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# Truck tumbles near bridge



Steve Nielson, right, helps to retrieve a tractor trailer that was involved in an accident after it slid off of Clear Lakes Road north of Buhl. The driver of the vehicle, Jeremiah Lott, 20, of Jerome, was killed in the accident.

## Driver dies in accident just north of Buhl

**By Blair Koch**  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — A steep road grade and equipment failure was all it took Thursday morning to create an accident that took the life of a local man.

According to Idaho State Police, Jeremiah Lott, 20, of Jerome, was driving a J & C Custom manure hauling semi-truck southbound at about 9 a.m. on Clear Lakes Road when the trailer's lead spring broke, causing a load of compost to shift.

At that point, the police report indicates, the trailer pulled the truck off the roadway and into a cliff embankment. The truck then fell approximately 25 feet,

jecting the driver. Lott was pronounced dead at the scene.

Lott apparently worked for Buck Patterson, who was leasing the truck. "He was the most respectable kid you would ever meet," said Patterson, who noted that Lott was hired only a month ago.

Bob Kees, of J & C Custom LLC in Twin Falls, arrived on the scene and noted that the truck was hauling "new earth," or compost.

Unfortunately, another accident occurred on the same stretch of road as tow operators were completing the extraction of the tractor trailer.

According to witnesses, a disabled vehicle was left unattended on the south-

bound lane of the Clear Lakes Road bridge, which caused traffic to slow. As one southbound vehicle attempted to pass the disabled vehicle, another southbound vehicle impacted the passing vehicle.

It was unknown at press time whether or not anyone was injured in that accident.

"We just finished with the other wreck," said Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Selnek. "It has been quite the day."

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# Turnout is huge for Iraqi election

Roughly 70 percent of voters cast ballots on a relatively peaceful day

**The Associated Press**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Millions of Iraqis, from tribal sheiks to entire families with children in tow, turned out Thursday to choose a parliament in a mostly peaceful election — among the freest ever in the Arab world.

So many Sunni Arabs voted that ballots ran out in some places. The strong participation by Sunnis, the backbone of the insurgency, bolstered U.S. hopes that the election could produce a broad-based government capable of ending the daily suicide attacks and other violence that have ravaged the country since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Difficult times lie ahead, however. The coalition of religious Shiite parties that dominates the current government is expected to win the biggest portion of the 275 seats, but will almost certainly need to compromise with rival factions, with widely differing views, to form a government.

Up to 11 million of the nation's 15 million registered voters took part, election officials estimated, which would put Please see IRAQ, Page A2



A supporter of the Shiite religious bloc United Iraqi Alliance shows ink on all of his fingers Thursday during a demonstration in Baghdad.

# HOLD the phone

More people than ever are gabbing while driving

**By Ken Thomas**  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — More people than ever are turning their cars into personal phone booths, with a million and a half drivers gabbing on cell phones at any given time. Women and young people are the most common yakkers.

About 10 percent of the people on the road during the day are using cell phones, up from 8 percent in 2004, the government reported Thursday.

Six percent of drivers were holding the phones to their cars, up from 5 percent last year.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which issued the report, recommends that motorists use cell phones while driving only during an emergency.

Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and the District of Columbia prohibit talking on hand-held cell phones while driving. The new data could add fuel to the debate over whether drivers should be fined in their use of cell phones on the nation's highways.

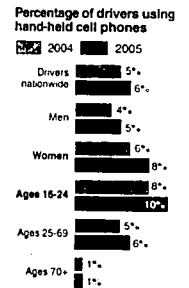
Cities such as Chicago and Santa Fe, N.M., require hands-free devices in automobiles. But eight states — Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma and Oregon — bar local governments from restricting cell phone use in vehicles, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Researchers have tried to figure out the possible risks of driving and dialing. A study published by the British Medical Journal in July found drivers using cell phones were four times as likely to get into a crash that could cause injuries serious enough to land them in the hospital.

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## On the road, on the phone

Younger drivers and women are more likely than others to be holding a cell phone while behind the wheel.



SOURCE: National Occupant Protection Use Survey, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

# These cold temperatures will likely stick around

**By Terry Smith**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Brrrrrrr — and it's not likely to go away soon.

How cold is it? It's so cold that Idaho Power customers used a record amount of electricity on Thursday.

The cause of the cold temperatures? An air inversion that refuses to go away.

Temperatures in southern Idaho for the past nine days have continued below seasonal norms.

According to the National Weather Service, Twin Falls reached a high of 27 on Wednesday, nine degrees below normal. The low that day was 6. The norm is 19.

A year ago Wednesday the high was 56 and the low was 31,

## City of Buhl tells its residents to keep their water running

**The Times-News**

stream of cold water about the size of a pencil to keep service lines — those delivering water from the city main line to homes — from freezing.

Highbarger says that the problem is widespread throughout Buhl and that people should keep the water running when the temperature lowers to 10.

The city will not read meters this month, so the extra water used will not result in higher water bills.

The department suggests a



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cold temperatures persist despite any sunshine. Highs middle 20s. Tonight: A chilly night on tap. Lows upper single digits. Tomorrow: Chilly with fair skies expected. Highs upper 20s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High 25, Low 9, etc.).

Yesterday's Weather

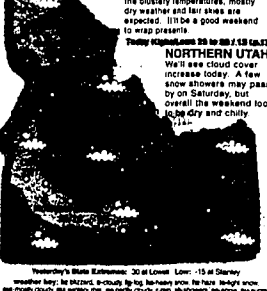
Table with columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for Boise, Butte, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cold and mostly dry with cloudy periods. Highs middle 20s. Tonight: A stiff breeze coupled with persistent cloud cover. Lows near 10. Tomorrow: Dry and cold weather persists. Becoming partly cloudy. Highs low to middle 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly dry and cold weather will continue through the weekend. Beyond the tree line outdoors, conditions will be great for hitting the slopes the weekend.



Weather in Sun Valley, Idaho, 30 miles from Boise. High: 15.4. Low: 1.5. Precip: 0.0. Wind: 10 mph. Humidity: 65%.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes data for Today, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases: Last, New, First, Full, with dates and times.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Today, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. Index for Today, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, etc.

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Iraq

Continued from A1. Many Sunnis said they voted to register their opposition to the Shiite-led government and to speed the end of the U.S. military presence. 'Liberation is the most important thing for all Iraqis,' said Sunni proger Omar Badry. 'I don't care if we die of thirst and hunger, as long as the Americans leave.' Opposition to the American military presence runs deeper among Shiite Arabs, the minority group which enjoyed a privileged position under Saddam, than among any of Iraq's other religious and ethnic communities. While Sunnis were defiant, Shiites and Kurds seemed hopeful the new government would be more successful than the outgoing one in restoring stability. A common theme, however, appeared to be a yearning for an end to the turmoil that has engulfed Iraq since the U.S.-led coalition invaded in March 2003 to topple Saddam's regime. 'The first thing we want from the new government is security,' said Hussein Ali Abbas, a 66-year-old Shiite who voted for Baghdad's city hall. 'We are surviving but it is a struggle.' Officials said it could take at least two weeks until final results are announced or the parliament, which will serve a four-year term. Violence was light. Insurgent groups, as promised, generally refrained from attacks on polling stations. In the Sunni Arab militant stronghold of Ramadi, masked gunmen provided by local Shiite guards, polling stations, frisking voters as they entered. Thursday's election appeared on track to record more votes than last year's parliamentary election in an Arab country — though more than 17 million people voted in a May referendum in Egypt, and more than 14 million in a September referendum in Algeria, according to IFES, a nonprofit organization that supports building democratic societies. The number of people participating is very, very high, and we have had very few irregularities," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told The Associated Press. "It is a good day so far — good for us, good for Iraq." President Bush called it "a major step forward in achieving

Tech-savvy kids tout wish lists

For some, it's as easy as sending e-mail links to their gifts. The Washington Post. WASHINGTON — Sometimes when children want something badly enough, miracles start to happen. Promises of spotless rooms and perfect report cards are made. Letters to Santa are neatly typed and spellchecked. Sullen teenagers take the headphones from their cars to shower their parents with compliments. But kids today don't stop there. They are employing high-tech savvy to wow their parents into fulfilling their Christmas wishes. 'It's an 11-year-old Katie Johnson of the District of Columbia, who wants a virtual snowboarding game and a chocolate fondue fountain. She turned her list into a PowerPoint presentation with red and green backgrounds, a picture of Santa and links to the Web sites where the items can be bought. 'They are big operators,' said Ellen of Takoma Park, Md., who has two sons. They know how to work the system. They know how to work us big time.' This is the generation that has never known a world without the Internet. They rush home from school to talk to their friends online and flirt over text messages. They have mastered the e-mail communication technologies and added them to their holiday arsenal. 'Kids have figured out what and to — get what they need and how to do it,' said William Strauss, co-author of the forthcoming book 'Millennials and Pop Culture.' 'What's different is kids' capabilities, the tools they have and what will work with their parents.'

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Kids will use whatever it takes to convince their parents to fill their Christmas wish lists. Like 11-year-old Yuih Yui of Takoma Park, Md., who depends on his 'boo-boo' face to sway his folks.

Yui's kids, 11-year-old Yuih and 13-year-old Zen, changed the screen-saver on her computer one Christmas to read "I Love you" over and over again — and ended with a request for a video game. This year, Zen wants a cell phone — specifically, the sleek Sony Ericsson W810. He has dragged his father to a phone store "just to browse" and can recite all the features of his favorite phone by heart. It's the only item on his list — testimony to his dedication — and he has honed a powerful argument. "Mom, I hate it when I come home (late) and you're disappointed because I hate making you mad," Zen said, repeating the

line he gives to his parents. "And then I say 'Can I have a cell phone?'" Mothers have learned to tailor marketing to kids' digital lives. The Web site for the popular teen clothing store Abercrombie & Fitch urges buyers "Drop some major hints. Create a wish list. Fill it with your abecrombie wishes and we'll e-mail it to everyone you tell us to." All parents have to do is point, click and buy. AOL Instant Messenger — the preferred communication tool for teens and tweens — recently introduced a feature called the ShoppingBuddy. It searches for products online, then links to Amazon.com prices and links where they can be bought. "OK, I'm searching for matches 'u 4,'" it says in response to queries "Gimme a sec...." In the case of 11-year-old Chevy Chase, Md., types her wish list and e-mails it to friends so they can keep track of who is asking for what. For example, she's looking for a pink North Face jacket. She wants to be confused with the blue one her friend Katie Johnson wants or the pink half-zip Old Navy Performance fleece jacket on her friend Jane Haddock's list. "I've been my x-mas list since 5th grade! You by the way! 10-year-old Jane e-mailed to Charlotte. (Translation: Talk to your father, see your love, love.)" Adults have ceded ground to kids when it comes to technology, said Rob Callender, trends director for Teenage Research Unlimited, a consulting firm. "It's increasingly true that we considered the most techno-savvy members of the household," Callender said. "Parents have kind of thrown up their hands."

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Cell phones

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NATION

# Under pressure, Bush accepts anti-torture plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush embraced Sen. John McCain's proposal to ban cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of terrorism suspects on Thursday, reversing months of opposition that included White House veto threats.

Bowing to pressure from the Republican-run Congress and abroad, the White House signed off on the proposal after a fight that pitted the president against members of his own party and threatened to further tarnish a U.S. image already solidified by the abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

Bush said the ban and accompanying interrogation standards will "make it clear to

the world that this government does not torture and that we adhere to the international convention of torture, whether it be here at home or abroad."

After months of fierce negotiations, McCain declared "a done deal" that he said shows that the United States "upholds values and standards of behavior and treatment of all people, no matter how evil or bad they are."

"We've sent a message to the world that the United States is not like the terrorists," the Arizona Republican said while appearing alongside the president in the Oval Office to announce the agreement.

The agreement still needs to

be approved by Congress, whose GOP leaders hope to adjourn for the year in a few days.

The deal keeps McCain's original proposal, which was overwhelmingly approved by the Senate and endorsed by the House. One of the final stumbling blocks in negotiations was added allowing CIA interrogators the same legal protections as those afforded to military interrogators.

Those rules say the accused can defend themselves by arguing it was reasonable for them to believe they were obeying a legal order. The government also would provide counsel for accused interrogators.

## 'Golden Fleece' presenter dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. William Proxmire, the Wisconsin Democrat who fought government waste for years with his mocking "Golden Fleece" awards, died Thursday at 90, the cause of death hasn't been determined.

Proxmire was known for battling for causes that few colleagues embraced. He won re-election repeatedly without accepting campaign donations and fought year after year for ratification of an anti-genocide treaty.

Proxmire's monthly "Golden Fleece" awards, which he began in 1975 to point out what he thought were frivolous expenditures of taxpayers' money, became a Washington tradition. He also fought for decades for passage of an anti-genocide treaty, which the Senate finally approved in 1986, two years before his retirement.

## LITTLE SANTA



Mike Mercler, a eighth-grade student who dressed as Santa Claus, offers a gift to 18 month-old Shaelyn Spring who also dressed for the occasion Thursday at the YMCA in Canton, Ohio.

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# House aims to tighten immigration regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans tried to close ranks Thursday on an immigration bill that some complained was not tough enough and others said was inadequate because it failed to include a guest worker program.

These disputes slowed action on a measure intended to shut down illegal traffic along the border while requiring employers to verify the legal status of their workers.

The House voted 220-206 to approve a parliamentary measure needed to move ahead on the bill, but only after GOP leaders appeared in a private meeting for party unity.

There's kind of a left-right coalition against it," said Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz. Some lawmakers cited the absence of a guest worker program while others feared the proposal could lead to something equivalent to amnesty.

Supporters defended their approach of acting to cut off the flow of illegal entrants before turning to the tougher issues of a guest worker program or other means to fill the jobs that now attract millions of undocumented workers.

"Until the borders are protected we cannot have any kind of meaningful immigration reform," said GOP Rep. Peter King of New York, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

Almost all Democrats, and several border-state Republicans such as Flake and fellow Arizona Jim Kolbe, pushed for a more comprehensive package that dealt with the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants already in the U.S.

The GOP bill does nothing to solve the real problems of illegal immigration," Kolbe said. "In fact it's worse than nothing."

The White House said in a statement that it strongly supported the House bill, while adding that administration remains committed to comprehensive immigration reform, including a temporary worker program that avoids amnesty.

# Bush seeks \$1.5 billion for New Orleans levees

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pledged on Thursday to rebuild New Orleans' shattered levee system, taller and stronger than before Hurricane Katrina struck, requesting an additional \$1.5 billion to buttress the system that failed and left the city flooded.

"The federal government is committed to building the best levee system known in the world," said Donald Powell, the top federal official for reconstruction.

Officials dodged the question of whether the levees would be built to withstand a Category 5 hurricane, using broader language instead to promise that the city's citizens would be safe and the new levees would exceed anything New Orleans had ever seen.

Katrina, a Category 4 storm, surged through the city's levees at numerous points after it hit on Aug. 29, killing 1,300 people in the Gulf region. Louisiana officials have said bringing the levees to Category 5 level is crucial for persuading people to move back.

"This action today says mayor Ray Nagin said after meeting with Bush at the White House. "It's time for you to come back to the Big Easy."

Powell said the president already had requested \$1.6 billion to repair breaches in the levees, correct design and construction flaws and bring the levee system to a height authorized before the hurricane. This work is to be completed by next June.

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Bush

president is requesting would pay to armor... the levee system with concrete and stone, enclose three interior canals and provide state-of-the-art pumping systems so that the water would flow out of the canals into Lake Ponchartraine, Powell said. This additional work will take two years.

"I'm convinced that what we're doing here today — if there is another Katrina that hits New Orleans that we would not see the catastrophic results that we saw during Katrina," Powell said. "There will be some flooding, but it will be manageable type flooding."

Behind-the-scenes talks in Congress on a hurricane relief measure continued, though House and Senate negotiators remained apart on how far to go above Bush's official \$17.1 billion request.

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# CDC: W. Nile cases increase

ATLANTA (AP) — West Nile virus cases in the U.S. rose more than 16 percent this year, with a marked increase, as feared, along the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast, the government reported Thursday.

Health officials had worried that standing water left by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita would allow mosquito populations to explode and the virus to proliferate.

The number of human cases in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas increased by about 24 percent from 2004, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

However, health officials were most concerned about West Nile cases that resulted in serious neurological diseases like encephalitis and meningitis. And the number of these along the Gulf Coast rose only 17 percent, compared with 27 percent nationally.



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## EDITORIAL

### Battle between Bengals looks bad for ISU sports

If you have some extra holiday cheer in your family this Christmas season, send some over to Pocatello. The Idaho State University football and men's basketball teams need all the goodwill they can get.

To little surprise, the Bengals' house is not in order. ISU's athletic department is mending an embarrassing controversy between members of those two teams. While the university struggles to clean it up, we should also end a legacy of turnover among athletic officials. Only then will it meet high standards on and off the court.

News reports from the Idaho State Journal revealed that ISU athletic department officials sent four basketball players and two assistant coaches to Twin Falls on Sept. 23 during homecoming festivities. The players said they feared for their safety after alleged threats from members of the football team.

The Bengal feud started Labor Day weekend when basketball player Tony Jones got into a confrontation with two football players, Anthony Henderson and James Drake, in their home.

Two weeks later, on Sept. 17, a fight ensued at another party. A police report stated four football players "battered" Jones and a teammate.

Hours later, on Sept. 18, Pocatello police responded to shots fired into a football player's empty car. Police suspected the shooting to be a retaliation for the fight, but no basketball players were found to be involved.

ISU athletic director Paul Bubb then decided to act, suspending six players among the two teams. From that point, basketball players claimed they were a target and began staying at coaches' homes. After a basketball player received a clear physical threat on a telephone

message, officials decided to get hoopsters out of town.

The homecoming weekend "retreat" was approved by Big Sky Conference Commissioner Doug Fullerton. "It was for the health and safety of the program," Fullerton said. Meanwhile, as four Bengals went on the lam, the other players left town or stayed off campus

for homecoming. When they returned, ISU officials sent out a memo prohibiting contact between 15 players among the two squads.

While the situation has mellowed since September, some players say they still fear for their safety. The entire episode has landed a black eye on the ISU athletic program. Student-athletes in legal trouble is not new. But physical threats lobbed between teams is appalling for any school.

Making the situation even more stupefying is that head football coach Larry Lewis and basketball coach Doug Oliver have not discussed the issue since September.

Their silence is a poor commentary on their leadership. You can tag additional blame on former president Richard Bowen, who wasn't interested in intercollegiate athletics and just let the program drift.

Interim President Michael Gallagher, who arrived after this feud exploded, says he's confident fences are being mended. But the needs in athletics are obvious for an athletic department led by six directors in the past 10 years.

"Any new president coming in here is going to realize athletics must be dealt with in a fair and complete manner," Gallagher said. "You can't have a lot of success if you have people involved going through a revolving door."

That would be a good start. It's time the Bengals focused on beating the competition, not beating each other.

## The president in the bubble

Never ask a guy who's in a bubble if he's in a bubble. He can't answer.

But the NBC anchor Brian Williams gamely gave it a shot, showing the president the Newsweek cover picturing him trapped in a bubble.

"This says you're in a bubble," Brian told W. "You have a very small circle of advisers — now, is that true? Do you feel in a bubble?"



"No, I don't feel in a bubble," Bubble Boy replied, unable to see the bubble because he's in it. "I feel like I'm getting really good advice from very capable people and that people from all walks of life have informed me and informed those who advise me," he said, adding, "I'm very aware of what's going on."

He swiftly contradicted himself by admitting that "this is the first time I'm seeing this magazine" — his version of his did-it-for-the-people "Wimp Factor" cover — and that he doesn't read newsmagazines.

The anchor and the anchor-ette spent a few anodyne moments probing the depths of what it's like to be president. "I just talked to the president-elect of Honduras," W. said. "A lot of my job is foreign policy, and I spend an enormous amount of time with leaders from other countries."

Brian struggled to learn whether W. read anything except one-page memos. Talking about his mom, Bubble Boy returned to the idea of the bubble: "If I'm in a bubble, well, if there is such thing as a bubble, she's the one who can penetrate it."

"I'll tell the guys at Newsweek," the anchor said impishly.

"Who put the bubble story?" W. asked. First he didn't know about it, but now he's



forgotten it already? That's the alluring, memory-cleansing beauty of the bubble.

The idea that W. is getting good advice from very capable people is silly — administration officials have blown it on everything from the occupation and natural disasters to torture. In the bubble, they can torture while saying they don't. They can pretend that Iraqi forces are stronger than they are. They can try to frighten people with talk of al-Qaida's dream of a new Islamic caliphate — their latest attempt to scare Americans into supporting the war they ginned up.

"Whether or not it needed to happen," the president told the anchor. "I'm still convinced it needed to happen." The Bubble Boy can even contradict himself and not notice.

W's contention that he's informed by people from all walks of life is a joke, as his wacky assertion that he can "reach out" to the public more than Abraham Lincoln because he has Air Force One. Lincoln actually went to the front in his war, with Minnie

balls whizzing by. No phony turkey for him.

The president may by over all walks of life in Air Force One or drive by them and hide behind dark-tinted windows. In his bubble, he floats through a comforting world of dotting women, respectful military audiences, loyal Republican donors and screened partisan groups — with protesters, Democrats, journalists, critics and coffins of dead soldiers kept at bay.

(He has probably been shielded from the outrage of John and Stacey Holley, both Army veterans, who were shocked to learn that their only child, Matthew, killed in Iraq, would be arriving in San Diego to be inducted on a commercial airliner.)

Jack Murtha, a hawkish Democrat close to the Pentagon who supported both wars against Iraq waged by the Bushes, has been braying against the Bush isolation. He told Newsweek that a letter he wrote to the president making suggestions about how to fight the Iraq war was ignored for seven months, then brushed

off by a deputy under secretary of defense. Even after he went public, he still did not get a call from the White House.

"If they talked to people," he said, "they wouldn't get these outbursts."

Murtha told Rolling Stone that the administration's deafness had doomed Iraq: "Everything we did was mis-handled. Plans that the military and the State Department had in place — they ignored 'em. The military tells me that when they were planning the invasion, the administration wouldn't let bad news on the president. 'Don't upset him,' she said."

The president's bubble requires constant care. It's not easy to keep out huge tragedies like Katrina, or flawed policies like Iraq. As Newsweek noted, a foreign diplomat "was startled when Secretary of State Rice warned him not to lay bad news on the president. 'Don't upset him,' she said."

Heaven forbid. Don't burst his bubble.

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### Sempra information distorted by critics

I hope most people of the Magic Valley are wise enough to see through the paranoid, ludicrous, distorted and selfish views and opinions espoused by some opponents of the proposed Sempra power plant who erroneously:

- Still believe current coal technology is represented by East Coast plants built 20 to 50 years ago
- Assume coal-fired power plant emissions with the emissions from coal-fired residential furnaces
- Use unbelievably ludicrous statements such as "bombing the valley"
- Believe all industrial/utility folks are "liars" and are out simply for a quick buck

- Believe all governmental agencies serve corporations and politicians and do not concern themselves with Joe citizen
- Without question believe anything that supports their position, even information which comes from fringe radical groups who are against any activity that changes the status quo
- Attempt to frighten folks with statements that imply that transporting Powder River Basin coal is like transporting dynamite
- Label all construction workers as undesirable drug and crime problems
- Believe that a corporation with investment over \$1 billion (with a b) on a project that would be shut down if the Environmental Protection Agency

- Believed it could not comply with prescribed environmental parameters
- Believe solar and wind power are available 24 hours a day all year long
- Believe we owe nothing to any other state in the union or any non-Idahoan citizen of the USA (especially California for some reason)
- There are stringent rules in existence to protect us from unacceptable levels of emissions from known pollution sources coming from industrial and utility facilities (unlike agricultural facilities). Additionally, the EPA routinely adds new substances to the list of regulated pollutants as new information becomes available.
- The EPA and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality will make sure that any pro-

posed facilities will comply with environmental regulatory standards. These organizations are staffed by conscientious people who are interested in protecting the environment to the levels prescribed by statutes.

The apparent most valid concern in Valley residents should be the water use issue. Sempra is also well aware of the seriousness of the water issue and will surely be looking at all feasible options for minimizing water use. This will obviously include optimizing the use of air-cooling instead of water cooling where technically and economically possible. Perhaps Sempra can submit information to The Times-News updating its water use plans.

STEVE WOODS  
Twin Falls

### Break-in to county agency was a surprise

It has come to my attention recently that the Twin Falls County driver's license office was "broken into" a few weeks ago. When I renewed my driver's license, they informed me they were changing identification numbers because of a possible security breach. But to my knowledge, there has never been a formal announcement to the general public or specific individuals at risk that their personal information may have been stolen or compromised because of the "break in."

Identify theft crime is rising to unprecedented levels, yet the county driver's license office appears to have already taken a casual response in regard to notification to the public. I was not notified until I renewed my license which is years after the incident.

I may not have all of the information about this incident, but I was shocked to hear that the break-in occurred and I was not notified until I renewed my driver's license recently. I think the issue needs

clarification to the public by the county office so citizens have the knowledge to take action, if necessary, to protect themselves.

VIRGINIA FARMER  
Twin Falls

### Organ donation story a rewarding read

I wanted to thank you for the article in Monday's paper about Mike Skeen.

Mike was my father, and knowing this information about how his organs have helped so many has been the best Christmas present that anyone could have given my brothers or myself.

Thank you again, and please have a very Merry Christmas.

CRYSTAL HAYES  
JEFFREY SKEEN  
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### Removal of religion supports socialist themes

It is encouraging to witness Americans standing up for their Judeo-Christian heritage. The anti-religious, anti-morality theme to destroy the morality

and our constitutional republic is in Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto of 1848. Religion and morality are impediments to a world government based on unlimited power.

The governing political philosophy contains in Marx's Manifesto and "Improved upon" by succeeding socialist apologists and promoters translated into an agenda for the American Communist Party. The planks of the agenda were recorded in an appendix to the Jan. 10, 1963, Congressional Record. Those planks that concern the destruction of religion, morality and the family are as follows:

1. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural and healthy."
2. Use the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights. The pro-communist American Civil Liberties Union leads the legal destruction.
3. Discredit the family as an institution by encouraging promiscuity and divorce.
4. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity in the name of free speech and press.

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5. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity.
  6. Infiltrate the churches (communists do become ministers), discredit the Holy Bible and replace biblical religion with earth and pagan worship like the United Nations' Gaia.
  7. Eliminate prayer and Bible study from schools (the Bible formerly was the primary textbook for the young grounds that it violates separation of church and state. The founders wanted religion and morality taught in schools but did not want a government-sponsored denomination).
  8. Children need to be raised by the government to reduce the negative influence of parents. We see the drive to include preschool children in the "It takes a village to raise a child" process.
  9. Get control of the schools and use them as transmission belts for socialist and communist propaganda and get control of the teachers associations.
- We can see that this agenda has been largely implemented, and we are paying a high price with the resulting loss of free-

dom as government is given more authority to try to stop the anti-morality and religious behavior of its citizens.

We must expose the conspiracy to create a socialist world government and return to our Judeo-Christian, constitutional republic foundation to preserve liberty and freedom!

Have a Merry Christmas!  
ADRIAN L ARP  
Twin Falls

### Organ donations should go to other donors

Regarding "Organ, issue donors give hope to others":

If more people were as generous as Mike and Karen Skeen, we wouldn't have more than 6,000 Americans dying every year waiting for organ transplants. Most of these deaths are needless. Americans buy or create about 20,000 transplantable organs every year.

There is a simple solution to the organ shortage — give organs first to people who have agreed to donate their own organs when they die. Giving organs first to organ donors will convince more people to

register as organ donors. It will also make the organ allocation system fair. Valley residents should be the water use issue. Sempra is also well aware of the seriousness of the water issue and will surely be looking at all feasible options for minimizing water use. This will obviously include optimizing the use of air-cooling instead of water cooling where technically and economically possible. Perhaps Sempra can submit information to The Times-News updating its water use plans.

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DAVID UNDIS  
Nashville, Tenn.  
(Editor's note: David Undis is the director of LifeSavers.)

OPINION

# Golden prospects or laced with lead?

The price of gold passed \$500 an ounce last week. Its highest level since the late 1980s. This is either an ominous development — or it isn't. You can make the case for either higher gold prices (up 23 percent from 2004's average) warn of worsening inflation.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

India... has squeezed available supplies. Gold could be the same. After the 1980 peak, gold prices went on a two-decade slide that bottomed in 2001 at an average of \$271. Low prices discouraged exploration and the opening of new mines. In 2004, global mine production dropped 5 percent or 128 metric tons, the largest absolute decline in 71 years.

Meanwhile, growing wealth in India, China and the Middle East has revived jewelry demand; that's up 12 percent this year after a 5 percent increase in 2004. Jewelry is often more than adornment. It's also a store of wealth. Consider India. "For thousands of years, (gold jewelry) has been a means of savings," says George Willing-Stanley of the World Gold Council. "Seventy percent or more of consumption is among the rural population. They don't have access to banks, stocks or bonds. They don't trust government or paper currency."

Though new mines often require a decade to bring into production, supply could ultimately overtake demand. Or prosperity in India and China

might multiply by many times the world's gold bugs. They may regard gold as a more trustworthy form of saving than any currency, even though gold investments don't pay interest or dividends. Whatever happens, the fears that give gold its speculative appeal could intensify or dissipate. Gold is an underlying mystery, because its value lies less in what it does for us (unlike sugar, copper or oil) and

more in what it symbolizes. It is almost as unaffordable as the human drama itself.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

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If you lived a century ago, gold would have been the basis of your money. Great Britain dominated the global gold standard; its currency, the pound, was freely convertible into gold. So were many other monies. In the United States, about \$610 million of gold coin in 1900 constituted nearly 30 percent of America's currency. All the rest — paper notes and silver — could be exchanged freely for gold, notes economist Michael Bordo of Rutgers University.

But the gold standard's very rigidity led to the collapse of the Great Depression. Too little gold fostered banking and currency crises. On April 5, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered Americans to surrender their gold coins; the country effectively went on a paper-money standard.

Even stripped of its role as money, gold retains an economic mystique. About 85 percent of annual consumption goes for jewelry and, to a much lesser extent, other commercial uses, mainly electronics and dent work.

But the recent price run-up seems driven by the remaining 15 percent: investors, speculators and hoarders. These include commodity funds, hedge funds and wealthy individuals. Especially in Asia and the Middle East, the rich hoard gold bars. In the first nine months of 2008, the investment and speculative demand for gold rose 62 percent, reports the World Gold Council, an industry group.

Except for the belief that gold will go higher, just what motivates these buyers isn't clear. Take your pick of anxiety: inflation, financial crisis, terrorism, general global disorder. Because holding gold can be an alternative to holding dollars, rising American inflation and a falling dollar on foreign-exchange markets are often cited as reasons for higher gold prices. But the dollar has recently strengthened on foreign-exchange markets, and the evidence of increasing inflation is thin. True, oil temporarily made it worse. But excluding erratic food and energy prices, inflation has remained at about 2.5 percent since early 2004. Perhaps gold buyers glimpse dangers not apparent in the statistics.

Or maybe the real culprit is true scarcity. Copper is now selling for about \$2 a pound, up from about 70 cents four years ago. At \$60 a barrel, oil has doubled since late 2003. In each case, global demand — influenced heavily by China and

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SPORTSQUOTE

I would go to battle with T.O. any day of the week. A lot of people don't understand him.

Former Eagle Freddie Mitchell

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which Heisman Trophy winner was once engaged to actress Elizabeth Taylor?
ANSWER: Below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL: Bliss at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Burley at Logan, U., 5 p.m.
Carey at Community School, 7:30 p.m.
Gooding at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at Lighthouse Christian, 7:30 p.m.
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Oakley at Hagehamn, 7:30 p.m.
Rafu River at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.
Shoshone at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Snake River at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Boise, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls Christian at North Gem, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Bliss at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Carey at Community School, 5 p.m.
Declo at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Minico at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Idaho Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Wood River at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
WRESTLING: Bear-Cat Invitational, Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Declo Duals, 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Feret nab player of week honors

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Colledge of Southern Idaho graduate Feret nabbed scenic West Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week on Thursday.
Feret, a 6-4 sophomore from New South Wales, Australia, helped guide the Golden Eagles a 74-69 overtime victory over North Idaho on Wednesday.
Feret was the Cardinals' first loss of the year. Feret was 6-of-13 from the floor and hitting 3-of-9 from 3-point range and adding 4-for-10 from the free-throw line.
Dodie State College forward Lauren Olander was named as the women's basketball player of the week.

Shoshone's Astle signs with LCSC

LEWISTON — Shoshone cross country runner Kyla Astle has signed a national letter of intent to compete for Lewis-Clark State College next year.
Astle won the state 3,200-meter title her sophomore year in track, finished second in the mile and third in the 800 that same year, and an ACL injury during the state basketball tournament her junior year kept her from defending the two-mile title.
"We believe she may be one of the biggest diamonds in the rough out of her class. She is the daughter of Barbara Astle of Shoshone and Brad Astle of Jerome.

Wood River grad named All-American

HAYLEIGH — Wood River High School graduate Jeff Bolton, a 6-foot, 4-inch, 302-pound senior offensive lineman at Montana State University was named to the 2005 Associated Press NCAA Division I-AA All-American Football team Wednesday.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Army's Glenn Davis

Shoshone surges in OT

No Strunk, no problem? Indians best Blue Devils

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Save the "Shoshone's in trouble" comments for later.

One day after learning they may be without leading scorer and rebounder Katie Strunk for in excess of a month, the Shoshone Indians girls basketball team battled for a 33-30 overtime victory over their conference-leading Dietrich Thursday night in Shoshone.

"It's huge," Shoshone junior Kori Bingham said. "I think this kind of pumped us up for our upcoming games. We're more excited and we're going to play harder."
It was Bingham's steal with 2:22 seconds remaining in overtime that sealed the deal for the Indians, but only after some last-minute heroics from senior guard Kyla Astle. With the Indians leading 32-28 with seconds left and the Blue Devils in possession of the ball under their own basket after an Astle foul, Dietrich's Kellie Whitaker found Caitlin Dill open for a layup off the inbound pass to tie the game.

Seemingly just as quickly as the Indians took the ball out of the net, it was down court to Astle, who found herself open along the three-point line. Astle buried the trifecta, giving Shoshone a 33-30 lead with 5.5 seconds left and setting up Bingham's steal of the ensuing Dietrich possession.

"That's a good shot for her," Dietrich head coach Acey Shaw said. "I think we got down here to get in our press and forgot to get back in our zone. She got that ball and we left her wide open."

Astle may be the talk of the game after posting 11 points and five rebounds, but the senior was quick to point out her teammates' efforts.
In Strunk's place, Indians post-Teresa Russell, Kresley Robinson, and Shaynee Gulliford held Dietrich standout Caitlin Dill scoreless for the first half, and limited her to 12 points, seven rebounds, and three assists for the game.

"I know people will talk about that shot," Astle said. "But it's the rebound to get us there that mattered."

Those little things — like seven points, eight rebounds, and two assists from Hailey "The snow" and the "263" competitors from around the country don't shake her resolve as she chased down the initial leader to win in a time of 12:08.06 on the 3,000-meter course. The course was plowed but covered by ice.

Ward wins national XC title

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Usually, being a cross country runner from a cold-weather state is a disadvantage.

Not this past Saturday. O'Leary Junior High runner Amanda Ward became only the third Idaho cross country runner to win a national title at the Junior Olympics, according to Team Idaho coach Tim Severa of Boise.

And she did it with a steady determination that belies her years.

"I told her that there'd be a lot of snow," father Kelly said Wednesday night. "She just said, 'That's OK. I'll probably break those California kids out.'"

The snow and the "263" competitors from around the country don't shake her resolve as she chased down the initial leader to win in a time of 12:08.06 on the 3,000-meter course. The course was plowed but covered by ice.

Ward used a strong kick in the final 400 meters to down the second-place finisher, Tiffany Hefflin of Nevada (12:06.61).

It was a much better finish than anyone expected. Ward hoped for a top-25 finish and All-American status.
"I was a little surprised," Kelly said. "There's usually a kid from California that's a ringer. She's done really well so I thought she'd do pretty well."



Dietrich defender Caitlin Dill (21) battles for control of a rebound with Shoshone's Kyla Astle Thursday night during the second quarter of the Indians' 33-30 overtime win in Shoshone.

"It was just a great team effort," Indians head coach Tim Chapman said. "People stepped up at the right time. Teresa and Kresley did great jobs. I told them, 'Without your four points, we don't go into overtime.' And Kyla hit that big shot to put us up. She shot with confidence. When I saw her set up, I thought we had a good shot at it."

The 11-3 Blue Devils also had their shots, but struggled to overcome a 15-9 halftime deficit. Dietrich committed five turnovers in its first six trips down court, but crawled back in the game after the half, outscoring the Indians 19-13 in the third and fourth quarters, combined.

"I thought we were a little bit jittery and we had quite a few turnovers in the first half," Shaw said. "I told the girls at the half, 'It's 0-0. We need to start over, calm down, and make some good passes.'"

The Devils did just that, and Miller helped spark the Blue Devils' charge, scoring all of her five points in the third quarter before fouling out in overtime, while Kasi McCowan also added five. With the loss, Dietrich falls to 3-1 in the Magic Valley Northside Conference standings.

"It's like I'm going to tell the girls at practice — Shoshone had home-court advantage and that has to count for 8-10 points," Shaw said. "That

means when they come over to our place, it's going to be a battle."

The 9-1 Indians improve to 2-1 in the Northside. With Strunk sidelined with a non-sports-related condition at least through the holiday break, Thursday's conference win will be important in keeping the defending state champion's confidence up, despite the loss of an average of 14 points and eight rebounds per game.

"We have a lot of seniors on this team, a couple juniors, and one sophomore now," Astle said. "But they're all good players and they know what Shoshone is all about. They Please see SHOSHONE, Page B4

Hawkins headed to Colorado to finalize contract

The Associated Press

BOISE — Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said Thursday he'll be going to Colorado to finalize negotiations to become the new coach there.

"If certain things happen," Hawkins said, he will become the new coach of the Buffaloes. "Officially, nothing's been decided," he said. "There are certain things that have to happen. You can go 99 yards on a football field, but you have to go that last yard, otherwise you don't get a touchdown."

The CU Board of Regents is scheduled to meet Friday to approve Hawkins' contract. If that goes as expected, the Boise State coach could be introduced as the replacement for Gary Barnett later in the day.

Hawkins, who is 5-10, an IU, said the decision has been agonizing.

"What it gets down to is, challenge and opportunity, versus continuing to do what you've been doing," he said. "I'm going to prove myself again."

The coach acknowledged the challenges at Colorado, where football has been under scrutiny in the wake of a recruiting scandal and, more recently, a state audit that did not look kindly at the way Barnett ran his personal football camps and his program, in general.

CU athletic director Mike Bohn said he's looking for someone with the energy to make fans care about an unit behind the Buffs again, the way they did in the early 1990s, when Bill McCartney was coach.

"The biggest thing you need to do is go in there and galvanize some things, because they've been through a lot," Hawkins said.

Bohn on Wednesday called Hawkins a great fit for CU. "Dan Hawkins is the type of coach who represents virtually every expectation that I outlined," the AD said.

Boise State officials did not indicate who would be a contender for Hawkins' position, should he leave. Several players said they expect offensive coordinator Chris Petersen to be his successor.

"We're losing a great coach, but we're gaining a great coach, in coach Petersen," said Ian Johnson, a running back for the Broncos.

HSU players say they are continuing to focus on their upcoming Dec. 28 MFC Computers Bowl in Boise against 19th-ranked Houston College.

"Football is an important winning," said defensive tackle Alex Guerrero. "It's not about who is wearing the headphons."

Four Vikings charged for bawdy boat party

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Quarterback Daunte Culpepper and four other Minnesota Vikings were charged Thursday with three misdemeanors each for taking part in a bawdy boat party earlier this season on Lake Minnetonka.

Culpepper, Bryant McKinnie, Fred Smoot and Moe Williams were charged with indecent conduct, disorderly conduct and level or lascivious conduct, according to court papers.

Involved, each player faces up to a maximum of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine on each count.

Prosecutor Steve Tallen's decision was based on findings by the Hennepin County sheriff's office, whose investigators reviewed allegations of lewd and drunken behavior aboard a floating party Oct. 6 that involved some Vikings players.

Crew members complained that some people took off their clothes and engaged in public sex acts during the cruise, according to Stephen Doyle, an attorney representing the boat owners, Al & Alma's Supper Club and Charter Cruises in Mound. The crew members identified 17 Vikings among

about 90 people on the two boats.

The court papers released Thursday said Smoot and Doyle and one LaVern Johnson arranged the charter.

Smoot declined comment in the team's locker room before practice. Both Culpepper and Williams are on injury reserve, and in rehabilitation on their own, away from the team. McKinnie wasn't seen in the locker room.

"According to NFL rules and union contracts, there is a large difference between allegations and charges and convictions," Vikings coach Mike Tice said. "So until at any point there is a conviction of some type, if there is, I have no action to take and nothing to say."

After that, Tice threatened to stop talking to reporters if anyone asked more questions about the allegations.

Reports that some women at the party were paid to come from outside Minnesota had raised the possibility of federal charges, but U.S. Attorney Tom Heflinger said Thursday that any charges would be brought through Heflinger cited insufficient evidence.

That decision meant any charges would be minor.



O'Leary Junior High runner Amanda Ward puts away from Tiffany Hefflin of Nevada to win the 2005 USAF Twin Olympic Cross Country middle girls championship on Saturday, Dec. 10. The event was held at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island. Her junior high coach was more effusive. Please see WARD, Page B4

## Basketball Standings

**Boys**

**Class 5A**

Region Four-Five-Six

Team	Season Conf.
Twin Falls Bruins	5-0 0-0
Highland Rams	3-1 0-0
Idaho Falls Tigers	2-4 0-0
Skylone Grizzlies	1-6 0-0

**Class 4A**

**Great Basin Conference West**

Jerome Tigers	3-2 0-0
Minico Spartans	2-3 0-0
Wd River Wolverines	2-3 0-0
Burley Bobcats	0-2 0-0

**Great Basin Conference East**

Century D'Backs	3-2 0-0
Pocatello Indians	2-2 0-0
Preston Indians	2-4 0-0

**Class 3A**

**Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference**

Buhl Indians	4-1 0-0
Kimberly Bulldogs	1-2 0-0
Gooding Senators	2-3 0-0
Declo Hornets	0-2 0-0
Filer Wildcats	0-6 0-0

**Class 2A**

**Canyon Conference**

Glenns Ferry Pilots	4-2 0-0
Wendell Trojans	3-2 0-0
Valley Vikings	2-4 0-0

**Class 1A**

**Magic Valley**

**Northside Conference**

Richfield Tigers	6-0 2-0
Carey Panthers	6-0 1-0
Camas Co. Mushers	3-3 2-0
Bliss Bears	3-2 1-1
Dietrich Blue Devils	1-5 0-3
Com. Sch. Cutthroats	1-3 0-0
Shoshone Indians	0-5 0-2

**Magic Valley**

**Southside Conference**

Hagerman Pirates	4-1 2-0
Hansen Huskies	4-1 2-0
Castelford Wolves	2-2 2-1
Oakley Hornets	3-2 3-1
Raft River Trojans	3-2 1-1
Murtaugh Red Devils	1-5 0-2
Lighthouse Chr. Lions	3-2 0-3
MV Chr. Conquerors	0-3 0-3

**Independent**

T.F. Christian Warriors	1-3
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**Girls**

**Class 5A**

Region Four-Five-Six

Highland Rams	6-4 1-0
Skylone Grizzlies	4-4 1-0
Twin Falls Bruins	4-6 0-1
Idaho Falls Tigers	2-6 0-1

**Class 4A**

**Great Basin Conference West**

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Jerome Tigers	6-4 1-0
Minico Spartans	4-1 0-0
Wd River Wolverines	1-7 0-1

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**Independent**

T.F. Christian Warriors	4-6
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# Bear-Cat offers first test

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Consider it a little early, but if you're a card carrying follower of area wrestling you will be paying attention to the Bear-Cat Invitational tournament this Friday and Saturday.

Hosted by Twin Falls and Jerome and featuring 16 Class 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A teams from throughout southern Idaho, the 10th annual event provides varsity grapplers with their first major test of the season, an early assessment of the statewide competition, and a clear view under the hood for coaches.

"You know it's a big tournament for us," said Minico coach Brad Cooper. "It gives us an idea of what we need to work on and where we have to be. We'll see some good competition and it's been a pretty tough tournament the last three or four years. I think it's gradually getting tougher every year."

With a stacked Minico team expected to be making a strong run at state, this year's installment promises plenty of intensity from the Spartans, who are looking forward to another look at Pocatello after edging the Indians 28-26 last Friday at home.

"Pocatello is a really improved team," said Cooper. "They're tough."

Also expected to make the trip to Twin Falls Gymnasium will be last year's tournament champion Challis — a 2A team — which took the trophy by a 70-point margin over 4A Minico.

The host Twin Falls Bruins are enjoying a promising start



Filer's Dustin Morris, bottom, battles Kimberly's Aaron Comia in the 152-pound match Wednesday during a dual meet. Morris won by major decision.

to the season after a 54-21 victory over a solid Gooding team. The Bruins have suffered a couple of injuries, but coach Salid Dabestani looks forward to the event.

"It'll be a good one," he said. "We have some injuries, but we're keeping our fingers

crossed that they're not serious. It means a lot to the kids."

Another team to keep an eye on will be Kimberly, which captured third last year, just four points behind Minico. The Bulldogs have won the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference five years in a row and rolled

through a tri-meet against SCIC rivals Buhl and Filer on Wednesday.

"It's a good tournament early in the season for us to see where we're at as far as the tournament team goes and what we need to work on," said Kimberly head coach Troy Palmer. "We'll have a lot of good, tough kids in every weight class. It gives us that look at two or three tough kids in a row. We'll have a tough match right out of the gate and then our next match is going to be equally tough if not tougher. It helps us work on our mental toughness and gives us an indication of where we're at with the tougher kids in the state."

## 10th Annual Bear-Cat Invitational Wrestling Tournament

**Where:** Varsity, Twin Falls High; Junior varsity, Jerome High  
**When:** 3 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday  
**Who:** Twin Falls, Jerome, Minico, Burley, Kimberly, Gooding, Wood River, Buhl, Filer, Highland, Pocatello, American Falls, Borah, Challis, Elko, Meridian.  
**Cost:** \$10 pass, \$7 per day

# Dietrich's Dill racks up the boards

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt  
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — Caitlin Dill is reluctant to accept individual accolades.

The Dietrich Blue Devils senior post would rather just take credit for being a great team player. And she is one, in every sense of the word, including the fact that she's been putting up numbers this year that would be needed for a money team.

Last Thursday, Dill amassed a staggering 23 rebounds to go along with 18 points in a critical 55-48 Magic Valley Northside Conference victory over Richfield.

"I didn't even know I had that many (rebounds)," said Dill. "I just was going after them and just jumping for them."

It was Dill's consecutive double-double this season,

## Caitlin Dill



with 10 out of 13 games as of Wednesday.

"She's an animal on the boards," said Blue Devils coach Corey Shaw. "She's so well rounded I can move her wherever I want on the floor. She can dribble, she can shoot, she can pass, she can play defense, and she's coachable. I don't know of any

coach that wouldn't want her on the team."

What was even more impressive about Dill's performance against the Tigers was that it largely occurred over two quarters, having scored only two points in the first half. The Blue Devils went into the locker room down 22-17, wherein Shaw confessed worrying just how much Dill had left in the tank.

She only looked worn out.

"Caitlin just took over that second half," he said. "She must have caught her second wind, because she came alive."

Dill stepped back out on the floor and immediately went on a tear, putting 16 points on the board over the third and fourth quarters to spark the rally.

"I guess I finally decided to come out and play," she said. "I left the other (half) in the locker

room and started focusing more."

As her undersized team's tallest player at 5-3, collecting rebounds is an obligation.

"Since I'm kind of the biggest man we've got, I've got to go and rebound too," said Dill.

"It's her ability to do so much more than anything else that bulks up the numbers in other departments."

"She's not selfish at all," said Shaw. "If somebody's open, she'll give it to them. She's just a workhorse. Most of her points come off of offensive rebounds, putbacks. If not, she's catching the ball and trying to shoot every time down the floor."

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# Bruin boys bring it to Boise this weekend

By Brad Guire  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Bruin boys travel to Boise for back-to-back contests with the Boise Braves tonight and the Timberline Wolves on Saturday.

Matching up isn't a concern to Bruins head coach Matt Harr, but making sure the zone doesn't get too busy by handling with it.

The 5-0 Bruins is going to the inside for points and it's paying off.

"It's our bread and butter," Harr said, adding that another year of experience makes all the difference with his big guys up front.

And those big guys translating that time on the hardwood into points are seniors Brent Vriesman and Brady Jardine.

Vriesman leads with team with 89 points for a 17.8 point-per-game average and is followed closely by Jardine with 85 (17 ppg) according to figures based on Times-News reports.

Harr said he expects to see a lot of zone play from the Boise teams this weekend. After the close game at Burley in which the Bobcats brought a zone defense, the Bruins are putting in the time to overcome it.

The number of 3-point goals have decreased at a moderate

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pace over the five games, with Twin Falls putting up eight in the season opener over Jerome to just three against Century last Tuesday. It doesn't mean they won't shoot them when needed.

Harr said seniors Kenny Stechman, Tanner Simmons and Brandon Stokes are taking good shots from the outside when opportunities present themselves. Jardine can be dangerous from outside the 3-point line as well.

"They haven't had their best games yet," Harr said.

Seniors Blake Nielson, Brock Harding and junior Marcus Schaal make up a strong group helping to potentially lead the team back to state.

Tonight's tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m., while the Saturday start is 1:30.

## This week's sports picks

(All times represent approximate varsity start.)

**FRIDAY**

- Boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.
- Class 1A Magic Valley Southside vs. Wood River at Wood River
- Boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.
- Class 4A Great Basin West vs. Wood River at Wood River

**TUESDAY**

- Boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.
- Jerome looks to pick up a Great Basin West win against host Burley at 6. Buhl hosts

## Varsity vacation

Due to the upcoming winter break, this will be the last edition of the Varsity page until Jan. 6, 2006.

SCIC opponent Kimberly at 7:30.

- Girls basketball, 7:30 p.m.
- The Bruin girls trek to Boise to face 5A nonconference foe Madison at Twin Falls. In SCIC play, Declo plays at Kimberly and Filer visits Gooding.
- Wrestling, 5 p.m.
- The Wood River Wolverines host a triangular with Burley and Kimberly.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Twin Falls at Skylone boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.
- After a run in Boise, the Bruins travel to Idaho Falls for a District Four-Five-Six conference game against the Grizzlies.
- Girls basketball, 7:30 p.m.
- The Bruin girls host four-Five-Six conference rival Highland in the SCIC. Gooding plays at Declo.
- Wrestling
- Minico travels to Blackfoot for a 6:30 meet, while Jerome visits American Falls at 7:30.

**THURSDAY**

- Burley at Wood River girls basketball, 6 p.m.
- The Wolverines host the Bobcats for a Great Basin West game.

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## Media Basketball Polls

**Boys**

Record through Dec. 13

**Class 5A**

1. (tie) Highland (4) 4-1	80
1. (tie) Twin Falls (5) 5-0	80
3. Lewiston 4-0	44
4. Mountain View 5-1	36
5. Centennial 1-1	16

Others receiving votes — Eagle, Capitol, Coeur d'Alene.

**Class 4A**

1. Skyview (8) 3-1	88
2. Hillcrest (1) 6-0	64
3. Madison 4-1	46
4. Century 2-2	20
5. Post Falls 2-2	18

Others receiving votes — Kuna, Blackfoot, Nampa, Sandpoint, Mountain Home, Moscow, Jerome.

**Class 3A**

1. Fruitland (6) 5-1	80
2. Shelley (2) 3-2	60
3. Buhl (1) 4-1	42
4. South Fremont 3-0	36
5. Snake River 2-1	26

Others receiving votes — Priest River, Kellogg, Weiser.

**Class 2A**

1. Malad (7) 6-0	90
2. West Jefferson 2-1	56
3. Wendell 3-2	32
4. Soda Springs 2-1	24
5. Aberdeen 3-1	22

Others receiving votes — Firch, Orofino, Glenns Ferry, Parma, New Plymouth, Kamiah, McCall, Donnelly.

**Class 1A**

1. Troy (5) 4-0	78
2. Cascade (2) 6-0	74
3. Carey (2) 6-0	52
4. Lapwai 3-1	24
5. Post Falls Christian 4-0	16

Others receiving votes — Richfield, Natus, Mackay, Idaho City.

## Girls

Records through Dec. 13

**Class 5A**

1. Boise (7) 11-0	78
2. Centennial (1) 9-1	66
3. Borah 8-2	44
4. Coeur d'Alene 6-2	32
5. Highland 6-4	18

Others receiving votes — Skyline.

**Class 4A**

1. Vallive (7) 9-0	78
2. Burley (1) 7-1	52
3. Blackfoot 5-1	38
4. Bonneville 6-2	28
5. Madison 5-3	18

Others receiving votes — Emmet, Hillcrest, Post Falls, Sandpoint, Skyview.

**Class 3A**

1. Middleton (7) 6-0	78
2. American Falls (1) 8-1	66
3. Snake River 5-1	38
4. Bear Lake 4-1	32
5. Bonners Ferry 4-3	14

Others receiving votes — Gooding, Shelley.

**Class 2A**

1. Grangeville (4) 7-1	68
2. Butte County (3) 5-0	64
3. New Plymouth (1) 9-1	58
4. North Fremont 6-1	30
5. Frits 5-2	12

Others receiving votes — Malad, Parma, Valley.

**Class 1A**

1. Rimrock (3) 6-0	56
2. Shoshone 8-1 (1)	50
3. Wallace (2) 7-0	46
4. Dietrich 11-2	28
5. (tie) Lapwai 5-1 (2) 7-0	24
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Others receiving votes — Carey, Kootenai.

NOTE: These are the final polls for 2005. New polls will be published in January.

**Vote's this week**

Craig Craker, Idaho Press Tribune (Nampa); Jonathan Drew, Magic Valley Sports Talk; Ryan Divish, Idaho State Journal (Pocatello); Eric Larsen, Times-News (Twin Falls); Greg Lee, Spokesman-Review (Idaho edition); Mark Nelke, Coeur d'Alene Press; Joe Paisley, Times-News (Twin Falls); and Jesse Zent, Idaho Statesman (Boise).

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Brwns baseball and softball sell fruit

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Brwns baseball and softball teams are selling oranges and grapefruits for their annual fund-raiser.
The cost is \$16 for a 20-pound box of oranges or grapefruits or \$30 for a box of each.

Penguins fire Olczyk, promote Therrien

PITTSBURGH - Penguins coach Eddie Olczyk was fired Thursday in the midst of one of the most disappointing starts in franchise history and replaced by former Montreal Canadiens center Jacques Lemaire.
Olczyk, a former team broadcaster and player who had no coaching experience before being hired in 2003, was dismissed after losing a run of eight losses in a nine-game stretch that dropped Pittsburgh's record to 17-12-5, worst in the Eastern Conference.

CSI hosts hoops camp

TWIN FALLS - The College of Twin Falls Idaho men's and women's basketball programs will hold their winter junior basketball camp Dec. 30-31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.
The camp will be available to boys and girls grades 8-11 and participation fee is \$80. Participants will receive a camp t-shirt, a CSI poster, and an open ticket to the game of the Eagles remaining home games.

Clark shares Open lead with Fisher

GEOGRAPHIE, South Africa - Tim Clark and Ross Fisher tied a course record with 5-under-par 68s Thursday and shared the lead after the first round of the South African Open.
South African and returning underdog Clark took an early lead and almost windless conditions to produce four birdies, an eagle and a single bogey on the Links at Fancourt.

Sprinter Montgomery says he's through

NEW YORK - Disgraced sprinter Tim Montgomery says he's done.
The former 100-meter world record holder has retired, rather than waiting out a two-year suspension and returning under a cloud of suspicion.
Although he did not test positive for drugs, Montgomery was banned for doping based on evidence gathered in the criminal investigation of BALCO, a San Francisco-area lab that served many high-profile athletes.

Robinson to return as Nationals manager

WASHINGTON - Frank Robinson will return for a fifth season as manager of the Washington Nationals.
Robinson, who turned 70 in August, was re-signed after two months of off-season limbo while the team's sale and stadium deals continued to be negotiated.

Former NFL player killed in LA car crash

LOS ANGELES - Darrell Russell, a former Stanford NFL and Southern California defensive lineman, was killed in a high-speed car crash early Thursday.
Russell, 29, was a passenger in a car that went out of control about 6 a.m. and hit a curb, was tossed, fire ignited, high police, another tree and an unoccupied transit bus, Lt. Paul Vernard said.

U.S. shuts Cuba out of World Baseball Classic

NEW YORK - The U.S. government is keeping Cuba out of the inaugural World Baseball Classic, citing the standing embargo against the communist island nation.
The Treasury Department told Major League Baseball of its decision Wednesday, but declined to say whether it was a permanent ban.
The ban is part of a long-standing U.S. policy to isolate Cuba. The sport's first World Cup-

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Advertisement for Middlekauff Honda featuring a Honda Civic Sedan and a Honda GT40. Includes text: 'Starting at \$17,659\*', 'Honda Civic Sedan 2006 Motor Trend Car of the Year', 'The Leader in Engineering, New Technology, Design, Style, Performance, Functionality, and Value', 'MIDDLEKAUFF HONDA', '208.738.7700 • 800.548.8880', '208.738.8480 • 800.473.5797', 'Come In And See One Today!'.



# Finley leads Spurs past Timberwolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Michael Finley scored 21 points, including the last six for San Antonio, to help the Spurs hold off the Minnesota Timberwolves 90-88 on Thursday night.

Kevin Garnett got the best of Tim Duncan with 24 points and a season-high 21 rebounds, but the Timberwolves dropped their third straight game when Troy Hudson's off-balance, running jumper in traffic at the buzzer fell short.

Garnett, who was wide open at the top of the key, had a glum look on his face when Finley — whom Minnesota actively pursued on the free-agent market this summer — approached him and put his arms on his shoulders in consolation.

Duncan had 13 points and nine rebounds, missing four of his seven free-throw attempts. He was 5-for-20 from the foul line in his previous two games.

Garnett made a pair of free throws to bring the Wolves to 89-76 with 4:54 remaining, the closest they got since the second quarter. Hudson, did the same to make it 84-80, but Brent Barry found Finley open on a baseline cut — and the 11-year veteran swished a jumper to put San Antonio back up by six.

After Marko Jaric's layup, Fin-

ley sank a 3-pointer to increase the lead to seven.

Minnesota didn't quit, cutting the lead to 89-87 on a layup by Wally Szczerbak — who had 23 points — with 1:09 to play. Tony Parker was called for a charging foul against Hudson, giving the Wolves a great chance to tie it.

Jaric missed a layup, Anthony Carter missed a long jumper and Garnett missed a turnaround. Jaric grabbed another rebound and was fouled with 5.8 seconds remaining, but he made only one of two foul shots.

Finley then went 1-for-2 at the line on the other end after drawing a foul, setting up the final possession. The Spurs, who improved to 18-4, are 16-0 when they shoot 45 percent or better from the field.

Hudson, sparked from a four-game absence due to knee and calf injuries, backed the Timberwolves late in the third period after substituting for Michael Clewlow and with less than 5 minutes left.

Hudson had two assists and six points in that stretch before the buzzer, bringing Minnesota to 83-88.

It's early in the season, but the Wolves' confidence was hurt on consecutive nights this week with losses at Philadelphia and against Sacramento — which came on the heels of a five-game winning streak. They watched Bonzi Wells swish a

long 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Kings a 93-91 victory on Tuesday, and the Sixers pulled out a 90-89 overtime decision the day before.

A woeful second quarter did little to boost the Timberwolves' spirits.

A 21-14 lead melted into a 10-point halftime deficit, after the Spurs outscored them 25-11 in the period. It was the lowest second-quarter total in Minnesota's 17 seasons.

Garnett's rest always comes in this period, and the Wolves were outscored 14-2 during the time he sat out — with Robert Horry registering the first seven points on a free throw and back-to-back 3-pointers.

## Cavaliers 94, Nuggets 85

CLEVELAND — A banged-up LeBron James scored 26 points and got enough help from his teammates to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Denver Nuggets 94-85 on Thursday night.

James bruised his left shin and hobbled to the locker room with 29 seconds left in the first half. He came back with the shin wrapped for support.

He also got support from Damon Jones and Donyell Marshall.

Jones scored 17 points and Marshall 11, both hitting big 3-pointers as the Cavaliers ended a three-game losing streak.

Carmelo Anthony coming off a career-high 12 points in a win over Charlotte on Tuesday night, scored 23 to lead Denver but shot just 8-of-23.

Greg Buckner added 15 points and Earl Watson 14 for the Nuggets who shot 30 percent to Cleveland's 53 percent. James ended a stretch of six

games with 30 or more points. That could be good news for the Cavaliers, who went 1-5 with James carrying the load during that stretch.



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SPORTS

# Indianapolis goes for 14 straight

Tony Dungy plans to play regular season against the Chargers on Sunday as the Indianapolis Colts try to join the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only team to go unbeaten through 14 games in a season.



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The oddsmakers believe him, making Indy a 9-point favorite. Even with the Colts on their fast home track, that's a big spread. The Chargers should be motivated — they are in a desperate three-game battle with Kansas City and Pittsburgh for the final AFC wild-card spot.

The Chargers took the Colts to overtime in Indy last season. But they certainly didn't play like a desperate team last week, losing 23-21 to Miami at home, an unimpressive defeat for a team trying to land a playoff spot.

"It's very difficult, because you think about 'what if,'" says LaDanian Tomlinson, held to 75 yards in that game. "What if it is always creeping up in your head, but I think you've got to constantly remind yourself that 'what if' could have been easily 13-0 like the Colts."

Thirty other teams also have "what ifs." Like the Chargers, they aren't as good as the Colts. Like San Diego, they have underachieved all season.

Beyond that, Peyton Manning is a student of football history and would love to be the leader of the second team ever to go unbeaten. His team has won 14 — although they also know, as Dungy notes, that a Super Bowl

Depends on Vick's health, but the Bears' defense is quick enough to contain him, especially at home. **BEARS, 16-14.**

- Dallas (plus 3) at Washington: It's a long shot, but the Redskins can still win the NFC East. Not after this week. **COWBOYS, 21-16.**
- Seattle (minus 7.5) at Tennessee: The Seahawks cruise toward home-field advantage in the NFC. **SEAHAWKS, 33-13.**
- San Francisco (plus 15) at Jacksonville: The Jaguars cruise toward the playoffs. **JAGUARS, 30-37.**
- Carolina (minus 7.5) at New Orleans (Baton Rouge): Does anyone remember that the Saints won on opening day in Charlotte ... **PANTHERS, 24-7.**
- Cleveland (minus 7) at Detroit: Marvin's lads clinch the

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- Green Bay (plus 3) at Baltimore (Monday night): Another prime-time dog. **RAVENS, 6-2.**
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- Cleveland (plus 3) at Oakland: Long term. Charlie Frye might be pretty good ... **BROWNS, 20-10.**
- Arizona (minus 1) at Houston: Everything has gone wrong for the Texans. So this week they blow the Reggie Bush pick ... **TEXANS, 17-16.**
- LAST WEEK: 9-6-1 (spread) 13-3 (straight up) • SEASONS: 96-108-4 (spread) 142-66 (straight up)

**The picks**

- Tampa Bay (plus 4.5) at New England (Saturday): Tom Brady and Foxborough over Chris Simms and the warm-weather Bucs as the Patriots secure the AFC East. Although Brady is a little gippy ... **PATRIOTS, 19-13.**
- Kansas City (plus 3) at New York Giants (Saturday): The Giants' run defense had a bad game last week and rarely has two bad games in a row. But middle linebacker Antonio Pierce is out, so make it a shootout ... **GIANTS, 30-29.**
- Denver (minus 9) at Buffalo: The Bills are unraveling. The Broncos aren't ... **BRONCOS, 27-7.**
- Pittsburgh (minus 3) at Minnesota: The Steelers favored on the road against the Vikings that has won six straight? The Vikings' soft schedule accounts for that ... **STEELERS, 24-20.**
- Atlanta (plus 3) at Chicago:

## Armstrong to stand trial for defamation

ROME (AP) — Lance Armstrong's next challenge from a cycling rival will come in court. The retired seven-time Tour de France champion has been ordered to stand trial in Italy on charges of defaming Filippo Simoni. The case is to be heard in Rome on March 7, to settle a feud from the 2004 race.

If convicted, Armstrong faces a fine rather than jail time, his lawyer in Italy, Enrico Nani, said Thursday. Nani said Armstrong was indicted Wednesday.

Armstrong's representatives in the United States did not respond to requests for comment. Armstrong is being investigated for chasing Simoni during a stage breakaway in the 2004 race and reportedly threatening him for testifying about doping abuse in the trial of an Italian doctor associated with the American rider.

In an interview with Velo News published earlier this month, Armstrong said he regretted pursuing Simoni last year, but then said he didn't do it.

Armstrong said Simoni began "whining."

"He was whining, not working because they (the others in the breakaway) were (angry) at him. That's what happened," Armstrong said. "He was whining all day. He was whining like some Italian do ... 'Yah, yah, yah' ... all these things, and I'm like, 'Shut up and ride your bike, f---mon.'"

The other party in the charge relates to doctor Michele Ferrari, who was given a 12-month suspended jail sentence in October 2004 for sports fraud and malpractice. He has always denied he dispensed illegal substances to athletes and is appealing the sentence.

In 2002, Simoni told an Italian court that Ferrari asked him to take performance-enhancing drugs. Armstrong cut his ties with Ferrari after the doctor was convicted.

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**Running backs** — Lamar Brittingham, 6'0, 200, sophomore, Bloomsburg; Gernaine Race, 5-11, 225, junior, Pittsburg State.  
**Wide receivers** — Evan Prill, 6-0, 173, junior, East Stroudsburg; Nick Budnik, 6'2, 201, senior, Catholic.

**Tight end** — Brandon Twito, 6-7, 273, Pittsburg State.  
**Linebackers** — Chris Kuper, 6-3, 303, senior, North Dakota; Josh Bourke, 6-7, 310, senior, Grand Valley State; Josh McCoy, 6-6, 338, West Texas A&M; Jahri Evans, 6-4, 335, Bloomsburg; Joe Scillio, 6-1, 305, senior, Idaho.

**Kicker** — Jeff Glas, 5-9, 200, senior, North Dakota  
**All-purpose** — Justin Gallas, 6-1, 185, senior, Colorado Mines.

**Defense**  
**Linebackers** — Clayton Farrell, 6-4, 275, senior, Abilene Christian; Dave Tollefson, 6-4, 370, senior, Northwest Missouri State; Andy Schabbe, 6-4, 275, senior, South Dakota; Dathan Dumoncoeur, 6-1, 240, senior, St. John's, Minn.

**Linebackers** — Digger Anderson, 6-0, 228, senior, North Dakota; Deondre Filmore, 5-9, 220, senior, Texas A&M-Kingsville; John DiGiorgio, 6-2, 225, senior, Saginaw Valley State.

**Defensive backs** — Dan Peters, 6-0, 210, junior, Shepherd; Deonte Bolden, 5-11, 185, senior, Carson-Newman; Ross Watson, 6-0, 181, senior, Mount Union; Brent Grimes, 5-9, 174, senior, Shippensburg.

**Punter** — Jeff Williams, 6-4, 225, senior, Adams State.

**SECOND TEAM**

**Offense**  
**QB** — Jimmy Terwilliger, junior, East Stroudsburg

**RB** — Antoine Bagwell, senior, California, Pa.; Justin Beaver, sophomore, Wisconsin-Whitewater.

**WR** — Carlton Brewster, senior, Ferris State; Richie Ross, senior, Nebraska-Kearney.

**TE** — Keith Recker, senior, Hillsdale.  
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**Emmert heads AP Little All-America team**

By Ralph D. Russo  
 Associated Press writer

Think of Tyler Emmert as a small-school version of Matt Leinart — a can't-lose quarterback of a college football dynasty without all the hype and a long way from Hollywood. Emmert was selected to The Associated Press Little All-America team released Thursday, two days before he'll try to lead Carroll College to its fourth straight NIAA national championship.

The senior enters his final game Saturday against St. Francis, Ind., 50-3 as a starter at the tiny private Catholic school in Helena, Mont.

Emmert has thrown for 3,039 yards and 32 touchdowns this season, becoming the NIAA career leader in total offense while directing an attack that relies heavily on the short pass.

The AP Little All-America team is made up of players from NCAA Division II and III schools, as well as from the NIAA.

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Jimmy Terwilliger of East Stroudsburg threw for 50 touchdowns and 4,571 yards and won the Harlon Hill Award as Division II's top player. He made the second team.

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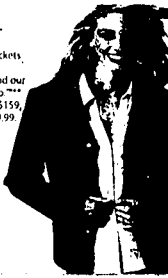
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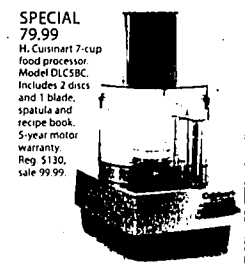
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## YOUR WEEKEND

### Zany theater

- What: The Mad Hatt's Theater Company will present Walter McEllivray and Walter Zerlin Jr.'s comedy "The Farn-dale Avenue Housing Estate Townsfolk's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol."
- Where: Black Current Theater for the Community, 157 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.
- When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door or by phoning 734-ARTS.

### Stage madcap

- What: Company of Fools will present Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner."
- Where: Liberty Theater, Halley.
- When: Today and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seating and \$18 for students 18 and under and seniors 62 and over, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.



### Naughty Santa

- What: West End Theater Company will present Jeff Goode's adult comedy "The Eight Reindeer Monologues."
- Where: Woody's, 215 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- When: Today and Saturday, 9 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$2, are available at the door.

### Jazzed

- What: The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Workshop will present a special performance to announce the release of CSI faculty member Brent Jensen's latest Origin Records release, "Trio." The performance will feature Seattle musicians Jeff Johnson on bass and John Bishop on drums.
- Where: Java, 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
- When: Today, 7 p.m.
- How much: It's free.

### Classical sounds

- What: Violinist Jennifer Call Dunn and seven other musicians will present a program of classical music, featuring the works of Scarlatti, Schubert, Paganini and Bartok.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
- How much: It's free.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Salmon	99%	29%
Big Wood	102%	30%
Little Wood	82%	28%
Big Lost	98%	27%
Little Lost	88%	27%
Hurveys Fort/Teton	87%	30%
Upper Snake Basin	97%	30%
Oakley	103%	28%
Salmon Falls	103%	29%

As of Dec. 16

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 50-year average. \*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire winter season, through March.

# Wind power gets boost

## BLM to speed development

By Jennifer Talheim  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Gale Norton on Thursday announced a new process for reviewing proposed wind farms that she said could result in a 50-fold increase in wind energy production on Western public lands.

The move sets broad guidelines for the Bureau of Land Management's wind energy development program, and should decrease the time to get approval for a wind energy project from two or more years to less than one year, Norton said.

### Wind potential

Idaho ranks 13th in the nation in wind power potential. Here's how Magic Valley counties rank in wind power potential among Idaho's 44 counties:

Rank	County	Potential megawatts
3	Cassia	1,460
10	Blaine	1,050
14	Elmore	450
18	Twin Falls	230
24	Camas	120
32	Gooding	12

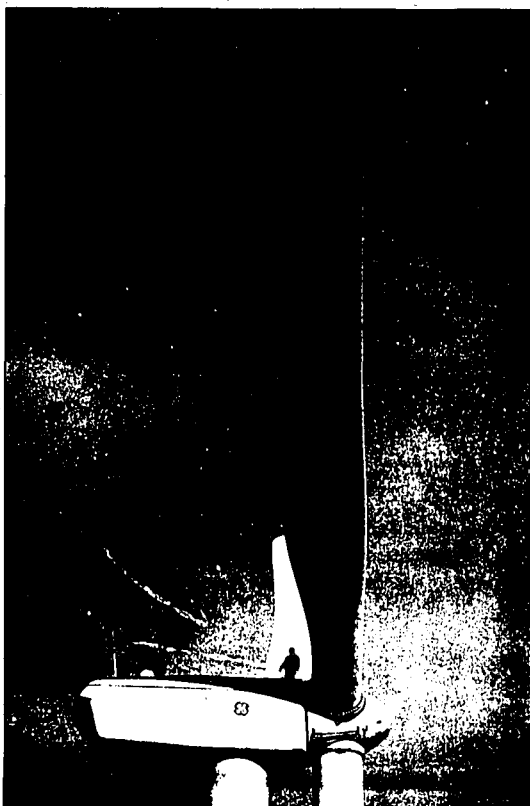
Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources

Idaho ranks 13th in the nation in wind power potential, according to the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Commercial wind farms in Idaho include the 10.5-megawatt Fossil Gulch near Hagerman; 324-kilowatt Lewandowski wind farm near Mountain Home and, scheduled to open this month, the 64.5-megawatt Wolverine Creek wind farm near Idaho Falls. Many more projects are planned, including the 200-megawatt Cotterel Mountain project between Albion and Malta.

Renewable energy sources have become more competitive in Western states, with the rise of oil and gas prices. President Bush and Congress have recommended increasing the development of renewable energy on public lands.

As part of the process announced Thursday, the BLM is amending 52 land-use plans in nine Western states, including Idaho, which Norton said will clear the way for wind farms generating 3,200 megawatts of wind energy — enough to produce electricity for about 1 million homes.

The BLM now has 22 wind energy development sites that produce about 500 megawatt hours of power. "Public lands offer enormous opportunities for environmentally sound renewable energy production," she said. "We expect to see many



General Electric Co. technicians Dwayne Wolfe and Richard Mandin check the electrical systems of a wind turbine generator at the Fossil Gulch Wind Park near Hagerman last February. The seven wind turbines at the park are 280 feet tall and each of the three rotors are 123 feet long.

new wind energy sites in coming years."

State Sen. Brent Hill, R-Rexburg, is chairman of the legislature's Energy, Environment and Technology interim committee. According to a news release from his office, Idaho's wind power potential is 18,000 megawatts a year.

"Right now, we are generating about 11 megawatts," he said in the statement.

Environmentalists questioned the timing of Norton's announcement, saying she was giving lip service to renewable energy while advocating a controversial plan in Congress to search for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Lawmakers are wrestling this week over how to act on a Senate-backed Arctic oil provision.

Thursday, she promoted the department's work to speed wind development. Norton added that wind was not a substitute for traditional energy sources, such as the oil available in the Arctic.

"I would say I'm really disappointed the secretary of the interior is taking the lead in calling for the sacrifice of the Arctic refuge," said Mike Chiropoulos, lands program director for the Boulder, Colo.-based Western Resource Advocates, which wants the government to do more to support wind and other renewable energy sources.

Interior Department spokesman Dan Dullray said Norton has been pushing to develop the "full panoply" of energy sources in the country.

The new guidelines are designed to help locate wind farms so birds and bats are prevented from colliding with wind turbines. They also protect other plants and animals that might be affected by wind farms, Norton said.

Randall Swisher, executive director of the American Wind Energy Association, said the plan will help the industry because it sets clear standards for where and how wind farms can be built.

Wind development is still hampered in many areas by the lack of transmission lines. Swisher said the industry is working with state and federal officials and others in the West on expanding their options for getting power to customers.

## Armed robber hits gas station

### Man gets away with \$800 in Hagerman

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — It just wasn't her night. At about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Amber Way was working at the Hagerman Shell station when someone walked up to the counter, pulled a gun and demanded the register's cash.

"There weren't many people out and about," said Way. "It was dark and cold and there was a basketball game going on. I was just at the wrong place at the wrong time."

Way, 27, lives in Wendell and has worked at the convenience store, located at 521 South State Street, for about a month.

The suspect, described as a younger white male in his 20s and about 6 feet tall, entered the store with a shiny grocery bag and asked for the money in the register. Way thought that it was a joke, until she heard the undeniable sound of gun being cocked.

"Then she knew it was serious," said store manager Page Umek.

He was wearing blue overalls, black ski mask and gloves.

Umek said that Way called her immediately after the robbery.

"I asked her if she was OK and if she called police," Umek said. "Amber said that she called me first — I told her to call the cops and I would be right there."

Cpl. Jeremy Smith, with the Hagerman Police Department, said that security cameras were on in the store and they will be reviewed as part of the investigation.

The store clerk was the only witness so far, he said.

He stated that no fingerprints were found on the scene.

Umek said that an estimated \$800 cash was taken and that she (Umek) is grateful nobody got hurt.

"Naturally, the girls that work here don't want to close or work at night alone anymore," Umek said. "We are going to have to take precautions for their peace of mind, and my own."

She stated that the store has been broken into in the past and has had a few alarm scares where they didn't know if someone was in the store or not — but hasn't been held up before.

Christmas, someone drove a bucket of ice through the door, but nothing was taken. I think that as soon as the alarm went off it scared them," Umek said.

Way doesn't think that this type of lightning will strike twice.

"It is something that is going to happen if it does," she said. "But I'm not worried that it will happen to me again."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at [blair\\_206@hotmail.com](mailto:blair_206@hotmail.com) or by calling 316-2407.

## Lincoln County gets firehouse

By Ruth Tews  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — North Shoshone neighbors will receive a belated Christmas gift courtesy of the Wood River Fire District. Completion of the district's 3,800-square-foot firehouse, located 14 miles northwest of Shoshone, is projected for February.

The district's old station, built in the 1960s, barely contained two of the three fire trucks that serve the northern Lincoln County area.

"The old building is so small that we have to crawl through the passenger doors to get into the trucks," said Dale Hellwinkel, volunteer firefighter and project supervisor of the new firehouse.

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Project supervisor Dale Hellwinkel, right, and Wood River Fire District commissioner Bruce Healey stand in front of the district's new firehouse, which is projected to be completed in February.

## Jerome agrees to buy five new police cars

By Brandon Flala  
For The Times-News

JEROME — The Jerome City Council has approved an agreement to buy five police cars.

The cars will cost \$20,500 each or \$102,500 total. They will replace older police cars, said Travis Rothweiler, Jerome city administrator.

"We've found that we're spending more money on simple routine maintenance," he said. "It will be cheaper to get new vehicles that have less operation and maintenance costs."

The cars, 2005 Ford Crown Victorias with police packages, were purchased from Salt Lake

County Fleet Sales. Police packages include emergency lights, sirens and siren controllers.

"They have about a year of service and should come to us nicely equipped with about 12,000 miles," Rothweiler said.

The city will get the cars in February, but they'll need to be further outfitted before they can be used. The cars will be modified with radios, prisoner placards, markings, gun racks and other equipment.

The city will buy the vehicles with money from a lease agreement with D.L. Evans Bank. The total loan will be \$120,000, which will cover the cost of outfitting the cars.

## Federal grand jury in Boise indicts Burley couple in tax case

The Times-News

BURLEY — A federal grand jury in Boise handed up an indictment this week charging Burley residents John Thurman Horjes and his wife, Elaine Sherry Horjes, with obstructing

impeding the due administration of the internal revenue laws, according to a press release issued Wednesday by the United States Department of Justice.

John Horjes, 56, is an artist who sells his paintings in galleries across the United States.

The Horjeses also are part-time residents of Phoenix.

The Horjeses were locked in a battle with Cassia County over failure to pay property taxes on their home a few miles west of Burley on Idaho 30. That dispute was settled in April, but was ex-

tended after the Horjeses failed to pay the \$3,600 the county asked in back taxes.

An attempt to contact the Horjeses at their Burley home was unsuccessful.

In past interviews with the South Idaho Press, the couple

said the house was owned by Snake River Holdings Trust Co., which was set up for their children, and they could not legally pay the taxes because they did not own the home.

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## Value of construction projects rises

BOISE (AP) — The value of Idaho construction projects rose 10 percent in September as low interest 30-year loans con-

tinued to lure home buyers into borrowing money, according to Wells Fargo economists. The value of construction

was nearly \$378 million, up from \$342 million in September 2004, fueled by construction of new homes.

## SERVICES

Maurice Guerry Jr., Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Deloris Louise Dickson Moller of Rupert, burial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Sixth and I Streets in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Eldon LaMonte 'Monte' Bailey of Burley and a native of Idaho will be buried at 11 a.m. Friday at the Albion Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Bass-russen Funeral Home).

Giselle Gonzalez of Rupert, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., in Rupert.

Edward 'Eddie' Clark, Memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday

at MVRS located at 484 East-lard Drive S., in Twin Falls.

Alice Elaine Fletcher Hicks of Mountain Home, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Alice J. Hernandez, rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Funeral Mass celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary at the funeral chapel.

Bonnie Jo McKay of Filer, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Calvary Chapel of Burli, 1004 Brewery Ave. (White Mortuary & Crematory).

Luke Jones of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Katie Walsh of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m.

Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (White Mortuary).

Christine S. Jones of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Kimberly-Hansen Building, 222 Birch St. S. Viewing will be from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church (White Mortuary).

Elizabeth (Beth) Hardy of Twin Falls, family and friends are invited to a celebration of life from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the family home, 224 Oak Creek Circle, Twin Falls.

Lawrence Hinnewinkel, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Worker Catholic Church, 7405 S. Redwood Road; viewing from 6 to 7 a.m. Sunday at McDougall Funeral Home, 4330 S. Redwood Road, where a rosary will begin at 7 p.m.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Darrell Don Heise

BUHL — Darrell Don Heise, 39, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at the Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, Idaho.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Fair Street in Buhl. Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2006, at Farmer Funeral Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.

### Alford G. Harrell

HEYBURN — Alford G. Harrell, a 76-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2006, at the Cassin Regional Medical Center in Burley. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2006, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., in Burley. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from noon to 1:45 p.m. before the funeral Monday at the Payne Mortuary.

### Evelyn Jenkins Anderson

TWIN FALLS — Evelyn Jenkins Anderson, 33, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2006, at the Caring Place in Twin Falls. A memorial service for Evelyn will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2006, at the Mortuary. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

### Patay Louise Campbell

TWIN FALLS — Patay Louise Campbell, 53, died Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, 2006, at her home near Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

### Virginia Madeline Guernsey

TWIN FALLS — Virginia Madeline Guernsey, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

### Frances A. Armenta

JEROME — Frances A. Armenta, 86, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2006, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit. Arrangements will be made by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

### Phyllis Maughan

EDEN — Phyllis Maughan, 74, of Eden, Idaho, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

### Esther Grace Johnson

BUHL — Esther Grace Johnson, 79, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A full obituary will be published in a later edition. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

### Gary C. Bowyer

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Gary C. Bowyer, 50, of Carson City,

Nev., died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2006, at his home in Carson City, Nev., after a two-year battle with cancer.

Memorial services are planned in Carson City, Nev., and in Twin Falls, Idaho, at a later date.

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### Juanita Martinez Campos

PAUL — Juanita Martinez Campos, an 89-year-old Paul resident, fell asleep in death on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, with her family by her side.

Juanita was born to Frank and Juanita Martinez on April 1, 1916, in San Diego, Calif. She attended schools in Fresno and San Jose, Calif.

Her family were migrant workers and traveled throughout California working in agricultural work. She had many fond memories of their travels.

She loved to read and was an avid reader of the Bible. She was an active member of Jehovah's Witnesses and was baptized on Feb. 7, 1957. As



the Bible promises, she very much looked forward to the Resurrection of the Dead on a Paradise Earth. To be reunited with her parents and siblings.

Mabel, Florence, Mary, Rose, Ruthie, Annie, Emily, Tom and Joe and many other relatives.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Louie (Diane) Amen of Paul; two sons, Robert (Wendy) Campos of Elizabethton, Tenn., and John (Bonny) Cardenas of Twin Falls; nine grandchildren, Ricky, Ashley, Jamie, Stephanie, Allison, Paul, Leslie, Jay and Bianca; one step grandson, Matthew; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2006, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., in Burley with John Leon officiating. Friends may call from noon to 1:15 p.m. prior to the funeral Saturday at the Payne Mortuary.

### Reed McBride

TWIN FALLS — Reed McBride, age 90, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Reed was born May 3, 1915, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Clarence and Ellen Marie McBride. He grew up in Declo and graduated from Burley High School. He met Lola Pace at a school dance in 1933. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Jan. 3, 1935, and were in love for 63 years until Lola passed away on Jan. 20, 1998.

Reed served his country in the National Guard. He was a good farmer, loved driving his tractor and seeing perfect rows behind him. Reed moved his family to California in 1950, where he worked as a machinist and a dock worker. After 20 years in California, Reed and Lola, with three of their children, returned to Idaho. Reed went to work for the City of Halley Water Dept. from which he retired in 1980. Reed and Lola moved to Twin Falls to get out of the heavy snowfall after he retired.

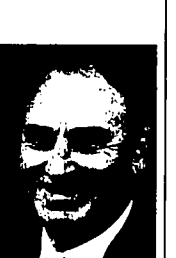
Reed was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.



He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Surviving Reed are his eight children, Kent C. (Bonnie) McBride of Shoshone, Lola M. (Don) Wyvell of Twin Falls, Deevaux (Bob) Grubbs of West Magic, Judy (John) Collins of Twin Falls, Penny Heer of Kimberly, Reed K. McBride and Kevin (Shirley) McBride of Bend, Ore., and Shelly (Mike) Christiansen of Halley, along with 25 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

His parents and his loving wife Lola preceded him in death.



A funeral for Reed will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Interment will be held following the service at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Visitation for Reed will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2006, at the funeral home.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

### William Aldie Powers

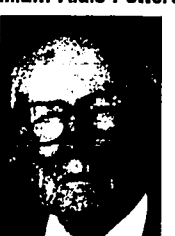
BUHL — William Aldie Powers, 95, of Buhl, passed away peacefully, Dec. 14, 2006.

Aldie was born Nov. 11, 1910, in Danville, Ark. He married Wilma J. Bowerman on March 23, 1911. He was a wonderful father and grandfather. He loved his family and friends and will always be in the hearts of his loved ones.

Aldie loved working his orchard; it was his life as well as his livelihood.

Hunting was his favorite hobby. Telling his stories was the best. He loved to sing and he had a beautiful singing voice. He always had a song ready.

Aldie spent many years teaching the Bible to others as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He



was baptized in approximately 1940 in Little Rock, Ark.

Survivors are son, Kenneth (Laura); grandchildren, Kath-

ryn Bowers, Greg Powers (Liz), Debbie Robison (Doug) and Denny Powers (Deb); great-grandchildren, Danielle LaRose (Brian) and Jess Bowers, Karen, Lacey and Alle Powers, Christopher and Nicole Robison, Britanni, Ashli, Storm, Hannah, Tori, Gaden and Brynli Powers; and great-great-grandchildren, Danny and Breanna LaRose and Ashton Bowers.

The family appreciates the help given to Aldie by the Snake River Rehab, personnel in Buhl.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall, 910 Milner St., in Buhl. No graveside services will be held.

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# Leaders seek study on med school cost

**BOISE (AP)** — The Idaho Medical Association and Idaho State University have asked the state Board of Education to look at the cost of getting Idaho a medical school.

Many Idaho students are qualified to go to medical school, but they lack opportunities, said ISU's interim president, Michael Gallagher.

On Wednesday, Gallagher asked the state board for a feasibility study on expanding medical education in Idaho to help doctors and patients.

"We've got all kinds of health care needs that aren't being met," Gallagher said.

Idaho is one of only a handful of states without its own medical school. Others include Wyoming, Alaska, and Montana, and for many years Idaho has belonged, with those states,

to a cooperative program that reserves spots for their students at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Each year, 18 Idaho students are admitted to the UW medical school.

In a separate program, another eight Idaho students are admitted annually to the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City.

The state of Idaho subsidizes Idaho students' tuition so they pay the same amount as Washington or Utah students to attend medical school in those states, instead of higher out-of-state fees.

But advocates said Idaho needs its own medical school — perhaps in Pocatello, where ISU already provides much of the state's health services training. One reason is that competition for Idaho's 26 spots in

Washington and Utah is fierce — Gallagher estimated only a quarter of the qualified Idaho applicants get in.

Another is that students who leave Idaho to study medicine often set up their practice somewhere else.

"Idaho suffers from a chronic lack of physicians," Patricia Burgess, the president of the Idaho Medical Association, said in a Dec. 5 letter to the board that also requested a study of the costs and benefits of establishing a medical school. Her letter said Idaho ranks 49th or 50th in the nation for its ratio of doctors to residents.

Burgess asked the board to put the matter on its agenda as soon as possible, and said many physicians have offered to help with a study. She praised the Washington and Utah pro-

grams, and said both schools would be willing to increase the number of Idaho students admitted if the Idaho Legislature and the state Board of Education agreed.

The association isn't leaning toward any particular option — it is open to everything from a new school, with labs and professors, to an expansion of existing opportunities, said Bob Seehusen, a spokesman for the group.

"Sooner or later, we're going to have to better access to medical school for our brightest students," Seehusen said. "Whether that needs to be bricks and mortar (or) buying more seats at other universities around neighboring states, we're hoping that the Board of Education will come up with that."

# Farmer wins \$1M lotto prize

**HOMEDALE (AP)** — A southwestern Idaho hay farmer won a \$1 million jackpot in Wednesday night's multistate PowerBall lottery.

The Idaho Lottery Commission said 60-year-old Lee Atkins of Homedale will be presented with a check for his winnings in a ceremony Friday at the Jackson Store in Homedale where he bought his ticket.

Atkins, who has lived on his farm in the Snake River community along the Idaho-Oregon

border since 1948, told commission officials that he watched the drawing on television Wednesday night, checked the numbers on his ticket, then woke up his wife Sharon and said, "I think we got some money."

Atkins matched five numbers in Wednesday night's draw and with the \$1 power play option was able to multiply his winnings by five, turning his initial \$200,000 winnings into \$1 million.

# Opponents want repeal of home electronics law

**IDAHO FALLS** — Opponents want to repeal a new law that will require permits and inspections to install home entertainment systems, phone lines and other low-voltage electrical devices, saying it could cost Idaho consumers millions of dollars.

If it's not repealed, "You'll still have the problem next year and the year after," Rep. Ann Rydalen, R-Idaho Falls, told the Post Register.

The law, passed nearly unanimously by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in April, requires installers to obtain a permit to do the work and to have an inspector check the work.

Opponents say that means a licensed electrician would be needed to install cable television, home movie theaters, phone systems, speaker systems, wireless Internet broadband, surveillance systems and other low-voltage gear.

Opponents estimate more than 500,000 such installations are done each year in Idaho. They say that with the new law, the fee for each service would run from \$10 to \$100, depending on the cost of the installation.

Mark Norviel, manager of networking and communications at Idaho State University, said he estimates the law could cost the school up to \$250,000 next year in licensing, maintenance and repairs.

When the Legislature convenes in January, it will be asked to approve the rules created under the law. Opponents say if the law isn't repealed, the rules should at least exempt low-voltage devices.

The Independent Electrical Contractors of Idaho told lawmakers the law would update the National Electrical Code.

"They are concerned with their own pocketbooks," Norviel said.

Bob Corbell, lobbyist for the electrical contractors, said the law was needed to make sure that people installing satellite dishes or wireless Internet know their way around electricity.

But Jim Overholser of Idaho Falls, who works on some of the home devices, said workers dealing with low-voltage electricity have a different perspective than electricians who deal with high voltage.

"When the electrician messes up, you may die," he said. "If I mess up, you may not get your e-mail."

## PRAYING ANGELS



Six-year-old Rose Bettie, left, joins fellow angels in prayer before taking the stage for a Christmas show Tuesday at Creswell Christian School in Creswell, Ore.

# USS Salt Lake City will be scrapped

**KITTERY, Maine (AP)** — After 21 years of service, the attack submarine USS Salt Lake City arrived Thursday at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard which will serve as its last stop before the submarine is dismantled and scrapped.

The Salt Lake City and its 127-member crew completed its career by surfacing through the

polar ice cap, breaking through more than a foot of snow near the North Pole on Nov. 17, before making its way to the shipyard on the Maine-New Hampshire border.

The sub will spend about a year in Kittery, undergoing defueling and other steps in the inactivation process, said shipyard spokeswoman Deb White.

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WORLD

### Stem cell probe may widen

NEW YORK (AP) — New allegations of fraud in stem-cell research by a prominent South Korean researcher emerged Thursday, and scientists said his other high-profile claims could face investigation as well. Among them: the first cloned human embryos and the first cloned dog.

The reputation of Hwang Woo-suk of Seoul National University has been battered by allegations of fabrication in a blockbuster paper published in May. He and co-authors claimed that by cloning human embryos, they'd created 11 stem cell lines that genetically matched certain patients.

Scientists hope to use such "therapeutic cloning" someday to create tissue for transplant into people with illnesses like diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Hwang's paper appeared in the Journal Science. In a letter released earlier this week, Gerald Schatten of the University of Pittsburgh asked Science to remove him as senior author, saying he had learned that "certain elements of the report may have been fabricated."

On Thursday, a South Korean television station reported that a co-author of the paper said that Hwang had pressured a former scientist at his lab to fake data for the report.

Nine of the 11 cell lines were faked and the authenticity of the other two was unknown, the co-author said.

Hwang has reportedly agreed to ask Science to withdraw the paper, but the journal said Thursday it had received no such request.



Hwang

### Weapons of alleged terror group seized

PARIS (AP) — French counterterrorism agents seized guns, ammunition, dynamite, and other weapons Thursday in a probe of suspected Islamic militants who officials said use robberies to fund terror groups — possibly including al-Qaida in Iraq.

Police seized the arms cache in a parking garage in Clichy-sous-Bois just north of Paris, working off information gleaned from questioning suspects. Agents found several pounds of TNT, 19 sticks of dynamite, AK-47 and Famas assault rifles, revolvers, ammunition, ski masks and bulletproof vests, judicial and

police officials said. "Thanks to questioning, a stash of arms has been discovered, which shows how serious this affair is," Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said, claiming they had uncovered a new link between suspected terror groups and organized crime in France.

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# For one Iraqi family, a vote to bury past, secure future

Knight Ridder News Service

NAJAF Iraq — Nori Abdul Hadi and his wife walked the 500 meters of dirt road from the black gate of their home in the Shiite spiritual city of Najaf to the school where they could vote on Thursday.

Inside, they moved past the red, white and black flag of Iraq in the shape of their nation, stepped behind the cardboard voting station and checked the boxes next to the United Iraq Alliance, a Shiite religious coalition of political parties.

They dipped their fingers in blue ink and carefully slipped the precious sheets of paper into the plastic ballot box — casting votes they hoped would finally protect them and Iraq's other Shiites after centuries of oppression.

Maybe the votes would honor their brothers, who were murdered by Saddam Hussein's thugs, and stop the bullets that showered their home during fighting last year between Shiite rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army and the U.S. military. Maybe it would compensate for the slipped disk in her back and his brain disease.

The Shiite couple grinned at each other and walked away from the polls where they chose the people they wanted to represent them in the first elected four-year government in Iraq. Making a deal with the Sunnis who supported Saddam, accommodating the independence-minded Kurds to the north, getting U.S. troops out of the country — those would be somebody else's problems. Theirs was a vote to bury the past.

"We'll forget all these old sorrows," Abdul Hadi said with a toothless smile — another gift from Saddam's regime.

Wrinkles on the 40-year-old man's face tell a story of suffering that echoes throughout Najaf.

Saddam's regime robbed Abdul Hadi of his youth, his happiness and his brother Hassan.

Fourteen years ago, on the second day of an American-inspired Shiite uprising against Saddam, Hassan, then 21, answered the call to fight.

Hassan was killed. Abdul Hadi became a fugitive and Saddam slaughtered thousands of Shiites while the Americans stood by.

The U.S. military never came to save them and, after burying his brother, Abdul Hadi ran. He escaped being one of thousands slaughtered by the deposed dictator's regime. He walked more than 80 miles disguised in his old military uniform, hid between gas cans on the backs of trucks, hitched rides and paid for taxis until he made it to Baghdad to hide in the city.

Six months later, on a visit to Najaf, Abdul Hadi was imprisoned, beaten and starved. The trial sheiks of his town shamed his brother's memory by apologizing to Saddam as Saddam stood on a stage. They apologized to his feet.

Abdul Hadi was released but remained a marked man, a Shiite.

The injury to his brain won't let him forget what happened. Sometimes, it paralyzes his face, and he takes Valium to kill the pain of his disease and his memory.

They dipped their fingers in blue ink and carefully slipped the precious sheets of paper into the plastic ballot box — casting votes they hoped would finally protect them and Iraq's other Shiites after centuries of oppression.

"Why did I let him go?" he says of Hassan. Then he forces out pride. "One can't feel guilty. He fought Saddam Hussein."

Abdul Hadi dragged on cigarettes the day before the election and told his story, pausing when the memory became too painful. A portrait of Hassan hangs in the sitting room of his house.

"Lost my mind," he said.

Hassan was one of Saddam's many victims. Abdul Hadi's wife, Taghrid, wrecked her back carrying food and gifts to her sister, who was imprisoned in Baghdad for a decade after looking at a banned Shiite book.

Taghrid also lost her brother, who was taken by the regime during the uprising. On every birthday and every holiday she thought the knock on the door might be his, that he might have gotten amnesty from a secret underground prison.

He never came home.

His underground prison was actually a mass grave.

His name flashed on a list of thousands of dead shown on television after the United States invaded Iraq in 2003. So Taghrid grieved.

Again, the Americans promised freedom. This time they took Saddam away. Abdul Hadi and his wife waited.

In the summer of 2004, the city erupted. In the Old City and the nearby cemetery, a battle raged between the Mahdi Army and the U.S. military. Abdul Hadi and his family huddled in the sitting room.

Bullets pierced windows and their doors were blown out. But they lived and waited for their freedom.

Now, there's a sense of security in Najaf, though the shrine where Abdul's brother was killed bears the bullet scars of the terrible battle. The family can pray freely, and the marjaya, the Shiite spiritual leaders, speak to their followers openly.

But the cemetery near the family's home is filling with dead Shiites from across the country who were killed by suicide bombings, gunfights and military operations. Their families bring them to Najaf to bury them in holy soil.

So Abdul Hadi and his wife still wait for their freedom. "We don't want the Americans to leave ... to let us down during this period we're going through," Abdul Hadi said.

He watches Saddam's trial — and the verdicts.

"It's a comedy play," he said. "Saddam may come back. He may be cleared or kidnapped."

So he voted on Thursday with hope for the future and fear of the past.

He voted for a new Iraq that will keep Saddam away.

He voted to be represented as a Shiite.

He voted so jobs will come to his city and his family won't live on his wife's \$70-a-month salary.

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# Study: Literacy rate lags

WASHINGTON (AP) — About one in 20 adults in the U.S. is not literate in English, meaning 11 million people lack the skills to handle many everyday tasks, a federal study shows.

From 1992 to 2003, adults made no progress in their ability to read sentences and paragraphs or understand other printed material such as bus schedules or prescription labels.

The adult population did make gains in handling tasks that involve math, such as calculating numbers on tax forms or bank statements. But even in that area, the typical adult showed only enough skills to perform simple, daily activities.

Perhaps most sobering was that adult literacy dropped or was flat across every level of education, from people with graduate degrees to those who dropped out of high school.

So even as more people get a formal education, the literacy rate is not rising. Federal officials say this trend is puzzling and worthy of research.

Adults with ability to perform challenging and complex reading tasks made an average yearly salary of \$50,700 in 2003. That is \$28,000 more than those who lacked basic skills.

The adults deemed illiterate in English include people who may be fluent in Spanish or another language but cannot comprehend English text at its most simple level.

"Eleven million people is an awful large number of folks who are not literate in English, and therefore are prevented access to what America offers," said Russ Whitehurst, director of the Institute of Education Sciences at the Education Department.

Some 30 million adults have "below basic" skills in prose. Their ability is so limited that they may not be able to make sense of a simple pamphlet, for example. This total includes 7 million adults considered not to be literate in English but with enough knowledge of the language at least to be tested.

By comparison, 95 million adults, or 44 percent of the population, has intermediate prose skills, meaning they can do moderately challenging activities.

## Portrait of adult literacy in America

Some 30 million adults in the U.S. do not have the skills to perform even the most basic tasks such as searching a simple text to find out what a patient is allowed to drink before a medical test.

Percent of adults in each prose literacy level, 2003

Below Basic	Basic	Intermediate	Proficient
30 million	63 million	95 million	28 million
Unable to perform no more than the most simple literacy activities	Simple activities such as understanding a pamphlet for prospective jurors	Moderately difficult activities such as finding information in reference materials	Complex activities such as comparing viewpoints in two different editorials

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Indictment

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The Horjeses also argued that county taxes on property amounted to a "perpetual lien" on private property, and are a violation of personal rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

The couple paid taxes on the property on which the house sits, but not on the home itself. The county put a tax lien on the home in November 2003, but was unable to sell it because it did not include the land and no buyers were interested.

According to Count One of the

indictment, John and Elaine Horjes obstructed or impeded the due administration of the internal revenue laws from October 1996 through January 2004 by filing false trust and individual income tax returns, the release said. The Horjeses also falsely claimed they were not U.S. citizens, and challenged the authority and jurisdiction of the IRS and the United States to collect income tax from them.

The indictment also alleges that the Horjeses falsely claimed that buildings the Horjeses owned, which the IRS seized to satisfy a federal tax lien against the couple, were in fact owned by a nominee trust.

In Counts Two through Six of

the indictment, John and Elaine Horjes are each charged with five counts of failure to file an individual income tax return for tax years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002, the release said.

Obstructing or impeding the due administration of the internal revenue laws is a felony for which the statutory maximum penalty is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Failure to file an income tax return is a misdemeanor for which the

statutory maximum penalty is one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

This case was investigated by Special Agents with the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, and prosecuted by Department of Justice, Trial Attorney, Nicholas Lea A. Carlisle and Nicholas P. Dickinson.

This story first appeared in the South Idaho Press.

Firehouse

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The new facility will have room for four trucks as well as two smaller units.

Also under construction is an 800-square-foot office and meeting room.

The nearly \$470,000 project is being paid for in part by a \$270,000 block grant awarded by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. The district raised \$200,000 in contributions, donated services and district funds to round out construction costs. Property for the new facility was donated by the Ellis Cooch family.

"With the addition of this building, a 3,000-gallon pumper truck, and a 10,000-gallon storage tank, insurance rates in Twin Shoshone should go down," Helvink said.

"We have to run our trucks back into Shoshone if we need

to refill during a fire. We can refill at our new station and save valuable time."

Wood River Fire District Commissioner Bruce Helsey said, "We wanted our building to be presentable, we discussed a steel building but felt we are building for the future and wanted something that would last and look good."

The concrete and steel facility will include a helipad for Life Flight transfers, a community meeting room and training facility.

The district plans to build another station in the rapidly growing area northeast of Shoshone.

"We have the property for a new station, we don't have volunteers that live in that area to man a new station," Helsey said.

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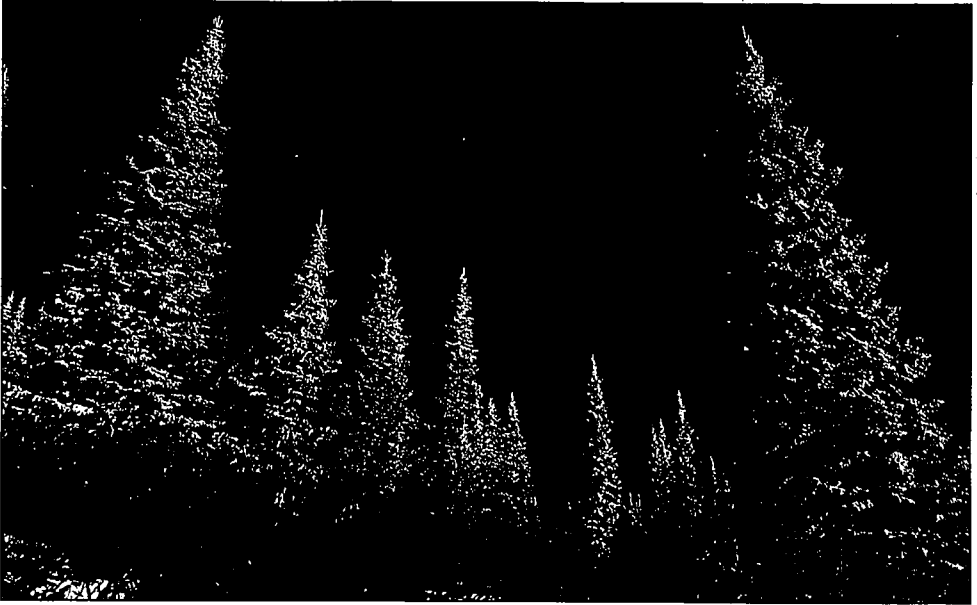
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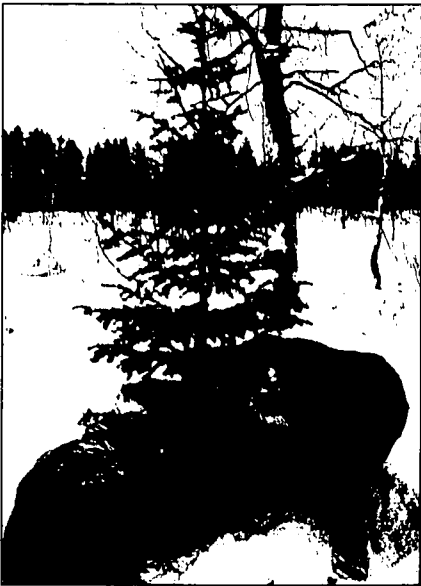
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Snow covers pines above Diamondfield Jack Snowplay Area.

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Above, Nathan Erickson, left, of Twin Falls, and his dad, Bob Erickson, of Kimberly, cut down their Christmas tree in the South Hills after a lengthy search in the snow. Right, snow clings to tree branches at the Diamondfield Jack Snowplay Area.

## A slice of Christmas scenery

### Forest Service permits allow locals to cut their own trees

By David Cooper  
Times-News writer

For hunting season in Christmas time, leave the gun and ammo at home. Bring a sharp wood saw instead.

With the Sawtooth National Forest right next door, many southern Idaho residents head for the hills to pick and cut their own Christmas tree. The U.S. Forest Service provides tree permits for \$5 and \$10 per family — a relative bargain compared to an artificial tree at around \$100 or a tree lot pine for \$40.

But the real affection for fresh-cut trees may be with the experience as much as the actual boughs of holly and evergreen smell.

While raising most of their five children in Idaho in eastern Idaho, Bob Erickson of Kimberly and his wife Maggie commonly took trips into the Targhee-Caribou National Forest for Christmas trees.

"We always made it a fun outing with chili and hot chocolate," said Erickson. "We'd cut our tree, sing carols and the kids looked forward to it."

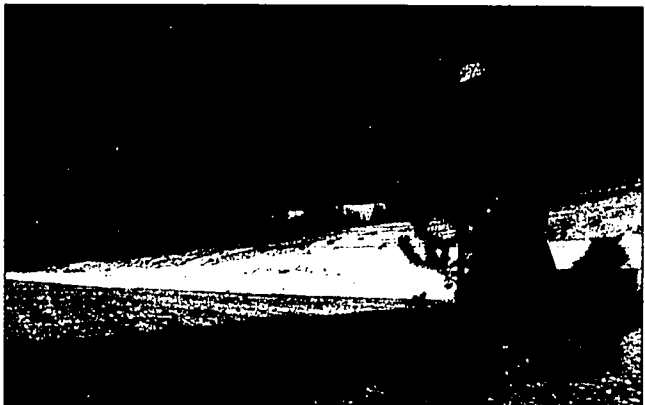
This year they decided to return back to the old tradition, with son Nathan, of Twin Falls, and his own family in tow during a recent tree-cutting trip to the South Hills.

"It is a little more work but it's worth it," Erickson said. "They're as fresh as when you cut them down. Now we're seeing our kids start to do it with their children. That makes it fun to see that tradition kind of carry on."

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Animal tracks wind their way through the snow at the Diamondfield Jack Snowplay Area.



Warren Atwood of Rupert carries a tree after cutting it during a snowmobile trek Wednesday at Diamondfield Jack Snowplay Area.

OUTDOORS

# Sun Valley opens more lifts, terrain

**SUN VALLEY** — Sun Valley Resort will open additional lifts and terrain on Baldy this Friday.

Additional lifts opening on Baldy will include Greyhawk Lift No. 7, and Seattle Ridge No. 12. Exhibition No. 2 will open in the mornings and Sunnyside No. 6 will be open in the afternoon.

In addition Seattle Ridge Lodge on Seattle Ridge will open for the season. Dollar Mountain and Dollar Mountain Lodge also remain open for the season.

For daily updated mountain reports, please call 920-615-1150 or visit online at [sunvalley.com](http://sunvalley.com).

## Outdoors in brief

### Jerome gun club hosts sporting shoot Sunday

**JEROME** — Join the Jerome Gun Club for a sporting clays shoot host at the Jerome Range this Sunday. The club is located east of Highway 93 at mile marker 64. Sign-up will start at 10 a.m., shooting starting at 11. Admission includes 100 targets for \$20. Non-members price will be \$23. Cost for Juniors (16 years and under) is \$14. Non-member juniors will be \$17. If you have never shot sport-

ing clays at Jerome Gun Club, your first 50 targets are free. We will be giving away prizes at no cost to the shooters. Shooting for eight prizes. High Over All, High Lady, Low Shooter, and an additional five based on the Lewis Class system.

Hot coffee, hot chocolate, soda pop, and water will be available. As of now, the club will not be shooting trap on Wednesdays until spring.

The club's next scheduled Sporting Clays shoot will be Jan. 15, 2006, the third Sunday of January. For more information or questions, call Kenny Siemens at 733-6045. Come out and bring a friend or two.

### CSI Outdoors program offers free ski lessons

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho Outdoors program will participate in free ski lessons at Pomerelle this Saturday. The lessons include rentals at Pomerelle all day.

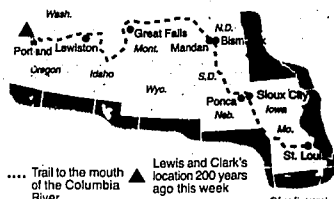
Buses will also be going to the resort from Twin Falls. The bus leaves Claude's Sports parking lot at 7:05 a.m. and K-Mart at 7:20 a.m. The cost for the ride is \$10.

You must pay for the daily pass at Pomerelle, which is \$24 for half-day and \$30 for a full day. For conditions call 673-5555. — compiled from staff reports

## 'one of the worst days'

In addition to a variety of health problems among the men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Captain William Clark reported that the fleas were so bad that he could not sleep through the night, and that members of the expedition were unable to get rid of the pests.

The fleas were compounded by mosquitoes, cold and rain. On Oct. 3, 2005, the 50-year-old reconstructed Fort Clatsop, at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Site, was destroyed by fire. National Park Service officials expect to rebuild the log fort.



December 11, 1805 — we are all employed putting up huts or cabins for our winters quarters. Sergeant Pryor unwell from a dislocation of his Shoulder, Gibson with the dysentery, Jo. Fields with bites on his legs, & Werner with a Strained Knee.

December 13, 1805 — We continue to put up the Streight buffal balsom pine on our houses-and we are much pleased to find that the timber Splits most buttfully and to the width of 2 feet or more.

December 16, 1805 — Certainly one of the worst days that ever was!

(Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

# Winter opportunities abound at Craters

The Times-News

Winter's snows accentuate the jagged black lava creating a dramatic contrast. Although the Craters of the Moon loop drive is now closed to automobile travel, there are several excellent options for exploring the monument in winter.

The Visitor Center is open daily from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. View exhibits and short audio-visual presentations to learn more about Idaho's national park. There are also publications on sale in our book store about the cultural and natural history of the park and the region.

Cross-country Skiing/ Snowshoeing. Usually mid-December thru February. Recent snows have provided an excellent base for winter recreation. The seven-

mile Loop Drive is groomed for skiing as snow pack and staffing allows. Most of the Loop Drive follows relatively level terrain and can be completed in two to four hours. There are also excellent opportunities for snowshoeing throughout the park. There is no charge for entering into the park in winter but donations, which help to defray the cost of maintaining the ski trail, are appreciated.

**Winter Ecology Workshops:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 11 and 18. Explore a different side of Craters of the Moon on a ranger-guided winter ecology snowshoe walk and workshop. The workshop starts with a 45- to 60 minute classroom session followed by several hours out in the park on snowshoes.

Snowshoes are available for use and there is no charge for

these events. Reservations are required and participants need to be at least 10 years old for this moderately strenuous walk. Call early to sign up for these popular excursions at 208-527-3257.

**SnowSchool:** Wednesdays and Thursdays in January and February. Bring your students to Craters for a mini winter ecology lesson including a one-mile ranger led snowshoe trek near the visitor center. We have enough snowshoes for about 30 students and the walks are suitable for fourth-graders and up. Call the park at (208) 527-3257 for more information or to schedule a class visit.

After registering for a SnowSchool class, you will provide you with detailed information on what to wear and bring. In preparation for your visit, attendance at the SnowSchool Educators' Workshop listed below is highly

recommended.

**SnowSchool Educators Workshop:** Jan. 6-7: During this two day workshop strategies for incorporating aspects of local geography and winter ecology into the classroom are explored in our on-site auditorium and on snowshoe walks in the field. College credit is available for teachers through the Southwest Science Institute (SSI). For more information contact SSI at 208-768-9686 or visit the Web site at [insh.iss.edu/ssi/](http://insh.iss.edu/ssi/)

Weather and road conditions may change rapidly in winter so visitors should be prepared with appropriate gear for winter recreation as well as the proper equipment for winter driving conditions. Call ahead for updates on weather and snow conditions at (208) 527-3257 or take a look at the snow via "Crater-Cam" at [www.parks.gov/crmo](http://www.parks.gov/crmo)

# Hunting or fishing license a gift to use all year

**JEROME** — Want to find your outdoor enthusiast a gift that's always in style, isn't the wrong size or color, and is useable everyday of the year? Go to any of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Regional Offices around the state and buy them a gift certificate for 2006 hunting and fishing license.

"Gift certificates are a great option and stocking stuffer," said Sally Rose, Idaho Fish and Game administrative assistant. "Adult residents age 18 and over have to purchase their own license because they need to show proof of residency."

Gift certificates can only be redeemed at Idaho Fish and Game Regional Offices.

There are several options and price ranges for the gift buyer to consider. Lifetime licenses cost from \$276.75 to \$1,113.00, depending on the age of the recipient. Seasonal licenses sell

## Fish and Game notes

for \$7.25 for juniors, to \$117.25 for the Sportsman's Package.

The Sportsman's Package is the best buy for any avid sportsman. The package gives them their hunting and fishing licenses, tags for deer, elk, bear, mountain lion, turkey, salmon, steelhead, and permits to use archery and muzzleloader equipment. This is nearly a 50% savings over buying each item separately.

If playing a game of chance is more your style, the Idaho Fish and Game is also offering tickets for Super Hunts (individual tags for deer, elk, antelope, or moose) and Super Hunt Combos for deer, elk, antelope, and moose. The money raised from the purchase of these tickets goes to the Access for Youth Program. These can be purchased at any license vendor.

Super hunt tickets cost \$6.25 each; \$24.95 for six and \$49.95 for 13. Super Hunt Combos cost \$19.95 each; \$99.95 for six and \$199.95 for 13.

The drawing for the all super hunts will be held June 15, 2006. For more information, or to purchase gift certificate, stop by the Magic Valley Regional Office at 319 South 417 East, Hwy 93 two miles north of the Flying J or call 324-4359.

## Fish and Game offer hunter education classes

**JEROME** — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is having a winter Hunter Education class. Dec. 28, 30, Jan. 2, 4, 6, 7 at the Regional Office at 319 South 417 East.

Students must be able to attend class on all the dates listed to complete the course. To register, stop by the Regional Office between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Registration for the classes requires an address, phone number, date of birth, and social security number for each student. Cost is \$8.

Students 17 and younger completing the Hunter Education program will receive a free

small-game hunting license for this year's hunting season. Students age 12 and older wishing to hunt big game this fall must upgrade to a junior hunting license. Cost for the upgrade is \$3.75 at any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office or for \$7.25 at other license vendors.

For more information, call 324-4359.

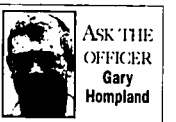
# Sportsmen can donate meat to needy

**Question:** "I've seen some articles in sporting magazines about sportsmen's groups that give some of their game meat to needy families. Is it successful this year and would be willing to donate some of my game meat to several local needy families. Is there anything like this in the Magic Valley?"

**Answer:** There are no sportsmen's groups that have taken on the goal of helping feed needy families in the area utilizing their fall harvest game or fish.

In several states, sportsmen's groups collect game meat to either give away to needy families or hold wild game fests during the holidays to provide a hot meal for indigent families and the homeless.

Sportsmen who would like to donate some of their fall's hunting and fishing bounty to needy families should contact organizations that distribute food directly. Some of those local or-



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organizations include: Project Compassion Food Bank (208-308-4977), the Salvation Army (208-733-0569) or any of the numerous church affiliated organizations such as the West End Ministerial Association in Buhl or the Jerome Ministerial Association.

This list is not all inclusive but is representative of the kinds of organizations that help needy families. They would all greatly appreciate any donations of food. Most of these organizations lack the ability to process wild game meat so any donations should be processed, frozen, and ready

for consumption.

Sportsmen giving game meat to these organizations as a gift must also provide the organization with a proxy statement indicating donation as a gift. The statement must also contain the hunter's name, address, hunting license number, species and sex of the donated game animal, and date harvested. A pre-printed form is available in the current big game hunting regulations brochure.

Recipients of the game meat will be required to sign a release indicating they have voluntarily accepted the game meat that is not being inspected.

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**Great places to dine after working up a hearty appetite**

By Pete Zimosky  
The Idaho Statesman

**BOISE** — After working up an appetizing cross-country skiing, hiking or snowmobiling, you're going to be zeroing in on a place where you can get good grub.

Many of Idaho's outlying towns have places where you can get a three-egg omelet, a luscious burger or a milkshake, or prime rib dinner with all the fixings.

You've just got to find them. When you do, you'll get a warm greeting and down-home meals that are worth the miles on the trail. Call it gourmet grub.

Here are some places I've hit over the last year while I was on the road for recreation.

Remember, when you're out in the outdoors you've got to replenish those calories. It's a

good excuse to enjoy good food on the road.

• **Old Basque Inn**  
Where: Old Basque Inn in Jordan Valley right off U.S. 95.

Menu: Traditional Basque dinners served family style.

Price range: \$8 for sandwiches to \$14.50 for dinners.

Where: Stop off after floating the Owyhee River or hiking or hunting in the desert areas of the Owyhees of southwest Idaho or southeast Oregon.

• **Boggan's Oasis**  
Where: Boggan's Oasis on the banks of the Grande Ronde River where Highway 129 crosses the river in Washington.

Menu: Best darn burgers and milkshakes for miles around, it's a sister cafe to one in Troy, Ore.  
Price range: \$5.95 to \$7.50 for burgers; \$3.50 for milk-

shakes. Discounts for combos of burgers, fries and milkshakes.

Where: Stop off while you're floating the Grande Ronde River or steelhead fishing and hunting in the area. Or if you are traveling from Asotin, Wash., to the LaGrande Ore. area.

• **Rouie 55 Cafe**  
Where: Rouie 55 Cafe along Idaho 55 in Cascade.

Menu: Family style breakfasts, lunches and dinners. The Denver omelet is fabulous.

Prices: About \$5 to \$10. When: After you've been ice fishing at Cascade or Horsehead reservoirs, on the way to steelhead fishing on the Salmon River or skiing at Tamarack Resort or Brundage Mountain Resort.

• **Danskin Station**  
Where: Danskin Station, on

the Banks to Lowman Road, 19.3 miles east of Banks.

Menu: Gourmet foods ranging from fresh oysters to steaks cooked over mesquite wood. You have to go to the mountains to get fresh seafood.

Price range: \$12 to \$16.

Where: Stop in after floating the South Fork of the Payette River, backpacking in the Sawtooths or fishing at Deadwood Reservoir. It fills up quick, so it's best to get a reservation.

• **Snake River Grill**  
Where: Snake River Grill at 611 Frogs Landing in Hagerman.

Menu: Patty melts to New Zealand lamb racks. I love the cashish.  
Price range: \$7-\$25  
When: Stop in as you are coming home from camping in the City of Rocks or fishing in many of the area's trout waters.

**Scenery**

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**Making a day of it**

Magic Valley and Wood River Valley neighbors have plenty of forest areas to choose from when hunting for a tree. U.S. Forest Service ranger stations sell a limit of one permit to each household. For \$5 you can cut a tree up to 10 feet; \$10 will get you a 20-footer.

Additional restrictions apply when you're looking for a tree. Trees cannot be cut in any Forest Service campground, administrative site, ski area, summer home site, organization camp or ski resort property.

It's also wise to remember that a fresh cut natural tree is usually just that — a natural tree.

"The trees aren't going to look like a plantation-like tree," Erickson said. "But in the old days, the trees didn't look like that either. A lot of the trees we picked were Charlie Brown trees. It's really about the experience of going out and cutting the tree. It's what you want to get out of it, really."

R.L. Harman, manager of the Rock Creek General Store south of Hansen, watches tree permits fly out each and every weekend during the holiday season. The family tree-cutting tradition is only growing bigger.

"It's increased quite a bit," he

said. "The first weekend we got them, we had sold maybe 50. The next day we sold over 250 and we haven't been able to keep them in."

"We see a variety of people. I think they find it more fun than buying a tree. They enjoy spending more time with the family to get pick out your own tree."

**Off the beaten path**

Because Christmas tree season is in the early days of winter, tree cutters should expect to do some hiking to find that perfect tree. Forest Service officials advise snow and transportation (four-wheeled drive, snow tires, chains) and warm winter clothing, including coat, gloves, hat, boots and snow-bibs.

Other equipment should include a flashlight, extra food and water in the car, a cell phone if possible, and perhaps most important, a sturdy wood saw.

"We want to advise people to go well prepared when they venture into the forest at this time of the year," said Forest Service forester Karl Feulling. "Weather conditions can change rapidly."

That leads to a key concern with family outings in the snow — the family. Be sure to make the search is safe and enjoyable for little kids by throwing in some sledging, skiing, or watching for

**Need a tree permit?**

Christmas tree permits are still available at a number of locations throughout the Sawtooth National Forest and surrounding areas.

**Fairfield Area**  
Fairfield Ranger Station — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Market Basket Store** — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday through Saturday

**Nitz Pine Store** — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday

**Twin Falls Area**  
Forest Supervisor's Office — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Rock Creek General Store** —

7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Seven days/week

**Burley Area**  
Minidoka Ranger District Office — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Ketchum Area**  
Ketchum Ranger Station — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Sawtooth NRA Headquarters**  
Office — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Stanley Area**  
Stanley Ranger Station — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday

**Shoshone Area**  
Johnny's Country Store — 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Saturday

wildlife. That way the day isn't all about hiking through the drifts.

This year's experience sparked a new idea for the Ericksons, who plan to map out their tree in 2006 during the summer months.

"What a guy needs to do is come up in summer and find a perfect Christmas tree and then log it into the GPS unit, so we aren't slogging around looking for the perfect tree," Erickson said. "You could find two in case someone finds your tree. That

way you can find your tree in winter in around 15 minutes."

Whether the search for the tree starts in summer or winter, Erickson is convinced a tree with a natural feel and scent is the best way to decorate for Christmas.

"We'll never go back to the artificial tree again."

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# COMICS

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YOUR DOLLARS HEADLESS?  
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WHAT ARE THE CHOICES HERE?  
THERE'S THE WIND HEAD, THE APOLOGETIC HEAD, OR THE BOYSCOUT!

WHICH DO YOU PICK?  
WHEN YOU'RE LOST AND CLAMORING FOR HELP, YOU WANT TO JOIN ANY CAMP THAT'LL HAVE YOU!

NEW REPUBLICAN DOLL.

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

FIRST YOU LAUNCH THE BROWSE, THEN YOU CLUCK THIS UNIT THAT LOOKS LIKE AN UMBRELLA.

WHEN THE PAGE LOADS UP YOU GO TO THE PULL-DOWN MENU, THEN SCROLL DOWN UNTIL YOU HIGHLIGHT THE NAME OF OUR CITY.

THEN JUST RIGHT-CLICK THE TAB THAT SAYS "FORECAST," SELECT "TODAY" AND THERE IT IS: "RAIN."

WHAT IF I WANT TO GO TO ALL THE JUST LOOKER? WHEN THE COMPUTER IS SILENT HERE?

I WANT TO GO TO ALL THE JUST LOOKER? WHEN THE COMPUTER IS SILENT HERE?

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

OF COURSE.

HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE?

LET ME CHECK...

BUT I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S A FLAT FEE.

AUTO Y ROD

DO YOU FIX TRIS HERE?

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

THANK GOD I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU... I JUST WANT TO ASK, WHAT THE HECK DOES "MEEP MEEP" MEAN? I MEAN "MEEP" ISN'T A WORD IS IT?

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

VIZAY, THE WORLD'S MOST DESPERATE VENTURE CAPITALIST DOES ANYONE NEED A NAPKIN TO WRITE ON?

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING RIGHT NOW? COULD IT BE A BUSINESS PLAN?

TAKE MY MONEY!!! TAKE IT!!!

HE'S NICE.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

SO YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO GET A TIT?

UH, YEAH, BUT NOT RIGHT NOW.

I'M KIND OF PREOCCUPIED FOR THE TODAY. I'M A BUNCH OF STUFF TO GET IN DO.

IN FACT, I'M REALLY NOT SURE I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY MORE LIES OUT OF CONTROL.

SEE YOU EVERYONE AT 10:00.

OH, I SEE. NOW I CAN ADD YOU TO MY ADDRESS BOOK.

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Today the Elderpark Philosophical Society recognizes Peetkovens birthday.

He was a man of many contradictions. He was one of the world's greatest composers, yet he was deaf.

He was passionate, yet he never married.

But, you were, Dusty. You told me most of your wives thought you were deaf.

Dang! I wish I'd been more like him.

Well that's true.

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

FUNE

WHAT'S WITH YOU? I'M NOT ATTACKING. THE CANNISTER WAS LEFT OUTSIDE AND ALL THE DUST BLEW INTO THE HOUSE.

LOOK AT THAT! EVERYTHING I HAD AVAILABLE THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE TO PICK UP!

HOUSEWORK! I'D HATE TO TRY TO BE A MEAN OF IT, I'M ALWAYS BEHIND!

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

SCHOOL

HAVE YOUR IMAGINARY PLAYMATE CALL MY IMAGINARY PLAYMATE.

**Luan** By Greg Evans

DICK'S GIVEN JOO STUFFED ANIMALS. BRAD, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAW ALL MY MONEY, PLEASE.

I'LL TAKE AS MANY AS I CAN GET IN MY CAR.

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A KILLER WINKLE? ONE OF OUR PREDATORS IN OUR BEER GAIN NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW CAN THAT BE??

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK HE SAW ME SPOT HIM, SO NOW HE'S TRYING TO HIDE.

WIDE? WIDE WHERE??

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

HOW IS OPAL COPING WITH CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

SHE'S HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING ANYTHING DONE.

SHE SAYS SHE HAS "BUT FIRST" SYNDROME.

SHE WALKS AROUND BACKWARD?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT IT MEANT!

**Rose is Rose** By Pat Brady

GOPPEL WERE GONNA BEER TO MY JOB TO FEELER THIS?

WE DON'T BLAME YOU, AL!

GRUNT GRUNT GRUNT

OOOFF!

WHY I DON'T COME'S ANNUAL FRONTAGE.

WATCH YOUR DESK! READER WAS KIPPED LAST YEAR!

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im tired of playing your Reindeer games, Margo.

## No offense will be taken toward Virgo

IF DEC. 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Major changes are in store in 2006. You are likely to plow under things that no longer suit your needs and plant a new crop of ambition and desires. Once you have set a fresh objective, you will be unwavering in your determination to achieve it and that in itself guarantees success. Next September you may be granted a beneficial wish and in November you may be torn two ways and be forced to choose between paths. Make a choice that is generous and kind.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Enjoy a boost of romantic confidence. Don't launch new business ventures if questions of principles are not fully resolved. Asking those questions, however, shows you are on the right track.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Trust and commitment go hand in hand. Take advantage of amorous stars to snuggle closer to your favorite someone. Reaffirm existing bonds by whispering plenty of sweet nothings.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Forgive past transgressions. It is a good day to get your point across and speak with clarity as others will listen to what you have to say. Words of love can

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraline Saunders

take on poetic significance.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Adjust to sudden changes of plan. Loads of fun are yours for the asking if you give in to impulse and go with the flow. Social events are highlighted and love may come knocking on your door.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't follow the herd. If it doesn't make you happy, it isn't worth doing. Take pride in your ability to entertain others and flaunt your creativity. Bypass major decisions involving home or career.

**VERGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Amorous overtures sound like poetry to your ear. This is a good day to express your opinion without offending anyone. Party with co-workers and spend the evening with a special someone.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Loyalty and love both start with an "L." Follow a seductive whine and let your feelings show. Attend holiday a get-together as you are sure to bask in the spotlight of someone's admiration.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be true to your heart. Opinions may differ but you know a good thing when you see it. A magical spark may flare into flames of love later this evening and make a relationship sizzle.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be a lover, not a fighter. Temper enthusiasm with a healthy respect for tradition. Impulsive and serious problems may evaporate or situations improve under these stars. It is possible to receive just rewards for your efficiency.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Being pulled two ways re: Saturn's imposing serious problems may evaporate or situations improve under these stars. It is possible to receive just rewards for your efficiency.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): With Venus currently traveling in your part of the zodiac, love and affection are easier to find. Real love is harmless and joy will bubble up despite minor tensions and disparate intentions.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Some sweet words might do the trick. Listen carefully as those in close connection may have some Saturn-inspired news. Ambitions are high, but getting things accomplished may be blocked.

COMICS

# Rude remarks, bad behavior create stress in neighborhood



DEAR ABBY  
Jeane Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My family and I have lived in this subdivision for 10 years. We are friendly with our neighbors. All of the children here play wonderfully together and are of various ages. One of my neighbors, "Rachel," and I were very close at one time, but we are recovering from a fallout involving her eldest daughter. We are trying to repair the friendship, but it has reached the point that I hate living here.

Rachel is jealous of anyone I spend time with if it's not her. She is constantly out in her yard, and I feel like she watches everything I do and who comes and goes. When I spend time with other neighbors, she retaliates with rudeness and with negative, insulting comments and behaviors.

How can I get across to her that although we may have been close friends at one time, we're now only friendly neighbors?

—WANTS TO MOVE IN OHIO

enjoy and ignoring her sulks. If she makes a nasty comment, tell her "You know, sniping is a very unattractive trait. It makes me want to see less of you rather than more."

**DEAR ABBY:** My elderly mother lives in a small efficiency apartment. Last year, my out-of-town siblings — all of whom live within 50 miles — visited her on Christmas Day with gifts she could not possibly use.

One sister brought a set of heavy crystal glasses. Another sister brought a silver tea service (which I had to pack in a closet for her). My brother brought her two pieces of jewelry (which took up all the room in a closet).

Mama no longer is up to entertaining, and all those expensive gifts were useless to her. She has tried "hinting" that she doesn't need things like that, but they refuse to listen.

It would be so much more helpful if they would instead cook a meal for Mama, or stop by a restaurant and bring her a meal when they visit. She isn't up to cooking, and a gift like that would not wind up packed away for the next generation.

When they visit, they usually stop by a restaurant and eat, but they never stop to consider that Mama would love a meal, too. I try to cook for her as often as I can, but I have a disabled child at home who is in and out of the hospital. When I do cook, I package meals for her that she can microwave and enjoy. What a help it would be if my siblings would do this.

Why don't people stop and take into consideration how a person lives and what his or her needs are before buying a gift? Thanks for letting me vent.

—CHRISTINE  
IN SOUTH CAROLINA

**DEAR CHRISTINE:** It may be that doing what you suggest takes too much time and energy. Or, in the case of your siblings, the motivation for the expensive gifts may be guilt. You can't change them, but I do recommend you remind them frequently how much your mother would appreciate it if they would bring her a nice meal when they visit. You'll be doing them — and her — a favor.

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker



Blonde



By Dean Young & Stan Drake

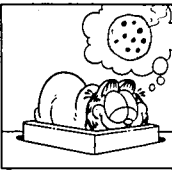


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"I GUESS IT'S OKAY TO HAVE A FAKE TREE, AS LONG AS YOUR GIFTS ARE REAL."

"Is Santa's 'no more than 5 things' set in stone, or would 10 things be okay?"



Visitors watch king penguins walk on a snow-covered walkway Thursday at Asahiyama Zoo in Asahikawa on Japan's main northern island of Hokkaido.

## Penguins on patrol: Zoo begins fitness program

**TOKYO** — Penguins at a zoo in northern Japan are on a winter weight-loss program.

They're taking 600-yard walks twice a day, said Asahiyama Zoo spokesman Tetsuo Yamazaki. The first walk of the season was Thursday.

"Just like in humans... the fat accumulates during the winter months, and the blood-sugar level rises," Yamazaki explained from the zoo, 570 miles north-west of Tokyo.

The zoo's 15 king penguins are exactly obese. But to fend off obesity, the zoo instituted the winter exercise program in 2003.

"In order to withstand the cold, the penguins have a habit of standing very still during winter months," Yamazaki said. The penguins have tender webbed feet and can only walk significant distances in a snow, so the program can only take place during the colder months.

The zoo takes the penguins on strolls from December until April.

**Teacher spreads news about Santa; parents riled**

**RICHARDSON, Texas** — Guess what, kids? There's no such thing as Santa Claus!

That was a suburban music teacher's holiday message earlier this week to first-graders. The remark angered parents and prompted the school district to issue a pro-Santa statement, KDFW-TV reported.

Several parents made angry phone calls to Richland Elementary School in this Dallas suburb afterward.

"When you take a 6-year-old and tell him, you got to spend how much time to get him to believe again? The damage is done," parent Michael Millett said.

Later, however, Richardson school district spokesman Tim Clark said he had good news.

"The teacher did hear from Santa Claus himself, who heard about the situation and said the teacher knew that the spirit of the holidays is alive and well and to pass that message along to the students," Clark said.

The teacher will face no disciplinary action, Clark said.

### Odds & Ends

#### A better bathroom: Man promotes new toilet seat

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Scott Pinizzotto is used to the giggles whenever he brings up high-tech toilet seats that rise and warm people's bottoms. But he believes he's sitting on a potential gold mine.

This is the next evolution of the Swash, an upscale seat made by his startup, Bronzed Inc. "We are trying to educate people that there is a more hygienic and comfortable way to go to the bathroom."

Introduced nearly a year ago, the Swash is designed to form a run-of-the-mill toilet into a bidet — a device that cleanses with a spray of warm water. The Swash features heat-of-seats too, and its top-of-line model also comes with a warm-air dryer and a remote control.

Fampering the posterior isn't cheap at the Swash, retailing at \$429 to \$549. Sales have risen by nearly 50 percent every three months, said Pinizzotto, the company's co-founder and chief executive.

#### Lottery passes farm onto new generation

**OSLO, Norway** — With no heirs, the late Gunnar Bergsund found another way to pass his beloved farm on to a new generation — with a lottery among the young people of his village.

Bergsund died earlier this year at the age of 89, and asked in his will that his farm be passed on to a young person in his hometown.

About 30 people between aged 15 to 35 signed up, with the drawing held Wednesday in the local district court.

"I'm stunned... never dreamed it would be me," the 35-year-old winner Monica Aasli told the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang. She said she signed up at the last minute Tuesday on impulse, and now has to discuss the idea of becoming a farmer with her husband.

— compiled from wire reports

## Turtles reign at longevity

Among mammals, humans have the longest lifespan. However, among all animals, the giant tortoise lives at least twice as long. The best-documented case was a turtle that was accidentally struck down in the prime of its life at age 151.

This day in history: On Dec. 16, 1997, 685 Japanese children were rushed to the hospital after watching a cartoon episode of Pokémon and entering a pattern of quickly-flashing red and blue lights had triggered photosensitive seizures in some viewers, leading to complaints of blurred vision, headaches, dizziness, nausea and convulsions. That episode had not been shown again.



**Scientists say** that about 1 in 4,000 people are susceptible to photosensitive seizures from "strobing" lights.

How are soubungs and pill bugs different from all the other bugs? They are actually crustaceans, more related to crabs and shrimp than to insects. They are the only crustaceans to adapt themselves entirely to land.

Leatrice gets his name from a corruption of its botanical name, glycyrrhiz, which is Greek for "sweet root."

When Henry David Thoreau graduated from Harvard, he refused to take his diploma. "It isn't worth \$5," he said, adding that Harvard taught "all of the branches of learning, but none of its roots."

How many people do you have to gather before you have a 50-50 chance that two of them will have the same birthday? Not as many as you might think. It takes only 23.

If you have a group of 40 people, the odds that two will have the same birthday are a near-sure-thing.

That famous "London fog" from years past was in fact a terrible case of smog. Homes and industries burned a sulfurous sea coal that was both sooty and smoky. One particularly bad day in 1873 saw 268 deaths from smog-induced bronchitis.

If you have a lousy vacation trip, wear keep in mind that through history, most trips were usually strenuous and often miserable. That explains why the word "travel" was originally the same word as "travel."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Valley now has two Riley Creeks

ELLER — Magic Valley has two Riley Creek Restaurants now. Dennis and Tammy Nipper and their son, Bob, opened the second in Elller last month. They opened the first in Hagerman more than a year ago. The Nippers renovated a former restaurant for their new Elller venture.

"Most people think of this location as just hamburgers and french fries," Dennis said. "It is more than that now." The menu includes dinner items like steak and shrimp along with an assortment of pasta and seafood. The restaurant will also prepare to-go orders and will cater events as well.

Eller's Riley Creek has four full-time and three part-time employees and the Nippers expect to continue growing.

### More Idaho coming to a theater near you?

BOISE — The Idaho Film Industry Task Force this week proposed new incentives to get movies and television shows made here. They want to offer a 5 percent rebate on sales tax and 10 percent rebate on labor expenses for companies that hire Idaho residents into jobs paying between \$11 and \$125 per hour.

Thirty-nine feature films have at least in part been shot in Idaho, according to the Idaho Anderson Film Archive at Boise State, starting with "The Craypuncher" in 1915. "Clint Eastwood has used Idaho in 'Bronco Billy' and 'Pale Rider' was partially filmed in Sawtooth National Forest."

Twin Falls was used in the film "Breakfast of Champions," starring Bruce Willis. The 2004 film "Napoleon Dynamite" was filmed in Preston.

### Kroger market chain indicted by feds

LOS ANGELES — The Ralphs supermarket chain, owned by Cincinnati-based Kroger Co., was indicted Thursday on federal charges of hiring workers under false names and violating numerous other labor laws during the 2003 grocery strike in Southern California.

The 106-page indictment, returned by a federal grand jury, accuses Ralphs of engineering a "company-wide course of criminal conduct involving the hiring of locked-out employees under false names, Social Security numbers and documentation."

"The indictment came more than a year after Kroger revealed that federal authorities were probing allegations that Ralphs knowingly allowed locked-out employees to work under false identities."

### Santa Fe adopts \$9.50 minimum wage

SANTA FE, N.M. — Santa Fe's minimum wage will rise to \$9.50 an hour on Jan. 1, mandating a \$4.45 premium above the state's minimum wage. The City Council on Wednesday rejected a proposal to postpone the scheduled increase for at least six months. Councilors voted 4-1 at the moment, the \$9.50 an hour wage to go into effect, but also to require a council vote on the next increase, to \$10.50 in 2008, instead of letting it go into effect automatically.

### Delta sizing up possible future CEO

NEW YORK — A former industry consultant — Jim Whitham — has rapidly moved up Delta Air Lines Inc. to the No. 2 position at the company. Though he has been mentioned as a possible successor to Chief Executive Gerald Grinstein, Whitham isn't saying much about his future ambitions at the nation's third-largest airline except that he plans to stay for a while. At the moment, the 38-year-old chief operating officer said he's focused on winning over employees who have been concerned about job and pay cuts at the bankrupt airline.

## Study: Percentage of Latinos in high-paying fields is falling

By Dianne Solis and Isabel C. Morales  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Samuel Izaguirre, a cook in an elegant Dallas restaurant, is trying to support his growing family of five as best he can. But the 30-year-old knows his chances for upward mobility are limited — especially with an education that ended at fifth grade in Mexico.

In the 1980-90 1990s, Latinos in the United States saw increases in homeownership, purchasing

power and employment. But the boom masked a different trend — and one closer to Izaguirre's life.

As a whole, Latinos were not moving ahead into higher-paid professional occupations. They were venturing deeper into historically lower-wage jobs, according to a study by the Pew Hispanic Center and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The study shows a widening of the occupational divide between the two largest segments of the labor force — Latinos and

whites. The findings are surprising in that many believed that the rising economic tide in last decade of the 20th century lifted all boats.

But from 1990 to 2000, the proportion of Hispanic males in professional jobs dropped while the proportion of white males in the class continued to grow. At the same time, the Hispanic share of construction jobs grew at more than four times the rate of whites.

Structural shifts in the U.S. economy — and not just immi-

gration — are to blame, the study's authors said. Latinos remain clustered in nonprofessional construction and service occupations. These jobs rank low in earnings and education requirements, the study said.

"Hispanics were essentially trading (wages) in the '90s and losing ground in the areas where the economy was educating more workers," said Rajesh Kishor, associate director of research at the Pew

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## WHAT'S HOT WITH JOE



Dawn Roberts runs the single-serving coffee production line at the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters outlet store in Waterbury, Vt., on Monday. The diminutive cups are a self-contained coffee brewing system that can be popped into a relatively new brand of coffee maker to produce a single cup of java.

## Coffee makers see big trend in small packages

By Ross Sneyd  
Associated Press writer

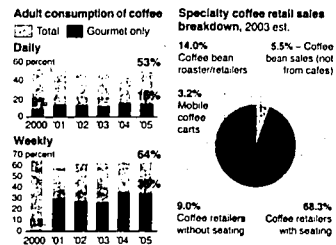
WATERBURY, Vt. — A half dozen production lines operate 12 hours a day, cutting small filters and stuffing them into tiny cups, dropping in 2 or 3 grams of coffee and sealing them before whisking them into boxes.

The scores of little coffee containers, known around Green Mountain Coffee Roasters as K-Cups, rolling off the line every few minutes represent what the small specialty brewer hopes will be a revolution in the way Americans brew their favorite roast at home.

The diminutive cups are a self-contained coffee brewing system that can be popped into a relatively new brand of coffee maker to produce a single cup of steaming java. Green Mountain's systems say are the days of a full pot of coffee slowly burning before it's thrown down the sink.

### Coffee-craving trends steadily brewing

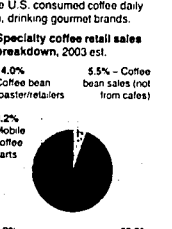
More than 172 million adults in the U.S. consumed coffee daily with 15 percent, around 32 million, drinking gourmet brands.



SOURCE: Specialty Coffee Association of America, National Coffee Association of U.S.A. Inc.

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. isn't alone. Brewers large and small, as well as appliance manufactur-

### Specialty coffee retail sales breakdown, 2003 est.



ers, are getting in on the act and pushing the brewing systems as an ideal gift this holiday season for a popula-

tion addicted to convenience. "It's an instance of quality meets convenience," said J.J. Whalen, marketing vice president at Green Mountain Coffee.

Green Mountain and other small specialty brewers like it are trying to capture the higher end of the market with their more expensive brews and their fancier brewing systems. But companies from Procter & Gamble Co.'s Folgers brand to Sara Lee Corp.'s Senseo and Kraft Foods Inc.'s Maxwell House also are trying to capitalize on what a number of companies believe is an emerging trend in the home kitchen.

The machines have taken off in offices, but a critical mass is only just beginning to be reached where consumers might consider buying them for their homes. Companies as diverse as Mr. Coffee, Black & Decker, Krups and Keurig now make systems that can

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## Tobacco lawsuits

The Illinois Supreme Court appeared to hand the tobacco industry a huge victory when it tossed out a \$10.1 billion fraud judgment on Thursday.

Top awards in plaintiff suits against tobacco companies.

YEAR	STATE	AMOUNT
1, 2000	Fla.	\$145 billion (Overturned on appeal and under Fla. Supreme Court review)
2, 2002	Calif.	\$28 billion (Reduced to \$28 million)
3, 2001	Calif.	\$3 billion (Reduced to \$100 million)
4, 2004	La.	\$590 million
5, 2002	Ore.	\$150 million (Reduced to \$100 million)

SOURCE: Tobacco Products Liability Project of Northwestern University

## Tobacco companies score win in court

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Illinois Supreme Court handed the tobacco industry a huge victory Thursday by tossing out a \$10.1 billion fraud judgment against Philip Morris USA over the marketing of its "light" cigarettes. But while shares of parent company Altria Group Inc. soared to an all-time high on the news, industry critics warned that the Illinois decision does not insulate U.S. cigarette companies from future lawsuits. There are at least 40 similar suits pending against companies like Philip Morris and Reynolds American, any of which could result in awards into the billions of dollars, tobacco opponents said.

"They need to keep their legal teams ready," said Richard Daynard, president of the Boston-based Tobacco Control Research Center and a longtime industry foe.

Philip Morris USA, which makes the popular Marlboro brand and controls about half the U.S. market, said it was only over-assertive saying the Richmond, Va.-based company was "gratified" by Illinois court's decision.

Illinois was more openly enthusiastic. Shares of New York-based Altria Group rose sharply after the court's ruling, and by the end of trading the shares had risen 57¢, or 52.89 or 4.9 percent, from the New York Stock Exchange's close of \$73.60.

Shares of Winston-Salem-based Reynolds American, No. 2 in the industry to Altria's Philip Morris rose 55 cents to \$97.40 on the NYSE. Reynolds American shares fared with the \$100 barrier.

The Illinois high court's ruling in Price vs. Philip Morris — the so-called "price lights" case — addressed whether Philip Morris acted fraudulently when it labeled some cigarettes as "light" or "low tar and nicotine."

Illinois voters the court found that the U.S. Federal Trade Commission had authorized such characterizations. "If the FTC has specifically authorized this type of remedy, (Philip Morris) may not be held liable under the Consumer Fraud Act, even if the terms might be deemed false, deceptive or misleading," Justice Ben G. Garman wrote for the majority.

## Self-service coming to fast food

Kiosks could take your order and money with no human contact

By Karen Robinson-Jacobs  
The Dallas Morning News

GRAPENINE, Texas — The cashier at your favorite fast-food joint may be replaced soon by an order-taking kiosk.

But don't worry. It's been programmed to ask, "Do you want fries with that?"

Ending years of flirtation, the fast-food industry finally appears ready to take the plunge into self-service ordering with kiosks, some restaurant technology experts say.

Taking a page from banks and airlines, major chains including McDonald's, Burger King and Subway are field-testing machines that allow consumers to order and pay for their meals without any human contact.

None of the companies has announced a systemwide launch. Still, experts say the growing use of self-service at the grocery and the gas pump has chains thinking more seriously of joining in the do-it-yourself generation.

## Consumer prices plunge

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices plunged last month at the steepest rate in 56 years, because of a sharp decline in oil and gasoline prices, the government reported Thursday, adding to other signs that the national economy has largely rebounded from the effects of the recent hurricanes.

The consumer price index, a widely followed measure of inflation, fell 0.6 percent in November primarily because of an 8 percent drop in energy costs, the Labor Department said.

Energy prices had soared after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita disrupted oil production and refining in the Gulf of Mexico. Prices have eased since then as

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drilling rigs, refineries and pipelines have been gradually repaired. However, consumers paid higher prices last month for many other items, including housing, clothing, medical care, hotel rooms, food, electricity and natural gas. Those price hikes helped push the so-called core CPI, which excludes energy and food costs, up 0.2 percent last month.

Some of those price increases probably reflect efforts by hotel managers, landlords, retailers and others to pass on their higher energy costs, analysts said. Most workers' wages rose faster than inflation last month, but have fallen over the last year after adjusting for price changes, the Labor Department said.

Stocks lower despite consumer prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks slowed through a disappointing session Thursday, with stocks modestly lower as investors consolidated their holdings despite solid corporate earnings reports and the biggest drop in consumer prices in 56 years.

Tumbling gasoline prices pushed November's consumer price index down 0.6 percent, the biggest one-month decline since July 1948, according to the Labor Department. Investors considered the drop a good omen for the holiday shopping season. Core CPI, with food and fuel prices removed, rose a modest 0.2 percent, in line with economists forecasts.

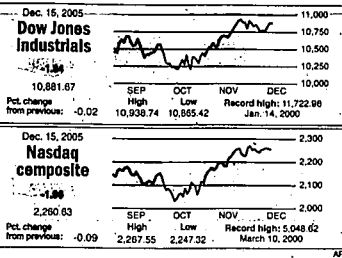
The Federal Reserve closely watching inflation, the CPI figures bode well for future interest rates. "This gives the Fed a lot more flexibility, a little more room to raise rates if things don't when to stop rising, a rate said Jack Abkin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago. "Continuing stable inflation figures like the ones we saw today helps everybody."

Yet investors remained unconvicted, selling off riskier small-cap stocks, along with technology and energy shares that led the November rally, and moving to larger, more established companies — apparently hedging their bets against Wall Street's non-traditional January lull.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.84, or 0.02 percent, to 10,681.67.

Broad stock indicators also moved lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 1.80, or 0.14 percent, to 1,270.94, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 1.95, or 0.09 percent, to 2,260.63.

Bonds moved lower, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury



note rising to 4.47 percent from 4.45 percent late Wednesday. The dollar rose mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices dropped. Oil prices fell below \$60 per barrel, with a barrel of light crude settling at \$59.99, down 10 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

High energy prices have not hurt the nation's industrial sector. The Federal Reserve said the nation's industrial output rose 0.7 percent in November following a 1.3 percent rise in October. Industrial production had plunged by 1.6 percent in September due to the economic disruption caused by the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

Inflation remained on the minds of many investors. Core CPI continues to rise, and energy prices are still at historically high levels for this time of year.

"We're not out of the woods on some of these inflationary pressures," said Jack Caffery, credit analyst at J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "And with it being the end of the year, you have some selling going on before liquidity dries up before the holidays."

A slight rise in first-time job

less claims also may have dampened some of the enthusiasm. First-time unemployment filings rose to 20,000 last week, more than the 320,000 new claims economists expected. The rate of unemployment claims is considered consistent with decent employment growth.

Altria Group Inc. surged \$2.89 to \$76.62 after the Illinois Supreme Court threw out a \$10 billion judgment against the Dow component over Philip Morris' "light" cigarettes marketing. The stock set an all-time high of \$78.58 shortly after the ruling was announced.

In earnings news, Lenar Corp. reported a 53 percent surge in fourth-quarter profits due to sales improvements in its homebuilding process and a record number of homes built for the year. Lenar, which had been Wall Street profit forecasts by 20 percent, added \$2.03 to \$62.61.

Bear Stearns Cos. Inc. rose to an all-time high of \$116.90, in trading, and closed up 2.14 percent, to \$115.51 after announcing record quarterly earnings.

Coffee

brew single cups of coffee in as little as 30 seconds using coffee pods. The makers of grounds that look like oversized tea bags — and individual cups manufactured by the roasters and food companies.

"We know from different market research that there is a reasonable potential behind this segment," said Lars Artur, a spokesman for Procter & Gamble's coffee products, including the gourmet oriented Millstone brand. "We can definitely see where awareness is rising in the U.S."

The major brands are hoping that the connection with the gourmet coffee industry can give them an entree to that lucrative part of the market. The 2005 National Coffee Drinking Trends survey by the National Coffee Association of U.S. found that 172 million American adults consumed coffee and 15 percent — some 32 million — said they drank gourmet coffee daily. That grew from 9 percent six years ago.

That survey also found that nearly two-thirds of consumers were aware of single-serve brewing systems, but only 2 percent reported owning one and 14 percent said they were very or somewhat likely to buy one.

Jon Harris, vice president of Sara Lee Food & Beverage, said the machines are not intended to replace Starbucks stores or the corner coffee shops. He said Sara Lee's hope is that the Senseo brand will complement the ubiquitous coffee houses around the country.

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The brewing systems have only been mass-marketed for the past couple of years and there are skeptics about whether they'll take off. Peter Greene, president of NPD Household, a division of the NPD Group home appliance marketing research firm, believes they'll never replace the familiar automatic drip coffee maker.

"I don't think your everyday coffee drinker and the majority of the population are going to go in this way," he said. He noted there are limitations to the technology and no uniform pod or cup fits all machines.

And the machines are more expensive than the typical automatic drip system.

A basic Senseo brewing machine is being sold online for \$89.95. The higher-end Senseo machine is being sold for around \$99.95 and \$279.95 for a version that also marketed for office use.

The coffee that goes into them isn't cheap either. At a Safeway supermarket in Washington, D.C., this week, a package of Senseo pods good for 18 cups was \$3.99, a 13-

ounce vacuum-packed brick of Folgers coffee went for \$3.49. A box of 24 of Green Mountain's cups is available online for \$13.95, while a 12-ounce bag of beans goes for \$8.19.

Still, the NPD Group's market research has determined that a little better than 4.5 percent of the estimated 27 million coffee brewing appliances sold this year will be single-serve systems, up from roughly 1.5 percent of the market last year.

"It all depends on how you define success," Greene said. "I'd say those are going to be a success, but only 5 percent of the market."

But some of the disadvantages of the systems can be especially amplified in homes where people often expect a superior brew, said a coffee reviewer. One of the machines themselves. There's no industry standard for size, yet, and the coffee pod or cup that works in one machine often isn't compatible with another.

And the other issue, a bigger one for a coffee aficionado like Ken Davis, editor of Coffee Review, is the coffee that goes into the machines. Quality varies widely, he said.

"Some of the coffees taste flat-out stale," Davis said late last month as he was halfway through blind tastings produced from the single-serve machine. "Others are good."

Davis is not impressed, although there are some decent coffee available. "It's a cafe-at-home if you consider powdered milk, sugar and instant as a cappuccino," he said. "If you consider freshly brewed espresso and fresh-trothed milk a cappuccino, it's not."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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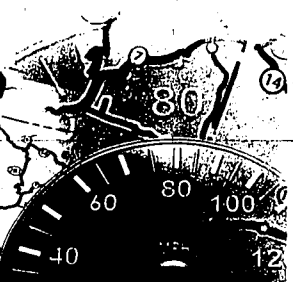
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# Wheels

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Section E

2006 PONTIAC TORRENT SUV

## Designed for action



The all-new 2006 Pontiac Torrent, European-inspired design.

By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

### 2006 Pontiac Torrent by the Numbers

**WHEELBASE:** 112.5; overall length: 188.8; width: 71.4; height: 69.3 - measurements in inches.  
**ENGINE:** 3.4 V6 - 185 hp at 5,200 rpm and 210 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm.  
**TRANSMISSION:** five-speed automatic.  
**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:** 19 city/24 hwy. (FWD); 18 city/23 hwy. (4WD)  
**CARGO CAPACITY:** 68.6 cu. ft.  
**PAYLOAD CAPACITY:** 1,290 lbs.  
**TOWING CAPACITY:** 3,500 lbs.

**Price:** The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Pontiac Torrent SUV starts from \$22,400 for the front-wheel drive model and \$24,300 for the all-wheel drive variant. Destination charges add \$590. Base price \$24,300. Preferred package \$1,555, Sun & Sound package \$1,285, Security package \$1,090, Premium package \$795, Trailering package \$350, 17-inch Aluminum wheels & tires \$295. Total as tested \$30,260.

**SAFETY FEATURES:** Dual front airbags, traction control (FWD), battery run-down protection, power programmable automatic door locks, alarm system, daytime running lamps, fog lamps, four-wheel anti-lock brakes and automatic headlamp control. Optional safety equipment is available with the Security Package which in-

cludes OnStar communications system with one year of Safe & Sound service and head curtain and side impact airbags.

**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.

less entry and AM/FM stereo with CD player. Displays and controls are large and easy to read - switchgear is located in the center stack and is simple to operate. The Pontiac SUV boasts plenty of nooks and crannies located throughout the cabin to facilitate storage. A comfortable center armrest features a deep storage bin with pull-out dual cupholders.

The multi-adjustable 60/40 split-folding rear seats independently slide forward or rearward nearly eight inches, recline and fold down flat with the cargo floor. A multifunctional cargo panel in the cargo area can be adjusted to three different heights plus a fourth rearward position that forms a table with the liftgate open - perfect for picnics or tailgating. The panel features carpet on one side and a washable plastic surface on the other for messy loads, plus handy grocery hooks. The panel has a weight limit of 400 lbs.

gearbox, the only transmission offered.

On the road, the Torrent delivers a smooth, solid ride with above average handling and performance. The Torrent's solid body architecture is complemented by an independent MacPherson strut suspension up front plus a trailing arm, four-link coil spring layout in the rear. The rear

suspension configuration facilitates the SUV's low, wide load floor while maximizing rear passenger space.

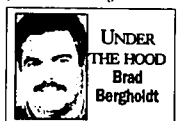
Inside the cabin, the Torrent comes with a comprehensive list of standard equipment which includes the following: air conditioning; 16-inch wheels; multi-flex sliding and split-folding rear seat; flat folding front passenger

seat; manual height adjuster on the driver seat; daytime running lamps; fog lamps; FE2 sport suspension; four-wheel anti-lock brakes; traction control; electric power steering; multi-position adjustable rear shelf; rear liftgate with defogger and washer/wiper; folding outside rearview mirrors; power door locks, mirrors and windows; remote key-

### Computer probe?

**Q.** My 1989 Pontiac Grand Prix (five-speed) has been running just fine except for one problem. When the engine is hot, after I've been driving for at least three hours, the tachometer needle starts going crazy!

It jumps up and down when I come to a stop. Sometimes it will idle very high and stay there. Sometimes it will jump up and down until it eventually cuts off, but I have no problem re-starting the car.



**UNDER THE HOOD**  
Brad Bergholdt

I've been told many different things. That it was the computer, so I had that replaced. That it was the idle sensor (I think that's what it's called); anyway, I had that replaced. But the problem still exists. You're my last resort. Please help!

-Angela Lewis, Kent, Wash.

**A.** This is a tough one, but solvable by a technician with the right training, experience, tools and a healthy dose of cat-and-mouse patience.

Start by finding an ASE L-1 Advanced Engine Performance certified technician at a Pontiac dealer or independent repair shop. Techs wearing this patch have voluntarily taken and passed a rigorous diagnostic-oriented exam given by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

Engine performance diagnosis, especially that of an intermittent problem, can be tricky because of the interaction of many systems, both electronic and mechanical.

Clearly explaining the symptoms, as you have done with me, will greatly help the technician identify the problem.

Prior to the fault appearing, a scan tool is connected to the Grand Prix's data link connector and armed to take a "movie." The scan tool displays a wide range of sensor and operating data, which probably will indicate the cause of the fault. The movie function allows a before-during-and-after capture of the data when the capture button is pressed.

A sharp tech will understand the interaction of these 60 or so squiggly lines and zero in on the offending component or electrical connection. In some cases it might be necessary to take live measurements at the powertrain control module's (PCM's) many connections if the scan data isn't thorough or fast enough to identify the problem.



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 3 Red Heeler male, adult, 2 years old, 2009 N  
 4 Blue Heeler male, adult, 2 years old, 2009 North  
 5 Pit Sharpe, cross, tan, male young adult, 4 Ave. East  
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Today's deal comes from a rubber bridge game. Note South's "old-fashioned" call of one spade, rather than a negative double. His partnership was playing penalty doubles, so his only way to show spades was actually to bid the suit. How unimaginative!

The defense started with the heart nine led to East's king, and East shifted at once to the club ace, followed by a club continuation, despite West's discouraging spot card. Declarer, who was not born yesterday, sniffed the air a little, then led the spade queen from his hand (just to test West and irritate East) and played the ace from dummy, felling East's king and eventually conceding a heart trick at the end to make 10 tricks.

Why did he work out to do that? Well, he knew that East was aware from the opening lead that his partner had a doubling heart, but he had chosen to follow a line of defense that would not involve trying to promote a trump for his partner. The most likely reason for that was that he himself had the bare trump king. Had East led a third heart, West would indeed have been unable to overruff South's spades. Now the winning declarer play would have been easy to find.

**NORTH** 12-16-A  
 ♠ A J 9 7  
 ♥ 10 4 3 2  
 ♦ A Q 10  
 ♣ Q 8

**WEST**  
 ♠ 4 3 2  
 ♥ 9 8  
 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ A K  
 ♥ A K J 7 5  
 ♦ 9 8 7 2  
 ♣ A 4 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 10 8 6  
 ♥ Q 6  
 ♦ K J 6 3  
 ♣ K J 10

Vulnerable: Both  
 Dealer: West

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♠ Pass 1♦ 1♥  
 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

Opening lead: Heart nine

**BID WITH THE ACES** 12-16-B

South holds:  
 ♠ 4 3 2  
 ♥ 9 8  
 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ 9 7 6 5 2

South West North East  
 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass

**ANSWER:** Start by bidding three clubs as a second negative, suggesting 0-3 points. While you could jump to four spades at once to show a weak hand, it normally has just a little more than this. By making the second negative at once, you may put the brakes on partner's slam ambitions — not a bad thing to do here!

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