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## Bush warns against early exit from Iraq

By Michael A. Fletcher  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Sunday night hailed Thursday's Iraqi elections as a vital step toward stabilizing that nation, but warned that despite the political progress more violence lies ahead as Iraq struggles to establish a democracy amid a raging insurgency.

Speaking in a nationally televised prime-time address, Bush made a direct appeal to war opponents, assuring them that he understands their arguments but asserting that there is no choice but to forge ahead.

"I have heard your disagreement and I know how deeply it is felt," Bush said. "Yet now there are only two options before our country — victory or defeat."

The speech was his most forthright statement to date about how often Iraq has confounded his own expectations, from weapons of mass destruction that were not found to the problems of reconstructing a civil society in Iraq.

Despite the U.S. death toll — which is approaching 2,200 — and widespread skepticism in the war among lawmakers on Capitol Hill and citizens across the country, Bush said

the United States is making steady gains in Iraq, and suggested these will lead to troop reductions in the year ahead.

"Some look at the challenges in Iraq and conclude that the war is lost, and not worth another dime or another day," Bush said. "I don't believe that. Our military commanders don't believe that. Our troops in the field, who hear the burden and make the sacrifice, do not believe that America has lost. And not even the terrorists believe it."

He also repeated his warnings against a rapid withdrawal from Iraq, saying "to retreat before we are ready to win."



President Bush speaks Sunday from the Oval Office about the historic election in Iraq.

## STRIKE UP THE BAND



ABOVE: Danielle Bowcut, right, plays the clarinet while her twin sister, Brianna, plays the flute during music class Tuesday afternoon at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls. Thanks to a scholarship program, the girls are playing new instruments that will be theirs to keep if they stay in band for a few more years.

### Program provides instruments for cash-strapped families

By Matt Christianson  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Brianna Bowcut used to wince a lot. Nothing tortured her ears like that squeaky flute.

Sometimes high notes sounded, sometimes low ones. But mostly, it happened when she fingered the broken key.

Her twin, Danielle, had similar problems with a battered clarinet.

When the girls practiced, the Bowcut apartment filled with squawks that sounded like maimed ducks — not gentle woodwinds. Sometimes, the neighbors pounded on the walls.

But the girls' musical woes disappeared when they were accepted into the band instrument scholarship program at Robert Stuart Junior High. The program, which started several years ago at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High, helps families who can't afford to buy instruments by providing new ones at virtually no cost. The only catch: The children must stay in band while enrolled at O'Leary or Robert Stuart, then enroll in high school band as sophomores. Do that, and the instruments are theirs to keep.

It's a commitment the seventh-grade Bowcut twins honor — and then some. They practice more often than their peers, and they go beyond the requirements for a good grade in band. The girls' passion for music has blossomed, thanks to their shiny new instruments.

"The girls are really musically inclined," said Ted Hadley, band instructor at Robert Stuart. "They're the most consistent players we have in the whole class. They are truly children of high motivation."

Perhaps their family has something to do with it. Older brothers Jesse Malher played the trumpet and Taylor Malher plays the oboe. Their mother, Kris Bowcut,



Vera C. O'Leary Junior High student Tanner Newmy — one of several Twin Falls children to benefit from the instrument scholarship program — recently picked up the trombone and is excited about playing. He says he usually practices for at least half an hour in the afternoon after school.

can handle guitar, piano and violin. Music, to say the least, is in their blood.

The girls joined the fancy band — and Robert Stuart's — during the summer after sixth grade. Their teacher had sent home a note inviting kids to register for junior high band. The girls jumped at the chance to play, signing up for summer band camp, so they'd know a few notes when school started. Hadley loaned the girls school-issued instruments to use at the camp and for the rest of the summer. They were, as Brianna said, "not in very good shape."

When summer ended, the girls faced a difficult choice: continue to struggle on the ramshackle instruments or give up band altogether.

That was when Hadley stepped in and told the twins about the scholarship program. The possibility of new, unblemished instruments thrilled the girls, but Kris was most excited.

"I would have had so much trouble getting them new instruments," said the single mother. "So it's very cool they got them and can continue to play them for the rest of their lives."

Student-model flutes can cost as much as \$1,000. Clarinets, twice as expensive. The Bowcuts are getting their instruments for \$10 a year — theirs to keep for life.

All the girls had to do was write one-paragraph essays describing why they wanted to learn music. This from Danielle's essay: "My brothers play instruments and they're good at it. They always wanted us to play instruments. And now we finally get the chance to." Brianna wrote, "Instead of being in the crowd, I

can handle guitar, piano and violin. Music, to say the least, is in their blood."

## WTO reaches deal on farming subsidies

The Associated Press

HONG KONG — WTO negotiators cut a last-minute deal Sunday on ending farm export subsidies and other trade barriers, claiming modest progress toward their goal of forging a global trade pact by late 2006.

The agreement was a badly needed breakthrough for the World Trade Organization, whose credibility was on the line following devastating collapses of two of its last three key meetings.

Dickering until the very last minute, delegates from both wealthy and poor countries reconciled their conflicting interests, agreeing to eliminate farm export subsidies by 2013, work toward dismantling trade barriers in manufacturing and services and to provide greater protections and support for developing countries.

"You put the round back on track. You gave it a new sense of urgency," a jubilant WTO chief Pascal Lamy told the delegates, many of whom had worked almost manically to finish the deal by the end of the year.

Developing nations led the final agreement addressed many of their concerns, from opening up rich nations' farming markets to subsidies that could enable the world's poorest countries to increase their tiny share in global trade.

"We welcome it," said India's Trade Minister Kamal Nath. "It is focused and it strikes at various problems of developing countries."

But the lack of progress at the six-day meeting left some disappointed — and puts pressure on the WTO if it hopes to conclude a binding global trade treaty by the end of next year.

Pushing back the date for eliminating farm export subsidies to 2013 was a key demand of the 25 nation 111, which held out against intense pressure from Brazil and other developing nations to end the payments by 2010. Developing nations say such government farm support programs distort exports and reduce the competitive advantage of poor farmers.

The agreement approved by the WTO's 149 member countries and territories calls for rich countries to eliminate all export subsidies on cotton by 2006 and gives the world's poorest nations special trade provisions.

## Leaders call for investigation into domestic spying

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans called separately Sunday for congressional investigations into President Bush's decision after Sept. 11, 2001, to authorize agencies to allow domestic eavesdropping without court approval.

"The president has, I never passed," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Penn., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he intends to hold hearings. "They talk about constitutional authority," Specter said. "There are limits as to what the president can do."

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada also called for an investigation, and House Democratic leaders asked Speaker Dennis Hastert to create a bipartisan panel to do the same.

Bush acknowledged Saturday that since October 2001 he has authorized the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on international phone calls and e-mails of people within the United States without seeking warrants from courts.

The New York Times disclosed the existence of the program last week. Bush and other administration officials initially refused to discuss the surveillance or their legal authority, citing security concerns.

President Bush and other officials also have said congressional leaders had been briefed regularly on the program. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said there were no objections raised by lawmakers who were told about it.

"That's a legitimate part of the equation," McCain said on ABC's "This Week." But he said Bush still needs to explain why he chose to ignore the law that requires approval of a special court for domestic wiretaps.



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U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney eats with U.S. and Iraqi soldiers at the Taji Air Base in Iraq on Sunday. Cheney also met with Iraqi leaders and U.S. military commanders to discuss security and the latest elections during his surprise visit.

## Cheney makes surprise visit to Iraq

Los Angeles Times

BAHGDAD, Iraq — Vice President Dick Cheney paid a surprise visit to Iraq on Sunday, declaring that the United States had "turned the corner" in efforts to pacify the country. His stopover came as insurgents renewed their attacks following a lull for last week's elections and freed a kidnapped German archeologist.

The vice president, a leading architect of the U.S.-led invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein in April 2003, visited Iraq for the first time since then. He received a briefing about Thursday's elections from Gen. John Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command; Gen. George Casey, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq; and U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad. Then he met separately with President Jalal Talabani and Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone.

Al-Jaafari called Cheney a "hero of liberating Iraq." The nine-hour visit had been kept under wraps for security reasons. Even al-Jaafari expressed surprise when he showed up for what he thought was a meeting with the ambassador.

Cheney also spoke to U.S. troops and inspected Iraqi forces being trained to take over the fight against insurgents.

During an exchange with the vice president, Marine Cpl. Bradley Warren said, "From our perspective, we don't see much as far as gains" in the war. "I was wondering what it looks like from the big side of the mountain, how Iraq's looking."

"Well, Iraq's looking good," Cheney replied. "We've turned the corner. I think when we look back from 10 years hence, we'll

see that the year '05 was in fact a watershed year here in Iraq." The resurgence of violence Sunday was aimed mostly at Iraqi security forces. At least nine people were reported killed.

In the northern city of Kirkuk, gunmen killed a police officer and his son in their house, according to Iraqi officials. Police officers were also targeted in Baghdad throughout the day. A roadside bomb exploded near a Baghdad university, killing two officers. Later in the Jamia neighborhood, gunmen ambushed a police patrol, injuring 11. Officials at Karimok Hospital in Baghdad said they received the bodies of three police officials, killed in separate incidents, as well as the remains of a suicide bomber whose explosives had apparently detonated before he reached his target.

Drive-by gunmen killed the chauffeur for a Baghdad prison director in the Bahibiya neighborhood and a bomb exploded in a crowded market near the main Shiite Muslim shrine in the Kadhimiya district of the capital, killing one woman and injuring 15 others.

But on a more hopeful note, German officials announced the release of a hostage held in Iraq since late last month. Susanne Osthoff and her Iraqi driver disappeared Nov. 25 while traveling in northern Iraq. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier offered no details. The status of her driver was not immediately known.

Attacks by the Sunni Arab-led insurgency had diminished sharply last Thursday as Iraqis voted in the country's most competitive election in decades, electing a full-term four-year parliament. Sunnis, who had boycotted the election

of an interim government in January, turned out in force. About 70 percent of eligible voters came to the polls, according to al-Jaafari.

"The participation levels all across the country have been remarkable," Cheney told reporters traveling with him on Sunday. "That's exactly what needs to happen to build a political structure, a self-governing Iraq that's unified various segments of the population and ultimately takes over responsibility for its own security."

Although no official returns are expected until next week, the coalition of Shiite Muslim religious parties that lead the interim government is again expected to win the largest share of the votes. Many of the coalition's candidates spent years of exile in Iran, and their closest ties to the Shiite theocracy in that country are of deep concern to the Bush administration.

"Our major partner needs to be reassured," Iraq's national security adviser, Mowaffik Rubaie, said after Cheney's visit. "Those who liberated Iraq are worried that their blood and money would be in vain if Iraq, for example, would take advantage of the election to end its influence. We are not going to replace one partner who liberated us, with another partner who has, let's say, interests in Iraq. We will stick with our liberators."

Cheney's unannounced stop in Iraq came at the beginning of a five-day Middle East and South Asia tour aimed at strengthening support for the Bush administration's war against terrorists. The vice president and his wife, Lynne, planned to make stops in Oman, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

## Swiss hospital agrees to allow assisted suicides of terminally ill

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — A Swiss hospital has agreed to let an assisted-suicide organization help terminally ill patients take their own lives on their premises.

spokesman for the Vaud University Hospital Center confirmed reports in Swiss newspapers Saturday that, starting in January, it would let the End Society assist in the suicide of people already admitted to the hospital who can no longer go home.

The hospital will not accept people whose only goal in entering is to prepare to end his life," said Alberto Crespo, who is responsible for law and ethics at the hospital. "The purpose of a hospitalization remains therapeutic treatment."

Exit is allowed to help terminally ill Swiss residents commit suicide elsewhere in Switzerland. Depending on local law, the suicides sometimes take place in a designated apartment or the patient's home.

Crespo said his hospital was the first of five university hospitals in Switzerland to work with Exit.

Switzerland's policy is passive

assistance to terminally ill people who have expressed a wish to die.

Elsewhere in Europe, Netherlands legalized euthanasia in 2001 and Belgium in 2002.

Britain passed a law in December 2004 allowing living wills — documents that allow people to specify their medical treatment if they become seriously ill and lose the capacity to decide.

France enables the terminally ill or those with no hope of recovery to refuse treatment in favor of death. Doctors are allowed to administer painkillers, even if their secondary effects include shortening patients' lives. The law stops short of allowing euthanasia.

Europe's top human rights body rejected euthanasia as a legitimate means to end life in April.

In the United States, Oregon voters approved the first physician-assisted suicide law in the United States in 1994. The law took effect after an appeals court lifted a block in 1997, but it is under legal challenge.

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## Time to Think About Year-end Tax Tips

Now that it's December, you're probably busy with family gatherings and holiday celebrations. Still, try to find some time to think about a non-holiday topic: taxes. You may have until April 17, 2006, to file your taxes, but you only have until the end of the year to make some moves that could benefit your tax situation - so you'll need to take action soon.

- **Here are some suggestions to consider:**
  - **Maximize your retirement account contributions.** If you haven't "maxed out" on your 401(k), see if your employer will allow you to make additional contributions before year-end. For 2005, you can contribute up to \$14,000 (or \$18,000 if you're over 50 years old). You typically fund your 401(k) with pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income.
  - **Donate appreciated securities to charities.** If you have stocks that have appreciated greatly over the years, you might want to donate some shares to charitable organizations. Suppose, for instance, that you bought shares of XYZ stock for \$250, and that they are now worth \$1,000. If you were to give these shares to a charitable group, and you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you would get a \$280 tax deduction, based on the shares' current market value. Furthermore, because you are not selling the shares, you will avoid having to pay any capital gains taxes on your \$750 profit.
  - **Sell your "losers"** - Did any of your stocks lose value in 2005? If so, you may want to sell some of them to take the tax losses. If these losses exceeded your capital gains from selling appreciated stocks, you can deduct up to \$3,000 (or \$1,500 for married couples filing separately) against your other income, reducing the amount on which you must pay taxes. And if you lost more than \$3,000, you can carry over the excess into subsequent years. Consider buying "big-ticket" items now - If you are planning on buying a car, boat or other "big-ticket" item, you may want to do so before the end of the year. If the total sales tax is more than your state or local income taxes, you can choose to deduct any of these taxes on your 2005 federal tax return - but this is the last year in which this benefit will be offered.
  - **Defer income when possible.** If you're self-employed, defer billing until late December. If you work for a company, and you're scheduled to get a year-end bonus, see if you can put it off until January.
  - **Delay exercising non-qualified stock options.** You will be taxed on any non-qualified stock options you exercise, so you may want to delay exercising them until next year. (Before you make this decision, though, you'll want to evaluate the price and prospects of the stock on which you hold an option. If you hold an option too long, you will eventually be forced to exercise it; if the stock price is down at that point, you might not make much of a profit - and, in a "worst-case" scenario, your option could become worthless.)
- If you are unsure about which of these suggestions may be appropriate for your individual situation, see your tax adviser. But don't wait too long - 2006 will be here before you know it.

**Questions:**  
1. True or False — There can be tax advantages for selling a stock at a loss.  
2. True or False — If you are under 50, you can put up to \$14,000 into your 401K in 2005.

## Rights group: U.S. tortured in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The United States operated a secret prison in Afghanistan as recently as last year, torturing detainees, with some being kept in total darkness — they called the facility "Dark Prison" — and were tortured and mistreated by American and Afghan guards in civilian clothes, an indication the facility may have been operated by the CIA.

The prison was run near Kabul, Afghanistan's capital. New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a report based on the accounts of several detainees at the U.S. prison for suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay.

According to the report by the rights group, the detainees were kept in total darkness — they called the facility "Dark Prison" — and were tortured and mistreated by American and Afghan guards in civilian clothes, an indication the facility may have been operated by the CIA.

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# Sharon recovering after mild stroke requires hospitalization

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a mild stroke Sunday, but his condition quickly improved and his doctor said he was expected to be released from the hospital after a few days. Sharon aides said he was lucid and in control of the government.

The prime minister never lost consciousness and was talking and joking with his family hours after arriving at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital, doctors said.

He was treated with blood thinners and suffered no damage from the stroke, said his personal physician, Boleslaw Goldman. "He's lucid, he's fully functional," Sharon aide Itamar Gissin said.

Sharon, 77 and overweight, has been a fixture of Israeli politics for more than three decades. His illness came a little more than three months before he was to lead his new Kadima Party into national elections, and his



Sharon

illness could hamper his efforts to finish building the nascent centrist faction, which is leading in the polls.

The stroke was almost certain to make Sharon's health a major campaign issue, but it would have little immediate effect on Israeli policy or peace efforts since no major decisions were expected during the campaign.

The Web site of the Haaretz daily newspaper reported that one of its reporters spoke to Sharon late Sunday night.

"I'm fine," Haaretz quoted him as saying. "Apparently I should have taken a few days off for vacation. But we're continuing to move forward," he said, making a play on the name of his party,

Kadima, which means "forward" in Hebrew.

Sharon received get-well messages from Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and U.S. envoy Elliot Abrams, who was speaking on behalf of the U.S. government, Gissin said.

However, in Gaza, dozens of armed men from the Popular Resistance Committees, a small Palestinian militant group, fired guns in the air, screamed,

"Sharon is dead!" and handed out pastries to motorists in celebration of the news that Sharon was ill.

Palestinian militants view Sharon, who led Israel's fight against the five-year Palestinian uprising, as a hated enemy despite his pullout from the Gaza Strip earlier this year.

"Their celebration is a bit premature and exaggerated — the prime minister is very well," Gissin said.

## Socialist appears to lead Bolivian election

COCHABAMBA, Bolivia (AP) — Bolivia's Socialist presidential candidate Evo Morales, who has promised to become Washington's "nightmare," held an unexpectedly strong lead over his conservative rival in Sunday's election, according to two independent exit polls.

The wide margin means Morales, a coca farmer who has said he will end a U.S.-backed anti-drug campaign aimed at eradicating the crop used to make cocaine,

will likely be declared president in January.

"If (the U.S.) wants relations welcome," Morales said after voting, holding a news conference

where piles of coca leaves were spread on a Bolivian flag. "But no to a relationship of submission."

Raucous celebrations erupted among Morales' supporters after nationally televised exit polls showed him with a decisive lead over former President Jorge Quiroga, who was backed by Bolivia's business elite.

Morales had 45 percent of the vote and Quiroga had 33 percent in an Equipso Mori poll. A second poll by the private Ipsos organization showed Morales with a slightly narrower lead of 44.5 percent to 34 percent for Quiroga. Minor candidates were getting the rest.

Morales counts Cuba's Fidel Castro and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez among his friends, along with leftists in Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay who have gained power at the ballot box in this decade. After the exit polls were released, an AP reporter at Morales' home in Cochabamba said he immediately received a phone call from Chavez.

If Morales fails to win more than 50 percent of the popular vote, Bolivia's newly elected congress must decide the presidency — a parliamentary process that would involve some coalition building and likely be a moderating influence on Morales, even with his unexpectedly wide margin.

In the capital of La Paz, caravans of honking cars paraded down avenues, their passengers shouting "Evo Presidente!"

Morales, 46, has promised to reverse years of sometimes violent U.S.-backed efforts to eradicate coca fields. Bolivia is the world's third-largest grower of coca, a plant that has traditional, legal uses among the country's Indians but also is used to make cocaine.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Make mercury limits more than California dreamin'

The Post-Register (Idaho Falls)

Why does Sempra Energy Corp., a California company that supplies electricity to that state, want to build a coal-fired plant near Jerome? Because it can't meet California's air and toxic standards. In that state, Sempra is talking about constructing a 300-megawatt solar plant.

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But the cities of California and the Southwest are hungry for new sources of electricity. Besides the coal plant near Jerome, two others are being advanced near Pocatello and Soda Springs. A network of new power plants in the rural West could satisfy the need — especially if Canada builds a transmission network that runs through Idaho and continues to the Southwest.

California is taking better care of its public health and safety.

Idaho, on the other hand, really has little to say about whether a coal plant comes here — or where. Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality can impose conditions as part of the air quality permits it issues to these plants.

But the final decision comes down to the counties, through their planning and zoning authority. Odds are some counties will do a better job than others. Some county officials can rely on more expertise and resources to evaluate the plants.

It could lead to a patchwork of different standards across the state — which is small comfort to people living downwind — and in another county — from one of these plants.

On a party-line vote earlier this year, a legislative committee refused to empower a statewide panel that could decide whether to site a coal-fired plant — and under what conditions.

Meanwhile, Idaho still doesn't have a rule for the serious mercury emissions associated with coal-fired plants.

Mercury carries huge public health and environmental risks. It can cause cognitive impairments for children, as Idaho well knows. Mining in

northern Idaho left a long record of toxic impact.

Now, Nevada's unusual method of evaporating cyanide in gold mining has spread airborne mercury into the southern area of the state.

Even a small amount is enough to compromise Idaho water quality, and limited testing has confirmed

mercury contamination in southern Idaho reservoirs and streams.

So why would we invite even more mercury exposure through coal-fired plants?

Indeed, the federal policy seems to suggest it is better to reduce acute mercury exposure in some areas by spreading it to now pristine airsheds like ours.

The Bush administration wants to supplant the more stringent Clean Air Act by grunting with public health — with state — and the chips. The administration calls its strategy cap and trade. An emission cap for an entire industry is first established.

Then companies under this polluting cap can sell their "allowances" to those utilities that exceed the industry cap.

Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality is being asked to place the state under the federal cap and trade program for mercury.

It sounds again like Idaho will accept more pollution while another state gets the benefit.

Why would we agree to that?

As Lauren McLean of the Idaho Conservation League said: "It's not fair to the people of Idaho for coal plants coming into our state to produce a plant that pollutes our air more than Sempra ever could do to the people of its own state."

Here's what can happen: Citizens in the Jerome area have created a coalition in an attempt to insist on protective standards for the proposed plant.

Idaho can — indeed must — do what California has done — set statewide public health constraints for coal plants that fully protect the public.

That means emission control.

It means any new coal plant built in Idaho should have at least a minimum remedy to capture mercury and other chemicals — and then to dispose of them at a hazardous waste site.

And it means a Legislature that has less sympathy for the out-of-state investors and contractors, who will benefit from these plants, and more sympathy for the rest of us who will have to live with them.

## Iran's president speaks pure lunacy

Let us get carried away with today's good news from Iraq, consider what's happening next door in Iran. The wild pronouncements of the new Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, have gotten sporadic press ever since he called for Israel to be wiped off this map. He subsequently amended himself to say that Israel could simply be evaporated from the Middle East map and moved to some German or Austrian location. Perhaps near the site of an old extermination camp?

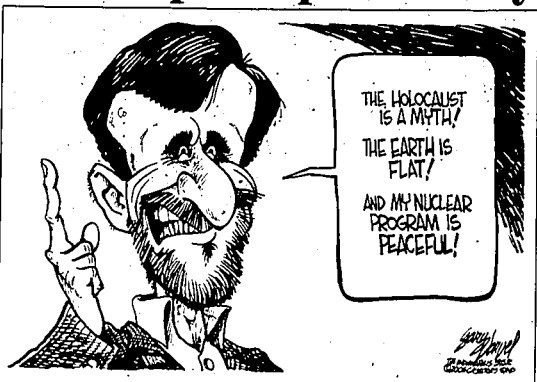


CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Except that there were no such camps, indeed no Holocaust at all, says Ahmadinejad. Nothing but "myth," a "legend" the name Massera of the Jews. This through the usual reaction from European and American officials, who, with Churchillian flair and power, called these statements unacceptable. That something serious may accrue to Iran for this — say, expulsion from the U.N. for violating its most basic principle by obscuring the outright eradication of member states — is a question.

To be sure, Holocaust denial and calls for Israel's destruction are commonplaces in the Middle East. They can be seen every day on Hezbollah TV, in Syrian media, in Egyptian editorials appearing in semi-official newspapers. But none of these aspiring mass murderers are on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons that could do in one afternoon what it took Hitler 6 1/2 years to do — destroy an entire Jewish civilization and extinguish 6 million souls.

Everyone knows what Iran's nuclear weapons will be aimed. Everyone knows they will be put on Shahab rockets that have been modified so they can now reach Israel. And everyone knows



that if the button is ever pushed, it will be the end of Israel.

But it gets worse. The president of a country about to go nuclear is a confirmed Shiite Jew and a Christian. Believe Islam has its own version of the messianic return — the reappearance of the Twelfth Imam. The more devout believers in Iran pray at the Jamkaran Mosque that houses a will from which, some believe, he will emerge.

As in Ahmadinejad unexpectedly won the presidential election, he immediately gave \$17 million of government funds to the shrine. Last month, Ahmadinejad said publicly that the main mission of the Islamic Revolution is to pave the way for the reappearance of the Twelfth Imam.

And as in some versions of fundamentalist Christianity, the second coming will be accompanied by the usual trials and tribulations, death and destruction. Iranian journalist Hossein Bastani-Rast reported Ahmadinejad saying in official meetings that the hidden imam will reappear in ten years.

So a Holocaust-denying, violently anti-Semitic, aspiring genocidist, on the verge of ac-

quiring weapons of the apocalypse. Believes that the end is not only near, but nearer than the next American presidential election. (Pity the Democrats. They cannot catch a break.) This kind of man would have to put himself gently, less inhibition about starting Ahmadinejad than a normal person. Indeed, with multibillion bills pending, he would have received incentive as, they say in Jewish eschatology, hasten the end.

To be sure, there are such intentions among the ultra-right monotheists. The Temple Mount Faithful in Israel would like the al-Aqsa Mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount destroyed to make way for the third Jewish Temple and the messianic era. The difference with Iran, however, is that there are all of about 50 of these nuts in Israel and none of them is president.

The closest we've come to a messianically inclined leader in America was a secretary of the environment who 24 years ago, when asked about his devotion to the environment, told Congress, "I don't know how many future generations we can count on before the Lord returns whatever it is we have to manage with a skill to leave the resources need-

ed for future generations." But James Watt's domain was the forest and his weapon of choice was the chainsaw. It was not in charge of nuclear weapons to be placed on missiles that are paraded through the streets with, literally, Israel's name on them. (They are armed with banners reading "Israel must be wiped off the map.")

It gets worse. After his speech to the U.N. in September, Ahmadinejad was caught on videotape (using a video that during the speech an anti-halo, appeared around his head right on the podium of the General Assembly.) "I felt the atmosphere suddenly change. And for those 27 or 29 minutes, the leaders of the world did not blink. ... I seemed as if a hand was holding them there, and it opened their eyes to receive the message from the Islamic Republic."

Negotiations to deny this certifiable lunatic genocidal weapons have been going on. But the odds are that they will go nowhere. And no one will do anything about it.

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## City acted harshly with police officers

Recent articles and an editorial in *The Times-News* concerning the "termination" of living police officers have taken a turn toward the fairy-tale status. Writer Terry Smith, a student of the spin doctor school of journalism, says most of the articles, as well as a glowing account of Jim Munn's selection as the new police chief (*Times-News*, Oct. 17).

The editorial on Nov. 27 provided a final straw job concerning the firing of the chief. The fact is plain and simple: the officers (with more than 24 years of combined experience) were fired as retaliation for accepting positions in Boise by Jim Munn and no one else.

We can't have Capt. Brian Pike look bad because it makes Munn look bad which makes City manager John Courtney look bad because Munn was a "Lee DeVore's hand-picked" successor over a large field of excellent candidates. (Oops, wait. I forgot! No one else was.

### READER COMMENT Ronald Peckpaugh

interviewed. The city didn't even post the job. "I just don't think we can find a guy more dedicated to this community ... said Courtney. So why bother to look?

In the editorial, *The Times-News* states, "stunning shortages are more serious than ever." ... followed by "Twin Falls Police released three experienced officers ... because they didn't provide a continuing benefit to the community." Excuse me? We're short-handed so let's fire three experienced officers?

Munn's way to solve a shortage problem? Ever think of letting them work the rest of the month (like they wanted to) and then train the new guys? If there has been a 20 percent turnover in the past year, why were these officers granted spe-

cial attention? Pike said they couldn't be depended on to fill their shifts. That is total speculation. How many times did these officers go to work when they were sick but did so out of a sense of duty and responsibility? They were not dependable during the last 10 years? If not, why were they fired long ago?

Shift supervisors were concerned about inadequate shift coverage, due to their absences. So were they just concerned or were the shifts not covered? We're talking about two different things. If shifts were not covered, why couldn't supervisor call someone in to cover the shift, just as these officers had covered shifts for their fellow officers in the past? The answer is of course the shifts were covered.

If these officers were such a detriment to the department, why did Boise hire them after extensive background checks and why did the court grant virtually everything they asked for?

As for Pike and Munn, you are in a position of great responsibility. You have men who look to you for guidance, support and integrity — so grow up. These three officers deserved a rat on the back and a thank you. Instead, they are misrepresented by the newspaper and muzzled by the pugnacious attitude of a couple of school boys posing as supervisors.

To all the present and newly hired officers who do their jobs in all kinds of weather and risk their lives every time they go to work — thank you! And remember, your biggest risk is not on the streets of Twin Falls, it is the friendly fire coming from the gay bodies in the glass-domed marked City.

I agree with Munn on one thing — I, too, wish his father was here to see this.

Ronald Peckpaugh of Twin Falls is the father-in-law of one of the three officers relocating to Boise.

## Dems still sticking to anger politics

The Democrats that spew so many hateful ways try to destroy the messenger but are not one of them could destroy my message. It makes them feel bad and tough to try to kill anyone they disagree with.

I don't remember mentioning any of the three lovely ladies that loved my letter. I never try to destroy personally but then, like I heard kids say one day on playground, "I wish your mother had you aborted." That's how children and Democrats talk now — and they are dead serious.

May I remind the sweet person from Haley that it certainly is not the GOP it is the Democrats that are trying to promote abortion, no prayers in school, no God in the Pledge and no Christmas in Christmas.

The sweetheart from Twin Falls was so quick to put me down, she did not take time to read my letter, so she lied.

I moved back to Idaho in 1988. I was born in Idaho in 1934, moved to Magic Valley in 1960, to Colorado in 1982, back to Idaho in 1988.

Now she wants me to shut up because she says she is a Democrat and a Christian? I don't go around telling everyone I'm a Republican and a Christian. She wants me to believe that all the Democrats I listen to in Congress are all atheists? Really? I had a professor tell me one time only the very shallow people attack you personally. They have no facts and could not dispute any of mine.

A good Democrat told me he hates Bush because Bush thinks he is an expert on the Christian. Facts, just the facts, ladies.

Fact: Democrats now are acting like little children by saying they vote for the war but the devil made me do it, i.e., Bush. They can't even think for themselves anymore because they simply have no brains or guts!

## LETTERS

### The right way to keep Christmas merry

Bravo, Barbara Stratton! Have our friends, neighbors, country and country leaders forgotten the reason for the season? It's not just the money we spend for gifts. Jesus is the reason for the season — hope, love and freedom.

As I shouldn't have to rephrase after all these years, it has always been Merry Christmas and should always be Merry Christmas. A Christmas tree is still a Christmas tree, not a holiday tree.

If a store clerk says "Happy Holidays," I smile politely and say "Merry Christmas." I also did this to a waitress and it

seemed to embarrass her. Sorry — not!

None of the malls or stores should keep the bell ringers away. This money is used to help feed our needy. Some day it may be one of us or one of our own who needs help.

In this country, we are supposed to have the right to celebrate as we please. We don't need someone to tell us or try to force us to say something we don't agree with.

If store clerks or other workers are told to do these things, they would take a stand for their beliefs.

Our country has a diverse population, and we all should be free to do or say what we believe — not dictated by the stores or our government. That is supposed to be the reason our troops are fighting when we would rather have home safe with us.

Merry Christmas and to all a good night!  
FAYE CARTER  
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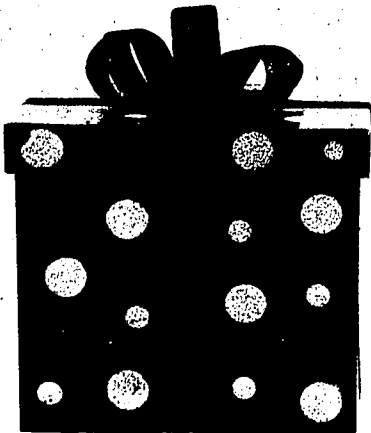
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- A tendency to withdraw from the fun and the family
- Being made fun of
- Loss of independence
- Being nagged or scolded by those who don't understand
- Missing out on the frolic of grandchildren
- A loss of your old, gregarious personality

### LOVED ONES OF THE HEARING IMPAIRED

- Frustration at having to repeat yourself, often several times
- Having to make excuses for "Grandpa"
- Guilt over a desire not to talk to the person
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- Having to teach the kids to be sensitive to "Grandma's hearing problem"
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SPORTSQUOTE

Well, that part, yeah, some laws we break. If you like somebody, it's OK. So, yeah, I have a girlfriend and I act like a normal 20-year-old. That feels right to me.

Luol Deng, the Chicago Bulls' 6-foot-9 Sudanese forward, on the Dinka tribe's custom that calls for abstinence before marriage, and how he's holding up in that regard as an NBA star.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: How long was the Cumberland football team's longest play from scrimmage in its 222-0 loss to Georgia Tech in 1916?
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College MEN'S BASKETBALL: CSI at Mesa CC, Mesa, Ariz., 7:30 p.m. High School GIRLS BASKETBALL: Carnas County at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m. Hansen at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m. Lighthouse Christian at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI hosts Dec. youth hoops camp

TWIN FALLS — The College Of Southern 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 is open to boys and girls ages 14 and the registration fee is \$80. Participants will receive a camp T-shirt, a CSI poster, and an open ticket to any of the Eagles' remaining home games.

Bruins baseball and softball sell fruit

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins baseball and softball teams are selling oranges and grapefruit for their annual fundraiser. The cost is \$16 for a 20-pound box of oranges or grapefruit or \$20 for a box of each. For more information, contact Nick at 733-4978 or 308-4978.

Jerome Rec offers hoops tourney

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold a basketball tournament for girls in grades 7-8 and boys in grade 6 on Jan. 6-7. The deadline to register is Dec. 30. For more information call Rick at 320-2349.

CSI offers winter baseball camp

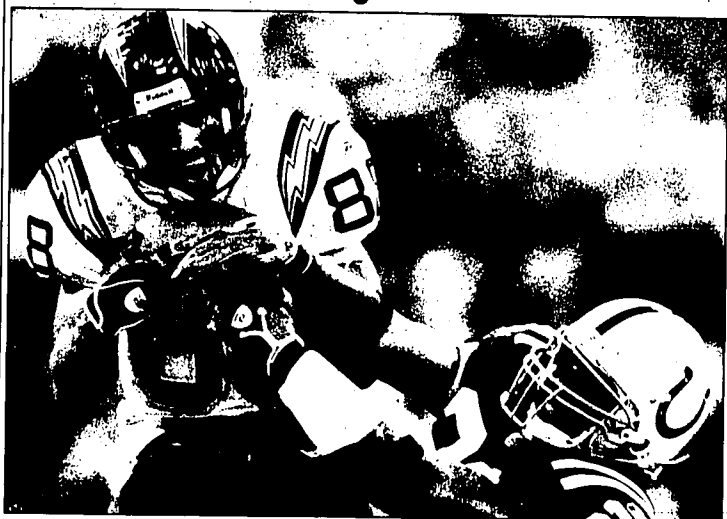
TWIN FALLS — The College Of Southern Idaho is holding its 23rd annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp, Dec. 27-28. The camp will be held inside the 70,000 square foot Expo Center located on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. To receive an application or more information, visit the website at http://www.csi.edu/Student/Activities/football.camp.htm or call Skip Walker at 732-6650 or 734-6285.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Ten yards, on a third-and-18 pass late in the fourth quarter. Cumberland never had a first down.

CHARGERS 26, COLTS 17

History is safe



ABOVE: San Diego Chargers receiver Eric Parker, left, makes a catch over Indianapolis Colts defender Mike Doss for a 49-yard gain in the first quarter of the Chargers' win over the Colts on Sunday.

BELOW: Colts quarterback Peyton Manning reacts after being called for intentional grounding during the second half of Sunday's loss.

Chargers end Colts' win streak

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts fans take heart: The unbeaten streak is over. There's always the Super Bowl.

Indianapolis' perfect season ended Sunday in a 26-17 loss to a San Diego team desperate to make the playoffs.

In a game of dramatic turnarounds, the Chargers went ahead on a 49-yard field goal by Nate Kaeding with 6:42 left after the Colts erased a 16-0 deficit with a field goal and two touchdowns in a six-minute span of the third quarter. Then Michael Turner clinched it with an 83-yard touchdown run after rookie Luis Castillo sacked Peyton Manning to knock the Colts out of field-goal range.

The win kept San Diego (9-5) alive for an AFC wild-card spot and prevented Denver from clinching the AFC West. It also allowed the Colts (13-1) to rest starters for the final two games of the season, having already clinched home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs.

Further consolation for Indianapolis: The last team to start 13-0 and lose, the 1998



Denver Broncos, went on to win the Super Bowl. And fans at the RCA Dome seemed to appreciate it — the ones who were left applauded their team as the game wound down.

"It really was a fun game," Dungey said. "It was disappointing because it was an AFC team. Our guys wanted to win, but they just outplayed us."

This game demonstrated that when the Colts can play badly, they can be as bad as anyone. "It's tough to go 16-0. You have to play well every week," Dungey said. "That wasn't the main goal in our mind. Losing wasn't what we wanted to do, but if it brings us back with a little more resolve, then maybe something will come of it."

Manning was sacked four times and threw two interceptions, although he finished with 336 yards, many of them late. "They were treating it like a playoff game," Manning said. "And we were, too. I feel very disappointed that we lost the game."

When the Colts rallied, it was largely the work of the defense.

Trailing 16-3 after Mike Vanderjagt's field goal, Gary Brackett intercepted Drew Brees' pass, setting up a 1-yard TD run by Edgerrin James. Then Dwight Freeney sacked Brees to force a fumble, and Manning threw a 1-yard pass to Dallas Clark.

Suddenly it was 17-16 Indy with 40 seconds left in the third quarter, and the RCA Dome, quiet for almost three quarters, exploded in a raucous roar. It stayed loud as the defense closed in on the Chargers, but went silent when Brees and McCordell bailed out the Chargers with a 54-yard connection.

McCordell fumbled Hunter Smith's punt on the goal line and converted only to his 6, then atoned with the long reception. That set up Kaeding's go-ahead field goal.

Nick Harper's end-zone interception after Dominic Rhodes fumbled the ensuing kickoff stopped one threat for the Colts. Manning drove the Colts down the field, but a grounding call and Castillo's sack forced a punt.

Two plays later, Turner turned right end and raced untouched down the sideline for the clincher. "We had a chance to go ahead and see what happened, but we didn't finish it off," Dungey said.

San Diego dominated early, sacking Manning on each of the Colts' first two possessions.

Brees, who finished 22-of-33 for 255 yards, hit McCordell with a 29-yard TD pass to give the Chargers a 7-0 first-quarter lead. Kaeding added field goals from 36 and 20 yards that made it 13-0 at the half. Kaeding made a 48-yarder at the start of the third quarter before the Colts got back in it.

Broncos not satisfied

By John Warron Associated Press writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — It'll take a lot more than the Denver Broncos clinching a playoff berth to excite Rod Smith.

The 11-year receiver is already focusing on the Broncos' next goal: Winning a playoff game, something the team has not done dating back to its second consecutive Super Bowl title in 1995. Denver has since gone 0-3 in the postseason.

"It means nothing," Smith said early Sunday morning, following clinching 28-17 win against the Buffalo Bills. "We're in the playoffs. That's where we wanted to go. We've still got our work cut out for us."

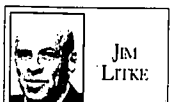
The victory clinched Denver (11-3) its third straight playoff berth. The Broncos, who host Oakland on Saturday, need a win or a San Diego loss or tie to secure their first AFC West title since 1998 after the Chargers stayed mathematically in the division hunt by upsetting Indianapolis on Sunday.

Denver is on a roll, having won six of seven. The Broncos have won 11 games for the first time since 2000, they lead the AFC's toughest division and have an opportunity to secure one of two first-round playoff byes.

A souvenir Manning could do without

INDIANAPOLIS — A large red felt-gloved angry above Peyton Manning's left eyebrow.

As souvenirs go, this was one he could do without. But as a painful reminder of just how tough it is to go through an NFL season unbeaten, well, it was just about perfect.



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The abrasion was a parting gift from the San Diego Chargers, who not only stole the Colts' perfect season Sunday, but reminded them from being sorry the footing can be at the top of the pro football globe. The Colts played a few bad games against good teams and got away with it. They understand now that won't work every Sunday.

"It's something we need to respond to," Manning said quietly in the aftermath of a 26-17 loss at home. "It leaves a really bad taste in your mouth. We've got to get it out."

If the Colts still plan on wearing the Super Bowl crown they've been wearing since this season, Monday can't come soon enough. They were inept on offense early in the game, characteristically sloppy in the late going and lost for long stretches in between. The only consolation, if there's any to be had, is that this was as close to a total team failure as failures get.

Coach Tony Danney took the blame for the decision to pass on a field goal and go for a score on fourth-and-1 with 8:38 left in the first half. When Manning wound up losing the game, Danney said that cost Indianapolis an almost-certain three points, plus the three points the Chargers gained on each of the Colts' first two possessions before the half-time.

"That wasn't very smart on my part," Dungey said. "I'd get those. It's a different game."

The Colts had the only what-if juncture where the only man to stop sign, Manning's biggest gain was getting called for intentional grounding with 2:16 left to play when the Colts trailed 19-17, but had driven to the San Diego 23-yard line and within striking distance of a go-ahead score.

"The No. 1 thing there," Manning explained, "is to try and not take a sack."

So naturally, the Chargers sacked Manning on the next play, the last of San Diego's four.

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Seahawks clinch playoff bye

By Teresa M. Walker Associated Press writer

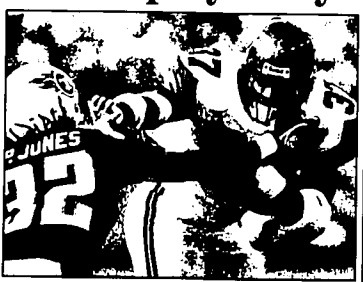
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Seattle Seahawks had to work a little harder this time to get the same result.

Matt Hasselbeck threw three touchdowns passes, including a 2-yarder to Darrell Jackson in the fourth quarter, and the Seahawks rallied for a 28-24 victory over the Tennessee Titans on Sunday that clinched a first-round bye for the NFC West champion.

Seattle (12-2) won its 10th straight for the first time in team history and also matched the 1984 season for most victories in a season. That left the Seahawks hoping for Chicago to lose to Atlanta on Sunday night, which would give them home-field advantage in the playoffs — another club first.

Hasselbeck finished with 285 yards as the Seahawks beat the Titans (4-10) for the fifth straight time in their first meeting since 1998.

Straun Alexander also ran for a touchdown, giving him an NFL-best 24, and the league's best rusher coming into the weekend became only the fifth player in NFL history to rush for 1,600 yards in consecutive seasons. He finished with 26 carries for 172 yards. But the Seahawks didn't roll over Tennessee as they had Philadelphia and San Francisco



Seattle Seahawks running back Sham Alexander (37) fights off Tennessee Titans cornerback Pacman Jones (32) during the second quarter of Sunday's game.

the previous two weeks, blowing a 14-0 lead after the first quarter. Steve McNair, playing perhaps his final game in the Coliseum with a \$50 million bonus due in the offseason, chewed up one of the NFL's better defenses by attacking a secondary missing three defensive backs to injury.

He led the Titans to 24 straight points and a 24-14 lead midway through the third quarter. He threw for 310 yards and two touchdowns, and Jarrett Payton also ran for a TD. The Titans had a chance to pad their lead at the beginning of

the fourth quarter, after keeping the drive alive with a fake punt for a 26-yard completion. Facing fourth-and-1 at the Seattle 6, Chris Brown tried to run right and was stopped for a 1-yard loss.

Hasselbeck responded with a 13-play, 93-yard drive that ended with the score to Jackson for the go-ahead touchdown with 8:59 to go. That left the Titans plenty of time, but McNair threw incomplete on a pass on fourth-and-2 at the Seattle 34.

The Seahawks then ran the clock.

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Smith finished with 11 catches for 137 yards — both season highs — and scored on a key 3-yard touchdown reception late in the second quarter to tie the game at 7. The Broncos offense responded by scoring on its first possession in the second half, eventually building a 28-10 lead.

Smith, the Broncos' all-time leading receiver, now has 1,003 yards for the season, just shy of the 1,000-yard mark for the eighth time in nine years. With 10,775 yards receiving, Smith also moved into 17th place on the all-time list, ahead of former New England receiver Stanley Morgan.

Even Denver's defenders credited Smith. "He's one of the toughest



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DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — J.J. Redick scored 30 points and Greg Valparaiso set a school freshman record with 15 assists as No. 1 Duke beat Valparaiso, 101-77 on Sunday night.

Dan O'Connell scored 25 points to lead the Crusaders (4-3), who shot 50 percent and had a 25-15 rebounding edge in the first half of the game.

Marcus Johnson, making his first start for an injured Graham Brown (crushed knee), had a career-high 20 points for the Huskies (6-0).

Brewer, a 6-foot-8 sophomore swingman, finished with 15 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds for the Gators (10-0) in the 1951-52 team's start.

Maurice Ayer had 18 points and a career-high 14 rebounds for the Spartans (9-2).

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# Italy's giant slalom finish bodes well for Turin

ALTA BADIA, Italy (AP) — If Italy is looking to stir more interest for the Olympics, maybe this will help: Max Biandronne and David Sottsass finished 1-2 in a World Cup giant slalom Sunday in a big lift for the home country. This is another good sign for Turin, "retired Italian skiing great Alberto Tomba said.

The Americans hardly faded as well. Bode Miller fell and did not finish his first run but kept his lead in the overall giant slalom standings.

losing time with a slight error at the beginning of his second run. Following Giorgio Rocca's two slalom wins and Elena Furchinich's downhill victory, Italy is tied with the United States with four World Cup wins this season.

Only Austria has more (eight). Biandronne headed with Italians to show more interest in the 10-26 Turin Games, which have been marked by low domestic ticket sales and only scant awareness outside the city.

"We're really putting our hearts into this and I hope this creates some attention," Biandronne said.

Miller leads the overall standings with 442 points, 17 more than Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal, who finished 23rd. Austria's Michael Walchhofer also led in the opening run to drop from second to third overall, 22 points back.

Miller, who won at this site in 2002, made errors throughout



Massimiliano Biandronne of Italy passes a gate on his way to win an Alpine Ski World Cup Men's Giant Slalom, in Alta Badia, Italy, on Sunday.

his only run. He still had good split times but fell after going over a small bump three gates from the finish. Miller tried desperately to regain his balance, but failed when one of his skis came loose.

"I knew I could get my feet around the gate, so I flipped my feet around," he said. "But then I couldn't see the ground. The visibility wasn't great, so when I landed, I couldn't see where I was and just snapped out."

It was the same spot where Miller went out in the second run a year ago, and he said he expected "better tactics"

from himself. "It's not a hard gate at all — you just can't see it — so you have to know where you're going," Miller said. "I thought I knew, but I wasn't right."

Janda picks up fourth-ski jumping victory

ENGELBERG, Switzerland — Jakob Hahn of the Czech Republic won his fourth ski jumping event of the season Sunday to extend his World Cup lead.

defeat second-placed Michael Uhrmann of Germany by 6.1 points. Uhrmann jumped 128.5 and 128.5 meters.

Dorfmeister wins World Cup super-G race

VAL D'ISERE, France — Michaela Dorfmeister won a World Cup super-G race Sunday to extend her lead in the overall World Cup standings while Lindsey Kildow of the United States finished fourth.

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Pepperdine at Kansas men, ESPN2, 5 p.m.  
Indiana at Charlotte men, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

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Packers at Ravens, ABC, 7 p.m.  
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**HOCKEY**  
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## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Garciaparra agrees to terms with Dodgers**  
LOS ANGELES — Five-time All-Star Nomar Garciaparra agreed to a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

**Protesters delay passage of Olympic flame**  
GENOVA, Italy — Protesters opposed to a planned high-speed railway slowed the relay of the Torino Olympic flame Sunday, blocking the convoy that accompanies the torch for about a half-hour.

**Hays leads USA1 to victory in four-man race**  
CORONA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Jodd Iyans and the United States 1 team won a four-man bobsled World Cup race on Sunday.

**Brand: Most schools show improvement**  
RICHMOND, Va. — NCAA President Myles Brand said the release of new Graduation Success Rates numbers for Division I schools on Monday will play first base or the outfield with the Dodgers.

**Olympics next for most GP winners, not Asada**  
TOKYO — Maybe it is a good thing Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen bypassed most of the Grand Prix series. They didn't have to lose to a 15-year-old jumping sensation in Germany.

**Brand listed academic reform as the biggest issue facing the NCAA**  
The NCAA has the ability to monitor schools on the academic side, he said, but is not allowed to have any input on how a school spends its money on athletics.

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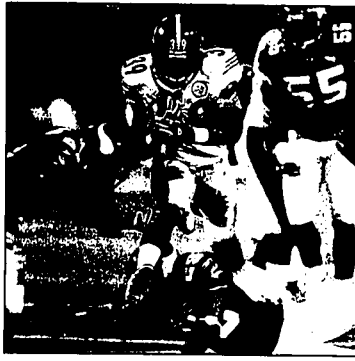
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SPORTS

# Steelers subdue Vikings, 18-3

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger ran for a touchdown, and Pittsburgh forced three turnovers and a safety to snap Minnesota's six-game winning streak.

Willie Parker rushed 14 times for 81 yards for the Steelers (9-5), who won their second consecutive game and put themselves in prime position for an AFC wild card. The Vikings (8-6) sealed their demise at the end of an embarrassing week. Four plays, including the injured Daunte Culpepper, were charged Thursday with three miscalculations apiece for their lewd behavior in the infamous two-week Monday.



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Willie Parker (39) falls over Minnesota Vikings cornerback Brian Williams (29) and past safety Corey Chavous, left, on a 13-yard gain during the third quarter in Minneapolis on Sunday. The Steelers beat the Vikings 18-3.

Brad Johnson, who chose takeover at quarterback coincided with the streak, threw two costly red-zone interceptions. Johnson went 16-for-30 for 143 yards, including a wow 2 for 9, 9-yard output after halftime. Roethlisberger completed 10 of 15 passes for 149 yards and no turnovers.

## Jaguars 10, 49ers 9

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — David Garrard ran for a touchdown. Josh Scobee kicked the winning field goal and the Jaguars moved closer to a playoff berth.

Jacksonville (10-4) won for the sixth time in seven games — all of the victories coming against teams with losing records — and now can return to the postseason for the first time since 1999 with a victory against Houston or Tennessee to end the season.

## Dolphins 24, Jets 20

MIAMI — Replacing an injured Gus Fretotte to start the second half, Sage Rosenfels threw a 50-yard completion for the go-ahead touchdown, and the Dolphins earned their fourth win in a row.

Despite the victory, Miami (7-7) was eliminated from the AFC playoff race when Pittsburgh and San Diego won. The Jets (3-11) finished 9-8 on the road for the first time. The only other time they went winless on the road was in 1964, when they were 0-7. After Fretotte was sidelined by an injury to the index finger on his throwing hand, Rosenfels helped Miami overcome a 17-10 fourth-quarter deficit with touchdowns on consecutive possessions.

## Eagles 17, Rams 16

ST. LOUIS — Mike McMahon tossed the winning touchdown pass to long snapper Mike Bartrum on the first play of the fourth quarter and the Eagles (6-8) won the second time in eight games.

The Rams (5-9) lost for the fifth time in six games.

Bartrum made the decisive play when he caught a 3-yard pass after McMahon rolled out. Bartrum has two catches all season, both for 3-yard scores. McMahon, starting for injured Donovan McNabb, was 15-for-28 for 97 yards with three interceptions. That was enough to trump Rams rookie Ryan Fitzpatrick, who was 10-for-24 for 69 yards with one touchdown and an interception.

## Panthers 27, Saints 10

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jake

Delhomme led Carolina back into first place in the NFC South, throwing for a touchdown and running for another.

Delhomme's fourth victory against his former team came in the same week the Saints (3-11) benched quarterback Aaron Brooks after 82 straight starts. His replacement, seldom-used Todd Bourman, struggled, finishing with four interceptions and a lost fumble.

Throwing only as much as he needed to, Delhomme was 13-of-22 for 176 yards.

## Texans 30, Cardinals 19

HOUSTON — The Texans finally figured out how to hold a lead, breaking a six-game losing streak.

But the Texans may have jeopardized their chances of landing Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush in the draft if he leaves Southern California. Houston (2-12) is now tied with San Francisco for the worst record in the NFL after the 49ers lost to Jacksonville 10-9 on Sunday. The Texans face San Francisco in the season finale on New Year's Day.

## Redskins 35, Cowboys 7

LANDOVER, Md. — The Redskins kept their playoff hopes firmly intact and severely dented the cause of their despised foes, winning their third straight and sweeping the Cowboys for the first time in 10 years.

Phillip Daniels had four sacks and a fumble recovery. Marcus Washington had two sacks, an interception and a forced fumble. Chris Cooley caught three of Mark Brunell's 10 touchdowns passes, and Clinton Portis ran for 112 yards.

The game left the Redskins (9-6) and Cowboys (8-6) two games behind the New York Giants in the NFC East, but the Redskins hold the tiebreaker because of the season sweep. Washington's 8-2 conference record also puts it in position for a wild-card berth and its first postseason appearance since 1999.

## Bengals 41, Lions 17

DETROIT — The Cincinnati Bengals clinched their first div-

ident Matt Millen, who has led the franchise to an NFL-record 20-58 record the past five seasons.

## Browns 9, Raiders 7

OAKLAND, Calif. — Phil Dawson kicked a 37-yard field goal two plays after Reuben Droughns' apparent fumble was overturned by replay giving rookie QB Charlie Frye his first NFL win.

Frye calmly engineered the last-minute drive that helped Cleveland (5-9) snap a three-game skid, but spent the key moments waiting to see if he had done enough.

After Droughns lost the ball at the Oakland 19 with less than a minute left, it appeared the raiders (4-10) would escape with the win. But after a long replay review, referee Mike Caray ruled Droughns was down before the ball came loose, giving the Browns another chance.

## Bears 16, Falcons 3

CHICAGO — Rex Grossman added a different dimension after relieving the struggling Kyle Orton in the third quarter. The projected starter before breaking his left ankle in a pre-season game at St. Louis, Grossman completed 9 of 16 passes for 93 yards with an interception. It was plenty, though, with Chicago's staunch defense shutting down Michael Vick and the Falcons (8-6).

The NFL's No. 1 defense limited the Falcons to 231 yards. The Bears increased their lead in the NFC North to two games over Minnesota, an 18-3 lead to Pittsburgh. The teams meet Jan. 1 in the regular-season finale.

Chicago (10-4) turned to Grossman after watching Orton complete 2 of 10 passes for 12 yards in the first half.

# Colorado clips Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Sakic scored a pair of goals in 19 seconds apart in the second period — the second on a penalty shot — and the Colorado Avalanche snapped a three-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Sunday night.

Colorado has won six straight against the Rangers since Nov. 29, 2001, and is 9-1 in the past 10 meetings.

Pittsburgh on Oct. 25.

## Stars 5, Blackhawks 3

CHICAGO — Mike Modano and Jere Lehtinen each had a goal and an assist for Dallas and Marty Turco made 29 saves to improve to 9-0-1 against Chicago.

Jussi Jokinen, Jason Arnott and Nathan Perrott also scored for Dallas, which has won seven of its last eight games and 12 of 14. The Stars extended their unbeaten streak against Chicago to 11 games (10-0-1).

## Mighty Ducks 5, Sharks 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Rob Niedermayer scored the go-ahead goal midway through the third period to help Anaheim snap San Jose's six-game winning streak.

Grant Stevenson had two goals for the Sharks, and Patrick Marleau and Scott Thornton also scored.

## Panthers 3, Capitals 2

WASHINGTON — Roberto Luongo made a season-high 53 saves to help Florida end a 13-game road losing streak.

Nathan Horton, Jozef Stumpel and Rostislav Olesz scored for the Panthers, 3-13-3 on the road this season. The victory was Florida's first on the road since an overtime win over

# Gretzky's priority not with Canadian team

TORONTO (AP) — The Canadian Olympic team is not counting on Wayne Gretzky, who has taken an indefinite leave with the Phoenix Coyotes to be with his ailing mother.

Gretzky is the hockey team's executive director for the Turin Games. He announced Saturday he was putting his NHL coaching career on hold. His mother, Phyllis, is battling lung cancer.

"Our whole process here right now is to make sure everything is OK with Wayne and with his mom and that's where our focus is," Hockey Canada president Bob Nicholson told The Canadian Press on Sunday from Calgary, Alberta. "I've talked to

all of our other management people and we'll just take it day by day here."

Gretzky also served as executive director of the 2002 Olympic team, which won Canada's first gold in men's hockey in 50 years, as well as the 2004 team which captured the NHL's World Cup of Hockey. But his mother's illness kept him from overseeing the Canadian team at this year's world hockey championship in May.

Gretzky addressed the Coyotes at the team hotel in Los Angeles on Saturday before flying to Ontario to join his family, which includes father, Walter, sister, Kim, and brothers Brent, Glen and Keith.

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on the day. That 3-yard loss, added to the 12 yards assessed on the previous play for grounding, made a field-goal try academic.

Just to make sure everybody felt bad, though, the defense let San Diego's Michael Turner get around the corner on the second play of San Diego's next drive. As he headed up the sideline, Turner outraced two defenders who had angles on him and shed a last-gasp tackle by Jason David like he was Gale Sayers.

Marung wasn't even born the only time a team went through an NFL season unbeaten. That

was 1972, when the Miami Dolphins melted talent, desire and plenty of luck to run the table. They're often thought of as one-season wonders, but the opposite is true. That Dolphins team played in three straight Super Bowls and won two of them.

"I've got a lot of friends on that team. That was my era," Archie Marung recalled Sunday, sitting just outside the Indianapolis locker room. "This was great for them. There's a lot of 8-, 9- and 10-year-old kids playing football who didn't know a thing about that. They might be discovered all over again now."

## Broncos

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After Willis McGahee scored on a 1-yard plunge on Buffalo's opening drive, the Bills settled for three points on their next eight possessions — including three drives inside the Broncos 35.

Wilson had a strong game, in on six tackles, registering a sack and breaking up three passes, including batting down Kelly Holcomb's attempt to kick free over the middle on third-and-5 at the Denver 13.

Buffalo's defense allowed 437 yards, and has now allowed 1,365 yards in its last three games.

"I'm at the point I want to feel good after a game," center Teague said. "We've got a bad taste in our mouths. We've had it there for weeks."

The Bills struggled on both sides of the ball.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Children's Trust Fund offers grant

**TWIN FALLS** — The Idaho Children's Trust Fund has made available a \$2,500 grant for prevention activities and events that support increased awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention.

A Community Coalition is meeting to organize and implement activities planned during the month of April, which is designated as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Month. Interested individuals and organizations are welcome to participate.

The next planning meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Department of Health and Welfare on Pole Line Road.

For more information, call Cheryl Jester at South Central Head Start at 736-0741, ext. 16.

### Hospital hosts music event on Thursday

**TWIN FALLS** — A special musical event will be presented on Thursday in the main lobby of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 620 Addison Ave. W.

Several professional musicians will be playing "Music as Medicine" for patients, visitors, staff and physicians.

Music as Medicine is a pilot program at the hospital to address the emotional needs of patients and families by creating a soothing, compassionate hospital environment. Musicians will be available to play in different areas of the hospital as part of the "Healing Arts" program beginning in 2006. The Healing Arts program encourages healing through a holistic approach that uses humor, music and contact with pets to reduce stress and speed healing.

Opportunities are available for those who wish to share their time and talents as part of the program. For more information, call Loraine Devey, director of Volunteer Services, at 737-2006. The public is invited to the event Thursday.

### State recalls 'Cracker Crunchers'

**TWIN FALLS** — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is urging consumers to check their refrigerators for Armore Lunch Makers Cracker Crunchers' meals made with turkey, ham, bologna or chicken with sell-by dates between Jan. 1 and Feb. 21, 2006. Consumers are urged to dispose of them or return them to the place of purchase for a refund because of possible bacterial contamination, according to an agency news release.

The nationwide recall includes 2.8 million pounds of meal products, some of which were distributed in Idaho. The products might be contaminated with the bacteria *Listeria monocytogenes* which can cause serious health problems, especially miscarriages and stillbirths.

"Elderly persons, pregnant women or those with weakened immune systems are at higher risk of developing severe illness from the bacteria which may include a high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea," said Dr. Leslie Tengelsen, the deputy state epidemiologist, in the news release.

For more information, call the Lunch Makers consumer information line at 1-800-414-7500.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Waterhead	% of Avg.	% of year
Upper Snake River	62%	31%
Henry's Fork/Teton	62%	30%
Big Lost	61%	28%
Little Lost	62%	27%
Salmon	61%	28%
Big Wood	60%	28%
Little Wood	60%	28%
Bolton Falls	60%	29%
Oakley Basin	102%	29%

As of Dec. 18.  
\*A comparison of basin averages on this day with a 30-year average.

## BACK ON DUTY



Student Reserve Officer Matt Triner is on duty in a Twin Falls High School hallway Friday afternoon after a bell summons students back to class. Triner says the school community is like a miniature city and the school officers experience the same problems as city officers, but usually on a smaller scale.

## Officers return to Twin Falls schools

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — While the Twin Falls Police Department struggled with the shortage of trained officers, it was forced to pull its resource officers out of schools and put them back on patrol. It was the first time since 1979 that Twin Falls High School did not have a resource officer, and it left some in the school feeling concerned.

On Tuesday morning, Officer Matt Triner returned to Twin Falls High School to resume his duties as a resource officer, which most staff and students are happy to see.

"Because of how low our number of personnel has been, we haven't been able to keep our officers at those positions," said Sgt. Dennis Pullin, of the Twin Falls Police Department. "But it's been pretty important that

### Schools cope without cops

During the absence of resource officers, schools placed the following calls for police service between Aug. 22 and Dec. 9:

- Twin Falls High School: 97
- Vera C. O'Leary Jr. High: 52
- Robert Stuart Jr. High: 38
- Lincoln Elementary: 26
- Harrison Elementary: 19

without the resource officer, but the officers' absence became apparent as time went on.

"We started to see a lot more incidents like burglaries," Allen said. "It's not like we didn't have things stolen out of cars, but now we're starting to see windows being broken out."

Allen said it is too time-consuming for staff to patrol the school, which has almost 1,500 enrolled students, 20 doors and no fencing to secure the school grounds.

Triner said it's a challenge to start in the middle of the school year. On Wednesday afternoon, he was darning in and out of administrators' offices when he was trying to get things done at his desk.

"I have to figure out where we're at, in terms of what the school needs," Triner said. "Usually, I'm starting at the

problems at school and work to prevent students from bringing more problems to campus.

Above all, resource officers have the legal authority to handle situations that may endanger staff or students.

Ben Allen, the principal of Twin Falls High School, said he didn't immediately notice a difference in student behavior

we have officers in the schools."

A resource officer, Triner said, "wears many hats" that include being a police officer, a "real world" counselor, a mediator and a teacher for alcohol and substance abuse. Resource officers also check the department's activity log to see if they recognize names of students who may be having

problems at school and work to prevent students from bringing more problems to campus.

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## Burley man loved to see people laugh

By Jami Whitred  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — There are three flies in the kitchen. Which one's the cowboy?

The one on the range.

This was one of Hazen Hatch's favorite jokes, one he told to anyone he could.

"And every time someone laughed, he told it more," said Ann Lee Owens, of her father, who died Dec. 12, at 96 years of age.

"He loved to make people laugh," she added.

Even when times were tough, Hatch always made sure to share a smile and laugh with those around him.

He grew up in the small town of Oxford and later learned to be a hipster at his brother-in-law's shop.



Hazen Atkinson Hatch

"It's where he said he got his good handshake," Owens said, chuckling.

Hatch served in the Central States Mission. While on a reservation, he was able to talk to the policeman who caught Chief Sitting Bull, which was one of his favorite memories.

As a young man in Burley, Hatch was a leader of the high jinks and did many projects

in the area. One he was particularly proud of was moving and renovating an old house for a homeless elderly man.

His compassion and care was shared the rest of his life.

He married Gertrude Christensen in 1934 and the family settled in Downy.

When they found out their son Kim had cerebral palsy, Gertrude cared for him and their three other children while Hatch worked.

The busy family got to the point that Gertrude needed some help.

"So he put the kids on things immediately, and turned his life around to make sure she had help with Kim," Owens said.

Kim was involved in everything his dad did. They even

### remembered

#### Hazen Atkinson Hatch

Born: July 20, 1909

Died: Dec. 12, 2005

Survivors: Children, Amarylis Jerry, Wren, Len, Lee (Chet) Owens, Marshall Strain

Hatch and Kim Hatch, 13 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial Donations can be made to the Meridian Development Center, 531 E. Fifth, Burley, ID 83318

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## COMMUNITY CANINE

### Dog steals the show — and bones — at Richfield store

By Almee Durand  
Times-News correspondent

#### Piper's Store

Main Street  
Richfield, ID  
487-2530  
Hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

"She is a great family dog," said Mike Piper, third generation owner of the popular store and meat counter.

She seems to be a perfect fit for the family owned business. Piper's store, a seemingly permanent fixture in this small Lincoln County community north of Twin Falls, is also the oldest business in town. Joe

and Helen Piper established it in 1939 and Lyle and Betty Piper eventually acquired it. Mike Piper has owned it since 1981. The family lives in the home attached to the back of the store.

The meaning of family comes to light in many ways for this small business. Not only does the family live, work, and sleep in the business, but also the employees are a close-knit group. And the customers are like extended family and friends and most have time to reach down and place a few pats on the bone-loving retriever.

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Mike Piper pets his dog Jasmine outside of Piper's Store in Richfield.

## Q&A

### Contenders for mayor answer the questions

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — City Council will select a new mayor from among its ranks on Jan. 3.

Councilmen Dennis Maughan and Lance Clow have let it be known they want the job. While the citizenry doesn't have a direct say in who the mayor will be, *The Times-News* thought it important that the general public know something about the contenders.

Maughan and Clow were asked five questions. The questions and their answers are as follows:

1. What do you think is the single most important thing that the city needs that it doesn't now have?

Maughan: A defined succession plan to replace key department heads.

Clow: Over the next five to six years we will lose many of our senior leaders in the organization. A smooth transition will keep departments from being disrupted during leadership changes while continuing to provide city services in a high quality manner.

Clow: We need to provide for additional residential zoning designations, neighborhoods to new development can have better assurance of the outcome of our zoning decisions.

I would like to see the completion of our trail system, a convention center, improved traffic flow/safety and improved giveaways into the city. Funding is the limiting factor, so I will continue to follow my motto that "More is not always better."

2. Do you think City Council should have done more to meet the new Environmental Protection Agency arsenic standards by Jan. 23 deadline?

Maughan: No. This has been a lengthy process of researching options to lead us to a logical decision. In addition, we have had two troubling issues to this process — water quality and water quantity. Working with E-U-B Engineers and Blockway Engineering we have been pleased with options to increase the water supply for future demand and blend existing south well water to comply with the new standards.

Clow: The city has an agreement being reviewed in the attorney general to allow us to combine the challenges of arsenic and water quantity. This meeting, the deadline, the drought has compounded the long term solution. The council has had this as a high priority for the past five years. Fortunately, the regulators recognize the value to everyone to create a combined solution.

3. Citizens continue to complain about the quality of city services. How do you plan to improve them?

Maughan: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

Clow: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

4. How do you plan to improve the city's appearance?

Maughan: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

Clow: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

5. How do you plan to improve the city's economy?

Maughan: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

Clow: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

6. How do you plan to improve the city's infrastructure?

Maughan: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

Clow: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

7. How do you plan to improve the city's public safety?

Maughan: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

Clow: I plan to continue to work with the city manager and staff to ensure that we are providing the best possible services to our citizens.

# MAGIC VALLEY

## Getting known around the nation

### 'Heart' carries Mary Roberson paintings into hearts of others

By Susan Bailey For The Times-News

HALLEY — If Mary Roberson were the type, she'd be impressed with herself. This month, her work occupies a full page in the industry standard, Wildlife Art. Last month, a centerpiece article "Revenge in the Wild" featured the woman and her art for four pages of Southwest Art magazine, generally considered the most prestigious publication in the world. Earlier this year, she was one of only 45 wildlife artists selected by the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyo., for a special show "Wildlife Art for a New Century II." Work in the exhibition has never been seen anywhere else when selected.

The National Museum of Wildlife Art was so impressed by Halley wildlife artist Roberson that they bought her piece, "The Mistic Hunt" as part of their permanent collection.

Roberson, who shows locally at Knechtel Gallery in Ketchum, started really getting international attention when John-Atin Gallery and Publishing Company bought her work for reproductions.

"It's getting my name out there," said Roberson, who recently was recognized as "Mary Roberson, the painter" by a member of the International Wolf Society during a jaunt to Yellowstone National Park to photograph and observe a wolf her favorite wild things. "People look at my art, that's Roberson. I want to see an original." People call over the work are buying. I mean, I get calls from Italy about a buffalo.

Roberson said framed as background art in furniture stores, the John-Atin Gallery prints are high quality lithograph prints that most people can afford. Small versions sometimes sell

for a mere \$20. Her paintings sell for as much as \$18,500.

But she doesn't paint for fame, or even for money.

"She paints because she loves to tell stories about animals. Most of my paintings are stories," said Roberson. The painting follows the title. There was an elk with a bird on his back and I said to myself, "Free Ride." Sixty percent of the time, I get the title first and in my mind see a story unfold. I paint what that story feels like until it looks right."

Always, however, she holds back a bit of the story. "I'm opposed to any painting that gives you everything you need to know, I don't want to paint every little hair on a ground squirrel. I think the world is tired of that. It's not natural to the human eye."

Roberson works instead with a palette knife, texture, and the spirit of things. "It takes some discipline to control it," she said of the knife. "It's almost impossible to do any detail, but I don't do detail, scrape off paint or start with abstract shapes. I do that to get the depth and multiple layers. Sometimes they weigh a ton, there's so much paint."

Recent paintings in oil usually have more than one image in the frame, often of various sizes, giving her work a sketchbook kind of feeling, an intensity as if the moose, elk or raven or antelope had just been set down on canvas.

Life, Roberson said, is what she is after. "They have life," said Roberson. "I'm not happy with a painting of mine unless it has that life. That's what my goal is, that moment of life."

A Halley resident who still lives in the house she purchased in 1982 for \$49,000, Roberson was a child prodigy who later stopped painting under the pressure of family life. In California at age 16,

she earned a scholarship to study life drawing at Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. Years later, when her three children were teens, the same intense ability to capture and observe surfaced when she went to ranches and painted livestock.

In 1991 when she returned to painting, she ended up in pastures with cattle and an easel, often for five hours at a stretch. "I watch them and observe them and I can feel them," Roberson said at the time. "I put them on canvas, but it's done in a certain way that's hard to explain. It's the opposite of shallow."

Her portraits of animals then, as now, seem to radiate the character of the beast. One might be a rancher, one intense, one playful, one fearful and another one unconcerned. The differentiation of individual animals is a trademark of Roberson's, and a reflection of her strong feelings for the creatures she puts on paper or canvas.

Most of the time nowadays she travels to Yellowstone to watch wild animals.

"I watch them and observe them when there are hardly any tourists and sleep in my van," said Roberson. "I meet people there. Forget a new car, new clothes and other stuff. To Roberson, it has no meaning. Only the animals matter."

"I would go to Europe if I could go to see wildlife," said Roberson. "I don't care about new clothes or jewelry. I have to have animals. My family wanted me to go to Greece. I'd rather go to Yellowstone."

Painting from the heart matters, and how she feels about herself, not how others feel about her, matters most. "It's all about how I feel about me," said Roberson. "Nothing can replace that. It's not that big of a deal, having a recognized name. I'd be willing to live in a tent if I had to, just to buy art supplies. I'm really sold in myself. I'm sure of my product and I believe in me. I'm not subject to criticism or praise. I've got it all in my heart."



A lone bison crosses a road ahead of a pack of snowmobilers in Yellowstone National Park. The National Park Service is working on a new, long-range plan for winter use that is likely to again ignite the debate about whether snowmobiles should even be allowed in the park.

## Long-running snowmobile debate is quiet this year at Yellowstone

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — For the past two winters, West Yellowstone business owner David McCray hasn't felt optimistic. McCray, executive director of the West Yellowstone National Park, said he is full of hope this year.

There's snow on the ground. Early bookings look promising. And when Yellowstone opens for its winter season Wednesday, it will be the first time in three years that snowmobile tourists aren't playing by a new set of rules in the park. "This year is normal, and that takes a ton of pressure off us," said McCray, who is already booked with snowmobile tours the first few days of the winter season.

However, that continuity may be short-lived, as the National Park Service is working on a new long-range plan for winter use that is likely to again ignite the debate about whether the machines should even be allowed in the park.

Businesses are still feeling the financial effects of the hurt challenges and rules' changes that created confusion in 2003 and a season shortened by poor snow last year. "Now, many business leaders in West Yellowstone are working to diversify the wintertime economy of a town that once billed itself as "snowmobile capital of the world."

There's greater emphasis on seeing the park by mass transit snowcoaches, a mode of transportation some conservationists favor over snowmobiles; promotion of

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— David McCray, West Yellowstone business owner

cross-country ski areas; and on attracting snowmobilers to trails just outside the park.

"This is a very different town than it was three or five winters ago," said Marysue Costello, executive director of the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce.

For years, snowmobile access to the park was virtually unfettered and the hum of the machines reverberated through West Yellowstone as enthusiasts set off from their hotels for the short drive to the park gates.

But that ended before the 2003-04 winter, when the Park Service moved from a Clinton-era plan that called for phasing out snowmobiles in favor of snowcoaches and decided instead to limit the numbers and types of snowmobiles allowed in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

Park officials defended that as a balance between recreational use and the protection of park resources, but environmentalists sued and, on the eve of that winter season's opening, a federal judge set aside the

new plan. That set off a chain of events that business owners said scared off tourists and cost them dearly.

Rules that took effect last year, limit to 720 the number of snowmobiles allowed into Yellowstone each day, and they must join commercially guided tours. The machines must be cleaner and quieter than earlier models.

These rules are expected to be in place through next winter and were meant to provide some stability to gateway communities while the Park Service works on its longer-term plan.

Many business owners like the new rules although some would like to see the caps raised and restrictions eased.

"There's no turning back for this community," said Scott Carlsby, who has a snowcoach and cross-country ski business. "We're never going to get back to the day when snowmobiling was in its heyday ... and I'm personally very happy about that."

Rick Hoeninghausen, director of sales and marketing for park concessionaire Xanterra Parks & Resorts at Yellowstone, said the circumstances of the last few years have the potential to be a positive for the region.

"We're resilient as an industry," said Hoeninghausen, who is based in Mammoth Hot Springs and whose company is diversifying its services to include, among other things, ice skating near Old Faithful. "Either you adapt or you don't survive" and I think what you're seeing is part of the adaptation after the last few years."

## SERVICES

**Patsy Louise (Darling) Campbell**, of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Greenwood Drive N. (Heywood's Funeral Chapel).

**Rance Hinnenkuel**, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 7405 S. Redwood Road (McDougal Funeral Home, Taylorville, Utah).

**Franca Alfonso Armenta** of Jerome, funeral Mass at 1 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

**Phyllis Welker Turgoose** of Langley, Wash., funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Langley, viewing from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. today at the church (Visser Funeral Home).

**Alfred Grover Harrell** of Heyburn, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Friends may call from noon to 1:45 p.m. today at the mortuary.

**Evelyn Anderson** of Twin

Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Jeremiah D. "JD" Lott** of Jerome, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at the Jerome High School auditorium, 104 Tiger Drive N. (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

**Ether Grace Johnson** of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl, visitation from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Farmer Funeral

Chapel in Buhl with family greeting. Friends from 4 to 6 p.m.

**Christopher Wayne Gunter** of Redding, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

**Virgil Carlisle of Rupert**, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Nancy Marie Lavery**

TWIN FALLS — Nancy Marie Lavery, 60, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

**Fanne Haines**  
OAKLEY — Fanne Elizabeth Bardin Haines, an 82-year-old resident of Oakley, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at her

daughter's home in Layton, Utah. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Ramsey Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

**John W. Reynolds**

HEYBURN — John W. Reynolds, a 90-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at his home. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Ramsey Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

## Sun Valley opposes annexing McHanville into water district

By Susan Bailey For The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley Water and Sewer District cancelled a public hearing on the proposed annexation of a McHanville area south of Ketchum in part due to rumblings from City Hall.

Instead, the Water and Sewer District will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, to talk about recent opposition by Mayor Jon Brunson to the proposed annexation. Originally, the meeting was planned for Dec. 19.

Thorson has already drafted a letter stating his opposition based on Sun Valley's desire to place the McHanville area inside its Area of City Impact and create a land-use master plan for the region.

Thorson, Ketchum mayor-elect Randy Hall, McHanville residents and planning directors for Ketchum and Sun Valley met Dec. 8 to talk about creating a broader plan for the area around St. Luke's Wood Piner Medical Center.

Ketchum Planning Director Janet Mennie said those present agreed changes in zoning and land use needed to encompass more than McHanville alone. City officials, members of Citizens for Smart Growth, the Blaine-Ketchum Housing Authority and Sun Valley Company discussed whether affordable housing would be appropriate for the area. They were unable to reach consensus on that issue but did agree on other issues.

"We agreed we need to hire a land-use planner, and perhaps extend the Community Housing

Overlay into that area," Moniz said.

McHanville contains a number of commercial business operations no longer allowed by the current zoning. As non-conforming uses, they are unable to expand.

Seventy percent of McHanville residents have applied to Sun Valley Water and Sewer for annexation to allow municipal water and sewer connections. He said the special Water and Sewer meeting on Dec. 21 would determine the date of a public hearing on the proposed McHanville area.

When connected to municipal water and sewer service for the city of Sun Valley, businesses and homes in McHanville would be able to handle greater density if zoning changes altered the area to allow more density.

Susan Bailey writes for The Wood Piner Journal in Halley. She can be reached at 788-3441.

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### Zenda Lee Schmidt

TWIN FALLS — Zenda Lee Schmidt, 74, of Twin Falls, Idaho, went home to her Lord on Dec. 16, 2005.

Zenda was born on July 7, 1931, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She attended Parklane School south of Twin Falls until her family moved to Ingleswood, Calif., when she was 12 years old. She graduated from Ingleswood High School in 1949. Zenda met a handsome sailor by the name of Philip Schmidt at the Spade Cooley Ballroom in California and they began their wonderful life together on Jan. 7, 1951. Phil and Zenda moved back to Twin Falls in December 1962. Zenda was blessed with many artistic talents including painting and crocheting. She often made personal gifts for family and

Zenda is survived by her husband of almost 55 years, four sons, Lee (Betty) of Kimberly, Idaho; Mark of Clovis, N.M.; Tim of Boise, Idaho; and Thomas (Ingrid) currently stationed in Turkey; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at the Community Christian Church on Grandview Drive South. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

The family suggests donations be made to the building fund at Community Christian Church or a charity of your choice.

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# Albion receives campus property offers

By Mary Lynnie Bristol  
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — The Albion Normal School campus property will need to be surveyed and the city will also need to determine what parts of the property it may want to keep, Mayor Don Danner told the City Council during its December meeting.

The council also discussed a variety of issues, such as the audit review, city water rates and updated code books. But the monthly meeting began with a special recognition of the city's water plan.

Melinda Harper, a ground water protection specialist with the Idaho Rural Water Association, presented a Certificate of Achievement plaque to the Albion City Council. It was inscribed: "In recognition of outstanding efforts to protect the City of Albion's drinking water through the development and implementation of a certified Drinking Water Protection Plan."

The plaque was signed by

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Tom Hardisty, director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and Don Munkers, executive director of IRWA.

Albion is now one of 50 cities in the state that has a certified plan, Harper said. She thanked members of the citizen planning team, chaired by Councilman Rick Mahoney, for their work in preparing the plan.

Two large signs designating that the city is a "drinking water protection area" and several posters were also presented to the council. At the conclusion of her presentation, Harper gave the mayor a personal check to purchase a tree to place in the city park.

City Auditor Jeff Poulsen reviewed the 2005 audit of the city accounts. He stated that it was a clean report. After noting that the general fund was over budget for the third year in a row, he and the council discussed the reasons for the problem. Poulsen stated that the total budget was in the black due to enterprise or business funds being under

budget. The council accepted the audit.

The council members received a binder containing updated codified city ordinances. The books were prepared by City Clerk Mary Kearman after it was found that not all members had the updated copies of city ordinances.

A city water rate fee structure prepared by IRWA was introduced.

Danner noted that the suggested fees are just slightly lower than the ones presented by the council in an earlier town meeting.

The council agreed that more time was needed to study the information before making a decision on the new rates, which will be based upon the reading of the water meters.

Danner outlined some items that need to be addressed before dialogue can begin on the lease or sale of the campus property.

He announced that a letter had been received from another group interested in purchasing the campus. In the

November meeting, the Albion Campus Foundation expressed interest in buying the campus. Danner stated that he had contacted Steve Pierce about a new survey of the property after the city determines what part of the campus it wants to keep. He also noted that the exact property leased to the ASN/SICE Alumni Association for its museum, needs to be determined.

In other business, it was announced that future council meetings will be held in the Community Center.

Approval was also given for an electrician to rewire the pavilion in the city park to accommodate more electrical outlets.

Discussion was held about the need to establish procedure for use by others of the Community Center.

It was also announced that the local historical groups are sponsoring a reception to honor retiring Mayor Danner that will include a Grand Ball beginning at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 30, in the Community Center.

# Q&A

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plaint about the prepay gasoline ordinance. Do you think passing the ordinance was a mistake?

**Maughan:** While certainly controversial, I believe we made the right decision in virtually eliminating a crime by passing the ordinance.

**Glow:** There are, and will always be, decisions the council makes that will have opposing views. Prior to the change, the police department spent time and resources dealing with a crime that could be eliminated by prepay. The ordinance has virtually eliminated this crime and allowed our officers to spend time on higher priority issues.

**A:** Do you favor local option sales taxes? If so, how much should be charged above the current state tax of 5 cents per dollar?

**Maughan:** Yes, I believe that if the citizens of Twin Falls vote in the affirmative to pass a local option sales tax, that one-half of all tax collected be allocated to property tax relief. Most likely it would be 0.5 to 1 cent.

**Glow:** I favor the right of the

community to choose how they wish to fund their city services. A local option sales tax should include property tax relief. In Twin Falls, a 0.5 percent sales tax might be adequate to provide some property tax relief and funding for additional public safety personnel, parks, recreation programs, traffic improvements or other identified priorities established by the ordinance.

**A:** As contenders for the position of mayor, how do you think you differ from your opponent in overall outlook or philosophy on leading the city?

**Maughan:** I look at the role of mayor as building consensus within the council, making sure property tax relief and other programs are well informed and leading the meetings in a manner that is respectful to the public and council.

**Glow:** The mayor of Twin Falls is quite different from other mayors in the Magic Valley. With a manager/council form of government, the mayor is not an administrative or legislative authority. I believe the mayor must be a facilitator for the citizens, staff and council.

# Filer will hold hearing on proposed annexation

**FILER** — The Filer City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Filer City Hall, 300 Main St.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the annexation and zoning designation upon annexation of property located at 842 W. Midway in Filer owned by Kim H. Kildew.

## Safe Harbor board elections, meeting

TWIN FALLS — Safe Harbor board elections will be held at the Jan. 9 meeting. Six of the seven board members are up for re-election. Anyone interested in becoming a Safe Harbor Board member is encouraged to

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call Phyllis Berg at 735-8787. The public is invited.

## Power plant opponents will meet Tuesday

JEROME — Citizens Protect-

ing Resources, known as CPJR, is a group of area residents concerned with preserving southern Idaho by opposing the siting of a coal-fired power plant here.

CPJR will meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Idaho Fish and Game building located 2 miles north of Fyling on Highway 93. Everyone is invited.

# Hatch

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sang in the church choir.

"It was one kid who didn't get his bus, the more he realized that Kim [Owens] said, "But once it started, they came out of the woodwork."

Hatch was also active in the Kiwanis Club and joined the Singing K's, performing at conventions and community functions. The group even traveled to Washington one year to sing at a national convention.

“  
He had to work pretty hard to provide gifts. We always had a happy holiday season and never realized we didn't have much.”

— Ann Lee Owens, daughter of Hazen Hatch

One of Hatch's favorite pastimes was working in his large flower garden. He and his wife worked tirelessly on their gladiolas, dahlias and roses. They

won several prizes for their beautiful flowers.

Former co-worker Mary Kay Lindauer remembers getting friendly bouquets from him, even after he left Hanzel Motors, where he worked for 28 years.

People not only remember the flowers he gave to friends and family, they also remember the smile he shared with everyone and how he got them to smile back.

"They'd watch friends go on cruises, go on missions or to summer homes and they couldn't," Owens said. "But they accepted the realities of life." Mother said one time, "Whatever happened, this is just the way it is, deal with it." They worked really hard to deal with it.

"No matter where you saw him he was always so upbeat," she said. "He always had a smile and was always laughing."

She also added his family was very important to him.

"He was so proud of all his kids and always kept me up to date on what and how they were doing," she said.

Looking back on her father's life, Owens said she notices there's not as much dedication for family as there used to be.

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# Jasmine

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Customers rely on the store for its convenience; other grocery stores are approximately 50 miles round-trip.

"When you travel to Twin, you might as well make a whole day of it," said local resident Josephine Precourt, known to most as Grandma Jo.

Others is a popular place no matter what the season — or reason.

Whether it is a lunch hour visit by high school students or a summertime dash by hiking children racing down the sidewalk searching for a refreshing cold treat, the place is always buzzing.

Others simply stop by for a variety of items, such as a hunting license, fresh meat or a holiday dinner item.

The butcher shop like the casual and friendly conversation, is legendary. Jasmine's learned the art of friendly business from her family, which is one four-legged reason people gravitate to the place.

Although the big golden dog packs around a respectable hundred pounds, she's true to the docility and friendly nature of the breed, which, of course, comes in handy for the butcher shop side of the busi-

ness. Why?

Because she's known to keep one eye on the fresh hanging meat and one on the scrap box to her, that's fair game. And she's smart enough to realize that patience is the key to reward, which always comes as a fresh meaty bone.

From time to time, a spied glimpse can be caught of this very happy pooch, trotting around with a bone — Jasmine's Catch of the Day. Her fondness

for bones and people bring smiles, curiosity and warmth to folks that prefer the rural side of life.

"It's like she's the community's dog," said Mike Piper's son, Max.

Without a doubt, Jasmine would certainly agree with that.

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# Deadline nears for \$7 million University Place payment

MOSCOW (AP) — On Dec. 31, the University of Idaho's nonprofit foundation is scheduled to pay \$7 million in University Place predevelopment costs still owed to the school.

But neither the school, the foundation nor the State Board of Education will say whether the payment will be made on time.

The debt has already been deferred twice, with the ap-

proval of the state board.

"The State Board of Education is in discussion with the foundation and UI on how to meet this obligation," University of Idaho officials said in a prepared statement. "It is still in discussion, and we can't comment at this time."

Board spokeswoman Lucia Willis told the Lewiston Tribune simply that the board was discussing the best course of action to take. And UI Founda-

tion President Keith Ruffe failed to respond to several interview requests from the Tribune.

The University lent the foundation the money in 2002, without the required permission from the state board, to help cover development costs for the failed University Place project. The foundation, which was the principal developer on the \$136 million project, needed the money to keep the project going when reimburse-

ment funds from the Idaho State Building Authority didn't happen.

University Place was originally designed to be a satellite campus in Boise, but the project floundered when an economic downturn reduced demand for the office space that was to be part of the campus. The project was scaled back to a single \$50 million building, and the foundation claims it lost \$26 million on the

project, though it has been able to halve that debt over the last two years by selling some of its real estate holdings. It is trying to recover the balance through lawsuits against University Place's legal teams and developer Civic Partners. University Place remains mired in civil litigation and a criminal investigation.

David Chichester, the Interim UI Vice President for Finance and Administration, would not

offer many details about if there were any plans to extend the debt.

"In life there are written extensions and there are verbal extensions," Chichester said, before referring all questions to a UI attorney.

UI administrators have said in the past the loans came from university cash reserves, and delaying repayment won't put a crimp in the UI's already tight budgets.

## Gray wolf remains protected in wolfless Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is refusing to take the gray wolf off the list of endangered species in Nevada, even though agency biologists acknowledge the animals have been extinct in the state for decades.

In fact, while the University of Nevada's athletic teams are nicknamed the Wolf Pack, there's general agreement that the mountains and high desert valleys that boast mountain lions, black bears and bighorn sheep haven't been home to more than a handful of wolves for centuries.

The Nevada Division of Wildlife petitioned the federal agency to delist the wolf in Nevada, primarily to give the state more options to manage the wolf population in case the carnivores wander here after being reintroduced elsewhere.

In rejecting the petition earlier this month, the Fish and Wildlife Service said the Endangered Species Act makes it clear a species cannot be removed from the protected list unless its documented the animal was listed in error and that either the species never existed or could not exist in an area because of unsuitable habitat.

Despite the arid nature of the state, conservationists say there are significant parts of Nevada that someday could again support the creatures that once stretched across North America.

Neither federal nor state officials are sure the last time a gray wolf was confirmed in Nevada. In recent years, some ranchers in northeast Nevada claimed to have seen wolves, but they may have been coyotes.

The closest known population of wolves near Nevada today is more than 100 miles north, in Idaho's Boise and Sawtooth national forests.

Chris Healy, spokesman for the Nevada Division of Wildlife, said the state wants the wolf off the protected list "so if it ever did become established in Nevada, we'd have more management flexibility."

"We've spent an awful lot of time establishing elk in the far-belt and other areas. If they started devastating the elk herd and we didn't have reasonable management options to keep the numbers down, we could lose a precious resource to our agency and to hunters."

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## About the power to forgive

The healing power of forgiveness, once reserved for theology circles, has captured the attention of the academic scientific community. "Learning to forgive," according to Dr. Ed Hillwell from Harvard Medical School, "could be as important for health as fastening your seat belt."

Yet, most people struggle with the resentments and grudges that can arise from being treated unfairly—from small wrongs or betrayals to major injustices.



ALIVE AND WELL  
Jan Mittelder

Although the research is relatively new, scientists have begun to quantify the power of forgiveness in more than 1,000 studies published within the past five years. Letting go of a grudge can reduce blood pressure; boost immune function; abate perpetual pain in the head, neck and back from chronic tension; and reduce production of stress hormones and susceptibility to heart disease.

In short, harboring a hurt attached to an injustice can hold our emotional, spiritual and physical well-being hostage. It shackles our potential for peace, relates Everett Worthington, who has published more than 100 scientific articles about forgiveness and relationship enrichment.

Rebuilding connection in your life does not mean you must adopt some mindless, naive view of human nature. It requires determination and patience in developing forgiveness skills—much like cultivating a garden. Weeds like anxiety, hostility, anger or depression can be minimized; white blooms, like empathy, trust, compassion and the capacity to love can flourish.

Forgiveness is a decision that offers two types of peace, according to Worthington. There is peace of acquiescence, and there is healing of old emotional wounds. Or peace with others attached to the possibility of new, more gratifying relationships in the future.

Just after Worthington had finished writing a book, "To Forgive is Human: How to Put Your Past in the Past," his theories were put to an ultimate personal test.

His mother was bludgeoned to death by intruders using a baseball bat and a crowbar.

Although he initially wanted "to beat someone to death," as he recalled, Worthington was finally able to take his own advice in a five-step process called REACH:

- Recall the hurt as objectively as you can without wallowing in self pity or labeling the involved person as evil.
- Empathize with the perspective of the person who hurt you.
- Altruistically offer the gift of forgiveness by rising above the hurt and vengeance.
- Commit yourself to forgive publicly by writing a letter of forgiveness to the offender and all its procedures.

Hang on to forgiveness, as memories will surely recur. Forgiveness is not an erasure but a change in the tag lines that the memory carries.

A consortium of Stanford researchers found that procedures like REACH boosted perception of better health, more optimism and peace of mind. Could there be a finer gift now?

Jan Mittelder is a health education coordinator of the award-winning Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

# STAY OFF

Parents discover that treadmills pose threat to children



Kirby Heider, now 6 years old, was injured on a treadmill when he was 18 months old and had several surgeries to remove scar tissue. A surgery next year is expected to correct the one remaining patch of hairless scalp above his left ear.

## Exercise equipment accidents send 25,000 kids to hospital each year

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — The left side of his boy's face was gone. In its place was a thick, black tread mark.

The father hurried down the hospital hallway, cradling the toddler in his arms, trying to soothe his screaming son.

If he could only find his wife, she'd know what to do. A nurse, she was working a night shift on the obstetrics floor.

At first, the mother didn't recognize her boy. "What is this screaming child doing on the baby floor?" she wondered. "He's been hit by a car."

Then, beneath the twisted black mark, the white, glossy tissue, she recognized her son Kirby.

"There's been an accident," her husband said.

Chad and Gina Heider's son hadn't been hit by a car, as she supposed. He was injured by a treadmill.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 25,000 children visit emergency rooms each year for injuries related to home-exercise equipment. About 2,000 of those children get hurt by treadmills.

And those numbers appear to be on the rise.



Kirby Heider, shortly before turning 2, plays outside his family's Kimberly home. About three weeks before this photograph was taken, a treadmill accident caused friction burns on Kirby's face and hand.

The Intermountain Burn Trauma Center in Salt Lake City conducted a

recent study when doctors suspected an increase in the number of children the center was treating for treadmill-related injuries.

Their suspicions were correct. The center treated five times more patients during the final year of the six-year study than they did in the first.

Numbers in the Magic Valley are sketchy. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center does not track the causes of injuries for emergency room patients. But some area medical professionals believe treadmill-related injuries are on the rise.

"It seems like we've seen a lot of these types of injuries over the past few years," said Mindy Harmer, a therapist at Cierra Therapy in Twin Falls. Injuries that can disfigure children and cost families thousands of dollars.

The average cost for treatment for patients in the Salt Lake City study was \$2,385. The Heiders think Kirby's treatment has cost about \$5,000.

Since the Kimberly boy's accident four years ago, he's had three plastic surgeries, and he'll need one more.

Kirby suffered a friction burn, from the heat generated by rapid rubbing. It's like scraping a knee on a basketball court, but so much worse. Such wounds rarely bleed because the heat cauterizes

the tissue.

Friction burns usually cause scarring. In Kirby's case, the burn destroyed hair follicles above his left ear. Without surgery, he'll never grow hair there. Doctors have tried to remove most of the destroyed tissue in the hope that new follicles will fill in the space.

The surgeries have worked so far. Only a tiny bald patch remains above his left ear, a spot the doctors plan to remove during the next surgery. And the scarring on his face is minimal, thanks to the steady hand of a plastic surgeon. Today, Kirby leads a fairly normal life.

The recovery, however, has been long and hard. Kirby had nightmares for weeks after the injury. And he was anxious about doctors. "Don't make me do this, Mom," he said when they removed the stitches. To this day, Kirby doesn't like to go near treadmills.

His accident happened when he and some cousins were playing in their grandmother's basement. She usually kept the safety key to the treadmill in another place, but this time, she'd forgotten to take it out of the machine.

A cousin turned on the device while Kirby was on the belt, and the machine started at full speed, knocking Kirby down. He extended

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## Exercising the funny bone: Yoga teacher promotes laughter

By Amanda Strindberg  
The Orange County Register

**LAKE FOREST, Calif.** — Late at an appointment. Money tight. Stuck in traffic.

Jeffrey Briar just laughs.

"Things that would normally stress me out and annoy me, I can laugh at," Briar said.

Briar doesn't need a reason to laugh. He laughs for the sake of laughing, and soon the forced laughter turns into a belly-roaring hoot.

"Laughter is a gift from nature," he said. "It's good for us. It's free, easy to carry around and we can share it with anyone. We don't have to be stressed. We can be filled with joy."

When Briar feels stress coming on, he laughs, whether he's in

public, driving in his car or at home.

He can often be found at the beach rolling in the sand with a case of the giggles.

"Laughter can make your whole life a more enjoyable experience," he said.

Briar is sharing his laughter expertise with others at a recent laughter yoga class at California's Blue Pearl Yoga.

The class begins with traditional yoga stretches followed by an intense laughter session. Briar, a yoga teacher of more than 30 years, received laughter training in Switzerland from Dr. Madia Kataria, a physician in India.

Kataria, the author of "Laugh for No Reason," teaches that when you first laugh in the pres-

ence of other people it may be fake, but eventually it becomes real, Briar said.

Either way, the body produces the physiological benefits of a good, hearty laugh, waking up the endorphins, Briar said.

On a recent Monday night, the forest chuckles of laughter yoga participants soon turned into uncontrollable, belly-busting guffaws, the kind you get when you shouldn't—at church, during an important business meeting or at a sleepover after lights out. Some had trouble catching their breath.

"It's a happy feeling," said Mary Tarul, 79. "It reminded me of being a kid."

Tarul said the laughter is good therapy for her Parkinson's. The disease tightens her muscles,

but the laughter loosens them up.

"It releases stress," she said. "And if you feel good, you are going to be healthier."

At the class, participants perform exercises such as laughing while exhaling. Vasa bil laughter is another exercise. Class members pretend to hold a credit-card bill and laugh when others open their hands to show the bill. "Naughty Naughty laughter" is when participants point their fingers at one another laughing with their jaws dropped.

"Next time an experience comes up in life, such as receiving a high credit card bill or your husband losing the toothpaste cap, you'll remember you laughed at it before, and it will be less stressful," Briar said.

### Laughter ...

- Strengthens the immune system
- Burns calories
- Reduces stress
- Reduces blood pressure
- Reduces pain. Laughter increases endorphins, the body's natural painkillers.
- Improves lung capacity and oxygen levels
- Provides a good massage for internal organs
- Like yawning, is contagious
- May help prevent heart disease
- Sources: "Psychology Today," "The Scientist," University of Maryland Medical Center study

IMAGE

# Diagnosis isn't about violence

## Asperger's syndrome sparks discussions

By Rosie Mestel  
Los Angeles Times

"Mom, I'm not like that," 21-year-old Tom Iland of his mother as they watched a TV news report about a young man with Asperger's syndrome who killed two neighbors in Orange County, Calif.

It was a poignant moment for 48-year-old Emily Iland. Her son, who also has Asperger's, was worried that others would think him capable of such violence.

It wasn't just Tom. Since the shootings in Aliso Viejo, Calif., people with Asperger's syndrome and their families have been thinking, talking and e-mailing one another. They have been sharing their upset and fears — and brainstorming some practical steps to allay public fears and forestall such tragedies in the future.

On Oct. 30, 19-year-old William Freund stepped in a paintball mask and cape, entered a neighboring house and killed Vernon Smith and his daughter Christina, 22, with a shotgun. He shot at others, too, before returning to his house and shooting himself. In the days afterward, it was revealed that Freund frequently posted an online forum for people with Asperger's, a condition that causes profound gaps in the ability to read social nuances but is not generally associated with violence.

Michael John Carley of New York City founded GRASP, a support group network for Asperger's syndrome and related conditions. In 2003, the shootings, he said, have galvanized his group's resolve to expand across the country. "I don't know enough about this young man to deduce if we could have been able to have an impact," he said. "Maybe there was some other diagnosis going on that we don't know about."



Tom Iland, 21, has Asperger's syndrome. His mother, Emily, worked with Santa Clarita, Calif., public schools to help students with the disorder and is active in educating law enforcement personnel about it.

Carley, 41, was diagnosed with Asperger's in 2000, along with his son, now 9. "It's a very lonely place if you have no sense of shared experience with somebody with similar wiring to yours," he said.

People in the Asperger's community are not saying their disorder neatly explains the killings. In fact, some are upset that Freund's crime is being linked to Asperger's.

"What bothers me is the implication that there's something about Asperger's syndrome that causes people to do this kind of thing — kind of, 'Look out for the dangerous Asperger people,'" said Jerry Newport, 57, who founded a Los Angeles

support group for people with autism and Asperger's in 1993. He now lives in Tucson and travels frequently to speak on the topic.

"The only connection you can make between Asperger's and what happened is that his Asperger's syndrome may have set him up for ridicule as a child," Newport said.

Days after the slayings, Newport and others in the Asperger's community brainstormed ways to ramp up help, such as creating a crisis hotline staffed with people familiar with Asperger's and autism. They double-checked to make sure that their support groups had blanket policies of report-

ing threats to police. One activist contacted the Orange County sheriff's office with an offer to put on an educational town hall meeting about Asperger's; another is in discussions with the New York Police Department about training for crisis-intervention officers.

Although they don't excuse Freund's actions or know details of his case, many say they relate to some of the anguish he may have felt.

People with Asperger's, while often highly academically gifted, tend to lack basic social skills such as knowing how to read a face or hold a conversation, or when to tell little white lies. They are apt to talk relentlessly about their deeply held and sometimes quirky passions, be they city maps, industrial cooling towers or for Tom Iland, anything related to "Star Wars." The condition, which varies greatly in severity, affects an estimated one in 250 to 500 children, mostly boys.

"Social awkwardness can add up to a childhood of ostracism and being the butt of playground jokes."

"I was alienated when I was in school. I was made fun of. And I did very alone," said Benjamin Levinson, 36, of Calver City, Calif. "I tried to make friends, but I never really could make any — I just didn't know how." He received a string of correct diagnoses before finally learning in his 20s that he had Asperger's. "Looking back on my life, I know that there was a time between when I was about 13 to the time I was maybe 22 or 23. I was just really angry. ... Thank God I was able to get some help when I needed it," he said.

Life may be easier for the next generation of children with the disorder.

Today, because of far greater recognition of autism and related disorders, children with Asperger's syndrome are much more likely to receive a diagnosis early and get the help they need, such as support groups and social skills training. said Laurie Stephens, an Asperger's and autism specialist.

# The bad-breath embarrassment

By Amy Branard  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Breath mints, breath strips, mouthwash, toothpaste. It's a multibillion-dollar-a-year industry. Why? Because bad breath leaves a bad impression. But the truth is, it could also be a sign of bad health.

He says that recently, a patient complained to him of having bad breath. After several tests, it turned out that the patient had an infection in his lungs. "The halitosis led us to that," said Dr. Halitosis is another word for bad breath. It can be an embarrassing problem for those who have it.

"It's such a devastating disease," says Susanne Cohen, a dentist for 21 years in the St. Louis area and co-owner with her father of a company that makes Smart Mouth, a mouthwash that promises to eliminate bad breath 24 hours a day with regular use. "When they walk into a room you can smell them. It's so embarrassing, it affects their social life, their business, even their love lives."

In the United States, more than 25 million people seek treatment from dentists for bad breath, according to an Encyclopedia Britannica entry written by dentist Marvin Cohen. Susanne Cohen's father and a leading expert on halitosis. He says the problem is so serious, ancient civilizations used to refer to it as a "curse."

While for many people bad breath just means it's time to brush your teeth after that morning cup of coffee, for others it's a chronic problem caused by an underlying illness or by no known reason.

"A lot of people think that if someone has a chronic bad-breath problem, they don't take care of their teeth," says Susanne Cohen. "They assume bad odor is associated with lack of adequate dental health. But that's not necessarily true. Many if not most people who have chronic halitosis have immaculate care. They've been afflicted for so long and spent so much time trying to find a cure."

What's bad breath? The culprit of bad breath are gram-negative anaerobic bacteria, microorganisms that live and function in an oxygen-deprived environment. These organisms naturally exist in the mouth, says Susanne Cohen. The bacteria in-



### Bad-breath myths

**Myth:** Low-carb diets don't cause bad breath.

**Fact:** Because you consume so much protein in low-carb diets, this protein is food for the anaerobic bacteria that cause bad breath. Certain chemicals, called ketones, are released in the breath as the body burns fat. There are only two ways to excrete ketones, gastroenterologist Prabhaakar Swaroop says, through urine and through breath. That's why if you are on a low-carb diet, it's important to drink lots of water.

**Myth:** People who have chronic bad breath practice poor dental hygiene.

**Fact:** Many chronic bad-breath sufferers do an excellent job of brushing and flossing, mainly because they are overly concerned about their breath.

**Myth:** Tongue scrapers are just another way to get you to spend money.

**Fact:** Scraping your tongue is one of the more important things you can do to fight bad breath. On the surface of the tongue are little hairlike projections called papilla, says Dr. Darren Bremel, a dentist in Wentzville, Mo. "These papilla are an ideal place to trap food, and then the bacteria adhere there. Air flows over and causes the offending odor."

However, most experts say running a toothbrush over your tongue works just as well. Just make sure you go back as far as a tongue scraper would.

**Myth:** People who have a bad taste in their mouth will also have bad breath.

**Fact:** A bad taste is not necessarily indicative of bad breath. People can have a very bad taste in their mouths with no detectable odor. Similarly, people can have no bad taste in their mouths and still have extremely offensive bad breath. They get used to the smell. "If you smell the same perfume again and again you get immune to that smell," says Swaroop.

gest protein particles and metabolize them, producing sulfur gases.

"That rotten-egg smell," says Swaroop. "This is what causes bad breath."

# Synthetic protein may reduce breast cancer risk

By Dennis O'Brien  
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — The pain of childbirth comes with an often forgotten benefit: Progesterone reduces the mother's risk of breast cancer.

Now, researchers who gathered in Baltimore recently say they may have found a way to mimic nature and reduce the

risk for all women. So far, they have only experimented in mice, often a dead end for cancer therapies when the results can't be repeated in humans. But other scientists are particularly hopeful that this research will pan out.

Here's how it works: When a woman is pregnant, the fetus produces a protein that shows up in the mother's blood around

the 12th week of gestation. Known as alpha-fetoprotein, or AFP, the substance reduces the mother's chance of developing breast cancer later in life.

Researchers say that a mother reduces her risk of breast cancer each time she becomes pregnant. The younger she is the first time, the greater the benefit. Having twins or triplets increases the beneficial effect.

The phenomenon has been documented for years. Researchers in Texas found in 1998 that a woman who becomes pregnant before the age of 20 has about half the risk of breast cancer as a woman whose first pregnancy occurs at 26 or later.

The findings are the basis of a cancer therapy being studied by a team of researchers at Albany Medical College in New York.

# Injury

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his hand to break his fall, and the belt pulled him in. Nobody knows how long Kirby lay on the treadmill, the belt tearing away at his face, before a cousin managed to remove the safety key and stop the machine.

Chad didn't know what had happened when he went downstairs to investigate the screaming. At first he seriously thought he was crying because his cousins had been coloring on him with markers," he said. "There was no blood, but his head was all white — like pure white — and there were tread marks on him."

Then Chad looked closer. "He was literally scalped." The Heiders believe Kirby's injuries were so extensive because the treadmill had been

pushed up against the wall, leaving no room for him to wiggle off.

That's how 5-year-old Olivia Turner got hurt last year. She and some friends were playing on a treadmill when the machine started. Olivia was thrown against the wall behind the treadmill and fell forward onto the belt. Like Kirby, her hand got caught. Luckily, her face was spared, but friction burns on her hand removed tissue to the bone. Also like Kirby, she bled little.

"It was strange because it filleted her fingers to the bone," said her mother, Raquel Turner of Kimberly.

Olivia was treated by several doctors after the accident. Some recommended surgery, but Olivia recovered with daily dead-tissue scrapings and ap-

plications of burn cream. Today, the only signs of injury are a few small scars and some residual pain in her hand from scar tissue.

Both the Turners and the Heiders have new rules for their kids about treadmills: Stay off. And when the adults use them now, they're more careful about removing the safety keys and keeping them in use away from the kids.

Experts disagree about the best plan for treadmill safety. Some say to keep the machine against a wall so small children can't sneak up behind the exerciser when the machine is in

use. But others say what happens to children like Olivia and Kirby is cause enough to keep the machine in the center of the room, so children can't get trapped between a wall and the belt.

Nevertheless, experts do agree on this: Follow the machine's safety guidelines by keeping the safety key removed when the treadmill is not in use. And never let children play on or near exercise equipment.

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**Michael Lewis Postum**  
Straight Talk on Elder Law and Estate Planning

**VANISHING POA**

QUESTION: Just prior to her death, my mother gave me a power of attorney to sign an earnest money agreement for the sale of her home. Can I use the power of attorney at the sale closing?

NO. A power of attorney (poa) is ineffective once the principal (authorizing party) dies. This is true even if the instrument was executed as a durable power of attorney. Durable means that the poa remains effective even if the principal becomes mentally incapacitated.

The means of conveying title to real property vested in the name of a deceased person by court appointment of a personal representative of the deceased person's estate. In Idaho this is generally a simple procedure.

POAs are a great device, but they have legal limits. Death is one of them.

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# Volunteers set to give Medicare advice

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) will provide Medicare insurance assistance from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays, beginning this week, in the Sunflower Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. Participants should bring a list of current medications and the monthly costs of medications in order to begin the application process.

The program is free. For information, call 731-1215.

## Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. The class is offered under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. Call 731-2007.

## 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical

## To do for you

Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic is natural family planning.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For information, call 324-7262.

## Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

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

## Alzheimer's support

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

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

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

## About C-sections

A Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 27 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Topics will include Cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

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

## CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 28 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Organizers invite new parents and grandparents to attend to learn about infant

## CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

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

## About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 29 through Jan. 26, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn, including breast feeding and bottle feeding, and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call 732-3148 or go online at [www.mvmmc.org](http://www.mvmmc.org).

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# Downward mobility

## Shaky balance, stiffness can be debilitating for older people

By Hilary Waldman  
The Hartford Courant

The first time Mom loses her house keys or unintentionally forgets her favorite grandchild's middle name, family members often panic. Dementia has become such a dreaded focus of old age.

But when Dad needs a walker or Mom trips on the rug, it typically is dismissed as just another routine of growing old.

Although frequently overlooked, mobility problems in older people are as common as cognitive impairments and can be equally debilitating. Some experts estimate that half of all people over 85 have some type of mobility problem ranging from shaky balance to stiffness or frequent falling.

Some of these problems are caused by diseases such as Parkinson's or arthritis. But for most people, it is impossible to pinpoint a specific cause.

"It's frustrating," says Dr. Leslie Wolfson, chairman of the neurology department at the University of Connecticut Health Center. "Most of these people do not fit into a convenient spot."

While more effective strategies for preventing and treating memory loss remain elusive, researchers such as Wolfson think they are losing in on the answer to why so many people struggle with muscle control and balance as they grow old.

And if their hypothesis holds up, Wolfson says doctors soon may be able to predict which pa-

tients are at risk of mobility problems and offer early treatment to prevent them.

Wolfson believes that many people who suffer from unexplained mobility problems have suffered a series of seemingly harmless and unnoticeable strokes. Each stroke kills a spot in the brain no bigger than a pinhead. The strokes go virtually unnoticed by the patient but are visible on highly enhanced MRI scans.

The small strokes, researchers believe, disconnect the brain's motor processing ability from its sensory processing ability. When the brain is working properly, the sensory functions such as the eyes and ears help the body to regain balance when one foot trips on a crack in the sidewalk. But when some of the internal computer's circuits are shut down by small strokes, the person who trips on a sidewalk crack may fall down.

Research has already uncovered evidence of the tiny strokes in people with mobility problems.

Now, with a \$3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, Wolfson and his colleagues are trying to map the brains of older volunteers to determine if there is a relationship between mobility problems and tiny strokes in particular regions of the brain.

They then try to link certain known cardiovascular risk factors to an increase in the incidence of these tiny, potentially debilitating strokes.

# AGING WITH GRACE, NATURALLY

## Author gives no-nonsense advice

By Shari Roan  
Los Angeles Times

What do you do if you've begun receiving those birthday cards poking fun at your advancing age? If you're Dr. Andrew Weil, you calmly take stock of the facts, avoid anti-aging cures (you definitely don't do botox) and pay more attention to your diet, mental acuity and spiritual life.

And you write another book. Weil, the chief guru of integrative medicine in the United States, is back in the spotlight promoting his new book, "Healthy Aging: A Lifetime Guide to Your Physical and Spiritual Well-Being."

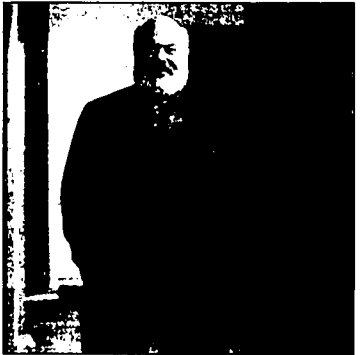
The Harvard-trained physician, an expert on healing traditions in other parts of the world, has long advocated a blend of Western and alternative medicine and now has 10 books, a Web site and a monthly newsletter to his name. His new book is No. 7 on the Los Angeles Times best-seller list for nonfiction.

His recommendations — and no-nonsense, practical approach — made a hit with a University of California, Los Angeles, audience members recently. They packed a ballroom, clutching his book and peppering him with personal questions about eczema, kidney cancer, supplements and fasting.

We asked Weil, director of the Program in Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine, about his outlook on aging.

**Question:** You urge people to accept the inevitability of aging. Does that mean we can't do much about it?

**Answer:** We can't do anything about the aging process. We cannot turn back the clock. We cannot grow younger, despite



Andrew Weil believes a healthy attitude toward aging is the most important step to growing old gracefully.

what a lot of people tell us. I think we can do a lot about remaining healthy as we get older.

**Q:** Describe someone who has a healthy attitude toward aging.

**A:** I wrote in the book about my visits to Okinawa (at the southernmost tip of the Japanese islands). And the oldest old people I saw there bonded up to you and the first thing they say is, "Hi. My name is ... I'm 97. How old are you? And they are proud of being old. They are healthy and, to me, are beautiful. They haven't used botox, and they haven't had face-lifts. ... They have the good fortune to live in a society where the old are valued and honored.

**Q:** Has anti-aging medicine?

**A:** I think we are at the opposite extreme. I think we have gotten more and more off the beam in the past 30 years or so.

**Q:** Has anti-aging medicine (with its experimental treat-

ments such as hormones, cellular injections and caloric restriction to delay the aging process) produced some valuable discoveries?

**A:** No, I don't think so. [Anti-aging drugs are] expensive, some good information about preventive health and about proper nutrition. But I think, in general, the products and services that they recommend are at best worthless and a waste of money and at worst potentially dangerous. Moreover, I think the existence of anti-aging medicine is a vast distraction from what should be the important goal, which is learning how to live long and well and how not to get sick.

**Q:** What are some aspects of our culture that lead us to believe in anti-aging medicine?

**A:** We are obsessed with youth. We are obsessed with appearance. The old are marginalized in our culture.

Marketers target a 20- to 49 demographic. The entertainment industry markets to that, and the old are considered not worth it. I think this is the perfect moment to try to change this because the baby boomers are going to start turning 60 next year, and they are a very large and influential segment of the population. I don't think they're going to settle for the models of aging that previous generations have brought into.

**Q:** How does appearance fit into our culture's views about aging?

**A:** If people want to make themselves look better and it makes them feel better about themselves, that's really not my business. But I'm concerned about the extent that it's done as a way of pretending to yourself that aging is not occurring. I think that is not healthy.

**Q:** What is the single most effective step we can take to influence how we age?

**A:** I think it's in the area of attitude. I'm really trying to change attitudes about aging and looking for the positive attributes of aging to me that includes things like increased wisdom, increased life experience, maturity, depth of character, better equanimity, increased creativity — all those things for which older people are honored in other cultures.

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# Less can be more

## Less invasive surgery proves helpful to back patients

By Darret Condon  
The Hartford Courant

When back and leg pain and numbness blew the whistle on basketball and softball for Patty Hunter, she was more than eager to get back into the game.

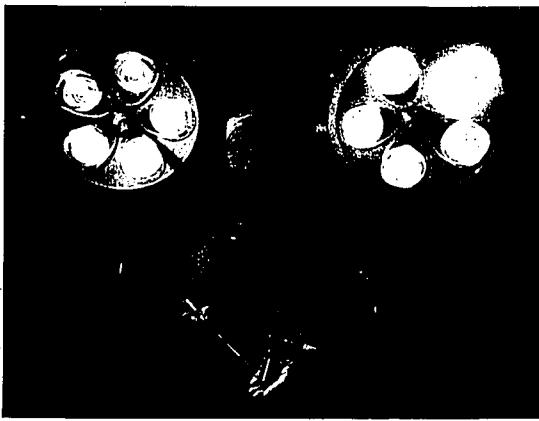
"I'm not the kind of person who is easy to stop," says the 43-year-old graphic designer from Ellington, Conn. She consulted with Dr. Stephen Lange, a neurosurgeon at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn., who determined that surgery would help and that minimally invasive lumbar, or lower spine, surgery could get her active faster.

Her brother-in-law had undergone back surgery 15 years earlier, spent a week in the hospital and had a "huge" incision scar. By comparison, Hunter's surgery on March 30 was "a breeze." She was on her feet in hours and went home that day. By late spring, she was playing ball.

Lange has been performing minimally invasive lumbar surgery for three years. He says that 97 percent of his patients in 2005 have gone home on the day of surgery — far more than patients who undergo traditional surgery. Lange added that he's not sending patients packing to please insurance companies. "These patients are going home happy," he says.

About 800,000 back and neck surgeries are performed in the United States each year, according to Dr. Gunnar Andersson, professor and chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. He says the number has roughly doubled in the past 10 to 15 years.

Dr. Darryl T. Gray, medical officer at the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety of the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, says population-based data suggest that the rates of outpatient lumbar spine surgery, which include newer, less-invasive procedures as well as more traditional approaches, rose dramatically in



Dr. Stephen Lange stands in an operating room at St. Francis Hospital in Connecticut, where he performs minimally invasive back surgery.

the United States from the mid-1990s through 2000. Those numbers suggest that minimally invasive surgery is quicker, less-invasive forms of traditional surgery are on the rise.

The increase has occurred despite a debate about whether back surgery is being overused.

Same-day service appeals to patients, says Andersson, and the treatment might save health-care dollars.

Both factors are driving the use of many other minimally invasive surgical techniques. The main difference between minimally invasive and conventional "open" lumbar spine surgery is the wound the surgeon creates getting to and from the spinal area that needs repair. In traditional surgery, muscle and tendons must be cut and retracted to create a clear work area. Using the minimally invasive approach, the



Dr. Stephen Lange shows use of the tools he shows in performing minimally invasive back surgery.

muscle gently is pushed aside and the surgeon works in a smaller area. In theory, says Lange, less cutting and retracting spells a quicker recovery time for the patient.

The minimally invasive approach could cut some costs from a health-care system burdened by a lot of bad backs. St. Francis officials estimate that each additional day in the hospital for a lumbar surgery patient adds about \$1,100 to costs.

But, says Gray, the savings accrue only if patients who undergo minimally invasive procedures do so well, over time, as the open-surgery patients. Lange says that among his patients, the rate of recurrent problems is about 10 percent for both open and minimally invasive techniques. But there are no long-term comparative data.

Anderson says that, even in open-back surgery, the incisions are smaller than in the past and the recovery times are faster. He does not see "key-hole" lumbar surgery sweeping the country, he says, but, "I think there will be people out there trying to expand the envelope."

# Remember your manners – even in the gym

By Richard Sever  
The Seattle Times

It happened 15 years or so ago, but I'm still traumatized. I was perspiring in a Seattle athletic-club sauna when this shrewd old man walked in and sat down. Before he knew it, he began shaving. I didn't say anything. I was too close to gawking. Besides, it is best to keep your mouth shut in such close quarters, and I felt he should get a little better of his age. So I left later. He did it again about a week later. I just left.

Eventually, he brought his lunch, armed with a knife and slab of pepperoni and something in a plastic bag. Unsettling. I finked on him so fast that I was still sweating by the time I got to the front desk. Management shared him, but I stopped my sauna ritual.

While consternation over poor gym etiquette is nothing new, it does seem to be gaining renewed attention as the obnoxious, boorish and just plain stressed make their presence known like never before.

Industry expert Brenda Abdilla, who counsels health-club operators on how to run their businesses, says that the way has changed. She used to counsel a customer-is-always-right policy, but says bad behavior has escalated to such a point that clubs have to actively deal with it.

"I think it is getting worse because people are so stressed out," she says. "It's not a matter of more incidents, but more angry ones."

In fact, temperamental outbursts — yelling and screaming over small issues — seem to have overtaken the wearing of stinky clothes as the No. 1 issue now. A former general manager for a Colorado club, Abdilla saw an executive "go ballistic" when someone was in her tanning booth. In another incident, a woman left her brother off a treadmill while she went to the bathroom. Apparently deciding she had been gone too long, a male member moved her stuff off the machine and started using it.

### What bugs you?

- Falling to wipe sweat from the machines
- Hogging the machine, such as not letting others "work in" between sets
- Loud talking (as if you care about her kids' soccer game)
- Show-offs and/or screamers
- Unwashed T-shirts that reek
- Excessive naked prancing in the locker room
- Cell phones
- Leaving bags and equipment in aisles
- Eating lunch in saunas

Loud bickering ensued. He capped it off by sneezing at her

can of pop and blurring out, "Who drinks Diet Coke while they exercise anyway?"

Abdilla says failing to wipe your sweat off machines is still a common irritant and etiquette misstep. So is grunting, yelling and shouting, leaving your stuff spread out for people to step (and trip) over and using cell phones (remember they take pictures now, too) in the locker room. She also sees more members using the health club as a pickup joint, and men are no longer the sole offenders.

Some poor etiquette is caused by not knowing any better. "Walking through the club doors is the first step, but building your comfort zone at the gym starts with respecting

others around you," says Eddie Bryant, chief exercise physiologist for the American Council on Exercise.

Much of it is common sense: it is rude to hang out on or hog exercise machines. "Nobody wants to hear you sing, hum or shout. And they hate your cell-phone ring."

Cell phones can be especially irritating, says Liza Petrovich, owner of Seattle Fitness near Pioneer Square in downtown Seattle.

"I'm trying a class to 20 participants, cueing music volume up, choreography and movements, correcting form, motivating people, all to have an annoying cell phone go off and have a participant actually answer it and have a conversation."

# Face your mortality and get a pedicure

By Michelle Theall  
Knight Ridder News Service

Picture yourself in the doctor's office. You sit, hands folded. Pick up a magazine. Thumb through, not really reading anything. You notice the walls of the room. They're robin's-egg blue. Meant to reassure. Yes, you feel fine. It's just a normal checkup after all. Nothing to worry about. The doctor returns. She sits on the stool that spins. Her face is serious. "You're dying," she says.

"Dying?" Perhaps your hearing is going too. "That's not possible. How? Why?" You shake your head.

"I've checked with experts in every field. There's nothing that can be done."

"How long do I have?" You are thinking about trips you need to take. People you want to tell you love them. Your kids, spouse, parents and friends. Slaying.

"Well, while some things are out of our control, there are things you can do to prolong what life you have left. Eat right, exercise, lower your stress, take your vitamins, lose a little weight and make sure you're well rested. Monitor your health."

"Okay." You resolve. "Yes, I'll do it all. Anything I can. Starting today. So, how much time will that buy me?"

"Well, according to the tests results, we found that you are a normal human being. So, I'd say anywhere from one minute to 60 years."

"Here all dying. We're mortal human beings with no guaranteed expiration date. You may get hit by a bus tomorrow. But, you have today. So the question is: What will you do with it?"

I've made my living writing and speaking on the above topic. It's my job to inspire others to grab life by the horns and not let go. The following list represents the top 5 ways you can

live life at a full gallop, starting today.

1) Book a dream trip. Run with the bulls in Spain or paraglide off a mountain in the Swiss Alps. Dreams become reality only with a decision to make them so. Save up. Plan. Go.

2) Tell the five most important people in your life what a gift they are to you. Even if you think they already know or you've said it before, you can change someone's life with a few simple words. That's the power of love fully expressed.

3) Love yourself. Think of one thing you can do to pamper yourself today and do it. Take a long lunch or a sick day. Have a pedicure. Enjoy a bubble bath with a glass of red wine. Take in a matinee. You deserve it.

4) Prolong your life. Take inventory of your body and how you may be abusing it. It's the only one you've got, so you need to take care of it. Name one thing you could be doing to improve your health. Some ideas: Lose a few pounds by taking the stairs to your office or parking in the farthest space all day long. Cut your stress by plucking a fish head on your desk. Eat better by reading the labels on the food you buy. Don't eat anything you can't pronounce.

5) Achieve greatness. Set a new goal for yourself today and believe you will reach it. It can be related to your work or personal life. It can be as big or as small as you like. Just plant the seed and help it grow. It's like to be on "Oprah" or the "Today Show" in the next five years. You may want to run a marathon. Just remember you are the greatest person you know. Go. Do. Believe.

Michelle Theall is the founder of *Destination: a national women's adventure magazine*, and the author of several health and fitness books.

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## HIGH HEELS

**Question: I can't help it. I'm a 35 year old woman and I love high heels. Even though they make my feet hurt, I look taller and feel better about myself when I wear them. Are they really bad for me?**



**Answer:** This is a popular question. The simple answer is yes. Chronic wearing of high heels with pointed toes will cause or aggravate many foot conditions like bunions, hammertoes, neuromas, or corns. It can also be quite unstable and result in ankle sprains or tendonitis. However, some feet are able to endure the stresses better than others, and may suffer very few problems. I've found that what I have to say on the subject rarely changes what most women hear. If they want to wear high heels, they will do so. If you insist on wearing high heels, choose a reasonable height with a stable heel and as much room in the toe box as you can stylishly tolerate. Please call our office if you have additional questions.

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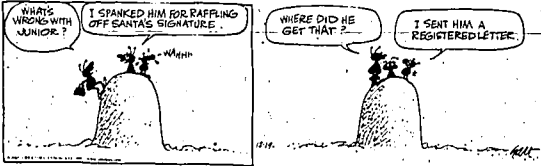
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# COMICS

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By Johnny Hart



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By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



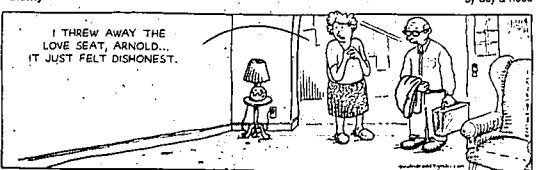
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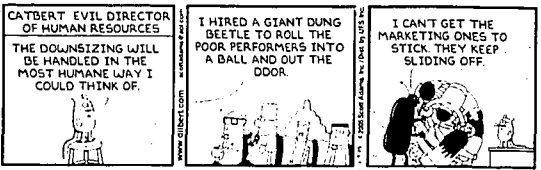
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Doonesbury

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Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



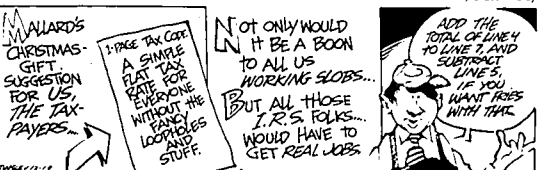
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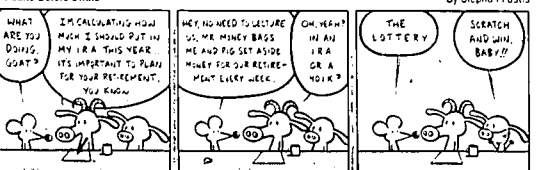
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By Stephan Pastis



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



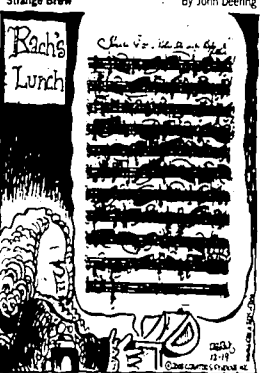
Open Squatter

By Wiley



Strange Brew

By John Deering



## Forgive and forget, Sagittarius

**IF DEC. 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Take it easy and enjoy life to the fullest during the next 12 months, but prepare for a more ambitious mood that will kick in by the end of next year. The things you learn and study in the year to come will help you achieve career ambitions in 2007 when determination to succeed is accentuated. Older and wiser minds may provide input that helps you correct past mistakes, but don't listen to well-meaning advice in the last half of February when relationships could be stirred up to your disadvantage. Keep your money in your pocket in late June and the end of August when you could make an error of judgment.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Deadlines may cause subtle pressure. Be creative about scheduling your week so that everything gets done on time. Others will be delighted to cooperate if you discuss your needs.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Bubbly with brilliant ideas, the lead and others will follow like sweet little lambs. It's a good day to use your noggin to handle intricate organizational details such as paperwork.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Relationships take precedence.

### HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Since you intuitively know what others want you have the edge in supplying their needs. You are sharp as a tack and able to juggle more balls than usual.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your mood may yo-yo. Hold off on decisions until late in the day when it is easier to focus on facts. A partner may solve your concerns about money and financial obligations.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Use your head. It is a perfect day to add up columns of figures or investigate subjects that are complicated such as history or science. Implement creative ideas and add to your prestige.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Use extra patience. Take care of extraneous holiday obligations. This is a good time to contact distant relatives or family members who are sometimes exasperating but lovable anyway.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Share fun with others. Your innate kindness and charm can smooth out any rough spots today. Talk over problems with a close companion and address

minor obstacles that could interfere with plans.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Pleasant celestial conditions are accentuated around your home base. You love playing the part of Santa Claus and can spread good cheer to all the contacts you make during the day.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Forget and forgive. Minor errors may be pointed out that shouldn't be ignored. A close friend or partner can assist you in formulating a positive solution so that you don't repeat a mistake.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Apply brainpower to solve a dilemma. You may get caught in a tough situation due to a lack of preparation. Do some shopping late in the day when it is easy to locate gifts in good taste.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Promote peace and be willing to compromise. With loving and kindhearted Venus in your sign it is easy to get your way even when others are temporarily grumpy this morning.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Get appreciation for getting things done. Turn troubles at work to your advantage. Someone nearby may have the key to unlock a minor tangle so gather information and talk things through.

COMICS

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLES I'VE GOT!  
I KNOW  
LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY  
GEE... NOT ANOTHER

**Blonde** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD, PLEASE REPORT TO THE JEWELRY DEPARTMENT...  
YOUR WIFE IS WAITING FOR YOU!  
AND BY THE WAY, BRING ALL YOUR CREDIT CARDS WITH YOU!

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

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE SCHOOL CHOIR'S HOLIDAY CONCERT?  
I COULD PICK OUT YOUR VOICE!  
REALLY? I WAS NICE AND LOUD, HUNK?  
YOU WERE NICE AND FLAT!

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

HELLO! LOOK AT THIS!  
JON'S BAKING CHRISTMAS COOKIES!

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

THIS IS THE ONLY TIME OF YEAR WHEN I MISS NOT HAVING A NINE-TO-FIVE JOB!  
WHY?  
I NEVER GET TO GO TO AN OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

THE BOWL SEEMS EMPTY THIS YEAR  
THAT'S BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE ARE E-MAILING THEIR CHRISTMAS CARDS

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

THEY SAY THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IS TO GET UP EARLY IN THE MORNING  
SO?  
I'M UP!

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

WIZ! THE SINK'S BACKED UP!  
I'LL GET THE LQUID PLUMBER  
PROBABLY SOME GUY WHO KNOCKS DOWN A FIFTH BETWEEN JOBS  
WHAT'S THAT?

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

I KNOW THE BLOND KID, AND I CAN ALREADY TELL YOU THE ANSWER TO THE 'NAUGHTY OR NICE' QUESTION.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane

"Billy won't let me join in any reindeer games."

# New pastor's wife reopens old wound



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently retired and moved to a small town in Washington, where I began attending the local church. Last Sunday, a new assistant pastor was introduced along with his wife, "Millie." Abby, Millie is the woman who broke up my marriage 10 years ago! It was so painful and ugly that I have never remarried.

Millie, on the other hand, appears to have "erased" from her biography two previous marriages, countless affairs (my husband was one), and a short stint in prison for drugs. She is now — and this is what irks me — teaching marriage classes. She does not recognize me. The last 10 years have been hard on me. I put on weight and stopped coloring my hair, among other things.

If Millie was just a member of the congregation, I could forgive her past sins. But Millie is lying to everyone — maybe even her cutesy husband. Should I stay quiet and watch this farce, inform the senior pastor, or drive 30 minutes to attend another church? (And yes, I'm sure it's her. There's no doubt about it.)

— **HATES HYPOCRITES IN WASHINGTON**

**DEAR HATES HYPOCRITES:** Have you considered that Millie may have realized the error of

her ways and found God in prison? It is also possible that her husband is aware of her past. As to her fitness to teach marriage classes — one thing is certain, she knows firsthand where the pitfalls are.

Rather than seeking revenge, it would be better for your own soul if you change churches. But before you go, walk up to Millie and introduce yourself. I'll bet she'll be surprised to see how the past has come full circle. Then go on and start living your life fully again, and that includes getting professional counseling so you can heal and learn to trust again, and enjoy your life to the maximum that it's possible.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 32-year-old woman who has recently enlisted in the Navy Reserves, and would like to go into full-time Navy. The problem is I'm still living with my mother. Mom's "difficult." She refuses to take care of herself and have

yearly physicals, exercise, eat right, etc. She doesn't want to go out anywhere, socialize or do much beyond watch television. She was diagnosed with breast cancer a while back, but she has had treatment and is doing fine now.

I don't want to feel guilty that I'm not taking care of my mother because she refuses to do things for herself and take care of her basic needs, when in reality she can. I want to have a life without having to worry about her all the time. I am taking the Navy one day at a time to make sure that going full-time is what I want. Have you any suggestions about what I should do?

— **MY MOTHER'S KEEPER IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR MOTHER'S KEEPER:** You didn't mention whether your mother has always been this way or she became this way after her cancer diagnosis, but her extreme dependency and passivity could be a sign of depression. (They can't be a technique that has always worked for her in manipulating people.) Your mother may need counseling, medication or both. And you need to live your own life. One way to ensure that would be to join the Navy. If you don't cut the umbilical cord now, you may never be able to.

## 'Fetus' is 'young one' in Latin

"Fetus" comes from Latin. It means "young one."

This day in history: On Dec. 19, 1974, the first personal computer — the solder-it-together-yourself Altair 8800 — became available. Many consider the Altair 8800 to be the first major spark in the personal computer revolution, putting one together inspired Steve Jobs and Steven Wozniak to build their first computer, the Apple I.

Ever heard of the McDonald's "hulaburger"? It was originally created in the 1950s to offer devout Catholics a non-meat meal on Fridays: two slices of cheese and a grilled pineapple ring on a bun. It bombed, and the gap it left on the menu was filled with the "flet-o-fish" sandwich in 1963.

What does Ben & Jerry's ice cream company do with their production waste? True to their



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conversationist spirit, they give it to local pig farms for slop. The farmers claim that the pigs love it as much as the Mint Oreo's flavor.

Making soap that floats isn't that hard — you just whip a lot of air into the soap mixture before it hardens.

If you're an oil painter, you may have a tube of Indian Yellow in your paint box. It is now made by artificial means, but when it was first introduced in the 1750s, the color got its rich yellow color from an unusual source. Manufacturers in India fed lamangos to cows and made

a concentrate from the resultant urine.

The word camouflage, introduced to Americans during World War I, comes from the French camoufler, meaning "disguise."

It doesn't seem like the best way to express gratitude. When Lord Annapolis became the first person to teach the South Pole, his party of five was pulled there by dog sleds. How did they repay the 52 dogs for their vital contributions? They ate 36 of them along the way.

The most common computer password among middle-aged women is "love." Rumor is, a cardinal popular in Asia, is an alcoholic beverage fermented from cow's milk. Just beware of being pulled over for mooring violations.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at [jammingo@erinsbarrett.com](mailto:jammingo@erinsbarrett.com)

## Man faces forgery charge in parking ticket case

**PORTSMOUTH, N.H.** — A man faces a felony forgery charge after allegedly trying to alter a \$100 ticket he received for parking illegally in a hand-painted space.

Police say William S. Shufro, 46, of Portsmouth, tried to alter the ticket to give the appearance of a valid parking ticket in a no-parking zone, which carries a \$20 fine.

The altered ticket was sent to City Hall, along with \$20, Police Lt. Fred Haysradt said.

Police — who had a copy of the original ticket — saw the change, then charged Shufro with forgery, a felony punishable by 1 1/2 to seven years in prison, Haysradt said.

Shufro was arraigned Monday in Portsmouth District Court. A hearing is scheduled for Jan. 3.

### Odds and Ends

#### TV superhero sentenced to community service

**HUDSON FALLS, N.Y. (AP)** — A local cable television superhero known as Batman Boy must perform 40 hours of community service for staging a fake brawl on a busy village street.

Chris Phelps, 20, was sentenced in village court Thursday along with his brother Jonathan and friend Luke Van Scoy. They also were ordered to pay fines of \$100 each.

The Post Star of Glens Falls reported.

The three were charged with disorderly conduct when police mistook their TV skit for a real

#### life knife fight. During filming, Van Scoy attacked Banana Boy with a prop knife just as Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Shawn Lovelace was driving down the street.

As Lovelace jumped out of his patrol car, bystanders watching the fake melee yelled "It's stabbing him!" Unaware the brawl was staged, Lovelace drew his handgun and ordered Banana Boy and his colleagues to the ground.

The skit was being filmed for the trio's Glen Falls cable television show "The Ravemom," which is shown on Saturday nights and chronicles Banana Boy's adventures.

— compiled from wire reports

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# Technology Update

## Younger People Lead Nation Buying New HiFi-Tech Device



First hearing aids I've had. I can go to church and sit in the back and hear that sermon. Before I got my hearing aids, I would sit in the front with this hearing system and sit not by able to hear with the PA system alone here.

I am hearing with clarity. Very satisfied with the Sebotech. I like the adjustability with the ability to adjust the sound. My husband is very happy because I can hear so much better. He doesn't have to have the TV up so loud.

Conventional are much more clear. Can't hear in a conversation as much when wearing a hearing aid. Much more enjoyable. Can't hear as much. I will make up my hearing aids with the Sebotech.

When she is used to talking and listening to the show she doesn't have to. They're 1000 times better than old AAs. I have worn HAs for about 20 years.

The hearing aids (Sebotech) that are in my ears at the present time really sound more like my own hearing than any other hearing aids I have had.

I love hearing at church and hearing my grand children and family gatherings.

Purchasing a Sebotech hearing aid from Hearing Counselors was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

Having had many different hearing aids, these are by far the best.

I have worn hearing aids for 20 some odd years. These are the best hearing aids by far. They are comfortable, and the sound is natural.



The speaker tip is placed deeply in the ear canal. The amazingly small digital processor rests neatly behind the ear being virtually invisible from every viewing angle.

## Local Hearing Expert Says Device is Remarkable; Popularity is Justified



**Robert Schroeder**  
CCC-A  
Clinical Audiologist

"In the practice of hearing correction, eight out of 10 patients I see are 60 and older and are often referred to me by their doctor," said Bob Schroeder of Hearing Counselors & Audiology in Twin Falls. "Recently, though, a new user started showing up: A 40- through 50-year-old, well educated buyer who is savvy to electronics and who already knows what they want... The Sebotech."

Sebotech is a miniature sound computer that gives a high-fidelity sound boost to the quiet sounds in conversation, and is unnoticeable when being worn. Background noise is not amplified, but sounds

natural. The soft flexible bud keeps the wearer from having a "stopped-up" feeling which happens with hearing aids. And the fact that is Hi-Fi ACT™ really works has made its popularity spread by simple word-of-mouth," said Bob. The cool little devices are available at Hearing

Counselors & Audiology in Twin Falls, Burley, and Hailey. Telephone (208) 733-0601 or (800) 922-4442.

"I am recommending these for anyone who wants to hear better, regardless of their age," says Bob. "You'll hear better, I guarantee it, or your money back."

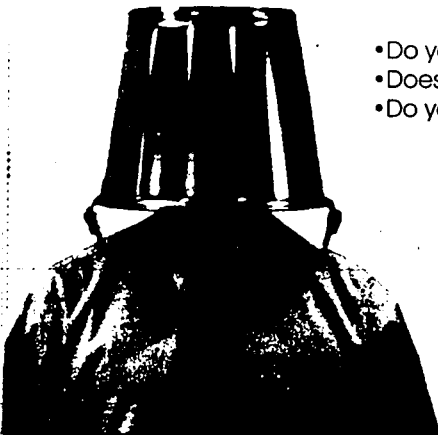


Conventional hearing aids can "plug-up" the ear canal creating a "barrel effect" to the wearer.



Sebotech uses a vented ear bud, which allows natural sounds to pass through without amplification.

## Attention Hearing Aid Wearers...



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## AN ART AND A SCIENCE

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Hagerman students learn by growing

By Susan Wasterdorf  
For The Times-News

HAGERMAN — Is it art or science to grow the floral poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) in Idaho's semi-arid climate?

Students in Daniel Knapp's horticulture program at Hagerman High School consider it a little of both.

Using their botany, soil science and chemistry skills, Knapp's students raised the seedlings, which were provided by their business partner, Layne Flint of Flint Greenhouse in Hagerman.

The sensitive plants flourished with the careful control of fertilizer, water and greenhouse temperature.

They finally bloomed in a vibrant contrast of Christmas red and green leaves.

After wrapping the leaves for protection and adding a colorful gold foil to the container, students market the plants in various ways.

For example, a business professions club at Glenns Ferry High School made a bulk order for resale.

Poinsettia are available for



Lily Garcia, a horticulture student at Hagerman High School, displays one of the poinsettias grown by students in the school's state-of-the-art greenhouse. Community members may purchase plants at the greenhouse during school hours.

For more information, call the school at 837-4372.

representative for professional, technical education and works with 11 area school districts. She is based in Gooding.

Susan Wasterdorf is a field

Castleford FFA members who earned Chapter Degrees are, from left, front row: Nathan Graybeal, Joe Lobo and Ed Hernandez; second row: Rhianne Horner, Desiree Pasquale, Rachel Rodgers, Miranda Bemler, Brylee Cheney, Zach Kline, Cassie Kunkal and Kortnie Peterson; back row: Drake Hoogland, Brandon Marks and Tim Frey.



Photo courtesy of Castleford FFA

Castleford FFA members who earned Greenhand Degrees are, from left, front row: Calvin Kennison, Clayton Bishop, Whitney Blick, Jenna Vulgamore and Bellinda Klyroy; second row: Dustin Chandler, Nikki Wiggins, Amanda Elsner, Abby Machado, Andrea Hopkins, Ashton Brown and Nancy Wongs; back row: Skyler Slinger, Matthew Durham, Samantha Guinn and Jennifer Moore.



### Castleford High School FFA members earn honors

CATTLEFORD — Castleford High School FFA members received their Greenhand and Chapter degrees on Nov. 16.

According to Jessica Bobango, Castleford FFA reporter, Chapter degrees are open to members who have received their Greenhand plans, satisfactorily completed at least

180 hours of agriculture education, played a part in the planning and conducting of at least three official events outlined in the chapter's Program of Activities, earned and invested at least \$150 by their own efforts through their chosen Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program, led a

group discussion for 15 minutes, demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law and shown progress toward FFA goals and achievements.

After receiving the Chapter degree, members are encouraged to go on to earn their State degrees.

Guryan, Nathan Hall and Thomas Torres. Judges included experienced debaters, Kammernor Halstrom and Ethan Hall.

After a return from winter break, the Wood River High School team will finalize preparations for the Blacksackne Tournament Jan. 5 and 6, hosted by Blackfoot and Snake River High schools on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

Several senior members of the team will join for their first meet of the academic year.

Members of the community who wish to contribute financial support of the team may purchase a share of "WRHS Talk Stock" for \$1. Those buying five or more shares will receive a stock certificate.

The team will acknowledge "stockholders" at a presentation in the spring prior to District Speech in April.

In the new year, contact a debater team captain, Belene Behncke, Kyle Cole and Mark Pedersen, or coach Carol Siltz at Wood River High School, 578-5020, ext. 2233.

### Students' compassion shows with projects

DECLO — Each day after lunch, Declo Junior High School students meet in an advisory class for 30 minutes. The purpose of this class is to allow the students opportunity to work closely with an adult advisor. Students are encouraged to build off their unique strengths, express their personal insights and work together, the school reports.

For the past month, students in each grade level have been involved with projects that help others in need. The sixth- and eighth-grade students worked on a project called "Operation Christmas Child," where they filled 55 shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy and other miscellaneous items. The boxes were sent to children in Third World countries.

The seventh-grade students were involved in a service project for the Helping Hands Mission in Burley where they have been collecting food, clothing and spare change to donate to the mission this Christmas season.

### TFHS concert takes to stage on Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Band and Orchestra Concert will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday with special guests, the Robert Stuart Junior High School/O'Leary Junior High School beginning and advanced orchestras.

The concert will include an audience sing-a-long of favorite Christmas carols.

Adult admission is \$2. Teachers and students are free.

### Shoshone schools announce honor rolls

SHOSHONE — Shoshone School has announced its elementary honor roll and student awards.

### Horizon School honors students for achievement

JEROME — Horizon Elementary School has announced its student Citizens of the Month.

#### September

Kindergarten: Julian Cervantes, Dallyce Davis, Riley Chandler, Kenzley Parker, Jesse Torres, Juan Granados, Anthony Leon and Serena Collins; first grade: Delia Barragan, Caitlin Nicholson, Kaycie Crozier, Ryan Gardner, Kylee Radford, Lynsey Jackson, Hannah Colvin and Daniel Pizzano; second grade: Heather Hurdin, Megan Peters, Blanca Ruiz, Sierra Micalae, Miranda Benson, Jordan Shulsen and Kristi Bradley; third grade: Paige Applewhite, Beatriz Suarez, Morgan McCarthy, Destinee Castillo, Marina Gough and Victor Campos; fourth grade: Allison Barram, Alison Anzar, Jessica Reynoso and Ashley Ayala; Employee of the month: Betty McDonald, reading teacher; PE: Jesus Avila and Jacob Lloyd; music: Lee Johnson; library: Gabrila and Dallas Edwards; lunchroom: Nathan Sutter, Kzandra Kehrer, Rosa Hernandez and Bethany Peron; playground: Paige Applewhite, Kiana Ramirez, Julian Boyer, Anna Eldred, Kimball Lloyd, Azucena Castaneda, Leslie Orozco, Jacqueline Diestelholz, Fabian Garcia, Poncho Escobedo, Shania Starmates and Victor Gonzalez.

#### October

Kindergarten: Emme Anderson, Yovanna Chavez, Giovanni Reyes, Ryan Brumble, Gabe Burnham, Esmeralda Castaneda, Lorraine Hernandez and Jennifer Hernandez; first grade: Michael Arndt, Christopher Hayes, Natalie Cortez, Justin Chase, Seth Vaughn, Nick Evans, Edward Hernandez and Aaliyah Rico; second grade: Zane Stirling, Victor Gonzalez, Michael Arndt, Bernardo Encinas, Callee Bartholomew, Justin Coates and Gabe Carrick; third grade: Hippolito Alvarez, Zachery Nicholson, Braylan Garcia, Jose Granados, Chole Aragon

50-in-A-Minute: +5, Kim Armstrong, Daniel Venegas, Victor Arizmendi and Jessica Johnson; +10, Mitchell Hausner; -5, Wyatt Nelson; +7, Mikeed, Josh Hunter; and +18, Elizabeth Dolhren and Ruby Regalado.

Accelerated Reading: Ashley Glahn, Wyatt Nelson, Christopher Pederson, Elizabeth Dolhren, Sergio Escobar, Thayne Hagen, Jose Hernandez, Colton Horn, Josh Hunger, Jessy Johnson, Joana Juarez, Donovan Taylor and Rylee Turner.

Homework goal: Celina Aray, Hanna Caylo, Bryn Davis, Ashley Glahn, Mitchell Hausner, Paola Lagunas, John Mabbutt, Wyatt Nelson, Bryan Turner and Daniel Veegas.

The third and fifth grade honor roll students were: All As: Caleb Aki, Hannah Belloli, Caulen Bryant, Keegan Cenarrusa, Sabrina Chitwood, Grae Decker, Matt Decker, Elizabeth Dolhren, Jasmine Gomez, Lillana Gomez, Kassidi Heidemann, Jessica Johnson, Morgan Mitchell, Sayury Sanchez, Garrett Sant, D.J. Stunhope, David Stawell, McKayla Turner, Diana Vaughn, Morgan Weber and Zach Zell.

As and B's: Brooke All, Josh Armstrong, Omar Avalos, Amanda Bidwell, Ryan Bidwell, Charl Cenarrusa, Devon Davis, Henry Garcia, Julianna Garcia, Sergio Garcia, Chuyenne Gay, Jorge Guzman, Thayne Hagen, Joseph Hampton, Olivia Hernandez, Colton Horn, Josh Hubbs, Josh Hunter, Brandy Irish, Josie Jolley, Ashley Jones, Scott Kerner, Bryan Vacaopum, Geni Young, David Zavala, Leah Kyes, Drew Laycock, Brittany Lee, Gus Lowe, Elizabeth Mubly, Mike Mastroffini, Michael McClure, Lindsey Montgomery, Bryan Morrow, Kayla Pacheco, Christy Race, Brett Riley, Brayden Robirds, Alexandra Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Katherine Haito, Alfredo Simand, Jessica Simonson, Midnight Smith, Ashley Stein, Donovan Taylor and Soledade Vargas.

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#### November

Kindergarten: Luis Rodriguez, Pamela Juarez, Beanna Owens, Jordan Cortez, Nick Davis, Jordan Morales, Isamar Hernandez and Brandy McCarthy; first grade: Karen Estrada, Oswald Chavez, Seth Gagliano, Tate Burton, Martin Bender, Nancy Zalta, Andrea Alvarado and Kaitlyn Lucero; second grade: Denisha Mortensen, Kenedi Warluff, Cassidy Roberts, Jordan Jones, Jesse Munillo, Richie Chandler and Keith Ayers; third grade: Courtney Bickel, Armando Encinas, Callee Bartholomew, Justin Coates and Gabe Carrick; third grade: Hippolito Alvarez, Zachery Nicholson, Braylan Garcia, Jose Granados, Chole Aragon

### WRHS debate returns from successful tourney

HAILEY — The Wood River High School debate team reported a successful tournament at Century High School in Pocatello Dec. 9 and 10, returning with four trophies and a gavel.

Kyle Cole (junior) and Thomas Gappmayer (senior) placed first in varsity policy debate, defeating Bonaville's team in the final round. Kyle placed second in impromptu, while Thomas placed third.

Mark Pedersen (sophomore) received a first place trophy as outstanding speaker in student

congress. He earned a gavel for his work as presiding officer of his house, and made finals in extemporaneous speaking.

On Dec. 14, novices debated two rounds at Kimberly High School. The team tried out revisions of cases and changes in debate partners. At this first meet as policy debate partners, Bradley Dobie and Graham Osburn were undefeated. Others earning points for the National Forensic League speech honorary included Tenny Babcock, Ryan Breen, Cody Chandler, Matthew Gappmayer, Tyler

# SCHOOL DAYS

## RICHFIELD HONORS



Richfield Elementary School announced students who earned perfect attendance for October: Cord Wood, Jacob Dutcher, Lexi Stanton, Mason Swainston, Michael Brownlee, Jared Brownlee, Miguel Escobar, Ty Hatch, Doug Holland, Gloria Kent, Chrissoda Taylor, Leticia Valencia, Tanner Ward, Ivan Cardenas, Anthony Duran, David Gollilar, Taylor King, Mariah Lazamiz, Ryan Swainston, Mischaela Brauburger, Evelyn Calderon, Tatiana Delval, Alexis Duran, Jennifer Oudin, MaKardell Hatch, Jeffrey Henson, Pakeos Palmer, Wyatt Swainston, Braydon Tutwiler, Eric Beazley, Makayia Brownlee, Dulce Corvantes, Tania Delval, Samantha Edwards, Brianna Erwin, Steven Kent, Diana Linares, Joana Rivas, Suzanne Stevens, Dalien Troe, Chris Buck, Danielle Edwards, Ricky Oudin, Katherine Kennison, Juan Linares, Silvia Rivas, Diana Rodriguez, Malise Scott, Ryle Tutwiler, Breanna Gillard, Tandra Oudin, Cody Jones, Sasha Kent, Shelby King, Shea Laguneche, Ben Robles, Kyria Ross and Tawni Smith.

Richfield Elementary announced Tiger Trail T-Shirt winners for October: Jared Suttar, Katherine Kennison, Diana Rodriguez, Ian West and Mariah Lazamiz. Not pictured is Ricky Oudin.



Richfield Elementary announced Super Students for October: Jennifer Fajardo, Doug Holland, Tatiana Delval, Mariah Lazamiz, Dalien Troe, Chris Buck and Shea Laguneche.



Left, Richfield Elementary announced the Tiger Spirit Award winner for October: Paige Laguneche. Right, Richfield Elementary's Student of the Month for October is Kally Scotts.



## WRMS releases trimester honor roll

HAILY — Wood River Middle School announced the first trimester honor roll.

### Sixth grade

Merveldez Alvarez, Ali Appleton, Milana Austin, Coleton Bailey, Madebyn Bates, Hannah Baybutt, Andrew Beck, Bergen Benson, Shanyin Bernison, Mary Boughton, Travin Bowers, Morgan Brimstein, Ryan Buell, Weston Burke, Brodie Burrell, Dylan Carley, Sophia Caroken, Dylan Carroll, Yoel Cantora, Kally Collins, Maria Contreras, Kevin Cooley, William DeLree, Luca DeLSignore, Emmalie Dion, Zachary Dolmar, Quentin Dowdle, Kyle James, Klana Ehrmantraut, Jeffrey Espino, Robert Farrow, Elizabeth Fry, Sara Garcia, Noelani Garing, Finley Gilchrist, Haleigh Grossbaum, Hannah Haupt, Anne Heiner, Ryle Heneghan, Ashley Hook, Virichana Hurtado, Meghann Johnson, Emma Johnson, Zachary Jones, Morgan Jones, Nathan Kniffen, Alyssa Krenz, Kerl Kalkane, Victor Landules, Gregory Lindholm, Jacqueline Loera, Jackson Long, Tadd Mansfield, Kaitiana Martinez, Katlyn Matthews, Davis Matthews, Kara McNamara, Benjamin Merrill, Emily Mithmann, Megan Morell, Nathan Moses, Erin Murphy, Margaret Nolan, Ella Pace, Lacey Paisley, Teagan Palmer, Braxton Pugh, Caroline Parton, Jonnie Pedersen, Gabrielle Perenchio, Taylor Peters, Ingrid Peterson, James Petzke, Meredith Puntler, Adam Potts, Robert Rickbeil, Marazina Robran, Katelya Rodriguez, Nicole Roos, Kelsey Rountree, Teague Rutter, Allison Siegel, Sam Sileo, Alexander Sloan, Karl Sluder, Corinne Smith, Joseph Steers, Amanda Stelling, Sloan Stelly, Benjamin Stout, Samuel Strong, Jane. Sutton, Sean Sutton, Cheyenne Swanson, Annette Maria Taylor, Haillie Taylor, Dakota Wegwert, Madison Waller, Nicholas Weber and Eric Williams.

Carissa Aleman, Joseph Altermatt, Trisha Angel, Ashley Aschelman, Tracy Barker, Dakota Barron, Jacquynne Barnes, Brenda Barriga, Brandon Barry, Alexander Bates, Gardenia Bautista, Brandon Bell, Brooke Bowers, Claire Bowman, Ryley Brandon, Kelsey Brennan, Sarah Brown, Jazmin Caballero, Kathryn Cammlin, Kadee Christiansen, Allie Clevon, Hannah Collins, Tanner Farrow, Karen Flores, Kimberly Gomez, Joshua Crotty, Mariah Davis, Ellen Davis, Brayam (Chris) De La Cruz, Freya Dickey, Emmalene Dillee, Tanner Dredger, Anne Drier, Devin Duke, Katherine Dwyer, William Eagan, Erica Evans, Charlie Evans, Nathan Farrow, Tanner Farrow, Karen Flores, Shaylee Foley, Sierra Fox, David Fox, Jake Freeman, Samuel Funk, Isaac Garza, Zoe Galushki, Briia Gillespie, Breanna Glabin, Natalie Gouldard, Mary Goitardina, Louvier Gomez, Alina Graefe, Sadiacnee Grossbaum, Jessica Gay Davis, Haque, Jessica Hamilton, Taylor Hayes, Amy Heather, Thomas Heinrich, Miles Hendrix, Alejandra Herrera, Alyson Hestenes, Zachary Israel, Mia Jefferson, Kadir Jensenon, Kevin Jensen, Isaac Johnson, Kyle Jones, Gabriel Juarez, Ashley Kibbing, Douglas King, Jacob Korobkin, Laura Kunz, Andrew Leckrone, Jordan Levin, Alison Levy, Dallas Lewallen, Nicole Lichtenberg, Rhiannon Lopez, Catalino Lopez, Ashton Lupton, Hannah Lynch, Alexander Lynch, William McCarthy, Ali McGreger, Jake Miczakis, Cody Moldenbauer, Marlen Morgan, Ian Murphy, Somara Navarrete, Morgan Nelson, Jordan Nevus, Zoey Ouburn, Edith Orhuela, Esteban Palencia, Brian Palomera, Maria del Rosario, Gardes, James Paris, Dylan Peterson, Andrew Pfeiffer, Anita Phillips, Halsey Pierce, Kelsey Player, Victoria Poole, Cassandra Regalado, Klyric Richmond, Adriana Rodriguez, Ingrid Roman, Allison Sisk, John Siegel, Cindy Solis, Rachael Stark, Alex Thomas, Benjamin Thompson, Madison Tidwell, Hayley Tomp-

kins, Alison Town, Christopher Turco, Madeline Ulrich, Hunter Van Brader, Miguel Vazquez, Jose Valdepe, Yago, Cristina Villa-Guzman, Hannah Walters, Sara Wiethorn, Nathan Williamson, Sara Woody and Megan Yates.

**Eighth grade**  
Keven Abbott, William Adloff, Kenny Ballou, Sierra Brand, Benjamin Broderick, Sydney Brown, Erin Burbank, John Burbridge, Jaime Caballero, Meagan Carey, Chase Caulkins, Kelly Chapman, Corina Chavez, Christopher Clark, Michael Coiner, Taylor Coiner, Glenn Cooper, John Crotty, Austin Cruz, Madeleine Currie, Keni Davis, Tyler Davis, Paul Davis, Ivory Dillon, Elizabeth Dion, Nicholas Dobie, Maxwell Durischi, Gene Fairbrother, Matthew Farley, Jill Feldhusen, Everett Ford, Ralph Forgeun, Matthias Forstved, Brendan Freund, Shane Friesen, Brita Gaeddrert, Monica Garza, Bryan Gelskey, Cody Gibson, Nicole Gillette, Lydia Gorham, Joana Guerrero, Carly Gustalson, James Hague, Ashley Hayes, Zachary Herbert, Benjamin Herzer, Nina Hirzer, Jonathan Hobbs, Deborah Hart, Nicolas Howard, Juana Hurtado, Jake Kanser, Andre Keys, Audrey Kirk, Sara Koonee, Alexandria Kirk, Garrett Pierce, Morgan Pike, Morgan Pinter, Lucas Pister, Mal Prior, Megan Reid, Davoza Robran, Jacob Ibringhous, Hannah Rudolph, Sean Schuppach, Stephanie Sloan, William Spiller, Karlee Stagg, Khayman Stauffer, Chelsey Stevens, Britton Stevenson, Daniel Sundahl, Forrest Tarnes, Anita Vorstedel, Alyssa Ward, Garl Watson, Derek Williams, Miranda Williams, Husy Williams and Kelly Willows-Munro.

## Lots to do before Xmas break

Twin Falls High School students are looking forward to a short week and the start of their Christmas break. But everything is still wrapping up in the short three days we have left. Last Friday was our community ball, which was a great success and we hope participants enjoyed their evening. Last Saturday was the students' winter ball. Students from every grade came downtown dressed to the theme, "Christmas in Hollywood." It was a night of fun for the students who attended and everyone is looking forward to the next dance. Also on Saturday, the Ski and Snowboard Club took its first



tip of the season. This week, Family Community and Career Leaders of America chapter is finishing collecting for its canned food drive. If you have any cans to donate, just send them to Twin Falls High School. Also this week, student council is finishing collecting money for "Change for Change." All the

proceeds will go to buy Christmas items for needy families in the area. Donations are greatly appreciated and will help a good cause in our community. Tomorrow will be the last day to collect. From the students at Twin Falls High: Thanks to the community for all its support with our fundraisers, community service projects and attending events. Second, thanks to the teachers for all their support. Happy holidays to everyone! Deldre Edmunds is the Twin Falls High School junior class vice president.

## KHS clubs get into spirit of giving

Christmas is the holiday of giving. In this spirit, some Kimberly High School clubs have banded together to give to those in need. Key Club recently made blankets for a boy's shelter and is in the process of adopting a family. Today, members will be canning at a nursing home to the delight of the residents. The dance that was held on Dec. 12 was a great success, raising more than \$453 and 350 cans of food. The Mona Foundation is still

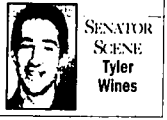


collecting canned food to give to the East End Providers, an organization that helps the needy, and food may be dropped off at the high school office. The foundation has also

counted 3,181 books that will be donated to Books for Africa. Thank you to everyone who participated in this. Student council has started a project to give baskets to families through the East End Providers. There will be a contest between all the clubs in an effort to get more students involved in helping others, and the winners of the best basket will receive donuts for all of the members. Lacey Hays is Kimberly High School student body president.

## Gooding's AcaDeca Team takes first

Congratulations to the AcaDeca team of Gooding High School for taking home first place honors at its meet in Shoshone. Medallist for the team were Morgan Bow, Whitney Schumner, Malory Frampton, Dana Nelson, Lorin Stewart, Larisa Muck, Kimberly Montgomery, Shyane Preslar and Janette Brew. The team's talents took home a total of 33 medals. Other Gooding High School students will be able to display



their talents on Wednesday. The student council will be sponsoring a talent show for the school. Many people have signed up. Students can be seen singing, dancing and even reciting poet-

ry. Awards will be given to the top acts. Earlier that day, students will be able to taste food from all around the world. Each club will prepare food from foreign countries and sell to the students and staff of GHS. School will be released for Christmas break at 3 p.m. of Wednesday. School will be back in session on Jan. 3 of the New Year. Tyler Wines is Gooding High School student body secretary.

## Students make holiday brighter for others

Many families will have a wonderful Christmas dinner thanks to the Filer High School Key Club. Raising more than 900 cans of food, club members were able to provide food for Christmas baskets and the Filer Food Bank. The baskets were put together and distributed on Saturday to needy families in the Filer area. Don't forget to attend Filer High School's Christmas concert tonight. The musical performance will be conducted



by Larry Larson at 7 p.m. There will be plenty of solos to enjoy, and all you need is a can of food to be admitted into the concert. On Dec. 14, the Filer FFA competed at a food event,

which resulted in a second place win in the FFA crops category, and a third place triumph in the FFA food category. Misty Tucker placed sixth in the FFA Foodstition. Competition was a lot more organized this year and we had more participation. Way to go FFA! she said. Filer High School wishes everyone a splendid Merry Christmas! Allison Ko is Filer High School student body president.

## OPEN HOUSE



East Minico Middle School recently held an open house and recognition night at the school. Dinner was served and more than 400 people were in attendance. Those recognized included staff, student teams and clubs. A choir concert was held following the program.

## Student earns distinguished award

FLYER — United Dairymen of Idaho announced that the Distinguished Student Award, which recognizes excellent academics will go to Ely Slifer for the week of Dec. 5. Slifer, a senior at Filer High School, has been selected as an Idaho Top Scholar and Student of the Year for several subjects. She is a member of National Honor Society and is listed in Who's Who Among American

High School Students. Slifer volunteers at the local library, helping with the summer reading program, and has given 94 hours of service as a volunteer for the Adult Basics Education program. She is a member of the Pony Club, Travel Club, Art Club, Friend of the Library of the U.S., and takes piano and voice lessons. Each week, television stations

gather student nominees from area high school principals and counselors, looking for candidates that have displayed outstanding qualities. At the end of each school year, one student from each of the four market areas will be selected based on overall achievement and a \$5,000 award will be presented to the winner's school.

### Seventh grade

Jordan Achi, Senecia Alberdi,

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"The bell strikes one. We take no note of time But from its loss."

— Edward Young

NORTH 12-19 A
A 5 2
10 8 4 2
A K 10 7 6
J

WEST
A 9 8
Q 9 7
4
K Q 9 6 4 3 2

EAST
J 10 4 3
K J 3
9 8 2
A 10 7

SOUTH K Q 7 6
A 6 5
Q J 5 3
8 5

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: North

The bidding:

South West North East
1 A 3 A 1 Pass
4 A All pass

Opening lead: Club king

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South West North East
A K J 9 2
Q 4 2
10 7
K Q 9 6 4 3 2

South West North East
Pass 3 A Pass 3 NT

ANSWER: Lead a low spade. Partner does not have a suit of his own — he could not overcall one club, remember. So play for him to have a spade honor. This way you can anticipate setting up quite a few tricks on defense.

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