

## Poison killed children

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jim Junior Nice killed his three children with a combination of over-the-counter medication and rat poison, allege documents filed Thursday in 5th District Court.

Nice, 33, was formally charged with three counts of first-degree murder before Magistrate Judge Randy Stoker, who ordered Nice held without bond. "This is a horrendous crime, as outlined in the affidavit," said Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebbs prior to Stoker's ruling.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 4. Public defenders Marilyn Paul and Stan Holloway were appointed to represent Nice.

His three children, 6-year-old twins Spencer and Justin, and 2-year-old Raquel, were found dead Wednesday morning at Nice's home at 1831 Fourth

### 2005 tempered by six homicides

By Terry Smith  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The deaths of three children this week mark the fourth homicide case investigated by the Twin Falls Police Department this year.

Six people have been killed, which is a number that haunts Police Chief Jim Munn.

"To try to describe why it happened is hard to do," Munn said

Thursday. "It's just one of those things — you can't speculate why it happened."

Munn, a 25-year veteran with the department, said the numbers are the highest he's ever seen in Twin Falls.

"That is an abnormal number of homicides for our community, based on my experience," he said. "Regardless of the numbers, one or six, they're very tragic events in our community."

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Ave. E. Twin Falls police took Nice into custody and arrested him later that day.

Wearing orange jail coveralls and seated in a wheelchair, Nice answered questions from Stoker in a barely aud-

ible voice. Courtroom security was tighter than normal, with nearly a dozen uniformed officers and court bailiffs present.

Loebbs explained later that Nice is

### More online

To see a copy of the prosecutor's affidavit, go to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com)

under care at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was being held under guard Thursday night. The wheelchair was used because of hospital policy.

In explaining the charges, Stoker told Nice that the death penalty is allowed under Idaho law for first degree murder. The prosecuting attorney's office has 30 days to decide if it will seek such a penalty.

"I must presume you innocent, unless a jury finds otherwise," Stoker said. Nice admitted to poisoning the children "with over-the-counter medication and rat poison, according to a

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Jim Junior Nice listens as 5th District Magistrate Randy J. Stoker reads through an arraignment Thursday at the Twin Falls County Magistrate Court.

## Bush pays Greene a visit

### President awards Purple Heart to local Marine

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Marine Cpl. Travis Greene looked up Wednesday morning to see some very important visitors at his bedside at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush dropped by to present him with a Purple Heart.

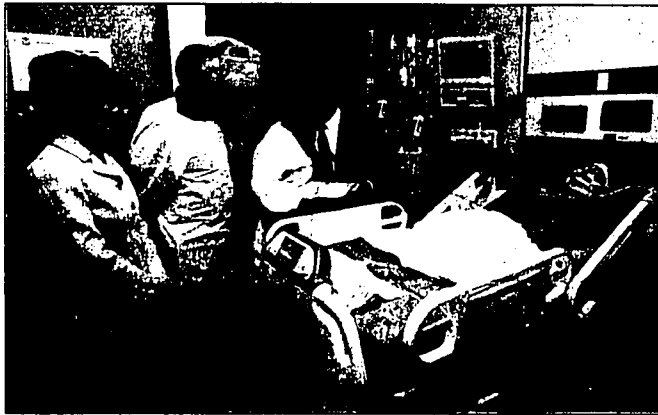
Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the brain track and field team,

lost both legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramadi, an insurgent hot spot west of Baghdad.

One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were badly injured and are recovering in the same hospital as Greene.

Greene's parents, Terry and Sue Greene, have been at their son's bedside every waking hour since he was flown back to the States. And they were there to greet the president and first lady.

"They turned down Travis' medicine so he could be awake," Terry Greene said Thursday in a phone interview from Bethesda. "Travis offered his hand to President Bush and President Bush shook his hand. He presented Travis with his Purple Heart and said he was very proud of him and proud of everything they'd done. He genuinely cares



White House photo by Paul Hantz

President Bush embraces Sue Greene, mother of Marine Cpl. Travis Greene of Twin Falls, after the Marine was presented the Purple Heart on Wednesday during a bedside ceremony at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Looking on are first lady Laura Bush and the Marine's mother, Terry Greene.

about these boys and so does Mrs. Bush. He said if there's anything I need, just give the word. The first lady is just awesome. She shook my hand and gave me and Sue a hug.

Sue Greene was equally moved. "It was an honor," she said. "They're just genuine people. He gave me a hug and thanked me for being strong."

And Terry and Sue Greene have had to be very strong. Their son has been through numerous surgeries and he's

had more than 100 blood transfusions since that day in Iraq.

"He's had surgeries every other day and it's taken a toll on the man," Terry Greene said. "He's had emergency surgery twice at his bedside because he was too unstable to move. The doctors tell us he is the most critical patient on the intensive care unit. He's a fighter. He's getting through these things, but it's taken its toll."

Terry Greene said his son is still on a

ventilator and he'll probably have to go on dialysis soon because of the strain on his kidneys. As of Thursday evening, he was still in critical but stable condition.

The Marine was also presented with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his heroic actions in an earlier incident Nov. 1 in Ar Ramadi. A vehicle supporting Greene's unit was hit by an improvised explosive device, which triggered an ambush of a small

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## Time's running out for Toga the penguin

The Washington Post

LONDON — Police ran down leads and the British Royal Navy was on alert Thursday in the search for Toga, an 18-inch-tall baby penguin stolen from an Isle of Wight zoo Saturday night, creating a national soap opera rivaling Elton John's gay wedding for media attention.

"We're all a bit ragged here, to say the least," said Keith Bright, manager of Amazon World Zoo Park, which has received nearly \$13,000 in donations — including \$600 from the United States — to offer a reward for the safe return of the nine-pound South African Jackass Penguin.

The theft has been covered exhaustively in the British media — and television stations as far away as Australia — rivaling

Prime Minister Tony Blair's surprise visit to Iraq for a live broadcast Thursday. Sky News, which had a grim-faced reporter live at Amazon World, showed photos of Toga throughout the day and urged anyone with information to call in.

"No questions asked," an anchor said. "We just want to get Toga back to his mum and dad."

The saga took a dark turn early Thursday following anonymous phone calls to Amazon World and to GMTV, a BBC morning television show, in which the caller said he had dumped Toga into Portsmouth harbor in a plastic bag.

Bright said the calls seemed to jibe with a report the zoo received Wednesday night. A boater returning from a trip through Portsmouth harbor told a friend: "It must

be cold out there. I've just seen a penguin," he told said the friend, realizing it must have been Toga, called the zoo.

Police said they were investigating those reports. A spokesman for the Royal Navy said that while sailors were not actively searching for Toga, they were keeping their eyes open around the naval dockyards at Portsmouth, south of London.

As of Thursday night, Toga was still missing, and Bright said zookeepers were beginning to worry he could starve to death.

Motive remained murky, Bright said Toga might have been stolen by a collector of exotic animals — there are only about 170,000

South African Jackass Penguins in the wild and 150 in British zoos.

"Somebody could have thought it would make a cool Christmas present," Bright said.



This photo issued by Hampshire Police shows Toga the penguin.

## Patriot Act gets only one month

### Congress hurries to finish up the legislative year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress gave the Bush administration's anti-terrorism powers one more month of life Thursday, with work finished by a lone senator sitting in the virtually empty Senate chamber.

Congress also finalized a defense spending bill that funnels extra money to the Gulf Coast and Iraq. The GOP-run Congress completed the two bills in a scramble to finish a year complicated by standoffs with Democrats and disagreements among Republicans.

The defense bill keeps the Pentagon running, while also channeling \$29 billion in hurricane aid to the Gulf Coast and \$50 billion more to military action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Patriot Act extension keeps anti-terrorism laws that were due to expire Dec. 31 in place until Feb. 3. It allows the FBI to continue to investigate terrorism cases using provisions granted in 2001, including roving wiretaps and the authority to intercept voice, spoken and electronic communications relating to terrorism.

"The Patriot Act has helped us disrupt terrorist plots and break up cells here in the United States," Bush said in a statement the White House released after he left for Camp David for the holiday.

"I will work closely with the House and Senate to make sure that we are not without this crucial law for even a day," the president said.

Congress completed the legislation even though most lawmakers had already headed home for the holidays. Congressional rules allow bills to pass without a recorded vote as long as no lawmaker objects. So Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the only senator who in the almost empty chamber, performed the task.

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Today: Show activity receding. High upper 40s
Tonight: Mostly dry with cloudy periods. Lows middle 30s
Tomorrow: Dry travel weather expected. Highs 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy with rain, fog and clouds expected. Highs 40s.
Tonight: Variably cloudy with areas of patchy fog. Lows upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Fog likely early, then giving way to some partial afternoon clearing. Highs 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Light snow showers are expected today. Roadways are likely to be slick and snow covered. Travel conditions will then improve alongside the weather this weekend.

BOISE
Early showers are possible today. Motorists should be prepared for wet roads. The weekend looks to be mostly dry, but areas of patchy fog may slow travel at times.

NORTHERN UTAH
Showers will create wet road conditions today. Weekend travel conditions will improve alongside the weather.

Weather Service
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Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
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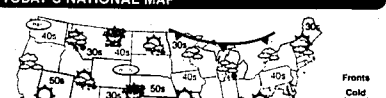
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Jim Junior Nice, using a wheelchair, is escorted out of a Twin Falls County courtroom Thursday after his arraignment.

Nice

Court affidavit filed by Twin Falls Police Detective Michael Steen. 'Nice further described taking prescribed medication along with over-the-counter medication in an attempt to kill himself,' the affidavit says.

Police went to the home Wednesday morning after Nice failed to show up for work and was not answering the phone. 'Nice hung his head, put his hand over his mouth and shook his head no and replied, 'No, I'm not,' the affidavit says.

Officers saw the three children lying on the floor in the living room; apparently dead and showing symptoms of poisoning. Nice told officers he 'didn't want the kids to suffer through the divorce,' the affidavit says.

His divorce from the mother of his children, Leslie Olsen Nice of Hagerman, became final in March.

He was employed part-time as a corrections specialist at the

Memorial account

A memorial account has been established at US Bank. Donations can be made to Leslie Olsen Nice, for more information, call Gary Neisen at 731.5030.

Snake River Juvenile Detention Center: a position he had held since Sept. 27, according to a statement from Twin Falls County.

Nice's mother, Claire Nice, also works for the county in a clerks office. His father, Jimmy Nice, is a former county parks and recreation director.

Loebis told The Times-News that his father does not appear to be a factor in the case. 'I have no basis for that as far as I know,' he said.

Victor B. Capado, 15, was charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the Jan. 27 shooting death of 19-year-old Salvador Michael Hernandez.

Homicides

Capt. Matt Hicks said Twin Falls does not have an unusually high rate for violent crimes. 'In comparison with other areas, Twin Falls, in terms of violent crimes, is below that average,' Hicks said.

Arrests have been made and charges filed in all four murder cases. Jim Junior Nice, 33, was charged Thursday with three counts of first-degree murder in the poisoning deaths of his three children, 6-year-old twins Spencer and Justin and 2-year-

Congress

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House approval sent the defense bill to the president, including the \$3.8 billion for bird flu preparedness and liability protections for flu drug manufacturers.

Bush applauded Congress' passage of the troop-funding bill and said he looks forward to signing it. 'The funding will help us continue to hunt down the terrorists, pursue our strategy for victory in Iraq and make America more secure,' he said in a

statement.

But it will not be the Christmas present the administration wished for after Republicans earlier lost a quarter-century campaign to open the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.

The drilling authority was stripped out of the bill. The change also eliminated roughly \$2 billion in emergency aid for low-income families facing high heating bills this winter.

Three of the Senate's North-east Republicans secured a promise from GOP and Democratic leaders to enact \$2 billion in emergency funding for health assistance in January, after the Senate votes on Samuel Alito's nomination to the

Supreme Court.

Lawmakers also could find themselves debating the Patriot Act renewal in January after putting the law on a short leash, extending it to Feb. 3, instead of the six months originally planned.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner R-Wis., said he didn't want the Senate to act swiftly no matter how long the extension, so he pushed for one as soon as possible. He said the White House and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., concurred.

'(The Senate) came pretty close to wrecking everybody's Christmas,' Sensenbrenner told reporters. 'I didn't want to put the entire Congress in the position of them wrecking everybody's holiday day.'

Greene

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arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire and two more IEDs. Without regard for his safety, Greene left his vehicle and returned fire while directing his driver to move the vehicle closer to the casualties.

'Cpl. Greene's initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and upheld the highest tradition of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service,' according to the Navy and Marine Corps.

'Iry Greene was overwhelmed by his son's heroism. 'I just was speechless,' he said. 'I just couldn't believe what he had done. He was truly a hero that day.'

'They have him heavily sedated,' Terry Greene said. 'He can respond in little bits. He appears to be stable.'

'It's difficult for them to see their athlete son lying there without his legs in a hospital bed. 'You sit here day after day and you go in and see him and it's kind of depressing,' Sue Greene said. 'We have our moments. When the doctors talk pretty frank to you, it's a hard pill to swallow.'

'This is two surgeries that he didn't hemorrhage afterwards,' she said. 'We think that's pretty wonderful. 'They found strength and encouragement from friends and strangers alike who have posted messages on their son's CarlingBridge Web site. CarlingBridge is a nonprofit organization that offers free, personalized Web sites to those wishing to stay in touch with family and friends during significant life events.'

'The messages totally keep us

Words of encouragement

As Marine Cpl. Travis Greene fights for his life at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., friends and strangers alike have e-written messages of support in his guestbook on the family's CarlingBridge Web site.

Greene's parents also provide daily updates on their son's condition. To read more, or to leave a message, go to the Web site at http://www.carlingbridge.org and click on "visit." In the first box, type "transgreene" and click again on "visit."

Semper Fi Fund

Cpl. Travis Greene's family has received help from the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, a nonprofit, volunteer organization that helps injured Marines and sailors and their families. Donations can be made online at http://www.semperfi.org or they can be mailed to Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 825 Colgate Boulevard, Suite 102 PMB 609, Oceanview, Calif. 92057. Please note on your check that it is in honor of Cpl. Travis Greene and note you would like a certificate to be sent to

Local benefit fund

Friends and family of the wounded Marine have opened the Travis Greene Benefit Fund at Wells Fargo Bank. Brother Beau Greene, said through the military will cover Greene's medical expenses, he will have other expenses in 'getting life going outside the military, those who would like to help Greene can make a donation at any Wells Fargo Bank branch.

Blood drive

Twin Falls High School - Greene's alma mater - will hold a blood drive for Green from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the school. Anyone at the school or in the community who would like to donate blood can sign up in the front office at 1615 Silver Ave. E. Those who would like to donate blood at another time should call (800) 274-0204 for times and locations.

Christmas cards

'I can't read them without tearing up. They help us a lot and we're able to pass them out to Travis in small bits.' The people of Bethesda have also been there for the Greenes and the other families. The local chapter of the Knights of Columbus brought them dinner last Saturday night at the Navy Lodge where the families are staying.

'The generosity of people in Bethesda is just amazing,' Terry Greene said. 'People do so many things for us.'

'The families also find strength in each other. 'We've hooked up with other parents and they're awesome,' Terry Greene said. 'Yesterday, there was a meeting of the mothers downstairs - all of the moms came around and talking and tearing.'

'The families have taped

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NATION

# Lying for a space of their own

## Teens find trouble, freedom with popular MySpace.com

By Robin Abcarian  
Los Angeles Times

The other day after school, in his family's spacious kitchen, Thomas Binks fired up the computer and signed on to MySpace.com, one of the most popular and fast-growing social Web sites in the country. Thomas' picture appeared: a slightly goofy tough-guy pose. A snatch of heavy metal is his theme song — started playing. Then his "profile" popped up: his eye color, his height, his heritage ("Hispanic") and that crap, aka "white boy?" And he's 26.

Thomas is not 26. He is a slight, freckle-faced 11-year-old in California who sometimes rides his skateboard to South Pasadena, Middle School. Technically, he has no business being on MySpace, since the Web site tells kids younger than 14 to get out. Not that such a middle-school child who uses the site bother to listen.

"How could they ever prove you're not old enough to be on there?" asked Thomas' older brother, 13-year-old Alex, who also has a MySpace profile.

They can't. And so it would appear that sites like MySpace, which is huge among middle-schoolers, are helping to spawn a generation of uninhibited liars. As far as Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt. Rocky Costa is concerned, that may not be such a bad thing. "It's weird, and it's a shame," said Costa, project director of the Southern California High Tech Task Force, a multi-agency group that targets computer-related crimes. But MySpace has absolutely exploded, and the only real way to protect ourselves — besides filtering and firewalls — is honestly tell yourself, "I am not gonna give out authentic information."

(His MySpace number is bluff3, for "big ugly fat fellow.") To kids, said Massachusetts Institute of Technology sociologist and psychologist Sherry Turkle, it's a virtual message at best. "You're encouraged not to be you, but then if you go online at a place where you shouldn't be and are not you, then we don't like it. Then as soon as they're 18, we tell them to go to Match.com."

For millions, social networking sites such as MySpace, Facebook and Xanga represent the perfect intersection of art, commerce and the human need to connect. Musicians, comedians and film studios use the sites to create fan bases. Advertisers buy space on them.

Yet at the same time, there's growing concern among some parents and school administrators that such Web sites encourage kids to share salacious stories and sexually charged photos and perhaps leave them vulnerable to predators. Many schools have sent notices to parents to be aware of possible problems. Others have lectured students on social etiquette and safety on the Internet.

Although parents may be horrified by their children's online behaviors and personas, Turkle said this is to be expected; adolescents try on and discard identities like clothing. MySpace tries to patrol its site and has deleted profiles of users who say they are younger than 14. Many online, though, youngsters quickly learn that all you have to do is lie.

"The problem is when you

"The problem is when you begin to create an environment for kids it now is gonna draw in the people who victimize and prey on kids."

— Lt. Rocky Costa, of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office

begin to create an environment for kids," said Costa. "It now is gonna draw in the people who victimize and prey on kids." He is not aware of any L.A. County prosecutions involving predators and MySpace, but in September, a 16-year-old girl in Port Washington, N.Y., was sexually assaulted by a 37-year-old man she'd met on MySpace, according to USA Today. He found her at her job, which she had written about. And in June, according to The Sacramento Bee, a 35-year-old Marcho Cortesoa, Calif., man was charged with molesting a 12-year-old Folsom, Calif., girl he met through MySpace.

MySpace founders Chris DeWolfe and Tim Anderson, who recently sold their company to Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. for \$580 million, would not be interviewed by phone but agreed to answer questions by e-mail. ("They just don't have the bandwidth," said a spokeswoman, referring to their busy schedules.) They relayed their answers through a public relations firm and would not specifically address the great number of underage users on the site. ("All safety tips are located in the bottom tool bar of MySpace's main page under 'Safety Tips,' and they detail ways in which users can have a safe and meaningful experience on the site," they wrote.) They ignored a question about the sexual assault in New York.

For parents as well as younger users, the "Safety Tips" at the bottom of the MySpace site is a valuable source of information. It includes tips from Pury Altab, founder of WiredSafety.org, which provides information about staying safe online. Unlike instant messaging, in which a conversation typically takes place in real time between two people, MySpace offers each user the opportunity to create a personal Web site. Users can invite other users to be their "friends." ("All e-mail People who are each other's friends may post messages to one another on their MySpace sites. Whether or not you are someone's "friend," though, most profiles are accessible to viewers.")

Many of the youngsters who use MySpace don't realize that. They also may not be mature enough to understand that what they think is funny, predators might see as appealing. And for a 12- or 13-year-old, Costa pointed out, a "predator" can be as young as 16 or 17.

In one sense, Turkle, the lying that a site like MySpace tacitly encourages — and

authorities like Costa explicitly encourage — is part of the great adolescent struggle for identity. "The job of adolescence is to fall in and out of love with people, to fall in and out of love with ideas, to join and shed organizations and affiliations," she said. "The appropriate job for adolescence is to try things out in a relatively consequence-free zone and see what fits. This is what we do now on the Internet because there's nothing in anyone's life that feels consequence-free anymore." On the other hand, she said, "You only have the illusion of safety ... and privacy."

MySpace, which counts 42 million members and has surpassed eBay, Google and AOL in number of page views, is a place that invites strangers to mingle.

Costa suggests that if kids have computers in their rooms, the screens face the door, so parents can see what's online any time they wish. Parents should ask to see e-mail and photo .japhs, too, to make sure contacts are appropriate.

Mostly, though, said Costa, parents of teens need to develop stronger backbones.

"I know it's tough," he said. "But parents need to get involved."

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# Officers suspended after escape of accused serial rapist

By Iheavani Rodriguez  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — Two Miami-Dade corrections officers were suspended on Thursday while authorities continued their massive manhunt for an accused serial rapist who escaped from jail earlier this week.

Federal, state and local officials have offered a combined 16,000 reward for anyone who can lead them to recapturing Reynaldo Rapalo, 34, charged in seven sexual assaults committed by the "Shenandoah Rapist."

Rapalo was awaiting trial before he escaped from the Miami-Dade County

Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center late Tuesday by climbing down a rope made of bed sheets.

The rapist's victims ranged in age from 11 to 79 and lived in Miami-Dade's Shenandoah and Little Havana neighborhoods. The assaults continued for more than a year and the search by Miami police officers was the subject of the movie documentary "Code 33."

Now, police find themselves searching again.

"This is a conspiracy. This was hatched over for three months," Miami Police Chief John Tunney told The Associated Press.



Rapalo

The escape was first disclosed on Tuesday night by a visitor who noticed a chain of tied up bed sheets hanging from the side of the jail. The visitor told jail officials he then saw an inmate

scale down the sheets moments after a security van drove by.

Charles J. McRay, director of the county's Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, told officials in a memo dated Thursday that he suspended the correction officer assigned to patrol the facility's perimeter, McRay also suspended the officer assigned to Unit 6-3, a maximum-security cell where Rapalo and others accused of sexual crimes lived.

A second inmate, Idanilo Bravio, tried to escape but broke his ankles and was captured outside the jail.

Reports indicate the escape route began in a vent in the cells' ceiling that

leads to the jail's roof. The vent was apparently pried open with a tool, while bars blocking the vents opening onto the roof were cut. There are also indications someone was planning to meet Rapalo after he escaped. Timoney told the AP.

Rapalo was scheduled for a February trial. Prosecutors have said that DNA matches him to seven rapists and four attempted assaults.

At the height of the 2003 manhunt, police took more than 200 DNA samples from men who matched the serial rapist's description. Rapalo was captured that year after a detective happened upon him in Little Havana by chance.

## Planet rings found

Astronomers have added two more rings to the 11 known to encircle Uranus.

New ring R/2003 U1

New ring R/2003 U2

Epsilon ring



SOURCE: Science

## Hubble discovers new rings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Astronomers aided by the Hubble Space Telescope have spotted two more rings encircling Uranus, the first additions to the planet's ring system in nearly two decades.

The faint, dusty rings orbit outside of Uranus' previously known rings, but within the orbits of its large moons, said Mark Showalter, an astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., who made the discovery.

Details will appear online Friday on the journal Science. The discovery, announced on Dec. 19, says scientists now believe the seventh planet from the sun possesses 13 rings.

In 1986, Voyager 2 became the first spacecraft to zip past Uranus and beam back thousands of images of its dazzling rings and numerous moons. It found two new rings in addition to the nine previously discovered from Earth.

Scientists peering through the Hubble Space Telescope made the latest ring discoveries in 2004. Then they went back to process hundreds of images taken by Voyager and found the rings in the pictures. Scientists speculate that the rings may not have been discovered during the spacecraft flyby because of their faintness.

The newly discovered rings are made up of short-lived, faint bands of dust grains that are constantly being replenished by erosion of larger space bodies. Scientist think the dust in the outermost ring is being supplied by the ring moon Mab, discovered in 2003.

Scientists also measured changes in the orbits of Uranus' inner moons since 1994. The new measurements suggest the moons are in a "random and chaotic" fashion, said Jack Lisauer of the NASA Ames Research Center.

Because of the moons' instability, scientists think that the satellites will collide with one another in the next few million years.

Uranus, four times the size of Earth, is one of the solar system's giant, gaseous planets that also include Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune.

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## CHEERS & JEERS

### Injured Marine's hometown prays for quick recovery

**CHEERS:** To the courageous recovery of Marine Cpl. Travis Greene from Twin Falls.

Greene, 24, received a Purple Heart this past Wednesday, courtesy of the commander-in-chief President Bush, who presented the medal at Greene's bedside at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Greene lost both of his legs on Dec. 7 in an insurgent explosion at Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was in the middle of his third tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The loss of two limbs was even more heartbreaking since Greene was a star track athlete at Twin Falls High, earning a scholarship to Boise State University. He has had a number of surgeries since returning from the battlefield, and his struggle will continue, but his "Semper Paratus" spirit remains firm.

The same can be said for the hometown support and gratitude for this brave man, and the others like him who have sacrificed so much in Iraq.

**Cheers to Cpl. Greene,** his entire family, and all those who serve this nation this Christmas season.

**CHEERS:** To Twin Falls High School, for chipping in with a blood drive in the name of Greene.

Greene's numerous surgeries prove once again the vital need of blood donations. During his transport to America and in procedures thereafter, Greene has needed at least 100 pints of blood.

The Marine has taught classmates who followed him at Twin Falls and his teachers an enormous amount about sacrifice and dedication. To honor those actions, they are planning a blood drive on Jan. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the school. Anyone at the school or in the community who would like to donate blood can sign up in the front office at 1615 Filer Ave. E. Those who would like to donate blood at another time should call 1-800-274-4024 for times and locations.

**CHEERS:** To Kimberly Nurseries and its free Christmas tree give away. The nursery has traditionally had some extra trees to giveaway near Dec. 24, but Christmas trees are a household thing. It's a family tradition and I think every house should have one, said Kimberly Nursery president Dave Wright.

Additional **CHEERS** to all those local businesses and service organizations seeking ways to help needy individuals, families and children this Christmas.

**JEERS:** To the University of Idaho Foundation, for

what appears to be another balked payment on University Place.

At year's end, the University of Idaho Foundation is on the hook for a \$7 million repayment for the botched development project in downtown Boise.

But the Idaho State Board of Education, the U of I and its foundation are all mum on whether that payment will be made. The odds don't look good.

The repayment has already been deferred twice, and includes a \$5 million note and a \$2 million note. U-I loaned its foundation those funds in 2002 without state board approval, when state building authority money didn't pan out.

Revelations of those tricky finances forced a shakeup in UI leadership, yet three years later, the controversy lingers. University officials may be delaying payments from its own foundation isn't exactly piling debt, but it says millions about the fiscal direction of the college.

**CHEERS:** To Dan Hawkins, who left Boise State University to coach the University of Colorado in Boulder. Hawkins inked a deal that will pay him \$900,000 a year to lead the Buffaloes.

Hawkins' departure comes after building a 53-10 record at BSU, complete with four WAC Conference titles, numerous appearances in the Top 25 and three different bowl venues.

Some Bronco fans are peeved that Hawkins has jumped ship after signing a five-year contract. But that's the norm for coaches who must recruit student-athletes for four- and five-year commitments.

With the exception of one player's criminal case this year, Hawkins has helped elevate the university's reputation as well as Idaho's. He deserves applause as he goes to CU.

**JEERS:** To Boise State University for going way overboard in hiring Hawkins' replacement, BSU named Bronco offensive coordinator Chris Petersen as the new head football coach, which appears to be a solid and popular choice. Petersen, 41, knows the players, the school, the system, and has the support of the administration.

But paying Petersen a five-year, \$2.5 million contract seems excessively generous. Hawkins made \$525,000 this season after years of improvement. In 2001, his first year as head coach, he earned \$150,000. Petersen's salary will probably come from state money and BSU booster funding. But maybe it would help to have the rookie coach complete a season before handing off a half million bucks.

*Cheers and Jeers is a mix of compliments and quibbles from the week's news. Send your ideas and suggestions to Opinion Editor David Cooper, at dcooper@magicvalley.com*

## Laws will defend Bush's spy powers

The year 2005 was already the year of the "magnifying glass," having been dominated for months by the endlessly echoed falsehood that the president "lied us into war." But the year ends with another round of demagoguery.



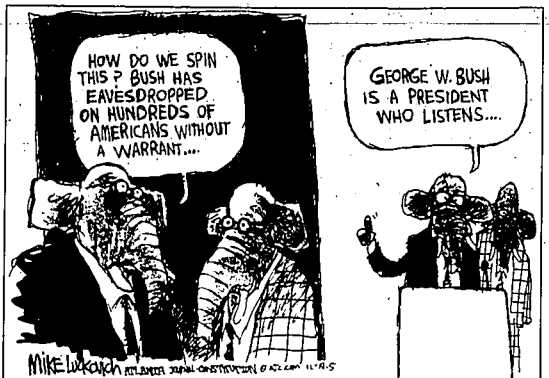
CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Administration critics, political and media, charge that by ordering surveillance on computer e-mails of suspected al Qaeda agents in the United States, the president had clearly violated the law. Some even suggest that Bush has thereby violated the Constitution, that impachment should now be considered. (Barbara Boxer, Jonathan Alter, John Dean and various luminaries of the left have already begun floating the idea.) The baying herds have already concluded, Tenet-like, that the president's actions were slam-dunk illegal. It takes a superior mix of partisanship, cynicism and ignorance to say that.

Does the president have the constitutional authority to conduct warrantless searches against suspected foreign agents in the United States? George Washington University law professor Grier Kerr (one critic calls him the man who literally wrote the book on government seizure of electronic evidence) finds "pretty decent arguments" on both sides but his own conclusion is that Bush's actions were "probably unconstitutional."

In 1972, the Supreme Court required the president to obtain warrants to eavesdrop on domestic groups, but specifically declined to apply this ruling to spying on foreign agents.

Four appeals courts have since upheld presidential authority for such warrantless searches. Not surprisingly, the executive branch has agreed. True, Congress tried to restrict this presidential authority with the so-called



FISA law of 1978. It requires that warrants for wiretapping of enemy agents in the U.S. be obtained from a secret court. But John Schmidt, an associate attorney general in the Clinton administration, writes: "Every president since FISA's passage has asserted that he retained inherent power to go beyond the act's terms." Indeed, Clinton's own deputy attorney general testified to Congress that "the president has inherent authority to conduct warrantless physical searches for foreign intelligence purposes," then noted a few minutes later that "courts have made no distinction between electronic surveillances and physical searches." President George W. Bush's executive authority.

And Congress always wants to challenge the scope of that authority. This tug-of-war is a bipartisan and constant feature of the American system of separation of powers. President Bush's circumvention of the FISA law is a classic separation-of-powers dispute in the area in which these powers are most in dispute — war powers.

Consider the War Powers Resolution passed over Nixon's veto in 1973.

It restricts, with very specific timetables, the president's authority to use force. Every president since Nixon, Democ-

rat and Republican, has regarded himself not bound by this law, declaring it an unconstitutional invasion of his authority as commander in chief.

For will it do to argue that the Clinton administration ultimately accepted the strictures of FISA law after a revision was passed. So what? For the past three decades, presidents have adhered to the War Powers Resolution for reasons of prudence, to avoid a constitutional fight with Congress. But they all maintained the inherent legitimacy of the law and the right to ignore it. Similarly, Clinton's acquiescence to FISA in no way binds future executives to renounce Clinton's own claim of "inherent authority" to conduct warrantless searches for purposes of foreign intelligence.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales chose a different justification for these wiretaps: They were covered by the congressional resolution shortly after 9/11 authorizing the use of "all necessary and appropriate force" against al Qaeda. Gonzales' interpretation is based on a plurality Supreme Court opinion written by Sandra Day O'Connor that deemed the use of "rescues, detention" of U.S. citizen and enemy combatant War II-andi.

"Detention" is an obvious element of any authorization to use force.

Gonzales argues that so is gathering intelligence about the enemy's plans by intercepting his communications.

I am skeptical of Gonzales' argument — it implies an almost limitless expansion of the idea of use of force — while the distinguished liberal law professor, Cass Sunstein, finds it "entirely plausible" (so long as the wiretapping is limited to those reasonably believed to be associated with al Qaeda). Sunstein maintains that "surveillance, including wiretapping, is reasonably believed to be an incident of the use of force" that "standardly occurs during war."

Contrary to the administration, I also believe that as a matter of political prudence and comity with Congress, Bush should have tried to get the law changed rather than circumvent it. This was an error of political judgment. But that does not make it a crime. And only the most brazen and reckless partisan could pretend it is anything approaching a high crime and misdemeanor.

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## LETTERS

### From INL to Sempra, a dark cloud over Idaho

First it's the Idaho National Laboratory wanting to manufacture plutonium on our doorstep. Now Fortune 500 southern California company called Sempra wants to build a coal-fired power plant in Idaho — mostly to supply electricity to southern California. This is further, considering that California's own environment agency protection laws would condemn this proposal faster than you can say "mercury emissions." Isn't it about time Idaho enacted similar laws?

Modern claims for "clean coal" is already something of an oxymoron, but the 19th century technology Sempra proposes to install in Jerome County in order to cut costs and increase profits amounts to a crime against the people of Idaho. The 600-megawatt plant will emit thousands of tons of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides into the existing acid rain to fall on our forests and lakes, and rivers.

It will increase asthma and lung cancer and seriously threaten the health of anyone living within 50-mile radius — especially the 10,000 children under 5 and 20,000 seniors. The toxic ash buried at the site will seep into our aquifers. We will see smog in our valleys for the first time, endangering, among other things, airport operations. And who could blame any prospective vacationer or homeowner who decides to go to Aspen or Vail instead of Sun Valley, having happened to glimpse one — never mind the several more which are bound to follow — giant smoke stack belching filthy white poison into the air? And lastly, there are the mercury emissions. The threat of the deadly neurotoxin mercury being spewed into the air and drifting our way (which it will)

should have us all out ruing in the streets. Known to damage the brains of unborn babies, it could also be the eventual kiss of death to our farming, dairy and fishing industries. But I fear Sempra won't care so long as the profits come rolling in.

Because, of course, that is what this is all about: money. Pick on a state with flimsy environmental protection laws — further weakened by our present government in Washington — and get rich!

The financial beneficiaries will be the owner and shareholders of Sempra, the company in Wyoming which will own the coal, and the railroad that will be transporting milelong trainloads of the stuff across Idaho 24/7 for the next 50 years.

And what will the people of Idaho get? Sick, probably.

DIANA FASSINO  
Ketchum

### An appreciation for the season in Paul

A beautiful Nativity scene sits on one of the main streets in Paul, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to passersby. The men sit together at the coffee shop to discuss the world situation. And when the doorbell rings, you can be sure there is someone there with Christmas cookies.

Through the year, the hunters share their bounties of elk and deer meat; the fishermen, the fresh salmon and trout; the gardeners, the fruit of their labors. The people are warm, they are caring, not just at Christmas but all through the year.

Santa came to my house, and I hope when he came to your house you also felt the joy of living in a small town.

Not just my town, but this town. A town that carries the spirit of Christmas all year long. We are proud to live in Paul, Idaho. We would like to wish all our friends and neighbors a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

GEORGE AND ROSIE  
TURNER  
Paul

### Idaho ignores potential of wind and solar energy

Idaho is in a unique position to supply all energy with no pollution! We have options. In U.S. News & World Report dated Dec. 19, Page 65, "Digging for black gold," ... that more than 70 percent of all energy companies, such as Peabody Energy Corp., which reported a 141 percent increase in third-quarter earnings last month ... "eyes wind energy as coal rising, coal remains far cheaper than natural gas. And the federal government is doing its share to beat the drum."

The Department of Energy has used up seven years of coal rising coal remains far cheaper than natural gas. And the federal government is doing its share to beat the drum. The Department of Energy has used up seven years of coal rising coal remains far cheaper than natural gas. And the federal government is doing its share to beat the drum.

Idaho Valley Energy's Web site indicates it would remove about 70 percent of mercury from the plant in Jerome. The rest of the mercury is essentially in its elemental form and emitted from the stack at an

estimated rate of 100 to 160 pounds per year. "And it accumulates."

In Forrest Lamps' letter to the editor in *The Times-News* dated Dec. 14, I am appalled at Bruce Newcomb's utter lack of knowledge as to choices for future energy in Idaho. He apparently only knows about coal and nuclear means being available. Doesn't he know about windpower (i.e., Coeur d'Alene, etc.) and the transmission at Hagerman and the one near Idaho Falls? The Idaho Department of Water Resources could give him a complete assessment of all possibilities and identify those with no pollution. I urge him to rethink his position.

I agree with Sen. Clint Stenret's statement that "this (i.e., Sempra) is the biggest threat to Idaho's quality of life."

PAUL WILLIAMS  
Jerome

### Consider the water tables under ANWR

Regarding oil exploration of the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve:

Has anyone ever questioned what happens to areas' overlying well sites? Try this (1) Place 12 marbles (6.5 billion barrels of oil) in a glass. (2) Fill the glass with water (or sand). (3) Remove one marble (525 million barrels of oil), then another, then another — what happens to that water or oil? ROBERT PARRISH  
Twin Falls

### Letter correction

Monday's letter to the editor from Karl Graham had an error. The Reading First Grant was written by a group of district administrators not a third grant writer.

OPINION

# Iraqis must decide what they are going to defend

I would like to propose a ban on Bush administration officials measuring our success in Iraq by the number of Iraqi soldiers we have "trained." I propose this ban because it is an utterly misleading metric, and if we become addicted to it we are going to make some even bigger mistakes in Iraq than we already have.

The issue is not how many Iraqi soldiers there are in Iraq. The issue is how many Iraqi citizens there are in Iraq. Without more Iraqi citizens, there will never be enough Iraqi soldiers. This incessant Bush babble about training the Iraqi army is so much wasted breath. After all, who is training the insurgents? Nobody, as far as we know — yet they have proved to be a smart, adaptable and lethal fighting force. Because in war, motivation always matters more than training. The insurgents know who they are and what they are fighting for. I think who they are is horrendous and what they are fighting for is apartheid — the right of Iraq's Sunni minority to rule permanently over the country's Shiite and Kurdish majority. But they have the will, and therefore they have the way.

The Iraqi army will be effective only if it has a will to go along with the way we are training it. And the Iraqi army will have the will to fight only if its soldiers have a government they believe in and are motivated to defend. And that brings us back to citizenship.

It is terrific that Iraqis just had another free and fair election and that some 11 million people voted. Americans should be proud that we helped to bring that about in a region that has so rarely experienced any sort of democratic politics.

But what's still unclear is this: Who and what were Iraqis voting for? Were they voting for Kurdish sectarian leaders, who they hope will gradually split Kurdistan off from Iraq? Were they voting for pro-Iranian Shiite clerics, who they hope will carve out a Shiite theocratic zone between Basra and Baghdad? Were they voting for Sunni tribal leaders, who they hope will restore the Sunnis to their "rightful" place — ruling everyone else? Or were they voting for a unified Iraq and for politicians whom they expect to compromise and rewrite the Constitution into a broadly accepted national compact?

If they were voting for Iraqi seats, then it means that there are no Iraqi citizens — only Shiites, Kurds, Sunnis etc., trapped together inside Iraq's artificial borders. If, however, they were voting for a unified Iraq and Iraqi leaders who will make that happen, we still have a chance for a decent outcome. Because if there are Iraqi citizens, and national leaders, then we have partners for the kind of Iraq we hope to see built. In that case, we must stay the course. If there are no Iraqi citizens, or not enough, then we have no real partners and staying the course will never produce the self-sustaining Iraq we want.

President Bush talks about Iraq as if it were a given that there is a single Iraqi aspiration for exactly the kind of pluralistic democracy America would like to see built in Iraq, and that the only variable is whether we stay long enough to see it through. I wish that were so — our job would be easy. But it is not so. It still is not clear what is the will of the Iraqi people. In the wake of this election, though, we are about to find out.

Everything now rides on what kind of majority the Iraqi Shiites want to be and what



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

kind of minority the Sunnis want to be. Will the Shiites prove to be magnanimous in victory and rewrite the Constitu-

tion in a way that decent Sunnis who want to be citizens of a unified Iraq, can accept?

Will the Sunnis agree to accept their fair share of Iraq's oil revenue and government posts — and nothing more?

My own visits to Iraq have left me convinced that beneath all the tribalism, there is a sense of Iraqi citizenship and national identity eager to come out. But it will take more security, and many more Iraqi

leaders animated by national reconciliation, for it to emerge in a sustained way.

Unlike many on the left, I'm not convinced that this will never happen and that all of this has been for naught. Unlike many on the right, I'm not convinced that it will inevitably happen if we just stay the course long enough. The only thing I am certain of is that in the wake of this election, Iraq will be what Iraqis make of it —

and the next six months will tell us a lot. I remain guardedly hopeful.

How will you know if things are going well? Easy. The Iraqi army will suddenly become effective without U.S. guidance. It will know how to fight, because it will know what — and whom — it is fighting for.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for *The New York Times*.



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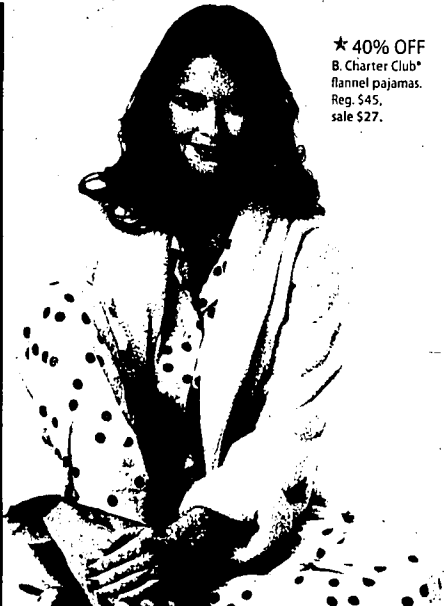
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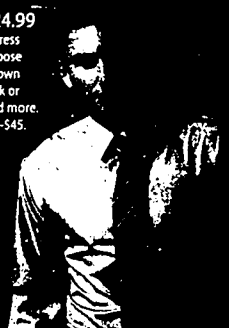
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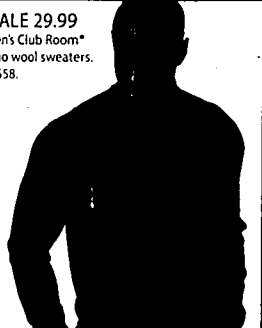
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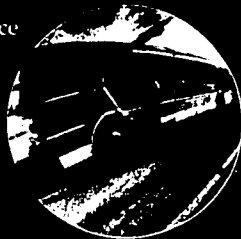
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SPORTSQUOTE

For all his athletic gifts, we always knew Johnny had the depth of your average kiddie pool.

Boston Globe columnist Dan Shaughnessy on New York center fielder Johnny Damon

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who are the only two people in NFL history to win Super Bowls as players, assistant coaches and head coaches?

ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL Century at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Little Dribblers hoops camp set

TWIN FALLS — The Little Dribblers basketball camp will be held for players grades K-6 on Saturday, Jan. 14 and 21 and Monday, Jan. 23, at Twin Falls High Schools' Bunn Gymnasium.

The camp will be divided into two age groups, grades K-3 and 4-6.

Grades K-3 will meet 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday and Monday from 6-7 p.m.

They will also perform at halftime at the varsity girls basketball game on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Players in grades 4-6 will meet 8 to 10 a.m. each Saturday and on Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for competition finals and an award for every camper.

Cost for the camp is \$30 and a limit of 200 campers will be allowed for each session. Each participant will receive a camp t-shirt and a custom Brain Basketball.

Registration forms are available at the local elementary schools or can be picked up at Donnelly Sports or the Twin Falls High School office.

For more information, call Matt Harr at 737-5208 ext. 3050.

Bruins sell oranges and grapefruit today

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins baseball and softball teams are selling oranges and grapefruit for their annual fundraiser today.

The cost is \$16 for a 20-pound box of oranges or grapefruit or \$30 for a box of each.

The fruit will also be available in the First Federal Savings parking lot at the corner of Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to order, call Nick at 735-4378 or 308-4978.

Ripken registration starts next month

TWIN FALLS — Cal Ripken Baseball registration for players ages 9-12 (as of April 30, 2006) will be held Monday, Jan. 9 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Blue Recreation Building at Harmon Park.

Players must reside in Twin Falls County and provide a birth certificate. Registration fee is \$50 and fund-raiser participation is required.

For more information, contact Alan Stutzman at 539-7388 or Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Tom Flores, backup quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs in the 1963 season, assistant coach with Oakland Raiders in 1976 season and Raiders head coach in 1980 and 1983 seasons; Mike Ditka, tight end for the Dallas Cowboys in 1971, assistant coach for the Cowboys in 1977 and Chicago Bears head coach during the 1985 season.

Lions claw past TFCA

Wendland scores 17 in Lighthouse win

By Nathaniel Garabrant Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Heading into Thursday night's game at the Twin Falls Christian Academy, the depleted Lighthouse Christian Lions needed a guard.

So junior post Vanessa Wendland stepped up, big. After scoring only a point in the first half, the converted guard broke out for 16 in the second including five in overtime to lead Lighthouse past the Warriors 35-33.

With the game having gone scoreless since the four-minute mark in the final quarter, the score tied at 29, the Lions' Staci Beukers sank free throw for the lead with 26 seconds remaining, but the Warriors' Megan Gresham responded from the stripe on the ensuing possession to send it to overtime.

After a bucket from Wendland, the 5-7 Warriors went up by one following a bucket by Gresham and a free throw by Mindy Brown with 2:24 left. But Twin Falls Christian, which had suffered with the Lions' press since early in the third, couldn't hang on, their guests dominating the time of possession over the final two minutes.

"I think we just didn't think in the end as much as we should have," said Twin Falls Christian head coach Rachel Owens. "But the girls played tough. Out of our last three games, we've either won or lost them by two."

Wendland then found net at 1:40 before hitting a free throw with two seconds left mark to seal the game.

"She's just doing great right now," said Lions coach Jake Holman. "We have one of our top players (grain) Amber Ulrich out with a sprained ankle. We have another starter out, who's done early on Christmas vacation and Vanessa has just stepped in tonight and played really great."

The breakout moment came with 4:30 left in the third after the Warriors, who rallied from a 13-10 halftime deficit, took an 10-6 lead with a breakaway lay-up from Kristin Miller.

Wendland hit a free throw and a bucket over the next two possessions before stalling a



Lighthouse's Kate Schell (33) battles for control of a rebound with Lady Warriors defender Shanell Cantrell during the first quarter Thursday of their game at Grace Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

steal for an assist to Beukers for a 21-10 lead.

"We all just pulled together and just dug down deep," said Wendland, who also recorded 10 rebounds and four steals. "We all worked together to get the win. It was a team effort. I was really nervous about playing guard, but I thought I did OK. We were really short on players."

A minute later, Twin Falls

Christian's Shanell Cantrell put up a solo four-point run to cut the Lions' lead to one at 23-22. She finished the game with a team-high 13 points and a game-high 16 rebounds.

The Warriors battled to a 20-24 deficit two minutes into the fourth, but a pair of buckets from Lighthouse's Kate Schell and Wendland swung the momentum back the other way.

Lighthouse (14-8) hosts

Warriors Tuesday, Jan. 3. The Warriors hosts Lighthouse, New on Jan. 10.

Lighthouse Christian 35, Twin Falls Christian Academy 31, OT

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BYU rally falls short in Vegas



California wide receiver DeSean Jackson (1) gets past BYU defensive back Dustin Gabriel (28) on his way to scoring a touchdown during the second quarter of the Las Vegas Bowl on Thursday.

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Marshawn Lynch rushed for career highs of 191 yards and three touchdowns, and DeSean Jackson caught two scoring passes before the Golden Bears (0-8), who edged Brigham Young for a 35-29 victory in the Las Vegas Bowl on Thursday night.

Steve Levy passed for 228 yards in his second career start for the Golden Bears (0-8), who showed off a wealth of talent that's all coming back in 2006. They needed every bit of it to hold off BYU's fourth-quarter comeback in a high-octane game featuring 10 touchdowns.

Cal took a 21-point lead into the final quarter after Lynch's 35-yard scoring run and Jackson's exceptional 22-yard diving

TD catch in the third. But BYU quarterback John Beck responded with scoring passes to Jimmy Harline and Todd Watkins, whose 9-yard gain with 2:15 left cut Cal's lead to seven points.

The Bears surprised tied a 50-yard field goal with 2:20 to play, and Tom Schneider's kick was well short. But the cougar moved past 7 yards before Beck's arm was hit by Cal lineman Phillip Mikolage, and Davinon Hughes intercepted the wobbly pass to seal the Bears' second bowl victory in three postseason trips under coach Jeff Leach.

Beck set Las Vegas Bowl records in BYU's spread offense, going 35 for 53 for 452 yards and three TDs. In their first bowl

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'We have the greatest role model there is in Tony Dungy'

Nearly three weeks ago, after the Colts beat the Jaguars and held low-keyed his way through another postgame interview, a few writers cornered Tony Dungy in the visiting locker room.

Indianapolis was still unbeaten and Dungy was still answering every question about how far he was willing to look ahead the same way. One week at a time.



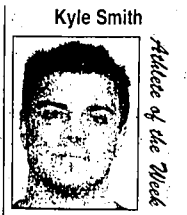
Jim Litke

"Both of them were school teachers." The rest of the answer, including his transition from fire-fighting, sometimes hot-headed kid to grown "Christian man," was light on details and over in a matter of minutes. For all the faith he instills in others, Dungy knows not to take himself too seriously. So at the end,

he grinned mischievously and added, "My high school buddies would be surprised you asked that."

All that patience, all those lessons learned and the self-deprecating humor are about to be tested like never before. His family is never going to be the same.

"It's hard to fathom what this means unless you are a parent," Colts President Bill Polian said later that morning, standing outside the team's practice facility. Please see LITKE, Page B2



Getting it right

Bruins wrestler plays for keeps his senior year

By Nathaniel Garabrant Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It would be a shame if Kyle Smith didn't get it right. A point guard for the Bruins, Smith has a chance to become a professional basketball player.

Losses in practice and games that Smith and his teammates have suffered from in the past few weeks are a far cry from the ones he's facing in the real world.

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Dungy's son found dead

The Associated Press

LUFIZ, Ill. — James Dungy, the 10-year-old son of Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy, was found dead of an apparent suicide in his Tampa-area apartment early Thursday, the sheriff's office said.

James Dungy's girlfriend found him when she returned to the Campus Lodge Apartments at about 1:30 a.m., Hillsborough County Sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter said.

"Based on evidence at the scene, indications are that this death appears to be a suicide," Carter said. "There is no evidence to contradict that at this time."

However, Carter said, an autopsy will be performed to determine the official cause and manner of death. She re-

ported no additional details about what happened at the scene.

When Dungy's girlfriend called the sheriff's office, Carter and a police officer performed a full-body search of the apartment, but found no signs of a struggle, she said.

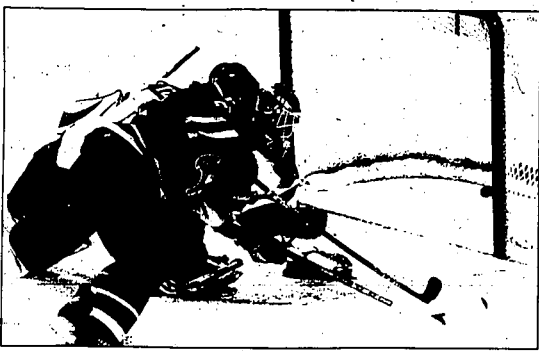
James Dungy coached the Colts and is in Tampa where he coached the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1996 to 2002.

The Colts' 11th game at Seattle on Saturday, and team president Bill Polian said that assistant head coach Bill Callahan will take over for Dungy.

Indianapolis lost its first game Sunday against the visiting San Diego Chargers, ending what had been a perfect season.

Please see DEAD PUP, Page B2

SPORTS



Florida Panthers' Rostislav Olesz, of the Czech Republic, scores a goal past Buffalo Sabres goalie Martin Biron during the second period of their NHL hockey game in Sunrise, Fla., Thursday.

Stumpel stunts Sabres streak

SUNSHINE, Fla. (AP) — Jozef Stumpel scored two goals to lead the Florida Panthers beat Buffalo 3-1 on Thursday night, snapping the Sabres' seven-game winning streak and ending goalie Martin Biron's 13-game winning streak.

Martin Rucinsky had an empty-net goal and two assists, and fellow Czech Republic Olympian Petr Truchar and Martin Straka also scored for New York, which only tied for four goals in the losing streak that took place entirely at home.

The Bruins improved to 3-1-1 against the Maple Leafs this season, getting the first win for the home team in the five meetings.

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Capitals 6, Thrashers 5, 0

ATLANTA — Rookie Alexander Ovechkin scored the only goal in a shootout to lift Washington past Atlanta.

Rangers 4, Lightning 2

NEW YORK — Tom Poti scored New York's third power play goal with just 1:40 left and the Rangers snapped a three-game losing streak by beating Tampa Bay.

Bruins 4, Maple Leafs 1

BOSTON — Alexei Zhamnov got the breakthrough goal, his first score of the season, and Hamu Tuomonen stopped two shots to lead the Bruins over Toronto.

Utah St. 91, BYU 80

LOGAN, Utah — Nate Harris scored a career-high 27 points as Utah State University beat its rival Brigham Young 91-80 Thursday night.

Cavaliers bury Bulls in fourth quarter

CHICAGO (AP) — LeBron James led Cleveland Cavaliers to a 107-90 victory over the Chicago Bulls Thursday night.

James scored nine points for Cleveland after missing Wednesday's practice to tend to his ailing brother in St. Louis, who had a heart transplant 10 years ago.

Second to Detroit in 3-point shooting, the Bulls (12-13) hit just 9 of 21 against a Cleveland team that had allowed opponents to shoot a league-high 40.2 percent from beyond the arc.

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Continued from B1. "The thoughts and prayers of everyone in this building are with Tony and Julie Lauren, their children and their extended family, and for the repose of James' soul," Polian said.

players to break the news. "It was not easy, and it was somber, to say the least," Polian said.

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medal at the tournament on route to ninth-place finish.

seed heading into the state tournament. But he also spoke at length about his broader perspective, expecting to close out his wrestling days with the conclusion of this year's run.

Burley buries Wolverine girls

The Times-News HAMILLY — This one was a TKO in the first round. Burley came out of the gates on a roll, leading the host Wood River Wolverines 21-1 after the first quarter en route to a 61-32 Great Basin Conference West girls basketball victory.

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No. 8 Gonzaga edges Saint Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Held in check most of the game, Adam Morrison showed why he leads Division I in scoring. Morrison scored seven of his 18 points in the final 4.5 minutes to help No. 8 Gonzaga hold off pesky Saint Louis 60-57 on Thursday night, the Bulldogs' fifth straight victory.

Boys basketball. Minico 61, Preston 54. Preston — Kyle Straatman.



Gonzaga's Adam Morrison drives to the basket against Saint Louis' Tommie Liddell in the second quarter of their game Thursday.

No. 21 N.C. State 68, Alabama 64

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Engin Asar scored 15 points, including two free throws with 25 seconds to play, to help North Carolina State lead to a 68-64 victory over Alabama on Thursday night.

Montana 67, Santa Clara 59

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Vegas

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Jazz at Knicks, FSNR
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Football
Fort Worth Bowl, Kansas vs. Houston, ESPN, 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

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NBA BOXES

Table listing NBA games with dates and times. Includes matchups like Cleveland vs Chicago, New York vs Boston, etc.

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Former swimmer wants record abolished

FRANKFURT, Germany — Retired East German Olympic swimming champion Petra Schneider would like to wipe out her national record because of doping.

Another former Olympic champion, U.S. rower Greg Miller, also conceded that doping played a role in records set during East German times. But she told the program Kontnaste she wanted to keep her 200-meter freestyle record because it was based on "hard training."

Rocca wins slalom; Miller loses overall lead

KRANJKA GORA, Slovenia — Italian Giorgio Rocca won his third slalom of the season, and American Bode Miller lost the World Cup overall points lead after failing to qualify for the second heat Thursday.

Paerson wins second straight slalom

SPINDLERUP VJUN, Czech Republic — World Cup overall champion Anja Paerson overcame poor track conditions to win her second consecutive slalom victory.

Chebet calls it a career

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The thought of going back into the locker room, seeing his teammates, his uniform, his old life was too much to bear for Wayne Chebet.

Tomko agrees to \$8.7M deal with Dodgers

LOS ANGELES — Brett Tomko became the third former San Francisco player to switch to the Los Angeles Dodgers, agreeing Thursday to an \$8.7-million, two-year contract.

Belthom agrees to deal with Belthom

SAN DIEGO — Second baseman Mark Belthom agreed to a \$800,000, one-year deal with San Diego on Thursday, giving the Padres another member of the 2004 Boston Red Sox team that won the World Series.

Baseball reapplies for Cuba permit

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Baseball officials reapplied Thursday for a permit that would allow Cuba to play in the inaugural World Baseball Classic as Puerto Rican athletic officials said San Juan should withdraw as a host city if the permit is not granted to participate.

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**OF COURSE THAT'S NOT A WILD GUESS.**

**THIS ONE IS TAKING A LOT OF TIME. IT MUST BE HUGE!**

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

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

**Dibert** By Scott Adams

**SOMEONE HAS BEEN HAVING DELUSIONS OF EFFECTIVENESS.**

**Doonesbury** By Gary Trudeau

**NEEDS HOW YOU BEGIN YOUR DAY. LEGS? MY ANGLE LIFE. I'M NOT ONE DREAM.**

**ON COLLEGE COURSE, I'D HAVE HAD MY LAUGH!**

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

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**PAUL, I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING. I'M NOT GOING TO BE IN TORONTO I CAN'T MEET YOU PERSONALLY.**

**YES, IN A WELCOME WAY.**

**YES, I'M A WELCOME WAY.**

**YES, I'M A WELCOME WAY.**

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

**Luann** By Greg Evans

**OH!**

**WHAT, IT'S ONLY FUNNY WHEN DAD SAYS IT?**

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

**So please do me a favor next year to make my Christmas merrier... Tell the Post Office to jump in the lake... and send stuff with a private carrier.**

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

**YOU FRAUD. THAT WAS WRITTEN BY SHAKESPEARE.**

**WELL, I WROTE IT TOO.**

**HE WROTE IT FIRST!**

**GOOD LITERATURE IS NOT A RACE.**

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

**IS THAT CANDY CANE I SMELL ON YOUR BREATH?**

**OHMY! ADMIT IT! I'M WEAK!**

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

**REMEMBER, WE ALL HAVE A GINNY BUNNY!**

**IT WILL MAKE THE BUSINESS PEOPLE GO CRAZY!**

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

**Entertainment is on Cancer's mind**

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**IF DEC. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Your area of the zodiac is free from troublesome conflicts in the year ahead, so your most important goals should be easy to reach. Avoid spats or impulsive acts with a partner in February when an argument molehill could turn into a mountain. Self-govern your finances and be conservative with your investments this year. Put your money to good work in the beginning of April. The focus shifts to your piggy bank in late June and August when you should be particularly careful to avoid signing agreements that could impact your finances.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Someone is probably doing something special to please you when you aren't peaking. People are likely to honor commitments made now and parties have an enchanting aura of camaraderie.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Let the Christmas bells ring. You are at your best in the public eye or out and about in the neighborhood. While filled by the holiday spirit, do something nice for a stranger or donate to a charity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The desire to spend time with family and loved ones is at the

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

**STRAPE BREW** By John Deering

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** There is plenty of conviviality at work and loads of affection waiting for you at home. Although Santa's elves may work overtime to get Christmas treats ready, it will be worth all the effort.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Contact those in your business. Friends and touch base with friends. Your joy in life will bubble up to effortlessly smooth out any trouble spots.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Wave a white flag and call a truce. The true spirit of Christmas will permeate the atmosphere and disputes will be put aside. Early gift exchanges might bring a friendship into sharper focus.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Jingle your own bells. You are on top of the heap where work is concerned and can take the chance on a few shortcuts. Be a social butterfly and fill from one group to another.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Hum a few Christmas carols. It may seem like business as usual, but there is joyful noise in the background of everything you do. Love and romantic link-ups are accentuated all day long.

top of your list. There is still time to run last-minute holiday errands. There might be an extra gift or bonus in your stocking.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** A sociable mood is in place throughout the day. Your thoughts may revolve around ways to entertain others. Maintain a warm spirit of peace on earth and good will to others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Relax and enjoy company gift exchanges or a luncheon with friends. In anticipation of a holiday weekend business matters could come to a screeching halt as social niceties are observed.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Co-workers may surprise you with a display of appreciation or an office party may be especially delightful. You have a keen eye for tasteful decorations and last minute bargains.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** With Venus and Chiron hanging out together for several days, matters of love might have a special spark this week. You are at your charming best when entertaining friends and family.

# New bride's faith in marriage rocked by parents' divorce

**DEAR ABBY:** Two weeks before my wedding, my mother announced that she was leaving my father. Now, two months after my wedding, their divorce papers have been filed.

I am 23 years old and should be able to handle the news, but I cannot. I have been devastated by the end of a marriage that I thought was a good one until only a few months ago.

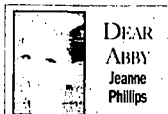
My mother is now behaving like a college student. She parties all night, dates several guys at once and calls to tell me about it. I have not answered my phone when I see it is her.

I don't answer my father's calls either. All he does is complain about being lonely and broke, and a single father to my teenage brother.

I don't want to hear their stories or be their confidante. I need time to mourn the breakup of my parents' marriage. My own marriage is suffering because of the recent turn of events and it doesn't seem fair.

**—NOT-SO-HAPPY NEWLYWED**

**DEAR NOT SO HAPPY:** Please accept my sympathy for the demise of your parents' marriage. If you were in the dark about the fact that they had been having problems until just before your wedding, it is understandable that you are in shock and grieving. You must also be wondering if what you thought was real was only a mirage.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

For the sake of your emotional well-being and to protect your own marriage, I hope you will take the advice I am about to offer. Inform your mother that you cannot visit her either. Please tell her that you feel sympathy for her, but you cannot be his trouble dump either, because it's affecting your marriage. Explain that if he needs a place to "vent" — and I'm sure he does — he should do it with a professional counselor.

You may need counseling yourself, right now, in order to get your own head straight, so please do it now rather than later. Your problem isn't that your parents' marriage didn't make it to the finish line. It's that they hid their problems so well, you are no longer sure what a healthy marriage looks like.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 28-year-old single mother of two, pregnant with my third child. Because of my current circumstances, I have decided the best thing to do is place this child up for adoption. I have a lot of support in this, including my

other children.

My problem is with strangers. People do not consistently ask questions about the upcoming birth, including name choices and gender. How do I stop all the questions without going into detail about my plans? I have tried simply saying, "I'm placing the child for adoption," but then people have the nerve to start questions about my judgment!

**—PEEVED AND PREGNANT**

**DEAR PEEVED:** The people asking questions about your baby are trying to reach out and be supportive. They have no idea that this is a sensitive subject.

When you are asked about the gender of the child, or what you plan to name it, smile and tell them you don't know the sex of the baby and no name has been chosen yet. Then either change the subject or walk away. No rule of etiquette demands that you continue a conversation with a stranger.

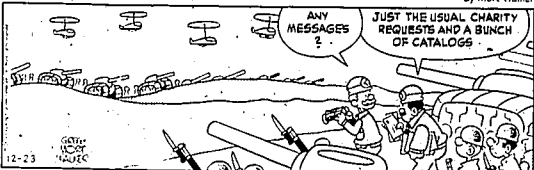
**DEAR ABBY:** Please explain the saying, "No good deed goes unpunished." I have heard it many times, but can't imagine where it comes from.

**—CURIOS IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR CURIOS:** It probably originated from bitter experience. It is usually uttered when someone has tried to do something for someone else and instead of being grateful for it, the recipient finds fault or resents it.

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By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



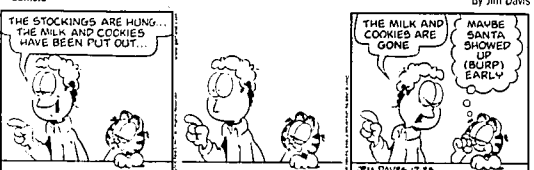
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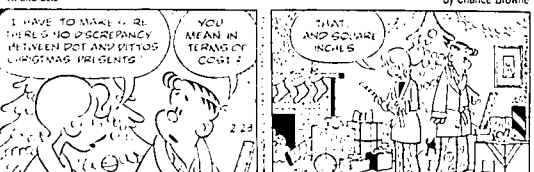
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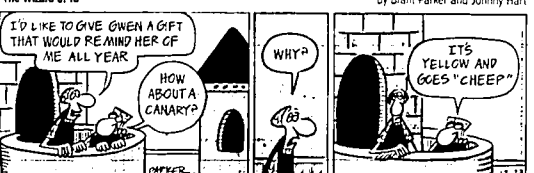
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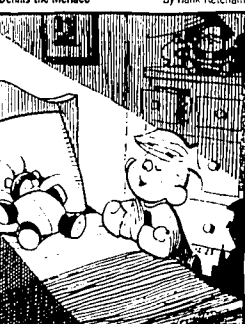
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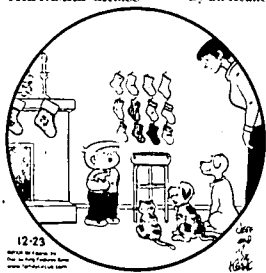
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



...AND IF YOU MAKE IT SNOW TOMORROW, I PROMISE NOT TO THROW A SNOWBALL AT MARGARET.

They're for Barfy, Sam and Kittycat.

## Banana 'trees' aren't trees at all

This day in history: On Dec. 23, 1954, Peter Brent Brigham Hospital in Boston was the first successful, living donor kidney transplant. Ronald Herrick gave one of his kidneys to an identical twin brother, Richard, who was dying of kidney failure. Because of their genetic similarity, Richard's body didn't reject the cadaveric present.

Banana "trees" are really large herbs. The "trunk" of the tree consists of layered leaves. Each year, after flowering and producing fruit, the banana tree dies back. The fruit itself is classified as a berry because it has fleshy fruit surrounding seeds.

About 9,000 Americans die each year from food poisoning.

Do you want to know how much you'd weigh on Jupiter? Multiply your Earth weight by 2.4. If you weigh 100 pounds here, you'd weigh 240 pounds there.

Soybeans are a major ingred-



**RANDOM KINSHIP EXCITING!**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

ient in many dog foods. If your dog is unusually flaccid, check the ingredients and switch to something less beefy.

How do anti-pesticides work? They contain finely powdered aluminum or zincum. Some of the microscopic particles get wedged into your pores so sweat doesn't escape easily.

In case you wondered, Vetro gets its name from two French words: velour ("velvet") and cocher ("hook").

How low is Death Valley, Calif.? Pretty low. It's 282 feet below sea level.

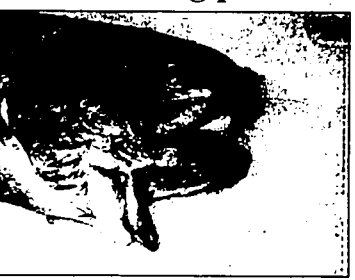
In what field would you hear the terms acid rock, country

rock, hard rock, grit rock, dyke rock, conglomerate or weak, gangue rock, arcuate rock and rubeolous rock? If you said music, guess again. They're actually geological terms.

We know that the martini was named after Martinez, Calif., a shipping hub near San Francisco. However, several Bay Area saloons and cities claim they were the originator of the popular drink. One of the biggest contenders was Occidental Hotel bartender, Jerry Thomas, who is said to have named the drink for a guy he invited to Martinez. This assertion so outrages Martinez residents that the city council held a mock court hearing in 1983 about it, "ruling" that their city gave the drink more than his name.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be found at [twitter.com/erinsmingsbarrett.com](http://twitter.com/erinsmingsbarrett).

## Fish has twice the hooking potential



A rainbow trout fished out of Holmes Lake in Lincoln, Neb., features a double mouth. Fisherman Clarence Oberding, 57, of Lincoln, who plans to smoke and eat the fish, said the hook was in the upper mouth, and that the lower one did not appear to be functional.

### Odds & Ends

A total of 223 diamonds — including a 5-carat, heart-shaped stone — adorn the double-layer, marzipan-coated truitecake, designed by Tokyo-based sweets chef Isong Hong Young.

It's entirely edible, except for the diamonds of course," Morinaka said.

For those who can't afford the luxury, Takashimaya will be serving up a less costly replica of the cake at a champagne party on Christmas eve, he added.

The cake is on display at the store until Dec. 25.

'Parking Santa' pays fines for London motorists

LONDON — For some ha-

ressed Christmas motorists, Santa has turned out to be just the ticket.

Motorists receiving parking tickets in the central English city of Birmingham recently have found their Christmas cards on their windshields containing money to pay the fine, the Daily Telegraph reported.

Each card contains a note reading "Don't let this ticket spoil your Christmas. Here's 30 pounds to pay it off. Merry Christmas — Parking Ticket Santa."

Santa's 14 motorists have benefited from this anonymous benefactor's largesse, the newspaper said.

"At first I thought it was a joke and kept looking around for the person who had left it there," said Caroline Howard, 27. "But perhaps Santa really does exist after all."

— compiled from wire reports

WORLD

# Rare bird flies thousands of miles in search of food

'Lydia' took 26 days to find her chick a meal

By Michael Casey  
Associated Press writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — Talk about a working mother. A Christmas Island frigate bird named Lydia recently made a 26-day journey of about 2,500 miles across Indonesian volcanoes and some of Asia's busiest shipping lanes — in search of food for her baby.

The trip, tracked with a global positioning device by scientists at Christmas Island National Park, is by far the longest known nonstop journey by one of these critically endangered seabirds. Previously, the black-and-white scavengers with distinctive pink beaks and wingspans of up to 8 feet were known only to fly a few hundred miles from their nesting sites, staying away for just a few days at a time, officials said.

"It's a real revelation," said David James, coordinator of biodiversity monitoring for Christmas Island National Park, the birds' only known breeding ground.

"The thing that really surprised me is that it was a long nonstop journey, and that she crossed overland over volcanoes," James said. "Normally, you would expect the seabirds to fly over the sea."

Lydia's trip started Oct. 18 from Christmas Island, an Australian territory in the Indian Ocean about 310 miles south of Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, and 1,640 miles northwest of Perth, in western Australia.

Leaving a baby chick in the care of her partner, Lydia headed south over open waters — probably to steal fish from other seabirds, a common habit among frigate birds.

She then circled back on Oct. 26 and flew between Indonesia's Java and Sumatra islands. From there, she headed across Irian Jaya island on Nov. 9 before



A Christmas Island frigatebird flies over the island's tropical vegetation in Christmas Island, Australia.

of a meal for her chick.

Though the journey was a record for a frigate bird, it falls short of the top trip among birds monitored by scientists — a 46-day round-the-world trek by a gray-headed albatross, according to BirdLife International, a Britain-based conservation group that keeps track of threatened species.

Lydia is one of the first four Christmas Island frigate birds to be fitted with a satellite tracking device. Funded by a grant from the American Bird Conservancy, the devices — metal boxes about 2.5 inches long and 1 inch wide, with an eight-inch antenna — are attached by harnesses.

They give scientists much needed data on the flight paths and feeding patterns of frigate birds. Previously, most such

data came courtesy of bird watchers, who have reported frigate birds turning up mostly in Asia, but as far away as Kenya in east Africa.

Officials hope the new satellite data will help improve conservation efforts.

"With only around 1,200 pairs confined to this small island in the Indian Ocean, the Christmas Island frigate bird is one of the world's most threatened seabirds," said Ed Farnell, spokesman for BirdLife International. "This new satellite tracking data will add enormously to our knowledge of the species."

James said the distance Lydia traveled raises some serious questions about efforts to stem the decline of the birds, whose numbers have fallen by 10 percent over the past 20 years.

"We're surprised she would have spent that long away from her nest when she had a chick," he said. "That begs the question: Why does she need to go that far? It raises the suspicion that fish resources around Christmas Island are not currently adequate. That might explain the slow and gradual decline of the bird."

James and BirdLife officials said Lydia's route also raised concerns, since it covered industrial areas, mining sites and waters popular with commercial fishing fleets.

"It is tragically ironic that while Lydia nests on one of the world's most remote and pristine islands, she makes her living in some of the most degraded seas on the planet," James said. "Fishing pressure is huge and marine pollution is severe."

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## Court: Pope is immune to lawsuit

WHALEN CITY (AP) — A U.S. judge in Texas dismissed Pope Benedict XVI from a civil lawsuit accusing him of conspiracy to cover up the sexual abuse of minors by a seminarian, ruling Thursday that the pontiff has immunity as a head of state.

U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenbaum ruled in the civil lawsuit, known as a "Suggestion of Immunity," in which the government sued following the lawsuit to proceed with the "incontestable" with the United States' foreign policy interests.

"After a suggestion of immunity is filed, it is the court's duty to surrender jurisdiction," Rosenbaum wrote in the ruling, a copy of which was obtained by the Associated Press.

Joseph Ratzinger — Benedict's former name — is named as a defendant in the civil lawsuit, accused of conspiring with the Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and some of its immunity to cover up the abuse of three boys during the mid-1980s. The lawsuit seeks unspecified monetary damages.

The three boys, identified in court documents as John Bess, II and Bill, allege that a Colombian-born seminarian on assignment at St. Francis de Sales church in Houston, Juan Carlos Patino-Arango, molested them during counseling sessions in the church in the mid-1980s.

Patino-Arango has been indicted in a criminal case by a Harris County Texas grand jury and is a fugitive from justice, the lawsuit says.

Lawyers for one of the alleged victims argued in the lawsuit that May 18, 2001, after Ratzinger wrote to bishops around the world was evidence that he was involved in a conspiracy to hide Patino-Arango's crimes and to help him escape punishment.

The letter, written when Ratzinger was prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, explains that "great crimes" such as the alleged abuse of minors would be handled by his congregation and that the proceedings of special church tribunals handling the cases were subject to "pontifical secret."

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Power plant opponents meet

**HERNIMÉ** — Citizens' Protecting Resources, CPR, is a group of area residents concerned with preserving southern Idaho by opposing the siting of a coal-fired power plant here.

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

### 'A Magic Valley Christmas' schedule

**TWIN FALLS** — The season's showing of the annual musical television production "A Magical Valley Christmas" will continue daily through Christmas night on KMYT-TV.

Sponsored by First Federal Bank, "A Magical Valley Christmas" is a holiday music revue featuring bands and vocalists from south-central Idaho, this year including Jaime Thietten, Steve Amnest, Kaina Parter and the rock group Fools-bane.

This year's show starts with a tribute to the 1950s with an original song called "Underneath the Mistletoe" filmed in Crowley's Soda Fountain in downtown Twin Falls.

Showings are scheduled for today at 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

"A Magical Valley Christmas" is directed and produced by Mark Bork.

KMYT can be seen on Channel 11, or on cable Channel 12.

### Christmas will bring several closures

**TWIN FALLS** — Many offices and facilities will be closed for Christmas. Here's a rundown of what will be open or closed today through Monday.

- City and county offices will be open today, but closed Monday.
- State and federal offices will be open today but closed Monday.
- U.S. post offices will be open today, but closed Monday.
- Local banks will be open today, but closed Monday.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be open today, but closed Saturday and Sunday.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be closed Saturday and Sunday, but open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.
- The College of Southern Idaho will be closed today and Monday.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, closed on Sunday, and open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

Some city and county offices might close a few hours early today, so call ahead to the appropriate clerk's office.

### Filer City Council slates Jan. 3 hearing

**FILER** — The Filer City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 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 R. Kildew.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	As of Dec. 22	% of normal
Salmon	87%	32%
Big Wood	107%	36%
Little Wood	101%	33%
Big Lost	103%	34%
Little Lost	92%	31%
Henry's Fork/Teton	92%	32%
Upper Snake Basin	115%	36%
Salmon Falls	107%	35%

As of Dec. 22

"A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. The percentage of basin snowpack for this day is shown in the table above."

# IMPROVING THE ODDS

## New technology improves cancer cure rates

**By Sandy Miller Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — Dr. Charles Smith has seen some pretty amazing advances in cancer treatment in his 30-plus years as a radiation oncologist.

He's seen the advent of computer programs that help prevent errors and better personalize treatment. He's seen technology go from low radiation to high radiation and deliver it to cancer cells with less damage to surrounding

healthy tissue.

Best of all, he's seen more and more people survive the disease. It used to be one out of three people survived cancer. Now it's two out of three, Smith said.

"We've doubled the amount of patients we've cured in the last 30 years," he said.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center partners with St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute to provide state-of-the-art cancer treatment to people in the Magic Valley and

northern Nevada. The MSTI site at Magic Valley Regional is growing. St. Luke's and Magic Valley Regional recently added \$2.65 million in improvements, including a 3,266-square-foot expansion that houses a new linear accelerator — a machine that delivers high-energy X-rays to cancer cells. The room that houses the linear accelerator has extra-thick concrete and steel walls to prevent the high-energy X-rays from escaping.

The roof, the thickest part of the room, is six feet thick, said Paul

Louton, plant manager at Magic Valley Regional.

The new linear accelerator itself better isolates radiation to the cancer cells while better blocking radiation to healthy cells.

"There are less side effects and less damage to outlying tissues," said MSTI Site Manager Corinne Slagel.

Smith is also a new addition, coming on board at the Magic Valley Regional MSTI site from the Boise site in August. During his more than three decades

with MSTI, he helped set up programs in Meridian, Fruitland and Nampa. He and his wife, Barbara, have three grown sons, one a radiation oncologist at the MSTI site in Boise.

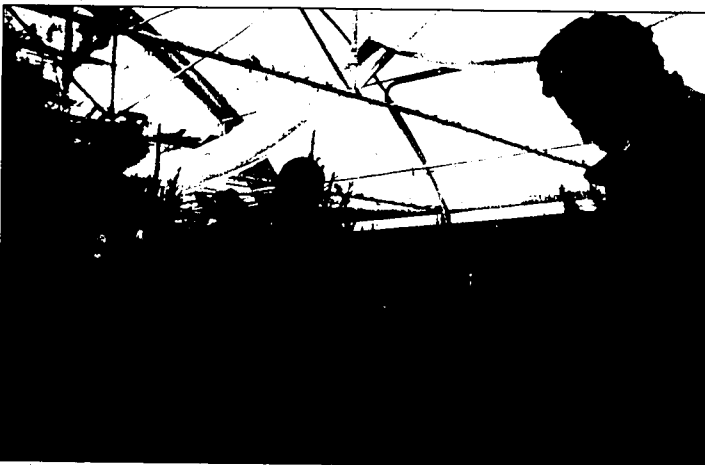
Although Ada County has the highest incidence of cancer due to its larger and more diverse population, the busiest MSTI site is right here at Magic Valley Regional, Smith said.

"It takes a lot of work to build a busy site," he said. "That's what I've tried to do here and it's been successful."

Having the latest technology helps.

"In order to build a cancer Please see **CANCER**, Page C3

## PICKING THE PERFECT ONE



To celebrate a new house Stella Duran, left, and Alva Duran select a Christmas tree Thursday at Kimberly Nurseries. The nursery has been giving away a select number of trees to those who want a tree, but feel that they cannot afford one.

## Cyclists go the extra mile for children

**Residents provide bicycles for kids in Mini-Cassia**

**By Chip Thompson For The Times-News**

**BURLEY** — There is probably no more important gift in a child's life than his or her first bicycle discovered under the tree Christmas morning.

But not every child's wish will come true this year, and that just didn't sit right with Justin Mitchell and Rock Temple, a pair of local cyclists.

"That's a classic for Christmas," Temple said this week. "You gotta have a bike under the tree."

So, around Christmas last year, Mitchell, a builder from Rupert, and Temple were sit-

**How to donate**

To donate to next year's "Bikes for Kids" program, contact Rock's Cycling and Fitness, 334 E. Main in Burley, (208) 678-3764.

participate in group rides on Tuesday evenings, and Temple said the group wanted to be able to ride as a team, with matching jerseys.

"We wanted to do a team jersey," he said. "And then we came up with the idea for a fundraiser."

The pair recruited Ivan Lugo, a graphic artist in Declo, to create the "Bikes for Kids" logo and Temple ordered the jerseys at cost through his shop.

"We figured we could get cool jerseys and give away bikes for Christmas," Mitchell said.

Local businesses and fellow riders donated around \$2,100, which was used to order the jerseys. All proceeds from sales of the jerseys have been used to buy Diamondback bicycles in a variety of sizes for children between 5 and 10 years old and a helmet to go with each bike.

Temple said the manufacturer gave him a discount because the bikes were being given away.

Temple has sold 58 jerseys, for \$40 each, to local riders and those visiting from other areas since the campaign began, and a few are still available, he said.

Since Thanksgiving, club riders have spent Saturdays at the shop assembling each bike and sealing the tires against punctures, Mitchell said.

The bikes are being given to parents so they can put them under the tree for Christmas morning.

The campaign has been such a success, both Mitchell and Temple said they plan to do it again next year. Those interested in donating money to offset the cost of the jerseys, a long sleeve version for 2006, should contact the shop.

## Burley takes a look at greenbelt study

**By Renee Wells For The Times-News**

**BURLEY** — An amphitheater, shopping areas, condos and an interpretive center are just some of the features included in a newly completed greenbelt study for the city of Burley.

Leonard Grassli of Grassli and Associates' development company, encouraged City Council members to be visionary about a 20-year plan for the city's riverfront.

Grassli presented drawings and a tentative rendition of what the riverfront would look like from the Riverfront Marina to the land along Bedke Boulevard bought by the city last year.

"You don't have to follow this plan exactly. Be flexible," Grassli said. "I would recommend you start on both the west and east ends and then those property owners in between who would like to follow this plan exactly."

Grassli suggested the council

amphitheater. Along the entire frontage of the river, a walking path would extend, winding through the proposed developments.

To the east of Overland Avenue's retail and commercial developments, an interpretive center, wildlife complex and even an ice-skating rink are being proposed where the wastewater treatment lagoons are located.

The walking path would extend to the west.

The plan is the result of months of meetings held between Grassli and members of the city's recreation committee. The final draft is a compilation of three proposals, Grassli said.

City attorney Randy Stone told the council the project should first of all be referred to the planning and zoning board for its recommendations, then brought back to the council. Council members unanimously agreed.

## 'Nutcracker' takes to the skating rink

**The Times-News**

Sun Valley will be in the full spirit of Christmas Saturday evening when the age-old children's favorite, "The Nutcracker," takes to the ice at 5:30 p.m. at the outdoor ice rink.

The free show will feature more than 75 people ages 3 to 80, plus, as well as Sun Valley skating coach Darlene Baker, Skate America technical dance specialist Andrez Dostani, former Russian Junior Ice Dance champion Liana Khalyavina and others.

Santa will also headline the show with an appearance on skates. A torchlight parade down Bald Mountain will follow the show, as well as fireworks over Dollar Mountain. Free skating from 6:30 p.m. to 9 will be warm dress is recommended.

## New rate schedule gets nod in Rupert

**Employees get bonuses for Christmas season**

**By Marie Michel For The Times-News**

**RUPERT** — The traditional Christmas bonus was again awarded to Rupert city employees this week.

The City Council voted to give \$25 to each full-time employee, \$10 to each part-time employee.

The bonus was among the lighter topics in a meeting that focused on the city's plan to change electricity rates and to raise sewer rates to a maximum of \$10 a month.

Under a proposal outlined by Bob Richardson of the city's electrical department, residential electrical rates would stay the same, commercial users would be charged a lower rate per kilowatt hour, an industrial classification would be added to the city's fee structure and irrigation costs would be dropped to 3.1 cents per kilowatt hour.

Kraft Foods' main plant is the only business in Rupert large enough to qualify for the industrial rate.

The presentation was the result of a request from council members called this year to modify the electrical rate structure, and they voted to bring the changes back in the form of a resolution at the January meeting for a vote.

"I think it needs to be done," said Steve Barras, one of two outgoing council members.

Although electricity bills will drop in some cases, sewer bills probably will go up for Rupert residents. The cost of the wastewater treatment plant upgrade has risen by \$1.6 million, said Dave Joyce, head of the wastewater treatment plant.

Most of the additional cost will come from improvements needed for water flow required by the fire department in case of an emergency, and for fire control.

Existing manholes are emitting foul odors because pressure lines are two miles long and waste is decaying in the pipes, Joyce said. A new lift station would be part of the remedy.

The city has received grants and will raise enough through a bond issue to pay for most of the \$18 million plant, but needs an additional \$2.2 million to complete the project with the required improvements, Joyce said.

He added that, to qualify for additional federal grants for the project, the city probably will need to increase sewer rates to \$45 to \$40 per month.

"If we haven't reasonably raised those, we won't fare as well as others" in the grant application process, City Administrator Roger Hagley told the council.

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# Idaho's population grows at third-fastest rate in nation

BOISE (AP) — Idaho, boosted by an influx of new residents and one of the highest birth rates in the nation, is the third fastest-growing state.

Estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau on Thursday showed Idaho's population grew by about 34,000 people, or 2.4 percent, between July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2005.

"Our strong economy continues to attract people and investment into the state," Idaho Commerce and Labor Director Roger Madsen said in a statement.

But residents will likely still be able to find elbow room as the state's population of slightly more than 1.4 million people ranks it as only the 36th most populous in the nation, while it ranks 14th in land area.

According to the Census, more than 61,000 people came to Idaho from other states, and an additional 14,500 came from other countries, easily outnumbering residents who moved away.

Idaho also had the sixth-highest birth rate and sixth-lowest death rate. The state's 7,776 births per 100,000 residents offset the state's 3,656 deaths per 100,000.

Census numbers are used to determine how many seats a state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives, which will be reapportioned in 2010. The more seats a state has, the more power it wields. But according to an analysis of the Census data by the American City Business Journals, Idaho will still be allotted only two seats in 2010, the Idaho Statesman reported.

According to the Census Bureau, Nevada and Arizona were the nation's fastest-growing states at 3.5 percent each. Florida grew by 2.3 percent, dropping to fourth behind Idaho in the Census figures.

The next fastest growing states were Utah, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, Delaware and Oregon.

California easily remained the most populous state with 36.1 million residents. Texas was second with 22.8 million and New York third with 19.5 million.

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According to the Census, the nation grew by just under 1 percent to 296.4 million people.

# Judge halts snowmobile trail grooming to protect caribou

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A federal judge has barred snowmobile trail grooming for the rest of the season in some of northern Idaho's most popular snowmobling areas to protect the last remaining caribou in the region.

The order did not prohibit snowmobiling, but ungroomed trails quickly become rough and impassable.

U.S. District Judge Robert H. Whaley of Spokane issued the order late Tuesday, halting grooming of snowmobile trails on U.S. Forest Service land near Priest Lake.

"When we weigh the balance of winter recreation and the most endangered animal, we're going to come down on the side of caribou," Priest River resident

Spengel, who directs the Selkirk Conservation Alliance, told the Spokesman-Review.

Mike Sudnikovich, also of Priest Lake, said the ruling could hurt local businesses.

"All those people that come from Seattle, Spokane, and Coeur d'Alene aren't going to go

out and snowmobile on these rough trails," Sudnikovich said. "It's unfortunate. It'll probably cost a lot of people their jobs and a lot of people their enjoyment."

The Selkirk Conservation Alliance filed the lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service with Defenders of Wildlife.

Conservation Northwest, the Lands Council, Idaho Conservation League and the Center for Biological Diversity.

Spengel said suing the Forest Service was the last option after nearly two decades of pushing the agency to protect caribou.

"They just snowmowed everything," Spengel said.

Tuesday's ruling did not settle the lawsuit, only banning for one year trail grooming on 450,000 acres of a federally designated caribou recovery zone.

But Spengel said the preliminary injunction against trail grooming was a good sign.

About 400 miles of trails on state land will remain open, while about 77 miles of trails on Forest Service land will be af-

ected. But snowmobilers say the Forest Service trails are important connectors.

Biologists say increased cougar populations and shrinking old-growth forest habitat are part of the reason behind the decline of northern Idaho caribou, only three of which were spotted last year.

A 2001 report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also identified snowmobiling as becoming a significant threat to caribou.

"Through direct harassment and indirectly by potentially precluding caribou use of historic habitats and travel corridors."

Whaley noted the Wildlife Service report in his ruling and said the Forest Service was in violation of the Endangered Species Act by promoting trail grooming in caribou recovery areas.

Forest Service spokesman Dave O'Brien said the agency plans to revise its long-term forest management plan for the region and will deal with that issue. He said a draft of the plan is scheduled to be released early in 2006.

## Officials delay decision in hiring lawsuit

CALDWELL (AP) — Canyon County commissioners have postponed a decision on whether to appeal a federal judge's rejection of a landmark lawsuit against local businesses.

The commissioners sued four

local employers, claiming they violated federal anti-retaliation laws by hiring illegal immigrants. The lawsuit was thrown out by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge, who said the commissioners had no standing in the case.

On Wednesday, Commission Chairman Matt Beebe said he needed more time to study the matter.

"My position is I'm not ready today to pass this appeal," Beebe said. "It's not that simple."

## Flooding fears begin to subside in Idaho

TENDUY (AP) — The National Weather Service canceled a flood watch on the Lemhi River in central Idaho on Thursday after warmer weather reduced the danger of an ice jam that had earlier caused some minor flooding.

"The warmer temperatures have helped the water under the ice jam to run a little more freely," said Peter Felsch, warning coordination meteorologist with the weather service in Missoula, Mont.

Cold weather earlier this week

caused ice jams on the Lemhi and Salmon rivers in central Idaho. Another ice jam on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River near St. Anthony in eastern Idaho resulted in a flood warning there on Monday, but the warning was canceled Wednesday.

The Lemhi rose above the

6.5-foot flood stage Tuesday because of an ice jam near Tendoy, about 20 miles south of the town of Salmon. The Lemhi flows into the Salmon River at Salmon, and another ice jam formed on the Salmon river about seven miles downstream from town.

## SERVICES

**Ralph Reynolds**  
RUFERT — Ralph Reynolds, 78, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at their home in Twin Falls.  
A celebration of Justice's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison

Way E. Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Jacklyn (Jackie) Walker**

KIMBERLY — Jacklyn (Jackie) Walker of Kimberly, Idaho, died at her home after a long illness on Dec. 22, 2005.

Arrangements will be made by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Gregory Lyle Bell of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Rupert 5th LDS Ward Chapel, 324 E. 18th St. Friends and family may call one hour before the service (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Filer L.D.S. Church on West Midway in Filer (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Omar Lee Mann, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Park's Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Gary Curtis Bowser of Carson City, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion Hall, 447 Second St. A celebration of Gary's life will follow the service.

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**Justice D. Allen**  
TWIN FALLS — Justice D. Allen, 9-month old son of Crystal Wren and Jeremy Allen,

Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

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### Olga Ann Yost

TWIN FALLS — Olga Ann Yost, 94, of Twin Falls, joined Vern in heaven on Dec. 22, 2005.

She was born Oct. 11, 1911, in Wilber, Neb., the daughter of Adolph and Albin Vaska. She was grew up and attended schools in Wilber. After graduation she taught school for one year. She married Vernon K. Yost on April 18, 1931, in Wilber, Neb. They lived on a farm in Nebraska until 1939, when they moved to Idaho living in the Bull area until 1955 when they moved to Gooding. They retired from the farm and dairy business in 1979, when they moved to Twin Falls, where she has resided ever since.

Olga is survived by two

one great-great-grandchild; and one sister, Abbie Kruger of Hemet, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Vernon, two brothers and two sisters.

A funeral will be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. A private family burial will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in memory of Olga.

The family would like to thank the staff of Birchwood Estates for their tender love and care.



daughters, Pauline (Bob) Harway and Frances (Ken) Mason of Twin Falls; a son, Sam Yost of Ketchikan; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren,

### Jacklyn (Jackie) Walker



KIMBERLY — Jacklyn (Jackie) Walker of Kimberly, Idaho, passed away at her home after a long illness on Dec. 22, 2005.

Jackie was born Feb. 17, 1932, in Oakley, Idaho, the youngest daughter of Charles and Leah Young. She married Wayne S. Walker on April 15, 1947, in Elk. Nev. To this marriage, three children were born.

Wayne and Jackie lived in Hansen for the first few years of their marriage where they farmed. Later, Wayne started work for Aslett Construction Co. and they moved all over Idaho, Nevada, Washington and Wyoming building roads. They settled permanently in Kimberly, Idaho, over 50 years ago and continued in road construction.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Wayne; two of their three children, Diane (Bob) Kerbs of Parker, Ariz., and Kelly (Maureen) Walker of

Idaho, and LaRae Griggs of Las Vegas, Nev.

Her oldest son, Larry Walker, her parents, three sisters and one brother, preceded her in death.


A memorial service for Jackie will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The family wishes to thank all of her caregivers at Hospice Visions, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and a great Thank You to Dr. Sam Ogden.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. All of her kids were very special to her and she was always happy to see them and find out what was happening in their lives.

These wishes to make memorial contributions may do so in her name to Hospice Visions & American Lung Association.

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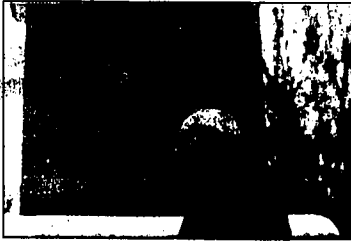


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# Mormon church president visits founder's memorial

By Jennifer Dobner  
Associated Press writer

SHARON, Vt. — Mormon church President Gordon B. Hinckley paused and looked up at the granite obelisk, erected on a Vermont hillside, where church founder Joseph Smith is believed to have been born.



Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, stands at the memorial obelisk on the grounds of the Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial on Thursday in Sharon, Vt.

"Quite a monument," Hinckley said. "Beautiful."  
On Friday, Mormons will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Smith's birth.  
Records from Smith family diaries place the birth here on Dec. 23, 1805. A hearthstone and a mass covered front step are all that remain of the original 24-foot-by-22-foot home where the Smith family ran a small farm.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints built and dedicated the 38 1/2-foot monument to Smith — one foot of granite for each year of his life — in 1985.

Hinckley, the 15th president of the church, was joined by one of his sons, six of his grandchildren and two great-grandchildren when he paid an early visit to the monument Thursday.

"This is the ground. This is the place. This is where it happened, this was the starting place," Hinckley, 95, told reporters at the monument's visitors center.

Smith founded the church April 6, 1830, in Palmyra, N.Y. He claimed God had appeared to him in a vision 10 years earlier, instructing him to restore the ancient church to the Earth. He later said an angel, Moroni, also appeared to him and led him to a set of buried gold plates, which Smith translated into the Book of Mormon, the faith's foundational text.

Today the church numbers a reported 12 million members in 160 countries.

Hinckley will speak to Mormons from Sharon, via satellite Friday, part of a celebration that will originate from church's Salt Lake City conference center and be broadcast into church meeting houses around the world.

"There's something very significant about the fact that we're reaching back and forth, almost across this whole continent, in this bicentennial celebration," Hinckley said.

Hinckley said he didn't know what Smith would make of such communications.  
"I can't read his mind," Hinckley said, drawing laughter. "I think he would be very much amazed."

The celebration will cap a year of Smith-focused events that included musical pageants and scholarly conferences. Hinckley himself called on church members to complete a full reading of the Book of Mormon before the end of the year, something he said he believed had produced a "great flowering of faith."

It was important, Hinckley said, to mark the anniversary with a visit to Sharon, which is roughly 15 miles north of White River Junction, along the border with New Hampshire.

"This is a significant place," he said.

Set upon a hillside and hidden behind a church meeting house, the monument is simple and quiet, except for the sounds of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir being piped through the stand of surrounding trees.

Quarried from granite in

Barre, Vt., the monument's obelisk is a single 40-ton slab of polished rock, set on a four-piece, 60-ton granite base, which was hauled in winter weather over six miles from a railroad car by teams of horses and moved up the hillside with the aid of block and tackle, church historians say.

About 55,000 people have visited the monument this year — far more than in previous years, said Grant Williams, of Kaysville, Utah, Williams and his wife, Sally, are serving a 24-month church mission at the monument hosts. About 20 percent of visitors are not members of the church, but almost universally, Williams said, visitors tell him the grounds have a sacred quality.

"They just feel that there's a spirit here," Williams said.

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U.S. Border Patrol agent Daniel McClafferty, far left, speaks with people identified by the government as undocumented immigrants, as a helicopter and a full moon illuminates the group in this May 4, 2004, file photo taken on the Tohono-O'odham Indian Reservation in Arizona.

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## Number of migrants returning to Mexico for holidays declining

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — For the third straight year, fewer illegal immigrants are returning to Mexico from Arizona for the holiday season, likely fearing tightened borders will make it too tough to re-enter the U.S., a Mexican consular spokesman says.

"It is happening," said Rodolfo Aguilar, a spokesman for the Mexican consulate in Nogales, the busiest port of entry between Arizona and the Mexican state of Sonora.

Mexican immigration figures show a trend of decline in the number of late-year south-bound crossings through Nogales since 2003, as well as through all but one of the four other ports of entry between the two states, Aguilar said.

"Mexican authorities do not check everyone who comes into Mexico. But I think the trend is clear," he said.

More Mexican nationals who are in the United States without proper documentation probably are staying rather than going home for the holidays because of their concern about being able to cross the border again, given continuing federal efforts to strengthen border security, Aguilar said.

"There might be another explanation," he said. "But we're not sure."

The records start and end dates vary for each year and encompass more than just the holiday period, which is celebrated in Mexico from Dec. 16, with Las Posadas, through

Christmas, New Year's Day and the Jan. 6 Dia de los Santos Reyes (the Three Kings), when gifts are exchanged.

Mexican immigration figures showed that 41,412 passengers, or "countrymen" — a reference often used in Mexico to describe migrants working in the United States — entered Mexico through the Nogales port between Nov. 24, 2003, and Jan. 11, 2004.

The number fell to 61,981 at Nogales between Nov. 18, 2004, and Jan. 9, 2005.

Figures from Nov. 1 of this year to Dec. 14 show only 17,896 going through the Nogales port. Entries also fell at Agua Prieta, San Luis Rio Colorado and Naco, climbing only at Sonoyta — all of which have much fewer crossings than Nogales.

Sonia Coronado, 28, who has lived in Tucson for more than six years, all but one year illegally, said she's staying put this holiday "because it's very difficult for a person to come back."

"There's more vigilance on the border than before," she said.

Coronado of Tepic, Sonora, has entered the United States three times — twice guided by a smuggler and once after returning home for the holidays and returning legally with a one-year, non-expired visa.

Mexicans with similar status in the United States have indicated in interviews that many "prefer to stay and not risk going and coming back," Aguilar said. "They prefer the contrary, that the families unite with them in the United States."

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# Oregon adopts more stringent vehicle emission rules

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Oregon Administrative Quality Commission voted unanimously Thursday to temporarily adopt tough new rules on car and truck emissions that will extend California standards to the entire Pacific Coast from Mexico to Canada.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski had recommended the stricter California standards for cars and light trucks beginning with the 2009 model year to help reduce

pollution blamed for global warming.

The Washington Legislature has already approved the stricter standards, but they will not go into effect unless Oregon agrees to them as well.

"The threat of global warming is real. It's fact, not just idle speculation," Kulongoski told the commission before the vote.

The federal Clean Air Act allows only California to set tougher emission standards

than federal law, but other states are free to adopt California standards.

The five Oregon commissioners said adoption of temporary regulations based on the California standard puts automobile manufacturers on notice that the West Coast is concerned about the economic threat of climate change.

"Without it, we'll be behind the eight ball, so to speak," said Judy Uherbelau, a commissioner.

The commission now has 180 days to go through the formal process to permanently adopt the California standards.

Commission Chairman Mark Reeve said states have taken the initiative because the federal government has been slow to respond to concerns about global warming.

"The most significant thing we could do is adopt rules like this... if the federal government is not taking a leadership role," Reeve said.

Oregon is the 11th state to adopt the stricter standards.

Opponents went to court last month in Oregon to challenge the request, but Marion County Circuit Judge Mary James is not expected to rule until mid-January on the lawsuit filed by Republican Senate Leader Ted Ferrioli, the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and more than a dozen car dealers.

They claim the Democratic governor ignored the wishes of the Legislature by asking the state Department of Environmental Quality to work on adopting the California standards by the end of the year.

But the Oregon attorney general's office says Kulongoski acted within his authority.

Automobile industry officials say the California standards could add as much as \$3,000 to the cost of a new vehicle without making them much cleaner.

## House task force pushes for changes to NEPA

Revising law would speed along projects, proponents say

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House task force is recommending changes to a landmark environmental law that would speed up a host of projects lawmakers say are too often plagued by delays.

Republican leaders say they hope to find ways to streamline the 35-year-old National Environmental Policy Act, which serves as the basis for federal management of public lands.

The GOP-dominated panel issued a draft report this week after studying the issue for eight months. The draft will be open to public comment for 45 days, with a final report expected in February.

The 30-page draft report recommends a number of changes, including one to address delays associated with NEPA. At a series of public hearings across the country, witnesses complained about that lawsuits — or even the threat of a lawsuit — can add years and millions of dollars to the cost of a new road, housing development or other project.

One way to prevent delays is to narrow the definition of what constitutes a major federal action, which under the law requires lengthy study and public comment before moving forward, the report said. All too often, projects that are not major are treated as if they were, leading to unnecessary delays, it said.

"The task force was presented with numerous examples and reasons that delay has become synonymous with the NEPA process," the report said.

One reason is the lack of clear timelines and milestones for actions by federal agencies, the report said. Another is lack of coordination among agencies involved in environmental projects.

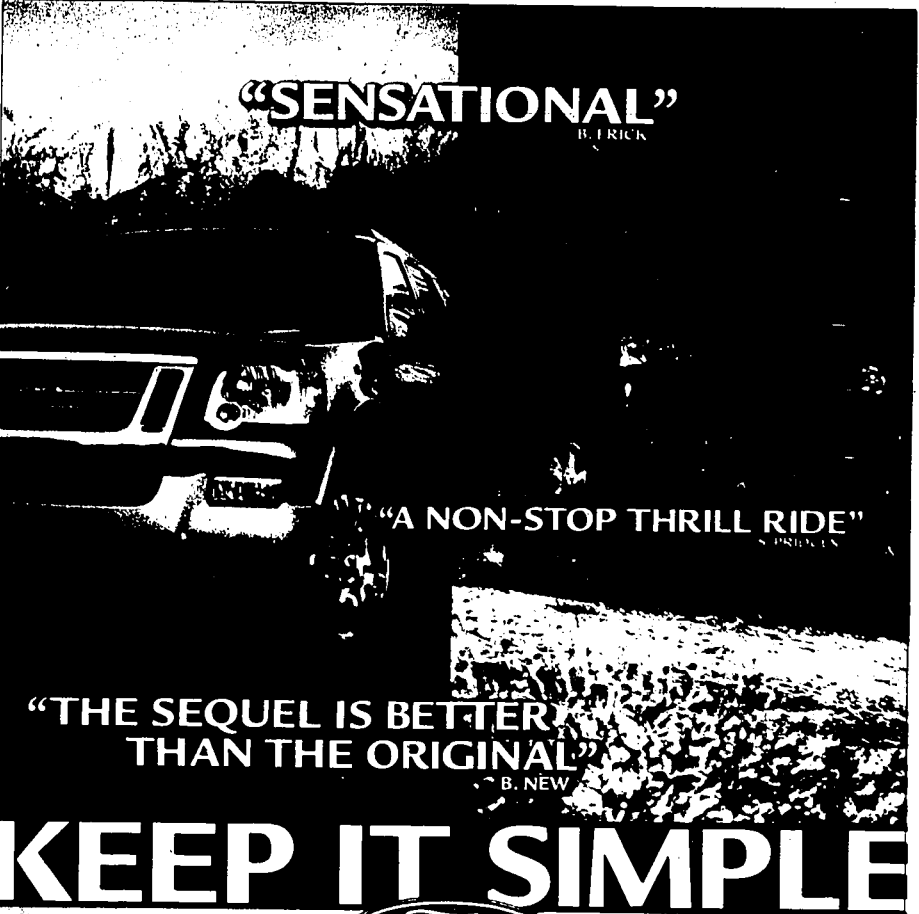
But a key reason for the delays is the increasing length and heft and NEPA-related documents, the report said. In 2000, the average size of an environmental impact statement was 742 pages; guidelines of the Council on Environmental Quality recommend that a normal EIS be less than 150 pages and a complex EIS be less than 300 pages.

The report also complained about the increased threat of lawsuits and recommended changes to clarify how citizens who object to a project can do so without filing a costly and time-consuming lawsuit.

Rep. Cathy McMorris, R-Wash., the task force chairman, called the report the product of extensive work during seven months of public hearings and consideration of thousands of public comments.

"The task force heard diverse opinions on whether or how to improve NEPA," McMorris said in a statement. "I am committed to providing practical recommendations that take these views into account and improve NEPA."

A spokeswoman for Democrats on the House Resources Committee called the report a "Republican draft document" and said Democrats who serve on the task force had no part in drafting it. Democrats will review the report "and look forward to the comments," spokeswoman Kristen Bossi said.



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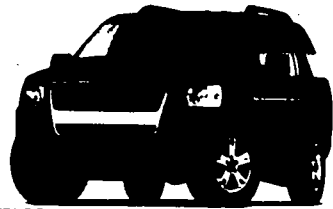
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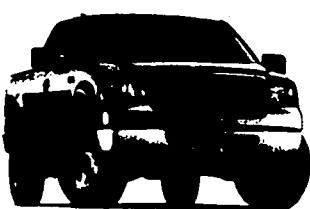
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# Suspect in ecoterror case found dead in jail

**PHOENIX (AP)** — An Arizona bookstore owner charged with eco-sabotage in Washington was found dead in a Flagstaff jail cell early Thursday, authorities said.

William C. Rodgers, 40, of Prescott, Ariz., committed suicide, according to the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. The county medical examiner determined that Rodgers suffocated after placing a plastic bag over his head while he was being held in a one-person cell.

Rodgers was one of six people arrested this month in connection with eco-terrorist attacks in Oregon and Washington in recent years. He was charged in the firebombing of a federal animal and plant health inspection service facility outside Olympia, Wash. The arson caused \$1.2 million in damage.

In an affidavit filed in federal court in Oregon last week, an FBI agent said Rodgers attended a meeting of Earth Liberation Front members in western Colorado where the arson of a Vail ski resort was planned, although he had not been charged in that case.

Rodgers was denied bail at a hearing in Flagstaff on Friday and ordered transferred to Washington for further hearings.

Rodgers was supposed to be transported to Seattle to face the charges. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Engvall said during a court hearing Thursday in Eugene, Ore., for another suspect, Chelsea Gerlach.

Engvall said Gerlach was placed on suicide watch as a result of Rodgers' death because of her close relationship with Rodgers.

Gerlach's attorney, public defender — Craig — Weinerman, denied the two were close. Magistrate Thomas Coffin denied Gerlach's request for bail

after Engvall said a search of her apartment in Portland on Wednesday had turned up false identification documents with her picture and materials to make other. The judge said that strongly suggested she might try to flee if released.

Weinerman had argued that she should be released because the government's case was based on the testimony of two other people who had admitted setting other fires.

Engvall added that she was also a suspect in the Oct. 14, 2001 arson of federal wild horse corrals in Susanville, Calif. No charges have been filed in that case.

In another development in the case, Daniel McGowan of New York City appeared in court in Eugene, Ore., for the first time since his arrest in New York. Coffin set Feb. 28 for the start of his trial on charges he set fire to a lumber mill office in Glendale

Ore., and a tree farm in Clatskanie, Ore.

Jailers in Flagstaff found Rodgers dead shortly before 7 a.m. Thursday. L. Charlie Wong said. Lights out at the jail is at 10 p.m., so he could have died anytime during the night, Wong said. He said there had been no indication that Rodgers was depressed or intended to take his own life.

"There was no indication of any distress," Wong said. "He was completely normal."

Another Arizona resident arrested the same day as Rodgers was also being held in the Coconino County jail when he committed suicide.

Sarah Kendall Harvey, a 28-year-old Flagstaff resident also known as Kendall Tankersley, faces charges related to another firebombing. She's accused of arson against a U.S. Forest Industries office building in Medford, Ore., in 1998.

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Sister Ardeth Platte celebrates after being released from Danbury Federal Correctional Institution on Thursday in Danbury, Conn. Platte, 69, a pacifist nun convicted of using her blood to deface a Colorado missile silo, said after her release from federal prison Thursday that she has no plans to stop protesting.

# Nun convicted of defacing Colorado missile silo freed

**DANBURY, Conn. (AP)** — A pacifist nun convicted of using her blood to deface a Colorado missile silo said after her release from federal prison Thursday that she has no plans to stop protesting.

Ardeth Platte, 69, and Sisters Jackie Hutson and Carol Gilbert were convicted in 2003 of obstructing national defense and damaging government property. They cut a chain link fence surrounding a Minuteman III silo in northern Colorado, then used baby bottles to draw a sign of the cross in their own blood.

Because she has a long history of such protests, Platte got the longest sentence and was the last to be released. She spent more than two years in Danbury Federal Correctional Institution.

Some of Platte's fellow prisoners worried that, if she kept protesting, she would die in prison. But Platte said she won't stop working, even though that might mean a longer sentence next time. And she's not worried about dying behind bars.

"So be it," she said. "It's my religious commitment. I don't know how long I'm going to live." The site the nuns were accused of damaging held weapons that could be launched within 15 minutes of a presidential order, court documents said.

"The charges remain bogus," she said. "It was. If you're not with us, you're against us. And that's what I would never stand with this government in any kind of killing."

The nuns are members of the Dominican Sisters order in Grand Rapids, Mich. They said

their protest was a symbolic disarmament, prompted by an imminent war with Iraq because the United States has never disavowed nuclear weapons.

"God forgive us for what we are doing in this country," she said.

Platte insists that she will not pay the government any restitution, which her sentence includes, because two months of every dollar is spent on war and defense. A federal judge criticized the nuns and Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, a Catholic, said their sentences were fair because nobody is above the law.

"These Catholics have not understood, or studied deeply enough, the stance against the crimes of the government," Platte said Thursday.

After a breakfast of wheat toast with jelly at a Danbury diner where supporters gathered to celebrate her release Thursday, Platte left for Baltimore and the faith House, a Catholic organization dedicated to nonviolence and social and political resistance where she will work for now.

She must serve three years probation, she said, during which she must check in with officers in Maryland and Colorado.

A low-security facility with an adjacent minimum-security prison camp, Danbury is home to 1,300 women. Platte lived in the camp, where she said she worked as a chapel clerk and ministered to women of many faiths. She received as many as 30 letters a day, she said, from people offering support and describing their protests.

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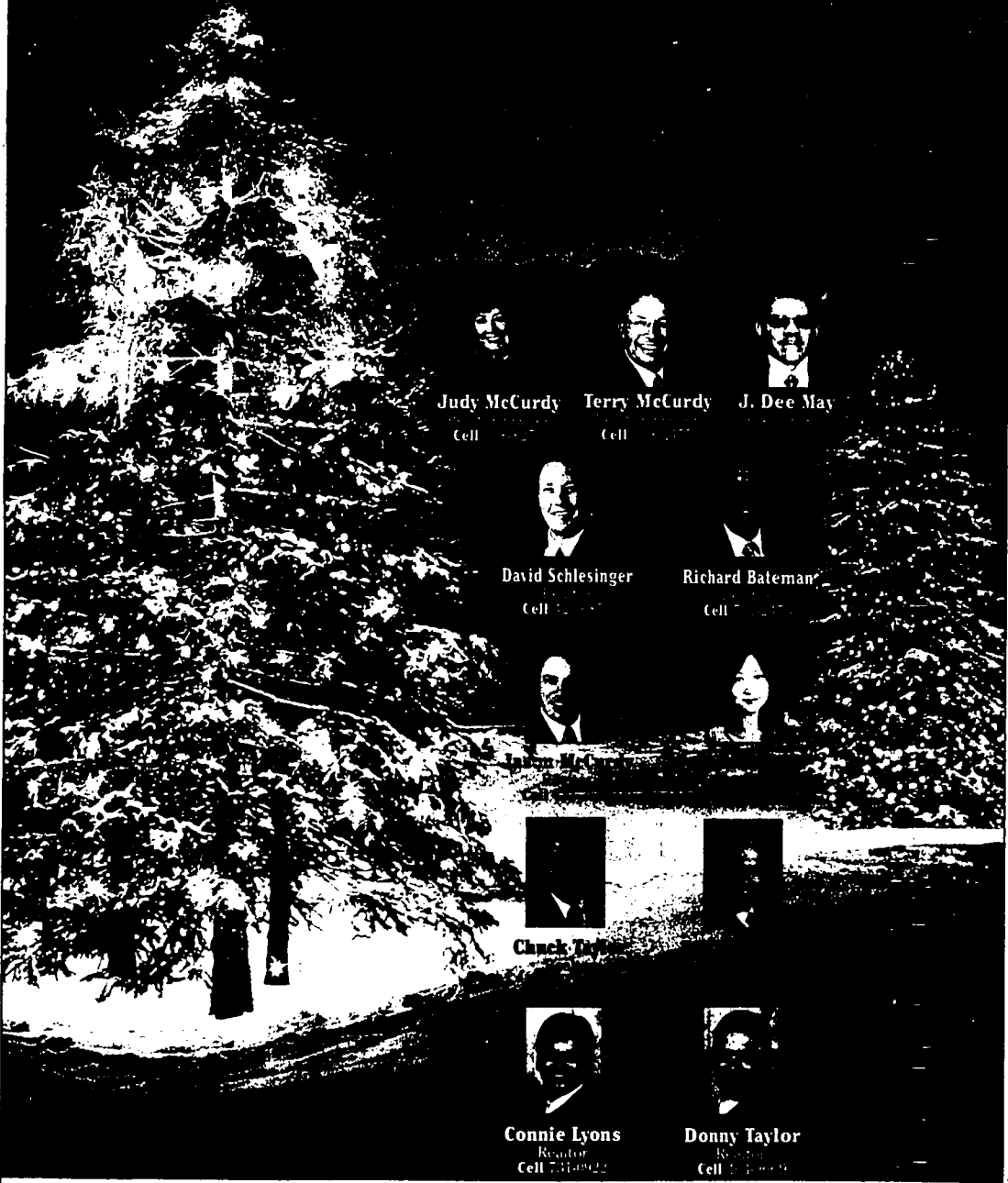
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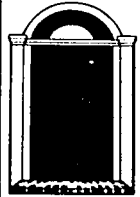
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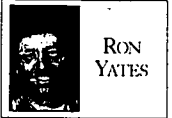
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## Growling hungry on a deer hunt

During the 1940s my father subscribed to "True Comics" magazine (truth is stranger and more exciting than fiction). I read them, too, many years later.



RON YATES

A one-panel comic entitled, "What would you do?" was in a few issues. One illustrated a buckskin-clad frontiersman, cowering in his *lean-to-shelter* during a blizzard, surrounded by wolves. His *gunpowder* was wet but he did have his fire, a hunk of meat, and some pieces of flint. Any ideas what to do? Here's the answer: embed the flint into the meat and throw it to the nearest wolf. That wolf's mouth would bleed profusely. Soon the other wolves, driven mad by the scent of blood, would kill and eat their peer. Thus, you would survive. Never doubting the writer for a moment, I've remembered this simple solution.

This past fall I returned to my truck alive, after hiking through eight miles of snow. I camped under my *lean-to-shelter* for two nights at 10,000 feet. I think the 11 elk hunters (four from Chicago) who had registered at the trail-head as going to the same spot, had routed the big buck I had seen last year and it had moved to quieter pastures long before I arrived.

I decided to stay the night at the truck. In the morning, I would hunt some south facing slopes downstream. I tied a tarp to the truck cab and stretched it tight over the bed for a frost repellent and crawled in. Two hours later I awoke to the call of nature. It was then that I heard something moving along the side of the truck. In this same area last year I was unnecessarily awakened by a mountain lion just because I was sleeping in its lair.

I listened, hoping the sound had only been a skunk. Suddenly, the unmistakable sound of a bear sliding an igloo cooler out from underneath the truck could be heard. There was a Coleman cooler too, but the bear chose the one without a latch. Fifteen miles from a paved road and I couldn't get any sleep.

I crawled out of my sleeping bag and into the moonlight for a look. It was a bear alright. It was sitting next to the cooler and had opened the lid, only to find blocks of ice. The bear looked quite sad, perplexed even with six inches of snow, what dope would bring block-ice camping?

The bear was still looking at the ice when I saw its left eye waggle toward me. The bear's head then snapped around to face me. Its eyes staring intently at me, looking at him. The bear's eyes began to widen. I suppose my white fishnet drawers, gleaming in the moonlight, made me look like the ghost of Iglou cooler-past because the bear's eyes became wider yet. Overcome with fear, the bear leapt straight up and hooked a toe in the cooler handle, flipping three blocks of ice against the truck. Wham, wham, wham! The cooler flew toward me and fell short. Landing on the frosty tarp, it rocketed down the tailgate. Zoom, crash, bang! You might say I scared the bear away.

Finally, answering nature's call, I heard a wolf howl for the first time in my life. Next year, I thought, if only for the sake of proving that "True Comics" writer's theory, I could carry some flint and a hunk of meat. But, wolves would never happen to me.

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Macie shows a happy face on a recent hunt.



Above, Hajil Gudenu can barely hold Maverick a 9 week old Wirehaired Point. She gives him a hug as he drips through her arms. Below, Marcy, an English Point, works on the quail.



## Picking a puppy

### The popular outdoors dogs for Christmas this year

By Bill Studebaker  
 Times-News correspondent

Dog. Man's best friend. Woman's worst enemy, particularly the sporting dog.

Yes, there are women who tolerate a hyperactive sporting dog because the kids love it, and it's a way to the husband's or boy friend's heart. It seems like all puppies start out in the "terrible twos." You know that age when kids walk around the house throwing everything they can reach on the floor. You know that age when they learn the word and concept of "NO!" and they defy you every time you say it.

And puppies who chew up shoes, arms on the couches, garden hoses, jump five-foot fences and poop in the back yard. Int-picking neighbor's yard. Those puppies, like spunky kids, are always winners.

If you want to see a kid's heart melt, put a puppy under the Christmas tree. Your son will squeeze it. Your daughter will nestle it. And there will be a wrangle over naming it.

My 1-year-old granddaughter wants to name the German Shorthair puppy "She" is getting Ice Cream. Go figure. Although Piper is getting a Shorthair, the most popular dog in the valley right now is the Labrador. ([www.wake.org/breeds/labrad](http://www.wake.org/breeds/labrad)) or its friendly, biddable, and versatile.

Most of the Labs I know carry a smile on their faces, and they are knock you down friendly. They can be homebroken, made kid tolerant, and taught tricks.

I had Summerfield was a duck hunting guide, and his Lab is truly a winner. It's quiet and still in the hand, keeps an eye on the sky, and it's the first to spot a duck coming. I'll hunker down, and that sure spot a duck's a comin'! I'll start staring through the camouflage and chuck a frog like a friendly hen.

This dog will swim 100 yards through shshy water to retrieve. It's a hard worker, but that's not the most amazing thing. It told us him, he'll go to the cooler and fetch a beer. Now that's impressive. That'll get you clients and tips.

The Lab is suited for more than ducks and geese. They can be an effective pheasant and chukar dog. Abe, Bruce Sereno's Lab, is a strong, well built dog. He is an agile climber who's not afraid to scurry up chills, which is a good thing because that's the primary habitat of the chukar.

Labs can be taught not to flush birds, and there's the rumor that there are pointing Labs, but generally Labs flush birds.

It's a bit different with the cross-purpose German Wirehair, a.k.a., *Dudhoun*, which is becoming popular. ([www.gwpca.com](http://www.gwpca.com))

Its running pattern is not unlike a Labrador's. It's not a sprinter, but it can do a good amount of ground work.

I know a field trier dog that was stretched out as a puppy, and it had good forward perpendicular distance. But the family dog or not, as a pointer, it has a lot of hunting dog tendencies not to mention.

The Wirehair is a trainable dog. It's not a sprinter, but it can do a good amount of ground work. It's not a sprinter, but it can do a good amount of ground work.

They are energetic but they don't make good hunters.

The *Dudhoun* is a friendly and good-natured dog. It's not a sprinter, but it can do a good amount of ground work.

Yes! The Wirehair is a trainable dog. It's not a sprinter, but it can do a good amount of ground work.

The neck is stretched out and up, the head is held in a front foot is up and back.

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OUTDOORS

CSI offers Pomerelle skiing trip

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a hands-on class, "Skiing on Pomerelle Mountains," from noon to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 19 through March 9, at Pomerelle Ski Resort.

This is a great opportunity to renew old skiing skills or begin a whole new experience. Students will be able to enjoy the scenery and learn from instructors at the Pomerelle Ski Resort. The class will provide the opportunity to progress at an individual pace, where students are allowed to take it easy or make themselves.

Cost is \$135, which includes instruction fees, lift tickets, and transportation. Equipment is available at an additional cost.

Students will meet in Article 13 at the CSI Parking lot behind the parking area and will need to hold a release form before the first class.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6298.

Institute will hold winter ecology workshop

POCAHONTO — The Sawtooth Science Institute, an outreach center of Idaho State University, will hold a winter

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ecology workshop Jan. 6 and 7 at the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve to provide educator training in a variety of winter topics.

Craters of the Moon has been recognized by the Winter Wildlands Alliance as the first Snow School for Idaho, and this workshop will allow participants to snowshoe through the park (snowshoes provided). Participants will snowshoe from three to five miles.

Training will be provided in different kinds of "Nivean" or snow-world environments, the characteristics and properties of snow, and the processes that act on snow. Also to be discussed are animal and plant coping mechanisms, strategies, behaviors and survival adaptations to winter. Presentations also will be made on winter health and safety issues, such as avalanches and hypothermia.

A variety of activities, games and experiments that can be used with students to teach about winter ecology will be presented. Tracks and trails are usually abundant and workshop participants will learn to

identify the animals that make them.

The workshop fee is \$10, and the recording fee is \$50. For more information, call (208) 788-9686, e-mail gertchris@isu.edu or visit http://imnh.isu.edu/ssl.

Free cross-country ski rentals, lessons offered

HANSEN — The sponsors of Cross Country Idaho are offering free cross-country ski rentals and lessons from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 7 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort.

Participants will be furnished skis, poles and boots, given lessons on skiing techniques and safety, and will be able to use the equipment for an hour.

Magic Mountain Ski Resort is located south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road. From I-84, take Exit 182 at the Traveler's Oasis and travel south.

Anyone wanting to learn about sport of cross-country skiing is invited.

The event is held in cooperation with Magic Mountain Ski Resort, High Desert Nordic Association, Miss ID, Radio, Sawtooth National Forest and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

For more information on

Cross Country Idaho, call Tom Coester at 837-4505.

Fish and Game offers hunter education classes

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

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

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

Students age 17 and younger completing the Hunter Education program will receive a free small-game hunting license for this year's hunting season. Students age 12 and older wishing to hunt big game this fall must upgrade to a junior hunting license. Cost for the upgrade is \$3.75 at any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office or for \$7.25 at other license vendors.

For more information, call 324-4359.

— compiled by staff reports

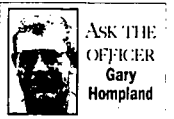
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Technology changes nature of hunting

Question: "I watched a group of mountain lion hunters last week keep a mountain lion in a tree for over four hours. It took that long for their friend who was called on a cellular phone to arrive and kill the mountain lion. Isn't that inhumane?"

Answer: If the person that harvested the lion possessed a hunting license, hunting permit and mountain lion tag before he killed the mountain lion, what you observed is not a violation of any Idaho law.

This is an example of extremely poor judgment and unethical hunting behavior. This behavior is exactly what fuels the fires of the "anti-hunt-



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

ing organizations. There is no sport in shooting an animal in a tree. This kind of act even turns the stomach of many dyed-in-the-wool hunters.

The sport involves the hunt, not the kill. It is sporting to find a fresh lion track and utilize the scenting ability of dogs to chase and perhaps catch the lion. To

harvest a lion after a good hunt is a reward for the hunter.

What reward is there for some hunters come lately that shows up to kill a lion in a tree after the hunt has ended?

The use of electronics such as cellular phones and radios is also becoming a concern among many sportsmen. The law only prohibits radio communication from an aircraft to the ground. Ground-to-ground communications are still considered lawful. It is common for some groups to use radios to guide hunting companions into lethal shooting positions. Many of these activities would be impossible if it weren't for the radio

"guide" informing the hunter of every move the animal makes.

Many sportsmen feel the use of any electronic device violates the "Spirit of Fair Chase" as described by the Boone and Crockett and Pope and Young clubs.

Time will tell if many of these technological advances will be allowed to continue to be used as an aid to hunting.

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County reaches agreement with BLM

SALLAKI CITY (AP) — Kane County and the federal Bureau of Land Management have reached a tentative agreement to end a dispute over the county's unauthorized placement of road signs allowing off-highway vehicles on federal land. The Salt Lake Tribune reported in a copyright story Wednesday.

The agreement states that county officials will remove all signs that don't comply with the BLM's transportation plan for

the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and surrounding areas.

The bureau will allow the county to assert its right-of-way claims across federal land. Officials say the process will mirror a recent appeals court decision which reduces heavy road ownership claims are evaluated and resolved, the newspaper said.

The agreement needs to be approved by Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Kane County commissioners.

Kane County's confrontation with the federal government began in 2003, when County Commissioner Mark Halbeshaue and Sheriff Lamont Smith removed dozens of BLM signs in the monument that restricted off-highway vehicles. The disputed U.S. attorney's office to convene a grand jury to determine whether charges would be filed. No criminal or civil complaints were ever filed.

Dogs

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the ankle; the muscular body is slight and tense, and the tail, the magnificent long tail, is up, as hung over the back.

When the English Pointer points, it stands like statue, postcard beautiful. There's a paradox that governs the English Pointer, and this may be the reason it isn't a common house dog. The paradox is, folks say, that a pointer isn't suited for the house, and, conversely, they are treated so, behavior follows word.

It's more common to see the English Pointer living solely in a kennel than in any other breed.

Not so, really, the English Pointer. It's in the front seat of Gene's pickup and helps him drive, and eats his lunch. Given a chance, the Pointer is a fine friend.

Now the Weimaraner is an easy friend (www.weimaranerclubusa.org).

It's among the pointing breeds, and it's among the several pointers developed in Germany. The Germans apparently favored a dog that pointed like the English Pointer, but they made a major modification. They doctored the tail, creating a dog that hunters could walk behind.

The short tailed Weimie is a moderate ranging dog, well suited for pheasant, partridge, and quail hunting. Its point is stylish, its retrieve is direct. It covers the ground thoroughly and keeps track of its hunting prey when it works well on the buddy system.

The Weimaraner doesn't have the direct intelligence that the Weimarer or Labrador has. It's more reserved and family oriented. It loves those with whom it lives.

The Weimaraner is one of the less popular field dogs, but a proven all-around model. Why it's not in the field more is a mystery to me. It's just the case,

which I'm passionate; the enthusiastic Britany Spaniel, the very personable Golden Retriever, the indispensable Vizla (oldest known pointing dog in the world), and the clever Griffon.

But last, the breed I'm going to briefly sketch this Christmas season is the German Shorthair Pointer. (www.gspca.org)

The Shorthair is the second most popular dog in the valley. It might even be neck and neck with the Labrador. I know a lot of Lab owners who also have a Shorthair in their backyards.

The Shorthair has a short tail and the German determination for perfection. It works hard, and when in shape, it can stay down (run and hunt) all day. Its running range varies, but it has been bred to compete with the English Pointer, and it often runs big.

However, it's easy to hack them back and get them working within a decent range. I say decent because the purpose of a Shorthair is to cover ground, lots of ground, and when game is found, to point and hold it.

The German Short points like a champion, and holds until its partner catches up, however long it takes.

Make a good shot, and there will be a good retrieve, right to your hand. Shoot a double, and it will mark the down. And like the Weimaraner, the Shorthair will retrieve in water. It is enthusiastic about it and is

often used for duck and goose hunting. But woe is it when a hard winter comes, its hair is truly short, and it doesn't provide the protection needed when it's really cold. A Shorthair can shiver in a duck blind faster than an electric toothbrush can whir.

That's good because it can spend the winter in the house. It is the most biddable of the breeds.

A Shorthair knows what you're doing before you do. They love their home. Well, there are choices, and it really doesn't matter which dog you choose—the kids are happy. Check out the pedigrees and have a Merry Christmas.

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# EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY

## December is the time to catch Bear Lake's whitefish

By Bryce Petersen Jr.  
Standard-Examiner

GARDEN CITY, Utah — Just like everyone else, Ray Elliott, of Garden City, and Ralph Blotter, of Ogden, celebrate from Thanksgiving through Dec. 25. But it's not trees, family and trips to the mall that get them into the spirit of the season.

"Don't put my name in the paper," Elliott said from a boat on Bear Lake. "My wife thinks I'm Christmas shopping. But I'd sure rather be doing this."

They spent the morning of Dec. 7 — a morning that started out with a temperature below zero — out in a boat a few feet from an icy shore, with fishing poles held in cold fingers, bouncing a jig in hopes of attracting a fish known more for its bones than its meat.

It's the annual Bonneville whitefish spawn at Bear Lake, which begins around Thanksgiving and usually lasts until close to Christmas. This is the time and place when just about anyone can catch a cooler full of the tasty fish — larger on average and with far fewer bones than its river-dwelling cousin.

No downriggers needed. No fish finders, either. No boat, even, though it makes the activity a little more comfortable. Four-pound-test fishing line and a handful of cheap jigs is all you really need.

The whitefish can be caught from shore near the marina or on the east side near Cleco Beach — anywhere with shallow rocks.

A trip to Bear Lake this time of year will numb the fingers and toes. A slip on the icy, rocky shore can leave hefty bruises, which only your closest friend will see. And it will test you in other ways.

"This tests your rods out, it tests your teeth out. If I test your boat out people will say 'Oh, my boat's running great,' then they'll take it to Bear Lake in the winter," said Scott Tolentino, Bear Lake fish biologist for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

But there are a hardy few that wait all year for this holi-



Ralph Blotter, right, and Brian House fish on Bear Lake near Garden City, Utah, on Wednesday.

day treat.

Blotter is one. On Dec. 7, his third fishing day out of five, Blotter, who also has a place on Bear Lake's shore just across the Idaho border, pulled a 2-pound whitefish out of the cold, slightly murky lake at a clip of about four fish an hour — a little slower than usual, he said.

Blotter introduced himself with this speech: "I'm Ralph Blotter. I'm from Fish Haven and I smoke all the whitefish I catch. I love fishing in the winter. I spend Thanksgiving to Christmas over here. I don't care how cold it gets, and if the wind blows, let her blow. The only thing we don't like is muddy water."

Muddy water, which happens during wind storms, makes it harder for the spawning whitefish to see his lure. And if they can't see it, it can't anger them into biting. The fish move very shallow to rocky areas for the spawn, and they are a bit testy. Most colors of 1/8-ounce tube jigs work (Red was the hot color that day).

So long after most boats are

winterized, covered and garaged until spring, these guys are catching, keeping and cooking as many of the 18- to 20-inch fish as they can. And DWR encourages them with a 10-fish limit.

"They can harvest a lot more than they are now and not even make a scratch in the population," Tolentino said. "I know some fish biologists from Finland (where whitefish are king). They look at our numbers and say, 'Why aren't you harvesting more?'"

The problem is convincing people to try, when most cold-weather anglers are drilling holes in Mantua's ice and the fair-weather anglers are saying, "Go through that for whitefish!"

Whitefish are the bony bottom-feeders with the tiny mouths that suck nymphs from Weber River holes near Faggart and Croydon. Catch-and-release fly fishers love the fight, but very few make it to the table.

Well, Tolentino said, these whitefish are different. Their mouths are much larger, for one

— he's even caught them on large flatfish meant for 15-pound lake trout — but more importantly the bones that are woven right into the meat are much smaller and there are fewer of them. The bones in the river whitefish are more pronounced to help them fight the current, he said. In fact, most of the Bonneville bones dissolve during cooking.

"They're a really wonderful fish. They have a flaky meat that's just tasty," Tolentino said, as he dropped another pound-and-a-half female into the cooler. "People don't really realize that these are different than the river whitefish."

It's an image problem, a problem of perception. Tolentino brings up the Finnish biologists again. They stock whitefish everywhere, he said. He once asked them why they didn't stock rainbow trout instead. They were dumbfounded.

"They said, 'Let me ask you a question: Why don't you stock whitefish instead of rainbow trout?'" Tolentino said.

## Hunters should send in harvest reports

For The Times-News

JEROME — Hunters who haven't sent in their harvest reports for deer, elk or antelope will get two reminder letters in the mail this year. The first one was sent on December 15, with the second one going out Jan. 6.

To date, 44,000 hunters have not completed their harvest reports. With big game season-setting meetings fast approaching, Idaho Fish and Game biologists need the information.

"The harvest reports are critical for us to manage Idaho's big game herds," said Randy Smith, Fish and Game Regional Wildlife Manager. "Harvest information combined with our aerial survey data helps us determine the appropriate number of permits to authorize next year without degrading the current population of big game animals."

In areas where harvest was low and herds are larger than the habitat can support, biologists can then change season dates, methods of hunting or number of tags to increase harvest.

"It is one of the most useful pieces of information we gather each year before we have the

big game public meetings in February," Smith said. "If we have all the information to present to the sportsmen they can then make informed decisions on how they would like us to meet the region's management goals."

To help sportsmen report the information in a timely manner, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has created several methods to simplify the process.

On the Internet, sportsmen can log on to [https://www.idahohunt.com/harvest\\_reports/lddgrna.asp](https://www.idahohunt.com/harvest_reports/lddgrna.asp) on the Fish and Game web site. Reports can also be filed by mail to Hunter Harvest Reports, PO Box 70007, Boise, ID 83707-0107; by phone at 1-877-268-9365; or by fax at 775-423-0799.

All deer, elk and antelope hunters should complete and submit a report for each tag issued within 10 days of harvest or within 10 days of the close of the season for which the tag was valid.

Hunters who do not report will not be able to purchase a license the following year until the report is filed. For more information, call 324-4359.

## Feds release strategy to recover Atlantic salmon

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Five years after Atlantic salmon were declared endangered on eight Maine rivers, federal recovery plans have released a recovery plan aimed at restoring salmon runs from the Kennebec River to the Canadian border.

The 325-page document lays out a strategy with nine key recovery actions, beginning with better protection of salmon habitat. It also lays out 13 threats to salmon ranging from acid rain to aquaculture operations off the coast of Maine and New Brunswick.

While the long-term goal is for the number of wild salmon to begin growing, the immediate goal is simply to stop the

decline, said Patrick Kellher, executive director of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission.

"These populations are truly in danger of going extinct," Kellher said.

The federal government listed Atlantic salmon as endangered on eight Maine rivers in November 2000, saying the species is in danger of extinction.

Back then, marine biologists said wild salmon numbers were at an all-time low with only about 300 mature salmon returning to the eight targeted rivers. By 2002, the estimated number dropped to between 23 to 46. In 2003, it was between 60 and 113 fish.

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## A cowboy's guide to late Christmas shopping

Last minute shopping guides are written by women. Face it, men are too busy last minute shopping to write a guide. If you want an expert at last minute shopping, find a rancher. They know the drill. They are experienced operating under pressure. There's nothing like delivering a calf or facing a banker on a down market to mature a man's nerves.

Iron nerves are what it takes to wait until the last minute of the last day. The building panic of closed stores and sold out toys must be faced down. A cold, methodical approach is needed to complete a job ignored for 364 days.



COMMENTARY  
Rusty Tewes

Amlessly wandering aisles, looking, bumping into frantic last minute buyers, looking some more, staring at a display case of Star Wars figurines. Classic symptoms of the novice last minute shopper.

The pros have a game plan of sorts. Inventory your resources, who are you buying for, how much time do you have, what stores to shop? The biggest question — how much financial pain can you endure?

Money: the reason most late shoppers are late. The bargains are on the last day, the frenzy is usually on the last day and late shoppers put off the pain of spending until the last moment.

Where to shop? If you are shopping late, be efficient. Avoid the crowds in the big box stores where thousands of frantic late shoppers are plugging the aisles and checkout lines. Shop the hardware stores, farm stores, little mom and pop stores, down town. Shop what you know.

Don't think your aunt needs anything from the farm store? Is she the bird feeder type? They've got it. About the cousin that gave you Feen-a-mints last Christmas because he said you were too uptight? How about a lawn gnome from the hardware store's close out bin? It's quick, irritating and usually un-returnable.

Gifts for your dad are easy. As you swing by the bird feeders in the farm store, grab him a flannel shirt and pair of leather gloves. Nothing says "I love you, Dad" like leather gloves. Besides, you can borrow them to scrape your car windows on Christmas Day.

Last minute shopping for your kids is dangerous. Whatever it is they want, it's expensive, sold out and certainly not where you like to shop. The guilt of buying the wrong X-Box game only lasts for a day or so. Weigh the guilt of the wrong game versus the guilt of the bounced check. The price of shopping late is high.

Stores close early Christmas Eve and you are down to your last half hour. There is one person left on your list — your wife. It's not a good plan to be wandering the cooking utensil aisle looking for a hand operated can opener. She may be great cook, but kitchen tools won't do the trick.

Jewelry works, a new car is nice. Aw, heck, a bathrobe will do.

Rusty Tewes is a Times-News Commentator.

# Procrastinated presents



Illustration by CHRISTINA DAMPER/The Press-News

## Need a gift quick? Here are some ideas

By Kelly Koch  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — If procrastination has put you in a panic, you're not alone.

Twin Falls resident Kiley Johnson admits she waits until the last minute to wrap up her shopping. "It's stressful putting it off, but I do have a hectic work schedule," said Johnson. "The reality that Christmas is going to be here a lot quicker than you realize makes you want to get your shopping done sooner than later."

Many people looking for a quick gift are going the gift card route this season.

"They are quick and easy and you don't have to decide on one specific gift, you just give them a gift card and let them choose how to spend it," said Johnson.

Old Navy employee Beau Burk agrees. "We have sold a lot of gift cards, they are big this year, that and pajama tops and pants."

He said the store is planning a last minute sale this weekend.

There is also a solution for people flying into town without a present to give on the morning of the 25th.

Jackie Zapf, owner of A Airport Gift shop at Magic Valley Regional Airport, A Double Zzap, opens their doors at 5 a.m. on Christmas Day.

She says that popular seasonal gifts for travelers on the fly are meat and cheese gift baskets, candles, and stuffed animals.

"Most shoppers that we see coming in early on Christmas are looking for things to stuff stockings," said Zapf. "We see a lot of travelers who are visiting family for the holidays looking for a house warming gift."

Any number of area businesses are open late Saturday and even Christmas Day for last minute shopping. Here's a list to consider.

### Fruit and gourmet gift basket

It's hard to beat the traditional fruit and gourmet gift basket when it comes to choosing a gift for a neighbor or business client. They are attractive and they are sure to please the recipient's taste buds as they come in an assortment of fruits, jams, cheese, cookies, crackers, and candies.

### Gift certificates

When all else fails and cash is just not personal enough, a gift certificate will save the day. They are available at almost every restaurant, movie theater, coffee shop, and beauty salons. You can even encourage your teen to download music legally with an iTunes

gift card.

### Magazine subscriptions

This works for most everyone in the family from teens to grandparents. You can buy the magazine the day before Christmas if necessary, then tear out the subscription card and mail it in. Then present them with the magazine on Christmas Day. The only trick to this is trying to figure out which one they will like.

### Give the gift of reading

Books can be a great gift and reading is good for everyone.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239 Poleline RD is open till 7 p.m.; Crowley's 734-6781 is open till 6; Bells 734-6400 is open till 4; Hastings 733-0147 is open till 8, all on Christmas Eve.

### Frame a photo

Pick up a picture frame just about anywhere — grocery stores or a drug store and fill it with a photo of who they love or something they love.

### Truck stops

If you've waited until early Christmas morning to start shopping, truck stops are open 24 hours a day including Christmas, and are a great last minute resort. You

might even be able to beat Santa to the tree before the sun shows. Find DVD's, t-shirts, and stuffed toys reasonably priced. Try The Traveler's Oasis Truck at the Eden exit on I-84, 825-4147 or Flying J travel plaza, just off I-84 at exit 173 on Highway 93.

### The Twin Falls Airport

If you find yourself flying into town on Christmas, pick up a gift on the fly at A Double Zzap gift shop. You will find gift baskets, candies and Idaho theme gifts. Opens at 5 a.m. Christmas morning.

### Flowers

Visit your local flower shop and grab a dozen red roses and add a personalized note for your loved one.

### Ski passes and/or lessons

People always love getting a chance to do more of what they love for free.

Sun Valley Resort offers a New Years special. Call 800-786-8259

Bogus Basin in Boise/Idaho offers gift cards in amounts from \$25 to \$500. Call 208-332-5100

Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort, Albion, 673-5555

Magic Mountain Ski Resort, Kimberly, 423-8221

Soldier Mountain Ski Area, Fairfield, 764-2526

## Magic Valley stores await last-minute Christmas shoppers

By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Looking for those last minute gift items? Most businesses around the Magic Valley are ready to accommodate you — almost up to the last minute. Magic Valley Mall is open until 6 on Christmas Eve and retailers in the valley's smaller towns have much to offer.

Valley Co-Op stores, located in Jerome, Shoshone, Gooding, Buhl and Wendell have outdoor items, horse tack and edible treats, like the famous Idaho Spud bars, for great stocking stuffers. The stores close at noon on Christmas Eve.

Connie Hunt, office manager at D&B Supply in Jerome, said the store is "always pretty busy, up to the last minute."

### Closing times

Here's a partial list of stores and closing times for Christmas Eve.

**Gooding/Wendell**  
Family Dollar, open until 6 p.m.  
Simerly's, 6 p.m.  
King's Variety Store, 6 p.m.  
Valley Co-Op, noon  
Ace Hardware, noon

Open until 5 Christmas Eve, Hunt said the sale racks are popular and this year, folks are purchasing cold-weather items.

"Lots of boots, hats and gloves are being wrapped up," she said.

"Propane heaters are a hot seller right now," said Hunt. "And make a great gift for truck drivers who need to keep the

**Jerome**  
D&B Supply, 6 p.m.  
Family Dollar, 6 p.m.  
Valley Co-Op, noon  
Wal-Mart, 6 p.m.  
Rosebud's Florist and Gifts, Jerome and Twin Falls, 3 p.m.

**Twin Falls**  
Magic Valley Mall, 6 p.m.  
Most downtown shops, varies from noon to 5:00 p.m.

diesel from 'jellin'." Hunt also recommends the store's Montana Silver and Dakota Gold jewelry items — some up to \$110 in value.

Paula Simerly, owner of Simerly's in Wendell, said doors close at 6 on Saturday, but gift items galore are in stock including bulk Christmas candy and fancy

chocolates. "We will have some in-house sales and have a great line of hunting and outdoor clothing," she said.

Simerly said fresh flower arrangements, made locally, are popular for a last minute gal gift and run under \$20.

In Buhl, Valley View Laven-der Farms stays open "just about until anybody needs us," said Dana Jackson, assistant manager.

"We can make up baskets or made-to-order gift kits," she said. "We also have lots of stocking stuffers."

Jackson said if customers can't get out to Buhl, Valley View products can be seen in Twin Falls at the Black Sheep Gallery. If they are out of stock there, "Call us and we can get it to you," she said.

Closing times for downtown Twin Falls stores vary, so the last minute shopper may do well to call ahead before making the trip.

Inspired Living Stores on Twin Falls' Main Street is open until 4, said business manager, Denise Fuller.

"We carry anything that will add to your home," she said.

That includes designer blankets, pillows, gift items, jewelry and silk flower arrangements.

For the last minute shopper who can't make up their mind, Fuller suggested gift certificates.

Like most stores, Inspired Living opens the day after Christmas so if you purchase something too big to carry out on Christmas Eve, "we can deliver starting on Monday," she said.

MONEY

New York transit workers end strike

They still don't have a contract



New York bus drivers react to Thursday's news that Transport Workers Union local 100 president Roger Toussaint has declared the transit strike over and for drivers to report to work immediately.

NEW YORK (AP) — Faced with mounting fears and the rising wrath of millions of commuters, the city transit union sent its members back to work without a new contract Wednesday and ended a crippling, three-day strike that brought subways and buses to a standstill.

Union members were told to return to their jobs starting with the evening shift. Buses were expected to be rolling again by evening. And most subways were expected to be running by the Friday morning rush, just two days before Christmas.

"I'm still really mad that they did it," said Jessica Korman, 21, who was in town for the holiday. "I really think it's screwed up that they decided to strike the week before Christmas."

The breakdown came after an all-night session with a mediator. Around midday, leaders of the 33,000-member Transport Workers Union overwhelmingly voted to return

and tourists to capitol, lake taxis, ride bicycles or trudge through the freezing cold. But the strike did not cause the other chaos that many had feared, and transit in many parts of town was surprisingly high.

"In the end, cooler heads prevailed," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "We passed the test with flying colors. We did what we had to do to keep the city running, and running safely."

The walkout, which began Tuesday, was New York's first citywide transit strike in more than 25 years.

The workers left their jobs in violation of a state law prohibiting public employees from striking.

The return to work was announced just minutes before Toussaint and two of his top aides were in a city court to answer criminal contempt charges that could have landed them in jail.

Earlier this week, state Justice Arthur E. Engoron ordered \$1 million a day for striking and under the state no-strike law, the rank-and-file members were automatically docked two days for each day they stayed off the job.

to work and resume negotiations with the transit authority on a new three-year contract.

"We thank our riders for their patience and forbearance," said union local president Roger Toussaint.

While the deal put the nation's largest mass transit system back in operation, it did not resolve the underlying dis-

pute — pension contributions were the main sticking point, meaning there could be another walkout if the negotiations fail.

The strike cost the city untold millions in police overtime and lost business and productivity at the very height of the Christmas and holiday millions of commuters, forced shoppers

CVS confirms talks with Albertson's

CVS (AP) — Drugstore chain CVS Corp. said Thursday it has been in discussions with Boise-based Albertson's Inc. regarding the purchase of the drugstore chain's Sav-on and Osee supermarkets.

But CVS, a Rhode Island-based company that operates more than 5,400 retail and specialty pharmacy stores nationwide, said no agreement on any transaction between the company and Albertson's has been reached. It canceled a planned conference call with analysts, Thursday morning after news that the supermarket chain had entered negotiating with bidders and was planning alternatives to selling the entire company.

The New York Times cited unidentified sources Thursday in saying Albertson's broke off negotiations Wednesday night with a group of investors that were looking for the company.

The newspaper said the company terminated talks with a group that had been the leading bidder in an auction to buy Albertson's chain for approximately \$9.6 billion in cash and stock, or about \$26 per share.

Albertson's spokesman David Parker said Thursday that the company would not comment on the CVS announcement or the Times story.

Albertson's is the nation's second-largest supermarket chain with about 2,500 stores including Albertson's, Acme, Shaw's, Jewel, D'Amico and Sav-on Drugs. The company announced Sept. 21 it was interested in pursuing "strategic alternatives" to increase shareholder value and launched a three-month auction to accept bids on the chain. The company has struggled due to an extended period of lagging sales results, a sluggish share price and competition from lower-cost rivals such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Jury awards \$172M to Wal-Mart workers denied breaks

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A California jury on Thursday awarded \$172 million to thousands of employees of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. who claimed they were illegally denied lunch breaks.

The world's largest retailer was ordered to pay \$57 million in general damages, and \$115 million in punitive damages to about 116,000 current and former California employees for violating a 2001 state law that

requires employers to give 30-minute, unpaid lunch breaks to employees who work at least six hours.

The damages were originally tallied as \$207 million after a court clerk mistook the punitive damages as \$150 million.

The amount of punitive damages was later corrected.

violations by Wal-Mart, and the first to go to trial. The Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer, which earned \$10 billion in profit, settled a similar lawsuit in Colorado for \$50 million.

In the California suit, Wal-Mart had claimed that workers are not entitled to punitive wages on a timely basis. Under the law, the company must pay workers a full hour's wages for every missed minute.

The company also said it paid some employees their penalty pay and, in 2003, most workers agreed to waive their legal claims as the law allowed.

The lawsuit covers former and current employees in California from 2001 to 2005. The workers claimed they were paid more than \$6 million plus interest, and sought damages to punish the company for acting wrongfully.

Shareholders OK Maytag sale

NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — Shareholders of Maytag Corp. on Thursday approved the sale of the company to real-estate investor Whirlpool Corp. for about \$1.79 billion in cash and stock.

If the transaction is cleared by the U.S. Department of Justice early next year, it will mark the end of the iconic Iowa-based

company as an independent appliance manufacturer.

If approved, the government, Maytag shareholders will receive a 100 percent offer of Whirlpool stock and half in a fraction of Whirlpool stock. The exact amount Maytag shareholders will get in stock depends on the value of Whirlpool shares when the deal closes.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, and INDEXES.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table listing NASDAQ national market data with columns: Name, Chg, Vol, Bid, Ask, Last, High, Low, Open, Close, YTD % Chg.

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Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD % Chg.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are in 115. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange data with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD % Chg.

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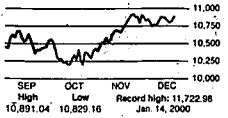
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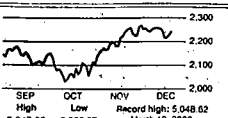
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Dec 22, 2005 Dow Jones Industrials



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Stocks move higher on good employment data

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose modestly for a second straight session Thursday as unemployment claims fell unexpectedly and consumer spending grew. It somewhat tepidly without triggering inflation.

Consumer spending increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers increased spending modestly in November, although the growth in their incomes slowed a bit, raising doubts about how strong the Christmas sales season will be.

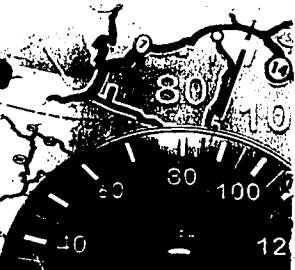
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Section E

### 2006 HONDA CIVIC

## An extreme transformation



The all-new 2006 Honda Civic - outside the boundaries of traditional small car thinking

**Road/Worthy**  
By Ken Chesler, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

As the cornerstone of Honda's automotive heritage, the Civic represents the first high volume production automobile that showcased Honda's spirit of innovation to a North American audience, ready for something new. The all-new eighth-generation Civic amplifies its defining character with a long list of Honda technology and engineering innovations, resulting in a vehicle that is pure Honda, exclusively Civic and outside the boundaries of traditional small car thinking.

The exterior of the new Honda Civic follows a futuristic and high-tech "Advanced Personal Compact" design that incorporates a sweeping roofline and ultra-sleek windshield angle to highlight the vehicle's one-motion profile, low and wide stance, and exceptionally aerodynamic shape. Available in DX, LX, EX and Hybrid models, the new Civic sedan exhibits 100 percent exterior

sheet metal and unique proportions such as wheelbase, overall length and height as opposed to the coupe models. The sedan becomes more sophisticated and upscale as the coupe becomes sportier.

The front-drive Civic is available with the following two engines: an innovative 1.8-liter I-VTEC and an ultra-efficient 1.3-liter I-VTEC with Integrated Motor Assist in the Civic Hybrid. Torque is communicated to the street

### 2006 Honda Civic by the Numbers

**WHEELBASE:**  
106.3; overall length: 176.7; width: 69.0; height: 56.5 - measurements in inches.  
**ENGINE:**  
1.8L - 140 hp at 6,300 rpm and 128 lbs-ft of torque at 4,300 rpm; 1.3L - 110 hp at 6,000 rpm and 123 lbs-ft of torque at 1,000-2,500 rpm (Hybrid).  
**TRANSMISSION:**  
five-speed manual, five-speed automatic, continuously variable transmission (CVT).

**Price:** The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Honda Civic sedan starts from \$14,560 for DX, \$16,510 for LX, \$18,260 for EX and \$21,850 for the Hybrid. Destination charges add \$550.

**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
30 city/38 hwy., (manual); 30 city/40 hwy., (automatic); 49 city/51 hwy. (CVT) Hybrid.  
**CARGO CAPACITY:**  
10.4 cu. ft., (Hybrid); 12.0 cu. ft., (sedan).  
**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, side curtain airbags, four-wheel anti-lock brakes,

electronic brake distribution, daytime running lights and side-impact door beams. LX adds security system, remote keyless entry and power door locks with auto-lock feature. Hybrid adds brake assist.  
**WARRANTY:**  
Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile. Powertrain: 5-year/60,000 mile. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited.

through a five-speed manual gearbox in the regular Civic and a Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) automatic in the Civic Hybrid. A five-speed automatic transmission is an available option for the regular sedan.

On the road, the Civic is impressively responsive at speed - corners flat with hardly any body roll - and handles excellently. Tight, solid, complete and balanced, this Civic is by far the best handling generation

Honda has ever created.

The foundation for the 2006 Civic is an all-new version of Honda's Global Compact Platform. The solid unit body of the Civic was designed from the outset to define a new standard for torsional and bending rigidity in the compact segment. Employing advanced body construction technologies for enhanced safety, improved rigidity, ride comfort and a quieter cabin, the new platform boasts a 36 percent

improvement in torsional rigidity.

The Civic's control hardware is a four-wheel independent system, completely redesigned for 2006. Reengineered to provide agile handling and refined ride comfort, Civic employs a compact Control-Link McPherson Strut suspension up front, while a double-wishbone multi-link suspension at the rear helps provide a smooth ride, excellent handling and good cargo space.

Inside the cabin, Honda stylists and engineers prioritized sophistication to create a high-quality, advanced and sporty interior with the latest technology, expanded storage and ground-breaking ergonomics. A two-tier instrument panel positions priority gauges like the speedometer up high in the driver's field of vision. The increased body width allows the seats to be wider and more supportive, and a spacious multi-functional center console accommodates up to 25 compact discs and performs armrest duties for both front occupants.

### Self-destructing engine?

Q. I just received quite a shock as my car reached 60,000 miles and needed to have the timing belt replaced. I had no idea these things cost this much. I didn't have to do this on my previous car.

My mechanic told me it's really important to change the belt as it can cause severe engine damage if it were to strip teeth or break. Why was this never a problem on my other cars? Why would they build an engine so that it self-destructs like this?

-Jerry Simothers, Petaluma



**UNDER THE HOOD**  
Brad Bergholdt

A. It sounds like this might be your first overhead-cam engine, or one that uses a belt, rather than a chain, to drive the camshaft.

Chain-driven camshafts work well, but require a lubricated and sealed environment, cost more, are a bit noisy, and are prone to chain stretch.

A cogged timing belt, constructed of high-temperature neoprene or highly saturated nitrile rubber, containing amazingly strong fiberglass cords, is the most common cam drive method in use today. Lighter, quieter and more easily replaced than a chain, timing belts do an excellent job, except they require replacement at a rather conservative mileage.

Why 60,000 miles and not while the next owner maintains the car? Many modern engines are of interference (also called non-free-wheeling) design. This means the pistons and valves will collide if the correct rotational relationship between the cam and crankshafts isn't maintained.

Replacing belt valves requires cylinder head removal and repair, and can run well over a thousand dollars. (The worst case I've heard was a Mitsubishi 3000 GT, at close to \$5,000).

When renewing a timing belt, many shops also recommend replacement of the water pump. On most engines the water pump pulley is driven by the timing belt, and should the water pump seize or come apart, belt failure or skipping will occur, crashing the valves of an interference engine. Water pumps have a finite lifespan, most would agree it's money well spent.



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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FONSI AND MONROE December 20, 2005 Idaho Housing and Finance Association 155 W. Myrtle, Boise, ID 83702 209-331-4712

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about January 9, 2006 Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnership program funds under Title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act as amended, and for release of Supportive Housing Program funds under Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, for the following project:

Project Title: Magic Valley Mutual Self-Help, Jerome, ID Project Description: The purchase of 8 residential lots for the construction of 8 single-family homes under the Mutual Self-Help Program sponsored by Mercy Housing, Idaho Location: Nantulas Subdivision, Jerome, ID

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT Idaho Housing and Finance Association has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Idaho Housing and Finance Association, 565 W. Myrtle, Boise, ID and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to IHFA, P.O. Box 8899, Boise, ID 83720. Comments received by IHFA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS IHFA certifies to HUD that Julie N. Williams in her capacity as Vice President consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows IHFA to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and IHFA's certification received by January 26, 2006 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of IHFA approved by HUD; (b) IHFA has omitted a copy or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Environmental Clearance Officer, 400 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 700, Portland, OR 97204-1632. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual date of the objection period. This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

Julie N. Williams, Vice President Certifying Officer Idaho Housing and Finance Association P.O. Box 7899 Boise, ID 83707

PUBLISH: December 23, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that Oregon Trail Storage, 471 South Park Avenue West, Twin Falls, will repossess the contents of the following units: Warehouse, Unit F-1, last known address is PO Box 780, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Allen Davis, Unit C-48, last known address is 514 B, Jefferson St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. PUBLISH: December 23 and 30, 2005

LANDS FOR LEASE BIA ACCEPTS BID FOR FARM PASTURE LEASES The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon, January 24, 2006 on various farm pasture leases on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by writing the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 208-238-2307. PUBLISH: December 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, 2005, January 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22 and 24, 2006

DRAFT LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT On December 6, 2005, an application was filed with the FCC to assign the construction permits of College Creek Broadcasting, Inc. for new FM stations in Hazelton, Idaho and Twin Falls, Idaho, on 94.3 MHz and 102.1 MHz, respectively, to ID, LLC.

The officers, directors and persons (or entities) holding 10% or more of the capital stock of College Creek Broadcasting, Inc. are Neal Robinson, Richard Brock, Christopher Devine, Bruce Buzi, and Medea LLC. The members and managers of Medea Focus, LLC are M. Devine, Mr. Buzi, Mr. Robinson, Robert Neuman, and Andrew Buzi. The members and managers of ID Idaho Co., LLC are Wendell Strick, The Porter Hogan Charitable Trust #1, and The Porter Hogan Charitable Trust #2. A copy of the application and related materials are available for public viewing during regular business hours at: Hazelton - US Bank, 285 Main Street, Hazelton, Idaho 83335 Twin Falls - US Bank, 241 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 PUBLISH: December 17, 23 and 26, 2005

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106 Special Notices James C. Carlson am no longer responsible for any debts, other than my own as of November 25, 2005. Reward Offered For information leading to the brass-horn or side of personal property that was stored in units #14 and #17 of the Lockland Storage facility in Wendell Idaho. This occurred sometime between August 15th and December 1st 2005. If you have any information please call (208) 578-9238 if no answer please leave message and we will return your call.

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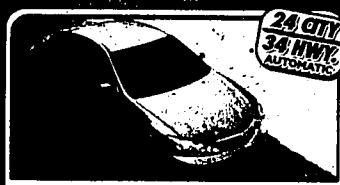


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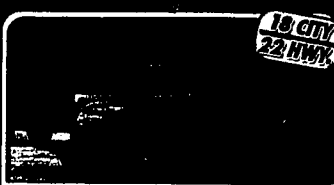
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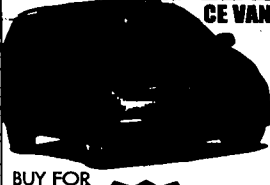
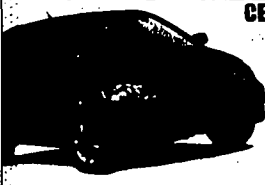
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