and Linda Friel, Cecelia Ferrell, Kayla and Loren Miller, Don Bailey, Daryl Jacobs, Greg Avery, Lorraine Gibson, Don Bailey, John Stevens, Sue Rathburn, Nadine Hildreth, and Brian Hildreth. Doug Wright will be the special guest pianist.

Admission is free; the public is invited.

Magic Valley Jubilee community concerts and Radio Show are hosted by the 101.5 Show. Concerts are held on the second Saturday of each month. The Magic Valley Jubilee Radio Show airs at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on KTFI 1270 AM. Information: 734-9436.

Eden church observes Advent season

Trinity Lutheran Church is observing the Advent season Sundays, Dec. 9, 16 and 23, and Wednesdays, Dec. 12 and 19. The church located three miles south of Eden. Sunday services include contemporary worship at 8:30 a.m., Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and a traditional service at 11 a.m. Wednesday services begin at 7 p.m., with supper served at 6 p.m.

Trinity's Sunday school will present a special service at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. "The Gift to Bethlehem" presents the story of salvation which God fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ. The children will share music and talent.

Christmas Day worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Information: 825-5277.

Richards provides music at Rock Creek church

Don Richards will provide special music for worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 252 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "Be Ready" from Matthew 24:37-44.

The Women's Ministry group will meet for a special Christmas program at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Humphrey discusses 'giving up' at Agape church

Pastor Jeff Humphrey will discuss "What to Do When You Feel Like Giving Up" for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Agape Foursquare Church, 181 Morrison St. in Twin Falls.

The sermon is designed for anyone who feels like they may be in an emotional and/or spiritual drought and may feel like giving up on the important things in life.

Youth group and children's church is available.

Information: 733-6255.

Rupert Methodists hold Advent services

"Christ is Coming" Advent programs for the Rupert United Methodist Church began Dec. 1. Worship services begin at 10:30 a.m. Sundays, Dec. 9, 16, 23 and 30, with Sunday school classes for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Jerry Steele will give sermons appropriate for the Advent season, and the Chancel Choir will provide special music throughout the month.

Caring to care centers and shut-ins will be at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The children's Christmas program will be Dec. 16 during worship.

Christmas Eve services will be at 6:11 p.m. Dec. 24 and will include communion, special message and music, with a closing candlelight service.

A live tree in the sanctuary will be decorated today. The community is welcome. Information: 436-3354.

Jim Tubbs speaks on 'prophecy' in Twin Falls

"A Matter of Prophecy" will be the topic presented by Pastor Jim Tubbs for worship at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls. Scripture reading is Matthew 1 and 2. The choir will sing "Stepping Stones." Sunday school for all ages starts at 9:30 a.m.

The Christian Women's Mission Society Group will hold its Christmas party at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Those attending are asked to bring a wrapped gift appropriate to \$50 for exchange and a Christmas goodie to share.

Bible study on the Book of Acts is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, and the youth group meets at 8:30 p.m. Fridays.

Individuals are welcome to use the church gym for safe indoor walking from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; please enter from the parking lot.

Hollister sermon discusses 'joys of Christmas'

The Rev. Kendrick Gould of Twin Falls will be the guest speaker for worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave. His topic is "The True Joys of Christmas." Scripture reading is Luke 21-20.

Refreshments will be served after worship. Visitors are welcome.

MV Worshipers celebrate anniversary

Magic Valley Worship Center Assembly of God, with Pastor Jim Pollard, will celebrate its first anniversary as Twin Falls' newest Assemblies of God Church at 3 p.m. Sunday at the church, 302 Third Ave. E. The celebration includes the Rev. Jim Stephens as guest speaker, special music by the King's Witnesses and a video presentation of the church's first year. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

The church held its first service Dec. 10, 2006, at Bridgeview Retirement Center, with 16 in attendance. It moved to its present location June 3, with an average Sunday morning attendance of 70.

The community is invited.

Methodists host Christmas open house on Sunday

A Christmas open house

will be held 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. The event features singing, crafts, playing games and listening. All ages are welcome; members are encouraged to bring friends.

The contemporary service begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The choir will sing "Christmas is Coming" by Joel Raney and "Dear Little Stranger," with Rhonda Wong as soloist at the traditional service at 11 a.m. Sunday school starts at 10:45 a.m.

On Wednesday, the Needlewits meet at 1:30 p.m., the after-school program starts at 4 p.m., and the Cubs Scouts will meet at 6:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Women will hold their annual Christmas Tea at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Executive Room. The Executive Committee will host. All women are invited.

Hagerman church holds Carols and Candles event

The Hagerman United Methodist Church will hold its annual Carols and Candles event at 6 p.m. Sunday at the church, 100 W. Main St. Everyone is welcome to come listen to the Christmas story in song and verse.

Refreshments will be served.

Rupert LDS Stake presents Christmas musical

"Come Let Us Adore Him," a Christmas musical celebration, will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W.

The program features a youth choir, ward choir, orchestra, special musical numbers and the Christmas story.

Twin Falls LDS Stake hosts singles fireside

A regional fireside for single adults ages 31 and up will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls LDS Stake Center, 400 Main St. Refreshments will follow. Information: Fred Jaynes, 326-4428.

Kimberly church hosts weight-loss classes

Prism Weight Loss Program introductory classes will be held at 6 p.m. Mondays, Dec. 10 and 17, at the Kimberly Christian Church, 307 Madison St. E. Admission is free. Information: Carol Call, 733-9035.

Ladies Lifeline Fellowship holds luncheon Wednesday

The Ladies Lifeline Fellowship will hold a non-dominational luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Cafe in Heyburn.

December's theme is "Joyous Seasons." The program will be by Jim Halstead, with music will be by Rob Newman and Coren Hart as speaker.

For reservations, call Lila Hart at 438-5376. Doris Senecal will host Prayer Circle on Dec. 19. Directions: 436-0195.

The Times-News welcomes new church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicalvalley.com or in the Mint-Cassia area, Treva Tegan at tegan@magicalvalley.com. Details will be in the next issue for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Those in authority must speak the truth

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Conventional wisdom claims that truth is the first casualty of war. The reality is that politicians, clergy and others routinely manipulate the truth when they consider it useful. The lust for power drives otherwise moral men and women to mislead, deceive and lie.

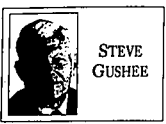
Jesus told his disciples that the truth would make them free (John 8:32). Sadly, many leaders of church and state willingly sacrifice truth to deny freedom while grasping for power.

The United Nations scientists have long overstated the size and course of the AIDS epidemic, according to a recent report. Critics claim that the UN's goal is to increase financial grants for their work. Others in that international agency, dependent on the trust of its member nations, lied about the truth to food program in Iraq.

For years, Roman Catholic bishops vehemently denied the extent of sexual abuse by their clergy they knew was rampant. It was only one of the ring-leaders, disgraced archbishop of Boston Cardinal Bernard Law, remains a respected cleric living comfortably in the United States.

Sen. Hillary Clinton planted a seed at a recent public appearance to showcase her abilities. She may have been hoping that from "P.E.M.A." the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which used its own employees to hype a press conference about the fires in California.

The lousy seems endless. Scott McClellan, former



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White House press secretary, recently admitted "misleading" the press. He said he repeatedly exonerated Sen. for White House aides, Karl Rove and Scooter Libby. Each of them and the vice president and the president himself were part of the effort, he said.

"There was one problem," McClellan wrote. "It was not true."

Spin, sculpting the truth to conform to one's needs, is so commonplace we think of it as a harmless activity, a skill to be admired. Spin-doctors, advertising agencies, public relations people and lobbyists make a handsome living obfuscating the truth. Whether they are specifically lying or not makes little difference. They contribute to a culture in which the word of men is less trusted. That is a prescription for the inevitable disintegration of a nation.

Pilate asked Jesus "what is truth?" His response was silence. Spiritual teachers have long suggested that only in the silence of meditation can one discern truth. Still, public discourse relies on language. We must be able to trust those in authority to speak the truth.

The tragedy is that we cannot.

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Tickets available for Rexburg Temple open house

By Kyra Davis Standard Journal

Rexburg Temple opens its doors

REXBURG — As the Rexburg Temple nears completion and preparations for its opening have begun, other much-anticipated news about the temple district boundaries has been announced.

Church spokesman Clark Hirschi released the temple district boundaries for the Rexburg Idaho Temple District on Tuesday. There are 17 stakes in the district, eight of which are the Brigham Young University-Idaho stakes. The other stakes are in Rexburg, Driggs, Sugar City, St. Anthony and Ashton.

Hirschi said he got this information out to the public because he is sure it is something they have been waiting for. Hirschi said, "The temple district boundaries will be set by the temple committee. I am sure it is something they have been waiting for." Hirschi said.

Dr. Brown confirmed that the temple district included all of the BYU-I stakes so all of the students in those stakes would be in the temple district.

Besides the temple district boundaries being announced, the free Rexburg temple open house is being reserved faster than expected.

Getting tickets for your desired time may be difficult, as thus far all the tours held on Saturdays are full. Hirschi said the number of tickets reserved is in the "tens of thousands, if not more."

He said he was "pleasantly surprised, almost at the point of being overwhelmed" by the number of people showing interest in getting the tickets.

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The temple is located at 200 N. 200 E. in Rexburg. Tickets are free, available now. Visit www.lds.org/research or call (800) 551-8424. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and a new tour starts every 10 minutes.

next few days, and if there is still a huge demand then we will have to make a decision on how to allow more people through," he said, adding that the temple committee expects to have about 150,000 people attend the month-long event.

He said there has been great enthusiasm and interest in the Rexburg temple and that groups from Montana, Utah, and Wyoming have acquired tickets.

Hirschi said that though Saturdays are usually the day most people want, they should not panic that no other day will fit their schedules.

"Many will come during the holidays because their children also have the time off during the days. It really is quite conducive to families, but it is a little less ideal for those staffing the open house, but it will allow more people the opportunity to go through," he said.

There will be one week between the temple open house and the temple dedication when the temple will be prepared for the dedication so no time will be conducted at that time.

Hirschi said that writing for the many monitors that will show the dedication would take up as well as needing to get the temple to be fully operational by the dedication.

The dedication on Feb. 3 will also require tickets, but the church leaders said various studies will hand those out. Members will need to talk to their bishop and they will also need a temple recommendation if attending the dedication.

Nativity

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After four years at Clover, Salasha Meyer is, by playing Mary for the first time. "It's exciting," said Meyer. "I've been in many of these but am honored to get to be Jesus' mother and getting to tell people the real meaning for Christmas."

The Nativity scene wouldn't be complete with animals, and plenty have been cast for the event, including camels, donkeys, sheep, goats and cows.

Meyer said the only thing

Christmas story

she is nervous about is riding on a donkey. "I think it will be OK," she said. "I just hope I don't fall off."

While Lighthouse Christian

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Jew shares Sun Valley experience in Hanukkah book

Reviewed by Carole Goldberg
The Hartford Courant

And you thought Passover was the Jewish holiday with all the questions. "How to Spell Chanukah ... and Other Holiday Dilemmas" poses a few of its own, one of them being exactly how to spell the holiday name. The book jacket title playfully superimposes the word Chanukah over the word Hanukkah. Most newspapers use the Hanukkah spelling.

A compilation of essays by 11 Jewish writers, these are bittersweet meditations about the minor holiday that finds itself in uneasy, perhaps unnecessary and as yet unresolved competition with Christmas. So, these writers ask, what's a nice holiday like the Festival of Lights doing in a cultural place like this?

Should it be celebrated with the glorious nights of lake-laden, dreidel-spinning, gift-filled parties as a formidable rival to Christmas, or as an ad-hoc Christmas/Hanukkah fest? Or just quietly observed as the lower-tier yet inspiring holiday that it is? What is the significance, traditional and contemporary, of one day's waning of concentrated all that miraculously lasted for eight nights when the Jews, led by the heroic Maccabee brothers, reclaimed the holy temple in Jerusalem?

If the commemoration did not occur at this time of year, would the Jews bother with the whole Megillah? (Oops, sorry that's from the story of Purim.) For these writers, the holiday is truly a mixed bless-

ing, evoking family memories for some and uncomfortable feelings for others. (Come to think of it, that might be its strongest link to Christmas, another occasion when proximity to family can be naughty or nice or nerve-wracking.)

Novelist Jill Kargman's happy annual family gatherings in Sun Valley, recounted in "The Only Dreidel in Idaho," are besmired by a casual anti-Semitism remark at a Christmas Mass. Some tell stories centering on toys. Joshua Braff, author of the novel, "The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green," recalls that, "Chanukah was merely the blue team in the color war against the mighty red team, Christmas." Oh, but the "chocolate Jews" — blue-and-white unfilled Maccabee figures — were sweet, and his papier-mache replica of the Temple with its upside-down Tupperware bowl dome, the setting for his miniature Jewish warriors and their Syrian foes, let him play out the ancient battle with verve.

For novelist Jennifer Gilmore, the holiday is tangled with memories of a guinea pig that subdued for a



About the book

"How to Spell Chanukah ... and Other Holiday Dilemmas," by 11 authors (Algonquin Books, \$18.95, 247 pp.)

E. Bender and her husband, Robert Anthony Siegel, lament the excesses of "Greedikah," which turn children into wrappings-tearing, insatiable brats — and yet are moved when their little son tells the ancient tale: "He told the story of what had happened a thousand years ago slowly, like a miniature rabbi. The way he told it, it was a good story. It was the fifth night of Hanukkah. He was 7 years old. We sat in the darkness, the light on our faces, and listened to him."

Steve Almond, who always has strong opinions, weighs in on why all Jews, including (or most especially) those who have "learned to regard the Almighty as a lunatic superstition," need to "treat Hanukkah this year with more dignity than perhaps it deserves."

Look inward, he says in "Chanukah Your Heart's Out": "That's what being Jewish is summoning the means to a question who you are and how you have behaved. Have you remained alight in the darkness of cruel wishes, like a lamp in an ancient temple. . . ? It is still possible, after all, to forge a covenant that binds us not to God in obedience but to one-another in mercy. We need only choose, this year, to keep the flame lit. . . ."

much-wanted puppy and parents — both Jewish — who clashed over which holiday to celebrate. Dad was enchanted by Christmas, and Mom was offended by his apostasy. And when Gilmore's little sister falls off the top of the refrigerator while singing carols — well, read "The Guinea Pig" and see.

Elisa Albert, who has a novel coming in March, gives us Hanukkah for the young, and the restless over eight nights in Los Angeles in "Week at a Glance."

Artist Eric Orner does a graphic short story, "Traditions Break," about self-discovery on a deserted college campus at Hanukkah time.

Novelist Jonathan Tropper mixes a Hanukkah concert with unbridled, Junior-high lust to fine effect in "Rock of Ages."

In "The Light, the Sword and the Nintendo DS," Karen



Hanukkah may be the festival of lights, but for one girl, a lit screen showing MTV spurred questions of religious identity.

Between menorah and Mariah

Girl tries to sort out holiday music

By Rachel Beckman
The Washington Post

It isn't December until Mariah Carey puts on her bright red knit hat, zips up her white boots and kicks around in the fastest-looking snow ever with Santa Claus. It is the scene familiar to us from Mariah's music video for her 1994 holiday hit, "All I Want for Christmas Is You," the best Christmas song ever. Lots of people apparently share my love of this song: It was the 21st most-downloaded song on iTunes last weekend. Pretty impressive for a 13-year-old pop tune. I first heard it while sitting in the basement of my Portland, Ore., home, watching MTV with my younger sister Heather. I was 12.

It starts with dramatic piano music tinged with the sound of festive bells. Mariah drags out each syllable for maximum theater. "I don't want a lot for Christmas / There is just one thing I need." About 50 seconds in the chorus peeps up. The piano goes nuts: a gospel choir claps and harmonizes with Mariah.

My little preteen heart couldn't soak in all the joy emanating from the television screen, so Heather and I danced. We jumped around the basement, twisting our hips and swaying to our delight. We tried and failed to hit Mariah's glass-shattering last note. "All I want for Christmas is YOU!"

But that's not what happened here. It was just one of the things I heard the song. I didn't like it. Rather, I didn't let myself like it. I'm a Jewish girl, and Jewish girls aren't supposed to listen to or enjoy Christmas music. I probably even changed the channel.

There aren't a whole lot of Jews in Portland. Enough so that I didn't feel like a total freak, but not enough so that kids wouldn't come up to me on the playground and ask why my people killed Jesus.

I don't know what I resented more: being forced to sing Christmas carols for the school choir or singing the token Hanukkah songs. Even in elementary school, I could tell they were just putting in time to recital to be politically correct.

During the winter of '94, I was even more protective — defensive, really — of my faith. I was clocking serious hours at the synagogue in preparation for my bat mitzvah. Learning to read Hebrew and chant my Torah portion intensified my commitment to Judaism.

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was a big deal. We compromised and strung up white lights (I guess having colored bulbs upset me, among other things). Even though I originally turned off the forbidden Mariah-Carey song, it was written, break, and Heather and I were spending an extraordinary amount of time in front of MTV. We wound up watching the video for "All I Want for Christmas Is You" at least twice a day. Yes, Virginia, MTV used to play music videos.

Heather, then 10, didn't share my religious zealotry. She did, however, think it unspeakably nerdy to be a Mariah Carey fan. (She and her friends called her Mariah scardy.) So, "All I Want for Christmas Is You" was taboo for her, too. Still, after a few days of Mariah Immersion, the song sucked us into its irresistible fairy tale world, where love triumphs material possessors. "All I want for Christmas is you," she pleaded. "Santa won't you bring me the one I really need? / Won't you please bring my baby to me?"

We started getting excited to hear those slow opening bars of piano and Mariah's elastic vocals, humming and tapping our hands on our laps with the beat. (The dancing started thereafter.) In the video, Mariah goes sledding, flirts with Santa and plays with a puppy under a Christmas tree in front of a roaring fire. "All I Want for Christmas Is You" is pure, distilled holiday music joy, like a shot of eggnog sipped under the mistletoe (or what I imagined to be mistletoe — I'd never tasted the stuff).

Without knowing it, Ms. Scary had struck a blow for ecumenical harmony, helped that I didn't feel like a total freak, but not enough so that kids wouldn't come up to me on the playground and ask why my people killed Jesus.

It is also one of the only new, original holiday songs to become a perennial hit (though in the Christmas music catalogue, 13 years is nothing: "Jingle Bells" was written in the 1850s). Most everything else is either an old song or a remake of one. "All I Want for Christmas" holds up all year. I'll listen to it in March or August or whenever I need a little mood boost. Next May, I plan to play it at my wedding reception.

Today, Heather and I live 3,000 miles apart, but we check our e-mail messages: "OMG, M.C. all I want 4xmas is on!" Then I proceed to dance around my apartment, twist my hips and squeal with delight. Happy Hanukkah.

A rubber duckie for Hanukkah

Novelty item a hit this holiday season

By Joel Garreau
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When the great retail successes of this holiday season are tallied, let us not overlook the Hanukkah rubber duckie.

At Rodman's discount gourmet store on Wisconsin Avenue, the rubber duckies are almost gone, according to Charles Miller, the discount store's general manager.

And at the downtown gift store Chocolate Moose, owner Marcia Levi says the ducks are, ahem, flying off the shelves.

The Hanukkah duck has all your basic rubber-duck equipment — the big eyes, the pert tail, the fat orange beak with the tiny hole from which you can squirt water. But in addition, it's wearing a sky-blue yarmulke carrying a nine-candle menorah under its pudgy little wing.

It makes everyone laugh. Jews and goyim alike. But why, exactly?

"Any time you put a yarmulke on poultry, it's inherently funny," explains Jarrod Tanny of the history department at the University of California, Berkeley, where he recently taught a course on Jewish humor.

The easiest take on the rubber duck is incongruity: e-mails Lawrence E. Mintz, the emeritus developer and director of the Art Gliner Center for Humor Studies at the University of Maryland. It skewers the duck's Jewish and ethnic identity with a more universal — symbol of childhood innocence. The Jewish context is just that much more incongruous. Novelty ducks are "a really big business" for Toysmith, the humble Auburn, Wash., company that introduced its Hanukkah duck to the world this year, according to Rich Ockwell, the company's merchandising director. "You can't imagine. More than a mil-



A surprising retail success of this holiday season is the Hanukkah rubber duckie; the Hanukkah duck has all of your basic rubber-duck equipment — a big eye, pert tail, fat orange beak — but also sports a sky-blue yarmulke and carries a menorah under its pudgy wing.

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lion dollars." Toysmith produces rubber duckies for all occasions, including Halloween, Easter and Valentine's Day. "If you can think of an idea in popular culture, you can make a rubber duckie out of it," Ockwell says. Bride and groom rubber duckies, for example. Rubber duckies dressed in camo.

Other companies make sets of Nativity rubber duckies — complete with a Virgin Mary with a little baby duck under her wing. Then there's the "Christmas Carol" set that includes a shrouded black duck, presumably the Duck of Christmas Future.

Part of the trick, Ockwell says, is taking a traditional

nostalgia item like rubber duckies — "toys I played with, that my dad played with" — and giving them a startling twist. Thanks to cheap water-proof computer chips, for example, Toysmith now makes a rubber duckie that lights up and sings "Old MacDonald," "Frere Jacques" and "London Bridge."

The success of the Hanukkah duck was amazing, however. "We didn't buy nearly enough," Ockwell says. "There was way more demand than we expected. It's exciting to us. Toysmith is planning to triple production, to about 30,000, next year. It is also researching how to broaden its Hanukkah duck line.

Good-natured humor explores cultural differences and oddities, "but in an accepting way, rather than in a harshly critical way," Mintz says. Around his North Carolina retirement home, "my neighbors put up a lot of lights. . . My wife and I ignored this for a couple of years, but now we put up menorahs and other decorative lights, which allows us to join in as a part of the community while remaining distinct in our religious and ethnic identity. It's funny because it is all fun — parties, gift giving, special foods and all sorts of harmless celebration."

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Staff writer Annie Groer contributed to this report.

Celebrating a milestone

St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Buhl kicks off its centennial.

NEXT WEEK IN RELIGION

Unemployment rates rise in south-central Idaho

National unemployment rates hold steady

Times-News staff
and wire reports

Unemployment rates in south-central crept higher compared to rates reported during the same time last year, according to the Idaho Department of Labor.

However, Idaho remains below the national average, which held steady at 4.7 percent — a reassuring sign for an economy that is fighting to avoid a recession.

The unemployment rate for the Twin Falls metropolitan area, which includes Lemme County, reported an increase of 2 percent, or about 75 people, since November 2006. State labor officials say an

increase in unemployment was expected due to seasonal layoffs in the agricultural industry, however, the year-to-date increase also indicates a slight increase in unemployment from other industry sectors.

Nationwide, employers added a net 94,000 new jobs but their payrolls lost 300,000 jobs last month. That was down from a surprisingly strong gain of 170,000 jobs in October but was still sufficient to prevent the unemployment rate from rising. The jobless rate has held steady at 4.7 percent for three months in a row.

"The economy has been hit by some large juggernauts, but the labor market is holding together reasonably well," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America's Investment Strategies Group. "Today's report would suggest there is no need to panic about the economy."

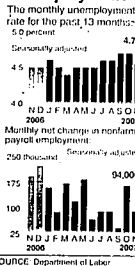
Still, fallout from the housing collapse was painfully evident. Construction companies slashed jobs last month. So did mortgage companies, banks, real-estate firms and manufacturers. Those losses, however, were more than offset by hiring gains elsewhere, including in health care, retail, hotels and motels, temporary help firms, computer services and the government. The health of the nation's job market is a critical factor

collapse and credit crunch. Job and wage growth have been shock absorbers, helping individuals to cope with all the negative forces in the economy. The employment climate has helped to support spending by individuals, a major shaper of overall economic activity.

Workers' wages grew last month. Average hourly earnings rose to \$17.63 in November, a 0.5 percent increase from October.

It marked the highest monthly gain since June.

Unemployment



Area Unemployment Rates*

	Nov. 07	Oct. 07	Nov. 06
Boise Nampa	2.6	2.6	2.8
Burley	3.0	2.4	3.3
Coeur d'Alene	3.2	3.0	3.7
Idaho Falls	4.1	4.2	5.3
Hailey	2.1	2.1	2.2
Idaho Falls	1.7	1.6	2.7
Lewiston	3.7	3.3	4.0
Pocatello	2.6	2.3	3.1
Rexburg	1.9	1.4	3.0
Twin Falls	2.2	2.0	2.8

*Rates identified by metropolitan areas, which include surrounding communities

Market correction

Nationwide foreclosures hit record high in third quarter

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The housing market in south-central Idaho is experiencing a market correction as home construction and sales decline, say regional lenders.

During a five-year period of growth, where home construction more than doubled and prices rose faster than brokers had estimated, local lenders and developers say they were growing concerned about potentially housing inflation such as markets in north Idaho and Treasure Valley.

Because the local market appears to be insulated against high numbers of adjustable-rate loans and subprime borrowers, the long-term effects of the market slowdown in Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley may actually be a relief to level out home prices and allow developers to sell off surpluses.

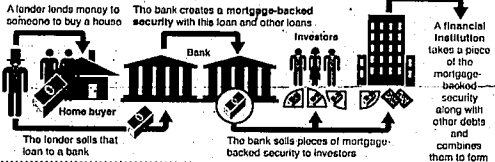
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D.L. Evans and other banks

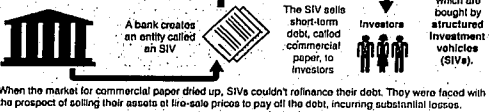
Housing market may cause substantial banking losses

The demand for short-term assets, that structured investment vehicles must sell to fund the buying of longer-term debt CDOs, has vanished in the midst of the U.S. housing market crisis.

Collateralized debt obligation (CDO)



Structured investment vehicle (SIV)



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In south-central Idaho are also experiencing an increase in the number of home loans being issued.

Builders say that home construction has declined compared to the number of homes that were built in 2005. However, they say that the past five years have been unique in that home construction set year-over-year records.

"Those were some years

with some high numbers," said Tony Hughes, president of the Magic Valley Builders Association. "So I think what you are seeing now are builders who are adjusting by building fewer spec homes and more homes (built by request)."

The combination of fewer homes being built, a sell off of housing surplus and a low loan delinquency rate in south-central Idaho, is the

primary reason why the region's economy is being insulated from the larger problems being felt in other parts of the nation.

Throughout the United States, home foreclosures shot up to an all-time high in the third quarter, first evidence of the problems afflicting distressed homeowners amid the housing meltdown. The Mortgage Bankers Association in its quarterly

Consumer credit grows in October

WASHINGTON
Consumer borrowing rose in October at a slightly faster rate than the previous month as shoppers continued to spend on their credit cards to finance purchases.

The Federal Reserve reported Friday that consumer credit increased at an annual rate of 2.3 percent in October, faster than the 1.6 percent growth rate for September.

The gain reflected an acceleration in the growth of credit card debt which offset a second straight month of declines in the category of debt that includes auto loans.

revolving credit, which includes credit card debt, increased at a rate of 8.3 percent in October following a gain of 6 percent in September and an even stronger pace of 10.6 percent in August.

Credit card debt has been surging in recent months as consumers have started borrowing more heavily on their credit cards now that home refinancings have slowed. That slowdown has lent confidence to bank lending conditions as a serious slump in housing has sent home prices falling and increased the level of mortgage defaults.

For September, auto loans actually shrank at an annual rate of 1.3 percent following a 1.1 percent rate of decline in September. This reflected the serious difficulties facing domestic automakers, who have seen demand stagnate in the face of surging gasoline prices.

Before the auto-loan declines in the past two months, loans in this area had only experienced one monthly decline in the past seven years.

Overall consumer credit rose by \$4.7 billion to a record \$2.49 trillion in October. The increase was slightly ahead of the \$3.2 trillion rise in September, but below the \$6 billion advance that economists had expected.

Southeast Idaho reports glut of high-priced homes

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — There is such a glut of high-priced homes for sale in southeast Idaho that it could be years before they all attract buyers, experts predict.

"I see a huge slowdown on luxury custom-built homes," said Ryan Nickel, owner of Cherry Creek Mortgage in Rexburg.

Based on the number of

homes available for sale and the rate at which they are selling, Jefferson County has a 20-year inventory of homes priced at \$500,000 or higher, the Snake River Regional Multiple Listing Service reported.

Bingham County has a nine-year inventory and Bonneville County a three-year inventory.

Many of the homes were built in anticipation of

future buyers. "What happened was the builders mismatched the market," Steve Taggart, a realtor with Century 21 Advantage, told the Post Register. "Two years ago we had all these people coming up from California, so they went and built all these high-end spec homes."

While sellers are facing problems, Nickel said buyers should be able to

get a good deal. "You have investors who are just waiting," he said. "But it's going to have to hit rock bottom."

Also, the area is still considered one of the better spots to buy a home for investors, said Hyrum Johnson of Fine Homebuilding. He is president-elect of the Eastern Idaho Homebuilders Association.

For the third quarter of 2007, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight recently ranked Idaho Falls sixth in the nation out of 287 metro areas for home price appreciation.

"People are coming to Idaho because the word is getting out," Johnson said. "Even during the peak of the bubble, homes and land were still a value here."

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Lithia Mo.	16.06	▲ .51	Micron	9.03	▼ .23	Supervalu	40.64	▲ .85

Live cattle	94.02	▲ .17	Jan. Oil	88.28	▼ 1.95
Dec. gold	794.40	▼ 6.80			(Light sweet crude by barrel)

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GIMAC
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

CABIS
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

ENDECT
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

STENOX
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

A: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ THE ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Jumbles: PAYEE LOVEH QUARTZ PARIITY
 Answer: When the gaffer caught a cold, he wasn't UP TO PAH

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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WHAT THE SINGLE WOMEN DID WHEN THEY TOOK A CRUISE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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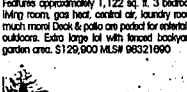
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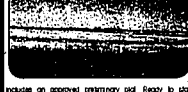
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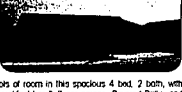
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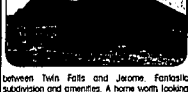
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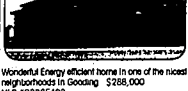
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-16.

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NO, WAIT! I'M A WING-LESS FEATHER WITH HAIRY LEGS... NO!

50 YEARS WITHOUT A HITCH AND I GOTTA BOTCH IT UP NOW...

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

I THINK WENUS IS HANGRY.

I SWEAR IT NEVER FALLS.

SCOURT!

NICE. LETS SEE SOME FRONKAL FEEDING MAMM PO THART!

Baldo By Hector O. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

WHERE I CAN GET SOME COCAINE.

THIS SURE IS A BLOWN UP PATROL SOUS DOWNS AND A PRESIDENTIAL CARRY. SE GETS UP AT 6 A.M. MORNING AND GOES TO BED AT 2 AT NIGHT.

HAWK. MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT'S PROBABLY EASIER BEING PRESIDENT.

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Brevity By Guy & Rodd

BEGRADITE DUBO.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

YOUR PROTOTYPE KILLED. ASK. THAT MEANS IT IS YOUR JOB TO CLONE HIM. AND HOPE HE REINCARNATES INTO THE CLONE.

CAROL USED HIS DNA CONTAINER FOR A SNACK JAR. SO BE CAREFUL.

WHY DO I FEEL NUTS?

YOU'RE PART SNICKERS BAR.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

BE GOT HERE FROM GERMANY. I WAS SUSTAINED BY THE PLUCK THAT MIGHT GIVE AN EYE.

WELL... THATS ROUGH. LISTEN. YOU CALL ASK IF THEY SEND HIM ON TO GERMANY. I WANT TO VISIT HIM.

WILL DO. BUT I'D ADVISE YOU TO TAKE CARE. HE'S VERY IMPORTANT.

NEAR?

DONT PLAY WITH MY REASON. I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE.

WANT ABOUT ABOUT ABOUT?

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

I'm sorry, Dashi. I know I said you could play in the bar.

But that was before I actually heard you play.

And what's wrong with me playing?

It... it doesn't really fit in with our theme.

The word like to stay in business theme.

How'd you like to hear me "put on the bread theme," Dr. H. Wistehimer?

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

GOOD NIGHT SUE! (TO HERSELF) YES, GOOD NIGHT (TO HERSELF) YES, GOOD BETTER (TO HERSELF) ALL BE GOOD (TO HERSELF) GOOD.

GOODBYE!

GOODBYE!

OH ANTHONY, YOU'VE BEEN HARD FOR ME TO LEAVE THE DOOR.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

LOANS

FRANKLY, THE FACT THAT THE MEEK WILL INHERIT THE EARTH ISN'T REALLY GOOD COLLATERAL.

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Luann By Greg Evans

AND NOW... THE LIGHTS!

WHAT? THAT BLOWS THE COMPETITION AWAY!

OOOPS. BLOWS THE BREAKER, TOO.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

AND WHILE SOMEONE FUTURE WAS MIXED TAXES, DEATH AND MRS. CLINTONS NOMINATION...

...REMAINED INEVITABLE AND HEAVY TRADING...

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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WELL, SIR, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PUSH TO RID OUR NEIGHBORHOOD OF HOURLY INSURGENTS.

WHAT'S YOUR HOURLY INSURGENT?

SUM, SIR, TROUBLE. I INSIST ON DECORATING OUR CHRISTMAS TREES WITH TACKY DECORATIONS.

WHO INSISTS ON DECORATING HIS FRONT LAMIN WITH THOSE LIGHTED READER LAMP LIGHTS? HE HAS TWO OF THEM.

NEIGHBOR ROB, SIR, I INSIST ON DECORATING HIS FRONT LAMIN WITH THOSE LIGHTED READER LAMP LIGHTS. HE HAS TWO OF THEM.

I THINK HE HAS THREE.

TWO.

Pickles By Brian Crane

NELSON! SPIT IT OUT!

CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

TWO THREE FOUR.

WAAAAA!

ROOOWEE!

I SAID A SLIGHT CHANGE OF PRIORITY!

SHOW WARRIORS ARE AN OPTIMISTIC BREE!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

OHAY, I'M NEXT IN LINE.

SHY COOL.

ITS JUST A TEST.

THE DRIVER'S PERMIT TEST.

THAT I'VE BEEN WAITING TO TAKE SINCE I WAS, LIKE, BORN!

NERVOUS SWEEETS?

SOMEWHAT.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

WE AT THE EQUIN ANTI-AMERICANISM (LEAVE ASIDE GOOD) CATED TO PUTTING AN END TO THE HEATING OVER-TYPING OF HORSES!

WHY? YOU'RE RIGHT. NO ONE WHO DROPPED COGNAC IN HIS BEER?

BEER. OH.

USING PHRASES LIKE "SUPPORTING AROUND" OR "FABRICE LANCHE" ISN'T JUST WASTEFUL, IT'S A SERVICE BIGOTRY!

WHY?

OH, UM... TYPICAL INTELLECTUAL MASC RESPONSE!

THEY'RE ALL ALIVE!

Strange Brew By John Deering

WE HAVE TO FACE IT, HECTOR. WE SIMPLY CAN'T COMPETE IN THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMY.

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Friendship could blossom, Taurus

IF DEC. 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are looking for love in all the right places in the year ahead. You are likely to be faced by several important changes between now and the end of January. Don't lose heart if it seems as though you must battle the tides of change. By February conditions are rising to taking on a new job, making a career change, asking for a raise or meeting the person of your dreams. If you already have a main squeeze.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Strive to be cooperative. Don't get locked into a cold war over minor problems from the past. If you have been stressed out by a heavy workload, get plenty of rest and relaxation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Tackle troubles with true objectivity. A friendship could blossom into greater intimacy this weekend. You may have some unpleasant bridges that need to be burned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may see endless possibilities where others see only pitfalls. Strike a pleasing balance between enthusiasm and caution. Things are going to change, but you can't pre-

dict the final result.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): What's best for the common good may be good enough for you, too. The time has come to exercise your social conscience. The first step is taken within your own family circle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your gregarious nature is in full bloom. You might attract an admirer or a helpful connection. Don't count on a long term romance or never-ending fame; enjoy being the star attraction while it lasts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): New companions boost your ego. Don't count on a long term romance or never-ending fame; enjoy being the star attraction while it lasts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are more attractive than usual this weekend. You may be in love with the idea of love when someone seems to sweep you off your feet. Ask for guidance from your most trusted friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Help a friend. A certain companion is not very selective when dealing with the opposite sex. This could be a good opening to sit down for a frank discussion and offer helpful advice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Live long and prosper. Pick up the phone and speak the words that someone has been waiting to hear. Enhance your reputation by being perceptive and diplomatic about small details.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Show it off. You possess fine taste and discrimination when shopping for gifts for others. Your private virtue and judgment are in fine form when faced by matters of the heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone might fall for you, hook, line and sinker. Don't mope about the past or daydream about what might have been. The one that got away probably wasn't worth hanging in the first place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Maintain a light touch. The seductive batting of eyelashes or that come-hither glance is meant to be just for fun. Don't take new hooks up too seriously — but do not neglect to hand out your number.

Beetle Bailey



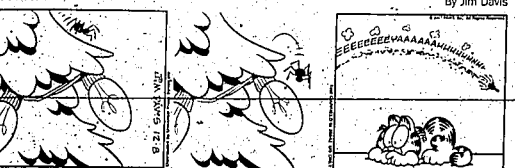
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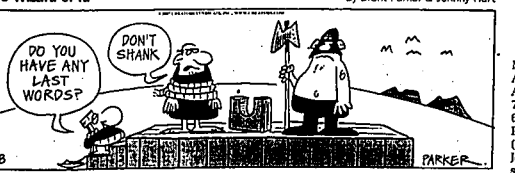
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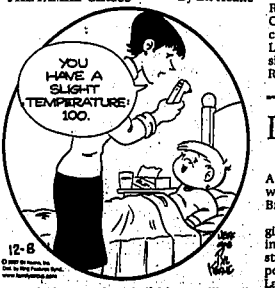
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Girl is at her breaking point over jocks' taunts at school



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl in junior high. I'm being harassed at school by three boys. I'm not popular, attractive or fashionable. I am athletic, quiet and a straight-A student.

These boys are jocks, so they have everyone wrapped around their little fingers. They call me terrible names, take things from me and treat me like dirt. It has gotten to the point where I come home crying. I have tried everything — ignoring them and just walking away. My few friends won't help me because they like these boys.

When I told my parents, they said I should just ignore them, and repeated it when I told them it wasn't working. 'Abby, it's impossible to ignore them because they get louder and meaner until they are hitting me or poking me, trying to get me to respond. I am at my breaking point and I don't think I can take it any longer. I don't know who to turn to. Please help me.

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for folks who are wondering what gifts to buy for small children — especially those they don't see often.

Last year I did something that family members did for me when I was little. I bought books from the dollar store for my three grandchildren because I couldn't hear their voices, and clarified family relationships by connecting them to stories and

family trees. The 1-year-old's mother said the child loved her books and kept opening and closing them — holding them upside down and turning the pages to examine each one.

It took a bit of time to do, but it's something the parents have told me they'll cherish — and it will outlast clothes the children will outgrow and toys that will break or be tossed away.

— ANNIE IN GEORGIA
DEAR ANNIE: That's a delightful, creative idea — not just for the children. A gift like yours could become a family treasure. Thank you for sharing.

DEAR ABBY: How do I tell my best friend that her husband wants a physical relationship with me? My husband is in prison, and my friends have been wonderful supportive, but her husband has made it plain he's after me.

— NOT INTERESTED IN FLORIDA
DEAR NOT INTERESTED: Tell the husband that you consider him and his wife to be dear friends, but you're not interested in a physical relationship, and if he does, fully informed consent — you'll tell his wife, it won't cool his ardor, stop seeing them as a couple.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2007. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 8, 1987, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty at the White House calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

On this date:

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, George Washington's retreating army crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the reconstruction of the South.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio. In 1907, Oscar II, the king of Sweden and former king

of Norway, died in Stockholm at age 78.

In 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by Mark David Chapman.

In 1982, a man demanding an end to nuclear weapons held — the Washington Monument hostage, threatening to blow it up with explosives he claimed were inside a can. After a 10-hour standoff, Norman D. Mayer was shot dead by police; it turned out there were no explosives.

In 1986, House Democrats selected Majority Leader Jim Wright to be the chamber's 40th speaker, succeeding Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

Ten years ago: Federal investigators opened in Baltimore into the TWA Flight 800 disaster which

had claimed 230 lives. In a \$25 billion deal, Swiss Bank and Jaton Bank of Switzerland announced they would merge.

Five years ago: Iraq's massive dossier detailing its chemical, biological and nuclear programs arrived in New York; the U.N. Security Council agreed to give full copies to the United States and the four other permanent council members: Britain, France, Russia and China.

One year ago: A gunman went on a rampage inside a downtown Chicago law firm, killing three people before being shot dead himself by police. Laura Gaiety, the daughter of hockey great Bob Gaiety, was washed overboard in the North Atlantic during a storm; while working on a sailing ship bound for the Caribbean; she remains lost at sea. The House ethics committee concluded that Republican lawmakers and aides failed for a decade to protect male pages from sexual overtures by former Rep. Mark Foley, but that they broke no rules and should not be punished.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Actor-director Maximilian Schell is 77.
- Actor David Carradine is 71.
- Actor James MacArthur is 70.
- Flutist James Galway is 68.
- Singer Jerry Butler is 68.
- Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 65.
- Actor John Rubinstein is 61.
- Rock singer-musician Gregg Allman is 60.
- Reggae singer Toots Hibbert (Toots and the Maytals) is 59.
- Country singer Kim Basinger is 54.
- Rock musician Warren Cuccurullo is 51.
- Rock musician Phil Collins (Def Eppard) is 50.
- Country singer Marty Raybon is 46.
- Rock musician Mary Friedman is 45.
- Actor David Carradine is 71.
- Wendell Pierce is 44.
- Actress Teri Hatcher is 43.
- Rapper Busta Rhymes is 41.
- Bill (The Geto Boys) is 41.
- Singer Sinead O'Connor is 41.
- Actor Matthew Labaree was in (Rock musician Ryan Newell (Stacy Hazel) is 35.
- Actor Dominic Monaghan is 31.
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Ernest Hemingway, American author (1899-1961)

THOUGHT

“Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime.”

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Litterbug sports hot-pink sign as punishment

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio (AP)— A litterbug became a walking warning not to mess with Bridgeport's mayor, Tommy LaShare and his girlfriend were caught emptying their ashtrays on the street in front of his house, police said. The mayor, LaShare, in the court of Mayor John Callarik, who is waging a battle against litter in this

eastern Ohio village of 2,200 people. The mayor offered jail time, community service, \$1,000 in fines — or two eight-hour stints walking the streets wearing a hot-pink sandwich board with the message “The Mayor Bites the Litter.” LaShare chose the sign. “It won't make me stop smoking,” LaShare said,

laughing. “But I know one thing for sure, I'll never throw out cigarette butts again.” Callarik could have offered the punishment to others caught littering. “We have people that clean the streets and that isn't an easy job,” the mayor said. “It makes worse when an hour later, there is more trash on the streets.”

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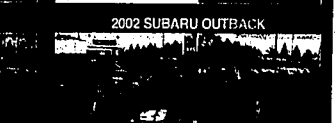
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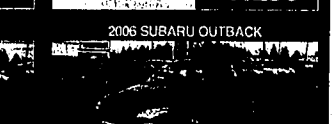
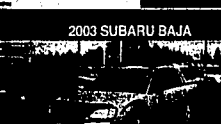
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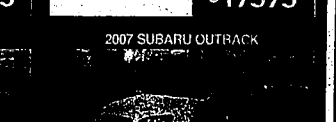
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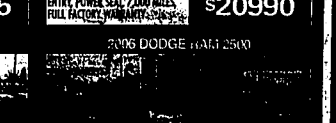
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