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Cause for celebration

The Times-News

JEROME — They said goodbye to their soldiers in the summer of 2004, waving their banners as the buses headed out of Jerome on their way to Boise's Gowen Field. On Thursday, they welcomed them home again. The soldiers of the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team have finally come to the end of an 18-month deployment that

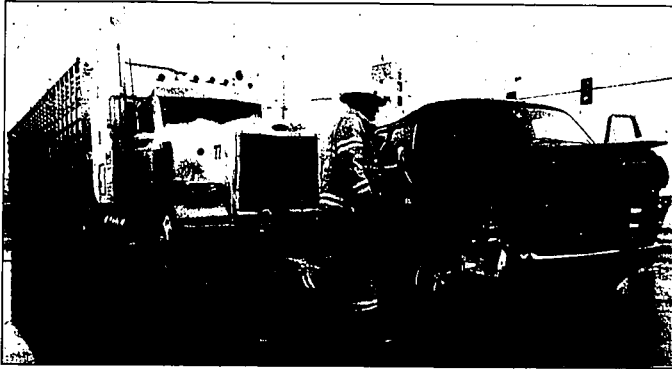
included a tour of Iraq. "I love it," said Jerome City Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt as she looked at all the people who braved the winter weather to gather inside the Messersmith Building at the fairgrounds to welcome their soldiers home. "I worried about them every moment they were 'over there.'" City Manager Travis Rothweller said three of the sol-

diers were city employees. "I think it's long overdue," said Rothweller about the soldiers' homecoming. Thursday's homecoming was organized by the city of Jerome and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. The program included local Boy Scouts and music from the Central Elementary Songsters and the Jerome High School Band. See full story on Page C1



Melora Kellis hugs her father, Chief Warrant Officer James Kellis, Thursday at the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team homecoming celebration in Jerome.

SLIPPERY SITUATION



Twin Falls Fire Department driver Mitchell Brooks II surveys the damage of a motor vehicle accident Thursday at the corner of Sixth Avenue West and Shoshone Street in Twin Falls. Local law enforcement agencies and emergency response crews have been busy responding to vehicle accidents around the Magic Valley.

Storm dumps at least six inches

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Mother Nature dumped at least six inches of snow Thursday, putting the Magic Valley under a winter storm watch most of the day. Accumulations in the valley ranged from three to six inches Thursday morning. The National Weather Service listed the possibility of snow at 80 percent tonight and predicted two to three inches by this morning. The storm watch ended at 8 p.m. except in the Burley-Bupert area, where it was continued until this morning, according to the weather service. Snowy conditions led to school closures in Kimberly, Gooding, Dietrich, Richfield and Glens Ferry and early release of students in Hagerman and Wendell. Driving conditions became treacherous early in the morning and worsened as snow and rain turned to ice. Area law enforcement agencies kept busy for the second time this week as cars and trucks slid off roads — or into each other.

Winter by the numbers

Labor hours used in sanding/snow removal: 70+
Overtime hours used: 37+
Sand/salt mixture yards used: 155+*
Stop/street signs knocked over: 7+*
*as of Wednesday
**as of Thursday afternoon
Source: City of Twin Falls

said only two were upended Thursday, whereas five signs were knocked over Thursday night and yesterday morning. "We broke them in yesterday," he said Thursday. "Everybody's going slower today." Stephens said snowplows and sand trucks hit the streets of Twin Falls about 3 a.m., but heavy snow and increased traffic and rain later in the morning made it difficult to keep the roads cleared. "People think you're supposed to get rid of it, but it's hard to do sometimes," he said. "We're a little behind, but that's what Mother Nature does to us." Stephens said the department priority was to plow and sand main streets and downtown area roads. In residential areas, crews dumped sand and salt to improve traction at intersections. Meanwhile, according to the weather service, snowfall or rain amounts will lessen today, but will continue through the weekend. Temperatures today should hit about 40 degrees, while highs Saturday and Sunday are projected in the high 30s.

Police question potential shooting witness

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A man sought by police as a potential witness in connection with the fatal shooting of Jesse J. Naranjo was located and questioned by Twin Falls police Thursday. Information was not available Thursday night as to whether charges would be filed against 19-year-old lay C. Martindale. He was one of two men sought by police following the shooting Tuesday afternoon of 31-year-old Naranjo, who died later that day at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from a shotgun blast to the abdomen. The other man, 32-year-old Juan Carlos Pina, was arrested Tuesday night and charged Wednesday in Twin Falls County Magistrate Court with accessory to murder. He was incarcerated in the Twin Falls County Jail on \$250,000 bond. Naranjo, who police said lived in Twin Falls, a former Twin Falls resident, the son of Eugene and Bertha Naranjo. Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley. Police are investigating Naranjo's connection to the home at 325 Sixth Ave. E. He was found in the alley behind the home Tuesday afternoon. According to court records from The Times-News archives, Martindale listed the home as his address when he was arraigned on two counts of grand theft and one count of peep thru in Oct. 2003. Records say he was 16 at the time.

It's a snow day for some students

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Thursday morning brought a welcome surprise to some of the younger residents of Kimberly. Three to six inches of snow fell early in the day closing schools in Dietrich, Glens Ferry, Gooding, Kimberly and Richfield. Hagerman and Wendell released students early. In Kimberly, all the signs of a snow day could be seen throughout the community — snowmen smiling in front yards, snow forts being carved in snow drifts and snowballs darting across streets in neighborhood snowball fights. "Oh, my gosh. We've been up since 7:30 playing in the snow," said Ashley Singleton, 14, of Kimberly. "My brother's friends came over and we had a snowball fight, and now we're just playing around." Any questions about school were answered with a flurry of snowballs. District Superintendent John Garner said he and the transportation director began testing road conditions at 5 a.m. Even though he passed a few drivers who had slid off the road in their morning com-



Ashley Singleton, right, of Kimberly calls out to her friend Chase Hanstock as he packs a snowball to throw at a passing car Thursday morning in Kimberly.

Questions grow over planted news stories

U.S. military has paid Iraqi news outlets for favorable coverage

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Demands for details from the White House and Congress were building Thursday over a U.S. military program whose multimillion-dollar contracts include money for paying Iraqi newspapers and journalists to plant favorable stories about the war and rebuilding effort. Cling increasing concerns about the matter, the Senate Armed Services Committee summoned Defense Department officials to Capitol Hill for a briefing Friday. "I am concerned about any actions that may undermine the credibility of the United States as we help the Iraqi people stand up a democracy," said Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., adding that he has no information to confirm or refute the reports. "A free and independent press is critical to the functioning of a democracy,

and I am concerned about any actions which may erode the independence of the Iraqi media." Defense Department officials in Baghdad continued to defend the program, saying it is a necessary tool to provide factual information to the Iraqi people. One of the companies involved — the Washington-based Lincoln Group — has at least two contracts with the military to provide media and public relations services. One, for \$6 million, was for public relations and advertising work in Iraq and involved planting favorable stories in the Iraqi media, according to a document. The other Lincoln contract, which is with the Special Operations Command, is worth up to \$100 million over five years for media operations with video, print and Web-based products. That contract is not related to the controversy. See page STORIES, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy and cold with a rain and snow mix of precipitation. Highs 30s
Tonight: Light snow showers expected. Lows near 30
Tomorrow: A mixed bag of precipitation (drizzle/rain). Highs upper 30s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mixed rain and snow showers, turning to all snow at times. Highs middle 30s
Tonight: Periods of light snow showers. Lows upper 20s
Tomorrow: A rain and snow mix of showers, occasionally turning to all snow. Highs low 30s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and annual averages.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Precip. Lists weather for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today and weekend are definitely going to look and feel like winter in December. Snow showers will be on and on through Sunday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 43 at Doner. Low: -4 at Starkey.

GREGO MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
'It is easy to sit up and bark orders. What is difficult is getting up and taking action.'

REGIONAL FORECAST

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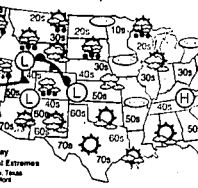
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists forecasts for Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, etc.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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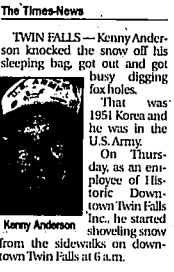
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sy over propaganda and was not for services in Iraq, according to SOCOM spokesman Ken McGraw.

THOUGHTS ON THE WEATHER

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TWIN FALLS — Kenny Anderson knocked the snow off his sleeping bag, got out and got busy digging fox holes.



Steve Soran, co-owner of The Depot Grill.



Steve Soran, co-owner of The Depot Grill. 'As far as today goes, we were very busy today at lunch and nobody seemed to be in a hurry to leave.'

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Weather

member, half the battle is the battlefield of the media. Lynch said Zargawi lies to the Iraqi people and he said the American military does not.

Snow

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mute. Garner still needed to test the bus routes before making the decision.



Bradley Holcomb, left, tries to fasten a snow-fish to a pole for his snowman, while his brother, Taylor Holcomb, looks on Thursday morning in their backyard in Kimberly.



district holds its breath because most its bus routes are on agricultural roads that are rarely cleared in the winter.

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Correction

Oakley concerts at 7:30 Saturday, Sunday
A story Thursday contained the wrong dates and times for the Oakley Valley Arts Council Christmas concerts.

School closures

Stay updated on school closures and latest weather conditions at: www.magicvalley.com

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WORLD



An Iraqi man prays while Iraqi soldiers and U.S. Marines enter his house Thursday on a patrol in Saadha, Iraq, eight miles from Syria.

U.S. says suicide bombings down

—BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Suicide bombings fell from November to their lowest level in seven months, the American military said Thursday, citing the success of U.S.-Iraqi military operations against insurgent and foreign fighter sanctuaries near the Syrian border.

But the trend in Iraq has not resulted in less bloodshed: 85 U.S. troops died during the month, one of the highest tolls since the invasion.

In Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, the U.S. military played down reports by residents and police of widespread attacks Thursday against American and Iraqi installations in the city. The military said only one rocket-propelled grenade was fired at an observation post, causing no casualties. Insurgents left behind posters and graffiti saying they were "members of al-Qaida in Iraq."

Nevertheless, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, a coalition operations officer who led al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, will likely step up attacks in the next two weeks to try to disrupt parliamentary elections Dec. 15.

Lynch told reporters that suicide bombings declined to 23 in November as U.S. and Iraqi forces were overrunning insur-

gent strongholds in the Euphrates River valley west of the capital.

Communities along the river are believed used by foreign fighters, who slip into the country from Syria and travel down the river highway to Baghdad and other cities.

Lynch called suicide bombings the insurgents' "weapon of choice" because they can inflict a high number of casualties while sacrificing only the attacker.

Classic infantry ambushes, draw withering American return fire, resulting in heavy insurgent losses.

"In the month of November, only 23 suicide attacks — the lowest we've seen in the last seven months, the direct result of the effectiveness of our operations," Lynch said.

Car bombings — parked along streets and highways and detonated remotely — have declined from 130 in February to 68 in November, Lynch said.

However, suicide attacks have not consistently decreased over the past year. After more than 70 such attacks in May, the number fell in August by nearly half and then climbed to over 50 two months later.

And despite the decline over the past month, there has been no letup in the relentless toll of American deaths at a time of growing discontent in the United States over the Iraq war.

The U.S. command said Thursday that four American service members were killed the day before, three of them from hostile action and the fourth in a traffic accident. The deaths raised the American fatality toll for November to at least 85.

"That was down from the 96 American deaths suffered in October — the fourth deadliest month since the war began in March 2003. But it was well above the 49 deaths in September. U.S. monthly death tolls have hit 100 or above during 10 of the 33 months of the war."

There also has been no decline over the past six months in the Iraqi death toll from suicide attacks, according to an Associated Press tally. In November, at least 290 Iraqis were killed in such attacks, more than double the figure from the previous month. The count shows the Iraqi toll ranging from at least 69 deaths in August to at least 356 in September.

November's suicide attacks included near-simultaneous bombings at two Shiite mosques in Khamis, killing 76; a car bombing at a Shiite funeral north of the capital, killing 36; and a car bombing near a hospital in Mahmudiya, killing 30.

European woman among suicide bombers

Los Angeles Times

PARIS — The first woman European Islamic convert to commit a suicide bombing in Iraq was a former bakery worker from a middle-class Belgian family who joined her husband in an extremist network that sent them to fight and die, authorities said Thursday.

The Belgian woman died Nov. 9 during a car-bomb attack on a U.S. troop convoy. Authorities identified her Thursday as Mariel Deguigne, 36, a native of a town near the industrial city of Charleroi in southern Belgium.

Deguigne's father is a retired factory worker, and her mother is a secretary, officials said. Deguigne struggled with drug problems in her youth, married a Muslim and converted to Islam in her early 20s, they added. She plunged into fundamentalism several years ago with her second husband, a Moroccan-born extremist identified as Issam Giers.

Deguigne's mother, Lilliane, learned of her daughter's death Wednesday as police arrested 14 suspects in four Belgian cities and one near Paris.

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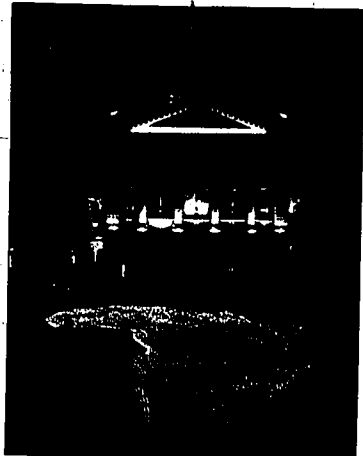
Caring for the Magic Valley

Employees at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are dedicated to providing care that extends well beyond the hospital walls. Employees like Susan Boisch, who takes her knowledge of emergency room and home health care nursing into the community. A registered nurse and health care advocate, she is committed to educating women about their risk for heart disease. Like many employees, she makes the Magic Valley a better place to live, by volunteering as a Girl Scout leader and dedicating time to Twin Falls High School, where she is involved in parent activities and Health Occupations classes.

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The shape of Africa is formed with some 8,500 candles lit in front of the parliament in Bern, Switzerland, on World AIDS Day Thursday.

Countries mark World AIDS Day

FATICK, Senegal (AP) — Schoolchildren in Senegal pledged to abstain from sex and village women in India cast off a veil of shame about their HIV status as World AIDS Day was marked Thursday around the globe.

"Our teacher told us that AIDS is a very dangerous disease," said 13-year-old Aissatou Niang, wearing a green Muslim headscarf. "Only abstinence can save us," she said as her schoolmates giggled nearby.

Such frank talk among African children is key, say anti-AIDS campaigners who emphasize science can help combat the disease, but ignorance or taboos surrounding its transmission means AIDS is hard to halt — and treat.

About 40 million people worldwide are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Some 3 million of them are expected to die of AIDS this year.

Africa, with only 10 percent of the world's population, suffers over half of its HIV infections.

Heavily Muslim Senegal is a relative bright spot on the continent, with only about 1 percent of the population infected. On Thursday, dozens of children packed a schoolhouse in the central town of Fatick to learn more about the disease.

"We decided to wait until I'm 19 to have a relationship," said

one of the students, Awa Sarr. "When I go back home I'll tell my brothers and sisters about AIDS. That's why we're here."

In India, some 70 HIV-infected women stepped out of the shadows during a rally in Goughat, a town in eastern Assam state, to acknowledge they are living with AIDS and should not be shunned.

"So happy many women have paid heed to our call and have openly admitted to their HIV-positive status," said Jahnabi Goswami, 28. "Men with the disease need to follow suit."

An estimated 5.1 million people are living with HIV in India — the most in any single country except South Africa. Nigeria, Africa's most-populous nation, is third.

South African Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka urged her countrymen Thursday to show their concern about AIDS throughout the year.

"Whatever good we do today, let us repeat it tomorrow, next week and in the coming months as we look for food to the years ahead," she said.

South Africa's government has been accused of responding sluggishly to the crisis. Life-prolonging anti-retroviral drugs only became available through the public health system last year in South Africa.

Sen. Clinton takes fire over her Iraq position

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — It's not only President Bush who's getting lank over Iraq.

Sen. Hillary Clinton's war stance is also coming under fire from the right and left.

"The former first lady told supporters this week she stood by her vote to support the invasion of Iraq, but claimed she had been misled by 'false assurances, faulty evidence, and mismanagement of the war.'"

Jeanine Pirro, the Republican challenger for Clinton's New York Senate seat, said the statement was a refutation by Clinton to accept responsibility for her support of the war.

"Once again, Hillary Clinton has new talking points on Iraq," she said during a rally in Goughat, an effort to position herself for the presidency and take full responsibility for her actions," Pirro said.

Even Clinton's traditional liberal base ripped her refusal to condemn the war.

"This statement is an attempt to make nice with her political base, but Hillary Clinton is out of touch with her constituents," said Bill Dobbs, a spokesman for New York-based anti-war group United for Peace and Justice.

"This city does not support the war. She has not only failed to stop it, but she has rubber-stamped it. Now she's feeling the heat, which is why she has put out this statement."



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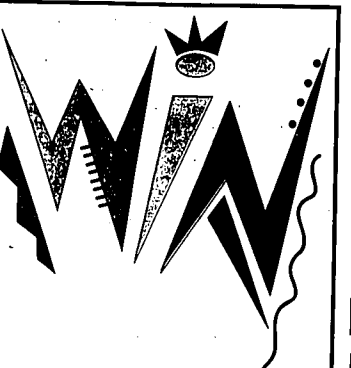
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FBI seeks help finding jewel thieves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jewel thieves in hooded sweat shirts have knocked over nearly five dozen stores from New Hampshire to North Carolina in the past two-and-a-half years, eluding capture with an efficient operation that has netted \$5.1 million in men's watches, chains, bracelets and rings, the FBI said Thursday.

Targeting jewelers in malls and passing up high-end merchandise, the thieves cut through security gates and clean out display cases filled with men's gold jewelry and watches — especially Movado watches, FBI officials said at a news conference in Washington intended to enlist the public's help in dismantling a group informally labeled the gate-cutters crew.

In four months or thereabouts, the FBI and local police officials said.

"This isn't luck. You don't do 50 robberies without being caught," FBI Assistant Director Chris Swecker said. Investigators said the crew almost certainly is responsible for 51 burglaries in 10 eastern states and may be involved in four others in Florida and one in Illinois.

Their most recent heist occurred Wednesday at a Zales Jewellers in Bay Shore, N.Y., FBI officials said.

The value of their take has ranged from \$7,500 in Colonial Heights, Va., in April to more than \$250,000 in suburban Bal-



Assistant FBI Director Chris Swecker speaks at a press conference Thursday where the FBI sought the public's help in breaking up a group of jewel thieves that have struck numerous stores in the East.

timore, Md., in August 2003.

The FBI has set up a telephone hot line, 1-800-225-5324, and is offering a \$25,000 reward. Jewelers are offering another \$25,000, said John Kennedy of the Jewelers Security Alliance, an industry association.

The core group of thieves numbers four to five black or Hispanic men, although some break-ins involved up to six people, investigators said. Kennedy said the group has ties to New York City and that the FBI has recovered some fingerprints and

identified possible suspects. But no arrests have been made.

They appear to focus solely on stores in malls because they are just off major roadways and allow a quick exit. The crew does extensive surveillance before the heist, sometimes slashing the tires or putting glue in the locks on mall security vehicles, Swecker said.

At least one person stands lookout while several enter the store and fill bags. They ignore store safes and women's jewelry, he said.

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Bush called for jury duty

WACO, Texas — President Bush could get a new title: juror No. 286. Someday, but not Monday, when he was summoned for jury duty. The president was among 600 potential jurors summoned to report to court in McLennan County, where his 1,600-acre Crawford ranch is located.

State District Judge Ralph Strother told the Waco Tribune-Herald he expected to get a response about the summons but didn't expect Bush to report for duty.

"I don't think I'll be sending the sheriff out to bring the president in," said Strother, a Republican who has a grandson serving in Iraq. "It seems to me that the president has plenty of things to do to occupy his attention. Jury duty is a very important civic function, but running the country, I think, especially in wartime, takes priority over jury service."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the president intends to serve, just not on Monday. The president hadn't received the summons, but the White House reached out to the court after media accounts surfaced and was informed that the summons was for Monday, McClellan said Thursday.

Montgomery marks 50 years since Parks' arrest

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — About 2,000 children marched arm-in-arm Thursday, singing "We Shall Overcome" at this once-segregated city marked the 50th anniversary of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man.

"Because of the action of Rosa Parks we have witness here — here in Montgomery, in the state of Alabama, all across the South — unbelievable changes," Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., said after laying a wreath at the site where Parks was arrested on Dec. 1, 1955.

The children, both black and white, marched eight blocks from the downtown site to the Capitol, singing anthems of the civil rights era and chanting "Thank you, Rosa Parks."

The march was one of many events in Montgomery and elsewhere remembering Parks' stand and the 381-day boycott that followed. She died Oct. 24 at age 92 in Detroit.

In Washington, President Bush signed a bill directing that a statue of Parks go up in the capitol's Signers Hall, making her the first black woman to be represented there.

In Montgomery, civil rights leaders joined the children for a program at the Alabama Capitol, where 12-year-old Courtney Meadows urged young people to stand up for what is right, just as Parks did.

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OPINION

Bush ignores his biggest success

The economy has been George W. Bush's greatest success, and yet he barely talks about it anymore.

For the time being, the economy is doing fine. Nationwide, sales for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend were up 22 percent over last year. But of course, some sectors face serious challenges. Layoffs continue, for example, in the media. For the most part, such layoffs are part of the inevitable technologically based "churn" of the economy. And so the best hope for laid-off workers, and workers in general, is continued robust economic growth.

Why not let sand get thrown in the gears of the economy and then blame the Republicans?

What's more mysterious is why the GOPers, who have power, and thus responsibility, are so little interested in their own political well-being.

The big variable is presidential leadership: Bush began 2005 on the right note, talking about the reform of both taxes

and retirement. But he has been sidetracked by war, scandals and other disasters. A year later, he barely talks about the economy — the topic of the day is border control. Indeed, if one goes to the White House Web site (www.whitehouse.gov) and looks at the "Issues" section, one notes that "jobs and economy" is listed sixth. That's Bush's choice, of

course. He seems to have concluded that his presidential legacy will be measured by what happens in Iraq and, to a lesser extent, the Supreme Court.

But for most Americans the No. 1 issue is the economy, stupid.

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JAMES P. PINKERTON

Happily, growth is doing fine. The economy grew at 3.8 percent for the third quarter of 2005, which compares nicely to the historic average across all of U.S. history, of roughly 3 percent.

Such continued economic growth — despite terrorism, war and natural disasters — explains why employment continues to grow, too. More than 141 million Americans have jobs today, an increase of 11 million since Bush took office. Some might object that many of these jobs are "low wage," but if so, that's an argument for accelerating growth further.

Yet, on the horizon an economic storm is coming. Tax cuts Bush and the Republican Congress enacted early in this decade are due to expire between 2008 and 2010. Put another way, taxes on personal income, inheritance and capital gains and dividends are set to go back up to their old levels. In the case of dividends, the top rate will go from 15 percent to 20 percent. Is that a plan for improving investment and accelerating growth?

Two questions might be raised. First, what about the deficit? Well, the deficit is substantial in dollar terms, about \$318 billion, but that's small in proportion to the overall U.S. economy of about \$12.5 trillion. And Uncle Sam has been on a spending binge — so-called "discretionary" spending has risen by nearly half during the Bush years, according to the Cato Institute, nearly quadruple the rate of increase during the Clinton years. So it's fortunate we've had strong growth to pay for such bingeing.

Second, don't "the rich" benefit disproportionately from those tax cuts? Sure they do. But as long as we have an investment-driven capitalist economy, we will be dependent on a favorable business climate that stokes investor confidence. In fact, a look at the broadest possible measurement of investor sentiment shows that faith in the U.S. economy has been flat, even negative, for the past five years; that measurement, of course, is the bearish U.S. stock market.


It's an ominous sign for the American workers if other countries look better to world-savvy investors. Yet, the gathering prospect of economic crunch does not seem to worry Washington very much. Specifically, Congress has failed to extend — let alone make permanent — the about-to-expire tax cuts. Instead, lawmakers went on recess, taking no action on taxes, leaving investors increasingly pessimistic about a tax-hiking future.

One can see why partisan Democrats might be interested in letting taxes go up substantially starting in 2008:

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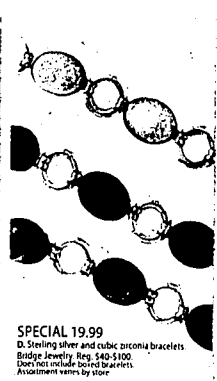
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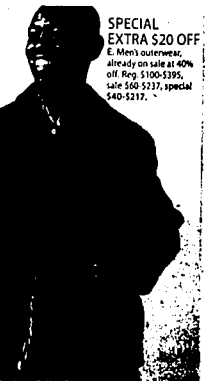
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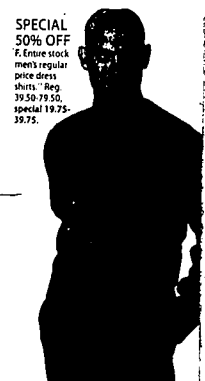
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He's an elite athlete being denied the chance to play. Basically, a modern-day Muhammad Ali, but without the cause, the courage, the wit or integrity.

— Tim Kawakami of the San Jose Mercury News on Terrell Owens

TRIVIA QUESTION:

The NCAA started keeping track of basketball scoring leaders in 1948. Since then, who was the only player who has led the nation in scoring while playing for a national championship team?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL: Preston at Minico, 6 p.m. Pocatello at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m. Shoshone at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.

Filler at Wood River, 7:30 p.m. Jerome at Century, 7:30 p.m. Hagerman at Murraugh, 7:30 p.m. American Falls at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m. Middleton at Buhl, 7:30 p.m. Carey Holiday Tournament Girls Invitational Tournament

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Dietrich at Rimrock, 7:30 p.m. Valley at Oakley, 7:30 p.m. Malad at Wendell, 7:30 p.m. Carey Holiday Tournament

IN BRIEF

CSI players named All-Americans

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho freshmen outside hitters Adams Kazcar and Aneli Cubi-Otineru earned National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Volleyball All-American first team honors for their play during the 2005 season.

Kazcar led the 50-2 Eagles to their eighth national championship, averaging 4.64 kills and 2.4 digs per game.

The 6-foot-4 native of Poland recently signed a national letter of intent to play for the University of Southern California next season.

Cubi-Otineru, a native of Haleviva, Hawaii, averaged 3.39 kills, 2.6 digs, and 1.12 aces per game for the Golden Eagles.

KYA hoop signups next Saturday

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Youth Association will hold signups for boys basketball grades 3-6 from 9-11 a.m. Dec. 10 in the L.A. Thomas gymnasium in Kimberly. For more information, call Jamie at 423-6173, evenings.

Burley boosters meet Monday

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 in room 100 of the Burley High School. All parents of junior and senior high school students are invited to attend. For more information, call 678-9763.

Twin Falls Soccer Club invites new players

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club is looking for boys and girls ages 8-10 to compete in a competitive spring soccer program. For more information contact Patty Rivet at 734-7637 or coach Shasha Pavotich at 733-9411.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Clyde Lovellette, who averaged 28.4 points for Kansas in 1952.

CSI 97, CNCC 63

Eagles crush CNCC

Sophomores lead CSI to first SWAC victory

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Simply put, that's College of Southern Idaho basketball.

The Golden Eagles men left little doubt of that.

While first-year head coach Darren French's Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans are much improved from past years, the Spartans are still no match for CSI.

The 8-2 Eagles got out in transition early and often, taking their first Scenic West Athletic Conference win of the year, 97-63 over the visiting Spartans.

"I think everybody thought I was a little bit silly because I said CNCC is pretty good, and they're used to them being really bad," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "I'm proud of the way guys responded. We've been working on practice on getting together and we're doing a better job of that in games."

The Eagles took advantage of the 4-5 (0-1) Spartans' aggressiveness, standing in on a number of charges en route to getting CNCC standouts Reshard Ward and Christopher Wright in early foul trouble.

CSI also out-rebounded the Spartans 47-45 for the game, led by Reggie Larry, who dropped in a game-high 24 points to go with 10 rebounds.

"We got a lot of charges today and ran the floor, got loose balls for easy buckets," Larry said. "We got something like four easy dunks together from steals and getting on the floor. Everybody was just focused. I think if we just play like we did now, it shouldn't be any harder. If we play like today, we shouldn't lose a game in our gym."

Along with Larry, CSI's other two sophomores led the charge. Travis Gabbidon pumped in 23 points and snagged nine boards, while Zaryon Fere added 19 points, nine rebounds and five steals.

"They're stepping up the way they needed to," Peery said. "Those three almost all had double-doubles."

The three were also important cogs in the Eagles' transition attack, as Gabbidon and Fere ignited the run with key rebounds, assists, and steals, and Larry was often there on the other end to finish.

That kind of leadership from CSI's three players that have been to nationals will be important in the CNCC season progress.

"For me, Travis, and Z, it's basically like a new season," Larry said. "We have to show these kids how to get back and get that ring for winning the region."

Ward finished with a team-high 14 points for the Spartans, while Wright and LaRon Frazier each added 11 points.

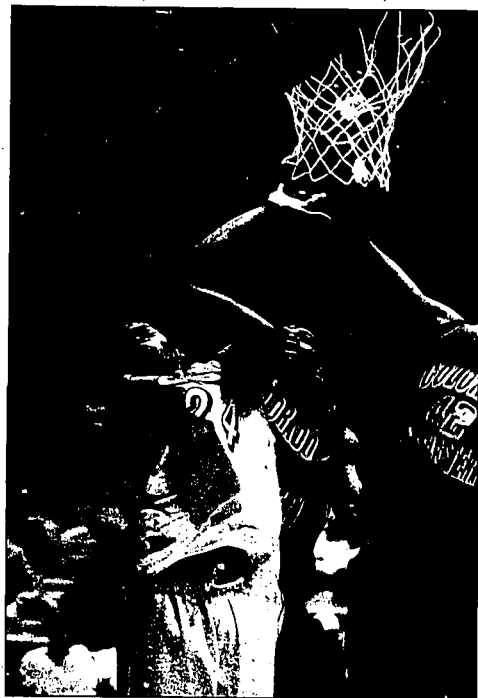
CNCC was hampered by 34.8 percent shooting from the field, while the Eagles connected on over 47 percent of their field-goal attempts.

CSI also finished 14-of-21 from the free-throw stripe, good enough for a not sparkling, but better 67 percent.

CSI players Derek Lorenzen and Ronnel Ramsey did not suit up for the game.

Lorenzen likely out until Monday due to illness, while Ramsey did not play on a coach's decision.

The Eagles are back in action Saturday



College of Southern Idaho sophomore forward Reggie Larry battles for a rebound Thursday night against Spartans defenders Reshard Ward, left, and Domonic Allen at the CSI gymnasium. Larry finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

night against the Snow College Badgers of Ephraim, Utah.

CSI 97, Colorado Northwestern CC 63

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO: Reported Wins 14-14-14; Games 10-10-10; Points 4121-4121; Rebounds 2112-2112; Assists 1112-1112; Steals 1112-1112; Blocks 1112-1112; Fouls 1112-1112; Total Points 1112-1112; Total Rebounds 1112-1112; Total Assists 1112-1112; Total Steals 1112-1112; Total Blocks 1112-1112; Total Fouls 1112-1112.

CSI 119, CNCC 55

Spartans succumb to CSI women

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans could have waved a snow day.

Instead, they were buried under an avalanche of College of Southern Idaho points during Thursday's Scenic West Athletic Conference women's basketball opener at the CSI Gymnasium.

The 0-11 (0-1) Spartans made the trip from Rangely, Colo., through slick, snowy conditions with far greater ease than they

navigated the Golden Eagles' full-court press, and fell 119-55. The Eagles forced 29 first-half turnovers and ran out to a 72-23 lead by halftime.

"It was a little too easy," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "I tried to tell the girls over and over that this is not SWAC conference basketball. We take care of them like this most years I've been here, but not quite this bad."

CSI finished the half with as many field goals made — 28 — as the Spartans attempted.

After CSI's regular substitutes beat the starting squad during

an earlier scrimmage, the lineup of Clara Christian, Cheryl Blazzard, Kaylan King, Tanya Lalicker, and Josie Vouras started Thursday's game and Sierra McKenzie, who tied for a team-high 14 points each.

CSI got 16 points out of Britany Moore, 15 out of Amy Bravold, 12 from Maria Moore, and 10 from reserve post Alexis Tucker.

Freshman post Erica Maldonado added four points and a game-high 17 for the night.

"We tried to work on some stuff like the full-court, but sometimes it's hard because

you just want to score," Christian said. "I think every game helps, but a tougher game would have helped more."

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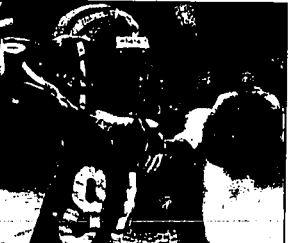
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Cincinnati entering new winning territory

The Indianapolis Colts have shown the Pittsburgh Steelers that they control the AFC. The Cincinnati Bengals want to show the Steelers that they control the AFC North.



Cincinnati Bengals receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh celebrates after scoring on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Carson Palmer in the second half against the Baltimore Ravens last Sunday in Cincinnati.

back," Palmer said. "The last couple of times we've played them, the offense played well, but I didn't a lot of falls on me and puts a lot of pressure on me."

Cincinnati catches Pittsburgh at a good time. The Steelers are on a short week, having lost 26-7 to the Colts on Monday night in a game in which Ben Roethlisberger showed rust coming off a knee injury.

Unlike most good teams, they are beatable at home, where they are 3-2 this season. Still, other than the 80-yard TD pass from Peyton Manning to Marvin Harrison on the Colts' first play from scrimmage Monday night, the Steelers pretty much handled the Indianapolis offense.

If they can control the more experienced Manning, they probably can do the same thing to Palmer... STEELERS, 23-17.

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Snow scuttles sports schedule

The Times-News

SNOW FALLS — Snow was about the only victor Thursday night.

Yesterday's snowstorm canceled almost all of the area's high school basketball games as many smaller schools were unable to hold classes due to poor road conditions.

The Ball at Elller girls basketball game was the only game scheduled that was played.

Some games have already been rescheduled. The Kimberley at Gooding girls game was reset for Saturday as was the Gooding at Valley boys contest.

The Jerome at Century girls and the Castleford girls at Oakley will be played Dec. 7. The Carey at Hichfield girls Northside Conference contest will be played on Jan. 21, 2006.

The other girls basketball games that were canceled but don't have a makeup date yet are: Burley at Pocatello, Declo at American Falls, Hagerman at Murraugh, Lighthouse Christian at Raft River, Bliss at The Community School and Sheshone at Camas County.

The boys basketball game, Dietrich at Twin Falls Christian, is also awaiting a makeup date.

As of presstime Thursday night, Friday's scheduled games are a go.

Castleford, Hagerman will battle in Southside

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Confidence is brimming in Castleford.

"I think we're the team to watch," said head coach Tyler Gaston.

Plenty of returners give Gaston reason to be confident. Senior 6-foot, 1-inch center Drew Twery is joined by guards Isaac Black, Mijael Maya and forward Danny Hill.

Returning guard Jake Harr is joined by sophomore Zach Kline and junior forward Nathan Pryor. Junior 6-0 center Diego Estrada and junior 6-4 post David Westman add height along the front line.

Castleford wants to go big. The team is deep at guard and can run-and-gun with anyone in the Southside but must play with discipline to beat the top teams.

Even then, Gaston knows this group of athletes can take over a game one-on-one.

"With Nate, Drew and Miguel we can always do a pick and roll or penetrate and dish," Gaston explained. "They know they can win it. We'll be pretty good."

The other coaches agree with Hagerman and Raft River picked as the Wolves most capable challengers.

"Castleford and Hagerman will be tough this year," said Hansen coach Mike Peterson.

The Pirates have three returning starters back in Skyler Talbot, Ryan Lester and Dusty Vader. Talbot averaged 16 points and eight rebounds per game as a junior while junior Vader added seven points, two assists and three rebounds.

Lester added two points, two assists and two rebounds as a junior while returning center Cory Potter and Jason Brown contributed off the bench.

A knee injury to 6-0 junior... Please see SOUTHSIDE, Page B2

Boys basketball season previews

Wednesday: 5A Thursday: 3A, 2A Today: 4A, 1A

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing
NASCAR Cup Awards Ceremony, TNT, 7 p.m.
Basketball
Knicks at Pistons, ESPN, 8 p.m.
Cavaliers at SuperSonics, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.
Boxing
Champion Robert Guerrero (160-1) vs. Gamaliel Diaz (195-2), for NABF featherweight championship, Paul Williams (welterweight), Paul Williams (20-3-0), SHO, 9 p.m.

Football

Louisiana Tech at Fresno St., ESPN2, 7 p.m.

Golf

Hong Kong Open, third round, TCC, 10:30 p.m.

Rodeo

PRCA National Finals, first round, ESPN2, 10 p.m.

Soccer

Women's NCAA Division I semifinal, UCLA vs. Florida State, ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.

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Area ski report

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KIMBERLY — The Kimberly volleyball team is selling Christmas poinsettias as a fund-raiser for camp. If interested, contact any volleyball player or Jeff Lall at 423-4170 ext. 3125.

Charity volleyball tournament announced

FILER — A co-ed volleyball tournament to benefit the boys' program has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Filer High School Gym. The entry fee is \$80 per team and a new toy from each team member. A-B-C-D divisions will be available for more information, contact Pam Pereira at 324-0353 or 404-6014.

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Belmont winner Afleet Alex retired

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Afleet Alex's gritty recovery to win the Preakness after nearly crumpling to the dirt was a dazzling highlight in the colt's career. The frightening collision also may have played a role in the horse's early retirement.

Aflect Alex was retired Thursday because of a new injury, discovered before the horse was shipped to Gulfstream Park in Florida this week. Another ankle injury had already sidelined Aflect Alex since his June 11 victory in the Belmont.

"This injury probably started with that Preakness and unfortunately, it's been something we haven't seen," trainer Tim Ritchev said. "It's going to take a long time to heal and he has to go on to another career where he'll be safe and happy."

Ritchev believes the recently discovered injury started as a bone bruise on the Preakness and caused the inflammation of the colt's left front ankle. The fracture has healed. The other injury is basically brittle bone that has once badly bruised, and has slowly lost its blood supply.

"It will heal, but you're looking at six to eight months," Ritchev said. "And with a horse of his age and ability, he just needs to be retired and go to stud."

Aflect Alex retires with eight wins in 12 starts and earnings of \$1,000 for the year. He is King Stable, and nearly became the sport's 12th Triple Crown winner.

He finished third in the Kentucky Derby by a length, won the Preakness after nearly being knocked down by Scappy T in the turn for home and won the Belmont by seven lengths. Jockey Jeremy Rose was aboard Aflect Alex for all three Triple Crown races.

"We're all very disappointed and frustrated," Cash is King managing partner Chuck Zaccary said on the Aflect Alex Web



Jockey Jeremy Rose, up on Aflect Alex, celebrates as they approach the finish line to win the Belmont Stakes, June 11, in Elmont, N.Y.

AP photo

site. "We were really looking forward to racing Alex next year and to showing just how great a horse he was. I don't think horse racing fans saw the best of Alex. They saw a lot of very good races. But, the way he was growing and maturing, I really felt the best was yet to come."

"There is no deal pending on where the colt will stand at stud. The next step is to find a good home for Alex," Zaccary said.

With his Philadelphia-area ownership and modest start, the colt became nearly as popular as Smarty Jones, another Philly-based horse with humble beginnings that also won two Triple Crown races

before retiring.

Aflect Alex run to raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, which started with one simple front-yard stand run by Alexandra Scott, a little girl from Wynnewood, Pa., who raised money for cancer research one glass of lemonade at a time.

Scott died last year after fighting an aggressive form of childhood cancer almost since birth. But her legacy lived on thanks to Zaccary and his horse, bringing a greater awareness — and increased donations — to the lemonade stand.

"If we could put a little sunlight on them, I think it was a privilege," Ritchev said.

Volleyball bounces Saints from Alamodome

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The one place the New Orleans Saints could call home during this hurricane-displaced season was the Alamodome.

And now that's about to change — the NCAA takes over the Alamodome next week for its women's volleyball tournament. The football team's locker room will move to a high school baseball field. The weight room will go into a tent on the field's parking lot. The front-office personnel will relocate to a city water works building.

"We've been doing this — moving around — all year," offensive guard Kendyl Jacox said. "So, at this point, nothing surprises me."

"This would be acceptable if I was in high school," he added. "As far as a professional team, no, it's not."

Saints officials knew this was coming when the team agreed to move its headquarters to San Antonio after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans three months ago. The NCAA event has been scheduled for more than a year, and it requires almost all the space in the Alamodome.

This is not the first time the Saints have had to shuffle because of another event in the Alamodome. A home builders exposition took over much of the dome for a week in October. A large house and other buildings were erected, and later torn down, inside the stadium. But the players, who have fre-



New Orleans Saints players stretch prior to their practice at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Sept. 16.



quently practiced at a high school field near the Alamodome, still could dress in the locker room, receive

treatment in the trainer's room and lift weights in a large room across the hall.

Most of the moving will happen Monday. The Saints can move back into the Alamodome until about two weeks before the end of the season. The NCAA has the dome for a week and a half starting Dec. 8. The Saints have one more

game in the Alamodome this season — Dec. 23 against Detroit. Because their first game after the move is on a Monday night against Atlanta, the Saints would lose a practice day. But moving is still a headache. The team will have to set up other practice sites at the San Antonio School District Spring Sports Complex, where the baseball locker rooms are adjacent to the football field. Players can lift weights after practice before another bus ride back to the team offices. "NFL standards, huh? We just know we're operating on a different playing field than our opponents. It's a challenge for us to overcome it."



Picks

Continued from B1

The picks

• Dallas (plus 3) at New York Giants: The spread is for home field and reflects how close these teams are as they go head-to-head for the NFC East lead. Dallas won the first game 16-13 in overtime and this figure to be almost as close.

• New York's DE tandem of Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora forces a couple of Drew Bledsoe turnovers and ... **GIANTS, 24-16.**

• Atlanta (plus 3) at Carolina: Carolina can take control of the NFC South ... **PANTHERS, 27-21.**

• Tennessee (plus 16) at Indianapolis: Not much of an impediment to 12-0 ... **COLTS, 30-6.**

• Seattle (minus 4) at Philadelphia (Monday night): Seattle has to fly cross-country after a bruising win. And the battered Eagles are still trying ... **SEAHAWKS, 29-20.**

• Denver (minus 1.5) at Kansas City: Last chance in the division for Kansas City ... **CHIEFS, 31-30.**

• New York Jets (plus 10) at New England: Fixtures like this are why the Patriots will win the East ... **PATRIOTS, 34-20.**

• Green Bay (plus 7) at Chicago: The Bears have lost 11 straight home games to Favre and friends. No more ... **BEARS, 17-21.**

• Minnesota (minus 3) at Detroit: Mariucci's firing could inspire the Lions. Or deflate them ... **LIONS, 16-15.**

• Tampa Bay (minus 3.5) at New Orleans (in Baton Rouge): Tom Benson has decided to return to Baton Rouge to sit next to Paul Tagliabue. And watch another loss ... **BUCS, 29-20.**

• Oakland (plus 12) at San Diego: Depend on whether Kerry Collins stops throwing interceptions ... **CHARGERS, 34-13.**

• Jacksonville (minus 3) at Cleveland: This kind of matchup is why the Jags will make the playoffs — even without Byron Leftwich ... **JAGUARS, 17-11.**

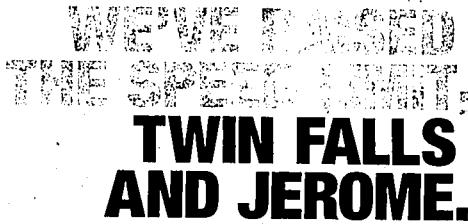
• Washington (minus 3) at St. Louis: Jamie Martin or Ryan Fitzpatrick might struggle against the Skins' defense ... **REDSKINS, 27-19.**

• Buffalo (plus 3.5) at Miami: The Bills are on the road ... **DOLPHINS, 22-8.**

• Arizona (minus 3) at San Francisco: Alex Smith is back for the 49ers, who are decent at home ... **49ERS, 20-19.**

• Houston (plus 4) at Baltimore: The Ravens are bad. The Texans are awful ... **RAVENS, 9-5.**

• LAST WEEK: 10-5-1 (spread) 13-3 (straight up) SEASON: 76-97-3 (spread), 116-60 (straight up)



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YOUR WEEKEND

Love a parade?

- What: The 13th annual downtown Twin Falls Festival of Lights Parade rolls tonight.
- Where: The procession starts near Krenge's True Value Hardware and travels northwest up Main Avenue, ending in the parking lot of Magic Valley High School.
- When: 6:30 p.m.
- How much: It's free.

Gallery opening

- What: The Magic Valley Arts Council will hold an opening reception for the work of local artists.
- Where: Full Moon Gallery, 132 Main Ave. S.
- When: Today, 7 to 9 p.m.
- How much: It's free.

Deck the halls

- What: The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees continues.
- Where: Old Anderson Lumber building, 960 Eastland Drive.
- When: Today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Today's highlight is Ladies' Night Out, scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. and featuring a fashion show and silent auction. Saturday's highlight is children's day, and Sunday's highlight is family day.
- How much: Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and \$1 for children. Tickets to Ladies' Night Out are \$40.

Finery in Burley

- What: The Cassia Health Care Foundation's Festival of Trees continues.
- Where: Snake River Plaza, Burley.
- When: Today and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will be live entertainment, a holiday kitchen and a holiday store.
- How much: Admission is \$50 cents for children and \$1 for adults.



Theater of the absurd

- What: Filmmaker Wes Malvini will present Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot."
- Where: Lamphouse Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$10 for evening performances and \$5 for matinees, are available at the door.

Songs of the season

- What: The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present its annual free Christmas concert.
- Where: Howells Opera House, Oakley.
- When: Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: It's free.

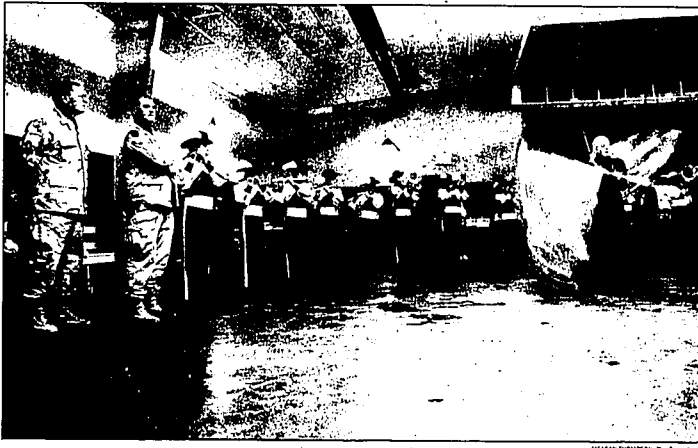
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Salmon Falls	111%	21%

As of Dec. 1

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for an early snow season, which predicts winter snow conditions.

BACK HOME AGAIN



Chief Warrant Officer James Kellis, far left, and Sgt. 1st Class Shane Hohnhorst watch the Jerome High School marching band perform Thursday during the 2-126th Brigade Combat Team homecoming in Jerome.

Jerome says 'thank you' to its local soldiers

By Sandy Miller
The Times-News

JEROME — It was a year ago that Sgt. Dan Kennedy stood on the tarmac at England Air Park, gear in hand, waiting to board one of three large planes to Kuwait, the 116th Brigade Combat Team's final stop before heading to Iraq.

"I'm just waiting for a ride," he said. "I'm tired of waiting around. It's time to go."

On Thursday, almost exactly a year later, his hometown of Jerome welcomed Kennedy and his fellow soldiers back to the community. Despite the brisk temperatures and slushy roads, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and town leaders made their way to the blue Messersmith building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds to celebrate and say "Thank you."

Kennedy said his tour of Iraq was "for the most part, a positive experience."

"I better appreciate what I have here," said Kennedy, who plans to return to his old job as

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an officer with the Jerome Police Department.

Kennedy and his fellow soldiers seemed touched by Thursday's turnout.

"This is wonderful," said Chief Warrant Officer Jim Kellis. "Words can't describe this."

Kellis said his time in Iraq "made me appreciate of being an American." He glanced over at some veterans of wars long past who came to welcome the new veterans home.

"I'm thankful to those who served before me who got us this freedom," Kellis said. Veterans like 81-year-old

Harold E. Pollard, who served on the front lines with the Army's 100th Infantry Division in World War II, Pollard remembered when he came home from the war back in 1946. Back then, the Army gave you a free train ticket home from the east coast. Then he caught a ride with a friend home to Stoshone. He was 22.

"These boys need all we can give them," Pollard said. "We need to do everything we can for these guys."

Major John Toolson said he doesn't quit thinking what he did with all his free time, something you don't get much of in the Army.

"I don't have as much to do and trying to relax is odd," said Toolson, who is going back to work at the family insurance business.

"You have to keep telling yourself you're home for good. I can get around to this tomorrow."

Jerome City Councilman Jerry Crowler led Thursday's gathering in prayer, taking a moment to remember Staff Sgt. Ivan Alarcon, one of

Jerome's own "who gave his life in service our country. Alarcon was killed last Sunday, in '04, in Iraq, when a Humvee he was riding in rolled during combat operations. The 23-year-old soldier was with the Army's 43rd Quartermaster Company.

Music teacher Marilyn Rountree led her Central Elementary Singers in a patriotic program and music was also provided by the Jerome High School Band. Then the soldiers, who also included Sgt. Jeanne Glenner and Sgt. 1st Class Shane Hohnhorst, made their way up to the stage to the applause and standing ovation from their community. And then they made their way through the snow-covered parking lot and back to their former lives.

"It's almost like a new beginning," said Jim Kellis' wife, Robin. "I'm just very glad it's over."

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State board receives ISDB recommendations

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Idaho State Board of Education received 10 recommendations that address concerns about the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind (ISDB) on Thursday morning.

The state board received the recommendations in a board meeting that was held in Pocatello. The board neither accepted nor rejected the recommendations. Luci Willis, communication officer for the Idaho State Board of Education,

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said the board did not make a decision on the recommendations because it wanted to review them.

"The board wanted a few more days to review the report," Willis said. "So the report will go before the board for approval in the next board

meeting."

The recommendations — which were compiled by a committee that was appointed by the board — are general suggestions that will be reviewed by the board before going to the state legislature.

"It will be a very lengthy process," said Harvey Lyter, interim superintendent of the ISDB. "The board will need to approve a working group that will work through the recommendations."

Committee Chairman Laird Stone said the working group will oversee the details that will be added to the recom-

mendations.

The ISDB recommendations will be reviewed and tested over an unspecified period of time before state legislators will be able to make a decision on them.

The board also discussed other items in the board meeting, such as a request from Boise State University to remodel campus facilities. Idaho State University's request to work with an architect on designing a new building for energy studies, student health insurance and academic content standards.

F-16 greets students, teachers

Instructor's father retires from A.F.

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Burley High School teacher Heidi Cranney received a high-flying farewell from her father as he retired after 37 years at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah, Wednesday.

Cranney's father, Joe Bailey, a Vietnam veteran and a civilian employee at the base.

Cranney, who teaches biology, greeted her father as he flew over the school in an F-16. Students, faculty and administrators joined in the welcome as the jet rumbled overhead at 10,000 and 16,000 feet, Cranney said.

Bailey was branch director for Hill Air Force Base and in charge of C-130 aircraft. He received the flight as farewell gift from the base.



Burley High School biology teacher Heidi Cranney jumps and waves as her father, Joe Bailey, flies over the school Wednesday. Bailey, who is retiring from Hill Air Force Base, received the F-16 flight as a farewell gift. Students were excused from class briefly while the plane flew by and Cranney and her students greeted him by holding up an American flag.

"When they first offered the ride to him, he said no," Cranney

said. "When her father first heard about the fighter jet ride she

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Snow pounds Pomerelle

Ski resort will open today

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

ALBION — The prayers for snow paid off Thursday afternoon, and for one local resort, it's cup runneth over.

Pomerelle Mountain resort in Albion opens lift operations this morning after a blast of snow hit Wednesday night and continued Thursday. Last season the resort opened on Nov. 20.

Snow reports

For snow reports at Magic Valley ski resorts be sure to call Sun Valley, 800-635-4150
Pomerelle: 673-5555
Magic Mountain: 736-5100
Soldier Mountain: 764-2526

Jody Burrows, area manager for Pomerelle, welcomed the initial snowfall with a level of excitement. Wednesday, Pomerelle's Web site issued an early Thursday morning report of 37 inches of snow at the peak, and 23 inches at the base. The storm was just getting started, however.

"When I did my first report at 5 a.m., there was six, going on seven inches of snow," Burrows said. "Then it just let loose. Since then we've gotten two, maybe three times that."

Workers at Pomerelle spent Thursday morning trying to prepare for the season's first day, for which Burrows described conditions as "awesome."

Highway 77 and Howell Canyon Road were expected to be cleared for skiers driving to the resort, but Burrows recommended that visitors call the resort's snowphone line at 674-5555 for updated conditions.

"This storm is supposed to continue and come in with hot and heavy winds (Thursday night), she said. "It's the cold that's our real concern."

As Pomerelle shifted into opening day, other resorts in the Wood River Valley area also welcomed precipitation and the skiers that follow with it.

Sun Valley ski resort opened one day before Thanksgiving. Bald Mountain received nine more inches of snow Thursday.

Soldier Mountain ski resort also welcomed Thursday's storm in what has been a dry fall along the Camas Prairie near Fairfield. Assistant Mountain Manager Kyle Davenport said steady snowfall would be needed to meet the target goal of a Dec. 8 season opener.

"I just got out snow and we're working on a track pack," he said. "It's hammering us right now."

Soldier reported a foot at the base Thursday morning. Much of it is wet, but the resort is in operation from Thursdays to Sundays, an opener would not come until next week with good conditions.

No reports of a season opener were available from Magic Mountain Ski Resort, south of Hansen in the South Hills.

Snowmobiling banned in order to protect elk

The Times-News

FAIRFIELD — Effective Thursday, the area along the South Fork of the Boise River drainage east of Featherfall to Couch Summit and up Little Smoky Creek to Red Rock Creek has been closed to snowmobiles and other motorized traffic for the protection of wintering elk.

According to Mike Dettori, District Ranger for the Fairfield Ranger District, roads in these areas are normally closed by snow this time of year.

"The motorized closure is in effect from Dec. 1 through April 30," said Dettori. "The closure is a part of the Sawtooth National Forest Travel Plan and has been agreed to by both the Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game."

Randy Smith, Wildlife Regional Manager for the Idaho Department of Fish & Game in

Jerome, said that motorized travel near winter-stressed elk could be detrimental to their survival. "Motorized vehicles force elk to expend energy reserves in seek security. This energy depletion may reduce survival. Repeated disturbances can result in death of these animals if those reserves are exhausted. Young animals and those in poor condition are most likely to be affected by these disturbances."

Closure signs will be posted east of Featherfall where snowplows turn around on the Kerchum-Featherfall Road (Forest Road #227), at Couch Summit on Little Smoky Road near the mouth of Red Rock Creek and on the Wood River Road above the Ditto Flat turn-off. Violators are subject to fines.

The Forest Service has made provisions to provide access to

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City's food bank may lose warehouse space

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho Falls Community Food Bank might lose its warehouse space at the end of the month.

Thousands of cans of food collected by Boy Scouts and letter carriers.

The food bank would have to spend thousands of dollars a year to rent and heat its own facility.

For every dollar I'd pay in rent, that's a dollar less in food I can distribute to the hungry," said Rick Horton, the food bank's director.

DEATH NOTICES

Frances Forbes

TWIN FALLS — Frances Forbes, 89, of Twin Falls, died Nov. 30, 2005, at Sunbridge Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Luke Jones

TWIN FALLS — Luke Jones of Twin Falls, died Nov. 30, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Nov. 30, 2005, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at the Jerome Cemetery. No viewing is planned.

Jesse J. Naranjo

TWIN FALLS — Jesse J. Naranjo, a 33-year-old Twin Falls resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in

Twin Falls.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, with Father Juan Garza as celebrant. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until the time of the vigil Sunday at the church.

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Betty E. Watson

Betty was born to Vic and Thea Edmondson on March 18, 1925, in Los Angeles, Calif., and passed away on Nov. 28, 2005, in Caldwell, Idaho.



As a young child, the family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where she attended school and graduated in 1943. She attended the College of Idaho (Albertson College) and Idaho State University, from which she graduated in 1963 with a B.A. in education.

She married Cecil C. Watson in September 1947. They lived in Wendell and then moved to a farm near King Hill, where they resided for 45 years. She taught school in Jerome, Clemons Ferry and Bliss. After Cecil passed away she moved to Hagerman and then Boise where she resided for the last 10 years. In August, Betty moved to Parma with her granddaughter and family.

She loved teaching, board games, crossword puzzles, reading, especially to her grandchildren and great-

grandchildren, playing the organ or piano, quilting, flower gardening, camping, watching grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports or going to their concerts and of course, building and fixing things.

She is survived by daughters, Lindy (Dynn) Davis, Sue (Rom) Buster and Jane (Andy) Gray; grandchildren, Mike (Lesia) Buster, Ryan (Amy)

Buster, Mellonie (Rick) Fischer, Kristy (Greg) Dockstaeder, Katie (David) Gries, Kelly Davis, Erin (Fred) Jessup; great-grandchildren, Josh and Mindy Fischer, Bret Baumgartner, Savanna and Braydon Buster, Ryan and Kevin Dockstaeder, Anthony Gray and Dakota, Chase and Hunter Gries.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and great-grandson, Bryce Dockstaeder.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Faith Lutheran Church, 624 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, Idaho. A dinner will follow immediately at Ten Davis Hall, corner of Grotzsch and Ten Davis, Parma, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 1821 University Ave. W., Suite 925E, St. Paul, MN 55104 or Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman St., Boise, ID 83705.

Joe Thomas Wadsworth

BURLEY — Joe Thomas Wadsworth, our sweet and compassionate father, returned home on Nov. 30, 2005, at the age of 83. Joe spent his final days in the best place in the world, his home in Burley, surrounded by his loving family.



Joe was born April 25, 1922, in Clinton, Utah, the son of Daniel Chester and Alta Baker Wadsworth. He was born into a family of 13 siblings: Chet, LaVina, Vern, Bessie, Archie, Nathan, Meda, Chren, La Grande, Laura, Wes, Ira and Jenny. Hard work and a responsibility to lighten the load of others was the spirit in which Joe was raised and continued to live throughout his life. He married Adriane Taylor on Nov. 22, 1943. Joe and Adriane were blessed with six children: Vickie Lynn (Allen) Brashears of Dupont, Arizona, Pamela Jo (Lanny) Denton, Jeff

Taylor Wadsworth, Kelly William (Amy) Wadsworth, all of Burley; Robin Kay (Douglas) Faulkner of Twin Falls, and Melissa Kim (Wince) Boeke of Oakley. Joe counted his 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren among his greatest blessings. Many children not related in any way also called him "Grandpa." Joe will always be remembered as a man that knew no strangers.

His kitchen table was always open to a hungry mouth and his heart was open to all those in his presence. Hard work and honesty was a constant path for Joe and he handed down a legacy of "an honest wage for an honest day's work." He was a man with a solid relationship with God and had unwavering faith. Joe was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 E. Main St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Memorial Chapel and from noon to 12:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Monday.

Wanda Larene Zahm

TWIN FALLS — Wanda Larene Zahm, 75, of Twin Falls, died Nov. 29, 2005.



She was born March 28, 1930, in Shoshone, Idaho, the daughter of Frank Russell Shepard Jr. and Lillian Peck Shepa.

She was raised in Hagerman, Shoshone and Stanley. Wanda loved gardening, flowers and especially loved her dogs.

She is survived by her loving companion, Harlan (Harvey) of Twin Falls; three sons, Gary (Kimberly) Stuenkel of Las Vegas, Kevin (Sandra) Stuenkel of Jerome and Keith (Monica) Stuenkel of Las Vegas. She is also survived by her sis-

ter, Linda (Terry) Brennan of Boise; her brothers, Dean (Lois) Shepard of Ogden, Utah, and Duane (Bea) Mar-

tindale of Meridian; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jesse Stuenkel, and one sister. A celebration of Wanda's life will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

A visitation will be held where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel and again one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Interment will follow in the Shoshone Cemetery.

Joseph T. (Joe) Malina

A memorial service for Joseph T. (Joe) Malina will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Burial will be in the family plot in Linwood, Neb., at a later date. Friends may call at the family home from 1:30 p.m. to the time of the service on Sunday. A memorial in Joe's name is being established at First Federal Bank, 800 W. Main Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.



Joe was born July 6, 1940, in Chicago, Ill., to Joseph Malina and May Pliva. They moved to a farm in Butler County, Neb., when Joe was about 5 years old. He attended county school and graduated from David City, Neb., Public High School in 1958. He went to work as a welder for Valley Manufacturing Company in Valley, Neb. Later known as Valmont Industries, for 27 years, having been transferred to Idaho in 1977 as the company's district service manager

for the western states and Canada. Joe drove milk transport for the last few years, becoming disabled in 2000.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially from the houseboat he designed and built in 1990 with the help of John Peterson. Joe served in the Army Reserve, completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and being stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. He

received his 50-year pin from the ZCJL Lodge in Nebraska. He was a member of St. Patrick's Church, Fremont, Neb., and St. Edward's Church in Twin Falls.

On Dec. 26, 1961, he married Janice M. Schlaumann in Schuyler, Neb. They resided in Lincoln, Neb., where their four children were born.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; daughter, JoEllen (Beth) Messenger of Port Matilda, Pa.; son, Jeffrey (Marc) of Twin Falls and son, Jared of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by his brother, John of Linwood, Neb.; sister, Bess (Ron) Aase of Monroe, Neb.; and grandchildren, Savannah and Sierra Messenger, Mason, Gabriell, Zachery and Estell Malina and Jessica, Anthony and Franklin Malina. Joe also leaves his canine companions, Fritz and Nikki.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Janice, and sister-in-law, Candy Malina of Linwood, Neb.

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Jerome - Lary Lamb

JEROME — Lary Lamb, 62, of Jerome, died Wednesday.

BYU students arrested after thefts, blasts

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Sandpoint sex offender quits job at library

SANDPOINT (AP) — A registered sex offender working at the Sandpoint Library in northern Idaho since February has quit after a patron threatened to picket.

Kristine Patricia Lutes, 42, quit her job Tuesday. She had done volunteer work beginning in February and was hired Sept. 20 as a circulation attendant. Library director Wayne Ginter told The Spokesman-Review she was convicted in Idaho's 1st District Court in 2003 of one count of sexual abuse of a child under 16. Her husband, Richard Brandon Lutes, was convicted of three counts of sexually abusing a minor and is serving a 10- to 15-year prison term.

Kristine Lutes served six months at the South Boise Women's Correctional Center. She was later sentenced to a year of local jail time with no work release and 15 years of supervised probation. She also had paid \$5,000 and ordered to complete 500 hours of community service.

Ginter said the library did a

background check that revealed that Lutes was a registered sex offender but decided to hire her. Her job involved checking out books from behind a counter and putting books back on library shelves.

A library patron, Sue Phelps, recognized Lutes and complained to the library after seeing her checking out books. Phelps said she planned to picket to let people know a sex offender was working at the library and could have contact with children.

Ginter was criticized for the hiring. In a written statement, he said library officials had considered Lutes' background.

"We received written assurances from professionals involved in the case and statements from our library attorney that indicated that it would be appropriate to hire Kristine as the most qualified person other than to register as a sex offender," Ginter said. "We were assured there was not any risk."

Ginter said that he felt fear was behind objections to Lutes' employment at the library.

Idaho mother said she left baby because she feared DUI charge

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho mother who left her infant daughter alone in a van and fled after crashing into a fence says she feared being arrested for drunken driving.

"It probably makes no sense at all to anybody to just walk away from a baby, but it was I drank and I was I confused and scared, but at the same time I knew when the police were coming that she could go to someone better," Sherry-Batt told Boise television station KTVB from the Ada County jail.

"I knew when I got in that accident it was my third DUI and it was a felony."

Batt, a 26-year-old mother of five, was arrested at her Boise home four blocks from the accident scene Sunday afternoon and charged with felony injury

to a child, leaving the scene of an accident and driving without privileges. Her 7-week-old daughter, Savannah, was placed in state foster care.

The baby was discovered uninjured in her car seat by residents of the Boise neighborhood where Batt's vehicle ran off the road and tore out a 30-foot-section of a wooden fence Sunday afternoon.

"I was actually hanging up Christmas lights and I heard a really loud hanging," said Mike Haynes, who encountered Batt leaving her damaged van. "She was pretty panicky. She got out and was telling me, 'Don't call the cops, I'll help you fix it.'"

Neighbors removed the baby from the still-running vehicle after they saw Batt on edge.

"My wife and I got her some

boots and a hat and got those on her because it was really cold. It was only 34 degrees that day," said Haynes.

Batt, who has a preliminary hearing scheduled in 4th District Court on Dec. 12, said she suffers from depression and battles it with alcohol and drugs.

"I wasn't coping right to be a good mother," she said from jail. "It's like the most disgraceful story, all done in the wrong way, but I believe it's for a better ending. I really do love (my children)." Jennifer L. McFarland.

Police seize marijuana plants

MOSCOW (AP) — Police have seized nearly three dozen marijuana plants and 13 firearms from a north Latah County home.

The Latah County Sheriff's Office, the Quad Cities Drug Task Force and the Idaho State Police found the contraband while serving warrants on a news release from sheriff's office spokeswoman Detective Jennifer L. McFarland.

In addition to firearms, 34 marijuana plants, cuttings and pulled plants from a previous harvest were found at the house, according to a news release.

Judge: Man doesn't have to register as sex offender

SANDPOINT (AP) — A judge has ruled that a Sagle man does not have to register as a sex offender after moving from Washington state.

Judge Barbara Buchanan dismissed the case this week against Barry Lee Johnson in 1st District Court, ruling that his 1992 conviction for communicating with a minor for immoral purposes did not require him to register when he moved to Idaho in 1995.

The state retains the option of presenting additional evidence to open the case again, the Bonner County Bee reported.

Johnson, 51 and the pastor of the New Song Bible Church in Sagle, was convicted in Benton County, Wash.

Bonner County Prosecutor Phil Robinson testified in September that the charge stemmed from allegations Johnson fondled adolescent boys. He argued earlier this month in court that the Washington conviction was comparable to offenses in Idaho that would re-

quire a defendant to register as a sex offender.

Under Idaho law, new residents must register as a sex offender if their out-of-state crime was "substantially equivalent" to a crime in Idaho that would require registration. The law also requires an offender to register in Idaho if they would have been required to register in their home state.

But Johnson's lawyer, Clark Peterson, said the offense for which Johnson was convicted was only a misdemeanor in 1992, which did not require him to register as a sex offender in Washington.

Buchanan found Johnson's Washington conviction was comparable to the Idaho crime of soliciting a minor to participate in an immoral act.

"While it appears that Washington has amended its registration requirements since 1995, and that now registration is required, that was not the law in effect in 1995," Buchanan wrote.

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Federal judge to visit dam

LEWISTON (AP) — A federal judge planned to visit Lower Granite Dam today to examine equipment that sends juvenile salmon around, over and through the concrete and earthen structure.

U.S. District Judge James Redden of Portland, Ore., was scheduled to visit the dam with experts who represent plaintiffs and defendants in a long-running lawsuit over the impact of federal dams on threatened and endangered fish.

Redden has twice ruled the government's plan to run Lower Granite and seven other dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers does not do enough to protect the fish.

Officials at the National Marine Fisheries Service and other federal agencies are writing a third draft of a plan on the man-

agement of salmon and dams.

Indian tribes and advocacy groups for salmon have asked Redden to order the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bonneville Power Administration to let more water flow through spillways instead of through generating turbines at six of the dams during migration periods next spring and summer to help salmon survive.

Diverting water from generating turbines would decrease the amount of electricity produced.

The Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council said that loss of generating power would cost \$125 million to \$500 million. The government has estimated its plan, which reduces the amount of water sent through spillways, could cost rate payers \$43 million to \$90 million.

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Solutions on immigration elusive

Lawmakers have many proposals but little consensus

WASHINGTON (AP) — From building a fence to keep them out to passing a law to help them stay, members of Congress have lots of ideas on how to respond to President Bush's challenge to take on the problem of illegal immigrants. There's a will to act but so far not much consensus.

The first stab at the problem could come in the next two weeks, when the House may vote on legislation to strengthen border security. That's the easiest of the three legs of immigration reform. The others, enforcing workplace hiring rules and setting up a guest-worker program that might incorporate illegal immigrants, are far more divisive.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Bill Frist plans to bring up a border security bill in February, and use that as a starting point for broader reform. "We must boldly address the challenges of border security first," Frist, R-Tenn., said this week as Bush toured the Texas-Mexico border to stress the need for both tougher border controls and a guest-worker program.

The House bill will likely come from Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Mich., with the focus on tighter borders and some elements of workplace enforcement. His spokesman Jeff Langren, said it could contain a proposal by Rep.



Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff speaks during a press conference on the secure border initiative in Washington on Thursday. With him are Border Patrol chief David Aguilar, left, and John Torres, acting director of Detention and Removal for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Ken Calvert, R-Calif., to expand a program for verifying employee records with the Homeland Security Department and the Social Security Administration; and another by Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., to make Social Security cards more tamperproof.

But there are lots of other proposals to choose from. The Homeland Security Committee this month approved a bill by its chairman, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., that would add Border Patrol agents, make use of new monitoring technology including unmanned aerial vehicles

and end the "catch and release" practice for non-Mexican illegals.

Dozens of other border security bills have been introduced, many by conservatives and border state lawmakers fed up with the government's failure to stop the flow of illegal immigrants.

Rep. Virgil Goode, R-Va., is seeking \$2 billion to build a fence along the border with Mexico. Rep. Tom Lucretio, R-Colo., who has made a crack-down on illegal immigrants the theme of a long-shot presidential bid, is among several who would change existing law to allow use of the

military for border enforcement. Rep. J. Haysworth, R-Ariz., has an extensive bill that would let state and local police enforce immigration law.

"Expect it to grow," Langren said of Sensenbrenner's bill.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Thursday that fencing didn't make sense in deserts. "A wall across the border would be phenomenally expensive," he told reporters, and "it wouldn't be particularly effective."

Congress already has taken several steps this year to tighten border security, including making it easier to deny admission to people linked to terrorism and setting national standards for obtaining drivers licenses. A Homeland Security Department spending bill this October provided money to add 1,000 Border Patrol agents to the current 11,000.

In the Senate, Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has put together a more comprehensive bill that picks and chooses from various sources. It models border and interior enforcement provisions on a bill backed by Republican Sens. John Cornyn of Texas and Jon Kyl of Arizona, employment verification from a bill by Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Ore., and a guest-worker program put forth by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Sales tax in Kootenai drops by a half cent

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The sales tax in Kootenai County dropped to 5 percent Thursday. More than 6,000 businesses changed their cash registers so they no longer had to charge customers an extra half-cent per dollar on their goods.

million jail expansion. Half the tax increase was set aside for the jail, and half was set aside for property tax relief.

The Kootenai County Commission wanted the extra half-cent sales tax to remain in effect. They say it's needed to pay for a new \$50 million jail expansion. But voters rejected that idea in November.

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Washington legislators mull changes in sex-offender laws

Proposed legislation was prompted by Duncan case

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A triple murder and child abduction in Idaho likely will prompt Washington legislators to mull changes in how convicted sex offenders are treated here.

Joseph E. Duncan III, convicted of child rape in Washington in 1980, is in an Idaho jail, accused of killing several members of a family so he could abduct and sexually assault two young children.

Proposals being floated for the session that begins Jan. 6 include tougher sentences for sex offenders who fail to register with police, lifetime satellite monitoring of convicted sex offenders and renewal of a law that bars offenders from living near schools and other areas where children gather.

"There's going to be a lot of pressure here to do something done," said Rep. Al O'Brien, D-Mountlake Terrace, chairman of the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee.

Rep. Jim Clements, R-Selah, co-chairman of a state task force on sex offender management, said more proposals are likely when the task force releases its recommendations next month.

Duncan, 42, of Fargo, N.D., is charged with three counts of first-degree murder in Kootenai County, Idaho, in the deaths of Brenda Greene, her boyfriend Mark McKenzie and her 13-

year-old son Slade Greene. He has pleaded not guilty, and prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Authorities allege Duncan killed the victims so he could abduct an 8-year-old Shasta Greene and her brother Dylan, 9, for sex.

Federal authorities say they plan to charge Duncan with kidnapping and murder for taking the children to Montana, where Dylan died.

The first task-force proposal calls for electronic monitoring: an ankle or other device linked to Global Positioning System satellites that would enable police to monitor an offender's whereabouts at any time.

"I think most people would

like a test program on some of these folks, especially for transients," Clements said. "A lot of them don't want to tell you where they're living, and they lie."

Another proposal calls for prison time for sex offenders who fail to register with police. The current registration law makes failure to register a Class C felony, typically netting little or no time in a local jail.



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DO-IT-YOURSELF LITIGATION

More Idahoans handling their own court cases

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Some call it the "Home Depot" approach. Others prefer the legal term, pro se litigation. Either way, Idaho is taking pains to let "do-it-yourself"-minded residents handle basic legal matters, without using attorneys.

"There are literally thousands of people without legal assistance resolving cases in magistrate or district court every year," Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder said. "And apparently, that includes a significant number of people who could afford legal counsel."

In 1999, the state began an experiment in do-it-yourself legal representation. Designed to ease the burden on underfunded legal aid programs, the Idaho judiciary opened a few offices across the state to help walk people through undisciplined divorce and other relatively uncomplicated legal matters.

Now those offices operate in 38 counties and cover topics ranging from landlord-tenant disputes to child custody to name changes to power of attorneys.

Idaho's system is fairly cutting edge, providing more services to pro se litigants than most other states, said District Judge Michael Dennard, who oversees the state's court assistance offices. Through a grant from the Legal Services Corp., a nonprofit corporation established by Congress to provide legal aid to low-income people, Idaho is developing an interactive Web site that will allow users to answer questions in either Spanish or English and print out the proper English-language court form.

But other states are also making efforts to help low-income — or simply attorney-free — litigants, according to Legal Services' 2003-2004 annual report.

Colorado is working on electronic filing for pro se litigants, and Montana is building a video conferencing system to allow clients in remote areas to meet with legal services attorneys. Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Washington have all completed studies detailing the legal needs of their low-income populations, according to Legal Services.

More than 60 percent of the people using the service in Idaho are at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level,

said Frances Thompson, the state's lead court assistance officer based in Moscow. But growing numbers are like Boise pharmacist Chris Koller, who used forms downloaded from the state's court assistance Web site to evict a tenant who wasn't paying rent. Koller didn't want to invest his money or his time into finding and hiring an attorney.

"I guess it depended on the chance of an attorney doing better than we would ourselves," Koller said. "Why spend \$500 just talking to a lawyer, when all the forms you need are on one Web site, and it gives you all the steps?"

The eviction went smoothly, Koller said, and as a new landlord he learned a bit about real estate investing along the way. "It was actually a fun learning experience. By us handling this it showed us how we can make a concrete, solid lease. When we were filling out the documents, we didn't have some of the tenant's information like a driver's license number. Now we know what we need next time."

Dennard said that before the court assistance offices became widespread, lawyer-less cases bogged down the courts.

"The system was not very friendly to non-lawyers," Dennard said. "We encourage everyone to get a lawyer because we understand that these are complicated issues. That being said, we want them to do it as good as they can if they're doing it alone."

Pro se litigants shouldn't expect the process to be easy, said Cindy Campbell, a Blackfoot attorney who runs the 7th District's Court Assistance Office. She suspects the increase in pro se litigants may have something to do with the increasing number of do-it-yourself TV shows and self-help books.

"I'm always frustrated with people who call in, upset that it's complicated," Campbell said. "Would you go to the dentist office and do your own root canal? Some of these procedures are that complicated, and can do as much damage legally as if you try to do a root canal yourself and screw it up."

Still, said Patricia, a woman representing herself in an Ada

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Here are some of the services provided by the Idaho Court Assistance Offices that help people represent themselves in family law and civil matters:

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- Legal research assistance from the Idaho State Law Library.
- Workshops on representing yourself in lawsuits.
- Certified court interpreters.
- Toll-free line to have a free, brief legal consultation with an attorney.
- Referral to mediators and legal services provided by government and nonprofit agencies.
- Access to programs to protect minor children whose parents are involved in custody or divorce cases.

County divorce who asked that her last name not be used, the court assistance offices fill a need. She didn't qualify for an attorney through Legal Aid, but couldn't afford to hire one herself, either.

"It's not that you want it to be

free, but you've got to be able to afford it," Patricia said. "So I just looked up the forms on the Internet at the library and then came to the courthouse to pick them up. It's an excellent resource, and they can help even if you're not real educated."

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Study reports Hanford plant mismanagement

Construction project would cost much more than estimated

SEATTLE (AP) — Construction of a new plant to treat radioactive waste at the Hanford nuclear reservation could cost as much as 67 percent more than first estimated and take an additional four years, a newspaper reported Thursday.

"The report confirms earlier accounts of the skyrocketing cost to build the plant and once again raises concerns about its future."

The vitrification plant is being designed to convert radioactive waste into glasslike logs for permanent disposal in a nuclear waste repository. The project has encountered numerous problems and delays in the past decade, and the U.S. Department of Energy slowed construction on large portions of the plant several months ago amid rising costs and seismic concerns.

The Energy Department, which manages cleanup at the south-central Washington site, requested a review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers last year after a report showed the DOE had underestimated the impact a severe earthquake would have on the plant.

The corps' report, completed in May, estimated costs could soar nearly \$4 billion, from \$5.8 billion to \$9.8 billion, making it among the most costly construction projects in the country, The Seattle Times reported.

The plant also might not be completed until 2015, four years after the 2011 deadline mandated under the Tri-Party Agreement, the cleanup pact signed by state and federal officials, according to the corps' report.

The Energy Department has repeatedly refused to release the corps' report or a new cost estimate or schedule for completing the project. The Times said a copy of the report was leaked to the newspaper.

The report confirms an estimate Congress announced earlier this year, which found the cost could rise as high as \$10 billion. The Energy Department notified state officials and members of Congress two months ago that the cost would rise by more than 25 percent



Workers are shown among pipes at a waste treatment plant being built at the Hanford nuclear reservation near Richland, Wash., in this 2004 file photo. The plant could cost billions of dollars more than first estimated and take an additional four years, a newspaper reported on Thursday.

and that the department likely would not meet the deadline.

State officials are considering whether they will need to go to court to enforce cleanup deadlines.

"We're not interested in suing the federal government, we're not interested in having a federal judge control the cleanup budget, but we don't have a lot of other options," said Jay Manning, director of the state Department of Ecology.

The Energy Department and Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman already are taking steps to address problems with the project, including some of those detailed in the report, department spokesman Mike Waldron said Wednesday.

"When the issues related to the waste treatment plant came to the secretary's attention, he immediately began to personally review the project," Waldron said. "And he has been engaged in formulating a path forward."

The corps also cannot confirm the estimates of cost and schedule overruns, so the department did not want to release unproven information, Waldron said. "Our intention is not to add any speculation but rather to make commitments that we can keep based on verifiable facts," Waldron said.

Atheist group demands removal of memorials for Utah officers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An atheist advocacy group sued the Utah Highway Patrol and Utah Department of Transportation on Thursday seeking the removal of large state cross memorials from state property that honor troopers killed in the line of duty.

American Atheists Inc. contends the placement of the crosses, which carry the Highway Patrol's beehive logo, in state rights of way is an unconstitutional promotion of Christianity.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, seeks \$1 in damages, a court determination that the use of the UHP logo on the crosses is unconstitutional, a court order that the logo be removed and that the crosses be removed from government property. The Utah Department of Administrative Services is also named in the lawsuit.

This is the first lawsuit of its kind American Atheists has filed and, if successful, it might file lawsuits seeking the removal of similar crosses in other states, said Ellen Johnson, president of American Atheists in a telephone interview from Parsippany, N.J.

"We'll see how this case goes, but these crosses are going up everywhere," Johnson said. "We end up with little shrines everywhere."

The 12-foot crosses are often found on the side of state highways and rest stops. They bear

the names and badge numbers of state troopers killed in the line of duty on the horizontal section of the cross, with the year the individual died and the Highway Patrol logo beneath that on the vertical section.

"It gives the impression that government is endorsing a religion here," said Michael Rivers, Utah state director of American Atheists. Rivers is listed as a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

"We know the religionists are going to scream at us and say we're discriminating against them. But we're just asking that they play on the same level we do," Rivers said.

UDOT has a policy that allows only three types of roadside memorials — planting wildflowers along a highway; sponsoring a stretch of road under the Adopt-A-Highway program; and establishing a memorial safety sign with a message such as "Drowsy Driving Kills" and the crash victim's name. But the policy specifically bans placing religious symbols on state rights of way, saying all private memorials will be removed.

The transportation department had not seen the lawsuit Thursday and could not comment on it, said spokesman Brent Wilhite.

The Highway Patrol is signaling its intent to keep the memorials up.

"Our statement right now

without seeing (the lawsuit) is we stand behind our troopers and the sacrifice they made, which is the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Utah. Obviously we're going to try to keep those crosses there in their memory," said Trooper Jeff Nigbur, Utah Highway Patrol spokesman.

The crosses were erected by the Utah Highway Patrol Association beginning in the 1990s. The association is a private, nonprofit organization created to support state patrol officers and acknowledge their service. Former association president Sgt. Todd Royce said the crosses aren't necessarily meant to be religious symbols.

"We see the crosses as being international signs of memorial, very similar to the crosses in Arlington National Cemetery," Royce said.

The lawsuit contends three plaintiffs, all members of American Atheists, suffered direct and personal contact with the crosses and were brought into unwelcome personal contact with them or were forced to alter their behavior to avoid contact with the crosses.

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Mayor's computer revealed

His hard drive included thousands of nude pictures

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An index of gay-themed Internet Web pages that Mayor Jim West visited from his city-owned laptop computer was released this week.

The 107-page index does not contain individual Web site addresses Adams County Superior Court Judge Richard Miller ordered them redacted to protect the privacy of third parties.

On Nov. 18, Miller ordered the release of an index that shows the dates and times West used the computer to visit Gay.com and other gay-themed Web sites, but not the pages or images he viewed. The index shows when the mayor looked at main Web pages and jpeg images in March, April and May of this year.

As West has claimed, most visits were made after 5 p.m. or on weekends.

West, who is the subject of a Dec. 6 recall election because of a City Hall sex scandal involving gay men, unsuccessfully tried to prevent release of the contents of his computer's hard drive, saying they were private and the Internet sites were accessed during off-work hours.

The index was made from a copy of West's computer hard drive the FBI made as part of its public corruption investigation. No charges have been filed and West continues to deny wrongdoing.

Although the Web addresses of individual pages and "profiles" were X'd out, Miller said the hard drive contained 3,000 images, including 11 of explicit sexual activity and 100 pictures of male genitalia or buttocks.

After reviewing the contents of the mayor's hard drive, Miller concluded many of the images show either torso pictures of shirtless men.

There was no text with the photos, he said.

The recall election charge alleges West abused his office by offering a City Hall internship in expectation of sexual favors, to a person he met in a Gay.com chat room and believed to be an escort girl named "The chat partner" was actually a computer expert hired by The Spokesman-Review newspaper to track West's online activities. On May 5, the newspaper began publishing a series of articles about West's online efforts to communicate with men in gay chat rooms, as well as several young men's accounts of consensual sex or what they termed sexual harassment by the mayor.

The Spokesman-Review, The Associated Press and several other media organizations had filed requests to view the gay-themed contents of the hard drive.

Miller was assigned the case after Spokane County Superior Court judges recused themselves.

Miller concluded the information was a public record because of several investigations under way to determine if West acted appropriately while

in office. Miller said he would not allow access to "profiles" of members of the gay Web sites dating service because those people had expectations of privacy.

City policy allows employees to make limited use of city equipment to access the Internet for private reasons, but a lawyer hired by the Spokane City Council concluded the mayor violated the computer policy and state law.

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James Robert Ross Sr., 700 Linden St., Buhl, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-42980.
Celeste Fairchild, also known as Celeste Barron, 23 S. 750 E. Declo, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case No. 05-42319.
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Peter Waldner, 280 N. Main St., Eden, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case No. 05-42922.
Anna Rita Aueksis, also known as Anna R. Aueksis, 106 Juniper Road, Sun Valley, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case No. 05-42943.
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Health, 180 W. First St., No. 306, Ketchum, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case No. 05-42958.
John Charles Boyd and Jessica Joyce Boyd, 709 E. Main St., Jerome, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case No. 05-42965.
Jimmy Ray Jones, 430 Ostrander N., Twin Falls, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case No. 05-42965.
Rick Lee Waites and Geryllyn P. Waites, 3240 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case No. 05-43158.
Donald Greg Magdely, 1179 Imperial Drive, Twin Falls, individual, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case No. 05-43244.

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- Earl A. Boyer and Sonya D. Boyer, doing business as United Clothing Photo, 3635 N. 300 E., Kimberly, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case No. 05-43282.
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Jodie Elaine Gamache, 1905 Otterton, Twin Falls, individual, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case No. 05-43558.
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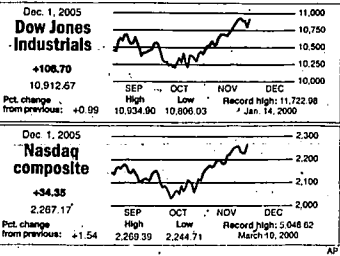
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The new design for the currency was unveiled during a ceremony in New York City in September. Bureau of Engraving and Printing Director Tom Ferguson said the lead time gives operators of vending machines and other devices that accept currency time to make the changes needed to recog-

nize the new bills.
It also allows time for a public information campaign so that consumers, clerks and other people who handle the bills will not be taken by surprise by the changes.
Some people could see the new \$10 bill as early as March but the introduction in any given area of the country

will depend on the demand by commercial banks for the new \$10s to replace worn-out bills.
The average life-span for a \$10 bill is three years while \$1 bills last only about 22 months.
As all currency changes, the old bills maintain their value as long as they are in cir-

ulation.
Plans call for the \$10 bill to be redesigned in 2007, a change that was delayed to allow for more security features to be added to what is the favorite denomination of counterfeiters outside the United States. There are no plans to change the \$20 or \$5 bills as long as they are in cir-



Stocks rise as inflation fears ease; Dow up 106

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street had an auspicious start to December Thursday, with stocks soaring as investors welcomed inflation fears. Economic data and hopes the November rally would continue through year-end. The Dow Jones industrials climbed 106 points.
Investors were heartened by a finding in the Commerce Department's personal income and spending report showing scant inflationary pressures. And, with incomes rising 0.2 percent and spending rising 0.2 percent, the market felt consumers could be well positioned for a strong holiday shopping season, while lower prices could bring an end to the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes.
The news was enough to overcome some worried retail sales reports. It also brought newfound confidence to investors, who piled into small-cap, riskier stocks as enthusiasm over a step to interest rate increases grew.
"Investors have their rally caps on for year end, and we're doing it with speculation," said Jack Abbin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. "With a good inflation report and strong growth, it seems to be the perfect elixir for Wall Street."
The Dow rose 106.70, or 0.99 percent, to 10,912.57. The move higher nearly reversed the market's previous three days of losses.
Broader stock indicators also rose sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 15.19, or 1.22 percent, to 1,264.67, and the Nasdaq composite index surged 34.35, or 1.54 percent, to 2,267.17.
Bond prices edged lower, continuing the three past sessions of selling, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.52 percent from 4.49 percent late Thursday. The dollar was higher against other major currencies, while gold prices rose above \$500 per ounce to new 18-year highs.

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Table listing various bean futures contracts with their respective prices and changes.

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Table listing grain futures contracts including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

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Dec. 9 deadline set for Knight Ridder buyers

PHILADELPHIA — Investors willing to pay billions for Knight Ridder's chain of daily newspapers and Web sites have until Dec. 9 to put together their final bids, according to people familiar with the process. Blackstone Group of New York is part of a coalition of private equity investors that is considering submitting an initial bid to Knight Ridder Inc.'s advisers, a member of the group said Thursday.

Mortgages

Continued from D1. A report by investors earlier this year, an analyst at Morgan Stanley said Knight Ridder, which has 32 daily newspapers in 29 markets, could be worth \$7.5 billion, but Wall Street remains skeptical, with Knight Ridder sales closing Thursday at \$60.33, up 53 cents. The New York Stock Exchange, at that time, Knight Ridder is worth \$4.1 billion.

The federal government and its sponsored mortgage investment companies, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, which guard the nation's mortgage market, have taken measures to give borrowers more time to pay after Katrina, but they announced the new 90-day moratorium on all loans in the affected area and gave companies the option of delaying payments up to a year on a case-by-case basis.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A DENTAL SCHOOL WITH A HOCKEY TEAM

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FINISHED!

I WOULD RATHER BE SO IMPRESSED!

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HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KID.

I REALLY THINK I COULD HAVE LOVED YOU... IF ONLY YOU COULD TALK LIKE A NORMAL PERSON.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

GREAT THE ONLY SEAT IS NEXT TO HAMMERHEAD BOB.

I'M LEARNING ESP SO I CAN START BUTTING INTO PEOPLE'S PRIVATE THOUGHTS.

I SENSE ANNOYANCE, YET THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CAUSE.

Doonesbury By Gary Trudeau

HEY! WE'RE ALL GOING FOR PIZZA AND A MOVIE TONIGHT WANNABE COME?

NO THANKS.

HOW COME YOU DON'T WANT THEM APRIL?

I DON'T WANNA GO ANYWHERE AND I DON'T WANNA BE WITH ANYONE WHO KNOWS THE FEELING.

CAUSE NOBODY EVER WANTS ME!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

It's birthday of famous American today Enjoy cup of cake.

Whose birthday, Ludmilla?

Printny Spears! I am large fan of Printny!

I am slave for you I know I am shy. But like dancing with a guy.

Go get it! Go get it!

I'm sorry I asked.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

I GOT SOME PHOTOS MADE TO ME, BUT I DROPPED THE PACKAGE AND NOW THERE'S HOTA DASH THERE? CAN YOU SQUAT ME?

JUST BEND DOWN AND PICK IT UP, YOU MORON.

I CAN'T LOOK...

FINE! AN ANKLE! BUT WHAT ABOUT GREED VS NEED, HAH! MAYBE I'M A BOBBY HOOD!

YOU'RE A BOBBY HOOD! BOB!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WATCH THIS --- GOLFERS ALWAYS WANT TO TAKE A MULLIGAN.

STOP HERE FOR REVIEW

Luann By Greg Evans

OKAY! I TOOK ONE OR TWO OF YOUR STUPID ANIMALS FOR THE DRIVE SO SQUAT ME?

ONE OR TWO?

OK, A COUPLE

A FEW

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

MS. CARR, I WOULD'VE DONE MY SOCIAL STUDIES HOMEWORK...

BUT I MIGHT BE WANNA BE A JUDGE SOMEDAY...

AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT LEAVING A PAPER TRAIL...

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU STUPID PIG?

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JUST BEND DOWN AND PICK IT UP, YOU MORON.

I CAN'T LOOK...

FRIGHTENING, ISN'T IT? MORE THAN YOU KNOW!

Pickles By Brian Crane

POOR EARL, I KNOW IT'S NO FUN HAVING YOUR HAND SUPER GLUED TO YOUR CHIN.

BUT I MUST ADMIT, IT DOES GIVE YOU THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN WHO IS PONDERING SOME WEIGHTY PROBLEM.

OH, I'M PONDERING SOME WEIGHTY PROBLEM, ALL RIGHT.

LIKE HOW THE HECK AM I GOING TO GET THIS SHIRT OFF?

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

LET ME CHECK MY LIST... THE FULL MOON BY A COME-WITH-ER-GANCE FROM ACROSS THE SCOOBY?

UHHH! I TOLD ROSE I WAS LEAVING HER A LOVE NOTE ON A REFRIGERATOR.

CALLING IT ELECTRICAL! GARE P! WELL, FORTUNATELY BRUCE IS A SORT OF ROMANTIC!

Zita By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, WEREN?

YOUR ATTITUDE BETTER CHANGE, AND IT BETTER CHANGE QUICK.

IF YOUR FATHER WAS DEAD HE'D BE SPINNING IN HIS GRAVE!

JUST WHEN I THINK MY LIFE CAN'T GET ANY NERDIER, MY MOM OPENS HER MOUTH.

Be on your best behavior, Aries

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF DEC. 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The best attitude to cultivate this month is pride in your ability to cope with obligations. In the year ahead you can gather important experiences that will help build inner confidence. What is deemed dearest to your heart may undergo an important shift as the year unfolds and your motivations change. With Uranus sending signals towards your part of the zodiac between December and March life may be overwhelmingly exciting and you may receive applause from the public. Latch onto helpful opportunities in March then buckle down to maintaining a fresh and unfettered lifestyle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Some days you want too much, too fast. Misunderstandings are possible so be on your best behavior and don't jump to conclusions. Keep your pride in the drawer to avoid a risky venture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Just say no. Pass up an invitation for a date with a new romantic prospect and don't go shopping for early Christmas presents. You aren't likely to receive lasting pleasure from either.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have the knack of ferreting out the truth so pay attention to habits and get a grip on finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go read a good book or tackle a research project. Imagination may tangle up your cash or your heart in a web of confusion. Avoid all shopping sprees and first dates under these stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cupid's arrows could have some barbs. It may not even have been Cupid who shot them. Be a bit skeptical of offers and deals placed on the table, whether for business or pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Clean your house or your desk. A little organization will give you an efficient backdrop for fun and games later this weekend. Don't become involved in new romantic entanglements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It may be best to play "Let's not make a deal." Steer clear of signing important contracts and making promises. Spending should be put on hold and love put on the back burner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Things aren't always what they seem. Under these cosmic conditions, the tug on your heart or your wallet may be a false alarm. Take a "time out" from pursuing an attractive new hookup.

Non Sequiter By Wiley

THE REALLY GREAT NEWS IS NOT LISTENING IN YOUR BETTER INTERESTS YOU

WELL, TECHNICALLY LISTENING TO YOUR BETTER INTERESTS YOU

WELL, I THINK I KNOW WHEN THE WHEELS AREN'T TURNING YET.

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THE PARADOXY THAT CONSUMES STEPHEN HAWKING'S SPINE TIME!

Beetle Bailey



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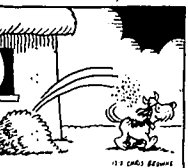
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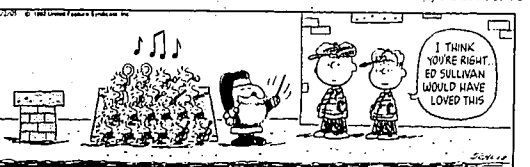
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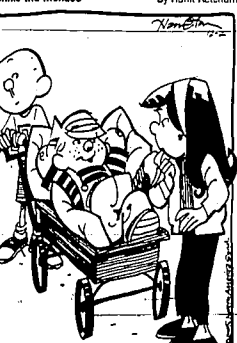
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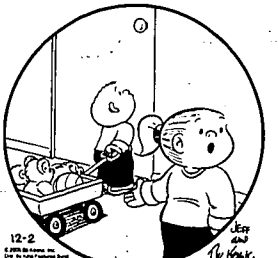
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Dennis the Menace



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



By Bil Keane

"PJ's running away from home, but he can't reach the doorknob."

When fan turns on the soaps, she also tunes out the world



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Myra," and I have been married more than 50 years, and all she does is watch soap operas every afternoon. I have invited her to lunch and other outings only to be told, "OK, but I gotta be home by noon to watch my shows."

The mailman or UPS arrives with a package between noon and 1 and I'm not there. Myra ignores the bell. We have three adult children. If any of them call during that time, she'll refuse to talk to them even if it's an emergency. Once, it was our older daughter calling to say our son had been taken to the hospital with a major heart attack. Myra's sister died of a stroke one afternoon two years ago. My wife didn't learn about it until the following morning.

On weekends, Myra is always in a bad mood because she says, "My soaps aren't on today." (The housecleaning doesn't get done then, either, unless I do it.) What's wrong with people like her? It's not the housework, Abby. I just wish my wife would realize there's more to life than soap operas. Can you think of a way to convince her to get a life, so to speak?

-BORED HUSBAND IN AKRON, OHIO
DEAR HUSBAND: I'll try, but you need to realize that you are dealing with someone who is severely addicted. Your wife gets a "rush" from watching her "soaps," and as her behavior on weekends shows, she goes into withdrawal if she doesn't get her "fix."

However, as to convincing your spouse "to get a life" and start living it with you, it may already be too late for that. So make sure you have a life of your own by inviting others to join you for lunch and other outings. That might be what it takes to sober her up.

There may be a solution to

this problem. Cable television companies now offer cable boxes that allow viewers to record their favorite television shows on a hard drive for later viewing. I recommend you look into it. If it's not available in your area, visit an electronics store and see what recording devices it has in stock.

I am afraid that Peggy would take it upon herself to reprimand my son and nephew and solicit money from them. What

number of pieces, turned and fired. The gravesite, instead, the fewer steps they took. The aggrieved dueler could stop the duel at any time.

Models aren't really an accurate model

Models weigh an average of 23 percent less than an average woman; 20 years ago, they weighed only 8 percent less.

Not all duellers were men. In 1792, Lady Alberta Blandock challenged Mrs. Elphinstone to a duel for spreading stories about her true age. An exchange of gunshots in London's Hyde Park damaged Lady Alberta's hat. The combatants continued with swords until Mrs. Elphinstone received a wound on the arm. She agreed to write out a formal apology, and the ladies went their separate ways.

Traditionally, duels were fought between two members of the same social class. In a pistol duel, the parties stood back-to-back, walked a set

Motor vehicles in Yellowstone National Park killed six bears last year.

Adolf Hitler originally dubbed the VW Bug the Kraft-durch-Freude Wagen, meaning "Strength Through Joy Car." Luckily, more market-savvy minds convinced Hitler to go with Volkswagen ("People's Car") instead.

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Scientists detect reservoirs of ice under Mars' surface

Los Angeles Times
Using sophisticated radar aboard the European Mars Express spacecraft, scientists have for the first time peered into the heart of Mars, uncovering ancient geological structures and reservoirs of ice more than a mile beneath the surface.
"We're looking at the third dimension on Mars, something no other mission has done before," Agustín Chicarro, project scientist for the European Space Agency, said during a news conference Wednesday from ESA's Paris headquarters.

Chicarro said instruments aboard the spacecraft, which has been orbiting Mars since December 2003, have revealed what looks like an ancient impact basin in the temperate region and fresh stores of ice near the North Pole.
The craft's ground radar, known as the Mars Advanced Radar for Subsurface and Ionospheric Sounding, did not, however, uncover any evidence of liquid water underground.

"We certainly can say we observed a significant amount of subsurface water in the form of ice," said team member Jeffrey Plaut of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "But there's no current evidence yet for subsurface liquid water."
The question of liquid water on Mars is key to determining whether some form of rudimentary life could have, or still might, exist on Mars. Although the Martian surface is too inhospitable to support life as we

know it, scientists have speculated that rudimentary life forms could exist in relatively warm, subsurface pools.
In the North Pole scan, scientists were able to penetrate through about a mile of ice to subsurface soils, the boundary region where a pool might form. But polar temperatures plunge to minus 200 degrees Fahrenheit, too cold for any melting, even at great depths and much too cold for any kind of life similar to that on Earth.
But in the more temperate

mid-latitudes, "you don't have to go too deep to have temperatures that would allow liquid," Plaut said in a telephone interview from Paris.
The team's findings were presented in series of papers published this week by the journals Science and Nature.
Plaut emphasized that Mars Express was just beginning to scout the interior of Mars. In the next year, controllers on Earth will be specifically looking for the radar signature of liquid water in the temperate areas,

where the air temperature can occasionally rise to 32 degrees.
Other instruments aboard the spacecraft, sent into space aboard a Soyuz launcher from Kazakhstan in June 2003, filled in the portrait of the ancient Mars, depicting a planet that now appears much less friendly to life than previously thought.
"We may have to revise some of our early views," said Gerhard Neukum, the investigator on the craft's high-resolution stereo camera. "It wasn't so warm and it wasn't so wet."

Saturn's largest moon has dramatic weather

Scientists say methane-shrouded Titan may have lightning storms

PARIS (AP) — Saturn's planet-size moon Titan has dramatic weather, with freezing temperatures, carbon- and nitrogen-rich clouds, and possibly lightning, scientists said at a news conference, describing a world that may have looked like Earth before life developed.
The European Space Agency's probe landed on Titan in January, uncovering some mysteries of the methane-rich globe — the only moon in the solar system known to have a thick atmosphere. Scientists presented detailed results of months of study in the online edition of the journal Nature and at a news conference in Paris this week.

"It's a very strange fantasy world made of ice, with things like gasoline and tar that make up the rivers and the lake beds," said scientist Jonathan Lunine of the University of Arizona, who asked how he would explain the finding to a child.
"If you try to walk around on it, your feet might get stuck in some places, you'll slide down into methane rivers in other places, and you'd better watch out for the ammonia volcanoes," he said. "And absolutely bring a big heavy coat, because it's really cold — and bring a tank of oxygen because there's no oxygen to breathe, but don't light a match."
Titan has long intrigued re-

searchers because it is surrounded by a thick blanket of nitrogen and methane. Until recently, scientists believed the most likely explanation for the methane was the presence of a methane-rich sea of hydrocarbons.
The Huygens probe and its mother ship, Cassini, have offered evidence against that theory. The \$3.3 billion Cassini-Huygens mission to explore Saturn and its moons was launched in 1997 from Cape Canaveral, a joint effort involving NASA, ESA and the Italian space agency.
Titan's clouds are made from molecules that include carbon and nitrogen — compounds generated in photochemical smog and circulated by rain and the atmosphere, the researchers reported in Nature.
They said there was no reason to believe Titan's methane is a

product of biological activity.
Yet more methane is appearing, constantly and may burst from ice volcanoes or fall as rain, researchers said, describing riverbed and drainage channels spotted during the craft's descent Jan. 14.
Scientists described the moon's freezing temperatures: 290 degrees below zero on the surface. The atmosphere has distinct layers and may offer evidence of lightning.
Titan's smoggy atmosphere may be similar to that of the primordial Earth, and scientists believe that studying it could provide clues to how life began.
The first results from the Huygens probe were released in January. Black-and-white photos showed a rugged terrain of ridges, peaks, vein-like channels and apparently dry lakebeds on the moon 740 million miles away.

Caffeine found to perk up the brain

CHICAGO — Caffeine is the most widely used stimulant in the world, consumed in coffee, tea and soft drinks by hundreds of millions of people each day. In the morning, a cup of coffee is a pick-me-up during the day. That people like the jolt they get from caffeine is no secret, but what caffeine does in the brain has been unknown.
Now a team of Austrian researchers using advanced brain imaging technology have discovered that caffeine makes people more alert by perking up part of the brain involved in short-term memory, the kind that helps focus attention on the tasks at hand.
And Americans seem most in need of concentrating their thoughts since their average daily intake of 236 milligrams of caffeine, equivalent to more than 4.5 cups of coffee, is three times the world average.
"Almost all of us drink coffee or something with caffeine in it, and we know why, because we want to be more awake or feel better," said Dr. Florian Koppelstaetter, director of the Medical University Innsbruck in Austria.
"We wanted to know what effect one to two cups of coffee would have on short-term memory."

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"The findings revealed increased activity in the frontal lobe, where working memory is centered, and the anterior cingulate, which controls attention, in volunteers after consuming 100 milligrams of caffeine, the equivalent of about two cups of coffee. These areas showed no increased activity when the subjects drank the same fluid without caffeine in it.
"The increased activity means you are more able to focus," Koppelstaetter said. "You have more attention and your task management is better.
Short-term memory lasts about 30 to 45 seconds and stores a small amount of information. Long-term memory stores an unlimited amount of information for an unlimited amount of time.
"What is exciting is that by means of MRI we are able to see that caffeine exerts increases in neuronal activity in distinct parts of the brain going along with changes in behavior," Koppelstaetter said.

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Section E

2006 CHEVROLET HHR

Form and function meet fun!

RoadWorthy
By Ken Chesler, Jr.
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With distinctive styling, a spacious, easily configurable interior and economical engines, the all-new Chevrolet HHR suits any lifestyle. Borrowing elements from the 1949 Chevrolet Suburban SUV and the SSR roadster, the front-wheel drive HHR is uniquely identifiable — anywhere. Based on the automaker's Delta global small car platform, its chassis architecture provides the fundamental structural integrity that gave Chevrolet engineers the ability to fine-tune road feel with excellent ride and handling characteristics.

The HHR is a four-door vehicle with a rear touchpad liftgate. Its high roof evokes the look of the 1949 Chevrolet Suburban, while other exterior or cues carry the expressive attributes of the SSR roadster — all part of Chevrolet's design language.

All HHR models include an impressive roster of standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, power outside mirrors and remote keyless entry. In addition, every HHR sound system features an auxiliary channel and front-mounted auxiliary input jack, so that an iPod or other audio source can be played through the vehicle audio system. A powerful, 260-watt Pioneer enhanced-performance audio system with sub woofer is available.

Built at the automaker's Ramos Arizpe, SL, Mexico, manufacturing complex, the HHR is available in LS, 1LT and 2LT trim levels. Standard power for the HHR is provided by an Ecotec 2.2L four-cylinder engine, with an Ecotec 2.4L four-cylinder mill available. Torque is communicated to the street through the standard Getrag F23 five-speed manual gearbox. The optional Hydra-Matic 4T45-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic includes the company's Remote Vehicle Starter System.

On the road, the HHR is responsive from rest — easy to maneuver at speed — with handling and control that are safe and predictable. Starting with the rigid foundation provided by the Delta chassis architecture, the HHR uses a independent MacPherson strut-type suspension with a



The all-new 2006 Chevrolet HHR exterior carries the expressive attributes of the SSR roadster

2006 Chevrolet HHR by the Numbers

WHEELBASE: 103.5; overall length: 176.2; width: 69.1; height: 63.1 — measurements in inches.

ENGINE: 2.2L four-cylinder — 143 hp at 5,600 rpm and 150 lb-ft of torque; 2.4L four-cylinder — 172 hp at 6,200 rpm and 162 lb-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm.

TRANSMISSION: five-speed manual, four-speed electronically-controlled automatic. EPA fuel economy: 2.2L/2.4L four-cylinder engines — 22 city/30 hwy. (manual); 23 city/30 hwy. (automatic).

stabilizer bar up front and a semi-independent torsion beam suspension with a stabilizer bar at the rear. Two suspension systems are available: FE1 on the base and midrange models and the FE3 for the top-of-the-line model.

The FE1 suspension is tuned for a softer ride and includes 16-inch wheels. The FE3 offers sportier handling traits and standard 17-inch wheels and monobuck shocks, which provide im-

Price: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Chevrolet HHR starts from \$15,425 for the LS; \$16,425 for the 1LT; and \$18,225 for the 2LT model.

CARGO CAPACITY: 83.1 cu. ft.

PAYLOAD CAPACITY: 900 lbs.

TOWING CAPACITY: 1,000 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES:

Dual front airbags, remote keyless entry, automatic power door locks, daytime running lamps, PASS-Key III+ vehicle security system and engine immobilizer. 2LT adds fog

lights and four-wheel anti-lock brakes. Optional safety features include OnStar communications system, head curtain side-impact airbags and electronic traction control.

WARRANTY: Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Corrosion: 6-year/100,000 mile. Roadside assistance: 3-year/36,000 mile, 24-hour.

contribute to the interior style. Interior color combinations feature darker colors on upper sections of the interior and lighter colors for the lower sections.

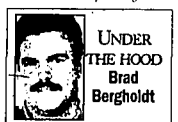
Quality is also conveyed in the tailored seats, which provide firmer support, sculpture and plenty of comfort for long drives. The 60/40-split rear seat folds flat with the cargo floor and offers generous and comfortable seating for three, along with good legroom.

Additional clever and useful configuration options include the following: an auxiliary glove box with flip-up cover located at the top center of the instrument panel; the front passenger seat folds fully flat, extending the total load length from the liftgate to the instrument panel; and the center armrest of the front seats is integrated into the seat back frame, so it is out of the way when pivoted into a stowed position.

The thoughtfully designed cargo area features a primary load floor that can become a shelf when raised and mounted approximately one foot higher. The shelf can be mounted level or at a 45-degree angle to provide quick access to the cargo beneath it when the liftgate is opened. A five-inch deep recessed bin below the load floor can conceal 2.8 cu. ft. of additional storage capability. The spare tire is located beneath the bin. There are two storage bins located forward of the load floor, nestled behind the rear seat. Plastic bag holders are conveniently located under the cargo shelf and there is a carpeted cargo mat.

Out of the clear blue sky

Q. My 1988 Mustang has an excellent idle. However, when I stop at a traffic light/stop sign occasionally the engine will shudder, shaking the car a little and then die. It does not matter if it is winter or summer or if the car has been driven just a few miles or many miles around town completely warmed up. I can go days or many miles without the engine dying. Then out of the clear blue sky the engine will



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

shudder and die and it may or may not happen again during that drive.

A friend told me it might be caused by a faulty fuel pressure pulsation dampener. Because of the age of the car, this part has been difficult to purchase. Do you agree? Or, what else might be causing this problem?

—Jim Thomas, Huntsville, Ala.

A. If there's one thing I've learned in this business, it's that anything is possible. I believe the occasional roughness and stall-out caused by a dirty throttle body, a sticking idle air bypass valve or a dirty exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) control solenoid valve-filter. Let's check these areas before considering replacement of the pulsation dampener.

Modern vehicles use an idle air control (IAC) valve to regulate idle speed. Most IACs are an electric solenoid/pintle valve, which allows a metered quantity of air to sneak around the closed throttle, providing cold-start, fast idle and compensation for accessory loads. The powertrain control module (PCM) pulses the IAC as needed to obtain desired idle speed. A sticky IAC or dirty throttle can cause roughness/stall-out during abrupt maneuvers such as a rapid stop or sudden U-turn. Throttlebody dirtiness occurs because of carbon build-up and can be easily cleaned, using an approved solvent and a rag.

EGR valves deliver a small quantity of exhaust gas back through the engine a second time, reducing oxides of nitrogen, a toxic exhaust emission. EGR operation does affect engine performance and must be accurately controlled to provide acceptable drivability. A solenoid valve, somewhat similar to the IAC, delivers vacuum to the EGR valve's diaphragm at part throttle and above (never while idling). A vent filter prevents vacuum from being accidentally trapped as the engine returns to idle. Should the EGR valve linger on during a rapid stop because of a dirty vent filter, extreme roughness and stall-out are likely. The filter resides beneath a plastic snap-off cap atop the EGR control solenoid.



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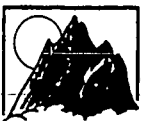
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