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Filling stomachs, building bodies



Deanna Thomas, left, a cook at Bickel Elementary School, and Angel Olson, a tray washer, share a laugh with colleagues before serving lunch at the school in Twin Falls Friday. The students' lunch included spaghetti as the main course with cheese bread sticks, green salad, grapes, fruit cocktail and corn.

Area schools say they're pushing healthier lunch offerings

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - Lunches in many Magic Valley schools are becoming more healthful, but students don't always eat the improved offerings. The challenge for every school is to offer students meals they should eat and meals they will eat.

Third-graders at Kimberly Elementary School took their fluffy white rolls and smashed them into balls at lunch Tuesday. One pupil offered to share Doritos from a lunch he brought. The majority of pupils dug into the hot lunch featuring an old favorite, chicken nuggets.

School lunches are required to contain no more than 10 percent of the calories from saturated fat and 30 percent from all fats, averaged over a week. When they follow the guidelines, the calories follow easily, said Jill Thompson, the Kimberly School District's food services director.

Lunches are required to contain a third of the recommended daily allowances of essential nutrients, and breakfasts are required to contain a fourth, both averaged over a week.

"Every day we try to stay right within the guidelines," Thompson

said. "If you are following the guidelines, obesity shouldn't be an issue."

That is, if students ate only school meals. The schools can't control what snacks children eat and what exercise they get. School cafeteria officials surveyed said unanimously that students are getting heavier because of lack of exercise, not what they're eating at school.

Still, Magic Valley school lunch programs aren't immune from problems experienced around the country, including financial pressures to be self-sustaining, serving too much fat and selling junk food.

Better than before

Thompson has been employed by the Kimberly School District for 30 years. She remembers the school following different guidelines when she started. Today the school is trying to serve more fruits and vegetables and fewer desserts. The kitchen staff uses a computer to analyze the nutritional content of the menus. The superintendent said to encourage children to try foods when they see them avoiding things.

"The garbage gets its fair share," Thompson said.

The school's biggest selling days



Bickel Elementary School first-graders Bryce Lee, left, Miralem Suljiminovic and Dzenan Kolarik talk during lunch Friday.

are the "meal" days when it has meat, potatoes, vegetables and fruit. The school also offers "pretzels-cheese-salads" two days a week for the fourth and fifth grades. All students have the option of chocolate milk on Fridays. High school students have a full salad bar, and vending machines are turned off during the

lunch hour

Gayla Wagner, food services director at Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl, said her school's food program pays for itself. She said it does somewhat cater to the children's tastes. The district instituted the "grab-and-go" breakfasts for middle school students in May, and Wagner said it increased the breakfast participation by about 40 to 50 students from just a few. Wednesday morning, middle school students could choose breakfasts that included yogurt or packaged doughnuts.

Wagner said the government requirements for keeping the fat low are easy to follow with a few low-fat recipes.

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A typical lunch - A2
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What some parents say

Parent opinions about what their children are eating at school runs the gamut from practical to particular. Here are some of their perspectives:

- Terri Gardner is a secretary at Jerome High School and has five children who attend Jerome schools. She had some concerns about the amount of fried foods offered at the high school, but praised the variety of foods available.
- "You have to feed the kids what they're going to eat," Gardner said.
- Sheri Merrill has two children who

eat lunch at Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls. She said the meals there are well balanced. Her children look over the lunch menu each month and decide what days they want to buy it. She said they both dislike tuna fish sandwiches and aren't big on salads as main dishes. Merrill's not concerned with the types of food so much as whether picky eaters will eat enough of it.

• Michelle Sturgill is the Parent-Teacher Organization treasurer at Bickel Elementary School and has a son in first grade. She said he brings his lunch some days and eats cafeteria

food when the school serves things he likes, such as pepperoni pizza and chicken nuggets. The things he won't eat include turkey sandwiches, tuna sandwiches, the shaker salad or lasagna, even though he likes other Italian food.

"Sometimes it's just the quality of the food," Sturgill said. She packs her son carrot sticks and sandwiches made with whole wheat bread.

"Generally that's the healthier option," she said. "My pediatrician even encourages parents to pack a cold lunch for kids."

National school lunch program problems persist

The Associated Press

COHASSET, Mass. - Worried about all the fatty foods children were eating, town health officer Joseph Gotzick recently ordered junk food purged from the local school lunch menu: one day a week.

No pizza. No burgers. No fries.

School officials said. No way. Eliminate such popular items and students will switch from buying to brown-bagging, school officials reasoned. Because lunch programs must pay for themselves, messing with the menu can mean losing money.

But money is only part of the problem: Three out of four schools

serve too much fat; many schools undercut healthy offerings by selling junk food; there aren't enough vegetables and fruits; and not enough is done to teach good eating habits, according to government studies and nutrition experts.

Those problems persist despite a decade of federal efforts to

improve school meals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which runs the National School Lunch Program for 28 million children in 98,000 public and non-profit private schools, says it has toughened its rules and worked to get more fresh fruits and vegetables to

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Saddam's capture would not mean halt of attacks, U.S. general says

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Guerrillas killed a U.S. soldier with a roadside bomb in northern Iraq on Sunday, and a U.S. military commander said insurgent

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attacks might not abate even if American troops kill or capture Saddam Hussein.

A soldier from the U.S. Army's

101st Airborne Division died and two others in his unit were wounded when rebels detonated a bomb as their convoy drove through the center of Mosul at midday, Master Sgt. Kelly Tyler said.

"I heard an explosion and came

running toward the site of the attack and saw three soldiers, one of them covered with blood," said Bahaa Hussein, a student. Mosul is 250 miles north of Baghdad. The top commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, said

Terrorism cases often fizzle, says new report

Critics use findings to question AG Ashcroft

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department has sharply increased prosecution of terrorism-related cases since the Sept. 11 attacks but many fizzled and few produced significant prison time, a study released Sunday finds.

About 6,400 people were referred by investigators for criminal charges involving terror in the two years after the attacks, but fewer than one-third actually were charged and only 879 were convicted, according to government records reviewed by Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse.



John Ashcroft

The median prison sentence was just 14 days, according to a study by clearinghouse co-directors David Burnham and Susan P. Long. Only five people were sentenced to 20 years or more.

Critics seized on the numbers to question whether Attorney General John Ashcroft and other top law enforcement officials have been oversteating the success of their anti-terrorism efforts.

Nearly every time Ashcroft talks about the subject, he reads a long list of statistics on arrests and convictions to buttress his contention that great progress is being made.

Sen. Charles Grassley, a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee with oversight of the FBI and Justice Department, said the report "raises questions about the accuracy of the department's claims about terrorism enforcement."

"This report shows that despite the focus on terrorism-related crimes, most of the people accused of terrorism involvement are getting little jail time if at all," said Grassley, R-Iowa.

Justice Department and FBI officials said the study is rooted in past conceptions of crime and punishment and does not reflect the reality that would-be terrorists seek to blend into society until they are ready to strike.

Lack of lengthy prison terms in many cases can be explained by the effort by prosecutors to stop would-be terrorists long before they are ready to attack, often charging them with lesser offenses, such as identity theft, document fraud and immigration violations.

"Prosecutors feel it is better to get suspects off the streets and press them for information than wait for events that could produce harsher penalties. They also said the study makes no mention of the value of intelligence collection and the need to reward cooperation with lesser sentences.

"The whole point is to disrupt terrorism at an early stage instead of letting the conspiracy fully hatch," said Viet Dinh, a former top Justice Department official under Attorney General John Ashcroft who now teaches law at Georgetown University. "We cannot take the risk of the conspiracy taking place. What you get is shorter sentences but greater prevention."

We expect to see an increase

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Lingering light showers possible, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

Tonight: Becoming partly cloudy with near average temperatures. Lows in the lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Left over flurries possible early, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s to near 40.

Tonight: Chilly and partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper teens.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy to variable clouds. High in the upper 30s.

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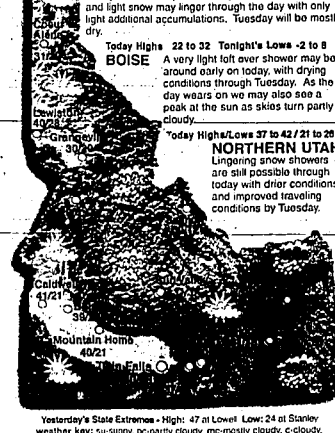
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Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes daily and monthly data.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Precipitation will taper off today, but left over flurries and light snow may linger through the day with only light additional accumulations.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 47 at Lower Lew; 24 at Stanley. Low: 19 at Burley; 10 at Teton Park.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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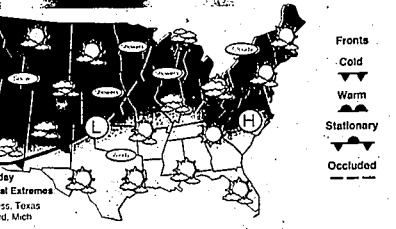
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Problems

Continued from A1 schools. Some schools themselves try to improve their meals, but progress is often slowed by a maze of financial, bureaucratic and social impediments.

In Cohasset, a well-to-do town of 7,300, Godzik acknowledges that even doing the right thing sometimes is wrong.

What are schools feeding children? In theory, serving healthy lunches should be easy. Federal regulations dictate calories and nutrients, and the USDA provides 20 percent of school lunch food.

Dr. Walter Willett, head of the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health, is a harsh critic of the School Lunch Program: "Their foods tend to be at the bottom of the barrel in terms of healthy nutrition."

Jean Daniel, spokeswoman for the USDA's Food and Nutrition Services program, says there have been significant improvements, however, and many schools offer healthy lunches. She believes new data in 2006 will prove that.

to 30 percent of a lunch's calories. Three-quarters of all schools still don't meet the new limit, according to a 2001 USDA study. Daniel said the study analyzed what children ate, not what they were offered. She said 80 percent of schools offer combinations of food that meet the guidelines, but children often make unhealthy choices.

Experts say choices are fine, but that children shouldn't be given unhealthy options. Willett complains that the focus on fat has obscured an equally important issue — the starches and refined carbohydrates (potatoes, pasta and white bread) that make up half of school lunch calories.

Others complain about the amount of meat and dairy, saying the commodity program favors those products in part because of the USDA's other responsibility — ensuring stable farm prices.

And nearly 20 percent of districts have updated fresh fruit and vegetable purchases, according to the USDA. Nearly half also are buying more low-fat and reduced-fat foods.

Barbara Gates thought she was starting small in her battle to get more vegetables on the menu at Crest Elementary School in El Cajon, Calif. She wanted minestrone soup substituted for pepperoni pizza twice a month.

What should schools be feeding children?

What the USDA regulations call for might be a good start; they're healthier than — the average American diet — many nutritionists say.

Despite the gap between standards and execution, many want even tougher regulations. Willett wants more whole grains, others want soy milk and vegetarian meals, and everyone wants more fresh produce.

Barry Sackin, spokesman for the American School Food Service Association in Alexandria, Va., agreed schools have won the obesity battle, but so do parents.

When ideas for better menus are rejected by schools such as Cohasset, where the lunch program has run a deficit during five of the past six years, many point to the money.

Even if money wasn't an issue, enforcement is. The school lunch program was created in 1946 to prevent malnutrition, and the only real penalties are for schools that fail to feed children enough.

School lunches in the Magic Valley

Table showing enrollment, average lunch participation, and percentage of students eating school lunches for various districts.

Lunch

Continued from A1. As long as we don't serve french fries too often, we're OK," Wagner said.

Salad day. At Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls, Kitchen Manager Debbie Pika is optimistic about students wanting to eat salad in shakers for lunch.

White, not wheat. Schools are aware of government guidelines to serve more whole grains, but in practice, many school lunches in the Magic Valley are white flour affairs.

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Medicare bill may help insulate Bush

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - With the stroke of his pen today, President Bush hopes to finally banish one of the Republican Party's most worrisome biennial boogymen. Bush is scheduled to sign into law legislation that adds voluntary prescription drug coverage to all seniors under the Medicare program at a cost of \$400 billion over the next decade. "It is not an unalloyed plus, but it still is a very substantial plus for President Bush for his reelection campaign and indeed for all the Republicans running for the Senate and House," said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. That's because enactment of

President signs it into law today

the benefit will show that Bush and a Republican Congress can deliver on important domestic issues, even if there is some dissatisfaction with details of the package. Flash back to Election Night 2002: Republicans slightly padded their small edge in the House and regained a majority in the Senate, bucking a historical trend that typically sees the party in the White House lose seats at midterm. Bush's aggressive use of the presidential bully pulpit, part of a broad GOP strategy to brand Democratic senators as "obstructionists," was credited in large part with the win. But in the after-

math, pundits from across the political spectrum had virtually the same message. Bush could no longer blame Democrats for failing to complete work on a domestic agenda that included creation of the Homeland Security Department and a prescription drug bill, recalls David Winston, a Republican pollster. Although the Medicare legislation has loud detractors and may not give seniors everything they desire, it does fulfill seniors' desire for progress on the issue of providing prescription drug coverage, he said. "People weren't expecting perfection from Congress, but they were expecting progress. And so

ultimately every person who voted for this - Republican or Democrat - is going to be able to say, 'Look, as a result of this bill more seniors will have access to prescription drugs at a lower cost than they did before.'" Democrats insist they can convince seniors, a key voting bloc in every election, that the Medicare bill is a raw deal. Democratic strategists contend that the more seniors find out about the bill, the more disappointed they'll be with the scope of its coverage and other details. "We'll make sure seniors understand that its limited benefits are a Trojan horse for giveaways to HMOs and drug companies that will keep their drug costs high and threaten Medicare," Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., said.

Dean accuses GOP of dividing nation

The Washington Post

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean on Sunday accused the Republican Party of purposely dividing the country over "guns, God-and-gays" and "stirring up racial prejudices" to win presidential elections. "In 1968, (Republican) Richard Nixon won the White House," Dean said in remarks prepared for delivery in South Carolina. "He did it on a shameful way: by dividing Americans against one another, stirring up racial prejudices and bringing out the worst in people. They called it the Southern strategy, and the Republicans have been using it ever since." Republicans deny they divide the nation over race.



Howard Dean

region. The former governor has rocketed past his rivals in New Hampshire, the first key primary state, and is neck-and-neck with Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, Mo., in Iowa. "Yet, even if he can win both states, Dean's surge could come to crashing halt in the south from two fronts, Democrats say. First, several rivals are gearing up for one last stand on Feb. 3, when South Carolina, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona will give Southerners a strong say in who wins the Democratic nomination. If Dean stumbles, a new frontrunner could emerge. Secondly, a large number of influential Democrats, many of them former high-level advisers to President Clinton and State leaders, are growing increasingly concerned Dean's anti-tax, anti-tax cuts campaign could doom the party's chances of winning back the White House in Congress."

Dean said the time has come for political leaders to move beyond divisive issues and toward harmony on issues of "common interest" such as education and jobs. "It's time we had a new politics in America - a politics that refuses to pander to our lowest prejudices," he said. Dean - who only weeks ago infuriated some African Americans for claiming he wanted to be the candidate of whites with confederate flags - is increasingly going after President Bush on race issues as part of his own "Southern strategy" to win support in the

what its Republican leaders plan as a one-day session to approve the spending bill. Most Democrats and some GOP conservatives seem likely to oppose the bill, but it is expected to pass. The Senate meets Tuesday, but most of its members will not be there. They were told they would not have to return to Washington until the next session of Congress begins Jan. 20. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., would like the Senate to approve the measure Tuesday by voice vote, which can be done with only one senator in the chamber. But Democrats have said they will not let him do that because they oppose the way the bill handles overtime pay, media ownership and contracting out federal work - and spending for schools and other areas that they say is too low. "We should not silence our voices and close our eyes to the outrageous extremes in this bill," Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said last week in announcing he would block a voice vote.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERED



Gen. Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, bows his head at the start of the Pearl Harbor Commemoration Ceremony at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, Sunday. Hagee was the keynote speaker.

U.N. official urges probe of attack that killed 9 children

Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan - The top U.N. official in Afghanistan called Sunday for a swift investigation into a U.S. airstrike that left nine Afghan children dead, saying that such attacks would increase Afghans' feeling of insecurity and fear. In a statement, the U.S. military said Sunday that it regretted the deaths and was conducting its own investigation into the bombing Saturday that targeted someone a U.S. Army spokesman named a known terrorist. Ground forces who checked the scene of the airstrike later discovered the bodies of nine children near the dead terrorism suspect, the military said. But Afghans contended that the Taliban militant

targeted by U.S. forces had escaped. "This incident, which follows similar incidents, adds to the sense of insecurity and fear in the country," Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. special representative to Afghanistan, said in a statement. He urged the military to make public the results of its investigation, adding: "The protection of civilians is an obligation that must be observed by all." Brahimi said he was "profoundly distressed" by the incident. The children were playing in the walled compound of their home early Saturday morning, when an A-10 Warthog aircraft bombed the rural village of Hutaia, in the province of Ghazni, 80 miles southeast of the Afghan capital.

Senate delays on spending bill endanger initiatives

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House seems ready to vote its belated approval for a \$373 billion spending bill, but a Senate showdown could wait until late January, which would slow and perhaps jeopardize some of President Bush's priorities. The bill is to provide money for most domestic agencies for the budget year that started Oct. 1. Lawmakers have injected big increases for veterans' health care and highway construction and adorned it with billions of dollars for museums, hospitals and thousands of other projects for their districts. The massive bill is well-stocked with trophies for Bush, too. That means the president also stands to lose political prizes if disputes on overtime pay and other issues block passage. "If there is no bill, no one will get any of their special priorities," said Richard May, a private consultant who monitors budget issues. The House was returning today from Thanksgiving recess for

what its Republican leaders plan as a one-day session to approve the spending bill. Most Democrats and some GOP conservatives seem likely to oppose the bill, but it is expected to pass. The Senate meets Tuesday, but most of its members will not be there. They were told they would not have to return to Washington until the next session of Congress begins Jan. 20. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., would like the Senate to approve the measure Tuesday by voice vote, which can be done with only one senator in the chamber. But Democrats have said they will not let him do that because they oppose the way the bill handles overtime pay, media ownership and contracting out federal work - and spending for schools and other areas that they say is too low. "We should not silence our voices and close our eyes to the outrageous extremes in this bill," Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said last week in announcing he would block a voice vote.

'Last Samurai' leads box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "The Last Samurai" came in first at the weekend box office as the Tom Cruise war epic cut down the competition with \$24.4 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. In the film, Cruise plays a down-trodden Civil War veteran who reclaims honor by forging a bond with samurai warriors - despite having been brought to Japan to quash their rebellion by training a mercenary army for the Japanese emperor.

Iraq

Continued from A1 in violence as we move toward sovereignty at the end of June," Sanchez said. "The killing or capturing of Saddam Hussein will have an impact on the level of violence, but it will not end it," he said. "It won't be the end-all solution." "It's a needle in a haystack," he said of the hunt for the ousted Iraqi leader. "Clearly we went for the right haystack. We are moving under the assumption that he is still in the country, that he is still operating." In Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, children took a break from a soccer game to taunt U.S. soldiers on patrol with chants of: "We will give our blood, we will give our lives for Saddam." "Saddam is free, he is here, he walks Tikrit in disguise," taunted Mohammad Ali Mustafa, a 10-year-old boy who cursed the U.S. soldiers. "They are occupiers, they fire on us. Saddam is our father." In Baghdad, the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division sent almost 1,500 soldiers on a sweep through the capital's al-Mansour district, raiding apartment buildings and detaining 42 people, including a dozen suspected guerrillas. The raids netted 215 AK-47 automatic rifles, 10 grenades and bombing gear. Members of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council gave different versions of progress on a statute that would establish a war-crimes tribunal that could try Saddam and his top aides. One member, Mahmoud Othman, said the council had reached agreement on the statute and planned to send it to the U.S. administrator, L. Paul Bremer, on Monday for his signature. But

another, Yonadam Kanna, said negotiations were continuing. Near the town of Samarra, some 70 miles north of Baghdad, a bomb derailed eight of 20 car-

riages on a train heading from Baghdad to Mosul on Saturday evening, said Master Abdel-Rahman, a railway official. There were no injuries.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

DEQ mulls revised Amalgamated permit

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a revised air quality permit for the Amalgamated Sugar Co. plant in Twin Falls. The draft permit clarifies certain terms of the facility's existing permit, which was appealed by the company.

Copies of the permit package are available for review at the DEQ's offices in Boise and Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Public Library and online at www.deq.state.id.us. The deadline for submitting written comments is 5 p.m. Dec. 12.

For technical information about the permit, contact Bill Rogers, DEQ Air Quality Division, at 208-373-0502 or wrogers@deq.state.id.us. Submit questions, comments and requests regarding the public comment process to Joan Lechtenberg, Air Quality Division, DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, 83706; by phone at the number listed above; or by e-mail at jlechten@deq.state.id.us.

Wintry weather leads to rollovers, slideoffs

JEROME - A number of rollovers and slideoffs were reported on Interstate 84 Sunday evening when a sudden snowstorm struck the Magic Valley area.

Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatcher reported that they resulted in only minor injuries. The bulk of the accidents were reported from mileposts 164-173 from about 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., she said. Two rollovers were reported along with a "bunch" of slideoffs, she said.

"A little bit of snow hits and everybody forgets how to drive," the dispatcher said.

Search for missing teen yields no new clues

TWIN FALLS - Boats continued to be banned from the water at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir Sunday as the search for a missing teen continued with spot checks, said Nancy Howel, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Bridley DeCarr, 16, of Rogerson is believed to have drowned Wednesday.

Search and rescue teams were called out that evening after a woman called 911 to report a possible drowning at the dam. The only items that have been found were a coat left on the rocks and a shoe floating in the water, Howel said.

Dilettantes look for 'Damn Yankees' cast

TWIN FALLS - Auditions will be held Dec. 14-15 for the Dilettantes of the Magic Valley's production of the musical "Damn Yankees."

The cast will be chosen at tryouts from 3 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 14 and from 5 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Immanuel Lutheran school, 2055 Filer Ave. E. Children are asked to come from 3 to 4 p.m. Dec. 14, and dancers from 4 to 5 p.m. Dec. 14.

Especially needed are 15 men, 15 women and boys and girls ages 8 to 16. Also needed are at least a dozen male and female dancers. Those trying out should come prepared to sing a song of their own choice, or one from the show. Familiar musical numbers include "You've Gotta Have Heart," "Shoelace Joe from Hannibal, Mo.," and "Whatever Lola Wants." An accompanist will be provided.

The production is scheduled for March 19-21 and March 25-27 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

For more information, call Sharon Warner at 733-7321.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of norm.
Upper Snake River	99%	24%
Salmon Falls	69%	19%
Salmon	90%	18%
Oakley	88%	18%
Big Wood	92%	13%
Little Wood	105%	10%
Hennys Fork/Teton	95%	22%
Big Lost	106%	11%
Little Lost	88%	16%

As of Dec. 7
 *A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
 **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Proposal would marry wastewater treatment and wildlife habitat

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While the songbirds are singing, the poplar trees they're perched in might be working to purge phosphorus from river water that flows underneath.

City Council members will hold a marathon session today to conduct consultant interviews for an Auger Falls project that could marry wastewater treatment with a wildlife habitat and a public park.

"The idea has been to use the property to remove nutrients

Meeting tonight

The Twin Falls City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. today in the new council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. next to City Hall. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda includes:

- A Twin Falls Police Department request for approval to destroy some permanent and semi-permanent records, in accordance with Idaho law. These could include mid-1990s homicide reports, sexual abuse reports, officer-involved shooting reports and fatal traffic accident reports.

from wastewater but to develop it in a way to make a unique, attractive place for residents in our community," City Manager Tom Courtney said.

City officials hope to reduce the amount of phosphorus and

- A request from the city's Parks and Recreation Department to increase the cost of the downhill ski/snowboard package, which offers four Sundays of skiing or snowboarding at Pomeroy Mountain Resort. The proposed increase is \$5, from \$45 to \$50 for the package. The department would also like to increase by \$7 the cost of the School's Out So Ski/Snowboard Day program, which is scheduled for Feb. 17.

other nutrients in wastewater discharged from the city's sewer plant, which would improve water quality in the Snake River. "Plants in wetlands would uptake some wastewater and some nutrients," he said.

"Periodically, we'd have to harvest some or all of the plants to remove the phosphorus from the area."

A lot of the plants are perennials and would come back, he said, and hybrid poplar trees wouldn't have to be removed by their roots. Courtney noted, however, that the water meets all discharge requirements established by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"If we can remove large quantities of phosphorus, we create the potential for community growth and selling credits to other businesses who can't remove phosphorus from their wastewater as inexpensively as we can," he said.

This credit trading is allowed under state law and can be used in air quality credit swaps, too. At this point, officials are

unsure how much money could be made off such a venture.

"This is a concept that's relatively new to the state of Idaho," Courtney said. "They will be modifying regulations as we're developing plans for the property."

The city bought the Auger Falls property for \$1.3 million last year.

The area encompasses about 550 acres of land, some of which would be open to the public.

Concurrently, planners want to develop a city park with wildlife viewing areas and wetland areas. That would provide habitat for waterfowl, upland game, birds of prey, songbirds, deer, muskrats, beaver or other critters that live near the city.

Six engineering firms have been invited to make presentations to the council starting at 1 p.m.

A PERFECT MATCH



Shey Patterson of Twin Falls received a kidney from his wife, Donna Bach, seven years ago.

T.F. man says he's grateful for wife's kidney donation

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When Shey Patterson and Donna Bach fell in love, they had no way of knowing they were perfectly matched.

But six years into their marriage, medical tests proved exactly that.

"I was - Shey became extremely ill, medical examinations determined his need for a kidney transplant. And in their rare story of true love, Donna offered to be the donor for his transplant operation."

Before the two were married in 1989, Shey Patterson was already living with a progressive kidney disease that doctors discovered after he was involved in an accident on his farm. Though it was still in its early stages, Patterson

was made aware of the life-threatening disease through medical tests done following the near-fatal accident.

Although the discovery was a hard pill to swallow, Patterson considered himself a lucky man.

The tractor he was operating when the accident occurred had plunged down a 6-foot embankment, and according to hospital records, the emergency team listed him as "dead on arrival."

But doctors were able to revive him and found the disease during the medical procedures that followed.

So although he would someday

have to have a kidney transplant, or face dialysis, he felt fortunate to be alive.

That was only the beginning of his good fortune.

Following the farm accident, Shey became a real estate agent and joined a local firm owned and operated by his future wife, Donna Bach. A few years later they were married. Over the years, his condition worsened, and they were faced with the inevitable.

Following an examination at the University of Utah Medical Center, doctors told the couple that without a kidney transplant

he could not survive. While his name was put on a waiting list, in the meantime they needed to begin preparations for dialysis.

His wife didn't like what she heard and immediately responded by saying, "I'll just give him my kidney."

But the odds of a match were not in their favor.

According to the doctor, the odds that a married couple would match up as both donor and recipient were 250,000 to 1. But Bach insisted on being tested, and following her series of tests, they beat the odds. She was a perfect donor and gave Shey his life-saving gift in 1996.

"It has made us appreciate life and each other so much more," Bach said.

"We're thankful for each new day," added Patterson, 69.

"We're thankful for each new day."
 - Shey Patterson

The need for organ donors rises

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Waiting for organ transplants can be an expensive, heart-wrenching experience, College of Southern Idaho surgical technology students were told last week.

Alex McDonald, director of public education for Intermountain Donor Services, spoke to the students, as did people affected by the need for transplants.

Terri Chugg shared the story of her daughter, who died while waiting for a heart transplant.

Along with a video "to put a face" on her story, Chugg took the students through the e.l.v.i.t. - month waiting period, 20-year-old Bambi Thomas endured before dying this year from a condition known as postpartum cardiomyopathy - a rare cause of heart failure - that occurs after childbirth.

While Thomas was active in promoting organ donation in Idaho, a matching donation never happened for her.

Regardless of a person's success in obtaining a transplant, it can be costly just to get on a waiting list.

According to McDonald, a patient must have about one-fourth of the \$300,000 plus cost to be considered. Without insurance, many needing organ transplants are left out of the mix.

Anna Berry, another Idaho resident, is one of those.

While she continues to live in Utah to be closer a transplant facility, the mother of two was also a victim of postpartum cardiomyopathy.

The 28-year-old went into the hospital in March. Two days later she was flown from Idaho Falls to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. The prognosis was grim. She would need a heart transplant within two years.

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How to help
 For more information about Intermountain Donor Services, go to www.yesidaho.org. You can contribute to Anna Berry's transplant fund through the Healing Hearts Foundation at 1944 W. 4550 S., Apt. A, 5422 S. Vista Drive, Roy, Utah, 84067.

Twin Falls School Board will hear grant and schedule proposals

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

Meeting today

The Twin Falls School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. today to review financial reports for 2003. The board's regular meeting follows at 7 p.m. in the school administration building's board room at 201 Main Ave. W. The meetings are open to the public.

TWIN FALLS - A research grant for a steroid use and eating disorder prevention program and a list of goals for the next calendar year are among the issues going before the Twin Falls School Board tonight.

The board will also hear a proposal for the "blended-block" schedule that could be implemented at Twin Falls High School as soon as next year if the board approves it in January.

Another item for consideration at the board's 7 p.m. meeting is

vide for training, drug tests and surveys associated with the ATLAS and ATHENA programs. The ATLAS program is meant to educate male athletes about drugs and prevent drug use. The ATHENA program targets female athletes and educates them about eating disorders. The research portion of the grant would evaluate how effective the programs are. If approved, the research program would start in spring and last three years, said Sherri Molina, the Twin Falls district's Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinator.

The School Board has proposed six main goals for next year broad

ken down into smaller components with guidelines for when and how they should be achieved. They are:

- Continue implementing the new requirements for students to pass the Idaho Standards Achievement Test and the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act.
- Test students to be sure that they are learning.
- Expand programs so that all students can learn and be remediated if necessary.
- Communicate better with the Legislature, parents, staff and community.
- Upgrade buildings as needed and keep the schools safe.
- Stay informed about national, state and local issues that concern the district.

The proposed "blended-block" schedule would include a combination of four 90-minute block periods and opportunities for four 52-minute "skinny" classes arranged around a long, flexible lunch period. School officials maintain that the proposed schedule will be necessary for students to meet increasing graduation requirements.

Glenns Ferry takes on Castleferry in girls hoops.

SPORTS

Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

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MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

I'm kind of like Nick Buoniconti of the 1972 Miami Dolphins. I toast champagne once everyone in the league hits their 11th loss.

TNT commentator Steve Kerr, a member of the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls team that set the NBA record for best regular-season record at 72-10, when asked if the Los Angeles Lakers might better that mark this season.

TRIVIA QUESTION: What is the second-longest win streak in NBA history? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE: High school girls basketball, Glenns Ferry at Castleferry, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF TFHS boosters will meet today TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the faculty lounge room.

Burley football team will become Santa's helpers BURLEY - Coach Scott Palin and the Burley High School football team are offering their services as Santa's helpers this holiday season.

T.F. Rec coaches get into Bruins games free TWIN FALLS - All Twin Falls Parks & Recreation youth coaches who show their T.F. Parks & Recreation volunteer pins will be admitted free of charge to all Twin Falls High School boys and girls home basketball games this season.

Burley Golf Course announces winter rates BURLEY - Winter rates of \$5 per nine holes walk and \$10 per nine holes with a golf cart are now in effect at the Burley Golf Course.

CSI booster luncheon will be held today TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho booster club luncheon will be held at noon Monday in the Taylor Administration Building, Room 277 on campus.

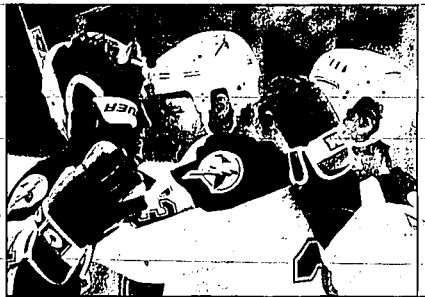
TRIVIA ANSWER: Twenty, by the 1970-71 Milwaukee Bucks. The 1999-2000 Lakers won 19.

Late rally lifts Lightning

By Ira Podoll Associated Press writer NEW YORK - Martin St. Louis had a goal and an assist in the decisive third period to lift the weary Tampa Bay Lightning to a 3-2 victory Sunday night over the New York Rangers.

St. Louis tied it with a breakaway goal during a power play 12:26 into the period, then helped set up Cory Sarich for the game-winner at 8:23. Dave Andreychuk scored for the third straight game to tie it for the Lightning in the first period.

St. Louis broke free 1:34 into a penalty to Vladimir Malakhov that spanned the second and third periods. He beat Mike Dunham's outstretched right pad. The Lightning forward then made a pass from down low out to the right point to Sarich, who fired a shot past Dunham to make it 3-2.



Tampa Bay's Fredrik Modin of Sweden, center, and Vincent Lecavalier, right, congratulate Cory Sarich after he scored the game winning goal against the New York Rangers Sunday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

NFL WEEK 14

Northern exposure

Vikings add to Seattle's woes away from home

By Dave Campbell Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS - Though they finished November on a terrible note, the Minnesota Vikings know this: Finish strong, and the slump is forgotten. Daunte Culpepper threw three long touchdown passes, two to Randy Moss, and a suddenly stingy defense shut down the powerful Seattle Seahawks on Sunday in a 34-7 victory.



Minnesota Vikings Michael Bennett (23) picks up 14 yards as Seattle Seahawks' Orlando Huff (57) pursues during the second half Sunday in Minneapolis. The Vikings won 34-7.

In a critical game for both clubs' playoff chances, the Vikings (8-5) reverted to their early season form - before five losses in six games wiped out a 6-0 start and placed them in NFC North lead over Green Bay in serious question.

The Seahawks (8-5) were stymied by a defense that fell to 29th in the league after a last-17 loss at St. Louis last week. After scoring 110 points in the last three games, Seattle continued to struggle on the road and fell further behind the Rams (9-3 entering Monday) in the NFC West.

The Seahawks are 1-5 away from home with a make-or-break game at St. Louis next week. "I'm angry about how we played," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "The true test of this team will be how we bounce back from this."

Culpepper, who shared some responsibility with the defense for the Vikings' recent struggles, was 21-for-33 for 274 yards, three touchdowns and no turnovers.

USC left out of BCS title contest

By Josh Dubow Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - College football fans, get ready to crown not just one, but possibly two national champions.

And get ready for a new round of controversy. That's because the computer rankings had Oklahoma as the country's top team Sunday while the human poll voters picked Southern California.

It's exactly what the Bowl Championship Series was designed to avoid: with the prospect of a split title certain to renew cries for a playoff.

Despite getting walloped by Kansas State 35-7 on Saturday night, Oklahoma will take its 12-1 record to the Sugar Bowl against LSU, which won the Southeastern Conference championship by beating Georgia 34-13.

The winner in New Orleans on Jan. 4 automatically captures the coaches' title under BCS format.

USC, which finished third in the BCS rankings, could win the Associated Press championship by beating No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

"We're the No. 1 team in the country and we'll do everything we can to hold that spot," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "If we win that football game, we feel like we'll be the No. 1 team in the country regardless of what that other bowl is called."

The No. 1 team in the AP poll has never dropped after winning its bowl game.

The BCS was started in 1998 to create a national title game without playoffs.

When the BCS contract expires after the 2005 season, a one-game championship might be instituted after the bowls. That would be too late to fix this year's mess.

"Unfortunately, there seems to be three teams that people would like to see and the system can't satisfy three teams," LSU coach Les Miles said.

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New acquisition Wells fuels Grizzlies

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The shift was dramatic for Benzil Wells. The last time he was on the floor with Memphis facing Portland, he scored 17 points to help the Trail Blazers to victory.

But Sunday, Wells had 16 points for the Grizzlies as they beat the Trail Blazers 93-79 and kept them winning on the road in the first round of the playoffs.

The Trail Blazers won their previous game with the Grizzlies 93-87 in Portland in November. Wells, who built a bad-boy reputation with Portland, was traded to Memphis on Wednesday and faced his old teammates for the first time.



Memphis Grizzlies guard Benzil Wells defends the Portland Trail Blazers' Wesley Person during the first quarter Sunday in Memphis, Tenn. The Grizzlies acquired Wells in a trade for Person this past Wednesday.

Raiders continue slide

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - A week after coach Bill Callahan labeled them the dumbest-playing team in America, the Oakland Raiders are nearing another distinction: the NFL's worst team.

The Raiders' collapse a season after playing in the Super Bowl reached new depths Sunday as Antwan Randle El's playmaking led the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 27-7 victory in a matchup of disappointing teams.

Jerome Bettis moved past Thurman Thomas into ninth place on the NFL career rushing list with 106 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown run that put Pittsburgh up 10-3 in the second. It was the first 100-yard game by a Steelers runner this season and only Bettis' second in 2.5 seasons. Bettis has 12,116 yards and

needs only 5 more to pass former Steelers star Franco Harris and move into eighth place. Harris would remain Pittsburgh's all-time leader since Bettis had 3,091 yards with the Rams.

Oakland (3-10) took a 7-0 lead on Tyrone Wheatley's 22-yard run late in the first quarter - the Raiders' only touchdown in two games - but offered little resistance after that to an opponent that had lost seven of nine.

Randle El, the elusive receiver and kick returner who set NCAA records at Indiana for his offensive versatility, enjoyed the best game of his two-season NFL career by setting up three scorers with catches of 24 and 15 yards and a 51-yard punt return. He also had a 26-yard punt return and an 18-yard run while lining up at quarterback, and Tommy Maddox threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress.

OPINION

More proof arises connecting Saddam, al-Qaeda

"I understood the 'why' of the war," said former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who was in Kansas City last week on a book tour. "I did not understand the 'why' now."

Well, Madame Secretary (the title of her book), it has something to do with Sept. 11. While in town, Albright met with The Kansas City Star's Editorial Board. Her views were no doubt a window into the assumptions of many in the foreign-policy establishment who opposed the war.

I can only say I'm glad they lost the argument. Albright and her colleagues in the Clinton administration shared many conclusions with the Bush administration.

Both viewed Saddam, Hussein as a threat. Both believed, based on the available intelligence and reports by U.N. inspectors, that Iraq was hoarding an arsenal of fearsome weapons.

Nevertheless, after Sept. 11, 2001, Albright's preferred policy would have been to "contain" Saddam with sanctions and weapons inspections - keep him in a "strategic box," as she put it - while concentrating on stabilizing Afghanistan.

She would have left Saddam in power, able to threaten his neighbors and continue sowing the Iraqi countryside with mass graves, while awaiting the inevitable day when Washington lost interest in containment. In her view, the war in Iraq is a diversion.

E. THOMAS McCLANAHAN

"We should be concentrating on fighting terrorism," Albright said. Would it have been possible to contain Saddam indefinitely? No, she acknowledged. But it would have worked long enough to allow us to deal more conclusively with Afghanistan, where the Taliban are regrouping.

Iraq, she said, was an unnecessary war of choice. She discounted the risk that Saddam and Osama bin Laden would make common cause against the United States.

"I never believed there was a connection," she said, between Iraq and al-Qaeda.

The assumption that al-Qaeda and Saddam were oil and water is the hinge on which everything else in the "contain Saddam" argument depends.

If Saddam and bin Laden had a working relationship, then the threat posed by Iraq must be viewed in a new light. We would have to assume that no "containment" regime could prevent Hussein from secretly slipping a chemical or biological weapon to a shadowy organization like al-Qaeda.

Albright's belief that al-Qaeda and Saddam weren't willing to cooperate, however, is no longer supportable.

In a recent cover story, The Weekly Standard disclosed a classified Defense Department memo

detailing an "operational relationship" between Saddam and bin Laden for more than a decade.

The memo, dated Oct. 27, 2003, was written by Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas J. Feith. It was addressed to the chairman and co-chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Sen. Pat Roberts, a Kansas Republican, and Sen. Jay Rockefeller, a West Virginia Democrat.

The relationship between Saddam and bin Laden, according to intelligence reports cited by Feith, involved training in explosives and weapons of mass destruction, safe havens in Iraq and support for terrorist attacks. The Weekly Standard termed the Feith memo a "CIA's Notes" account of al-Qaeda-Iraq dealings, as viewed from the prism of U.S. intelligence.

The memo includes raw intelligence reports, meaning each separate assertion may or may not be true. But many corroborate each other and the overall impression of Feith's bullet-point items, 50 in all, undermines the comfortable belief of many war opponents that bin Laden and Hussein were loathe to work together.

"The picture that emerges," wrote Stephen E. Hayes, a reporter for The Weekly Standard, "is one of a history of collaboration between two of America's most determined and dangerous enemies."

The reaction in the mainstream press has been interesting. The Washington Post and Newsweek published stories dis-

counting the significance of the Feith memo.

The New York Times, however, acknowledged that "parts of the memo support the much stronger case presented by Bush administration officials who have repeatedly cited the ties as a threat to the United States."

In a response to the Newsweek report, Hayes published a follow-up piece on the relationship between al-Qaeda and Iraq at weeklystandard.com, quoting Feith's bullet-point 34. That item is based on an interrogation report:

"During a 3 Sept 2002 interview, senior al-Qaeda lieutenant (Abu) Zubaida said that bin Laden would ally al-Qaeda with any entity willing to kill Americans. Zubaida explained, 'My enemy's enemy is my friend.' Bin Laden opposed a 'formal' alliance because it may threaten al-Qaeda's independence, but he saw the benefits of cooperation and viewed any entity that hated Americans and was willing to kill them as an ally."

I asked Albright about The Weekly Standard story. She hadn't heard a thing about it.

At one point, in a discussion on the limits of intelligence in general, she said, "President Gore would have interpreted the intelligence differently."

I'm sure that's true. But I think that also shows why we're lucky Al Gore isn't president.

E. Thomas McClanahan is a member of the Kansas City Star editorial board.

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LETTERS

Economic prosperity leaves Idaho behind

Does any of us bother to consider that the Royal White House jester's attempt to muscle Congress into approving the largest federal expense commitment in this nation's history (\$820 billion) represents a due bill of nearly \$3,000 for every living man, woman and child in these United States? Subtract that from Idaho's 42nd lowest in the nation per capita income of \$24,621. It means many of us here in Spudland are living below the federal poverty line.

The Department of Labor brags that employment nationally has gone up by some 250,000 over the past few months. When pressed, it will acknowledge that those hires have been largely in the service sector where \$5.15 to \$7.50 an hour wages prevail. That doesn't begin to offset the 3 million jobs lost during the Bush regime which paid an average hourly rate of \$13.82 - figures beyond the wildest dreams of Idaho workers, whose hourly income barely exceeds \$8.

One can only gape in awe and wonder why Idaho sheep consistently lead the lambs to Republican economic slaughter. My conclusion is that they just find it more comfortable to leave their thinking to politicians who blatantly prostitute themselves to private interest groups for personal gain. How often do we see one leave elective office a pauper?

ROBERT PARRISH Twin Falls

Why is local hospital so afraid of competition?

What's the matter, Magic Valley Regional - you afraid of a little competition? I thought competition was good; it keeps everybody honest. I understand why you're afraid of St. Ben's because you know if people have a choice of hospitals they will probably go to St. Ben's because they have

"smart doctors" - you've seen the ads.

So why is Mr. John Koe trying so hard to stop St. Ben's? Because he knows their revenue will drop, so now he is trying to get the hospital association involved.

By your actions, all you're doing is telling people that St. Ben's might be a better choice of hospitals. I for one, think it is.

KENT PUTZIER Filer

Wind turbines can co-exist with wildlife

I would like to see the big wind generators put on Coterail Mountain.

Some people are afraid of the bird and animal habitat being ruined, but in the past 20 years, I have run wind machines and now have four on my property. In that time, I have found only one dead bird but no mark that he hit a blade or anything.

Weathered bird scraps into a pile put by the biggest tower and the deer come and feed on them when the machines are running and the machines don't frighten them.

A good thing about the big machines they want to put up is that they turn slow but have a lot of torque. No problem killing birds.

As the habitat grows back, the birds come in around the towers. A robin was trying to nest on the platform on my big tower.

I did frighten her when I climbed the tower to check things out. There are no negative by-products produced by using the wind and solar energy like there is by burning fossil fuel and nuclear power.

GALE R. WARD Malta

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NATION/WORLD

Rumsfeld: More Iraqi security may be needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he wants senior commanders in Iraq to consider whether the Pentagon underestimated how many U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces would be needed before a sovereign Iraqi government can take over next summer.

Rumsfeld, who spent Saturday in Iraq, said he alone has raised doubts about whether the current goal of about 220,000 Iraqi security forces would be adequate, but he asked commanders to review their estimates. He was interviewed on the flight to Washington, arriving early Sunday after a weeklong trip that also included a stop in Afghanistan.

"I raised that question not because I have conviction that we need more, but because I worry that budgets will begin to get committed, and we may not know if we need more until sometime, for example, in February or March or April," he said. By then, he said, the money might not be available.

He was concerned that we might not have the option of increasing it, in fact, that proves to be necessary," he said.



A soldier from the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division talks with an Iraqi boy while on patrol in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, Sunday.

The number of Iraqis now in uniform is now said to be about 140,000, many of whom were rushed through training programs. The importance of building up those forces to perform duties

now done by the U.S. military was a major theme of Rumsfeld's visit to Iraq. He sees it as the key to completing the military mission there in the aftermath of Saddam Hussein's deposed dictatorship. Iraq was the final stop on a trip

that began in Brussels, Belgium, where Rumsfeld attended NATO meetings. He also went to the former Soviet republics of Azerbaijan and Georgia.

In Iraq he met with senior U.S. commanders and Iraqi political figures in the northern city of Kirkuk and in Baghdad. He ate with American soldiers and watched Iraqi train for a new Civil Defense Corps, a paramilitary force designed to help in the hunt for holdouts from Saddam's regime.

"What I've just seen firsthand is the fact that the approach we've taken — attempting to develop Iraqi security forces — is the right approach," he told reporters after observing Civil Defense Corps training at an outpost of the 82nd Airborne Division on the outskirts of the capital.

"I'd like to see us, to the extent we can, continue to try to accelerate the training and recruiting and deployment of Iraqi security forces," he said, referring not just to new paramilitary but also police, border guards, site security guards and a new Iraqi army.

Government has reached no decision on explosive detectors

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — More than two years after the hijackings that prompted a new U.S. air security system, the government has been unable to decide on a new technology that could prevent terrorists from sneaking explosives into airline cabins.

Airport security officials have circulated several alerts to airport directors and security screeners across the country this year, warning that terrorists might try to get explosives or bombs through security checkpoints inside items such as cameras, cell phones and stuffed animals, or inside the linings of jackets and pillows.

Several technology companies say they make systems that could thwart such tactics. But the companies say the Transportation Security Administration has been slow to review their products.

TSA officials say they have been reviewing more than 30,000 proposals submitted by private companies, testing some in laboratories and rejecting many because the suggested devices are too big to be installed in U.S.

airports. The proposals include such things as screens that can see through a person's clothing and access systems that allow people to enter doors by pressing their palms on a machine.

"You can have the latest gadget to detect a single threat, but then you'd have to remove all of your metal detectors, all your screeners" to make room for it, said TSA spokesman Brian Tyrnill.

Since 2001, the TSA has spent more than \$1 billion to install machines that test checked luggage for explosives. Most of those devices, which use existing technology, scan passengers' bags at ticket counters.

Congress mandated that airports install machines to test checked luggage for explosives by Dec. 31, 2002, but issued no such deadlines for checking passengers and carry-on luggage. Some lawmakers and aviation security experts say the agency could have moved sooner to address the threat posed at the checkpoint by terrorists such as Richard Reid, the British citizen convicted of trying to ignite explosives hidden in his shoes during a flight in 2001.

Pro-Putin party holds lead in parliamentary elections

MOSCOW (AP) — The main party supporting President Vladimir Putin led rivals by a large margin in Russia's parliamentary elections Sunday, according to partial official results.

Putin is seeking a solid majority to put his firm stamp on a country still setting its course for the future after seven decades of Soviet rule. Exit polls also indicated a big win for Putin and his allies.

With less than 3 percent of votes counted nationwide, the pro-Putin United Russia party led with 36.46 percent, while the nationalist Liberal Democratic Party of Russia was second with 15.61 percent, said Alexander Veshnyakov, chairman of the Central Election Commission.

The Communist Party, considered United Russia's biggest rival, came in third with 13.26 percent, he said.

Veshnyakov said two Western-leaning parties — the Union of Right Forces and Yabloko — each garnered less than 4 percent,

meaning that if those trends continued they would not reach the minimum necessary to enter the parliament as parties.

However, those parties were expected to pick up more votes as the count proceeded westward from the sparsely populated east, where United Russia and the Communists have polled particularly strongly. Both the Union of Right Forces and Yabloko parties have their strongest support in Moscow, St. Petersburg and other large cities in western Russia, which also have more voters.

The election took place over 11 time zones from Siberia's frozen wastes to the war-wrecked wasteland of Chechnya to the westernmost Baltic Sea enclave of Kaliningrad.

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Mayor recommends stun guns for police after man's death

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati's mayor on Sunday urged the city to buy stun guns for its police force in response to the death of a man following a struggle with six officers a week ago.

"I am looking for any avenue to avoid another situation," Mayor Charlie Luken wrote in an e-mail to City-Council members Sunday that asked them to find \$1 million in the 2004 budget to pay for the non-lethal weapons.

"While it is unclear whether the incident would have changed if our officers had the latest technology in Tasers, I believe we must equip our police with the very best equipment," Luken wrote.

Nathaniel Jones, 41, died Nov. 30 after the scuffle in a restaurant parking lot. A police cruiser videotape showed the 350-pound man lunging at one officer before he was brought down and struck repeatedly with metal nightsticks.

The coroner ruled Jones' death a homicide but cautioned that the designation did not imply police used excessive force. The direct



Nathaniel Jones

cause of death was the struggle, the autopsy showed, but Jones also had an enlarged heart and had drugs in his blood.

Jones' family and activist groups have said they will commission independent investigations, adding to probes by police, prosecutors and a citizens' panel. The Justice Department also is gathering information.

About 500 people attended a memorial Saturday for Jones, who was black. His death has focused attention on the racial divide in this city torn by riots in April 2001 after a white police officer shot an unarmed black man who fled arrest.

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A forest of lights means it's Christmas in Miami

I love Christmas in Miami. Oh, sure, it's not like Christmas up north. We don't have like Frost nipping at our noses. We have Harvey Heat Rash nipping at our underwear regions. And we never look outside on Christmas morning to discover that the landscape has been magically transformed by a blanket of white, unless a cocaine plane has crashed on our lawn.

But forget the climate. Christmas is about the holiday spirit, and there is only one true measure of that: the number of colored light bulbs in residential yards.

By that standard, Miami has holiday spirit out the wazoo. We have many homeowners who cross the fine line, in terms of illumination, between "tasteful holiday yard display" and "municipal airport." You know the houses I mean: The ones with a Frosty the Snowman the size of Godzilla; the ones with so many lights in the trees that you need an umbrella to avoid being struck by the falling bodies of electrocuted squirrels.

I realize there are homeowners like that in other communities. I'm just saying that Miami has them, too. But we have something else: We have a holiday attraction called "Santa's Enchanted Forest," which is hard to describe, although I will try.

Have you ever been to a county or state fair, the kind where the midway is lined with trailers selling, basically, globs of fried grease? Sometimes there's dough in the grease glob; sometimes there's potato; sometimes there's an old issue of National Geographic. It doesn't matter. You eat it all in a fair so you eat it.

This creates a digestive emergency that causes all the blood in your body to rush to your stomach, thus depriving your brain of oxygen and rendering you so stupid you decide it would be fun to go on a ride with a name like "The Regurgitator," wherein you willingly get into an insanely dangerous-looking contraption operated by men whose total educational background consists of reading their own tattoos. Next thing you know, you're being whirled violently around, and the air is filled with a festive mixture of laughter, screams, stomach contents, dentures and the occasional artificial eyeball.

If you've ever experienced this brand of carnival fun, you've probably been asked: Where do these things go in the winter? The answer is: to Santa's Enchanted Forest. This is an attraction that springs up in Miami every November next to an expressway. It bills itself as "The World's Largest and Most Displayed Park and Free Carnival," which is accurate, if you define "free" as "costing money."

Santa's Enchanted Forest is a bizarre mutant cross between a carnival midway and the world's tackiest Christmas yard display. You have the carnival food and rides, but you also have 3 million - yes, million - lights. Interspersed among the carnival attractions and food trailers are displays depicting traditional Christmas themes such as Santa Claus, Rudolph, Blues Clues, the Power Puff Girls, and of course the Nativity. This can be disorienting: You expect to see the Three Wise Men approaching the baby Jesus, bearing gifts of comdogs.

We go to Santa's Enchanted Forest every year to soak up the traditional holiday atmosphere - the lights, the smell of decades-old grease simmering in the South Florida humidity, the carols blaring from loudspeakers, the screams of the Regurgitator riders. There's always a festive crowd, because - Miami - celebrates Christmas from Thanksgiving through approximately Groundhog Day.

Miami loves to party. We party to celebrate when something good happens, such as winning the World Series, which we do, like clockwork, every six years. If Fidel ever dies, Miami will not regain consciousness for decades.

But my point is this: Christmas is fun in Miami. Come join in, if you can. And if you can't, wherever you are, have a Merry Christmas. Or, as we say in Miami: *Feliz Navidad!* (This is Spanish for "Caution, falling squirrels.")

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HUMOR
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Neuropathy can make getting around painful

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When Richard Reed got out of bed one morning a few months ago, he couldn't find one of his socks. He looked all over, then discovered it was on his foot. Reed had slept all night with the sock on, but couldn't feel it.

His doctor sent him to a neurologist, who tested him with a tuning fork. He felt no sensation in either foot.

"So then he put it on my knee and it shocked the hell out of my knee," Reed said. "I jumped up, and he said 'Now let's put it on your other knee,' and the same thing happened."

His diagnosis was neuropathy, a disorder of the peripheral nerves - the nerves that come out of the spinal cord. According to Dr. Pierre Dreyfus, a Sun Valley neurologist, the condition can be characterized by weakness, numbness, tingling and/or paralysis. There are forms of it that come on suddenly; others develop gradually.

Frequent causes are diabetes - a disease that's growing fast in the United States and other developed countries - and cancer. About 2 percent of the population as a whole suffers from neuropathy to some extent - including one-fourth of diabetics. The incidence among senior citizens is about 8,000 per 100,000 population.

In Third World countries, neuropathy is mainly due to malnutrition. Drugs are another common cause, Dreyfus says.

Reed's problems began after swollen feet prompted him to buy a larger pair of shoes. When he took them off after two days of wear, he noticed a big toe was bright green under the nail.

He called his doctor's office and a nurse told him to feel the toe, and if it was cold to get to the emergency room right away. The toe was warm.

"I got to thinking what I bet happened - that my shoe was hurting my toe and I couldn't feel it," he said. "So I put my old shoes back on, and right away the green went away. I did lose my toenail."

That was six months ago. Now it's hard for Reed to walk, and especially difficult to go up and down stairs. He said he doesn't know where his feet are and must



Richard Reed of Twin Falls sits next to the medication he takes each day to help with the pain from a neurological condition called neuropathy.

hold on to something to get around.

His symptoms run the gamut from muscle weakness and pain to numbness, pins-and-needles and a burning sensation, he says. The cause of Gerrie

Larribeau's neuropathy is mysterious. In fact, it's called idiopathic neuropathy, which means there's no known cause. Larribeau was troubled by odd symptoms for two or three years, she said. "I gradually started to come to a head until I couldn't

her gait. She was not able to put one foot in front of the other to walk. "In-the-mornings-when-I'd go for my walk, my ankles wouldn't bend right, and hurt to move."

"I think the main thing about neuropathy is first of all make sure the diagnosis is correct and consult a good neurologist," he said. "That's what we're here for."

To learn more ...

A support group for people with neuropathy is forming. For more information, call Richard Reed at 734-4920

Diabetes and footwear

It's important for diabetics to treat their feet properly to avoid any future problems. Footwear and orthotics play an important role in diabetic foot care. Footwear that fits poorly can cause irritation and injury. Diabetic footwear should provide the following benefits:

- High, wide toe box (high and wide space in the toe area)
- Removable insoles for fitting flexibility and the option to insert orthotics if necessary
- Rocker soles, designed to reduce pressure in the areas of the foot most susceptible to pain, most notably the heel and ball of the foot.

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stand, and in order to stand alone, I trembled."

Larribeau says when she had to be helped from spot to spot and couldn't move from one chair to another, she was taken to her doctor as an emergency. She had to be helped into the examining room.

Her doctor recommended she see a neurologist, who administered tests and made the diagnosis.

To establish whether or not the problem is neuropathy, Dreyfus does electrical studies and other tests. Or he makes a clinical diagnosis - examining the patient and taking a good history.

"What neurologists do next depends on the cause of the problem," he explains. "Control-of-diabetes can prevent neuropathy from happening at all. If the patient has neuropathy because of lung cancer, sometimes removing the cancer will bring improvement."

Good nutrition, particularly in alcoholics, will decrease the possibility of neuropathy, Dreyfus said. Remaining physically active is at least one way to keep neuropathy from getting worse, but not a very effective way of preventing it.

"I think the main thing about neuropathy is first of all make sure the diagnosis is correct and consult a good neurologist," he said. "That's what we're here for."

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Pajamas start seeing more daylight

The Baltimore Sun

Once, it was your worst recurring nightmare: You went to school wearing only your intimate apparel.

Today, that nightmare - in a less risqué form - has come true. Pajamas, and often slippers, have become public attire. This time, nobody seems to notice. Those rooney, flannel pajama bottoms, sold by the gazillions at Old Navy, American Eagle and other youth-oriented retailers, are worn to dinner, class and the movies as nonchalantly as if they were jeans.

Fredrica Newman, a freshman at Maryland's Goucher College, was recently spotted on campus heading to lunch while wearing a white shirt and SpongeBob Square Pants pajama bottoms from Target; the very same SpongeBob Square Pants pajama bottoms she wore to bed the night before.

"It's easier to go to class in my pajamas than to actually get dressed," Newman says. "It's just like I can't get up any earlier." The 18-year-old from Lanham, Md., says.

"All her classes are in the morning, and she plays basketball in the late afternoon and evening. "I'm not done until 7 or 8 p.m. and then I have to do homework. I don't get to bed until 3 or 4 a.m. I'm exhausted. Getting dressed is one more thing I'd have to get up



Fredrica Newman, 18, wearing SpongeBob Squarepants pajama pants, reads at the student center at Goucher College in Baltimore.

earlier for."

Newman is among the legions of consumers, who, thanks to a flood of comfort clothing on the racks, no longer have to get dressed to face the day. For the last couple of years, flannel pajama bottoms have increasingly ventured beyond home and the dorm to new, highly visible frontiers. On any given day, the pajama-wearing public can be sighted pumping gas, dining at Pizza Hut, ambling over a college campus, grocery shopping, walking the dog and performing many other daily tasks.

It's understandable. Flannel

jammies, especially those featuring Hong Kong Phooey and other cartoon characters, cheeky monikers, or psychedelic paisleys produced by an abundance of savvy labels, are cooler - and more evocative - than sweat pants. Wearing them is a way of straddling childhood and adulthood. You don't have to outgrow your security blanket; you can wear it in doing so, the line between inner and outerwear, already indistinct, blurs beyond recognition.

Add a pair of slippers and a bathrobe, as so, and do the Please see ATTITUDE, Page B2

These books make good gifts for needle workers

"The Good Housekeeping Illustrated Book of Needlecrafts" includes knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, quilting and more.

Here are a few book recommendations for your own wish list or for gift-giving. Try local stores first, order directly if necessary. This one isn't new, but it offers a lot of gift for the money - "The Good Housekeeping Illustrated Book of Needlecrafts" (Hearst Books, \$19.95). You'll find step-by-step instructions for learning knitting, crochet, embroidery, needlepoint, quilting, smoking and rug-making - a smattering of various time-honored skills.

For each craft, the book describes supplies and how-to techniques. Full-color photos show over 60 projects, as a means of learning the skills.

"Knitting for the First Time" (Sterling/Chapelle, \$19.95), offers everything you need to get started, from choosing yarns and needles to reading a stitch pattern. Projects introduce you to new techniques, progressing from simple to more challenging.

The question-and-answer format makes it easy to learn with such questions as "How do I change colors?" "How do I knit in the round?" "How do I decrease?" and more.

Correcting mistakes and professional finishing are also



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explained. You'll get a firm foundation in knitting with this book. "Quick to Make - Stylish Gifts to Craft in a Day" is a new book from Taunton Press at \$14.95. It's a collection of 34 sophisticated craft projects from Threads magazines, all fashion and home accessories that can be put together quickly. "This is a worthwhile paperback for creative home-sewers.

A gift book for quilters is "Celebrate the Tradition" (C&T Publishing, \$29.95) - a 20th anniversary commemorative collection of quilt blocks and memorable stories.

It's very colorful, and informative, too, with favorite tips from quilting authorities. Find it at quilt shop or order from www.ctpub.com or 800-284-1114.

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Nurses blame crisis on TV's 'ER'

The Washington Post

Policy-makers have spent years debating the causes of the nationwide shortage of registered nurses—a problem that has been repeatedly shown to harm patients.

Now a nursing advocacy group in Baltimore has come up with a new reason for the shortage: "ER," one of television's most enduringly popular medical shows, which attracts more than 20 million viewers per week.

The Center for Nursing Advocacy, a 2-year-old nonprofit group whose advisory board includes several of nursing's most prominent leaders, has launched a protest e-mail and letter-writing campaign against NBC—and the producers of the Thursday night show.

The group's executive director, nurse Sandy Summers, accused the show of perpetuating "dramatic and unrealistic" depictions that are contributing to the nursing shortage.

The nurses' protest comes at a time of mounting concern among public health officials about the scarcity of nurses. Two weeks ago a panel from the Institute of Medicine warned that patients are being endangered by medical errors exacerbated by nurses' working conditions, especially the fatigue caused by shifts of 12 hours or more. A growing number of hospitals and nursing homes require long nursing shifts to compensate for cost-cutting staff cut-backs.

Summers said that "ER" routinely and inaccurately features doctors usurping jobs typically performed by nurses, while a dramatic shock a patient's heart, holding bedside counseling sessions with families and sprinting into a parking lot to haul the latest victim into the emergency room. She said her group was particularly incensed after the lone



Actress Linda Cardellini, at right, with cast regular Permittler Negra, plays registered nurse Samantha Taggart on NBC's long-running hit drama, 'ER.' Samantha Taggart is the only one of the nine major characters on the drama who's a nurse.

major nurse character on "ER"—Abby Lockhart, played by actress Maura Tierney—recently decided to chuck her career in nursing to return to medical school. A few weeks earlier, an attending physician on the show summarily fired striking nurses, replacing them with inexperienced foreign-born practitioners willing to work for "minimum wage."

In reality, hospitals—especially those in urban areas—are paying large bonuses to attract registered

nurses. And ER doctors don't have the authority to fire nurses, who are supervised by nurse managers.

"Wasn't there a nursing shortage before 'ER'?" asked one executive affiliated with the show who spoke on the condition that his name not be published. "I mean, this is a television show, not a documentary. There needs to be dramatic license."

So far, Summers said, more than 100 nurses have peppered execu-

tives at NBC and "ER" with e-mails in an attempt to persuade producers to make changes that in Summers' view "would portray nurses and nursing in a more accurate light—not as handmaidens to physicians."

"People think what they see on 'ER' is real," Summers said. "Viewers, especially kids, see our profession as less than it really is, a horrible job. They see the show and think, 'Who would want to be a nurse?'"

Latex allergies and poinsettias don't mix

Los Angeles Times

You might want to think twice before bringing a colorful poinsettia plant to cheer a friend during the holidays.

Poinsettia can cause severe reactions among people who have latex allergies. Because the biggest groups of such people are health care and food industry workers who are repeatedly exposed to latex gloves for infection control, you might want to reconsider what plant you bring into a hospital.

The ornamental poinsettia plant (Euphorbia pulcherrima), with its red or pink petals and deep green leaves, belongs to the same plant family as the Brazilian rubber tree from which latex is obtained.

Direct contact with the white, milky sap from a broken poinsettia leaf, or from pruning the plant, can trigger an allergic reaction within minutes. Symptoms can include rash, hives, sneezing, coughing, tightness in the throat and difficulty breathing; in rare instances, the reaction could be life-threatening.

"We're recommending caution,

especially if the plants are crushed or damaged," said Dr. Peter M. Ranta, an allergist at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, who recently presented poinsettia allergy findings at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in New Orleans.

Ranta identified two allergy-producing proteins common to the Brazilian rubber tree and poinsettia plants. He also showed that 40 percent of people sensitive to latex produced antibodies to the poinsettia plant.

He said he's unaware of anyone who has had a severe reaction to poinsettia sap, but the potential is there, especially if the person has extreme reactions to latex.

He advises people with latex allergies to be careful about pruning ficus plants, too. The popular ficus benjamina belongs to the same allergy-inducing family as the rubber tree and poinsettia.

The poinsettia was named after Joel R. Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, who took cuttings of it back to his native South Carolina in the 1820s.

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Doctors: Viagra has drawbacks as well as advantages

Pitfalls of the little blue pill

Psychological problems that Viagra can create:

- A quick-fix mentality: The answers to relationship problems can be found in a pill bottle.
- Missed opportunities: Men who think better sex is the answer to every relationship difficulty miss the chance to make things better by talking about problems.
- A false sense of security: Does a man always have to be the perfect lover to be loved?
- Insecurity for men: Would a woman love me without my artificial erection?
- Insecurity for women: Is it me or the pill that turns him on?

Source: "The Viagra Myth: The Surprising Impact on Love and Relationships," by Dr. Abraham Morgentaler.

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A man's new best friend may be a little blue pill.

One billion Viagra pills have been taken worldwide since the FDA approved the sex-enhancing drug five years ago. It has become one of the best-known brand names since Coca-Cola. And the medication has helped millions of men who suffer from erectile dysfunction enjoy satisfying sex lives.

But this so-called miracle drug can pack psychological side effects, particularly among young men and their partners, says Dr. Abraham Morgentaler, an associate clinical professor at Harvard Medical School. He is author of the just-published "The Viagra Myth: The Surprising Impact on Love and Relationships" (Jossey-Bass, 205 pp., \$24.95).

It's not that—the physician

opposes Viagra; in fact, he thinks the drug can dramatically help a man's sexual performance, contribute greatly to his sense of well-being and even enhance his relationship. It can also help some young men—who suffer from severe performance anxiety.

But popping the blue pill for the wrong reason can, in the end, hurt both men and women, Morgentaler warns.

"We live in a time and a culture in which we look for the quick fix," the urologist says. "There must be a solution that doesn't require much heavy lifting. We have this oversimplified notion that there must be a pill that will solve everything."

Men of all ages, not just those who struggle with dysfunctions caused by medication or physical ailments, are taking Viagra.

When a relationship seems stalled, "They are hoping a pill that helps blood flow to the penis

will help solve their problem, when often all that is needed is a frank conversation between the man and his partner," he says.

Viagra can also cause problems for an older couple who have not been sexually active for years. If the woman did not particularly enjoy sex earlier in the relationship, then "Viagra may be a destabilizing force," Morgentaler says.

Through his book, the physician hopes to dispel myths that people have about sex. Men, for instance, tend to be performance-driven, from the boardroom to the bedroom. They believe that pleasing their partners is all about ability. But they miss the emotional nuances many women desire, he says.

Women, on the other hand, frequently do not realize how insecure men can be and how, in fact, they truly want to make their partners happy, Morgentaler says.

Study finds that exercise works wonders for women's hearts

Los Angeles Times

Poor fitness levels increase the chance of a heart attack for both sexes, but women can lower their risk more dramatically than men simply by becoming physically active.

A new study published in September in *Circulation*, Journal of the American Heart Association is the first to highlight the risk of inactivity for women.

"This is one of the most important public health issues," said Dr. Martha Gulati, an assistant professor of medicine at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, where the study was conducted. "We've got to start attacking it."

Women have long been under-represented in cardiovascular research, and this study helps close some of that gender gap, researchers say.

In 1992, researchers began tracking more than 5,700 women with a median age of 52 who had no symptoms of heart disease. The women were asked about medical and family history and were given an exercise stress test on a treadmill. A fitness level, ranging from a least-fit score of 1.5 to the most-fit score of 20, was assigned to each woman based on her performance.

At the end of the study, researchers found that for every 1-

point increase in fitness level, there was a 17 percent decrease in the overall risk of death over the next eight years. A similar study of men showed only about an 8 percent decrease in deaths for roughly the same amount of fitness-level improvement. Gulati said her study provides a "clear, clinical rationale" for the routine stress testing of middle-aged women who have no symptoms of heart disease.

Edlos Law Forum

Straight Talk on Elder Law and Estate Planning

PICKING YOUR TEAM

QUESTION: I recently learned that I can make a written designation saying who I would want as my guardian and conservator should I need one in the future. Shouldn't I suppose that my spouse will assume these roles without my prior written authorization?

Yes, in the usual case a healthy spouse assumes the roles of guardian and conservator for an incapacitated spouse.

A guardian is responsible for looking after the well-being of the person of another. A guardian can direct where the incapacitated person resides. A conservator is responsible for looking after the financial affairs of an incapacitated person.

A troublesome situation arises when there is no spouse surviving or well enough to assume guardianship or conservatorship functions. Sometimes quarrels can develop among competing family members regarding who should have what responsibilities.

Fortunately, Idaho law recognizes your right to pick your team of guardian and conservator. You can designate alternatives. The same person does not have to occupy both positions. In some instances a non-family member—such as a bank trust company—is an excellent choice for conservator.

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SINUSITIS QUIZ

Sinusitis is an inflammation of the lining membrane of any sinus and can cause misery. How do you know if you suffer from sinusitis? Evaluate these symptoms to see if you have sinusitis.

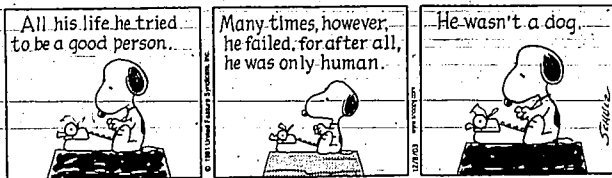
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If you answered "yes" to 3 or more questions, call Sinus Center - Idaho
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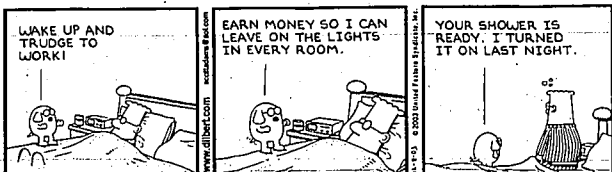
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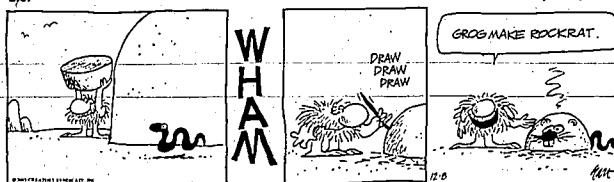
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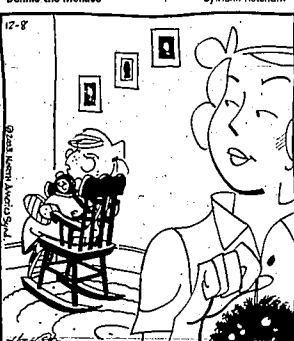
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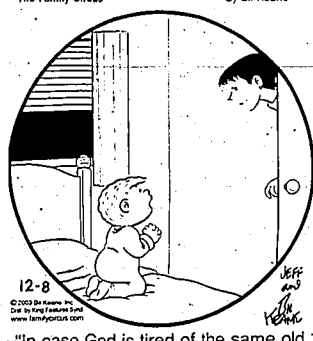
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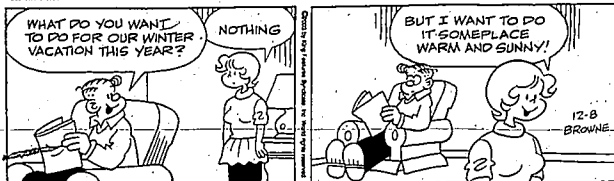
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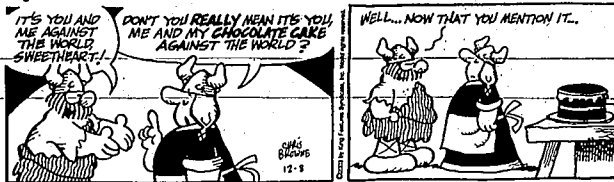
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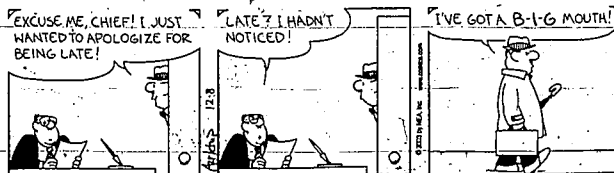
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Gooding band plays in holiday parade

GOODING - With frosty fingers and toes, the 110-member Gooding High School Red Thunder marching band performed in the Holiday Parade in Boise Nov. 22.

Dressed in bright red and black uniforms and sporting new Gooding patches on their sleeves, the band was the largest band performing, reported band booster Colleen Lockwood. The band marched in 20 degree temperatures with a wind-chill factor of -13 degrees, playing "Frosty the Snowman." Spectators cheered, applauded and thanked Gooding for coming to town. A bright yellow banner announced its arrival in the parade.

The parade was televised from in front of the Capitol on Channel 7 KTVB, and the program will be played several times during the holiday season on its cable channel.



The Gooding High School Red Thunder marching band plays in the Holiday Parade in Boise Nov. 22. Photo courtesy of LEONORA TURKETA

ROCKY FIELD TRIP



Students at DeLo Junior High School went on a field trip to the City of Rocks. There, Ranger Juanita Jones taught eighth-grade students search and rescue techniques. Jordan Kovan plays the injured party as Jenna Williams straps him to a gurney and tries to move him.

Quiet pasture becomes exciting place to learn

The horses and cows that grazed in the field have been moved. The Russian olive trees that once offered them shade are gone. Soon this scenic field will become much more. It will be the site of a new high school.

More than seven months ago, Buhl residents supported a bond issue by 86 percent for a new high school.

Last week, the first steps in preparation for the new high school were taken - the field was cleared. Even though it was a minor detail, for many residents it was exciting; they knew things were starting to happen. Construction will start place next spring.

On Oct. 9 the district had an



BUHL BEAT
Joe Poppelwell

official groundbreaking ceremony. All students of the district and many guests and speakers attended. Our band and choir played, and the Poppelwell Elementary Honor Choir performed. Gold shovels dug in to signify the start of the new facility.

The new school has lots of exciting features, including a 2,000-seat gymnasium, 500-seat auditorium

and state-of-the-art science department. The building also will provide a place for the community to come together. The planned inside track within the gymnasium will offer Buhl residents the ability to exercise throughout the year.

Our new school will open for the 2005-2006 school year. This special place will help students to become responsible and contributing members of our ever-changing world.

Student council is busy again. It continues to bring new activities to the students to increase pride and involvement. This week will be the first "Indian Winter Pride Week." Activities are planned throughout the week. On Wednesday, the Lady Indians

take on Wood River. All students and residents are encouraged to show up to the game in cowboy attire for the "Cowboy Up" theme.

Friday afternoon the high school will participate in a pep rally, where all winter sports teams will be recognized. That night, the boys basketball team will take on old conference foe, Jerome. All students and residents are encouraged to wear black shirts or sweatshirts for the theme, "The Black Plague."

So please mark your calendars, and come and yell for your Buhl Indians!

Joe Poppelwell is the student body president at Buhl High School.

Jerome High School band's performance impresses crowd

If you've attended recent basketball games, I'm sure you were impressed with the performance of our band. The new band director, Riqui Heinemann, is doing a wonderful job, and the band sounds great.

"We're all growing together," Heinemann said. "I love my band."

The band plans adding variety to our games with the addition of "Jukebox Time," which will allow groups or individuals to request songs. An original arrangement for the band to play if they provide \$50 to purchase the music.

"Band is great! It's really, really great," senior Stuart



TIGER PRINTS
Kayla Earle

Mitchell said.

Winter sports are off and running here at Jerome High School. Good luck, athletes!

The BESO (Bilingual Education Student Organization) and FHLA (Future Hispanic Leaders of America) have combined into one group. Karla Medina was named as president,

and the club has a variety of activities planned for the upcoming months. On Wednesday, they will attend a presentation at Valley High, and on Saturday, FHLA will travel to Boise State University for the first state meeting of the year.

Jed Seamons and Whitney Clark have been nominated for the coveted Wendy's High School Heisman award. Similar to the collegiate recognition, this award honors the nation's top high school seniors who exemplify a supreme "scholar-citizen-athlete."

We are proud to announce that two Lady Tiger seniors have committed to accept basketball schol-

arships. Vanessa West has accepted one from Lewis/Clark State College in Lewiston. Whitney Clark has verbally committed to one from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. Congratulations, girls.

From Principal Patt O'Dell - The second trimester is in full swing. I invite to parents and community members to share in the JHS experience by visiting our classrooms. When you visit, please come to the office for a visitor's pass and a staff member give you a tour. We're raising student achievement every day.

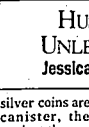
Kayla Earle is a Jerome High School senior.

Hansen students raise money for the Idaho Red Cross in class competition

Students at Hansen Junior/Senior High are again raising funds for the Idaho Red Cross.

Last year, students raised more than \$500. It is their goal to surpass that amount this year.

The fund-raiser works this way: In the form of a class competition, students collect money and put it into their class canisters. If they put pennies and paper money into the canister, the money counts for them; if



HUSKIES UNLEASHED
Jessica Johnson

silver coins are placed into their canister, the money counts against them.

The various classes are allowed to drop silver coins into other classes' canisters. The class with the most money, wins.

The competition will be over before Christmas break, which starts Dec. 20.

At that time, Hansen will see if the juniors (last year's sophomores) will once again take the lead in raising money for the Red Cross.

Sophomore Chelsea Rohr has been nominated to go to the HOBY Leadership Conference. At HOBY (High Oregon Youth Leadership), Chelsea and many other students in Idaho will undergo a time of training for

leadership roles, learning how to use the abilities they possess to influence people and establishing a true picture of who they are as individuals.

Last year's Hobby Award winner stated, "It was fun. I learned about myself and other people. I had a good time getting to know other students from all over the state."

Hansen High School student Jessica Johnson initiated and publishes the school newspaper.

Student offers advice on getting over 'cabin fever'

Every year around November and December it's as if a big gray cloud covers the town and the mountains of Twin Falls High School students.

Well, not this year. There are plenty of things to do, even when it's not bright and shiny outside. Here are 10 suggestions to dump those cabin fever blues.

1. Three words: Eighties flashback night! Have your friends feather their hair, turn up their collars and put on their best "Flashdance" fashion. Then settle in for a night of Bratpack movies and other classics, such as "Footloose," while belting out karaoke to Madonna and Menudo.
2. Dust off winter garb and grab season passes to your favorite ski and snowboard spots.

3. Grab a few friends and make a day trip to somewhere accessible and fun. Ice skating is always a fun group activity or to a natural hot springs.
4. Start your spring cleaning early. All these little tasks that are always put off can be done completed in a cold afternoon and are guaranteed to give you a sense of accomplishment.

5. Make a weekly trip to a rest home and visit the elderly who may not have family in the area during the holiday season. Ask the staff for a person that might be able to tell you an interesting story.
6. Be a secret Santa for a friend, family member or anyone who looks like they could use a little cheering up.
7. Go caroling. This will not only brighten your own mood but spread the cheer to others in town or school.
8. Babysit for family, friends or neighbors so they can have a break to do a little holiday shopping or just get out of the house.
9. Live vicariously by cracking open those novels that have been lying dormant on your shelf.
10. Get a seasonal job such as selling Christmas trees, volunteering at a soup kitchen during the busy holidays or wrapping gifts for a local store.
Here's a hint: save some of the money earned from your winter job for a nice vacation and this time next year, you won't have to worry about cabin fever.



BRUIN BUZZ
Emily Jackson

Emily Jackson is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School Bruin News.

SCHOOL NEWS

Shoshone Elementary names honor students

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Elementary announced its first quarter honor roll.

Fourth Grade
All A's
Dakota Brown, Kelcie Hutchins and Jordan Pederson
All A's and B's
Sandra Enriquez, Julio Garcia, Marisa Grissom, Joseph McMillin, Gage Roberts, Stacey Robertson, Lupe Ruiz, Mark Russelle, Mariah Schoolcraft, Cristal-Torres, Maira Torres, Chanise Trujillo, Anzley Tuckett and Kendra Wright
Fifth Grade

Michelle Aoi, Jessica Chitwood, Jennica Kerner, Miryah Morrison, Alexis Murphy and Cara Pantone
All A's and B's
Lariza Aguilar, Ishmael Anguliano, Will Billington, Tyler Coenrae

Jordan Greenwood, Gilberto Hernandez, Jessica Lowe, Clive Masee, Adriana Meraz, Tommy Morales, Tauni Nelson, Amanda

Olsen, Roberto Perez, Candice Peterson, Jacob Richards, Kelsi Riley, Brooke Stein, Cristina Villa, Shane Walsh and Tommy Warner
Sixth Grade

All A's
Janni Merrick, Ashley Montgomery and Joshua Olsen
All A's and B's
Taylor Astle, Chase Capps, Krystle Gould, Alisha Greener, Caleb Greenwood, Rashelle Jensen, Lacey Kniep, Javier Ruiz, Justin Santana, Emilia Silva and Victoria Vaughn.

Wood River Middle School offers rock, mineral show

HAYLEY - Wood River Middle School invites the public to its 10th annual Rock and Mineral Show.

The creative display of more than 200 eighth-grade projects will be held Wednesday in the main hall of the school, 900 Second Ave. N.

Each year, the eighth-graders collect rocks and minerals from all over southern and central Idaho.

In addition to correctly identifying their specimens, the students must create a unique display to show their finds.

The students also will be dressed in their holiday finest. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Eighth-graders whose last names begin with A-L present between 9:15-10 a.m. Those whose last names begin with M-Z present between 10:15-11 a.m.

Gooding schools announce upcoming musical events

GOODING - The Gooding High School Winter Concert will be held at 7 p.m. today at the school, 1050 Seventh Ave. W. Performers will include the school band, jazz band, choir and Madrigals.

High school music students also are conducting a winter fund-raiser, selling cinnamon rolls for \$2 per dozen.

Contact a music student to place an order. The proceeds help the music groups purchase equipment and travel for area

festivals and events.

The rolls will be delivered at the high school Winter Concert.

For more information, call Gooding High School at 934-4831.

The Gooding Elementary School Winter Performance will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the school, 1045 Seventh Ave. W.

Call the school for more information at 934-4941.

Paul Elementary School presents Christmas program

PAUL - Paul Elementary School will present a Christmas program to the public at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the school, 201 N. 1st W., Paul.

The program will feature the kindergarten students.

Acquia Elementary School holds Christmas program

ACEQUIA - Acquia Elementary School will present a Christmas program to the public at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the school, 20504 4th St., Acquia.

Memorial Elementary School presents Christmas program

RUPERT - Memorial Elementary School will present a Christmas program at 2 p.m. Thursday for students and grandparents and 7 p.m. for parents at the school, 10th and D streets, Rupert.

Christmas dance takes place at West Minico

PAUL - West Minico Middle School will hold a Christmas dance from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday at the school, 155 S. 600 W., Paul.

Oakley Elementary presents 'The Magic of Christmas'

OAKLEY - "The Magic of Christmas" will be presented at 3 p.m. Friday at Oakley Elementary School, 455 W. Poplar Ave. The event will feature the fourth, fifth and sixth-grade chorus and fifth- and sixth-grade band, along with the Oakley Junior and Senior High School concert band, jazz band and Chorale.

ACT prep sessions help students prepare for test

TWIN FALLS - ACT prep sessions are being conducted to help prepare students for the next test session scheduled Saturday.

The prep sessions will begin at 3 p.m. at Twin Falls High School. Students must be on time.

The sessions and topics are as follows:
Today, room Q3, English
Tuesday, room Q3, reading
Wednesday, room ELL, math
Thursday, room C4, science
For more information, call the counseling office at 733-6551

TFHS PTSSO meetings are held regularly

TWIN FALLS - The next meeting of the PTSSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) will be held at noon Thursday in the Twin Falls High School homework center.

Interested parents can contact Shawna Obenchain or the high school at 733-6551 to leave a message.

MORNING BREAK/MAGIC VALLEY

CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and grid. Clues include '11 Toward the storm', '12 Spanish sheep', '13 Padded also-ran', etc.

Buffalo equal bison, bison, bison

To be perfectly scientific about it, "American buffalo is not just a "bison" but a "bison bison."



REVISITED L.M. Boyd If you want to get into the habit of drinking plain water...

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

Misdemeanor arraignments: Nathan J. Aske, 41, unlawful overtake and pass school bus... Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments: Francisco B. Martinez, 17, failure to purchase/valid driver's license... Misdemeanor sentencing: David L. Evans, 51, failure to purchase/valid driver's license...

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

Misdemeanor arraignments: Harry L. Bahli, 57, driving under the influence... Misdemeanor sentencing: Terry E. Barnes, 27, driving without valid driver's license... Juvenile misdemeanor sentencing: Lora G. Gough Jr., 24, possession of a controlled substance...

TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

Driving under the influence sentencing: David Wayne Horton, 37, 856 Elm St., Twin Falls... Driving under the influence sentencing: Christopher Blaine DeJongh, 33, 2121 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls... Driving under the influence sentencing: James Duway Stephens, 58, 287 Taylor St., Twin Falls...

Upset mom finds boy's 'toys'

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Drew," is almost 19. My problem is I found sex toys under his bed. He has a steady girlfriend, "Lindy," for a year...



DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and live at home with my parents. My boyfriend is 24, and also lives at home...

DEAR CONFUSED MOTHER: Earth to Mother! Children become interested in and curious about sex before puberty...

DEAR RESTRICTED: Yes, invite a chaperone or get married. His mother has given him a credit for his birthday...

Sagittarius: You are ambitious, unafraid

IF DECEMBER 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are ambitious and unafraid of hard work you can be somewhat superior and could be a scientist, contractor, lawyer or chiropractor...

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Try to free your thoughts from old concerns and bad memories; they will fuel negative expectations. A flash of insight hits your lightning conductor... VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): As time passes and things change, so do your ideas...

When you are really stuck, turn-to-Duck-tape

Jamaican band, Ska, wins local-Duck-tape jingle contest Turn to Duck Tape? beat out 154 other entries in Duck brand duck tape's Rock-About-the-Roll-contest...

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