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# Idaho prisons overcrowded

The Associated Press

BOISE — When Idaho shipped 302 inmates to a private Minnesota prison last month, it was only easing overcrowding. The state's prisons remain above capacity, and Department of Correction officials appear likely to ask for a nearly \$8 million cash infusion during the upcoming 2006 Legislature to handle the overflow. With a two-year contract, it'll cost Idaho about \$1.1 million more to lock up its prisoners at the prison in Appleton, Minn., run by the Corrections Corpora-

tion of America. That's based on figures given by state officials on Oct. 27, when they said it would cost \$53 per day in Minnesota, compared to \$48 in Idaho. State prison officials, including prison system director Tom Beauclair, are arguing that this added burden, which doesn't include the cost of transporting inmates or keeping their records from afar, is another reason why Idaho should invest \$160 million in new prisons. As a stopgap measure, Beauclair is expected in January to ask legislators for another \$7.9

million for the current fiscal year to cover the cost of housing overflow inmates both out-of-state and in county jail cells. "Obviously the governor would prefer not to have to send folks out of state," said Mike Journey, spokesman for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, in an interview with The Spokesman-Review newspaper. "That's a costly remedy for the situation." Idaho's prison population has more than doubled in the past decade, to 6,764 inmates. That's up from 6,526 on June 30. In addition to Minnesota, Idaho also has 588 prisoners

fanned out to county jails. The state has gained 47 inmates a month since July 1 — well above prison officials' estimate of 30 prisoners a month. But moving DOC inmates to county jails is also viewed as a short-term remedy. That's because local jails are growing increasingly crowded, including in Fremont, Twin Falls and Canyon counties. Even in Bonneville County, which built a 280-bed, \$7.5 million facility in 1998 and has since used empty bed space to take in prisoners from elsewhere. Please see PRISONS, Page A2

# Suspected bomber detained, released by U.S. in 2004

By Hannah Altam Knight Ridder News Service

AMMAN, Jordan — One of the suspected suicide bombers in the deadly attacks on three luxury hotels in Jordan's capital apparently was detained and released last year by U.S. forces in Iraq who determined that he was not a threat to security, a U.S. military spokesman said Sunday.

The Jordanian government identified four suspected bombers Sunday; three Iraqi men who died in the attacks and an Iraqi woman who survived when her explosives vest failed to detonate.

The name of the male attacker, Safah Mohammed Ali, matches the name of a man who was detained for about two weeks during fierce clashes between insurgents and U.S. Marines in Iraq's western insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, said the military spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

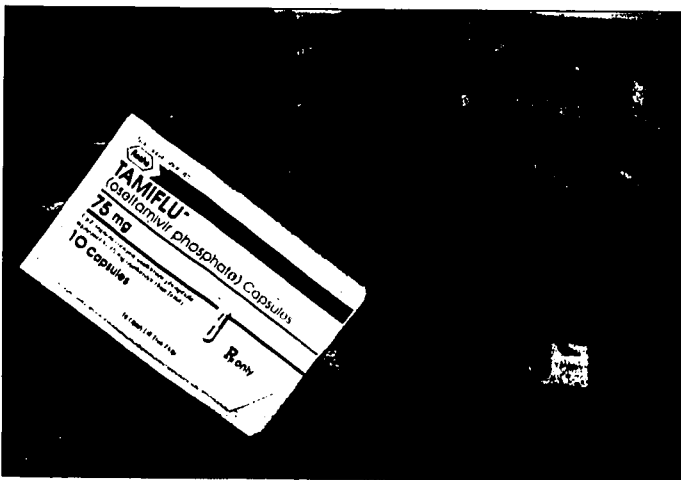
Alli and the other suspected bombers killed 57 people and injured more than 100 during three nearly simultaneous bombings at upscale hotels in Amman on Wednesday. Al-Qaida in Iraq later claimed responsibility for the attack. Insurgent sources in Iraq and one of Ali's colleagues at a factory in Fallujah said in separate interviews that Ali was detained in November 2004, when he was injured while fighting U.S.-led forces — information that corresponds with the U.S. military's account.

A detainee by the name of Safah Mohammed Ali was detained for a period of about two weeks at a division holding area in November 2004 as a result of operations in Fallujah, the spokesman wrote in an e-mail response to Knight Ridder. "A review of the circumstances of his capture by the unit determined there was no compelling evidence that he was a threat to the security of Iraq and he was therefore released."

The spokesman emphasized that the U.S. military could not be certain that the detainee was the same man who allegedly blew himself up in Amman last week.

In Iraq, however, those who knew Ali said they were sure it was the same person. The spiritual leader of the rebel coalition that ruled Fallujah. Please see SUSPECT, Page A2

# GETTING PREPARED



Kurt VandenBosch, the inpatient pharmacy director at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, holds a box of Tamiflu, a treatment that could be utilized if the avian flu reaches pandemic proportions.

# Local officials plan for avian flu

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some say the world is due for another influenza pandemic.

It's been 37 years since the last flu pandemic, when the Hong Kong flu killed about a million people worldwide, according to the World Health Organization. The 1957 Asian flu also killed a million people. But by far the most deadly flu pandemic was the 1918 Spanish flu, which killed between 40 million and 50 million people worldwide.

Health officials say the next flu pandemic is right around the corner. "It's not 'if,' it's 'when,'" said

Turn Machala, division director of communicable disease and prevention for South Central District Health. "It's hard to predict what and when."

Health officials say it might be the H5N1 virus — or avian influenza. Since December 2003, there have been 125 confirmed cases of avian flu in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia, and 61 people have died. Health officials suspect the people became ill after coming into contact with chicken blood and droppings.

The H5N1 virus mutates rapidly and could eventually mutate into a virus that could be spread from human to human. And in today's world

of global air travel, a human-to-human strain of the H5N1 virus could spread like wildfire.

Health officials say a human-to-human outbreak of avian flu could kill between 2 million and 7.4 million people in the United States alone.

The key to stopping a pandemic from spreading is communication. Machala said, and people in the Magic Valley would find it comforting to know that local health officials communicate regularly with state health officials as well as local entities that would be involved in responding to an outbreak, including county emergency services, law enforcement agencies, local hos-

pitals and other health care providers, fire departments and other first responders. They hold regular "tabletop exercises," in which all of the players brainstorm how they would respond to "what-if scenarios." A tabletop on avian flu is planned in March.

"We don't sit idle," said Jackie Frey, emergency services coordinator for Twin Falls County. "We discuss our roles and how we're going to take care of the citizens. We want to make sure they're protected and that they have the resources they need."

Working together  
So what would happen if a  
Please see FLU, Page A2

# Cardboard box gets props at Toy Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Forget the fancy toy: The box it comes in can be much more fun.

Spaceship, castle, haven to daydream in, the cardboard box was enshrined Friday in the National Toy Hall of Fame along with Jack-in-the-Box and Candy Land.

No kidding, grown-ups. "I think every adult has had that disillusioning experience of picking what they think is a wonderful toy for a child, and then finding the kid playing with the box," said Christopher Bensch, chief curator of the Strong Museum. "It's that empty box full of possibilities that the kids can sense and the adults don't always see."

Low-tech and unpretentious it may be, but the cardboard box has fostered learning and creativity for multiple generations — a key qualifier for inclusion in the museum's seven-year-old hall of fame.

And its appeal as a plaything or recreational backdrop is universal. "All over the world," packaging is something that's accessible to kids, whether that's cans or tins or wooden crates," Bensch said, and the cardboard box "makes a point that you don't have to spend a lot, have a certain income level or charge it on your credit card to have your kids have a great play experience."

The museum, which boasts the world's largest collection of toys and dolls, acquired the hall in 2002 from A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village in Salem, Ore. So far, 34 classic toys have been enshrined, from Barbie to Mr. Potato Head, Legos to Lincoln Logs, Slinky to Play-Doh and Crayola crayons to marbles.

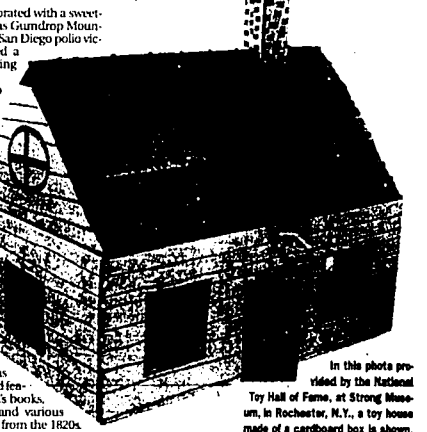
Candy Land, a board game decorated with a sweet-treats trail and destinations such as Gumdrop Mountain, was created in the 1940s by a San Diego polio victim, Eleanor Abbott, who wanted a pastime for children recuperating from illness.

Jack-in-the-Box, the jester who bursts open his box lid when a compressed spring is released, appears to have originated in the 16th century. The toy is loosely based on Punch, the dynamic puppet in the "Punch and Judy" show.

The corrugated cardboard box, which quickly came to dominate the shipping industry in North America, was invented by a Brooklyn printer, Robert Gair, in 1890.

Strong Museum, the second-largest children's museum in America, is aiming to wrap up a \$33 million expansion next summer that could double its attendance to nearly 700,000 visitors a year.

The 23-year-old museum contains more than 70,000 toys and dolls and features circus memorabilia, children's books, household furniture, miniatures and various objects of American culture dating from the 1820s.



In this photo provided by the National Toy Hall of Fame, at Strong Museum, in Rochester, N.Y., a toy house made of a cardboard box is shown.



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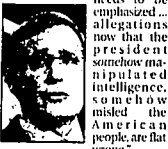
'We were wrong'

National security adviser: Bush didn't mislead on war

WASHINGTON (AP) — While admitting "we were wrong" about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, President Bush's national security adviser on Sunday rejected assertions that the president manipulated intelligence and misled the American people.

Bush relied on the collective judgment of the intelligence community when he determined that Iraq's Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, national security adviser Stephen Hadley said.

"Turns out, we were wrong," Hadley told "Late Edition" on CNN. "But I think the point that needs to be emphasized is that the allegations now that the president somehow misled the American people are flat wrong."



Hadley

Republican lawmakers and other officials who approved on Sunday shows echoed Bush's Veterans Day speech in which he defended his decision to invade Iraq.

Bush said Democrats in Congress had the same intelligence about Iraq, and he argued that many now claiming that the information had been manipulated had supported going to war. The president also accused his critics of making false charges and playing politics with the war.

Democratic Party chairman Howard Dean rejected the criticism on Sunday and said, "The truth is, the president misled America when he sent us to war." Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," the party chairman disputed Bush's claim that Congress had the same information — the president withheld some intelligence and some caveats about it, Dean said — and that two commissions had found no evidence of pressure being placed on those within the intelligence community.

In fact, Dean said, how the administration handled the intelligence it received has yet to be determined by a Senate committee.

Contending that the president has not been honest about the size of the deficit as well as the war, Dean said, "This is an administration that has a fundamental problem telling the truth."

Hadley said Bush received dissenting views about the accuracy of intelligence and relied on the collective judgment of the intelligence community as conveyed by the CIA director. The national security adviser criticized those who continue to claim that Bush manipulated the intelligence and made misleading statements.

"It is unorthodox and unfair and ill-advised when our men and women in combat are putting their lives on the line, to re-litigate an issue which was looked at by two authoritative sources, and deemed closed," he said. "We need to put this debate behind us."

Woman says she tried to blow herself up in Jordanian hotel

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Wearing a disabled explosives belt and a white headscarf and wringing her hands as she spoke, the Iraqi woman calmly described how she tried and failed to join her husband in a suicide attack on a hotel wedding party.

Millions of viewers across Jordan and the region watched as Sajida Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi gave her televised confession hours after she was arrested Sunday — an arrest that resulted in part from al-Qaida's mistaken boast of her "marrydom."

Al-Rishawi explained how her husband helped plan Wednesday's attacks, fitted her suicide bomb belt and blew himself up with his own bomb at the Radisson SAS — one of three hotels attacked by three Iraqi men.

"My husband detonated (his bomb) and I tried to explode (mine) but it wouldn't," said the 35-year-old al-Rishawi.

"People fled running and I left running with them," she said during the three-minute segment, which showed her handling several pieces of the faulty trigger equipment that failed to set off about 22 pounds of RDX explosives and hundreds of ball-bearings.

The attackers killed 57 other people at the Radisson SAS, Grand Hyatt and Days Inn hotels. Al-Rishawi's brother was once a deputy of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, said deputy premier Marwan Muasher. He



Iraqi Sajida Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi confesses on Jordanian state-run TV on Sunday about her failed bid to set off an explosive belt inside one of the three Amman hotels targeted by al-Qaida. Fifty-seven people were killed on Wednesday's attack on three Amman hotels.

Officials believe al-Rishawi, who entered Jordan from Iraq on Nov. 5, may provide significant information about the operation of al-Zarqawi's group, which claimed responsibility for the hotel bombings, Jordan's deadliest terrorist attacks. The group said the attacks were retaliation for Jordanian support for the United States and other Western powers.

Al-Rishawi was shown on state television wearing a buttoned, body-length dark denim dress. Muasher told CNN the belts she also wore on the broad-

cast were captured with her. Al-Rishawi said she and her husband, Ali Hussein Ali al-Shamari, 35, were wearing explosive-laden belts when they strolled into the Radisson ballroom where hundreds of guests, including children, were attending a Jordanian-Palestinian wedding reception.

"My husband wore a belt and put one on me. He taught me how to use it, how to pull the (primer cord) and operate it," she said. Muasher said al-Rishawi's husband noticed her struggle when the belt failed and pushed her out of the ballroom in order not to attract attention before blowing himself up.

Sunni Arabs step up calls for halt to military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sunni Arab politicians stepped up demands Sunday for an end to U.S. and Iraqi military operations, claiming they threaten Sunni participation in next month's elections — a key U.S. goal. The U.S. command announced the deaths of three more American troops.

World in brief

Meanwhile, some 1,100 Iraqi lawyers said they withdrew from Saddam Hussein's defense team over the slayings of two colleagues representing co-defendants of the ousted leader. The main attorneys for Saddam and his seven co-defendants had already threatened to boycott the next trial session Nov. 28.

U.S. commanders have said offensives, especially those in the western province of Anbar near the Syrian border, are aimed at encouraging Sunni Arabs to vote in the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections without fear of intimidation by insurgents opposed to the political process.

However, several major Sunni Arab political groups insisted Sunday that such operations risk keeping Sunni turnout low because civilians are displaced by the fighting or they will be too frightened to venture out to the polls.

Envoy: Time running out for Gaza crossing deal  
KARNI CROSSING, Gaza Strip — A top Mideast envoy warned Sunday that time is running out for Israel and the

Palestinians to wrap up a deal on opening the Gaza Strip's border crossings, saying it would be a "tragedy" if an agreement was not reached soon.

The fate of the border crossings is one of the most important unresolved issues in the wake of Israel's unilateral withdrawal from Gaza in September. Israel closed Gaza's border with Egypt shortly before the pullout and has restricted the movement of cargo into Israel, the main market for Palestinian goods.

The Palestinians say reopening the crossings is essential to rebuilding Gaza's shattered economy, especially with the harvest season approaching. Israel first wants assurances that weapons and militants will not enter Gaza.

James Wolfensohn, the international envoy who has brokered months of talks on the issue, met with senior Israeli and Palestinian officials late Sunday in hopes of breaking the impasse. The meeting ended without an agreement.

— compiled from wire reports

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Hagerman volunteer group meets monthly

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman School Parent Teacher Volunteer organization meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month in the elementary school multi-purpose room, 323 Second Ave. N.

The organization helps the school with fundraisers and projects outside the school's budget and personnel.

The meetings include guest speakers and an open discussion to address problems and parents' concerns.

For information or to join, call the 2007-06 officers: co-presidents Catherine Dailey at 837-4942; Jenny Masson at 837-6855 or Natasha Tiffany at 837-9057; secretary Geri Lee at 837-6202; or treasurer Lori DeWolfe at 837-9130.

### After-school program helps Murtaugh students

MURTAUGH — The Murtaugh High and Middle School, 500 Boyd W., started Achievement Academy, an after-school program to help students.

The program is held from 3:10 to 4:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. A teacher is available to tutor students, who receive a free snack and a bus ride home.

Students can get help on material they don't understand, and those who don't hand in homework will be assigned to the academy.

For information, call 432-5451.

### DAR announces national history essay contests

TWIN FALLS — Students in grades five through 12 can participate in the American History essay contests sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, a national organization promoting patriotism, education and historic preservation.

For students in fifth through eighth grades, the topic is "Benjamin Franklin — More Than a Revolutionary." During his lifetime, Franklin was a writer, publisher, inventor, scientist, humorist, poet, musician, philosopher, economist and businessman. Students should write about several of his contributions to American culture and society other than his participation in politics, write about his contributions to the American War for Independence and explain how his contributions continue to influence American life. Essays must be 300-600 words for students in grade five, or 600-1,000 words for students in grades six through eight.

Students in ninth through 12 grades can enter the Christopher Columbus essay contest with the topic "The Voyage to the New World and the Apollo Mission to the Moon: Christopher Columbus and the Americans." Students should compare and contrast the two voyages of exploration — Columbus' first voyage in 1492 and NASA's Apollo 11 voyage in 1968 — and should be no more than 750 words.

The contest is open to all public school, private school and home-schooled students in Magic Valley. Complete contest rules may be obtained by e-mailing greene@northrim.net or writing to Maureen Williams, DAR American History Chair, 2508 E. Canyon Place, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

All entries must be post-marked by Dec. 16.

### Annual Mr. DHS contest is set for this week

DECLIO — The annual Mr. DHS contest will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium at Declo High School.

The event is a fundraiser for the Declo Sting Dance Team. Nine senior boys will model formal wear provided by Sweetheart Manor, model sportswear, perform a talent and answer an impromptu question.

This year's contestants include Nathan Alfred, Taylor Grant, Spencer Mendenhall, Braden Turner, David Turner, Jason Turner, Spencer Stoker, Abel Tapia and Clint Webb.

Cost is \$5 at the door or \$4 in advance for adults (purchase from any Declo Dance Team member). \$4 for children under 12, or \$15 for families (unmediate family only).

# KEEPING AN EYE OUT



Ashley Buckley, left, a Lincoln Elementary fourth-grader follows other children across the street Friday afternoon in Twin Falls while a crossing guard directs traffic.

## Crossing guards help children get home safely

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There is no better way to understand someone than to put yourself in their shoes. Unfortunately, most of us have long since left grade school and possess a driver's license.

For that reason alone, it is often difficult for most adults to view traffic through the eyes of a child.

Schools struggle with that difficult balance between those who work with drivers and students. Some schools in Twin Falls employ at least one crossing guard, while other schools either benefit from volunteers or have none at all. They tend their dangerous posts for different reasons, but they all serve the same purpose: to protect children from drivers.

John White, who retired because of back problems, works as a crossing guard at the intersection of Eller Avenue and Polk Street near Harrison Elementary. He has worked at the intersection for almost a year, and the one common sight he sees is inattentive motorists rushing through traffic.

"It's dangerous," White said, "but it's pretty simple: if you step off of the curb (drivers) are supposed to stop, but they don't."

Many drivers do not know the state's law on pedestrian crosswalks, and the confusion can be dangerous.

"According to state statutes, when a pedestrian steps from the curb onto a crosswalk, all drivers must yield — meaning slow or stop until the pedestrian has stepped off of the street."

Rebecca Duke, who began working as a crossing guard at Lincoln Elementary after her son was struck in a crosswalk, takes the curb-to-curb rule seriously because of the way students react to traffic.

"Sometimes the kids step off of the curb, and then wait to see if the cars will stop," Duke said. "That's usually when drivers



Rebecca Duke, a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, stops traffic Friday afternoon for a pedestrian. Duke's son was injured last year when he was struck by a car after school ended for the day. The speed limit is 25 mph, but Duke says she is sure that some people drive twice that fast.

think kids are waiting for them to pass, so they will speed up and hurry through."

The stories that crossing guards tell range from the humorous to the outright unnerving — but unfortunately, they're all true.

"I was crossing the street when a cargo van came roaring down the road," White said.

"He slammed on his brakes, and then skidded to a stop about three feet from me. He got out and told me, 'I thought for sure you were hit.' And you know, I don't think he ever knew that I had a little boy standing next to me."

White said he works as a crossing guard because of the kids, and they make the troubles from drivers more bearable.

"I do it because I love the children and I don't want to see them get hurt," White said.

Spending a morning or afternoon at a school crosswalk is a disheartening experience.

Rush hour commuters frequently speed through school zones and scowl at crossing guards who volunteer their time trying to protect students.

Cell phones, coffee and stereos command more attention from some drivers than someone's son or daughter on their way to school.

Still, there are some who would rather see scowls and cell phones than an injured child, and they are the ones who can spread this story through the eyes of the children.

## WRHS Debate Team works at keeping champion titles

By David Larson  
For The Times-News

HAILEY — Students from Wood River High School gathered in Carlsbad, N.M., to practice their arguing skills as members of the Debate Team.

The squad, one of the best in the state, is coming off a successful 2004 campaign, during which they were led by coach Tim Neville and won three different awards. The first was at the Chaparral National Forensic Week, when they were awarded membership in the "200 Club." The team was part of only 103 to receive the prestigious award, chosen out of more than 2,700 groups.

"What this means is that each time a competitor does well, they receive a point and it builds up to degrees," Stitz said. The students give up to 15 to 16 weekends a year practicing and competing, earning three to four "degrees" a year. The award was a plaque stating Wood River's debate team was the leading chapter in Idaho. The award affirms that Wood River is the best in the state, and the size of the school compared to some larger areas, for example



The Wood River High School Debate Team was ranked as one of the best in the state.

Boise, only sweeter the prize. Also, the distinction was special because it was based on the students' leadership ability.

One student leader was senior Kenny Mauro.

"I won District Speech last year," Mauro said. "It's good because it was based on the preparation for the future. Also, I'm a natural at it. I enjoy it. And, I like to argue."

Arguing and self-motivation are why these kids are here in Stitz' classroom today, though some for different rea-

sons than others.

"I need to win arguments with my dad," sophomore Samantha Davis said.

Others weren't as concerned about winning parental arguments as they were with readying themselves for an upcoming tournament. Sophomores Allison Rust, Chyna Karterman, Arlette Mulesos and Kristen Cole went over a debate they were practicing for the first time. After Stitz explained the rules to the students, "silence,

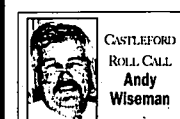
good cross-x (cross-examination)," a freshman timer sitting in the front row started her watch, making sure the speech didn't go past eight minutes, and that the cross-x didn't last more than three.

Words of encouragement are written on the chalkboard, from last year's coach, Neville. "Debate is to succeed" the board reads. "Dedication and Commitment" — Tim Neville.

"One minute" the timer says in an energetic, yet hushed

## Castleford FFA earns honors at competition

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford Future Farmers of America Chapter earned honors at the recent district competition held at the College of Southern Idaho on Nov. 9.



Roger Wells, FFA Chapter Advisor, reported that the Greenhand Team earned first place, the opening ceremonies competition was won by the Castleford team and Samantha Gutin from Castleford earned second place in the Creed Speaking Contest.

Our Greenhand team consisted of Allison Rodgers, Michael Wiseman, Katelynn DeVries, Stormy Brito and Chase Routt. The opening ceremonies team were chapter officers: Lauren Kline, Angie Gonterman, Anna Lopez, Jessica Elsner, Jessica Bobango, David Wiseman and Melissa McCoy.

I had the opportunity on Nov. 8 and 9 to participate in the grading of our school-wide direct writing assessments and am happy to report that 55 students earned a 4.0 score on their writing.

The Castleford Men's Club will present each of these students with a \$25.00 mall certificate in recognition of their writing accomplishments.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Ralph and Nova Hatch, who are retired educators who live in our community and donated their time to help us grade and evaluate these writing samples.

Sherry Wells would like to inform parents that representatives will be at school today to take class ring orders and orders for the senior graduation announcements.

We will also be handing out to all students in grades six through 12 current grade reports for the second term and holding our fall sports award program in the gym at 7 p.m.

The Castleford School Board meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

One item on the agenda that the board will be discussing is a proposal to increase the number of math courses required in high school in order to graduate.

If this proposal is passed, the requirement will go into effect for all students in grades 9-12.

Lastly, there has been some interest to re-establish our Parent Teacher Organization. For more information, contact the school.

Andy Wiseman is Castleford School principal.

voice. At the 7:44 mark, Rust ends her speech, "I'll stop there," she says.

Questions are asked from the student audience.

"How many pages is it, Allison?" "Six," she responds. Because it's their first time practicing, they're still a little rusty, though they are getting good practice for some of the more technical parts of the speech.

David Larson is a reporter with The Wood River Journal.

SCHOOL DAYS

SCHOOL NEWS

LEARNING TO BE DRUG-FREE

Gooding gets Outstanding Student Council Award

BSU seeks students for H.S. completion programs

BOISE — The Boise State University High School Equivalency Program is accepting applications for students interested in obtaining a General Education Diploma or High School Equivalency Certificate. Participants must be age 16 or older. Call recruiter Ileana Cordova at 208-426-1080 or 1-800-824-7017, ext. 1080, or visit <http://hep.boisestate.edu>.

TFHS Bruin News places first in state conference

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Bruin News staff won first place in the large high school Best in Show contest at the annual Idaho Journalism Advancement conference, Nov. 6-8 in Boise.

Individual contest winners were Eric Dunford, excellent in news writing; Liz Caval, honorable mention in editorial writing; Audrey Kossman, superior in feature writing; Amy Ash, honorable mention in review writing; Lauryn Harriman, excellent column writing; Staniela Nikolova, superior in newspaper layout; Hannah Evans, two excellent awards in on-the-spot photography; and Elena Louder, two honorable mentions in on-the-spot photography.

Murtaugh schools offer Thanksgiving lunch

MURTAUGH — Murtaugh schools are having a Thanksgiving lunch for students and adults Friday. The high school, 500 Boyd Way, eats at 11:30 a.m. The grade school, 3425 N. 4500 E., eats at noon.

Turkey, gravy over potatoes, rolls, green beans, fruit bar, salad bar, pumpkin dessert will be served. The cost is \$2.50 for adults. Participants should RSVP at 432-5451 by Wednesday.

School will be closed Nov. 23-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Hagerman Elementary plans book week events

HAGERMAN — Hagerman Elementary School, 324 Second Ave. N., is planning a variety of activities to celebrate The Children's Book Council National Children's Book Week today, through Friday.

Possible activities include guest readers from the community, favorite book character dress-up day and a day to come to school in pajamas for "comfy reading."

For information, call the school at 837-4777.

Shoshone Elementary announces achievements

SHOSHONE — Shoshone Elementary School announced student achievements.

First grade, students who can count to 100 are Thryn Abell, Garrett Aole, Devon Bollar, Cody Cantrell, Dakota Hohnstein, Jose Frías, Reyna García, Cade Horn, Kati Kelley, Karolina Lopez, Shane Ramos, Hannah Russell, Ashley Schoesser, Tyler Simonson, Ivette Torres, Eric Valencia, Taylor Vincent, Trace Wallace, JD Watson, Mayra Escobar and Isabel Gil.

Second grade, 50 in a minute: +S: María Frías-Torres, Nallelie Hurtado, Veronica Camargo, María McLaughlin, Cintia Velazquez-Cavazos, Hanna Caylor and Mikely Dallas; +10: Wyatt Nelson.

Third grade, 50 in a minute: +S: Rylee Turner, Claribel Nunes and Carlos Villacana; -10: Jarrett Gray, Ruby Regalado and Charli Cenarrusa; X to 25: Morgan Shipp; Independent reader, Colton Horn, Josh Hunter and Jessy Johnson.

Meat 'n' bombs' third-grade class won \$100 from the Volunteer Connections fundraiser. The class purchased a new fish tank and some games. Jarrett Gray sold the most pizzas.

Fourth grade, AR goal: Jade Adams, María Elena Anaya, Candy Camargo, Elizabeth Dohren, Ciro Enriquez, Katelynn Ferguson, Sergio Génica, Jasmine Gomez, Liliana Gomez, Ian Johnson, Josie Jolley, Gus Lowe, Bryan Murrow, Brett Riley, Spary Sanchez, Ashley Stein, Donavan Taylor, Solimar Vargas, Fatima Villagran and Zachary Zech; 50 in a minute: Brook All, María Elena Anaya, Candy Camargo and Ian Johnson.

Jana Thomas and Terri Pacheco, advisers of Student Empowerment Program of Shoshone, and student members and members of Moon Creek raised more than \$126 for hurricane relief.

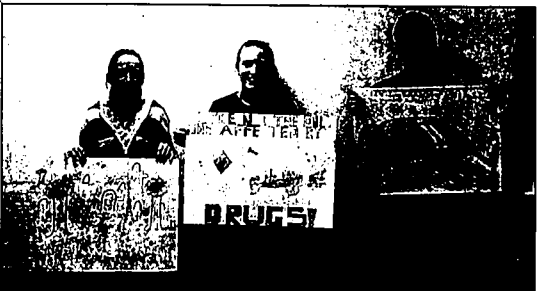
STEPS members Monzerrath Aguilar, Laura Zarate, Elizabeth Magaña, Leslie Moynieux and Alexis Murphy helped raise money by holding a yard sale.



Red Ribbon Week celebrations for Dietrich School included a release of balloons filled with the message 'Call 208-544-2158 if found' on them. The week, Oct. 24 to 28, was aimed at spreading an anti-drug message and included dress-up days. On 'Hugs Not Drugs' day, students brought a small stuffed animal to be given to Wood River Head Start. On 'Together We Make a Difference' day, students brought cans of food.



Seventh-grade winners of the Dietrich Junior High health class poster contest were Alex Heimerdinger, first; and Shayla Porter, second.



Eighth-grade poster winners were Halle Larson, third; Nakia Norman, first; and Grant McDaniel, second.

Last week the Gooding High School Student Council received the Outstanding Student Council Award for 2004-2005. The award was based on accomplishments of the student council, along with community service. The Student Council attended a state-wide conference last week. The conference gave all the Student Councils an opportunity to discuss leadership techniques, school activities and to meet new people.

On Friday, the school celebrated Veterans Day. Students heard a speech on the history of the wars and the veterans who served in them with pride. Throughout the week the students collected names of individuals in their families



SENATOR SCENE  
Tyler Wines  
who served in a position in combat. The names were then displayed on stars and hung on a banner, to be remembered with honor.

The students and staff of Gooding High School would like to send a huge thank you to all those who are serving and have served our country.

Tyler Wines is Gooding High School student body secretary.

Hansen sells 'Husky H2O'

HANSEN — Hansen's music department is selling bottled water with their own label, "Husky H2O." As schools look for ways to promote healthy diet habits, this is a novel idea.

On Nov. 2 and 3, Hansen band and choir students attended an honor clinic at the Twin Falls High School. Those attending along with their instructor, Janice Hamby, were Lydia Bjorn, Amanda Jacobi, Blake Harris, Betsy Kinch, Aaron Martin, Shelly Pedersen and Andrew Rouse.

Currently, Hansen's choir and



intermediate and concert bands, are preparing for their holiday concert, set for Dec. 5.

This column is written by Hansen High School's 'Husky Writers.'

CITIZENS OF THE WEEK



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert for the week of Oct. 22 were, from left, front: Brenda Ramirez, Makayla Kent, Jisela Pineda, Maribel Domínguez, Suleima Alamillo and Kade Hale; center: Joseph Parton, Michael Hernandez, Joanna Juarez, Shelby Dunahoo, Camden Chandler, Tierza Andrade and Valerie Hernandez; back: Thalia Fuentes, Yesenia Juarez, Paula Hernandez, Kacie Gallegos, Ezequiel Ambríz and Christian Petersen.

SUPER STUDENTS



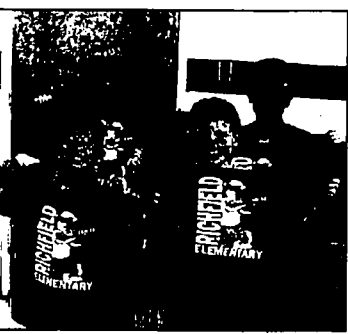
Richfield Elementary Super Student Award winners were Josh Savage, Danielle Edwards, Beau Erwin, Wyatt Poland, Steve Sorenson and Tania Delval. Not pictured is Isaiiah Duran.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Richfield Elementary students honored for perfect attendance for September were Ashlyn Packrell, Cord Wood, Elijah Packrell, Erica Kent, Isaiiah Duran, Jennifer Fajardo, Lexi Stanton, Tabitha Davis, Megan Connell, Samantha Durand, Beau Erwin, Miguel Escobar, Carleigh Fellows, Ty Hatch, Doug Holland, Glorie Kent, Austin Matheny, Santos Meléndez, Abby Patterson, Leticia Valencia, Tanner Ward, Tia Youts, Bobby Brownlee, Philip Allen, Brittney Buckner, Ivan Cardenas, Anthony Duran, Crystalyn Gillard, Taylor King, Mariah Lazamiz, Josh Culbertson, Dakota Donovan, Randy Patterson, Jorge Rivas, Lino Rivas, Ashlyn Rogers, Matthew Schell, Nathan Ward, April Wood, Teliana Duran, Crystalyn Gillard, Jennifer Godin, Julia Lee, Mark Lee, Wyatt Poland, Victor Robles, Destiny Schoolcraft, Brydon Twitchell, Eric Bazzyler, Makayla Brownlee, Dulce Cervantes, Justin Connell, Tania Delval, Samantha Edwards, Brianna Erwin, Steven Kent, Diana Linares, Joana Rivas, Dalien Tere, Grace Youtz, Sarah Brownlee, Chris Buck, Isaac Davis, Matthew Durand, Danielle Edwards, LeAnne Packrell, Ricky Godin, Juan Linares, Diana Rodriguez, Nick Schell, Kallee Scott, Silvia Rivas, Blakely Bagley, Michael Edwards, Tandra Godin, Sasha Kent, Shea Leguineche, Ben Robles, Kyria Rosa and Tawni Smith.

PROUD TIGERS



Richfield Elementary Tiger Trails T-shirt winners were Montana Rice, Chris Buck, Randy Patterson and Justin Connell. Not pictured are Erica Kent and Jakob Rogers.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Student of the Month for September was Isaac Davis with sixth-grade teacher, Debbie Jurgensmeier.

Kimberly School Debate Team announces results

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School Debate Team attended a round robin at Wood River High School in October.

In policy debate, Kelsey Yung, Darryl Wade, Stephanie Paine and Maria Onandia received honorable mentions; Emily Clements and Ashley Evans placed third; and McKay Nield and Edith Jones took second.

At their first tournament on Oct. 29, Paine and Jones placed third overall in policy and Clements and Evans placed first.

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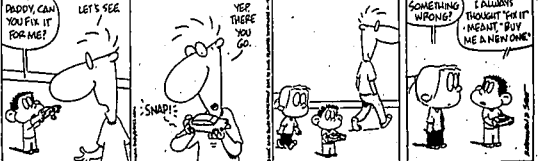
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By Johnny Hart



Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



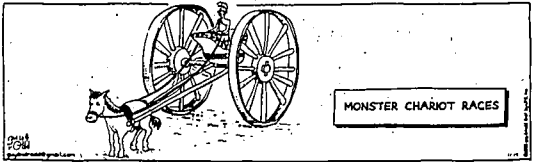
Baldo

By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos



Brevity

By Guy & Rodd



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau



The Enderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Toiso



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Luann

By Greg Evans



Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Pharis Before Swine

By Stephen Pastis



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Non Sequitur

By Wiley

Strange Brew

By John Deering



# Know your limits, Cancer

IF NOV. 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Jupiter traveling through your sign this year may serve to create a more optimistic outlook and a willingness to make productive plans. You may be under someone's watchful eye or limited by strict rules until the end of January, so don't take anything for granted and work diligently. In August, some important situations could change for the better and your enthusiasms may lead you to investigate better choices. Don't change jobs or homes in August, but do make important plans, as you will be wiser than usual. October is your best month to launch new directions.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Strike while the iron is hot, they say. But to take dynamic action you must be prepared and have everything laid out and ready to go. To achieve recognition, talk the details over with friends and allies.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. Even when dictating harsh facts and cold details, you possess a personal grace that brings others closer. Prepare to launch a big project.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Every dark cloud has a silver lining. With Mercury turning

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

and cooperative.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Enlist the loyalties of key allies. Get financial or any other plans laid out in detail before launching new initiatives. A bit of romantic hand-pampering could be on the evening's agenda.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A rodeo-style ride-em-cowboy attitude won't go over well when surrounded by the traditional fox-hunting elite. Pay homage to conventions and don't take others for granted.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Make a list and balance the checkbook: Be aware of organizational structure and strive for orderliness. Your cool head can be a major asset if big projects are launched this week.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Go with the flow. Those in close connection are likely to be full of fire and enthusiasm. Your intuitive understanding of what is needed to make things run smoothly can put a feather in your cap.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Accept an offer of tea and sympathy. These stars are best used for work and accomplishment but a pleasant lunch with a friend or a few hours of amorous playfulness with a lover are possible.

retrograde, there may be plenty of doubts. Choose to examine facts closely before proceeding. Careful planning prevents problems.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Know your limits. Being too generous toward others with your time or knowledge can create a conflict that interferes with routines. Don't offer unsolicited advice or offhand promises.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Whatever has blocked your way is behind you and may have stunted your ambitious nature. If you wish to put a new project or business endeavor into motion, plan the details carefully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get all your ducks in a row. The more organized you are, the better the results will be. With Mercury retrograde you may have time to re-examine facts and figures before taking action.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You are admired. A kind word from you will be appreciated even when strict precision in word and deed is necessary. Make a good impression by being un-

COMICS

**Beetle Bailey**  
By Mort Walker

I COPYRIGHTED MY NAME. EVERY TIME YOU SAY IT, YOU OWE ME \$25

**Blondie**  
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

IS THAT TRUE? NO, BUT IT SHOULD BUY ME SOME TIME OFF

**Beetle!**  
By Mort Walker

GET BACK HERE, YOU IDIOT! DARN! I SHOULD HAVE MADE IT \$50

**The Born Loser**  
By Art Sansom & Chip

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! WOW, THAT DIDN'T TAKE VERY LONG

**Blondie**  
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I KNOW, BUT I STILL HAVE TO CHARGE YOU FOR THE ENTIRE HOUR

**Beetle!**  
By Mort Walker

IN THAT CASE, HOW ABOUT HELPING ME CLEAR THE TABLE?

**How is Amy's pregnancy coming along?**  
By Art Sansom & Chip

HOW IS AMY'S PREGNANCY COMING ALONG?

**Blondie**  
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

FINE, EXCEPT SHE CAN'T DECIDE IF SHE WANTS TO DELIVER AT HOME OR GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

**Beetle!**  
By Mort Walker

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY SHE'S HAVING A MIDDIE CRISIS!

**Garfield**  
By Jim Davis

I HAVE A SMART ALARM CLOCK

**Garfield**  
By Jim Davis

IT HAD THE GOOD SENSE NOT TO GET ME UP EARLY

**Garfield**  
By Jim Davis

YOUR ALARM CLOCK IS EATING YOUR BREAKFAST

**Hagar the Horrible**  
By Chris Browne

LOOK! A RESTAURANT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT!!

**Hagar the Horrible**  
By Chris Browne

WATER! WATER! WE NEED WATER!!

**Hagar the Horrible**  
By Chris Browne

CERTAINLY, SIR. DO YOU HAVE A RESERVATION?

**Hi and Lo**  
By Chance Browne

MAYBE I SHOULD START MY OWN BUSINESS.

**Hi and Lo**  
By Chance Browne

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

**Hi and Lo**  
By Chance Browne

SO I DON'T HAVE TO PUNCH A CLOCK EVERY DAY.

**Classic Peanuts**  
By Charles M. Schulz

RE-RUN, I HEAR YOU'RE GETTING PRETTY GOOD WITH YOUR NUMBERS.

**Classic Peanuts**  
By Charles M. Schulz

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE TEST. TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE

**Classic Peanuts**  
By Charles M. Schulz

FINGERS!

**The Wizard of Id**  
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

OH, OH... BAD NEWS FROM THE FRONT!

**The Wizard of Id**  
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

**The Wizard of Id**  
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

ROONEY ALWAYS SENDS HIS DISTRESS CALLS BY CARRIER VULTURE

**Dennis the Menace**  
By Hank Ketcham

REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A LITTLE KID AND USED TO PESTER YOU ALL THE TIME?"

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**  
By Bill Keane

Thanks for coming into my dream last night and scaring off those monsters!

# Son in high school hopes dad will find new employment soon



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a junior in high school. My father has been unemployed for almost two years. My mom is deceased, and Dad constantly mentions how the money is running short. However, he hasn't gotten a new job nor has he explained why. I think it is a bit out of line to tell him to get his life back in order since I'm his son and because I don't know much about the workplace.

I'm going to college next year, and I'm afraid that I won't be able to go somewhere good because my dad can't afford it. I'm sure other relatives will help out, and there's financial aid, but my dad's happiness matters. He has told me that there are jobs he finds not paying nearly as much as his previous job did, but wouldn't any money be better than no money?

I don't understand what he's thinking. What should I say to him? How can I help him get his life back in order?

**DEAR ABBY:** You would be doing yourself a big favor to visit your local library and start researching what scholarships might be available to you. It could make you less beholden and more independent of your relatives when tuition time rolls around. A counselor at your school might also steer you in the right direction. Please don't wait. Do it now. You seem like a bright young man, and I wish you the best of luck.

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You would be doing your father a favor to tell him that because of his difficulties in finding work, he should contact the unemployment office because the people there can sometimes offer counseling to people in his position.

Your father may be holding out, hoping to find another job that will pay him as much as the last one. However, by now he should have realized that it may

**DEAR ABBY:** How should I react to a couple who repeatedly drop in at our house to visit — unannounced? I feel this is very rude and they're trying to cause us off guard and set us at our worst. I have thoughts about doing the same thing to them. What do you think?

**DEAR DISGUSTED IN MANTENO, ILL.**  
You're trying to do it to them, but I doubt it will have the desired effect. These people may have never learned that it is inappropriate to drop by without calling first to see if it's convenient. Try this: The next time they

# Colonel Sanders was born in Indiana

Quick. In what finger-lickin' good state was Colonel Sanders born? If you said Kentucky, you're wrong — it was Indiana.

This day in history: On Nov. 13, 1871, Earth invented KFC for the first time. Mariner 9 circled the Red Planet and sent back numerous photos of its landscape.

Reader E. Yuzuk asks why the Spanish shout "Ole!" at bullfights and wonders if maybe it's Moorish origin? Good guess, E.Y. The Moors were Islamic rulers of southern Spain for centuries. Etymologists say they shouted "Allah" (meaning "by God") and pronounced "Al-Wali!" in admiration, and are pretty sure that "Ole" came from that.

Four No. 1 albums on the U.S. charts in a single year. Who holds that singular distinction? Not Elvis, not the Beatles, not Eminem — it was the Monkees in 1967.

The smallest dinosaur discovered so far was about the size of a turkey.

Useful fact to know: if you're being chased by a gorilla, plunge into a lake or river — it won't hurt you. However, make absolutely sure it's a gorilla, because other simians like the proboscis monkeys of Borneo are as glibly gliding in the water as they are swinging through the trees.

Remember the plastic bug toys called "Cooties"? Leave it to American ingenuity to sell its colorful replicas of public lice. British sailors originally coined the name from "kutu," the Polynesian word for lice. The flamingo is the only bird



RUNXO  
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Erin Barrett

that eats with its head upside down.

A pig says "oink oink," right? Well, not really, and people around the world hear other things. For example, "kryoo kryoo" (Russian), "goin grain" (French), "huh huh" (Mandarin Chinese), "crum crum" (Polish), "rok rok" (Serbo-Croatian), "bruh hrh" (Vietnamese), "gruuu" (German), "hoo hoo" (Japanese) and "ood ood" (Thai).

Vogue Magazine coined the term "bra-siere" in 1907, only derived from an old French word braicere, which means "arm protector." Before 1907, the undergarment was more commonly called a corset or a bodice (the latter support).

The Hula Burger (cheese and grilled pineapple on a bun) was one of McDonald's flops.

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# Mariah Carey wins big at calm Vibe Awards

CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP) — Mariah Carey walked away with four honors at the Vibe Awards, a celebration of hip-hop and R&B that went smoothly after last year's ceremony was marred by a brawl and stabbing.

Carey won Artist of the Year, R&B Voice of the Year, Best R&B Song for "We Belong Together" and Album of the Year for her comeback hit, "The Emancipation of Mimi."

"Whatever you're going through in your life, don't ever give up," Carey said at the Sunday night event. The taped show was scheduled to air Tuesday on UPN.

The Diplomats were named Best Group.

With cogsac and champagne flowing freely, rappers sporting diamonds and gold "grills" on their teeth mingled peacefully, although they had to pass through metal detectors to enter and police and security guards were plentiful.

Even hardcore rapper T.I., who won the Street Anthem award for "U Don't Know Me," acknowledged his dirty leak very "hard" in a dapper velvet suit and cravat. "But y'all just keep it pumping," he said on stage.

Last year, violence overshadowed the show when audience member Jimmy James Johnson approached rapper and producer Dr. Dre, seated at a table in front of the stage, and appeared to ask for an autograph before punching him.

A chair-throwing melee ensued and Johnson was then allegedly stabbed by rapper Young Buck.

In September, Johnson was sentenced to a year in jail after he pleaded guilty to punching the rap mogul. Young Buck, whose given name is David Darrell Brown, has pleaded not guilty in the case and is free on bail awaiting trial.

Young Buck and Dr. Dre did not attend this year's ceremony.



Mariah Carey accepts an award for best R&B song Saturday at the third annual Vibe Awards at Sony Studios in Culver City, Calif.

Good vibes, however, did not prevent rapper the Game from creatively dosing 50 Cent, his former collaborator and current nemesis.

The night's first award, for Hottest Hook, went to "Fate is Love II," billed as being performed by The Game featuring 50 Cent, who did not attend the ceremonies.

The Game pointedly avoided mentioning the former G-Unit rap crew member onstage but showed off the word "G-Unit" shaved into the side of his head.

The subject of possible rakes throughout the show, which was hosted by Tracee Ellis Ross from the sitcom "Girlfriends" and Anthony Anderson from "Hustle & Flow."

Three awards have been given out, and no one's been stabbed yet. Come on black people," said presenter Tony Rock, brother of comedian Chris Rock.

But music remained the focus.

Damian "Dr. Gong" Marley, Bob Marley's son, elicited cheers

for a thunderous rendition of his reggae hit, "Welcome to Jamrock," which won the Best Soul Award honoring Caribbean music.

James and fireworks accompanied artists affected by the hurricanes, including New Orleans-based Lil' Wayne, Houston's Paul Wall and rapper David Banner from Jacksonville, Miss.

Banner performed his hit "P.I." surrounded by scantily clad women biting weights, wearing boxing gloves and bouncing on a trampoline.

Quincy Jones presented singer Mary J. Blige with the Vanguard award, a special honor for her 15 years in music.

"Like a phoenix, I stayed strong and didn't kill myself," Blige said backstage, noting her struggle over the years with depression and substance abuse.

A small number of winners did not attend, including Kanye West, who won the Best Rap award, and Kelly Rowland, who won the Best Video award for "Trapped in the Closet."

## OTHER VIEWS

### Teachers' tax initiative not without serious risks

Idaho State Journal (Pocatello)

The Idaho teachers union is talking about launching a ballot initiative that would ask voters to pay more taxes to get more from their public schools. That's because teachers don't expect the Idaho Legislature to be any more generous than it has been in the past, and they want more money.

The Idaho Education Association's proposed initiative is not without risk. Even if a majority of voters say they are willing to pay more — perhaps through restoring the sales tax to six cents from five cents now in effect — that would not set well with many lawmakers. There already is a thinly-veiled hostility to the teachers among many in the legislative body; witness the recent statement by State Rep. Jack Barracough of Idaho Falls that whatever teachers want, he would cut it in half. And if a ballot initiative on teacher pay were to fail, the tax cutters in Boise might see that as justification to further tighten the belt on education funding.

It is willing to fund public schools and they're also willing to pay their teachers more," she says.

But there are other things the teachers could do. In a year when the state is confronted by additional demands to pay for expanded math, science and physical education courses, educators should take

**Their view:** This guest editorial from the Idaho State Journal of Pocatello says a failed tax initiative could backfire on teachers.

**What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Parma High School science teacher John "Mick" Sharkey to visit the Legislature.

Sharkey recently was named Idaho's teacher of the year, and here's what he had to say:

"I tell young people all the time that life isn't fair. I'm glad it isn't! I've got a marvelous job ... The truth is, I would not do this job for a lot less money."

Sharkey should get more. In 18 years at the rural high school west of Boise, he has been not only an instructor but an inspiration. He has wheeled science equipment, helped create a partnership with Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa for Parma students to earn college credit for their high school advanced biology class, and implemented a genetics and DNA program.

"We have students doing science work here that would be on par with anything they would get at a university level," said Jim Norton, the Parma superintendent.

"The fact is that Sharkey is not unique; there are a lot of people who do a better-than-good job in Idaho's public schools. If the IEA agrees forward with its ballot initiative, it needs to make sure the public and legislators understand that. If it's just a question of getting more tax money, the message may not be heard."

in any event, it will not be an easy task if the IEA decides to go forward with its initiative. To get its question on the ballot, the group would have to collect signatures from 6 percent of the state's voters — at least 47,881 people — by April 30, 2006. At this point, the IEA has yet to come up with an appropriate question put on the ballot, which is no simple thing.

Sherry Wood, the IEA president, is undeterred.

"Polling shows a pretty high percentage of the pub-

lic is willing to fund public schools and they're also willing to pay their teachers more," she says.

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## LETTER

### County government fails to provide the basics

With regard to your article, "Deputy's siren silenced in Castledorf," I have to ask what is a local government's basic obligation if it is not to keep the peace for its citizens?

In the last few years, I have studied the county office space. The county has been asked to fund an ambulance service in the same year the hospital treated a \$7 million dollar profit. \$50,000 has been spent to study the county office space issue. \$270,000 plus expenses has been spent on a health care manager-purchase expert and county officials have received pay increases and health benefits for their families.

Nevertheless, we are told money simply wasn't budgeted, and in fact never has been

available, for a deputy in Castledorf. I see Murtough has evidently suffered the same fate.

The only pressing issues facing the county are hardly the hospital, office space or even a jail. While a great deal of time, money and interest has been devoted to these subjects, basic governmental functions such as providing funding for deputies in outlying areas of the county to keep the peace have been ignored.

The citizens of Castledorf and Murtough deserve better government than this. Let's start to prioritize the needs in this county that have to be met with limited resources that we have.

**MARK GUERRY**  
Castledorf  
(Editor's note: Mark Guerry is the city attorney for Castledorf.)

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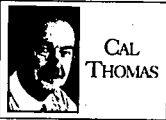
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# Bump the special prosecutor

What a difference a president and a special prosecutor make.

During the Clinton presidency, Democrat partisans James Caville and Paul Begala slandered Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr as a sex maniac with a political agenda — despite his selection by a three-judge panel and the expansion of his powers by none other than Attorney General Janet Reno.



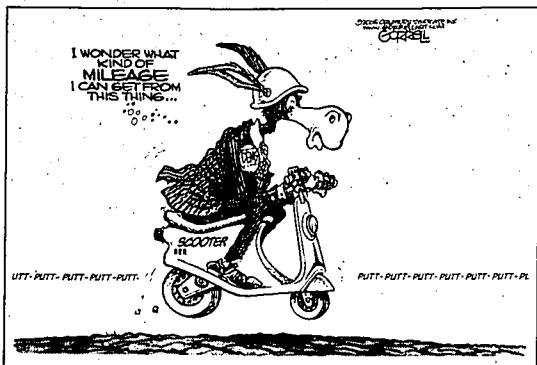
CAL THOMAS

Much of the media approvingly and uncritically pressed along the sliming of this decent man, asserting that Clinton's problems were about sex and that "everybody" lies about sex. This big media lies under oath about his affair with Monica Lewinsky were not a big deal.

Though the law establishing the independent counsel expired in 1999, special prosecutors are still used to track down alleged corruption at high levels of government. The latest is Patrick Fitzgerald, who last month announced a five-count indictment against Vice President Cheney's Chief of Staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, for obstruction of justice, perjury and false statements.

The big media has characterized Fitzgerald as an apolitical straight-shooter and the definition of integrity. Translation: Everything he alleges about Libby must be true.

At a press conference, Fitzgerald said the "war" is not about the war "in Iraq." Of course it has everything to do with the war. Those who lost the policy battle over going to war are fighting a rearguard action in an attempt to damage the Bush Administration and win the political war in time for the 2006 congressional elections and certainly by the 2008 presidential con-



test.

A jury will be asked to make an interesting choice: Who has more credibility — a top government official, or members of the news media to whom Libby spoke about CIA operative Valerie Plame?

Libby is not being tried for "outing" Plame, but for his statements about her to three journalists, what he said and when he said it. They have one recollection and he has another. For that he faces up to 30 years in prison! Try remembering what you told someone last week. Should you be indicted if your recollection turns out to be different from theirs?

The big media agenda in this can be discerned from the saturation coverage they gave Libby's indictments and the short shrift given to indictments of several members of the Clinton Administration.

When a multiple indictment was handed down against Clinton's Agriculture Secretary, Mike Espy (he was later acquitted on 30 charges), most of the broadcast networks relayed the news in a sentence or two. It was the same with HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros, who was indicted on multiple counts for misleading the FBI

about payoffs he made to a mistress. Cisneros later pleaded bargained to a single misdemeanor charge of lying to the FBI.

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**GREG HEGMAN**  
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about payoffs he made to a mistress. Cisneros later pleaded bargained to a single misdemeanor charge of lying to the FBI.

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## LETTERS

### Chisholm, Halper don't have solutions

After reading the article, "Dairy cows hit Idaho Supreme Court," I felt I needed to respond and ask Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Halper just what they would like Mr. Boer to do short of getting out of the dairy business and living in a tent south of here.

My point is I feel most everybody loves the environment; it's just that some are more realistic than others.

"Environmentalists" want us to use green power but walk around with generators because they kill birds and make the land unsightly. They want everyone to quit driving, yet they use cars themselves.

It seems to me that all they want to do is bring up problems, never solutions. Maybe some of the problems are real, but people like Mr. Boer are building something for themselves that will also benefit the community with jobs, an outlet for agricultural products, etc. So maybe the "environmentalists" follow from non-focus on building the community and coming up with solutions rather than tearing down what others are trying to build.

**JOSHUA NELSON**  
Juliper

### You can't test evolution's ideas on scientific methods

Randy Smith's and Jan Simpkins' articles about evolution starts out with a proper definition of a theory — posing a hypothesis followed by scientific testing — but characteristic of this field of science, with unsubstantiated claims and half-truths they attempt to make evolution theory evolve into a "higher status than simple hypothesis."

It is true, Darwin gathered data that demonstrated constant variation and adaptability in nature, and with this observation proposed evolution. However, it is not true that he ever scientifically tested his hypothesis, and is a false-

hood to suggest that "evolution has been rigorously tested by scientists."

No one has ever seen evolution from one species to another, nor has it in anyway been demonstrated by scientific experiment. Further, no one has ever seen biogenesis — life coming from non-life — and the scientific experimentation of Louis Pasteur disproves that such can occur.

With the two main legs of evolution theory not provable, nor plausible (Do you see life springing from slime, and changing into different forms? Do you see any "transitional forms" between species anywhere?), this theory has no legs to stand on.

I can turn the question back to these writers, "Can we test the ideas of evolution theory using scientific methods. No." And as such, evolution draws on the faith of the teacher and the students to believe in something that they cannot see, cannot even demonstrate, and cannot even hold up to the basic laws of science.

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It is time there is some honesty in the debate about evolution. Science does need to be forthright in admitting that they have no hard substantial evidence of evolution. Scientists also need to put their creation of observations in the proper perspective, and not let the theory lead the science, but rather have science define the theory.

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### Will voters do anything to protect children?

The voters in Jerome and Nampa are now on the hook for a huge tax for their schools. I believe the need is great and will be addressed, but what was the main motivation for a "yes" vote?

As neither ABC's "Good Morning America," nor CBS' "This Morning" mentioned Cisneros the day after the indictment.

Today "gave" a few seconds, "Breaking News" and "News Alert," the same designations given to terrorist threats.

After his acquittal, Mike Espy said the four years and \$17 million spent by the government on his case (plus his own legal fees) was a waste and that the independent counsel process should be reformed. I agree with this Democrat.

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to do, in the past five years," said Leslie Beakle. "Looking at the recent record, I don't have any confidence they will." So how can the school district give increases when they don't have the money to fund them?

It is a constant from the school district stated that "funding from the state has flat-lined over the past four years. Incremental raises are funded by the salary schedule and the district expects a 4 percent more than we receive in state funding for salaries." The district has offered a pay increase for years of experience and a 2 percent one-time bonus. Boy, I would like to have that offered to me.

What is the gripe about insurance? They have to pay a portion of the premium; big deal. At least they are offered insurance.

If the teachers don't like what they are paid, I guess they can go someplace else to work and find out what it is like to work year-round, and not expect or be able to demand an increase in wages or benefits like insurance.

I know being a teacher is not the easiest job in the world, but it is what you wanted to do. If most of you remember why you wanted to be a teacher, it was not for the money. I know that not every teacher is behind this. I have some friends who are teachers and the majority would like the contract signed and to go on teaching the children in the community.

I want to thank the school board for not coming back to the taxpayers asking for more money. It is showing that the school board is keeping its promise. Besides, teachers, you'd have to pay more taxes to pay for your own salary increase. Doesn't seem right to me.

For the teachers who have brought every lawsuit, just where do you think the school board and superintendent are going to get the money to pay their part? If it were I, I would drop the lawsuit, sign the contract.

**KATHY LEARN**  
Twin Falls

### District doesn't have money for raises

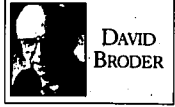
I have been reading about teachers contracts. Where do the teachers think the money is going to come from when the state has not funded a base salary increase for the past five years?

The Times-News article Oct. 20 states, "The Legislature has not funded an increase to the base salary schedule, which is something they have promised



# Return of the political moderates

In Congress and in constituencies across the country, last week demonstrated a powerful and welcome trend: After a long eclipse, the people in the political center, the moderates, have regained their voice and are reassuring themselves.



DAVID BRODER

Beginning in the mid-1990s, and increasingly from 2000 onward, American politics was dominated by a notion that Republicans had found the key to mobilizing their voter base on issues of taxes and conservative social beliefs. In the last decade, national elections became largely contests to see which side could turn out more of its committed partisans. The tools of motivation were highly emotional and appeals. Persuasion of the undecided became a matter of secondary or minimal importance.

Both sides succeeded — for a time. In 2004, John Kerry far outran Al Gore's 2000 vote, but lost because George Bush improved on his own first run by even larger numbers. But the cost was that increasing numbers of middle-road voters felt the choices they were being offered were not what they wanted. And this year, that frustrated center has finally rebelled.

The root causes of the rebellion are not a mystery. There is a war in Iraq which no one seems to know how to win or how to end. There is a profligacy to federal spending that neither party is willing to stanch. There is inaction on large problems that hurt families, whether it be the cost of home heating or the availability of medical care. And, above all, there is a pervasive sense that partisanship for its own sake rules Washington.

Now that public mood — which was amply demonstrated in last Tuesday's off-year voting — has stiffened spines in the Capitol. On Wednesday, 22 House Republican moderates forced the leadership of their party to strip from a budget bill authorization for oil and gas drilling in portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

It was the second successful rebellion by the long-scorched Mainstream Coalition, which also nudged the Bush administration to reverse itself on encouraging sub-minimum wage pay for Hurricane Katrina reconstruction.

One of the rebels, Rep. Sherwood Boehlert of New York, told *The New York Times*: "There is a clear message from the election results all over the country. The American people, by and large as a body politic,



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are looking for a more centrist approach.

The Republican moderates come mainly from suburban districts, the same kind of districts that supported Bush in 2004 but turned against Republican candidates and causes in last Tuesday's voting. Democrats elected governors in New Jersey and Virginia by sweeping the suburban areas where independent voters place a high value on education and the environment and are socially tolerant.

In California, where Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had gained high popularity in his first year in office by identify-

ing himself with all of those causes, he came a cropper by forcing a special election on a very different agenda. He launched a crusade to punish teachers, nurses and other public employees for their "greed" only to see the public endorse their work and tell the governor, in effect, to deal with them, not still-arm them. The defeat of all four of Schwarzenegger's initiatives clearly signals that the misread Californians as wanting a partisan conservative regime in Sacramento.

The same message was sent unmistakably by Virginia, a state that has been reliably part of the Republican presidential base. Republican gubernatorial candidate Jerry Kilgore ran a classic version of the last decade's bring-out-the-base campaign, promising to fight taxes, crack down on crime, curb abortions, impose the death penalty — and, as an added filip, get tough on illegal immigrants.

He got out the base, but lost

heavily in the fast-growing suburbs to Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine, the Democrat who campaigned on support for schools and balanced growth.

Kaine was helped enormously by the fact that the current governor, Democrat Mark Warner, has steered Virginia from a fiscal mess to economic prosperity, while working successfully to get his progressive education program and other initiatives through a Republican Legislature.

It was one more proof that the strength of the Democratic Party lies in its governorships — a lesson that still has not dawned on many of the Washington-fixated consultants and contributors, who continue to delude themselves that their talk-shop congressional leaders should be the national symbols of the party.

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### Don't Get Caught Up in Real Estate Frenzy

If you've owned your home for a while, you know that it's probably worth a lot more than what you paid for it. In fact, over the past five years, U.S. residential property has increased in value by almost 50 percent, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. That's a pretty impressive appreciation — but it doesn't mean that real estate is a "can't miss" investment.

Of course, you wouldn't be alone in thinking that now is a great time to become a "person of property." Some 23 percent of all homes purchased in 2004 were for investment, and a further 13 percent were vacation homes, according to surveys done by the National Association of Realtors. And the number of chapters of the National Real Estate Investors Association jumped from 44 in 2002 to 170 in 2005.

Clearly, real estate investing is hot. Over the past few years, the combination of low interest rates and high demand for housing has pushed prices up, up and away. But how long can they continue to soar?

Not for much longer, according to some experts. Yale economist Robert Shiller, in his book *Irrational Exuberance*, writes that the real estate "bubble" may soon burst, and he supports his claim by showing that median home prices are now six to nine times greater than median income in some areas of the country. He also shows that U.S. home prices, when adjusted for inflation, have not constantly risen in value.

And there's certainly historical precedent for housing prices to fall quickly and sharply. Many areas of the country have experienced "boom and bust" cycles in their housing markets.

Does this mean you should avoid real estate entirely as an investment possibility? No. But before you sign on the dotted line, keep these two rules in mind:

- Don't expect huge returns - From the start of 1980 to the end of 2004, home sales prices increased 247 percent - which looks pretty good, until you see that, over the same period, the S&P 500 rose more than 1,000 percent. In other words, don't anticipate that real estate is going to constantly beat out your other investments, because it probably won't happen. Do keep in mind that past performance is not a guarantee of future results.
- Don't "leverage" yourself too heavily - With interest rates still so low, it can be tempting to buy more and more property, if you've got at least enough cash for down payments. But it's never a good idea to go heavily into debt for any type of investment.

**Consider REITs**  
If you're going to invest in real estate, you may want to look at real estate investment trusts (REITs), which provide diversification by property type and location. You can purchase REITs in appropriate amounts, without borrowing, and they offer greater liquidity than individual properties. Also, most REITs provide attractive current income, which can prove valuable should real estate prices decline or remain stagnant for a long period of time.

But whether you buy REITs or other types of real estate, don't go overboard. As a general rule, you should probably have no more than 5 percent to 10 percent of your portfolio in real estate. By sticking to that level, you can help avoid a lot of problems - and you won't get drenched if a "bubble" pops.

**Questions:**  
1. True or False — The S&P 500 did 4 times better than real estate from 1980 to 2004?  
2. True or False — You should have at least 50% of your investments in real estate?

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# Saddam's trial will go on in Iraq, despite protests

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein's trial will resume on schedule despite the slaying of two defense lawyers and the threat by others to boycott the proceedings over an alleged lack of security, a senior Iraqi judicial official said Sunday.

The court is ready to appoint a new team of defense lawyers if the current ones fail to appear, added Raed Juhri, one of the judges on the special tribunal trying the former dictator and others.



Saddam

Killings of two attorneys who were defending co-defendants

Saddam's team said in a statement earlier in the day that about 1,100 Iraqi lawyers had withdrawn from the defense, arguing that inadequate protection was evident after the

of the ousted leader. The statement did not say if those lawyers included Saddam's chief Iraqi attorney, Khalil al-Dulaimi, but it said other team members continued their duties "under complex and dangerous circumstances." Al-Dulaimi suggested last week that defense lawyers would not show up for the next session Nov. 28. The attorneys who withdrew were among some 1,500 enlisted to help Saddam's defense, most-

ly researching legal precedents, preparing briefs and performing other tasks outside the courtroom, said Jordanian lawyer Ziad al-Khasawneh, who was once part of the defense team. Juhri said the defense threat "will not affect the work of the court." He said the Iraqi High Tribunal is ready to appoint new defense lawyers if none appear. "We have many legal experts and lawyers, and (the court) will choose from among them" to

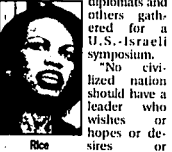
defend Saddam and the others, he said. That could result in further delays, Juhri conceded, saying replacement lawyers could ask the court to postpone the trial to give them more time to prepare. Still, the defense moves could leave the proceedings in disarray, embarrassing both the Iraqi government and the United States, which have insisted that Saddam face justice in his homeland before his own people.

If the court appoints new attorneys, Saddam will refuse to accept them and the trial will degenerate into "a total farce," Abdel-Haq Alani, a London-based lawyer who is a leading member of the defense team, said. "The trial would proceed in the absence of the defendant because the defendant would refuse to cooperate," Alani said. "They might as well sentence them without a trial."

## Rice rebukes Iranian leader over Israel remarks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice gave her strongest rebuke yet on Sunday to the renewed hardline Islamic leadership of Iran, saying that "no civilized nation" can call for the annihilation of another.

Rice was referring to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's remark last month that Israel is a "disgraceful blot" that should be "wiped off the map." Her words drew applause from politicians,



Rice

diplomats and others gathered for a U.S.-Israel symposium. "No civilized nation should have a leader who wishes or hopes or desires or considers it a matter of policy to express that ... another country should be pushed into the sea," Rice said, speaking slowly and sternly. "It is unacceptable in the international system."

Spending a day after part of her agenda for political openness in the Middle East ran into heavy weather, Rice also said the Bush administration is under no illusions about the difficulty of spreading democracy in the region.

"We are not naive about the pace, or difficulty, of democratic change," Rice said, "but we know that the longing for democratic change is deep and urgently felt."

Profound shifts are underway in the Middle East, Rice said, near the close of a diplomatic trip that began with encouragement for incipient democracy in post-Saddam Iraq and will end Monday with condolences for nearly 60 people killed in a terrorist bombing last week in Jordan.

"We have hope for peace today because people no longer accept that despotism is the eternal political condition of the Middle East," Rice said.

The hard-liner Ahmadinejad was the surprise winner in June elections in Iran, and he immediately set about undoing the reforms and international out-reach of the previous moderate-leaning government.

"When we look at a country like Iran, we see an educated and sophisticated people who are the heirs of a great civilization," Rice said.

"And we also see that as Iran's government has grown more divorced from the will of its citizens, it has become more threatening, not less threatening."

The United States and European nations are at odds with Iran over the future of its nuclear program, with a key meeting of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency approaching on Nov. 24.

The head of Iran's nuclear agency ruled out a compromise proposal to enrich uranium for his country's nuclear program in the 30, saying Saturday, the process must be done in Iran.

The United States and European negotiators reportedly were willing to accept the compromise to allow Iran to move ahead with its nuclear program while ensuring it does not produce atomic bombs. Enrichment can produce material either for a bomb or for nuclear reactor fuel.

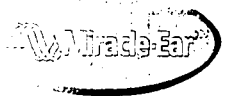
The United States claims Iran is hiding nuclear weapons ambitions behind its drive to develop nuclear power for electricity, Iran denies it.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Hospital Board will meet today

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board today will hear the latest report on the hospital's finances. Also on today's agenda are reports from the board's quality, community relations and medical executive committees, and an award presentation to Dr. James Reznier.

The board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Sage Conference Room located in the former Norco building just east of the Addison Avenue campus. The meeting is open to the public.

### Council will discuss LDS temple site

TWIN FALLS — The City Council will take another look at a special use permit granted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to build a temple at the site of the former Candlelight Golf Course on Eastland Drive.

The permit was approved last week by the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

According to an agenda for tonight's council meeting, P&Z's decision to approve the permit will be reviewed at the request of Councilman Chris Talkington.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave. East.

### T.F. Library Board seeks nominees

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking nominees to fill the seat to be vacated by Gale Kleinkopf when his term expires in December.

The City Council will appoint a new trustee to serve a term of office from Jan. 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2010.

Interested candidates who reside within the Twin Falls city limits can call Susan Ash, library director, at 733-2964, ext. 118. Formal letters of application can be delivered to the library at 201 Fourth Ave. E. through Dec. 2.

### Safety belt campaign will begin today

BOISE — Motorists will have an extra incentive to buckle up beginning today when a safety campaign including stepped-up enforcement and education gets under way with the "Click It. Don't Risk It" seat belt campaign.

The Idaho State Police, Idaho Transportation Department and about 30 local law enforcement agencies are participating in the program.

Increased patrols and an advertising campaign, which continue through Dec. 5, are aimed at saving lives and reducing costs associated with traffic crashes. Idaho law requires everyone in a vehicle to wear safety restraints regardless of where they are seated.

### Paid internships still available

WASHINGTON — The application deadline for spring term internships in Sen. Craig's office in Washington, D.C., office has been extended to Nov. 17.

The spring term is from January through May. Craig offers paid internships in Washington. Preference is given to Idaho applicants attending Idaho schools who are in their junior or senior years of college (including graduate students).

Interns are paired with staff members based on experience and interests in order to best utilize their talents. They are expected to fulfill some administrative duties such as answering telephones, sorting mail and greeting constituents.

Applications and more information are available at <http://craig.senate.gov> or any of Craig's regional offices in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Boise, Pocatello, Lewiston and Twin Falls. A link to the application can be found on the left-hand side of the Web site.

Applications should be delivered in person to the designated offices or faxed to (202) 228-1067. They can be mailed but delays are likely because of security measures for Senate mail. Mailed applications must be received in the office by Nov. 17; they can be sent to the Office of Sen. Larry Craig, Attention: Internship Program, Hart Senate Office Building, 520, Washington, DC 20510.

— compiled from staff reports

# Crossing the line

## School crosswalk safety a struggle

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

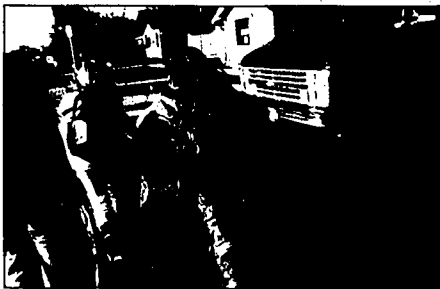
TWIN FALLS — You have to wonder what someone is thinking when they walk out in front of a speeding car. But almost daily, Rebecca Duke, a crossing guard at Lincoln Elementary School, will catch a vehicle accelerating through the school zone and that is when she does what most people would never do.

Duke is taking her case to the state, city and anywhere else she can invoke a change in current laws regarding school zones in Twin Falls. She has been waiting at it for months now taking on the issue after her son was struck by a vehicle that sped through a crosswalk. But most of what she receives

is a lot of talk. "I'm trying to take it one step at a time," Duke said. "But now I'm not sure what steps I need to take. The city keeps telling me their hands are tied, the IDT (Idaho Department of Transportation) says they have done all they can do and there isn't much the police can do because they don't have the resources."

The challenge that Duke faces is not isolated to the crosswalks she guards. Six of the eleven schools in the Twin Falls School District responded to an e-mail from *The Times-News*, which asked if there were any serious concerns about student safety in school zones and crosswalks.

Lincoln and Harrison Elementary have responded to safety concerns by posting crossing guards, traffic cones and additional signs. Twin Falls High School — together with the city — installed pedestrian crossing islands and left turn only lanes. But a student was



HEATHER THOMPSON/The Times-News

Children sprint across the street Friday afternoon after classes let out for the day at Lincoln Elementary.

still struck by a vehicle while crossing the street. And the Callgate of Southern Idaho was reminded of its fears when a 21-year-old student was seriously injured by a driver that hit her — even as she carried an orange crossing flag.

What's more frustrating for Duke is that many in the community agree that something needs to be done, but few are willing to volunteer time and resources to help. However, a half-hour with Duke

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## RHYME AND REASON THE COWBOY WAY



PHOTO BY AMEE SMITH/The Times-News

Koby Zaharias, 2, waits for his turn to read a poem Saturday at the Mini-Cassia Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Rupert. Zaharias was one of nearly two dozen cowboys that performed at the event.

## Wilson Theater rumbles with Western poetry gathering

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The wood floors of Wilson Theater tumbled under the traffic of cowboy boots shuffling in from the street. In the lobby, Earl White smiled underneath his black felt cowboy hat to strangers that were making their way to the show.

Although these cowpokes mostly made their way into town in Buicks rather than buckskins, they were the last of a dying breed — of poets, that is. The cowboy poetry festival brought some sunshine to an otherwise cold and cloudy day on Saturday at Wilson Theater — an old public theater that was constructed about 1912, and is now being restored after years of deterioration. It was the fourth year that the Cowboy Poets of Idaho celebrated the art of well-telling stories.

"Cowboy poetry is just stories put to rhyme," said Layle Bagley, president of the Cowboy Poets of Idaho. "One of my favorite lines is, 'what do you call a half-witted cowboy poet? Gifted.'"

So they came from as far away as Utah, Oregon and Montana to ply their trade as cowboy poets. They spoke about everything from mutual respect to the way

rocks "grow" in Idaho, and while some poets were sarcastic, others were somber. In cowboy poetry, anything goes.

"I used to go up for trail rides in the mountains with family and friends and we would always gather around the campfire and tell stories," Bagley said. "We always said the stories we made would make good fodder."

Bagley said the cowboy poets started with a small number of beginners, and is now a professional group with almost 200 members in the United States and Canada. But they have a hard time finding young people who are interested.

"There isn't as many young people as we would like to see," Bagley said. "They just seem to be interested in other stuff."

The stories behind cowboy poetry are a record of what life was like — or what some like to say it was like. But the stories are withering away with the poets who have no prolegs to pass them along to.

With the exception of a few young followers and the children of the veteran poets, there simply aren't enough young poets to carry on the legacy.

"We're trying to help the poetry and the western songs continue with the heritage so that we don't lose it," said Lorraine Denzmann, a cowboy poet.



Perry Nels plays a Native American flute Saturday during the Mini-Cassia Cowboy Poetry Gathering at the Wilson Theater in Rupert. Nels began playing the flute more than a year ago after surviving a battle with cancer.

## Doing the best gave former Navy personnel her strength

By Jami Whitfield  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Even as a young girl, Alyson Lansberry Billings was determined to do the best she could at anything she tried and even with the difficulties she faced, she worked hard to succeed.

She was a decorated woman in the Navy and worked in the medical field for several years. She died Nov. 6 after an 18-year battle with anorexia nervosa. She was 46 years old.

At age 8, she learned to play the piano while living in Salt Lake City. After moving to Twin Falls in 1974, she studied piano under Teala Percin, a well-known instructor. She gave a private recital playing classical music at age 15.

When she was a senior at Twin Falls High School, she expressed an interest in the school's first girls basketball team. Percin gave her an ultimatum.

"She said you can do one or the other, but you're not going to break your fingers," said her mom, Doris Lansberry, with a chuckle. At just over 5-foot tall, Billings was the smallest on the team.

"But boy, could she travel the court," her mom said.

After graduation she followed her brothers into military service. She joined the U.S. Navy and worked in the medical field.

She trained at Great Lakes Naval Hospital in Chicago and then served at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Florida. She was a licensed emergency medical technician, a trauma nurse and a floor nurse. In 1981, she was assigned to Massachusetts to help recruit medical students from local universities.

Her many decorations included five gold wreath awards, Navy achievement, meritorious and good conduct medals, but some of the experiences she had were honorable in

themselves.

For three years, starting in 1994, she was selected to be aboard the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor during an event celebrating the oldest commissioned ship in the Navy.

At the first commemoration for the Korean War, all military branches placed a wreath at the statehouse. She was asked to lay one for the Navy. She was honorably discharged in 1988. Around this time some medical problems occurred and it gradually became easier for her to skip meals than to be in pain.

An eating disorder developed and took its toll.

She didn't let it slow her down too much though, she worked as a medical assistant in Boise, then became a registered phlebotomist and later director of the American Plasma Center.

Her low numbers caused her to switch fields. In 1997, she received an associate's degree in accounting

*a life remembered*

**Alyson Colleen Lansberry Billings**

Born: Aug. 28, 1959.  
Died: Nov. 6, 2005.

**Survivors:** Parents, Jim and Doris Lansberry of Twin Falls; three brothers, Gregory, Mary Ann and David of Boise and Stephen of Soda Springs; aunts, Manan Ransford of Denver and Joyce (Sleeve) Harrop of Omaha, Neb.; and nieces, Abby Barilla of Prescott, Ariz., and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

**Memorial:** Donations can be made to Just Strays, the Idaho Humane Society or an animal shelter of choice.

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# Aging loggers could be concern to Idaho timber communities

MOSCOW (AP) — A new University of Idaho study shows that nearly two-thirds of all loggers in Idaho, Montana and Washington state are 40 years old or older, raising warning signs in traditional timber communities that rely on the industry.

What's more, if loggers become scarce, it may be difficult to muster crews for forest-protecting projects that help protect rural communities from wild-fire ravages in the industry.

The industry, which last year provided \$102 million in wages to Idaho's five northernmost counties, has been hit by bad news recently. Seward-Leeber Co. of Portland, Ore., is laying off 121 workers as it shuts down a sawmill in Coeur d'Alene because of falling prices, dwindling demand and foreign

competition. Boise-Cascade has laid off 70 workers at a La Grande, Ore., sawmill due to rising operating costs.

"Certainty, when a mill closes like that you've got a problem," said state Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, told "The Spokesman-Review newspaper."

And we do have logging contracts that aren't working. It's hard to beat the drum to get younger members in."

UI graduate student Travis Allen has sent out 1,200 surveys to loggers across Idaho, Washington and Montana. He hopes to have data analyzed by early 2006.

But in preliminary findings, Allen said it appears those still in the industry are aging — and younger loggers to fill their spots as they retire are showing up in dwindling numbers. The

reasons could be globalization in the timber market, fewer timber sales on federal land and high insurance costs, Allen said.

Allen said the survey respondents had expressed so far that many timber workers consider their biggest challenge the scarcity of local timber sales, followed by a lack of skilled workers.

To attract new loggers, some high schools such as one in Colville, Wash., have re-invigorated forestry programs for young men.

"We're trying desperately to bolster those programs," said Peter Griesmann, district forester manager for the Stevens County, Wash., Conservation District. "Most, if not everyone, I talk to now (in logging) is a good 8 to 10 years older than myself."

# THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Monday**  
Registration begins for Spring 2006 semester.  
Idaho Small Business Development Center "Business Boot Camp" noon, Evergreen C85.  
CSI Golden Eagles Booster luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.  
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 232.
- Tuesday**  
CSI and Twin Fall School District math and science grant meeting, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Taylor 277.  
Idaho Council on Economic Education Fall Summit, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., gym.  
1 p.m., Shields 106.  
CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Student Union 232.  
CSI Math and Engineering Clubs weekly guest speaker colloquium, 4 p.m., Shields 203.  
Alcohol and Traffic Safety school, 5 p.m., Shields 105.  
"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center, Fore Exhibit.  
Herrett Center Family Night, 6:15 p.m., Centennial Observatory (\$1 telescope viewing).  
CSI and Department of Health and Welfare foster and adoption pre-training, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.  
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.  
"Prostars From Twin Falls" CSI Photography and English Department exhibit, Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room through Jan. 17.  
"2004 Idaho Triennial" art show, Herrett Center for Arts and Science through Dec. 17.  
International Education Week presentation "Gold Distributions, Pieces of Eight, and Tales They Tell," 6:30 p.m., Taylor 276 (free admission).  
Magic Valley Symphony Concert featuring violin soloist Carrie Kennedy, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.  
CSI Chi Alpha Club weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union north cafeteria.
- Wednesday**  
Advanced Regional Technical Education Condition board meeting, 6:45 a.m., Taylor 258.  
CSI Human Services Club weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Student Union 247.  
Violin master class with Carrie Kennedy, 3:30 p.m., Fine Arts 133.  
CSI Early Childhood Education open house, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Aspen 131 and 134.  
CSI Diversity Council annual International Dinner and Entertainment, 6:30 p.m., Student Union Building and Fine Arts Auditorium (call 732-6282 for tickets).  
Idaho Small Business Development Center workshop, "How to Start a Franchise," 6:30 p.m., Taylor 276.  
Sxyz Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.  
Idaho Native Plant Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 277.
- Thursday**  
Middleknauff Auto Group fall event, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.  
National Traffic Safety Institute classes, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shields 108.  
United Church of God weekly meeting, 8 a.m., Aspen 145.  
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.  
"The Starry Starry Sky On Free Bird," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.  
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. Pima College, 6 p.m., Tucson, Ariz. (game coverage on AM 1270-KTIF).  
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.  
Arctic Circle Tournament featuring women's basketball vs. Peninsula College, 7:30 p.m., gym.  
Magichords concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.  
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. Mesa College, 6 p.m., Mesa, Ariz. (game coverage on AM 1270-KTIF).  
Centennial Dance Band weekly rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 121.  
Arctic Circle Tournament fea-

# OBITUARIES

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## Gary L. Kreft

On Saturday morning, 12 Nov. 2005, Gary L. Kreft, 69, our beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather passed away in his home in Twin Falls, Idaho, surrounded and loved by his immediate family and those who loved him.

He was born Sep. 26, 1936, in the home of his parents Paul and Anna E. Kreft in Twin Falls, Gary is the middle son of five brothers: John, Courtney, Gary, Phil, and Noel.

He attended and graduated from St. Edward's parochial school in 1949 during which time he was an altar boy.

Gary enjoyed his formative years at Twin Falls High School where he was captain of the football team in 1954. Gary was very proud to have been a Twin Falls Bruin cheerleader. He also ran track and played football and basketball. Every chance he got he participated in the talent show as well as being a member of the Bruin Club. Gary was popular and enjoyed entertaining others by singing in the choir. He was also a thespian and had active parts in several plays, including "Outward Bound," where he played the part of the Brink Thomerson character.

In 1955, he attended Idaho State College, the precursor of Idaho State University, where he was active in Idaho State College Campus. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in business and an Associate Degree.

For a brief period Gary was in the Army Reserves.

From his youth when he was an altar boy, to his participation in the perpetual adoration chapel at the 4 a.m. hour, Gary was active in the Catholic Church and had annual participation in the



Harvest Festival and the Eucharistic ministry.

Some of Gary's professional accomplishments include an active participation in the Community Action Agency (CAA). Gary's participation in the CAA led to his desire to provide the means for affordable housing in Idaho. As a founding organizer, Gary was instrumental in the development of the Idaho Housing Agency in the 1970s. In July 1972, Gary was appointed by the governor of Idaho as one of the original commissioners of the Idaho Housing Agency.

Gary was one of the forces behind the establishment of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store in Twin Falls.

Gary was a self-employed business owner for more than 20 years. During the 18 years he was married to Pinky Kreft, he was a well-known wood-working craftsman.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; three brothers, Courtney, Phil and Noel; four children, Tim and Lisa of Meridian, Michael of Beaver-

ton, Ore., Anna Kreft of Fresno, Calif., and Tara Settlemire of Twin Falls; 10 step-children, Larry Black and wife Lisa of Boise, Jonni and John Ludy of Boise, Shannon and Bob Van-Busch of Vancouver, Keith Miller and wife Jeanne of Redbluff, Calif., Doug and LeeAnn Miller of Twin Falls, Pam and Mike Hendrick of Boise, and Stacy Dawson of Twin Falls; 29 grandchildren, as well as many great-grandchildren and his ex-wife Betty Schimpf of Boise, and his ex-wife Donna, Agnew of Fresno, Calif., special cousin and friend Barbara Brewster and numerous other family members.

Gary was preceded in death by a wife, Jon "Pinky" Kreft, his parents Paul L. and Anna E. Kreft, and a brother John Kreft.

A public viewing will be conducted on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, starting at 5 p.m., at St. Edward's Catholic Church and a Rosary service will follow at 7 p.m. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at St. Edward's at 12 p.m. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Shelby and Keegan Kreft Trust Fund at Farmers National Bank.

Gary was a pillar to his family. He was the strength and resilient backbone of his clan. He was always a source of strength and inspiration.

Gary will be sorely missed but he will live on in the hearts of optimism and a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

## Lloyd Eugene Schorzman



Lloyd loved hunting almost as much as he loved fishing. As long as he was able to do so, he would take advantage of any opportunity to "wet a line." He and Charlotte loved traveling the open road, always heading north. The trip of a lifetime was a six-week road trip to Alaska. The love of the outdoors was second only to the love he gave to his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Tom and Donald (Charlotte) Schorzman, and a daughter-in-law, Karen (Steven) Schorzman. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (Bond), of Malta; a son, Steven Schorzman, Potomac; daughters Janet (Kirk) Yates, Malta, Marie (Steve) Brenk, Tynker, Utah; and Christ (Perry) Tracy, Hyde Park, Utah; and brothers Carl (Mona) Schorzman, Boise, and Larry (Shirley) Schorzman, also of Boise. He has 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his lap-top com-



panion: Toby, a small white bundle of canine joy who was truly a gift of comfort to Lloyd until his passing, and will be a loving friend and companion for Charlotte.

The family would like to thank Cassie Traci, his home health nurse, and Delilah Reed, his home health aid, who both worked hard and with compassion to make the last three years as comfortable and uncomplicated as possible for Lloyd and Charlotte. Thanks also to the staff of The Warren House for the assistance they provided.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, at the Malta LDS Church with Bishop Hugh Hurst officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial at the Valley View Cemetery will follow the services.

# ON THE AGENDA

- Today**  
Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway.  
Carnas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield.  
Carnas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 610 Soldier Road, Fairfield.  
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Owyhee.  
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.  
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main.  
Hagerman School Board, 8 p.m., elementary school, 324 Second Ave. N.  
Halley City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.  
Hansen City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 388 Main.  
Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 246 Main.  
Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main.  
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.  
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.  
Lincoln County commissioners, 9:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W.B. Shoshone.  
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.  
Malta City Council, 5 p.m., Raft River Electric Co-op conference room, 155 N. Main.  
Murdock County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.  
Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln.
- Tuesday**  
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.  
Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main.  
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.  
Castlerose School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main.  
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main.  
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.  
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.  
Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room, airport terminal.  
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St.  
Shoshone City Council, 7
- Wednesday**  
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St.  
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Thursday**  
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.  
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., intermediate school library, 241 Center St. W.  
Murdock County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.  
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.
- Friday**  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk: *After before attending.*

MALTA — Lloyd Eugene Schorzman, 76, of Malta, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005, after a long and difficult battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. He fought with unsurpassed dignity and grace that strengthened his family and friends. His presence will be greatly missed.

Lloyd, the oldest of five brothers, was born July 10, 1929, in Kulm, N.D. to Ted and Iona (Kusler) Schorzman. The family moved to Idaho in 1933 during the Great Depression, and settled in the Rupert area.

Lloyd graduated from Rupert High School in 1947 and attended LDS Business School in Lake City, Utah, before returning to Idaho. He married Charlotte Bond on Nov. 25, 1949, and they shared nearly 56 years together. Farming was in his blood and he had and worked for over 25 years with his Uncle Art (Mudge) Schorzman in Sublett, Idaho, never losing his love for that life. In 1973, he and Charlotte purchased the local mercantile in Malta, where they worked for just over 22 years. Running Schorzman's Merc was hard work for both of them but they committed to helping provide for the needs of the community.

During the years that Lloyd spent as a farmer and merchant, he and Charlotte had responsibilities. He was a Volunteer Fireman, EMT, and a Charter Member of the Malta Lion's Club where he served as president and chairman. He also served on the Malta City Council for eight years.

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# Painter hunts for wildlife

By Susan Bailey  
For The Times-News

HAILEY — This is a big change of direction and one that has moved her away from fantasy and into reality. Earlier, her paintings were imagined scenarios depicted in a style suited to a child's bedroom. Not anymore.

"This is real," said Sturges, gesturing to portraits of crows, foxes and bears in her Hailey studio. She smiles at the thought. "I'm now enjoying reality."

When Sturges hunts, she's looking for wildlife like any other hunter. She stalks them for photographs and for observation of their habits and the way light falls through aspen leaves onto their fur. She travels to find wild things throughout the West.

"I'm really hunting for the wild out there," said Sturges, showing an elk bugling in the Madison River.

Watching and waiting are her games in the field. In the same way another hunter might bring home a buck, she brings back pieces of the animals she sees.

"It takes hundreds and hundreds of shots to get that sort of shot that could become a painting," said Sturges. "You have to really connect with the animal in order to get them in paint."

Sturges said she was driven to a new career as a wildlife artist when Sept. 11, 2001, forced a new seriousness into American art.

"The whimsy completely vanished from the art world and nothing was selling," said Sturges. "I knew I had to go another direction if I wanted to survive. If you know my background, this makes sense. All through the 1980s, I did portraits of people. I'm doing it now with the animals I really love."

Her fascination with animals

overlooks the human portraits when she returned to Ketchum after earning a master's in fine arts from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University in Boston.

At the time, and for many years afterward, these were whimsical animals set within whimsical scenes, accompanied by surreal elements reminiscent of wallpaper in a young person's bedroom.

"Now I have paintings you can put in a living room, not just in a kid's room," said Sturges. She can also be found on wildlife art Web sites. "I've become a wildlife artist. It's just crept up on me. After 9/11, I was just meditative. I think everybody was meditative. I thought I needed to be a little more serious in my work." It was the work of a national tragedy, Sturges found the courage to change, and change aggressively.

She started at a long career and say, "If I'm not going to put my work out now, when am I going to?" and find out how it measures up outside the Wood River Valley's safe confines.

Initially a resident of Ketchum in 1975, Sturges owned several businesses and admitted she was unable — until recently — to put painting on the front burner.

"I always have worked hard but I feel like the last three years, there's no dodging...no little of this so I can do that," she said. "Sturges. It's more stepping up to the plate and not being shy which means you take the knocks."

She started taking the knocks three years ago when she signed up for the Celebration of Fine Art in Scottsdale, Ariz. Under tens, 100 artists are together to paint day in and day out for 10 weeks. It was the beginning of their year. They set up easels and work while buyers stroll around, watching art develop.

Last year, Sturges sold 24 paintings on site.

"In Scottsdale there are times you aren't selling and it's really hard because everyone knows," said Sturges. "It's really life lessons down there. We are surrounded in this big bowl of artist soup."

On the other hand, the atmosphere is highly charged, and stimulating enough to most working alone in the studio upstairs in her Hailey cabin a real challenge. But the artists who meet in Scottsdale stay in town, supporting each other's efforts.

"Scottsdale is like a reality show," said Sturges. "There is drama. We make wonderful friends with the clients and e-mail back and forth all the time. It makes you feel you are part of something bigger."

Sturges invites Scottsdale push her out of her safety zone of receiving approval for her work in the Wood River Valley. She went to the next level and really put her art into a category, and in front of strangers. It has paid off in spades. Recently, her work was written up in the magazine Log Home Living where it triggered many e-mails letters, and she bought her first advertisement in Southwest Art, one of the biggest publications in the art world.

This year, Sturges was voted into the top 200 artists out of thousands submitting for an event called Arts for the Parks.

"Taking more risks has been rewarding. She has stopped doing anything but painting and promoting her art and has said to the world, 'This is what I paint.' This year, his has made a difference."

"I finally have a sense of where my art fits," said Sturges. "I think it's about growing up. I look at work more mature body of work, more sophisticated and more serious."

In the big world, she's beginning to be taken seriously, too.

# Riparian violators face fines

By Susan Bailey  
For The Times-News

KETCHUM — After hearing the importance of riparian areas to the environment, the Ketchum City Council decided to be more aggressive with developers and homeowners who violate laws protecting riparian areas in the city.

Wood River Land Trust regional land expert Katherine Goldman told city officials that they need to protect critical wetlands along the Big Warm River and its tributaries: Warm Springs Creek and Trail Creek. She made a PowerPoint presentation armed with maps and statistics. Her message was clearly heard by Council.

For starters, Council has agreed to take action against one developer who has moved into a protected riparian area twice in the past year.

Last month, the Hemingways condominiums development on Picaço Street in Warm Springs was cited for a second violation of the Floodplain Management Overlay District after landscape workers moved grass in the riparian area.

Ketchum Mayor Ed Simpson said riparian areas are protected

for the 25 feet between a stream bank and any development.

City Planning Director Harold Moniz said ordinances regarding riparian areas are not absolutely enforced.

"There's a classic flaw in the ordinance," said Moniz. "We have a 25-foot setback and that isn't enough. For instance when a building is allowed, developers build to the edge of the 25-foot line. Their design includes a door opening onto the riparian areas and people end up walking there. Things like this keep happening. We have to look at how we treat buildings in riparian areas."

Moniz said city planner Stefanie Webster was drafting new language for riparian regulations.

In the meantime, Ketchum City officials agreed to pursue penalties for the Hemingways, a development owned by Ketchum developer Wes Nash.

City Attorney Ben Wyrst said the maximum penalty for riparian violations is \$300 a day.

Council members agreed the time for action is at hand.

"We need to create an understanding that this is not to be tolerated," said Council member Randy Hall.

Worst said landscaping companies, developers and homeowner associations can be taken to task for violations to city law. City Council member Don Barson said he believes landscapers must pay a price if they do not allow vegetation to be undisturbed in riparian areas.

"Goldman is not just a professional," said Moniz. "In an ideal world, we'd have no development in our floodplain." Although floodplain development has been happening in the Wood River Valley, Goldman said it doesn't have to keep happening.

She encouraged enforcement of protection for riparian areas in Blaine County.

"You need better standards in the Floodplain and River Quality Overlay district," Goldman said. "You should increase building setbacks and allocated resources for enforcement of riparian violations. Over time, there would be greater protection for riparian areas."

Ketchum officials appear to have heard Goldman's plea, since they agreed to take action against grass mowing in the riparian areas in the Hemingways.

"Right now, we need to pursue penalties," said Gourlay.

# Montana tops in vet medical services

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A federal Veterans Administration hospital in Montana that serves some Idaho vets has been ranked as the best VA medical system in the country, new performance standards show.

The ranking of Fort Harrison and its 10 outpatient clinics is for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, said Teresa Bell, public affairs officer for the Helena-based hospital.

The VA's medical performance

standards, which consider things like patient wait times, patient satisfaction and health care procedures, often are measured by independent "peer review" agencies, she said.

"It gives our employees, datewise, at the end of the year, a feeling of how they did," Bell said.

Montana is in the VA Rocky Mountain Network, which is one of 23 VA regions in the country.

The Rocky Mountain region

was ranked the highest of any region for the second year in a row, Bell said. Montana's system ranked the highest in the region, which includes VA health centers in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

Fort Harrison and its outpatient clinics served about 29,000 veterans in the fiscal year period, including some from North Dakota, Wyoming, and northern Idaho. The facilities employ about 600 people full time.

# Times-News seeks holiday power shoppers

TWIN FALLS — Are you one of those people who has next year's Christmas shopping

done before you've finished vacuuming up the pine needles from this year's Christmas tree?

The Times-News is looking for early-bird Christmas shoppers

who would like to share their stories. If you are one of those shoppers, please call reporter Sandy Miller at 735-2610 or e-mail her at [sam@magvalley.com](mailto:sam@magvalley.com).

## SERVICES

**Ernest "Ernie" H. Boesiger** of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Gooding Church of the Nazarene (Demary Funeral Service).

**Helena Lucille Knoblauch** of Rupert, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 606 N St. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Stanley Harris** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Butte Ward LDS Chapel, 3155 Elizabeth Blvd. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church (White Mortuary).

**Thomas "Tom" William Kohler** of Bellevue, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Hailey LDS Church (Wood River Chapel).

**Diana Lynn Miles** of Boise, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. today at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road, Boise.

**Beverly Jones Hackney** of Twin Falls, celebration of life at

10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of the Ascension Episcopal in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

**Cary T. Simpson** of Richfield, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Richfield LDS Church; family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of the service Tuesday at the church (Demary Funeral Service).

**Daniel Phillip Carr** of Rupert, funeral and cremation at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. burial at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

**Carlos M. Castillo** of Twin

Falls, rosary at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Rost Funeral Home, McCurry Chapel, Mountain Home, Mass at 2 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Mountain Home. Viewing will be from 4 p.m. until time of the rosary Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Olaf Clifford** of Boise, funeral at 3 p.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Verette "Nettie" Chronister** of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 139 Ninth Ave. N., with visitation one hour before the service.

## DEATH NOTICES

**J.C. Williams** — J.C. Williams, 85, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

**Pauline Dietz** — PAULINE — PAULINE DIETZ, 81, of Rupert, passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005, at the Idaho Memorial Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Life** — technology. She graduated with honors at Billings for Ethan Allen Home Interiors until 2002. Her health started falling while working at the plasma center and stays at the Veteran's Administration Hospital were not frequent.

Because she was so familiar with the hospital, she became a volunteer, taking patients to doctor, answering phones and other duties.

Through all of the difficulties, Billings maintained a sweet disposition, always cheerful and alert. She enjoyed riding her bicycle along the greenbelt in Boise and worked on jigsaw puzzles using a special table.

She and her mother took a trip to Hawaii a couple of years ago and about five years ago they went to Arlington National Cemetery to see the Women in Military Service Memorial.

Billings was so moved by the tribute, she became a charter member that very day and is registered there.

She often remarked to her family that if her experiences with anxiety disorder could help just one person, then it would be worth it.

Many of Billings' organs were severely damaged. She had to use a feeding tube and about a year ago she weighed just 62 pounds.

"By the time she died last evening, it was too little too late... Once she starts controlling the mind, you can't get out of it," said Lansbery, falling silent. "But she was the best of everything she made this a bright spot."

Billings' family didn't have the strength to be a spokesperson to junior and senior high students, she was very much aware of a growing problem.

"Every time she saw a young girl trying so hard to be thin, she would remark, 'If they would just realize what they're doing to their bodies...'"

"It's things like it points out that this terrible disease can hit anyone," Lansbery said. "It robs gifted and talented people

# Passenger plane makes emergency landing

LEWISTON (AP) — A passenger plane bound for Portland, Ore., from Lewiston, Monday, was forced to make an emergency landing in Lewiston after one of its engines was shut down.

The Horizon Air flight with 35 passengers aboard was diverted to the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport, where it landed safely at about 2 p.m. Saturday.

Passengers say they noticed the plane had slowed down. When they looked out the window, they saw that the propeller on its left engine had stopped.

"The captain came on and said, 'As you all know, we've lost an engine,'" said passenger Rhylis Black, 59, from Portland. "The captain just said, 'We're going to land, so sit back and enjoy.'"

Debi Casey, 52, a flight attendant from Meridian, Calif., who was also on the flight, says the crew was not panicky. But passengers were nervous because the flight took them over the Rocky Mountain area.

The crew told them the pilot shut down the engine because of a low oil pressure reading on his instruments.

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In the morning it is enough to drive anyone to drinking.

Before 8 a.m., sidewalks around Lincoln Elementary come alive with hundreds of students walking to school, and, at the same time, hundreds of drivers are making their morning commute. Because the school only has one crossing guard, students are asked to cross at the corner, Second Avenue and Seventh Street.

Duke stands a couple feet off the curb on Second Avenue with traffic sign that reads "Slow" and "Stop" on either side. When to return drivers that they're in a school zone by raising her sign when they're driving faster than 25 mph, but sometimes drivers seemingly don't care.

According to Idaho statutes, "the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if it need be, to yield to a pedestrian crossing the highway within a crosswalk."

On Friday morning, Duke held out her sign when a maroon Chrysler minivan sped through the school zone. When the driver saw Duke's sign, she slammed on her brakes and came to a stop — it was clear that she wouldn't be driving to stop in the zone. With a truck bed run into the crosswalk. The driver — who scowled at Duke and shook her head — didn't



**When a pedestrian stops** of the curb, drivers must stop until the pedestrian has left the street.

**When vehicles are stopped** at crosswalks, other vehicles approaching from behind cannot overtake or pass them.

**Vehicles must** only be stopped in school zones during school hours, unless otherwise stated.

arms up and said something inaudible from outside the truck before driving off.

Some drivers become frustrated because they lose time by slowing down in a school zone, and even more drivers feel that Duke is acting irrationally by waving a sign at them when they drive more than 25 mph.

But Greg Fredericksen, from the Idaho Office of Traffic and Highway Safety, says drivers need to remember that many children do not think rationally around traffic.

"Until about age 10, most kids have not developed the skills to safely cope with traffic," Fredericksen said. "They typically act on impulse, they can't judge car speed very well, and they assume that if they see you in a car, you can see them."

With a posted speed limit of 25 mph in the school zone, eight fluorescent school crossing signs, flashing lights during school hours, speed and school zones painted on the street, two volunteer crossing guards and random police patrols, what are the schools doing to keep students safe when they come and go from school?

The answers may simply be up to the drivers.

"I just don't understand why people are willing to risk a child's life just to go five miles over the speed limit," Duke said.

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# Different causes, same effect

## Riots, hurricanes force nations to confront their flaws

PARIS (AP) — In one case, the death toll was Hurricane Katrina. In the other, a freak elevator accident in a Paris suburb.

What followed — drownings and dislocation in the United States, riots across France — has forced each nation to confront problems of racism and poverty that are deeply entrenched but usually ignored.

The parallel soul-searching is taking place in two countries where politicians and pundits have long delighted in mocking the other's perceived hypocrites and flaws.

"I'm not sure you can say that one country's system is better or worse than the other — neither works very well," said Dominique Molsi of the French Institute of International Relations.

"Each government waits for the problems to occur in order to address them, and their first reaction is slow and inadequate."

The devastation wreaked by Katrina in New Orleans took a disproportionate toll on low-income blacks, with hundreds drowning and tens of thousands losing their homes to flooding in low-lying neighborhoods.

In France, the deaths of two Muslim youths hiding from police in an electricity substation triggered rioting nationwide black, immigrant-flecked suburban housing projects where joblessness and alienation are endemic.

"After Katrina, many French took an undisguised glee in poking the eyes of the Americans. ... They said this couldn't happen in France," said Steven Emswiler, a political science professor at the American University of Paris.

"Now, the French are just stunned, groping to make sense out of what's happening around them. It's very difficult to admit they have a race riot, but that's what it is."

Experts from both countries said that, unlike the United States, with its painful history of slavery and segregation, has been more willing than France to acknowledge and address racial tensions.

"In France, issues of discrimination were not supposed to arise," said Francois Heisbourg, a leading French foreign policy



Youths listen to Claude Dilain, the mayor of Clichy-sous-Bois, a suburb east of Paris, during a gathering to call for a halt to urban violence, Nov. 7. Hurricane Katrina in the U.S. and the riots in France forced the countries to confront problems of racism and poverty deeply entrenched but usually ignored.

analyst. "Officially, we're all equal. It's politically incorrect to say otherwise."

The principle of equality has such weight in France that authorities generally do not collect racial or ethnic demographic data and have shunned U.S.-style affirmative action programs.

"Affirmative action in the U.S. at least recognizes that racism exists, that problems are linked to color," said Dominic Thomas, who grew up in France and now teaches at the University of California, Los Angeles. "The French talk about how they're indivisible, but they end up with unrepresentative government."

More so than the United States, France has failed to propel significant numbers of its racial minorities to top-rung positions in government, business or the media.

"In America, one can talk about a sizable black middle class, about influential African-Americans in Congress, the corporate world, Hollywood, in ways you don't see with Muslims in France," said Charles Kupchan, director of European studies at the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations.

"There may be racism in the United States, but nobody would say an African-American is not an American," Kupchan added. "Muslims in France find themselves feeling like second-class citizens — not really part of the French nation."

Catherine Durandin, a Paris-based expert on trans-Atlantic relations, said she had been impressed by the efforts of Americans — including former Presidents Clinton and George H. W. Bush — to raise money for Katrina's victims.

"The most shocking difference in France is that there is no solidarity with the suburbs," she said. "The main reaction is fear, how to prevent the contagion from spreading to the more prosperous parts of the cities."

During the U.S. race riots of the 1960s, and again after rioting in Los Angeles in 1992, many in France were quick to criticize U.S. policies. Then President Francois Mitterrand suggested in 1992 that France would avoid such strife because of its generous social programs.

In the aftermath of Katrina, elements in the French media seized a new chance to expound on America's problems.

Now the French unrest has given some Americans a chance to point at bad examples.

One of the major U.S. groups urging a crackdown on illegal immigration cited the French riots as evidence that President Bush should abandon plans to accommodate more foreigners under a guest worker program.

"France is being ripped apart by the unemployed and unassimilated offspring of their own failed guest worker programs of the 1970s and 1980s," said Dan Stein of the Federation for American Immigration Reform. "If we bring millions of guest workers to this country, they will never leave. ... We will face massive social problems and costs down the road."

Several commentators suggested that France, more so than the United States, was likely to be so chastened by the latest trauma that it would undertake concrete steps to fight poverty and discrimination. Others were skeptical.

"I'm not very optimistic that this will lead to powerful change in either country," said Thomas, the UCLA professor. "There are incredible pressures not to look at these questions."

# Georgia-Pacific will go private in \$13.2B deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Paper products giant Georgia-Pacific Corp., the maker of Brandy paper towels and Angel Soft tissue, has agreed to be acquired for more than \$13 billion by Koch Industries Inc., a deal that would create the nation's biggest private company.

The \$13.2 billion cash deal announced Sunday also calls for Koch to assume \$7.8 billion in Georgia-Pacific debt and will result in the Atlanta-based company becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch. The deal values GP at \$48 per share, a 38.5 percent premium over its closing price of \$34.65 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Koch, based in Wichita, Kan., is a commodities conglomerate that operates refineries and pipelines, trades commodities and manufactures pulp, paper and fibers.

With combined annual revenue of some \$80 billion from Georgia-Pacific, Koch would surpass Ford and farm products maker Cargill Inc. as the largest privately held company in the

U.S. Koch employs more than 30,000 people.

Besides Brandy, Georgia-Pacific's brands include Dixie paper cups and Quilted Northern bath tissue. The company also makes building products such as plywood, lumber and gypsum wallboard.

The deal marks the first major push into consumer products for Koch, which traces its history to 1927 when Fred C. Koch developed a new method to refine crude oil. Today it operates in diverse fields from ranching to fertilizer to petroleum processing and asphalt.

Chairman and CEO Charles G. Koch and his brother, David, a company board member and executive vice president, are both worth \$4 billion, according to Forbes' ranking of the world's wealthiest people.

The proposed acquisition would be the largest in Koch's history, coming about 18 months after it acquired Invista BV, a nylon fibers business that makes Lycra and Spandex, from DuPont Co.



Crime scene investigators and police work the scene at a residence where the parents of a teenage girl were found shot to death in their home. Police were looking for the girl and an 18-year-old male who reportedly kidnapped her at gunpoint Sunday in Litzitz, Pa.

# Teen reported kidnapped after parents shot to death

LITZITZ, Pa. (AP) — A 14-year-old girl was missing after her parents were shot to death in their home Sunday morning, and police are searching for her 18-year-old boyfriend, who reportedly abducted her at gunpoint.

Michael and Cathryn Borden, both 40, were found shot to death shortly after 8 a.m. Litzitz Police Chief William Seace said.

The couple's 9-year-old son, David, the youngest of five children, had fled to the home of neighbors, who called 911, Seace said.

An older daughter still living at home and two adult sons were also safe, he said.

But Kara Beth Borden, 14, was missing. Police said she was last seen that morning at the family's home in Warwick Township, about 60 miles west of Philadelphia, and was reportedly abducted at gunpoint by David G. Ludvig, 18.

"The young girl was out during the night, came home, and her parents confronted her. From what we understand, he came to the house," Seace said. "We don't know whether she has been abducted or is willingly a part of this," Seace said, but he added that until they can determine otherwise, police are operating on the assumption that Kara had been kidnapped.

Stephanie Mannon, a 16-year-old friend who had worked with Ludvig, said he and Kara had been seeing each other secretly.

"Their parents didn't approve of them being together" because of the age difference, he said. "It wasn't because he was a shy boy, because he wasn't."

The Borden family had lived in the home in the normally quiet community for several years, said neighbor Tod Sherman, 47.

Mike Borden worked for a printing company, and the children were home-schooled, he said.

Sherman said the family knew Ludvig through a home-schooling network and he had occasionally seen the teen at their home.

Sunday morning, neighbors woke to the sound of an ambulance and a phone call from Lancaster County emergency management officials warning them to stay inside.

Neighbor John Hohman, 40, said he looked out a window after getting the call and saw police running through the neighborhood.

About an hour and a half later, he said, authorities told residents to go to their basements and wait until further notice.

"We were really upset. We didn't know what was going on," Hohman said.

Hohman described Kara, who sometimes babysat for his family, as "a very nice girl."

Sherman described her father as "a very smart and focused, a nice guy."

"They were super people," he said.

# Report: Number of executions declined in 2004

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ranks of people sentenced to death and the number executed declined in 2004 as the nation's death row population kept shrinking, the government reported Sunday.

Last year, a dozen states executed 59 prisoners, six fewer than in 2003, according to the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The report also said 125 people, including five women, who were convicted of murder received a death sentence last year. That was the smallest number since 1973.

Last year, 22 death row inmates died of natural causes or committed suicide, while an additional 107 had their sentences commuted, tossed out or overturned. As of Dec. 31, there were 3,315 people on death row, compared to 3,378 a year earlier.

Tracy Snell, one of the report's authors, said the number of prisoners under death sentences has declined four years in a row, the result of a murder rate now at its lowest level in 40 years.

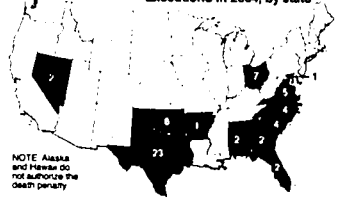
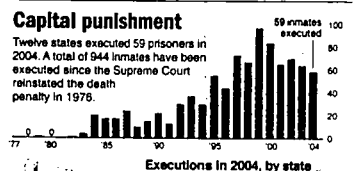
One death penalty advocate said a trend of harsh punishment is responsible for that falling rate.

"There are less murders, less murder victims and less death sentences because, in our view, we have been giving this problem the right medicine," said Michael Rushford, president of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation in Sacramento, Calif.

"Most states have effective habitual offender laws. These laws take the most likely group of potential capital murderers off the street," said Rushford, whose public interest law group works to strengthen law enforcement's ability to assure that crime does not pay," according to its Web site.

Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, said jurors increasingly are reluctant to recommend the death penalty.

He cited recent cases where death row prisoners have been freed following media or legal



NOTE: Alaska and Hawaii are not shown on this map. SOURCE: Bureau of Justice Statistics

investigations; the use of DNA evidence to exonerate those wrongly convicted; and the increased availability of life-without-parole sentences as an alternative to capital punishment.

"The thing that stands out to me is the breadth of the decline," said Dieter, whose group has been critical of how the death penalty is applied. "I think if it were just one year or one of those numbers, it would

be less consequential. What we're witnessing is a pullback from the death penalty across the country."

Today, 37 of the 38 states with death penalty laws allow jurors to consider life without parole as an alternative.

That option may come to have a large effect in Texas, which in 2004 executed 23 prisoners, or more than three times as many death row inmates than any other state. A Texas

law that took effect Sept. 1 allows capital murder juries to consider life-without-parole for convicted offenders.

California had the largest death row, with 637 inmates at the end of 2004. California, Florida and Texas together account for 44 percent of the nation's death row population, according to the report.

The report also said: • The 59 inmates executed in 2004 had spent an average of 11 years on death row.

• Of those executed, 36 were white, 19 black and three Hispanic, and one was Asian. One inmate was electrocuted; the rest were put to death by lethal injection.

• Ten federal prisoners were sentenced to death in 2004, or twice as many in any year since 1973.

• Fifty-two women were on death row, five more than a year earlier.

• The oldest death row inmate was 69; the youngest was 18.

• Preliminary data show that this year 13 states had executed 49 inmates as of Nov. 9, or seven fewer than during the same period a year earlier.

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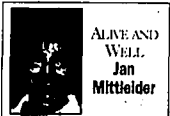
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If you are looking for a nutritional powerhouse, you just can't beat beans. That's particularly good news for our locale, the bean seed capital of the world.

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Jan Mittfelder

Bean lovers can dine on a different cuisine every day of the week. Mexican beans burrito, French white beans Provençal, Italian pasta e fagioli, Cuban beans and rice, Middle East hummus, and that doesn't include our country cooking favorites — chili, baked beans and navy bean soup.

Most beans are chock full of soluble fiber, folate, potassium, protein, magnesium, vitamin B-6, zinc, copper and iron in addition to the disease-fighting antioxidants.

Scientists published a report just last month that a diet rich in beans could help prevent cancer due to a natural compound that inhibits the growth of tumors. One research is pending. It's well known that the soluble fiber in beans acts like a sponge that absorbs cholesterol, and the folate curbs homocysteine, a signal for heart disease, according to Denise Webb, editor of Environmental Nutrition.

Beans, rich in potassium, may help to regulate blood pressure. If you have not touched a bean since seventh grade when Chester Swartz spilled school lunch chili down your shirt, don't slurr down a generous portion of bean soup at lunch and chow down on bean burritos for dinner now. Instead, start small and gradually increase your exposure to beans so your gut has time to, shall we say, acclimate.

"Beans — the more you eat, the more you too," And that's the sitch. Beans contain indigestible sugars that make a lovely dinner for harmless bacteria that live in your gut. In fact, they gobble them up like candy and give off gases that make you do likewise. Some of the sugar migrates from the beans into the liquid in which they were soaked, cooked or canned, so tossing out the liquid and rinsing canned beans does help, but it does not eliminate the problem.

To be perfectly blunt, intestinal gas can be an embarrassing problem for older folks. "They don't produce more gas than a younger person, but with age, the rectum becomes stiff and surrounding muscles weaken, allowing gas to escape at the most inopportune times," explains Dr. Anil Minocha, director of the Division of Digestive Diseases at the University of Mississippi. Most gas is odorless, but hydrogen sulfide is the gas that, frankly, can cause a room — if you get the drift.

There's an old wives' tale that adding baking soda to dried beans while they are soaking or cooking will cut the gas. It's a myth. Baking soda does speed up the cooking process, which isn't a good idea either. "Baking soda makes the outside of the bean slummy while the inside is still hard," says Russ Parsons, author of the food science book "How to Read a French Fry."

If you wish to "bean-dazzle" your diet without the "batters," try Beans. It's a liquid enzyme that digests gas-causing sugars. A few drops on the first bite of food are all you need. Beans are well worth the effort.

Jan Mittfelder is a health educator and coordinator of the award-winning Over 60 and Getting Fit Programs at the College of Southern Idaho.

# CHRONIC PAIN

## Solving its puzzle

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**FILER** — Chronic pain has been likened to a bear constrictor, slowly coiling around its victim, squeezing — and never letting go.

"It almost never goes away completely," said Priscilla Bolton, whose arthritic knees crippled her for years. "You don't sleep well, you're depressed, and it's so frustrating. You try everything, and the pain is still there."

Seventeen percent of the adult U.S. population suffers from chronic pain, according to a 1994 Harris poll, but that number is almost certainly understated. Add up the statistics from various non-profit advocacy groups dedicated to specific ailments: 40 million Americans with some type of osteoarthritis, 25 million with migraine headaches, and another 15 million with other kinds of chronic recurring headaches. Seven million are disabled by lower back pain, 4 million more suffer from fibromyalgia and at least a million are afflicted with lupus.

And that doesn't count two of the most widespread causes of chronic suffering, heart disease and cancer.

The American Chronic Pain Association, a Pittsburgh-based group, estimates that at any given time one in three Americans is suffering some sort of chronic pain. That's 85 million people.

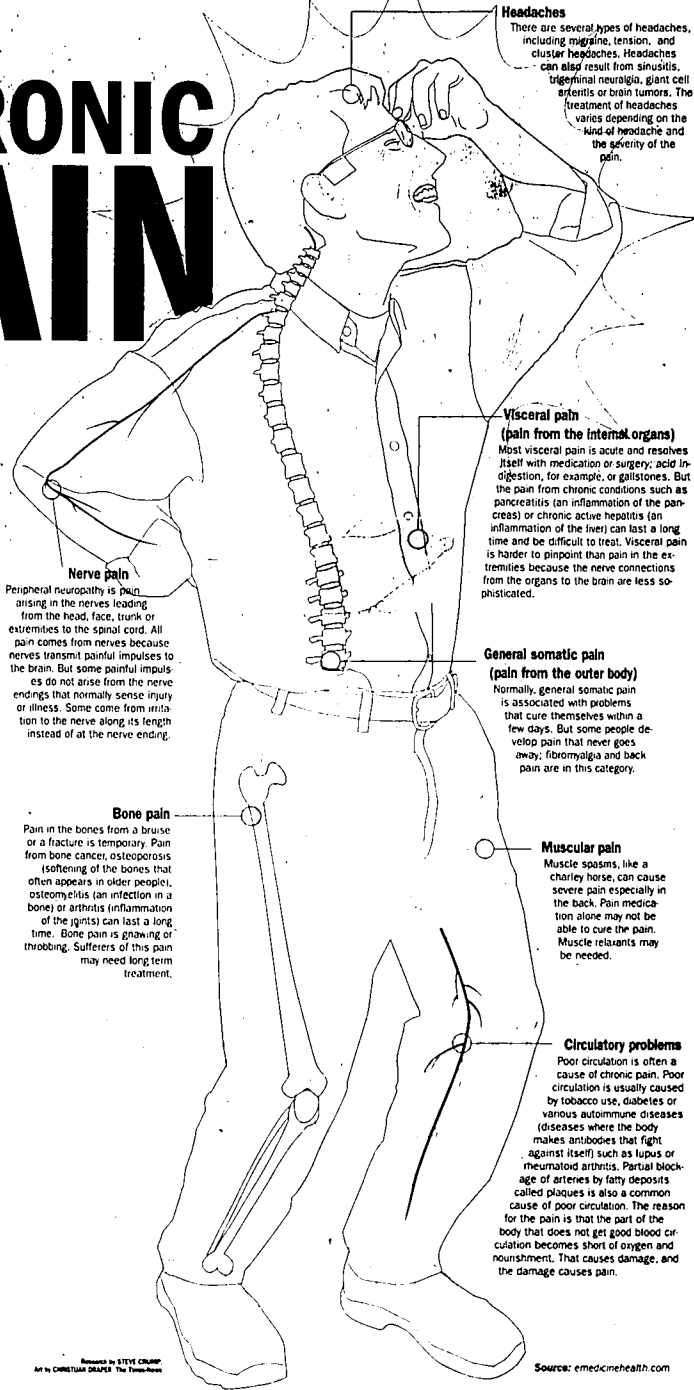
"Chronic pain is much more common than people think," said Dr. Clinton Dille, a Twin Falls anesthesiologist who operates the Snake River Pain Institute. "Up until now, I don't think even the medical community has recognized the extent of the problem."

Compounding the suffering, according to fibromyalgia sufferer Susan Brown of Twin Falls, is that no one who has never experienced chronic pain really knows what it's like.

"People's first reaction is, 'You'll get over it' or 'Take a pill,'" said Brown, who spent five years in declining health before she found relief. "It doesn't work that way."

"People who are not in pain don't understand the pain that you feel, and the freedoms you

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**Headaches**  
There are several types of headaches, including migraine, tension, and cluster headaches. Headaches can also result from sinusitis, trigeminal neuralgia, giant cell arteritis or brain tumors. The treatment of headaches varies depending on the kind of headache and the severity of the pain.

**Visceral pain**  
(pain from the internal organs)  
Most visceral pain is acute and resolves itself with medication or surgery, acid indigestion, for example, or gallstones. But the pain from chronic conditions such as pancreatitis (an inflammation of the pancreas) or chronic active hepatitis (an inflammation of the liver) can last a long time and be difficult to treat. Visceral pain is harder to pinpoint than pain in the extremities because the nerve connections from the organs to the brain are less sophisticated.

**General somatic pain**  
(pain from the outer body)  
Normally, general somatic pain is associated with problems that cure themselves within a few days. But some people develop pain that never goes away; fibromyalgia and back pain are in this category.

**Muscular pain**  
Muscle spasms, like a charley horse, can cause severe pain especially in the back. Pain medication alone may not be able to cure the pain. Muscle relaxants may be needed.

**Circulatory problems**  
Poor circulation is often a cause of chronic pain. Poor circulation is usually caused by tobacco use, diabetes or various autoimmune diseases (diseases where the body makes antibodies that fight against itself) such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis. Partial blockage of arteries by fatty deposits called plaques is also a common cause of poor circulation. The reason for the pain is that the part of the body that does not get good blood circulation becomes short of oxygen and nourishment. That causes damage, and the damage causes pain.

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## DIARY OF A 'QUITTER'

# Journalist chronicles effort to kick smoking habit



Carol's No. 1 tip for quitting smoking: "Just don't buy the things."

By Carol Ryan Dumas  
For The Times-News

It's Tuesday, Oct. 18: It's an important day. It might become the day I mustered all my resolve and "stopped" smoking.

"I am reluctant to use the term 'quit,' I don't know if anyone really quits smoking. There's such finality to the word — and any smoker knows, deep down in her heart of hearts, she could always light up again.

This evening, I will attend my first breathe-free smoking cessation class. Jeze, even though "cessation" sounds involved and taxing, has a torturous air about it. But I've promised myself I'd give it a shot — and reluctantly prom-

ised a couple of Times-News editors I'd consider exposing myself and the journey to be smoke-free to readers.

Publicizing my stupidity, weakness and potential failure is no easy task. But I am one to jump right in, so let's begin with the stupidity fact... I started smoking when I was 42, five years ago, even after my oldest son picked up the habit. Maybe I can blame this all on his influence.

Why would a relatively intelligent person, who had no former hankering to smoke (aside from the occasional cigar) start such an undesirable habit so late in life? I can tell you I wasn't ignorant, curiosity, advertising influence, peer pressure or the desire to look cool. It was — Excuse No. 1 —

pain, chronic pain that I was trying to distract my brain from, telling myself pulling a "cancer stick" would be just a temporary crutch.

I honestly thought it would, as nine months later, smoking still made me dizzy and my eyes watery — and I still can't stand the smell of a lit cigarette.

Excuse No. 2 — When you're a single mom, working two jobs to make ends meet, with three "adventuresome" teenage boys, there's always something going on that begs the calming effects of tar and nicotine — hey, I think I can blame this on my children.

Perhaps that's why they are all so tickled that I'm starting this program. Perhaps my two oldest — who didn't learn the habit at home and were heavily advised against it but who shared the habit with me — will "stop" as well.

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IMAGE

# A cautionary tale on hydration

The Washington Post

If you ever felt like a workout drained you to exhaustion, consider the Gatorade ad that's on TV. It shows footage of a guy staggering into the home stretch of a race, then collapsing like an inflatable man who's just been pierced by a BB. He tries to crawl to the finish line but stumbles and goes horizontal as medics rush in to help.

It's spine-chilling stuff, a mix of horror and inspiration — especially when you learn that the footage is real, shot at the 1997 Ironman Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii.

The racer, Australian Chris Leigh, now 32, told us what happened that day — or at least the parts he remembers. "From the start I was having problems keeping fluids down. I kept chugging (trying to drink to replace lost fluids), but I puked it all up." After finishing the 2.4-mile swim, Leigh started the 112-mile bicycling segment about six minutes behind the leaders.

"I caught them, and there were only about four or five left," Leigh said. "Imagine a 24-year-old athlete at the lead of the Ironman: You're not going to give up."

The race came the last leg: a full marathon, 26.2 miles of running. "I thought if I just shut my eyes and made it to the end, I'd be all right. I came up about 50 meters too short."



If you ever felt like a workout drained you to exhaustion, consider the Gatorade ad that's on TV. During the 1997 Ironman Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii, Australian Chris Leigh learned about the risks of dehydration the hard way. He collapsed 50 meters before the finish line.

Robert Murray, director of the Gatorade Sports Science Institute in Barrington, Ill., who worked with Leigh on training and hydration after the 1997 race, said the Australian was near death when he collapsed in Kona. "Part of his large intestine had become necrotic" — by which he means "dead" — "due to dehydration."

Dehydration causes blood volume to drop and, in severe cases, the body cannot deliver sufficient blood to all organs and muscles.

To preserve flow to the most vital organs, like the brain, the body first ceases delivery to less-crucial areas, like the intestines, Murray explained.

"In Chris' case, it was an almost fatal mistake of passing up aid stations and neglecting to take in fluid. You get so far along (in dehydration) that you lose the power of decision-making."

Leigh agrees. "From about 10 miles (from the finish) I knew I was in trouble," he said. "From about eight miles out, I can only remember patches. I'm glad I can't really remember all of it."

He returned to racing five months later, winning a half-Ironman and, one month later, placing second in a full Ironman. In 2004, he won an

Ironman race. The take-away for weekend warriors? Proper hydration is crucial.

Ideally you will start each exercise session well hydrated and either drink enough during exercise (a little bit every 10 to 15 minutes) or rehydrate every afternoon by finishing to replace fluid lost to sweat. You should weigh the same after an exercise session as you did before.

For longer bouts — say, more than an hour — in which you sweat a lot, replacing sodium during exercise is key, either with a sports drink or a salty snack.

## Smoking

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ing. I'm not one to interfere in other people's choices.

What's ahead for me in this effort is anyone's guess. I hear "quitting" is a tough road, and I'd hate to be a big fat failure — in the morning edition, nonetheless.

I've read up on some of the choices and have dismissed the "cutting back" strategy. I'm waiting for the "ready to quit" mentality to lay its hands on me. And I know enough to anticipate that I will therefore likely be irritable, have trouble concentrating and gain weight. Oh, joy, just what every middle-aged woman hopes for ... throw in a hot flash, and it sounds a lot like menopause.

The bottom line is I want to quit — just like I have since the day I started — so I'm going to give it a try.

Oct. 19, the day after D-Day, I am still smoking. No, I didn't fall already. To my relief, this smoking cessation clinic offers a "step-by-step" program. I'm sure it wasn't exactly formulated for that reason, but, like any successful health program, it emphasizes education. Apparently, one must be educated to successfully break free of a nasty, harmful habit.

Even if I didn't make sense to me, which it does, I'd be thankful for the fudge time. Although I'm not sure about the idea of finally quitting, I was sweating the actual event of tossing my pack in the trash. The program, however, reveals great success in "preparing" folks to quit, informing them of what they're up against and offering tips and nutritional guidelines to help.

Knowing I didn't have to quit that night became an eager near-giddy — participant. The support person who went with me, however, was clearly registering "deceit."

But hey, I am strictly following the program, thus far. I went home, intently read the handouts, committed to buying large amounts of fruit juices — and smoked the allowed cigarettes. I am tending everything to quit, and I can "keep doing it" for four more days till I'm fully prepared to quit!

Oct. 23 started as a bad day. It's my "toss the pack" day, but worse than that, I woke up feeling awful. I don't think it's psychosomatic. I think I have a headache.

Driving back from a weekend conference in Boise, I couldn't keep my eyes open, felt like I was totally tapped of energy and, at one time, wanted to stay in bed instead of going to the quit-smoking meeting. I'm not particularly concerned with appearances, but I do realize that skipping the meeting claiming illness could only be seen as weakness, an unwillingness to commit.

So I went, armed with my cigarettes, a lighter and ashtray — and a paraphernalia that connected me with smoking that could be ceremoniously tossed into the "coughin' coffin." Now, I have to tell you, the "coughin' coffin" might be pretty clever on

someone's part, but I found it insulting and offensive. Maybe that's the intended reaction. I still thought it over the top and tasteless.

We were instructed to bring all smoking paraphernalia we owned, but being a practical woman, I just couldn't throw away perfectly good lighters — as a matter of fact, the lighter I did toss was out of fluid. I did, however, "gift" a few of my working lighters to family — it was neither profound nor ceremonial.

It's Oct. 24, Monday, and yesterday had nothing on today. Not only do I still feel like I have a cold and have no energy, I have only enough brain function to register my semi-conscious state.

I know that I am upright, as my co-workers — as yet — have not called an ambulance, but I am still in my car in outer space. Words crawl into my consciousness like crayfish through the muddy bayous of my youth, and conversation is an unattainable object.

The anticipated side effects could be worse, I guess. Although the inability to concentrate or communicate adequately is certainly present, I've been spared the promised irritability — but only because I don't have enough brain function to go there.

My co-workers are great, however. I think. Through my fog, they seem to be alternately sympathizing with my pain and cheering me on. They could, however, just be making faces and making fun of me. It's hard to tell. I don't know all the fog lifts and I review the tape.

So with the limited brain function I do have, I'm telling myself "This sucks ... but tomorrow might be better."

It's tomorrow, Oct. 25, and guess what? Things are much better. Makes me want to light up a cigarette and celebrate my triumph and return from the dead zone.

Not really. I'm just so thankful to feel whole again and away from yesterday's torture. I'm also acutely aware that if I do up, I'd eventually have to go through yesterday again when I decided once more to quit.

If yesterday was the meltdown, I'm feeling pretty fortunate it lasted only a day.

From what I read, however, that might have been the physical hell, but the psychological demons have not yet begun to sink their claws in.

As the day goes on, I feel something eating at my skin, be it physical or mental withdrawal. I'm battling this with fruit juice, as advised, but also with an obsession for salted peanuts in the shell. I've been cracking and consuming the elephant half all day, gaining some inkling of the weight-paddling potential in quitting cigarettes.

Oct. 25-26 becomes somewhat of a blur. I'm attending one-nightly meetings and trying to remember the defenses I've been taught. One is positive reinforcement, telling yourself you choose and are happy to be smoke-free. I think I'm falling because the only words coming out of my mouth are, "Man, I want a cigarette."

Another important strategy in kicking the habit is to avoid any foods, people, experiences or places one relates to smoking. For example, one program suggestion was, if you don't smoke in bed, stay in bed. I don't find that particularly helpful since I do have a job that demands my presence. But I have avoided my deck — my favorite place to light up and unwind — and I have to say that's helped.

I don't associate food with smoking — except that smokers light up after a meal. But as I'm eating peanuts all day, there's no real end to the meal.

The program also suggests avoiding caffeine and alcohol. I can go without my morning coffee and drink tea, but there is no way after struggling through a day without cigarettes that I'm going to torture myself further by denying myself an adult beverage. Besides, I figure, if you don't eat and drink, the caffeine and alcohol cancel each other out.

Oct. 29 is Saturday, and I am relieved my smokeless work week is over and I can sleep in. Not smoking takes a lot out of a person — just ask my co-workers — and extra shut-eye is recommended. I'm hearing the one-way mark, but the day gets tougher: I really want a cigarette. And the deck is harder to avoid being home all day.

I've toyed with the idea of just taking a few puffs of a cigar, but

making it to tomorrow is a big deal, and I guess I'm just smug enough to feel I have something to prove. That doesn't stop me from buying a pack of cigars, however.

I had talked with a former-smoker friend, lamenting the whole deal. I thought he would say a few puffs were OK. He didn't. "Just think of all the health issues you won't have to worry about; that's worth it." And you know, he's right. Non-smokers never worry about getting lung cancer or emphysema. But I thought of those possibilities, plus the possibility of a stroke, every single day. I always knew it was crazy to start smoking, and although I knew I'd be harassed by my dad (a former smoker), I had no idea I would be constantly nagged by my health-minded conscience.

Oct. 30 marks a full week without a cigarette. I've made it, but that pack of cigars is calling me. I throw myself into cleaning up the house and painting a room, but those cigars won't leave me be. Nonetheless, I am holding out so I can report at tonight's meeting that I've stayed clean all week.

The hour nears, and my painting project is nowhere near finished. I call my quit-smoking instructor and tell him I've got too much going on and won't make the class. I also tell him I'm thinking of taking a few puffs of a cigar. He advises against it, saying it'll put the taste of nicotine back in my system. I hang up — and light up. I tell myself I made it a week and it's just a few puffs.

Oct. 31, I'm back up in Boise for another convention. The cigars have come along, and I'm telling myself it's only temporary. That thought is a familiar phrase — it was there when I started smoking five years ago.

Nov. 1-9, time just passes. The meetings are over. I started smoking a cigar a day, openly stating I have to give it up.

One of the coolest things when I initially quit smoking

# Study: Risks of in vitro fertilization aren't serious

The Washington Post

**Baby Buzz** — A study in the November issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology* found that assisted reproductive technology (ART) does not increase risk for certain serious adverse outcomes. The study also confirms earlier findings that in vitro fertilization (IVF), the most common form of ART, raises the risk of some less severe complications.

The details — Researchers followed 36,062 mothers taking part in a separate federally funded study between 1999 and 2002. There were three groups: 34,286 in the natural conception group, 554 in the IVF group and 1,222 in the ovulation-induction group (whose members were given medications to stimulate ovulation).

The study — which involved only the births of single babies, not twins, triplets or other multiples — concluded that IVF does not seem to be linked to an increase in major birth defects or pregnancy that include having a very small baby, having a baby with a birth defect as a result of treatment or having a baby that's born with chromosomal problems as a result of treatment," said lead study author Tracy Shevell, a perinatologist at Stamford Hospital in Connecticut.

The IVF group had a higher risk for some less serious problems, but it's not known whether this was due to IVF or other known infertility-related causes, she said.

Shevell said. Compared with the control group, those who had the IVF procedure were 2.7 times more likely to develop preeclampsia (pregnancy-induced high blood pressure), 2.4 times more likely to have a placental abruption (where the placenta separates prematurely), six times more likely to have placenta previa (where the placenta implants too low in uterus), and 2.3 times more likely to have a Caesarian delivery. The ovulation group was 2.4 times more likely as the controls to have a placental abruption and 2.1 times more likely to have a fetal loss after 24 weeks.

**Risky Business** — The most serious risk facing ART patients is multiple births, said Julia Johnson, vice chairman of gynecology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and co-author of a report from a committee of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists that accompanied the study.

ART has been linked to a "30-fold increase in multiple pregnancies compared with the rate of spontaneous (natural) twin pregnancies," the report says.

Multiple births boost risk for "poor maternal and infant health outcomes, including pregnancy complications, preterm delivery, low birth weight, congenital malformations and infant death," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

was that my chest immediately felt better, that tightness is starting to return. The cough I had for months also cleared up. It hasn't yet returned — emphasis on "yet."

I tell myself a cigar a day is better than a pack of cigarettes a day and it will be easier on my budget. My dad isn't buying it. He quit smoking when I was a kid and lived on to watch two younger brothers die of lung cancer; one switched to cigars and died in a hospital. And I've traded in the small cigars for even smaller cigarillos, smoking two to three a day.

Nov. 10, In between the busyness of my life, I'm trying to analyze things. I'm not smoking much, and I don't even like these cigarillos. What I'm doing is seriously continuing a powerful habit. I must, again, commit to being smoke-free. And I truly do think it will be easier than my initial attempt three weeks ago. I have no desire for a cigarette, and that's a good feeling. I think I've made it through the worst. But I want to take it all the way.

I toss the pack of Swisher Sweets into the fire in my fireplace — my winter smoking deck — and hope I have what it takes to stick with it and kick this habit for good.

Readers who want to know how *EA Weekly* editor Carol Ryan Dumas is faring, or to find out more about the smoking cessation program she attended, please email her at carol.dumas@et.net.

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# 'Baby and Me' class discusses discipline

## 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Beginning Discipline."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. For information, call 234-7262.

## Breathers Club support

The Magic Breathers Club will meet from noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging Annex, 998 Washington St. N., Idaho College for Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

The club is a local support group for people coping with asthma, emphysema or other chronic lung problems. Participants can bring their lunches to the meeting.

The meeting is free. For information, call Marita at 734-6507 or Lisa at 639-9615.

## About infant safety

Two infant care and safety classes will be offered Tuesday at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 115 Hilland Ave. The program is offered as part of the childbirth classes.

The first class, "Infant Care," will be taught from 9 to 10 a.m. in the board room. Topics will be infant care needs and bathing.

The second class, "Infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Child Safety," will be taught from 7 to 9 p.m. Instruction will

# Pain

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have to give up as far as your flexibility and the ability to do the simplest of tasks," Bolton said.

"There's much that science doesn't understand about chronic pain, but there's something approaching consensus that there's no single best approach to treating it."

"Some of my patients want to try acupuncture, but they're like herbs or acupuncture," Dille said. "It's not doing them any harm, and if it helps — that's great."

Brown, who was 31 when she was diagnosed with fibromyalgia, turned to alternative medicine after being forced to give up her desktop publishing business because of the dull ache, which persisted despite traditional therapies.

"I found a doctor in Boise who uses a naturopathic approach," she said. "By eliminating my allergies, one by one, he was able to get to the root of the problem and help me find relief."

Twin Falls chiropractor Craig Manning sees many patients who have tried traditional methods of pain management that haven't worked.

"I do (spinal) adjustments and a little education about the people things like proper posture," said Manning, who sits on the board of directors of the Idaho Association of Chiropractic Physicians. "I also use acupuncture, which is not part of chiropractic medicine, but it helps a lot of people."

Brown and Bolton, who is largely pain-free since knee replacement surgery, both say they wouldn't have been able to find relief unless they had pushed the issue.

"I couldn't get the help I needed until I went out and looked for it," said Brown, who recently began a second career as a real estate broker.

## To do for you

given on first-aid techniques to assist infants who are choking. Cost is \$5 per class or \$20 for the childbirthing series. To register, call 677-6500.

## Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class is offered under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

## Brain Injury support

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Building, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The agenda will be a group discussion with patients and caregivers.

The support group is for people who have had a brain injury or for their families, friends and caregivers.

The meeting is free. For information, call 737-2126.

## Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is open to Twin Falls-area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

## Diabetics awareness

Diabetics Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at Karr's Pharmacy in the Lynwood Shopping Center in Twin Falls.

Each diabetic will receive a free "Ascensia" blood glucose meter.

The event will include free diabetic education, samples of diabetic snacks, and blood sugar testing and blood glucose meter demonstration.

For information, call the pharmacy at 734-8177.

## About C-sections

A Cesarean childbirth and breastfeeding class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course.

Topics will include Cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

## About Medicare benefits

Cassia Regional Medical Center will host a Medicare Part D (prescription drug benefit) informational kickoff with the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisor representatives offering a presentation at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 21 in the medical center's cafeteria.

Representatives will be available until 4 p.m. for questions, and answers.

The public is invited.

## CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Nov. 22 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Organizers encourage new parents and grandparents to attend the class to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's "Incase" section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

# This season, say yes to the dress

By Jackie White Knight Riddler News Service

If you're staring into your closet, wondering what to toss and keep in this new fall season, here is a tip: Save the dresses.

It was the strongest message coming out of the recent fashion shows in New York. As fashion claims down to a simpler, less boisterous mood, the dress has emerged as a designer favorite.

At Calvin Klein, organza and chiffon were fashioned into chemises, tunics and empire shapes to breeze down the runway. A Ralph Lauren winter was a simple blue-and-white shirt dress with flared skirt. At Bill Blass, Michael Mullbach added matching coat and dress ensembles or topped the dresses with cropped jackets.

Donna Karan's DKNY line featured soft dresses with puffed and pleated skirts, and Karan said dresses are "security." You can just put them on and go.

Women have loved pairing items together. But as the world gets increasingly complex, fashion is easing into a more classic mode.



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## 10 steps to managing pain

**Step 1: Accept the pain.** Learn all you can about your physical condition. Understand that there may be no current cure, and accept that you will need to deal with pain on your life.

**Step 2: Get involved.** Take an active role in your own recovery. Follow your doctor's advice and ask what you can do to move from a passive role into one of partnership in your own health care.

**Step 3: Learn to set priorities.** Look beyond your pain to the things that are important in your life. List the things that you would like to do. Setting priorities can help you find a starting point to lead you back into a more active life.

**Step 4: Set realistic goals.** Set goals that are within your power to accomplish, or break a larger goal into manageable steps. And take time to enjoy your successes.

**Step 5: Know your basic rights.** You have the right to be treated with respect, to say "no" without guilt, to do less than humanly possible, to make mistakes, and to not need to justify your decisions.

**Step 6: Recognize emotions.** Emotions directly affect physical well-being. By acknowledging and

dealing with your feelings, you can reduce stress and decrease the pain you feel.

**Step 7: Learn to relax.** Pain increases in times of stress. Relaxation exercises are one way of reclaiming control of your life. Deep breathing, visualization and other relaxation techniques can help you to better manage the pain.

**Step 8: Exercise.** Most people with chronic pain fear exercise. But unused muscles feel more pain than toned, flexible ones. With your doctor, identify a modest exercise program that you can do safely. As you build strength, your pain can decrease. You'll feel better about yourself, too.

**Step 9: See the big picture.** As you learn to set priorities, reach goals, assert your basic rights, deal with your feelings, relax and regain control of your body, you will see that pain does not need to be the center of your life. You will grow stronger in your belief that you can live a normal life in spite of chronic pain.

**Step 10: Reach out.** Once you have begun to find ways to manage your chronic pain problem, reach out and share what you know.

Source: American Chronic Pain Association

start conservatively, maybe with anti-inflammatories," he said.

Narcotics may be the next step, but they don't work for everybody. Dille says he's cau-

tious about writing those prescriptions.

"There's always the possibility of dependence with narcotics, and you have to take that into consideration," he said.

"Many folks with chronic pain can't sleep, and that's an issue that needs to be tackled early on, Dille says.

"You hurt, so you can't sleep, and because you can't sleep you get depressed," he said. "It's a vicious cycle."

Other treatment options range from physical therapy to cutting-edge — and expensive — techniques such as morphine pumps and spinal-cord stimulators.

There's much disagreement between advocates of traditional medicine and those who swear by alternative approaches such as massage and acupuncture, but everyone concurs that exercise is essential to managing chronic pain.

"I always felt better when I exercised than when I didn't," said Bolton, 55, who recently returned to work.

There's much less agreement about whether chronic pain sufferers should learn to accept their pain.

"We sometimes refer people to psychologists to help them with that," Dille said.

But accepting chronic pain can mean surrendering to it, and Bolton and Brown say that's a mistake.

"Nobody is going to help you unless you're willing to help yourself," Bolton said.

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Case No. CV 2005-58 SUMMONS
MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & RECOVERY, INC., Plaintiff
LANCE P. COOK SR.
DANIELA CROOK
Defendants.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT HAS ORDERED YOU TO SHOW UP IN COURT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY.
You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate typed response must be filed with the above designated court clerk no later than the date specified in this summons. If you fail to do so, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the Complaint.
A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly.
An appropriate typed response required compliance with Rules 6(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
1. The title and number of this case.
2. A copy of the Complaint.
3. A copy of the answer to the Complaint, if it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
4. A copy of the proposed address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
5. A copy of the proposed address and telephone number of the Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.
To determine whether you must pay a filing fee and what amount you must pay, contact the Clerk of the above named court.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court, this 22nd day of March, 2005.
I, \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Clerk, Magistrate Court.
PUBLISH: October 24, 31, Nov. 7 and 14, 2005

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of November, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider...

Table with 3 columns: Present Fee, Proposed Increase (+) or Decrease (-), Total New Fee

For Planning and Zoning - Lot the adjustment in planned... Agricultural stiling permits \$0.00... For Elections \$0.30 per page... Mailing labels on CD regardless \$15.00/50.00... \$145.00 flat

The hearing will take place in the County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St., North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho. At/Gary Grindstaff, Chairman ATTY: Kristina Glascock, Kristina Glascock, Clerk

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME, MAGISTRATE DIVISION, IN THE INTEREST OF: AnnaMarie Hankins and Bradley McKinley Votroubek, CASE NO. CV-2005-1249

THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: JAMES D. HANKINS. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Prose...

A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho, by the Prose...

You, Tina Lattin, the legal guardian of AnnaMarie Hankins, are hereby directed to appear personally before the court for a Preliminary Conference on the 10th day of November 2005 at 1:50 p.m., and an Adjudicatory Hearing on the 17th day of November 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho.

You, James D. Hankins, are hereby notified that service of such summons upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of the respective children, does confer the personal jurisdiction of the court upon you and does subject you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

You, Tina Lattin, are notified that the child and the parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by and attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the court to represent the child or the parent(s), guardian, or custodian at child or parent(s) expense.

You, James D. Hankins, are notified that the child and the parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by and attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the court to represent the child or the parent(s), guardian, or custodian at child or parent(s) expense.

You, Tina Lattin, are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the department and was also placed in out the home care for a period not less than fifteen (15) calendar months and two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the department shall initiate a petition for termination of parental rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding of the court that the filing of a petition for termination of parental rights would not be in the best interest of the child(ren) or that other steps have been provided to reunite the child(ren) with his/her family, or the child(ren) is placed permanently with a relative.

You, James D. Hankins, are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the department and was also placed in out the home care for a period not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the department shall initiate a petition for termination of parental rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding of the court that the filing of a petition for termination of parental rights would not be in the best interest of the child(ren) or that other steps have been provided to reunite the child(ren) with his/her family, or the child(ren) is placed permanently with a relative.

Thomas H. Borresen, Magistrate Judge PUBLISH: November 7 and 14, 2005

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission. A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Ken Koehn on property consisting of approximately seven-half point four (7.4) +/- acres located in Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 18 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 0445 East 4800 North, Bluff, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off three point five (3.5) +/- acres as a home site.

A CONDITIONAL USE PLAT by Charles Mathews on property consisting of approximately two hundred thirty-seven point four (237.4) +/- acres located in Section 23, Township 09 South, Range 18 East B. M. Filer, Idaho. Also known as being addressed approximately 4351 North 2500 E. Filer, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to construct a forty-four (44) lot subdivision on approximately sixty-nine point two (69.2) +/- acres.

A PRELIMINARY PLAT by Charles Mathews on property consisting of approximately two hundred thirty-seven point four (237.4) +/- acres located in Section 23, Township 09 South, Range 18 East B. M. Filer, Idaho. Also known as being addressed approximately 4351 North 2500 E. Filer, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to construct a forty-four (44) lot subdivision on approximately sixty-nine point two (69.2) +/- acres.

A CONDITIONAL USE PLAT by Twin Falls Canal Co. on property consisting of approximately one hundred thirty-seven point one (137.8) +/- acres located in Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 18 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3725 East 3400 North, Harstan, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to construct and operate a hydro-electric project.

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST by Roger Vincent on property consisting of approximately seventy-nine point nine (79.9) +/- acres located in Section 22, Township 09 South, Range 18 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 4351 North 2500 E. Filer, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended is to amend the comprehensive plan to allow consideration for residential development.

A REZONE by Calvary Tabernacle Church on property consisting of approximately eight point eight (8.8) +/- acres located in Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 18 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 2439 East 3670 North, Filer, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to rezone the property to Rural Residential Zone.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 on the 8th day of December, at the Marvin Hempelman Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a working session will be held on December 6, 2005 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Marvin Hempelman Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the applicants' Board of Health Report on December 6, 2005.

A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all comments may refer to the comments on the Board of Health Report. All subjects being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted five (5) days in advance of the public hearing to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed hearing should contact Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Office seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

David Gustler, Chairman, Twin Falls County Planning & Zoning Commission ATTY: Kristina Glascock, Clerk

PUBLISH: Monday, November 14, 2005

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos that are sure you don't want us to lose. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept

101 Lost and Found FOUND Siberian Husky puppy, female in blue. Call to identify. 678-7048

102 Lost Lades puppy during visit to Twin Falls. Lade is a black and white puppy in parking lot. If you have found it please call 208-587-9558

103 Lost large bull colored Labby puppy. Neutered male. Lost on Park Terrace. Call 208-736-6010.

104 Special Notices ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS 208-882-0100

105 Rolling Stone Concert 11-22-05 in Salt Lake City. 735-500-3000

106 Pregnancy Alternatives PREGNANCY CRISIS Free Tests. Always Confidential. 734-7472

107 Professional Services BANKRUPTCY Guaranteed after 90 days.

108 Concrete, Shop, Driveways, patios, footings, RVs and stamped concrete. Call 368-8820

109 Therapeutic Touch Massage Therapy \$45/hour. 208-733-8827

110 Child Care Services CHILD CARE 2 openings of all ages, meals and snacks included.

111 Lost and Found FOUND 2 (2) Black Lab puppies in Acequia Area. Call 436-0604

112 Found dog in the first week of Nov in the Fruitland area. Call to identify. 678-2102

113 Found Mountain bike near Livestock Commission. Call to identify. 678-734-4117

114 Found Red Hound puppy. Near Eden and Hunt Road. Call 208-825-5090 to identify.

115 Found Schnauzer male, neutered, gray/white. At the 911 Call Center in Jerome. Call 208-324-2375

116 Lost dog, black Lab 11 wk old wearing tone collar and choke chain. Near Karpis Rd & Orchard Hill. Call 208-410-9953 or 212-0635

117 Asking Questions? Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone. Absolutely NO SALES!!!

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200 Employment

CONSTRUCTION Framers wanted. Pay DOE. Call 208-410-9139

DRIVERS Wanted for weekly dedicated routes in the Inland Northwest. Call 208-735-9254

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**DAIRY** Call feeder needed. 6hrs a day, split shift 733-3634 or 539-3634

**DRIVERS** Red-Mix Drivers Wanted. CDC required. Pay DOE. Full benefits. Apply at Idaho Concrete Co. 1294 Adolph Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID. Drug Free Workplace. EOE.

**DRIVERS** Trucking Inc. Bull, Idaho. Full time, local milk haul, tankers. Class A CDL. Call 208-543-8044 Please no msg.

**GENERAL** Full-Time Fish Hatchery Worker needed in Hagerman area. Fishing, cleaning, screens, moving fish, etc. 208-637-4860

**GENERAL** New Salon in great location. Openings for Hair stylist and Receptionist. Call 733-8613

**HVAC** Needed immediately in Bellevue. HVAC technician and apprentice. Full-time permanent positions. Wage DOE. Will train. Some benefits. Call JR at Boulder Mountain Heating. 208-720-2640

**FARM** Draft/Laborers for seasonal farm work. Call 208-324-2180.

**MEDICAL** Bridgeview Estates Affordable Living Part-time evening shift. Medication Certified 900/hrs. Call Debbie McClure 208-735-3333

**GENERAL** Custom furniture shop looking for entry level Finisher. 423-5506

**PRODUCTION PACKAGING** The Times-News is accepting applications for 2 full-time positions in our Packaging/Production Dept. Mechanical aptitude is essential. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Work evenings and graveyard. Year-round work. Competitive pay.

We offer an excellent benefits package, which includes medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401(k) retirement, employee stock purchase plan, paid holidays and vacation.

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**EDUCATION** Valley High School is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Head Varsity Football Coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Previous coaching experience is desired, with a valid Idaho teaching certificate or ASEP certification required. Openly invited. Interested applicants should contact Valley High School Athletic Director Brian Harty at 208-629-5961

**GENERAL** General warehouse duties w/ft. Must be able to lift 100 lbs. Ft. Mon-Fri. Benefits. Apply in person. Tri-State Business 518 E. Main Hazelton EOE/M/F/D/V

**INSTALLERS** Subcontractors Needed Star West Satellite is seeking organized, experienced, dependable, motivated persons to install satellite systems in Twin Falls and surrounding areas. Experience required. Must provide own vehicle and tools and meet insurance requirements. Excellent pay. Please email resume to: terry@starwestsatellite.net (208) 461-2108 ext: Terry.

**PROFESSIONAL** PGR Specialist Start \$14-\$16 hour. BA Degree. Call 208-733-3350.

**RECEPTIONIST** Part-time, 30-35 hours/week in Burley. Must be organized with good phone skills, computer literate, must be a team player. Call 208-275-3350.

**RECEPTIONIST** Local accounting office accepting applications for Receptionist/Bookkeeper with customer service skills. Full-time beginning December 1 Send resume to: P.O. Box 2387 Twin Falls, ID 83303

**RETAIL** Furniture Delivery personnel. Must be able to lift 100 lbs. valid driver's license. Pre-employment drug test. Full-time beginning December 1 Send resume to: P.O. Box 2387 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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Are you a High School graduate? Do you have a strong desire to succeed? Our managers have a tremendous amount of personal freedom, therefore are ultimately responsible for their success. You also must be willing to relocate after our expense. We have great benefit packages which includes insurance, paid vacation, life insurance, profit sharing, stock options, store discounts. We have openings in this area! Send resume to 1305 Filter Ave E. Twin Falls, ID 83301 or call Dennis Christensen @ 733-6950 or 208-543-8533 ask for Mark Jeske In Buhl Idaho zone. You Don't know 'til you try. You may be just who we are looking for.

**ELECTRICIAN** Electric Apprentice with at least 1 yr. exp. Health insurance, good pay. 208-324-3171.

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**MANAGEMENT** Expanding SE Idaho potato, sugar beet, and grain operation has openings for additional Farm Managers. Must be reliable, self-motivated, and organized. Housing available. Send resume to: P.O. Box 2387 Twin Falls, ID 83303

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You must be knowledgeable working around heavy machinery safely and be familiar with mechanical maintenance and adjustment. The ability to work well with others, to lift 80 lbs., to stand and walk the majority of the work shift, and climb ladders is also necessary.

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**HR DIRECTOR** Prefer Bachelor or Masters Degree in human resource, or related field. Previous experience desired with all aspects of employee benefits, State & Federal reporting requirements, Idaho labor laws, self directed, leadership qualities, some travel.

**CNA's** We need coverage for evenings, week-ends, for in-home care. Must be motivated, you choose 10-40 hours per week

**GENERAL** Mechanically suited? Looking for a job with benefits and growth potential? Bill Printers is accepting applications from motivated, hardworking people to fill multiple positions. Apply in person 214 Blue Lakes Blvd.

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John Schuerholz, 65-year-old general manager of the Atlanta Braves, to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, on all his 30-something counterparts at the winter GM meetings

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What was Wayne Gretzky's uniform number as a player?
ANSWER: below

IN BRIEF

CSI boosters hold luncheon today

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho booster luncheon will be held today at noon in Taylor Building Room 277. Golden Eagles coaches and athletes will be in attendance to give updates on their respective programs. Anyone interested is invited to pick up lunch from the cafeteria and bring it to the event.

Minico High boosters hold meeting tonight

WAUPERT — The Minico High School Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. tonight in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 438-5260 for more information.

Charity volleyball tournament announced

FILER — Aco-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the 10yz for Kids program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School Gym. The entry fee is \$80 per team and a new jersey for each team member. A, B-C-D divisions will be available. For more information, contact Fran Pereira at 324-0354 or 404-6014.

Cross Country still open to competitors

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA Team Idaho Track and Field Club has openings for those interested in competing in upcoming cross country events this fall and winter. For more information, please contact head coach Curtis Asay at 943-9393.

Jerome boosters move meeting to Dec. 5

JEROME — The scheduled meeting for the Jerome Booster Club on Nov. 14 has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the high school cafeteria.

T.F. Parks and Rec sign-ups continue

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department located at 136 Maxwell Ave. continues to register players for the boys baseball program until Nov. 30.

The program is open to players grades 3-7, with the season starting Jan. 14 through Feb. 25. The registration fee ranges from \$12 to \$20 depending if a player needs to purchase a jersey. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, contact the department at 736-2265.

CSI offers December baseball camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is holding its 23rd annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, Dec. 27-29.

The camp will be held inside the 70,000 square foot lago Center located on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. To receive an application or more information, visit the website at http://www.csi.edu/SIUAct/Activities/baseball\_camp.htm or call Skip Walker at 732-6650 or 734-6285.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

No. 99.

Seattle wins five straight for first time since 1999

By Greg Bell Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — The NFC West race might have ended Sunday. Seattle's Shaun Alexander romped again, this time for 165 yards on a season-high 33 carries and three touchdowns, and the Seahawks beat the mistake-prone Rams 31-16 at Qwest Field.

The Seahawks (7-2) turned St. Louis' botched fake field goal attempt in the second quarter into a 24-3 scoring run. They have a three-game division lead on second-place St. Louis, which had won two straight to reassert its season. Essentially, that is a four-game slug with seven regular-season games remaining because Seattle has swept St. Louis after losing the previous four to the Rams (4-4).

Seattle has won five straight overall for the first time since 1999. Despite many misplays, the Rams closed to 24-16 with exactly 7 minutes left. Quarterback Marc Bulger's 14-yard, fourth-down touchdown pass through the mist found Torry Holt, playing his first game in four weeks after being sidelined by strained knee ligaments. Bulger was also playing for the first time in four weeks, coming off a strained shoulder. But then Alexander and quarterback Matt Hasselbeck each converted third-and-1 runs.



St. Louis Rams cornerback Travis Fisher (22) knocks down Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Bobby Engram (89) on a 6-yard pass reception by Engram in the first quarter of Sunday's game in Seattle.

Seattle converted three-and-1 runs. Seattle ran six straight times, then converted two more first downs before Alexander dashed 17 yards for his third score with 1:12 left. The game turned decisively with 1:29 remaining in the first half. St. Louis led 3-0 and lined up for a fourth-and-3 play at the Seattle 8. The Rams first tried to drive the Seahawks' offense. When that failed, they called timeout, then lined up for left Wilkins' 25-yard field goal. But holder Dane Looker instead flipped a lateral to Wilkins. The kicker was looking to pass to Cameron Cleveland, who was

open near the 5. But Marcus Trufant, staying home on the right defensive flank, charged at Wilkins and forced him to pull the ball down. His run was far short of the first down. Instead of a 6-0 Rams lead, Seattle marched 16 yards to take a 7-3 edge. Matt Hasselbeck perfectly placed 47-yard pass to reserve receiver D.J. Hackett moved the ball to the St. Louis 4. Alexander ran in for his first touchdown. Bulger then threw an interception to Seattle's Michael Bomilva when his receiver, Kevin Curtis, slipped. The Sea-

hawks went 73 yards the other way for Josh Brown's 31-yard field goal 15 seconds before the end of the half. Seattle outscored St. Louis 24-3 and outgained the Rams 201-46 after the botched fake field goal through the first 10 minutes of the second half. Bulger finished 28-for-40 with 304 yards, a touchdown and an interception. He was frustrated after uncharacteristic misplays by four-time Pro Bowler Holt. In the first quarter, a wide-open Holt appeared to not see Bulger's accurate 40-yard pass. The ball skidded at Holt's feet near the 5-yard line.

Los Angeles Galaxy win MLS Cup

Ramirez nets overtime goal to lift Los Angeles

By Jamie Aron Associated Press writer

FISCO, Texas — The MLS championship featured the season scoring leader against the career playoff scoring leader. So guess who scored the game's only goal?

A guy coming off the worst of his seasons in league history. Guillermo Ramirez perfectly timed a deflected shot from the top of the penalty box, sending it past a fallen goalkeeper and before two would-be defenders in stoppage time of the first overtime, giving the Los Angeles Galaxy a 1-0 victory over the New England Revolution in the MLS Cup on Sunday.

"You can't really describe what you're feeling when you score a goal like that," Ramirez said through a translator. "It was a beautiful moment."

Nick Leckie, "Pando," the Guatemalan term for someone who is bowlegged, Ramirez had only one goal on 62 shots this season, the worst ratio in the 10 years of the MLS. His only goal came in September, after he lost his spot in the starting lineup, and it came on a penalty kick, plus needed a carom off the post and the goalkeeper's back. But with the title on the line.

he did what teammate Landon Donovan (14 career postseason goals) and New England's Taylor Twellman (17 goals this season) couldn't do — score.

Donovan started the play with a corner kick from the right side. Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis ran out to punch it away, only to send it directly to Ramirez, with no defender near him. Ramirez leaped and kicked the ball out of the air and into the net.

"I'm very proud of Pando Ramirez, a guy who suffered all year and didn't score one goal in the flow of play all season," Los Angeles coach Steve Sampson said. "If he had scored more goals during the course of the season, we wouldn't have won more halfgames. But he found the right time to get it done."

As if to prove his lumpy touch, Ramirez missed a close-in chance for a second goal in the closing minutes. Regardless, he was selected the MVP quite a feat for someone who entered in the 66th minute.

"I'm stunned, impressed and extremely happy for him," said Donovan, who won his third MLS Cup, but first for his hometown team. "He deserves his reward."

The Galaxy won their second championship in five finals. This was the least expected considering they went 13-13-7 this season. Please see CUP, Page D4



The Los Angeles Galaxy's Guillermo Ramirez celebrates scoring a goal against the New England Revolution in overtime in the MLS Cup in Frisco, Texas on Sunday. The Galaxy won 1-0.

Kurt Busch suspended for season's final races

By Mike Harris Associated Press writer



AVONDALE, Ariz. — Roush Racing put up with Kurt Busch's reputation for reckless driving on the track. When the defendant in the Nextel Cup championship was accused of doing it in his own car, the team had been enough. Busch was suspended Sunday for the remainder of the NASCAR season after his run-in with police, which said he smelled of alcohol and was belligerent during a traffic stop Friday night.

"It's the last straw for Roush Racing," team president Geoff Smith said Sunday. "We're officially retiring as Kurt's official sponsor, effective today." Kenny Wallace replaced Busch for Sunday's race at Phoenix, where Busch won in April. He also will miss next week's Ford 400 at Homestead, Fla.

Busch was pulled over near Phoenix International Raceway for trying to avoid another car and running a stop sign. Officers said he smelled of alcohol and became belligerent. Busch, who has a history of run-ins on and off the track with drivers and NASCAR officials, was staying in a motorhome outside the track. He appeared to be holding back tears as he told NBC Sports that alcohol was not involved in the incident. "Obviously, I'm upset. It's not my race car driver, there's a race today and I'd love to be in the race," he said. "My crew, (crew chief) Jimmy Fenrig, I have to thank them for what they gave me. Man, it's just unfortunate. I'd love to be there for them today."

"That's the decision they made, and I will live with it. Busch added.

Busch made the Chase for the title, but was finishing in eighth place, virtually eliminated from a shot at winning another title. "It's a young man with great potential that has been realized to an extent, but he's got some challenges, building relationships in the public and the sponsor community to realize that potential," Roush said. "I wish him well."

Busch is under contract to the Roush team through the end of the season. He will not be allowed to drive for anyone else in 2005. "I would have to get permission and we would be very reluctant to give it," Smith said. "It's very offensive to us that he chose to take on the arresting officer the way he did verbally. And then the fact there was alcohol, even in the smallest way involved."

The police report said the officer who stopped Busch smelled alcohol on the driver's breath, although Busch was not cited for that. A breath test was inconclusive because the device failed.

Police said Busch initially did not stop when a deputy tried to pull him over and, when Busch did stop, he was argumentative and uncooperative, prompting a call for a supervisor. When asked Saturday about Busch's confrontation with police, team owner Jack Roush said it was no longer his problem since Busch is joining another team after this season. Roush later took a tougher stance once he learned the response of the public and sponsors, which includes the Crown Royal whisky brand.

Roush said the sponsors felt he was "in breach of my contract" by allowing that notoriety and embarrassment to be out there without taking some action. And the only action I felt I could take, and the one that was agreed upon, was to suspend him for the balance of the season. "The 27-year-old driver from Las Vegas was punched in the face by Jimmy Spencer for trying to wreck him. He was called an 'arrogant punk' by Kevin Harvick and is booed by fans who don't like his aggressive driving," said Darlington, S.C., driver Wallace, who refused to go when he was told after returning to the track following a crash. "He then was called into the pits for a penalty and responded with expletives." He also tossed a water bottle that hit the NASCAR official in the face. "NASCAR officials have said his behavior is not 'befitting of a champion.'" Wallace, a full-time driver in the Busch Series, finished 12th on this Saturday. He said he got a call about driving Busch's car about 9 a.m. Sunday. "It's a sad situation, but I'm ready, willing and able to do this," Wallace said. The 42-year-old driver, a younger brother of Rusty Wallace, has driven in 306 Cup races, including three this year, since making his debut in 1990.

Kyle Busch wins Nextel Cup race

By Mike Harris Associated Press writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Rookie Kyle Busch outdrew NASCAR's top contenders to win Sunday. All but one, that is.

"I just want to say I'm behind my brother 100 percent," the 20-year-old winner said of Kurt Busch, who was suspended earlier in the day for a Friday night run-in with police.

After standing on top of his No. 5 Chevrolet and waving to the cheering crowd at Phoenix International Raceway, Busch called his older brother, who won last year's Nextel Cup, "a true champion."

Kurt Busch was suspended by Roush Racing earlier in the day for the last two races of the season after police accused him of reckless driving. Officers said he smelled of alcohol and was belligerent during a traffic stop near the speedway; he has denied that he was involved.

Referring to his brother's victory here in April, Kyle said, "It's a pleasure to carry on the Busch family's name for both races this year."

The younger Busch dented his brother's saying, "Usually, things in the media are false and that's just what it comes down to sometimes." When he was questioned about what he meant by that statement, Busch said, "I'm not going out there, bud." He then walked out of the winner's press conference.

Team representative Amy Walsh later apologized for the abrupt departure and promised Busch would return for more questions.

Unlike his younger brother, Kurt Busch made the 10-man Chase for the championship but was running in eighth, virtually eliminated from a shot at winning another title. Kurt Wallace filled in for Busch and finished 16th.

Title contender Greg Biffle dominated the race, leading 109 of the 112 laps in the Checker Auto Parts 500. But the younger Busch, who drives for Hendrick Motorsports, used a pit stop strategy to get track position, taking the lead for the first time on lap 230 by staying on track when the leaders pitted.

Biffle, who pitted, had slipped all the way to 13th for the restart. The Roush driver sliced through traffic and eventually caught and passed Busch on lap 210. But the younger wouldn't give up, challenging the veteran and regaining the lead for good on lap 265 with a strong inside move on the mile oval.

Biffle, who needed a strong showing to hang onto at least a chance to win, was not disappointed with his runner-up finish that left him in fourth place. He led the younger leader Tony Stewart with only next Sunday's Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway remaining.

"That is what we needed to do to get its championship form right here," he said. "We wanted to win, but we came here and led a lot of laps and ran real strong and finished second. It just goes to show how solid this race team is."



# Howell holds off Tiger

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — England's David Howell held off Tiger Woods in the HSBC Champions on Sunday, closing with a 4-under 68 for a three-stroke victory.

Howell, who began the round with a one-stroke lead over Woods, finished with a 20-under 268 total to claim the \$525,000 first-place check in the \$5 million event, the richest tournament in Asia. Woods shot a 70.

Howell, a surprising star in Europe's Ryder Cup victory over the United States last year, extended his lead to four strokes with three birdies on the first five holes and overcame bogeys on Nos. 8 and 9 to win his third European tour title.

The 30-year-old Englishman also won the BMW International Open in Germany in August, beating John Daly by a stroke.

Woods, also second last week to the Tour Championship in Atlanta, will be in Japan this week for the Dunlop Phoenix and also will play in the PGA Grand Slam, Skins Game and



David Howell of England is presented the championship trophy of the Champions golf tournament in Shanghai, China on Sunday.

**Target Tour Challenge** — second career title, closing with a 5-under 67 for a one-stroke victory over Australia's Rachel Hetherington in the Mitchell Company LPGA Tournament of Champions. Kim two-putted from 80 feet

on the final hole, tapping in for par after Hetherington missed a 20-foot birdie attempt. The 21-year-old Kim then celebrated with a hug from father-caddie Man Kim and a beer shower from fellow player Jennifer Rosales.

Kim finished with a 15-under 273 total on the Magnolia Grove Golf Club's Crossings Course and earned \$138,000. She also won the 2004 Longs Drugs Challenge.

## Perry and Huston take Franklin Templeton

NAPLES, Fla. — Kenny Perry and Adam Scott won the Franklin Templeton Shootout, combining for a 13-under 59 in the scramble format for a one-stroke victory over Fred Couples and Adam Scott. Perry and Huston, who each earned \$315,000, had a 30-under 186 total on the Tiburou Golf Club course. They opened the event with a 64 in modified alternate shot and had a 63 on Saturday in the best-ball round.

## WOMEN IN BRIEF

### Mauresmo outslugs Pierce to win WTA

LOS ANGELES — Amelie Mauresmo outslugged Mary Pierce 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4 in a marathon baseline slugfest to win the WTA Championships on Sunday for the biggest title of her career.

Mauresmo double-faulted to trail love-40 in the final game, but rallied on five consecutive strokes by Pierce in the first all-French final of the championships.

When Pierce's cross-court backhand went wide, Mauresmo fell her knees and clapped her hands to her head as the crowd erupted in applause. She got up and met Pierce on the sideline, where they embraced and Pierce whispered in her ear and kissed Mauresmo's cheek.

For more than three hours, the women jerked each other around in the mud, with Mauresmo changing up speeds and Pierce artfully using drop shots to keep each other on the run.

Mauresmo, the world No. 1, has always been close to consistent, but fell short in winning a big title. She came closest at the 1999 Australian Open, losing in the final. She is a three-time Wimbledon semifinalist and reached the U.S. Open semifinals.

At 28, Pierce is enjoying her best results in five years. She was runner-up at the French and U.S. Opens, won two titles, and will end the year at No. 5 in the world, her highest ranking since 2000.

Mauresmo, 26, will rise to No. 3 when the year-end WTA tour rankings are released Monday. She is a former Wimbledon and No. 2 Kim Clijsters.

### Baylor women bounce

A LUBBOCK, Texas — Sophia Lubbock scored 30 points, rallying No. 6 Baylor from an 18-point second half deficit to lead No. 8 Georgia 67-72 Sunday at the Tip-Off Classic.

Baylor, the defending NCAA champion, extended its winning streak to 21 games. With Georgia's Leah Humphrey in foul trouble, the Lady Bears whittled the Bulldogs' 21-11 early second half advantage and took a 67-64 lead at the 17:40 mark, but hit eight 3s in the second half.

Humphrey went to the bench with four fouls with 15:24 left. Young, who matched a career high in points and added 14 rebounds, went to work inside after halftime. She established dominance underneath, scoring six of the Lady Bears' first eight points.

Baylor's Angela Fisk added another 19 points. Monda Wanda had 13 and Chameka Scott had 11 for the Lady Bears.

Coaches led Georgia with 17 points. Shenell Baker and Alexis Williams had 13 each and Humphrey finished with 14.

### LSU women take Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas — Seemone Augustus had 32 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 1 LSU to a 74-63 Sunday night in the Tip-Off Classic on Sunday.

Augustus scored nine of LSU's final 14 points after LSU had a 54-50 lead at the 12:22 mark about 3 minutes remaining. The Lady Tigers' 11-10 holdover from the most of the game until they went scoreless on six possessions and a corner wildcat, as the second-half Memphis, Augustus hit a shot from the corner and Scholanda Hostin made a 3-pointer to pull the Lady Tigers (13-2) back to a 64-63 lead.

The USA Today coaches' poll had the same top five as the AP Top 25. In the Harris Interactive poll, the top 12 teams occupying the same spots they did in the AP poll.

Notre Dame was No. 6 and Virginia Tech was seventh. The Carolina Tide dropped from top spots to No. 8, and Ohio State and Oregon completed the top 10.

### West Virginia wallops Wolford, 61-41

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Kevin Piatonoff scored 19 points to lead No. 14 West Virginia to a 61-41 victory over No. 1 Wolford on Sunday and a berth in the semifinals of the Guiltlands Classic.

The Mountaineers, ranked in the preseason poll for just the second time in school history, scored 24-19 at halftime but trailed the first 13 points of the second half. That was part of a 22-2 run spanning both halves that put West Virginia ahead 40-26 with 12:15 left.

Wolford (1-1) trailed 45-28 with 10 minutes left and never got within 16 points again. West Virginia (2-0) plays the

## SCORES AND STATS

### WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball**
  - Preseason NIT, ESPN2, 1 p.m.
  - Boston U. vs. Rhode I., ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.
  - Niicks at Jax, ESP, 8 p.m.
- Football**
  - Cowboys at Eagles, ABC, 7 p.m.
- Tennis**
  - ATP Tennis Masters Cup Shanghai, round robin, ESPN2, 4 a.m., 8 p.m.

### BASKETBALL

#### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Game	Final Score
Phoenix vs. Memphis	101-95
San Antonio vs. New York	101-95
Portland vs. Dallas	101-95
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Game	Final Score
San Antonio vs. New York	101-95
Portland vs. Dallas	101-95
San Antonio vs. New York	101-95
Portland vs. Dallas	101-95

#### NBA BROADCASTS

Game	Time
San Antonio vs. New York	8:00 p.m.
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#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Game	Final Score
San Antonio vs. New York	101-95
Portland vs. Dallas	101-95
San Antonio vs. New York	101-95
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### FOOTBALL

#### THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Game	Final Score
San Antonio vs. New York	101-95
Portland vs. Dallas	101-95
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### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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Portland vs. Dallas	101-95
San Antonio vs. New York	101-95
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### BASEBALL

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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SPORTS

# Colts trample Texans, 31-17

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Peyton Manning is back to throwing touchdowns and the Indianapolis Colts are again achieving offensive milestones.

The NFL's two-time MVP carved up the Houston Texans for 297 yards and three touchdowns Sunday, leading the Colts to a 31-17 victory and keeping Indianapolis as the NFL's only unbeaten team.

Manning completed 26 of 35 passes, while Marvin Harrison had seven catches for 109 yards and one TD, making Manning and Harrison the only tandem to top 10,000 career yards. The duo has hooked up for 755 completions, 10,034 yards and 90 TDs — all NFL records.

Edgerrin James ran 26 times for 122 yards and one touchdown, his 47th career 100-yard game. James is now tied with Franco Harris for eighth in NFL history and topped the 1,000-yard mark for the fifth time.

James and Harrison each had 100 yards in the same game for the 21st time, breaking the NFL record of 20 set by Dallas' Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin.

Colts coach Tony Dungy worried all week about the Colts' response to an emotional Monday night victory at New England, and at times, the Colts did have their problems. Two short punts hit Colts blockers as they ran downfield. The Texans (1-8) recovered both punts and converted them into 10 points.

David Carr was 16-of-25 for 138 yards and was sacked three times.

## Bears 17, 49ers 9

CHICAGO — Nathan Vasher returned a missed field goal 108 yards for a TD, the longest play in NFL history, and the Chicago Bears won their fifth straight.

When Joe Nedney's 52-yard attempt went wide right in a stiff wind on the final play of the first half, Vasher caught the ball over his shoulder, hesitated momentarily on whether to come out of the end zone, sprinted to the 15, then reversed his field, picked up a corner blocker.

The previous longest play was Baltimore's Chris McMillers' 107-yarder with a missed field goal in 2002. The Bears (6-3) have their longest winning streak since 2001, when they won six in a row en route to a division title.

With wind gusts up to 38 mph shaking the goalposts, neither team could muster much offense and stuck mainly with the run. Cody Pickett, at one time a first passer, threw for 127 yards in two first-half quarters for the 49ers (2-7) — both were incomplete — and finished 1-for-13.

## Patriots 23, Dolphins 16

MIAMI — Tom Brady brought New England from behind twice in the second half, throwing a 17-yard TD pass to Benjamin Watson for the winning score with 2:16 left. Tom Crotchet drove the Dolphins 70 yards to the 5 with a minute left, but his fourth-down pass was incomplete with 36 seconds to go.

Two-time defending Super Bowl champion New England (5-4) remained alone atop AFC East. The Patriots have won 21 of their last 25 division games, Miami (3-6) missed a chance to tie for the division lead, instead losing for the fifth time in six games.

Four offensive starters were inactive for New England and a fifth — running back Corey Dillon — played briefly because of a leg injury. Brady went 21-for-36 for 275 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to Watson.

## Bills 14, Chiefs 3

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — J.P. Losman, taking over after Matt Holcomb hurt his head in the second quarter, led Bills touchdown drives on two of his first four possessions and showed he deserved his starting job back.

Losman finished 9-of-16 for 137 yards, while Levi Lewis for both touchdowns. Losman was focused and efficient, looking nothing like the hesitant first-year starter who went 1-3 before being replaced by Holcomb following a 19-7 loss to New Orleans on Oct. 2.

The Bills (4-5), coming off their bye week, limited the Chiefs (5-4) to 316 yards while generating three interceptions, a fumble and six sacks. Trent Green was uncharacteristically sloppy, going 23-of-40 for 220 yards and three interceptions — after throwing three in his previous eight games. His first interception ended Green's streak at 159 attempts without an interception.

## Cup

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season and claimed the eighth and final playoff seed. They have both the fewest wins and lowest seed of any league champion.

"It was a great finish to a wonderful run," said Sampson, best known as the coach of the 1998 U.S. team that finished last among 32 teams in the World Cup. "During the playoffs, we finally found our form."

Both Los Angeles titles have been 1-0 victories over New England in overtime. The team was in 2002, and this game played out much like that one: No goals in regulation, the Revolution going a tremendous stretch without a shot on goal and plenty of yellow cards — 10, double the most in any title game.

The loss was especially disappointing for New England because it went an Eastern Conference-best record of 17-7-

8 this season. Revs owner Robert Kraft, who also owns the NFL's Patriots, even made the rare decision of skipping football for the final in hopes of being handed his second championship trophy in 2005.

Late goals were their specialty, but they couldn't come up with one when they needed it most.

"You feel like we're a team that should've won," midfielder Clint Dempsey said. "I'm sure everybody in the locker room feels the same way."

New England had only two shots on goal, none in the 62nd minute. Its best chance of tying the game was a header by Shalrie Joseph that went over the goal in the second overtime.

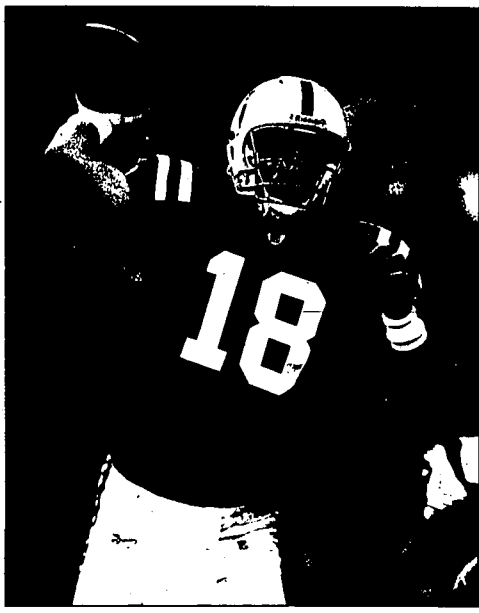
Galaxy forward Herculez Gomez took a championship record-tying nine shots, but only one on goal. Donovan attacked six, with four on goal, including the most exciting play

of the first half — a full-pitch run in the last minute for a shot that Reis slapped away with one hand.

Donovan also started a three-shot flurry late in the second half, getting denied by New England's league rookie of the year Michael Parkhurst. A minute later, Gomez had an open net when Reis charged at him but chipped it over the goal, then soon after, Cobi Jones hit the crossbar.

New England's Jose Caneda had the first good scoring chance in overtime, a shot from about 15 yards out that Galaxy goaltender Kevin Hartman punched away. Soon after, Twelman tried a header that went over the goal. Donovan went low for a header a few minutes later, but it went wide right.

The tight game was no surprise. Both regular-season meetings between the teams ended in 1-1 ties.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws a pass against the Houston Texans in the second quarter in Indianapolis. On Sunday, Manning threw for 297 yards and three touchdowns as the Colts defeated the Texans 31-17.

## Jaguars 30, Ravens 3

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Greg Jones ran for a career-high 106 yards and a touchdown. Matt Jones had a career-high 117 yards receiving and a score and the Jaguars reached 30 points for the first time since 2001.

Jacksonville (6-3) snapped its NFL-record 58-game streak of not scoring at least 30 points. The Jaguars tied Cleveland's mark last week.

Mike Peterson's 26-yard interception return for a score put the Jaguars at the 30-point mark for the first time since Dec. 23, 2001, a 33-3 victory over Minnesota. The Ravens (2-7) lost their fourth consecutive game and eighth in a row on the road. The Ravens also extended their streak of not scoring a touchdown to 11 quarters.

## Lions 29, Cardinals 21

DETROIT — Roy Williams caught a career-high three touchdown passes from Joey Harrington as Detroit (4-5) ended a two-game losing streak and Arizona (2-7) lost its third straight.

The Lions led 19-3 at halftime and by 15 with 8:35 left before Arizona came back.

The Cardinals pulled to 29-21 with 2:24 left on Kurt Warner's 8-yard pass to Larry Fitzgerald. After not recovering the onside kick, Arizona got the ball back at its 18 with 1:01 left. The Cardinals' comeback hopes ended at their 39 with a deflected pass on fourth down.

Williams, playing an entire game for the first time since Oct. 2, had seven receptions for 117 yards and caught TD passes of 7, 21 and 29 yards. The last Lion to catch three TDs in a game was Herman Moore in 1995.

## Buccaneers 36, Redskins 35

TAMPA, Fla. — Somehow, Mike Altstott found a way into the end zone on a gutsy 2-point conversion call by coach Jon Gruden.

Altstott's run with 58 seconds remaining came after the Redskins (5-4) blocked a potential game-tying extra point, only to be penalized for being offside on the previous play. Altstott was hit at the line and appeared stopped before twisting and keeping his legs moving to barely get into the end zone. The conversion stood after the replay official's review.

Chris Simms threw for 279 yards and two touchdowns for the Bucs (6-3), including a 30-yarder to Edell Shepherd that set up the

exciting finish. Clinton Portis ran for 144 yards and snapped a 28-28 tie with an 8-yard run.

## Packers 33, Falcons 25

ATLANTA — Nigerian-born Samkon Gado ran for 103 yards and scored three touchdowns as the Packers (2-7) won for the second time this season.

Brett Favre threw for 252 yards and came up with a great escape on a drive that led to Ryan Longwell's fourth field goal, a 51-yarder with 4:01 remaining that restored Green Bay's nine-point lead.

Less than a minute later, rookie receiver Roddy White finished off the Falcons (6-3) with their sixth fumble of the day. Nick Barnett scooped up the ball and returned it to the Atlanta 2, where Gado powered into the end zone for his third TD.

Michael Vick threw for 209 yards and a couple of TDs.

## Panthers 30, Jets 3

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Will Witherspoon returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown and Ken Lucas grabbed two of Carolina's four interceptions.

Carolina (7-2) forced six turnovers to pull away after an undefeated first half. The Panthers scored 20 points off turnovers.

Carolina led 10-3 before the Jets (2-7) and quarterback Brooks Bollinger unraveled. The strong defensive showing helped Carolina win on a day in which star receiver Steve Smith was a non-factor with three catches for 34 yards. Bollinger finished 11-of-21 for 99 yards.

## Steelers 34, Browns 21

PITTSBURGH — Charlie Batch improvised a 1-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter, and his passing led to another score before he left with a broken right hand.

Tommy Maddox replaced Batch to run an efficient and time-consuming offense in the second half, and college QB-turned-wide receiver Antwaan Randle El threw a 51-yard scoring pass to Hines Ward on a reverse early in the third quarter to put the Steelers (7-2) up 24-7.

Ward also enjoyed a big game, making eight catches for 124 yards to give him 543 receptions for his career, breaking Hall of Famer John Stallworth's team record of 537. No other receiver in team history has more than 358.



Seattle SuperSonics guard Luke Ridnour (8) drives to the hoop past Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh, back, during first-half NBA action in Toronto on Sunday.

# Sonics down Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — Rashard Lewis scored 41 points Sunday, and the Seattle SuperSonics blew an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter but recovered to beat the winless Toronto Raptors 126-121 in overtime.

Nick Collison added 20 points for the Sonics, who lost by 41 points to Washington on Friday. Their only other victory this season was in overtime against Minnesota on Nov. 4.

Mike James had a career-high 36 points for the Raptors.

## Celtics 102, Rockets 82

BOSTON — Raef LaFrentz was 7-of-7 from 3-point range in the first half and scored 27 of his 32 points in the opening 24 minutes to lead the Celtics over Houston.

Ricky Davis and Paul Pierce scored 19 points apiece, and Mark Blount had 17 for Boston.

## Knicks 105, Kings 95

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Larry Brown finally got his first victory in six games as New York's coach, with rookie Channing Frye scoring 19 points in the Knicks' win over the struggling Kings.

Stephen Marbury had 17 points and seven assists for the Knicks.

## Nuggets 102, Twolves 91

DENVER — Dermarr Johnson scored 17 points in his first start of the season and Marcus Camby had 18 points and 22 rebounds to help the Nuggets beat the Timberwolves.

Denver's Carmelo Anthony matched his season high with 23 points.

## Stars 3, Mighty Ducks 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Philippe Boucher and Jere Lehtinen scored 50 seconds apart in the first period, leading Dallas over Anaheim.

Bill Guerin added a goal shortly after an injury to Mighty Ducks' goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

Marty Turco made 40 saves in his 200th NHL regular-season game, helping Dallas win for the fifth time in six tries.

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