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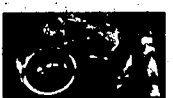
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Mourners begin to bury victims of mine explosion

By Kelley Schoover and Vicki Smith
Associated Press writers

PHILIPPI, W.Va. (AP) — The funerals began early — they had to. There were just so many in West Virginia's coal mining towns this Sunday.

Survivor of explosion continues to improve.

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Mine had actually died, the funerals were, for the most part, a private affair.

The miners' relatives and their tight-knit communities filled the services, while police created a protective ring around funeral homes,

asking the media not to intrude.

Even from a distance, the pain was clear as nearly 100 mourners hugged one another, many staring at their feet as they walked inside to remember Jackie Weaver, a 52-year-old electrician who had spent 26 years working in the mines.

Weaver always wrote "Jesus saves" in the coal dust of his mine car as he and colleagues walked into the mine, said his cousin, Scotty Felton, 42, of Philippi.

"He was a wonderful man with a wonderful sense of humor," said Melanie Hayhurst, 44, a friend from Fairmont who said she and her family had known Weaver for about 15 years.

Weaver's family planned to bury him next to his son, who in a motor-cycle accident, Hayhurst said. "He was a Christian," she said of Weaver. "So I am not worried."

There were so many funerals it was occasionally difficult for the funeral home employees to remember the times and locations without checking.

Wright Funeral Home worker Pete Sandridge's eyes filled with tears when he was asked if he knew any of the miners personally. All he could manage was to hold up four fingers, then walked away.

First was Martin Toler Jr., whose funeral was held Sunday morning in Teala.

Next was Weaver's service in Philippi at 1 p.m. Services for David Lewis, Jesse Jones and Alva Bennett were a hour later, in Philippi and Buckhannon. Jerry Greves' memorial service was later in Cleveland.

"I know I'll see him again," said Greves' wife of nearly 29 years, Debbie, speaking during the memorial service. "Eternity is forever. Our time here is just a vapor."



An unidentified woman bows her head during the funeral for Jerry Lee Greves on Sunday in Cleveland, W.Va.

LESSONS LEARNED, FAVORS RETURNED



MEL BATES/The Times-News

Vera C. O'Leary Junior High drama teacher Kelley Ramirez, right, laughs Sunday afternoon in her Twin Falls home while discussing some of her experiences battling cancer and the effects of chemotherapy. Sitting alongside Ramirez is her daughter, Aylissa, an eighth-grade student at O'Leary Junior High.

Teacher's lessons on charity are returned after she is diagnosed with breast cancer

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kelley Ramirez may teach junior high school drama students how to overcome stage fright, but today she's feeling a little uneasy about all the attention being directed her way.

However, this is a story about reciprocity, not drama.

Ramirez discovered she had breast cancer in May and has been undergoing chemotherapy treatment ever since the diagnosis. She lost her hair and is nauseated by smells and tastes she used to enjoy — a common side-effect of chemotherapy. But Ramirez — whose humor and energy have touched the lives of drama students at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High for the past 11 years — doesn't want to draw attention to her illness.

"We've known each other for about 13 years," said Laura Corder, a friend and teacher who is organizing the party. "We met on a bus that we would take to Idaho State (University) when we were getting our teaching certificates. She always made the trip fun because her whole philosophy is to be fun."

Corder wanted to help Ramirez after the breast cancer diagnosis, so she began organizing a party to raise money to help pay for Ramirez's medical expenses.

"It was absurd to tell Ramirez because she doesn't like to be in the spotlight," Corder said. "But this is something that everybody I have spoken with wants to help with. I

Celebrating Life
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All proceeds will go to Kelley Ramirez to help with medical expenses.

mean, it's mind-blowing how much the community wants to help."

Corder said she approached one man who said he wanted to donate whatever he could.

"He said he used to be in her drama class," Corder said. "And he remembered how difficult he was, but he said, Mrs. Ramirez never gave up."

Ramirez has a reputation for helping others, and in a strange twist, she has been volunteering as the captain of Relay For Life — which raises money for cancer patients. After Ramirez was diagnosed with cancer, she laughed when her mom told her she was taking the captain role a little too seriously.

Kelly's husband, Pablo Ramirez, said cancer always seemed like something that happened to other people, but never to his own family.

"I was shocked, and I was angry," he said. "But with the community's help... it's been a real blessing. The district's been really supportive by giving her time off when she needs it," Pablo said. "And the school has even brought us meals."

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Look to the sky this weekend

Comet capsule to produce light show over Idaho, Western U.S.

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a NASA capsule hugging comet and interstellar dust plummets through the Earth's atmosphere this weekend, residents in large swaths of the West will witness a cosmic spectacle.

During the Stardust capsule's blazing re-entry at 25,700 m.p.h. Sunday, it will travel at 20,000 m.p.h., making it the fastest man-made object to return to Earth.

The 100-pound cargo will arc over Northern California to ward Utah's Dugway Proving Ground, a remote Army base southwest of Salt Lake City.

Residents in parts of Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Utah should see the Stardust capsule as it streaks across the dawn sky. Prime viewing will be along Nevada's Interstate 80 where residents can view the capsule's front.

The capsule's glow is expected to shimmer as brightly as Venus for 30 seconds, will appear brightest over Carlin, a small mining city in northeastern Nevada.

The capsule will likely appear

as a bright pink dot to the naked eye. In certain places, those with telescopes may see the capsule pines in front of the moon, appearing as a tiny dot trailed by a dark wave of hot air and debris from its heat shield.

During the capsule's descent, NASA will witness a team of scientists aboard a NASA DC-8 aircraft will track it and measure its brightness.

Part of their mission: Determining how well the capsule's heat shield performed during the plunge. The capsule's heat shield is among several protective material being considered by NASA for its new crew exploration vehicle, which is intended to replace the space shuttle.

After landing, the capsule will be shipped to the Johnson Space Center in Houston where scientists will pry it open and study the microscopic cometary and interstellar samples inside for clues to how the solar system formed.

Helicopter crash kills twelve near Tal Afar

Five Marines die in western Iraq

By Dogen Hannah
Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed in northern Iraq, killing all 12 people aboard, and five Marines were killed in western Iraq, the U.S. military announced Sunday.

The helicopter went down shortly before midnight Saturday in a sparsely populated area about seven miles east of Tal Afar. It was one of two helicopters traveling between bases in northern Iraq on a steady night.

"This was a night operation under adverse weather, but we're

not going to speculate on the cause," said Capt. William Roberts Jr., a spokesman for the U.S.-led military coalition in Iraq.

Flight records indicated that four crewmembers and eight passengers were aboard. All were U.S. citizens, but it was not yet known if all were military personnel, said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, another coalition spokesman.

"They're just being identified," Johnson said.

The helicopter and others were on a mission supporting Task Force Band of Brothers, the U.S. military element that oversees operations in northern

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Trapped mouse gets revenge by setting N.M. home ablaze

FOUR SUMNER, N.M. (AP) —

A mouse got its revenge against a homeowner who tried to dispose of it in a pile of burning leaves. The blazing creature ran back to the man's house and set it on fire.

Luciano Mares, 81, of Fort Sumner said he caught the mouse inside his house and wanted to get rid of it.

"I had some leaves burning outside, so I threw it in the fire, and the mouse was on fire and ran back at the house," Mares said from a motel room Saturday.

said the burning mouse ran to just beneath a window, and the flames spread up from there and throughout the house. No one was hurt inside, but the home and everything in it was destroyed.

Unseasonably dry and windy conditions have caused more than 53,000 acres and destroyed 10 homes in southeastern New Mexico in recent weeks.

"I've seen numerous homes fire village Fire Department Capt. Jim Lyssy said. "But nothing as unique as this one."



Statehouse 2006

Lawmakers look at property rights, immigration and emergencies

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press writer

State lawmakers return to their jobs this month, grappling with finding ways to protect property rights, stem the influx of illegal immigrants and prepare for emergencies, with Hurricane Katrina still fresh on their minds. Looming behind all their actions will be thoughts of elections this fall.

Many worries have eased a bit for many states after years of tight budgets. But that only spurs debate over how to spend surpluses — should it be on schools, roads or easing homeowners' high energy bills? Meanwhile, long-term costs of health care and education promise to soon complicating the lawmakers' next moves.

Beyond budgets, a top issue is the backlash erupted by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that state governments may seize private property for economic development. Lawmakers in Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri and New Jersey are trying to do the use of eminent domain for such purposes.

And illegal immigration already is sparking argument and action in Arizona to New Hampshire.

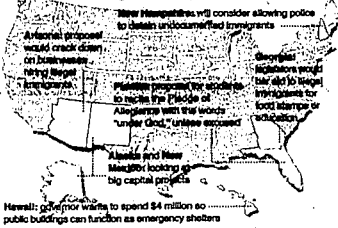
Georgia legislators want to bar government assistance to illegal immigrants for food stamps and education. An Arizona proposal would crack down on businesses that hire illegal immigrants. New Hampshire will consider allowing police to detain undocumented immigrants for a few days until federal authorities take them.

The federal government has gotten atop up to do its job, said New Hampshire's Senate Majority Leader Bob Clegg, a Republican.

The bungled federal response on the Gulf Coast to Hurricane Katrina offered a lesson that

Range of legislative arguments in 2006

Lawmakers in several states are looking at various subjects that include bottom-line concerns like roads, to questions about gay adoptions and teaching the Bible in public schools.



leaders are heading.

Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingde, a Republican, wants to spend \$4 million on public buildings can function as emergency shelters.

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aid, the joint state-federal health care program for the poor, is still a top worry. Many states — Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kentucky among them — are looking to control or lower these costs.

Roads are getting a long look as well. Delaware, Minnesota and California are weighing bond proposals to improve transportation, with some considering tolls to cover part of the cost.

Social issues are bubbling up, too, particularly when it comes to the question of religion in public life.

In Florida, a proposed state constitutional amendment would require public school students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance with the words "under God," unless excused by a parent.

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, a Republican, is pursuing a constitutional amendment so state tax dollars can go to religious charities, and legislators want a law to let counties deny the Ten Commandments on public property.

Two Midwesterners enter race to succeed DeLay as House majority leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a race framed by scandal, Republican Reps. Roy Blunt and John Boehner plunged into a campaign Sunday to succeed Tom DeLay as majority leader.

"We've had a tough run recently, some of it of our own making," Boehner, R-Ohio, wrote fellow Republicans. "But I also believe that if we are able to renew our energy and our commitment to our basic principles, the best is yet to come."

A spokeswoman for Blunt, the GOP whip who has served temporarily as majority leader in DeLay's place, said the Missouri lawmaker has convincing Republicans of his commitment to a reform agenda.

"He is talking about his proven track record as whip, his experience at the leadership table, and his efforts at bringing members from all parts of our conference together to work toward common goals," spokeswoman Thurston Taylor said.

Blunt and Boehner moved through the early stages of a hurry-up campaign as House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., pledged to "move forward aggressively and quickly" to have the House address lobbying reform. He provided no details.

The leadership race is expected to be held when lawmakers return to the Capitol the week of Jan. 31.

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Possible DeLay successors

A look at two Republicans who may seek the House majority leader post vacated by Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas:

Roy Blunt, 56	John Boehner, 56
Elected to Congress from Missouri's 7th district in 1999	Elected to Congress from Ohio's 8th District in 1999
Became DeLay's (then House Republican whip) top deputy in 2003	Part of "Gang of Seven" in House Republican whip in 2004
Succeeded DeLay as GOP whip, 2003	Freshman year, spoke the opening lapses in House
Serves as acting House majority leader, 2005	Chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, 2001
Has three children, 1999	Serves as Vice Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee
Includes Missouri gubernatorial candidate and two daughters	Married to two daughters

Virginia police seek link between two slayings

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Investigators are looking into whether two men arrested for the robbery and killings of seven people in their homes were involved in similar crimes elsewhere, a police spokeswoman said Sunday.

Raymond Davis and Ricky Gray, both 28, were captured Saturday in Philadelphia on charges stemming from the killings of members of two families including two children who were discovered bound with tape. The home of one family was set on fire and the other was ransacked.

Authorities said police found evidence linking the pair to all seven murders.

After the arrests, the investigation widened.

"There's other law enforcement agencies that are looking into any similarities with these cases," said Cynthia Price, a spokeswoman for Richmond police. "We know there's a pattern involved in Chesterfield and they have been charged with that one."

Police in suburban Chesterfield County did not immediately respond to phone calls seeking answers to the charges in the Jan. 3 home invasion, in which no one was injured.

Danridge had been released from a state prison in November after serving 10 years for robbery.

"We all make mistakes and what don't kill will only make us stronger," Danridge wrote on a Web site front page. "I believe in treating others as I want to be treated and respected in life."

A SWAT team found Danridge and Gray on Saturday and used pepper spray to subdue one of the men, who resisted arrest, said Philadelphia Police Capt. Benjamin Naisis.

"The men remained in custody Sunday in Philadelphia, both said. An extradition hearing could be held as early as Monday.

Police said they were led to the suspects by a gazebo letter blazer taken from the site of a triple homicide discovered Friday.

Study: More doctors are accepting Medicare patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — The percentage of physicians who accept new Medicare patients has increased over the past four years despite a slight drop in physicians' reimbursement rates, a study shows.

The findings suggest that doctors would not quit seeing Medicare patients if Congress had gone ahead with a proposed 4.4 percent cut in reimbursement rates in 2006, one of the authors said.

Raymond G. Gitterman, president of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a nonpartisan research organization, said that year after year of fee cuts would

lead to an exodus. But, based on recent history, most doctors are willing to accept a one-time hit, he said.

"Policy makers should recognize that Medicare fees are only one factor in physician decisions to accept new patients," he said.

Congress is expected to halt the pay cut when they return to Washington this month, in large measure because of extensive lobbying by doctors who said it would force many physicians to quit accepting new Medicare patients.

The American Medical Association said its own survey shows that 38 percent of physicians planned to decrease the number of new Medicare patients if the 4.4 percent cut went through.

Dr. J. Edward Hill, the association's president, noted that the formula Congress uses to set physician payments projects further payment cuts of 26 percent over the next six years, while the cost of practicing medicine is projected to increase by at least 16 percent.

"The AMA, the commission that advises Congress on Medicare, and others fear that these cuts will harm seniors' access to care," Hill said.

Each year, Gitterman's organization conducts a physicians' survey. The survey encompassed parts of 2000 and 2001 showed that the percentage of U.S. physicians accepting all new Medicare patients stood at 71 percent.

The next year, Congress cut payment rates by 5.4 percent, and subsequent increases of 1.5 percent have occurred annually since then.

The center's latest survey puts the percentage of doctors accepting all new Medicare patients at 72.9 percent. The increase was more pronounced with primary care physicians.

Honda vehicles win car and truck of the year at auto show

DETROIT (AP) — Two Honda vehicles — the Civic sedan and the Ridgeline pickup — were chosen as the car and truck of the year at the North American International Auto Show.

The awards were presented Sunday, the first day of media previews for the show. The show opens to the public Sunday.

It's the first time in the award's 12-year history that both winners were from the same automaker. The winners were chosen by a group of 49 full-time automotive journalists from the U.S. and Canada. Finalists had to be new or

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Steve Libert, president of the Great Lakes Exploration Group, LLC, believes he may have solved the disappearance of the Griffon, the flagship for the French explorer Rene-Robert Siele de La Salle. On Dec. 27, in Oak Hill, Virginia, Libert studies a chart of the entrance to Green Bay in Lake Michigan where the Griffon is supposedly located.

Shipwreck mystery: Diver won't quit quest for truth

By Peggy Walsh-Samecki Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — The mystery of the sailing ship Griffon has tantalized adventurers and historians ever since the vessel, loaded with furs, disappeared in 1679 on its maiden voyage in northern Lake Michigan. It's the oldest and most elusive of Great Lakes shipwrecks. And Steven Libert, an amateur underwater explorer who says he has been hunting the Griffon most of his adult life, thinks he may have found the wreckage. But for about a year, he has been locked in a legal battle with the State of Michigan over salvage rights to what's left of a ship he discovered while diving in 2001 near Poverty Island. The sides have forged a delicate truce, however, that apparently will enable Libert to continue work next spring toward unlocking the mystery of his find. If it really is the Griffon, it may be the grand prize of his shipwrecks.

But it's not a prize that will bring him riches. The Griffon wasn't carrying treasure, and its cargo of furs is long gone. Its value is historic and, for Libert, intrinsic rather than monetary. "It's the hunt for it, knowing that obviously you do something better than someone else. It's competition," said Libert, 51. "I'm in his shoes, my tank was running low, and Libert was about 100 feet below the surface of the dark Lake Michigan water on his last dive of the 2001 season. Visibility was about 3 inches when he swam into a long pole sticking out of the lake bottom.

"I didn't even know what it was," he said. "My first instinct was to run right into it. I don't know how to explain the feeling. Talk about shock." He sent up a marker and his crew used global positioning devices to note the location. But when he went back to the surface to refill his tank, the air compressor failed, and then a storm moved in. Libert had to wait until the following spring to dive again and take another look.

"That was the hardest thing, waiting all that time, wondering, 'Is this the mast of a ship? Is it anything like that?'" Libert said. When he made it back, Libert wiped off the zebra mussels and took some infrared video of his find.

Could it be the legendary Griffon? Libert wasn't sure. By his discovery intrigued Scott Demel, a curator at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History, which is interested in excavating and possibly displaying the wreck, if it proves to be the Griffon.

"I think everyone would agree it's the Holy Grail of the Great Lakes," Demel said.

Libert took Demel to the site later in 2002 to take samples of the pole for carbon dating. The carbon dating lent an exact science because fluctuations in temperature and climate can affect the test results, Demel said.

"I can't pinpoint exactly how old the wood is, but it certainly gives us windows to work from," he said.

The results of the carbon dating on Libert's discovery is a 33 percent probability of dating to 1679. Those aren't great odds, but it's one part of the puzzle, Demel said.

The court battle has stopped Libert from getting back to the site. He says it's too early to tell

Did a curse do in the Griffon?

By Peggy Walsh-Samecki Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Built in the wilderness from hand-cut timber, the Griffon was a one-of-a-kind ship. It was the first European vessel to sail on the upper Great Lakes, making its maiden voyage in 1679.

The Rev. Louis Hennepin, a priest and member of the expedition headed by the famed French explorer Rene-Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, wrote that the American Indians were surprised Europeans could build such a large boat from wood.

La Salle, known as the explorer who claimed the Mississippi River Valley for France, planned to use the Griffon for fur trading to help pay for his explorations. The Griffon is believed to have been 30 to 40 feet long, 10 to 15 feet wide, with one mast that carried several square sails.

Hennepin wrote that it was a "45-ton" ship, with a tun being the weight of a cask of wine, or about 250 gallons.

On its maiden voyage, the Griffon sailed from the Upper Niagara to what today is Green

Bay Wis., where it was loaded with 5,000 pounds of furs. La Salle then sent it back on Sept. 18, 1679, with a crew of about five. It was destined for Ft. Michilimackinac in what today is Mackinaw City.

As the ship left the harbor, the crew saluted onlookers with a single cannon shot. That was the last recorded sighting of the Griffon.

Theories about what happened to the ship. An Indian put a curse on it, leading to its demise, according to legend. Some suspect the crew may have scuttled the ship and stolen the furs. Others thought the Iroquois attacked the ship. Another theory is that it sank in a storm.

Hennepin wrote that the Iroquois had warned of an impending storm, but the captain ignored the warnings and sailed anyway.

Whatever caused the wreck, researchers and explorers have hunted for the Griffon for generations.

If its wreckage is ever found, the Griffon has the potential to be a remarkable time capsule. It could be a snapshot of that era, from the ship's construction to the personal effects of the crew.

1779.

"I think individuals have a role to play in exploration, not just big companies or government-supported ventures, but individuals," Libert said. "It's just a drive that I think a lot of individuals have, not just myself."

That attitude prompted him to start diving along the Griffon's likely path. Someone once told Libert that searching for the Griffon was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

"I said no, it's more like looking for a needle in a hay field," Libert said.

Said Demel, "It's the last frontier on the planet, to look at territory that's under water."

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Debate swirls as wind power experiences rapid growth

STAMFORD Conn. (AP) — Coastal windmills, an ancient mountain ridge, prairie grass and even an Indian reservation — are spinning an unusual debate that is dividing leading environmentalists.

Wind power grew rapidly in 2005, becoming more competitive as natural gas prices jumped and crude oil prices reached record highs. Improved technology, a federal tax credit and pressure on utilities to use clean energy sources helped fuel the growth from coast to coast.

But wind energy is posing a dilemma for environmentalists who support its pollution-free electricity but have grown increasingly alarmed at its death toll on birds and bats.

Officials in Atlantic City, N.J., dedicated the nation's first "costal wind farm" last month while Fairfield-based General Electric Co. announced a startup near San Diego of the largest wind power farm on Indian land.

The industry added about 2,500 megawatts of wind power last year, a record 35 percent increase, according to the American Wind Energy Association, an industry trade group. The country's wind capacity is more than 9,200 megawatts in 30 states, enough for 2.4 million average U.S. homes.

Wind power still makes up less than 1 percent of the nation's electricity, but experts expect wind to generate at least 5 percent by 2020.

The wind resource in the United States is comparable to the oil resource in Saudi Arabia," said Tom Gray, deputy executive director of the association. "It's a major strategic national resource we should be making every effort to develop."

The environmental debate has intensified as the first off-shore projects are proposed in popular tourist areas, such as Cape Cod, Long Island, N.Y., and the New Jersey shore. Critics, including a member of the

Influential Kennedy family, worry that some projects could harm national treasures.

"All of a sudden you're transferring an asset used by 5 million people into the hands of private industrial speculators," said Robert E. Kennedy Jr., an environmentalist who has objected to the Cape Cod project. "If you're giving away public rights, you ought to make sure the public benefits from this transfer, that the costs do not exceed the benefits."

Kennedy's stance has put him at odds with the environmental organization Greenpeace, which last August sent boats to interrupt a visit by Kennedy. Supporters say the project would meet the region's energy needs in an environmentally friendly way.

Conservationists also have wrestled with the wind farms in Kansas. Conservation groups have asked state officials to create guidelines for wind energy developments, citing concerns that more wind farms will harm the last remnants of the nation's prairie grass and prairie chicken populations.

"We feel rather protective of that area and feel it is a real national treasure," said Alan Polom, Kansas state director of The Nature Conservancy. "If we're really going to capture the benefit of green power, it seems ill-considered to pursue it in such a manner that you create offsetting detrimental ecological impacts."

In September, a report by the Government Accountability Office, Congress' investigative arm, found that the federal government offers minimal oversight in approving wind power plants. The report urged federal officials to take a more active role in weighing the impact of wind power farms on wild and bat deaths, saying local and state regulators sometimes lack the necessary expertise.

Wind projects have sparked complaints around the country that the windmills cause noise,

obscure scenic views and kill wildlife, including thousands of federally protected birds in Northern California's Altamont Pass.

A proposal to build offshore wind turbine towers along the New Jersey shore led to a 15-month moratorium on such studies the issue.

A wind farm planned in a small town in Vermont has sparked criticism that the nearby 400-foot towers would ruin the rural landscape and hurt tourism.

Proponents say bird kills have been minimal at most wind farms, though Gray acknowledged some bird deaths. They say the visual impact is far less severe than other forms of energy such as oil drilling.

Wind power helps lower sky-rocketing home heating and electric bills by reducing the demand for natural gas and brings new jobs, rural economic development, and tax revenue to cash-strapped states, proponents say.

In McCarney, Texas, Mayor Sherry Phillips said the population has dwindled over the decades from about 10,000 to 1,800 as oil dried up. But these days the area is remarking itself as the wind farm capital of Texas, collecting millions of dollars in taxes and creating 40 to 50 jobs from 680 wind turbines, she said.

"It's extremely important economically for us," Phillips said. "To me they're a pleasing sight."

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
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Doctors plan to wake Sharon

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ariel Sharon's seat sat empty and his gavel lay untouched in the middle of the table as acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert presided over the first weekly Cabinet meeting since Sharon suffered a massive stroke.

With Sharon in the hospital in a medically induced coma and doctors predicting he will never wake well enough to resume office, Olmert, the man seen as his potential heir, promised to carry on his political legacy.

Doctors planned to start bringing Sharon out of his coma Monday to determine how much brain damage he suffered, hospital officials said Sunday. Experts said the process could take six to eight hours and doctors should have a good idea of the extent of the damage by the end of the day.

A new brain scan Sunday showed Sharon's vital signs, including intracranial pressure, were normal, according to Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, the director



Sharon

of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital, who Sharon has undergone surgery twice since the stroke late Wednesday to stop bleeding in his brain.

"His condition is still critical but stable, and there is improvement in the CT picture of the brain," Mor-Yosef said.

The 77-year-old Sharon, Israel's most popular politician, was seen by many here as the best hope for resolving the Israel-Palestine conflict. His grave illness, just three months before elections, stunned Israelis and left Middle East politics in limbo.

Geula Cohen, an old friend of Sharon's, visited him in the hospital Sunday and talked with his son Omri.

"Omri came out to me and

saw my face and got really angry at me. 'What happened to you?' (he said) and 'Everything will be fine,'" she told Army Radio.

Doctors have kept Sharon in a coma and on a respirator since Thursday to give him time to heal.

Sharon's medical team decided that on Monday morning they would start reducing the level of sedatives he is receiving to begin pulling him out of the coma.

Doctors will pass their assessment of brain damage to Attorney General Meni Mazuz. "They will inform us the moment they wake him up from the sedation and they will know what systems were damaged and what his situation is," said Justice Ministry spokesman Jacob Galant.

If doctors determine that Sharon is permanently incapacitated, the Cabinet would immediately meet to choose a new prime minister from the five Cabinet ministers from Sharon's Kadima Party who are also lawmakers — a group that

includes Olmert.

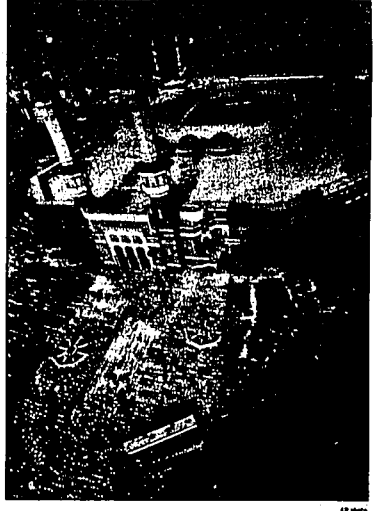
A brain scan Sunday showed Sharon's brain swelling had gone down, his intracranial and blood pressure were within normal ranges, and his cerebral spinal fluid was draining well, Mor-Yosef said.

"In light of all these factors, the panel of experts decided to start the process of taking him out of the sedation tomorrow morning," he said.

"This all depends of course on whether the prime minister makes it until tomorrow morning without any significant incidents."

One of Sharon's surgeons, Dr. Jose Cohen, said that while Sharon's chances of survival were high, his ability to think and reason would be impaired.

He will not continue to be prime minister, but maybe he will be able to understand and to speak," the Argentine-born Cohen said in comments published Sunday by The Jerusalem Post.



Muslim pilgrims pray inside and outside the Great Mosque in Mecca, Islam's holiest shrine, two days before Muslim's annual pilgrimage, known as the Hajj, on Friday.

Gunman who shot pope will be released

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The man who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981 will be released from a Turkish prison this week after a court decided he had completed his sentence with time served for the attack on the pontiff and crimes committed in his homeland.

Mehmet Ali Agca was extradited to Turkey in 2000 after serving almost 20 years in Italy for shooting and wounding the pope in St. Peter's Square in Rome. His sentence for shooting John Paul II on the abdomen on May 13, 1981, remains unclear.

Agca, 47, was to be released on parole Thursday, his lawyer, Mustafa Demirbag told The Associated Press by telephone.

"He was eligible to be released on parole because he had no discernible many problems," Demirbag said.

The semiofficial Anatolia news agency suggested that Agca was expected to be immediately enlisted by the military for obligatory service because he had dodged the draft. However, it was not clear if that would happen because the military generally only accepts conscripts younger than 41.

Turkish paramilitary police were expected to take Agca first to a local military station and then to a military hospital in Istanbul for a medical check, a routine procedure.

Agca's sister, Fatma Agca, said she was surprised.

"We did not hear it," Fatma



Mehmet Ali Agca, Turkish gunman who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981, is shown during his trial in Istanbul, Turkey, in this Dec. 18, 2000 photo.

Agca told the AP from the family home in the southeastern city of Malatya.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the Vatican would defer to the judgment of

the Turkish tribunal.

The Holy See has learned only from news agencies of the news of the possible freedom of Ali Agca," he said in a brief statement. "The Holy See, before a

problem of a judicial nature, submits to the decisions of the tribunals involved in this matter."

In one of the most famous moments of his papacy, John Paul personally pardoned Agca 2.5 years after the attack, sitting face-to-face and almost touching knees with his attacker during a 21-minute private meeting in a prison cell in Rome.

John Paul called his prison visit "a historic day in my life as a man, a Christian, as a bishop and bishop of Rome" and he added that Agca had expressed repentance for the attack.

The Lord gave us the grace to be able to meet each other as men and as brothers," the pope said.

Reporters were barred but a Vatican film showed that Agca bent and kissed the pope's ring at the start of the meeting and shook his hand after they sat down.

The pope also had pardoned Agca from his hospital bed five days after the shooting.

Upon his return to Turkey from Italy, Agca immediately was sent to prison to serve a 10-year sentence for murdering the Turkish journalist Abdi Ipekci in 1979. He was separately sentenced to seven years and four months for two robberies in Turkey the same year.

An Istanbul court ruled in 2004 that Agca should only serve the longest sentence — his conviction for killing Ipekci.

Pilgrims prepare for the start of hajj

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — More than 2 million Muslims raised their hands to heaven and chanted in unison Sunday as they hiked through a desert valley to the outskirts of Mecca in preparation for Islam's annual sacred pilgrimage.

The journey through the eight-mile-long valley puts the pilgrims from around the globe in place for the start of hajj rituals on Monday. The march takes Muslims along the steps of the prophet Muhammad, who gave his last sermon on Mount Arafat in 632.

The hajj rituals begin with the circling of the Kaaba, the huge black cube in the center of Mecca's Grand Mosque, which Muslims around the world face when they offer their prayers five times daily.

On Monday, the faithful will move to Mount Arafat, offering prayers of repentance and asking for salvation and spiritual

renewal. The next day, they carry out the symbolic stoning of the devil.

Saudi Arabia has taken extra precautions this year in an effort to prevent deadly stampedes that have killed hundreds during the stoning ritual. Two years ago, 244 people were trampled to death when the crowd panicked during the ritual.

Authorities have widened the valley to nearly 80 yards this year to reduce congestion.

Saudi television Sunday repeatedly broadcast instructions to the pilgrims to avoid forming in crowds or camping along the pathway.

The Saudis also have transformed three pillars representing the devil from tall obelisks to stone walls 85 feet long, allowing many more people to pelt them with pebbles at once. A religious fatwa also extended the hours permitted for the ritual.

Fire at home for disabled kids kills 13

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) — A fire swept through a home for disabled children Sunday in the Tajik capital of Dushanbe, killing 13 before firefighters arrived, witnesses said.

Distracted neighbors said they pulled dozens of children from the burning building as they waited for help.

Two of the home's 100 or so charges were hospitalized, one with smoke inhalation and another with a broken leg, said Makhmud Kasimov, the nation's first deputy minister of labor and public protection.

Other than a broken leg, said Makhmud Kasimov, the nation's first deputy minister of labor and public protection.

The building housed children with mental and physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, and some were unable to escape without help, officials said.

The fire gutted the single-story wood-and-brick building built in 1934.

Fear of losing land keeps quake survivors rooted

MAIDAN, Pakistan (AP) — The snow is waist-deep, food stocks are dangerously low and killers say the cold has been killing their children since a devastating earthquake three months ago.

But most Pakistanis in the remote northwestern village of Maidan won't be leaving for warmer lowland camps. They have no land deeds and fear moving could cost them their homes.

"This is an undocumented area, and we have no titles to our land," village elder Saleem Khan said.

Land-grab fears also have surfaced elsewhere in the quake zone, relief workers say, keeping survivors high in the mountains where deliveries of food and supplies are rare and perilous.

The widow left her house for a day, came back and found her brother-in-law had taken over her home after the earthquake, so she was left out in the open," said World Food Program operations manager

Keith Ureel. "This is a major reason why people don't want to go."

Above Maidan, about 6,890 feet above sea level, many affected areas are unreachable by road, even during the summer.

Residents of Maidan say they depend on U.N. helicopter food deliveries and have just a little yogurt and maize left. They have started slaughtering livestock — a prized asset — to survive.

Villagers lack warm clothes and sturdy footwear. As soon as the sun comes out, children — coughing and sneezing as they wade through 3-foot-deep snow — try vainly to dry their shoes and socks.

"We still see many children who are not even adequately dressed, with sometimes only sandals to wear on their feet," said Pete Sykes, Pakistan emergency program manager for the relief agency Save The Children.

Khan, the village elder, said about 30 children have died from the weather since the Oct. 8 tremor. His statement could

not be verified.

The village has no doctor, and Khan said a WFP nutritionist who is the only medical worker who visited in the past three months. It is an eight-hour walk to the nearest road and a two-day hike to the nearest medical facility.

Relief deliveries were suspended when three days of heavy snowstorms struck around Jan. 1. But even a possible halt may not budge Maidan's remaining residents.

Majid Khan, 22, who has worked as a driver in the city of Karachi, said he had only about \$50 saved but would not leave his home for fear it would be taken over.

"I'm not going anywhere until all my money and food run out," he said.

The magnitude 7.6 quake damaged about half of Maidan's homes and killed five villagers. Scores of families left what was a village of 5,000 people. Other families have taken cover some abandoned wood and mud houses, or raided

them for supplies.

Maidan residents say their village began getting aid two months after the quake, which killed about 87,000 people and left 3.5 million homeless in northwestern Pakistan and its portion of Kashmir, a territory also claimed by neighboring India.

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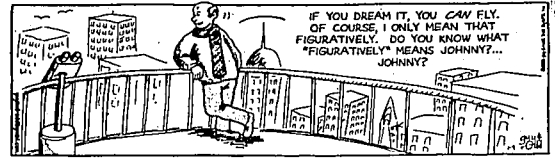
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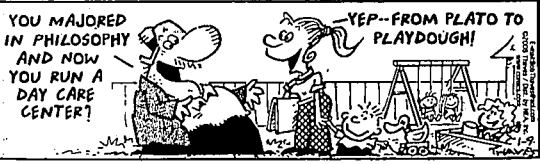
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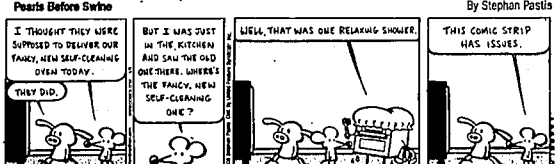
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A year for more compassion, serenity.

IF JAN. 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: In the year to come you are likely to develop more compassion and inner peace. You will become more playful but be likely to retreat from harsh conditions. If you focus on improving your health, you can make progress. Expect that some long-term situations or obligations will lose their influence in May. Put all your eggs in one basket in July when your judgment and business sense are better than usual and someone may give you the answer to an important prayer. You have extra help from the stars in October for anything you wish to prosper — but watch your step in September because taking on additional responsibilities can cause hardships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Although it is true that you must strike a match to light a fire, if you are careless you may ignite the wrong thing. Concentrate on maintaining perfect harmony with others and buying the most durable product.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An aura of glamorous surrounds you. Your soothing presence is an asset wherever you go and you can make positive first impressions. Sit back and see what the power of attraction brings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you employ intelligent tactics,

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Jeralaine Saunders

you can get your way. Whether you are balancing the budget or bargaining for the best price other people will tend to go along with your sensible lead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Amorous hookups may benefit from a period of divine peace and shared delight. Communication is the key to efficiency — but like fine chocolates, there is a sweet center in every piece.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. Like Mary Poppins, you can mask ordinary mundane events with the alacrity of sweetness. Organize finances and take a look at spending habits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is a good time to buy works of art. Under these stars you may be immersed in a stream of romantic fantasies. Significant relationships will benefit from a mutual sense of commitment.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): Try to look your best. There is a vicarious thrill in being the object of someone's affection or a love slave. Buy beautiful things to please your soul or deck yourself out in new finery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sell, sell, sell. Those you are thrown into contact with are willing to extend themselves to please you. Make an affirmation to be peaceful, contented — and to spread happy attitudes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some people bang their heads against walls when the door is in plain view. Acknowledge your faults and listen with a peaceful heart, because beneath the criticism there is genuine concern.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Potential problems are deflected by the armor of intelligence. You can't be coerced or co-opted if you have the definitive answer at your fingertips. Spend your penance on lasting items.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you free your feet from the mire of pettiness, you can hitch a ride on cloud nine. Be a peacemaker to any man, let a gentle demeanor and kindness pave the way to financial gain.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Under these celestial conditions you may be filled with a sense of elated well-being. Your gentle, understanding nature makes you a perfect candidate to be taken into someone's confidence.

Meat can be kept 'almost indefinitely' in the freezer

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law was born during the Depression. My question is, what is a safe amount of time to be able to eat meat from the freezer?

We have noticed items that are more than 5 years old that my father-in-law insists are still good... you just cut off the freeze burn. We're afraid his going to poison himself.

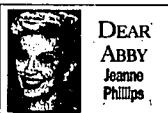
—CONCERNED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WELLINGTON, COLO.

DEAR CONCERNED: According to Mike Herndon, media spokesman for the Food and Drug Administration, meat can be frozen "almost indefinitely." However, it must be stored consistently at zero degrees to be safe. Freezer burn does not make food unsafe, but may affect the quality.

The following are freezer storage times for quality only: uncooked roasts, steaks or chops, four to 12 months; whole poultry, 12 months; poultry parts, nine months. Also, it's a good idea to check for odor after meat and poultry have been frozen for long. If there is a rancid smell, do not use it.

DEAR ABBY: A new employee, "Nicki," was recently hired at the company where I work. A group of us eat lunch together, and we have tried to make Nicki as welcome as possible by asking her to join our table.

Usually our conversation



DEAR ABBY
Jeannette Phillips

consists of talk about our families or a movie we saw recently, but Nicki always seems to interject a piece of information that is so private as to be inappropriate. Recently she confided her husband had cheated on her, and that he had been arrested for theft.

Lunchtime has become less pleasant because this woman seems to have no boundaries. How can I politely let her know that giving too much information about private life makes me (and other employees) uncomfortable?

—SQUIRMING IN COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR SQUIRMING: The woman has my sympathy. She is trying to bond with you folks in the only way she knows how. It would not be impolite to take her aside and quietly tell her that it isn't necessary to air her dirty laundry in order to make friends at the company. You will be doing her a favor. Please do it now.

DEAR ABBY: When our grandchildren come to visit, their parents do not discipline

them. When our children visited our parents, we never behaved. As a matter of fact, we did it no matter where they went.

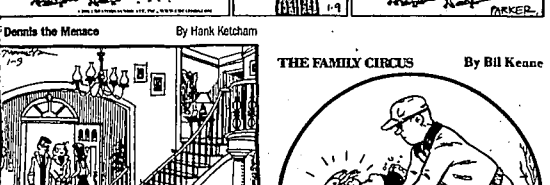
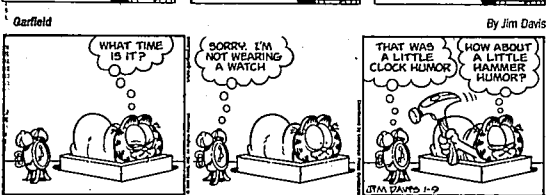
What do you do when the parents do not attend to their children? When I served Christmas dinner, they did not insist that their 6-year-old join the table. He was allowed to continue playing video. How do I let them know there are rules here?

It hurts my feelings when my grandchildren treat my good furniture as a playground. I don't see them often, but I'd rather skip having them in my home and visit them. However, my children rarely offer to host the holidays. What's a person to do?

—CONFUSED GRANDMA IN INDIANA

DEAR CONFUSED: I suggest a two-pronged approach. Ask your children to inform the grandkids that when they visit their grandparents there are certain rules of conduct that must be observed — and that includes sharing mealtime together and not jumping on the sofa furniture. And then, if any youngsters don't behave, take them aside and explain that they may act that way in their parents' home, but not in yours because of the rules. And tell them exactly what kind of behavior you expect from them.

The longer you remain silent, the longer your problem will continue.



Losing weight, quitting smoking top lists of New Year's resolutions

This day in history: Copying a successful program in Germany, the Seeing Eye took in its first pupils on Jan. 9, 1929, training dogs as guides for blind people.

How are you doing on your New Year's resolutions? According to a recent poll, the No. 1 resolution on women's lists is "lose weight."

When did the British navy stop issuing a daily ration of rum to its sailors? The practice, begun in 1651, didn't stop until 1972.

Not even counting bootlegs, porn or imports, there are 53,737 DVD titles available in the North American market.

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posting matter provides a steady warmth.

The gestation period for alligators has nothing to do with chromosomes. It has everything to do with the temperature. If, in the second and third week of incubation, the nest temperature drops to 86 degrees or below, all the babies will be females. If 93 degrees or higher, all the babies will be males. If 89 degrees, the brood will be a mix of males and females.

When alligator babies are ready to hatch from their eggs, they warm their mothers by

barking loudly. Good idea, since they need her to uncovers their eggs in order to hatch.

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Horror movie fans welcome 'Hostel' with \$20 million weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The weekend box office was sheer torture to the bloody "Hostel," a tale of buddies who stumble into a den of violent depravity, debuted at No. 1 with \$20.1 million.

Universal's "King Kong" was third with \$12.5 million, raising its domestic total to \$192.5 million.

The weekend's only other major release, 20th Century Fox's "Grandma's Boy," flopped with just \$2.9 million. The comedy from Adam Sandler's production company stars Allen Covert as a video game tester forced to move in with his grandmother.

After a slump that saw movie attendance fall 7 percent in 2005, Hollywood was off to a good start this year. The top 12 movies grossed \$106.7 million, up 9 percent from the same weekend a year ago.

"Hostel" follows two Americans (Jay Hernandez and Derek Richardson) whose European pleasure joint turns nightmarish when they end up captive in a chamber of torture after a brothel visit.

Week's top movies

1. "Hostel," \$20.1 million.
2. "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," \$15.4 million.
3. "King Kong," \$12.5 million.
4. "Fun With Dick and Jane," \$12.2 million.
5. "Cheaper by the Dozen 2," \$8.3 million.
6. "Men of a Certain Age," \$6 million.
7. "Rumor Has It," \$5.9 million.
8. "Brokeback Mountain," \$5.75 million.
9. "The Family Stone," \$4.6 million.

acclaimed "Brokeback Mountain" finished at No. 9 with \$5.75 million, raising its total to \$22.5 million.

Playing in 484 theaters, up about 200 from the previous weekend, "Brokeback Mountain" averaged \$460 per screen, a cinema, compared to \$3,157 in 2,195 theaters for "Hostel."

"Brokeback Mountain" seems to be dashing speculation that its subject matter — a homosexual romance between two old sheepherding pals — would turn off audiences outside of urban markets.

"We're very squarely in middle America, all the way to Duluth, Minn., Portland, Maine, El Paso, Tulsa, Wichita. We're in 8,000 theaters," says Focus Features' head of distribution for Focus Features. "I think that's no longer the real issue. The real issue is how much the film is being seen by people all over the country."

"Brokeback Mountain" star Heath Ledger had a second fling expanding to wider audiences. Disney's "Casanova," in which Ledger plays the legendary womanizer, "Casanova" went into 1,004 theaters, up from 37, and took in \$4 million for an average of \$3,992 a cinema.

Also doing well as it expanded to wider release was DreamWorks' "Mata Hari." Woody Allen's tale of infidelity stars Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Scarlett Johansson and Emily Mortimer.

"GEE! THEIR INDOORS IS BIGGER THAN OUR OUTDOORS!"

"This snowman will be finished in no time, Daddy, with all of us helpin' you!"

OTHER VIEWS

No need to bark about a dog-fight ban in Idaho

The Lewiston Morning Tribune

Forget the National Rifle Association. Beware the cock-fighting lobby. Now those folks are powerful.

Animal rights activists wanted Idaho to join the rest of civilized — and every other state except Wyoming — in making dogfighting a felony.

Their bill died in committee during the last legislative session under pressure from the cock-fighting lobby. Yes, the cock-fighting lobby. The bill also made animal cruelty and a b a n d o n m e n t — and that felony —

— and that felony — filled feathers in the cock-fighting community. "They were pretty much blatant about it," says Jeff Risenhall, the director of the Idaho Humane Society. "The legislation would shut them down, and they didn't want to be shut down."

That's right. Legislators cracked under to people who get their kicks watching rosters peck and claw each other to death.

While we point our finger in one direction, we might want to remember cruelty also comes in slightly slicker packages.

But one battle at a time. Almost every other state punishes dogfighting as a felony.

This should be an easy call, even for the Idaho Legislature. After all, who would defend such sadism?

You'd be surprised — and no doubt will be come the legislative session. If you really want to see dumb animals bite and scratch each other, just watch the Legislature.

So activists softened their approach. Rather than suggesting something as radical as treating animals humanely, they now plan to focus on dogfighting. Period.

"Felony animal cruelty and felony cockfighting are definitely two things Idaho needs to revisit, but our focus is getting the dogfighting through," says Inga Gibson, a lobbyist for the Humane Society.

Cops say they see few dog fights in Idaho, but veterinarians deal with the aftermath. The dogs often die, of blood loss, shock, dehydration, exhaustion or infection hours or even days after the fight. Other animals are sacrificed as well.

Some owners train their dogs for fights by using smaller animals such as cats, rabbits or little dogs. These "bait" animals are often stolen pets or animals offered free to "good homes."

Dogfighting rightly inspires revulsion among people with any shred of decency. However, there's a cultural component to ponder. Few stomachs twist at the thought of professional boxing, rodeo and other forms of organized barbarism.

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The new red, white and blue



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Living green is not just a "personal virtue," as Cheney says. It's a national security imperative.

The biggest threat to America and its values today is not communism, authoritarianism or Islamism. It's petrodollars. Petrodollars is my term for the corrupting, anti-democratic governing practices — in oil states from Russia to Nigeria and Iran — that result from a long run of \$60-a-barrel oil.

Petrodollars is the politics of using oil income to buy off one's citizens with subsidies and government jobs, using oil and gas exports to intimidate or buy off one's enemies, and using oil profits to build up one's internal security forces and army to keep oneself entrenched in power — without any transparency or checks and balances.

When a nation's leaders can practice petrodollars, they never have to tap their people's energy and creativity; they simply state to tap an oil well. And therefore politics in a petrodollar state is not about building a society or an educational sys-

tem that maximizes its people's ability to innovate, experiment and compete. It is simply about who controls the oil tap.

Petrodollars like Russia, Iran, Venezuela and Sudan, Singapore and Korea, people get rich by being in government and sucking the treasury dry — so they never need to create power. In non-petrodollars states, like Taiwan, Singapore and Korea, people get rich by staying outside government and building real businesses.

Our energy glutty fosters and strengthens various kinds of petrodollar regimes. It embeds authoritarian petrodollars in Russia, Venezuela, Nigeria, Sudan and Central Asia. It empowers Islamist petrodollars in Sudan, Iran and Saudi Arabia. It even helps sustain communism in Castro's Cuba, which survives today in part thanks to cheap oil from Venezuela. Most of these petrodollar regimes would have collapsed long ago, having proved utterly incapable of delivering a modern future for their people, but they were saved by our energy excesses.

No matter what happens in Iraq, we cannot dry up the swamps of authoritarianism and violent Islamism in the Middle East without also drying up our consumption of oil — save by bringing down the price of crude. A democratization policy in the Middle East without a different energy poli-

cy at home is a waste of time, and at some point, most important, the lives of our young people.

That's because there is a huge difference in what these bad regimes can do with \$20-a-barrel oil compared with the current \$60-a-barrel oil. It is no accident that the reform era in Russia under Boris Yeltsin, and in Iran under Mohammad Khatami, coincided with low oil prices. When prices soared again, petrodollar authoritarianism in both societies reasserted themselves.

We need a president and a Congress with the guts not just to invade Iraq, but to impose a gasoline tax and inspire conservation at home. That takes real energy policy with long-term incentives for renewable energies — wind, solar, biofuels — rather than the water-for-oil companies' and special-interests that masqueraded last year as an energy bill.

Enough of this Bush-Cheney nonsense that conservation, energy efficiency and environmentalism are some hobby we can't afford. I can't think of anything more cowardly or un-American. Real patriots, real advocates of spreading democracy around the world, live green.

Green is the new red, white and blue.

Thomas Friedman is columnist for The New York Times.

Paying foreign media makes sense

Many Americans may have felt betrayed after learning that U.S. Army officials in Iraq paid editors and TV producers to publish stories friendly to the United States, so without attributing the source.

My only question was, did planting those stories help turn Iraqi hearts and minds to U.S. favor?

The work was done by the Lincoln Group under contract to the Army. Critics claim this is propaganda operations run amok and pressured officials in Washington and Baghdad to investigate the practice. Some critics were indignant when I, as a former high-ranking Army public affairs official, refused to condemn the practice.

Was paying the Lincoln Group to bribe the Iraqi media morally defensible? The group was under contract to the Army in Baghdad to place favorable stories, hiding the fact that the Army was the source of the material. Some, including President Bush, have expressed concern over what they see fundamentally as a deceptive practice.

Most people are surprised at what a public affairs official believes that paying foreign media makes sense; most public affairs officials reject the idea. It may be because they don't want to be tarred with the brush of propaganda.

But my support is conditional. It's based on the distinction between the use of propaganda media and foreign outlets.

Under no condition, except for extreme exceptions, should government public affairs officials lie or manipulate facts to reporters responsible for keeping the American public informed.



CHARLES A. KROHN

But the local changes overseas, where a role population support of U.S. involvement is a war-tipping issue. Specifically, it's important for the Iraqis to believe that the United States and its allies have more to offer for the future than the Islamic extremists were confronting.

The extremists believe the opposite, and that must be challenged, or else we will lose the war by default. Demoralizing them doesn't necessarily defeat them. More is needed.

Because propaganda is a force multiplier, both sides use it to their advantage. It's also been a practice accepted in warfare. Does propaganda really work? Is it worth the price?

Looking back to the Vietnam War, there have been recent revelations from Hanoi about

how effective the anti-war movement was in the United States, ultimately forcing us to withdraw all material support to South Vietnam. It's no secret that the North Vietnamese fueled the anti-war movement with slogans and suggestions and even initiated "cultural exchanges" with American war protesters, presumably to embellish their credentials.

If we are only half as successful in Iraq as North Vietnam was in the United States, the outcome of the war may depend on our ability to influence hearts and minds, as much or more than the military. Of course I support psychological operations.

The objective is to win the war and convince the world that the Pentagon is pledged to support that lofty goal, including public affairs officers.

It's the president's job to explain why the nation is at war

and reports from the front that are too risky are often suspect. Public affairs officials should provide reporters with factual information, without regard to the impact at home. Being believed is reward enough.

Winning over the local population, however, cannot be ignored by public affairs professionals. But they should enlist the help of those who speak the language and know the culture. This is part of the skill in the psychological warfare community. I suspect that community is understaffed and overcommitted.

If there's a problem in Baghdad, it may be that public affairs officers are being asked to do the work of others. If confusion and mismatch result, it's hardly a surprise.

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LETTERS

Vote not to drill sets America back in energy

The members of the United States Congress recently showed less maturity than teenagers.

The general public is furious because of gas prices. It was just a political move when they cut the drilling in Alaska of a recent bill in Congress. Drilling would have given good jobs to American workers and brought the price of gasoline down. Consequently, we would no longer be dependent on foreign oil.

The idea that gasoline and alcohol don't mix, of course, is not true. We can make alcohol out of the leftovers of agriculture (fruits and grains) that can be mixed with gasoline for a better oil cleaner fuel.

We should drill from the northern most outpost of Alaska clear through Canada, the central United States, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, through Mexico and clear to the southern tip of Argentina and have an oil and gas cartel with reserves far exceeding that which is currently controlling our economy by foreign powers.

There's no question that President Bush has oil interests. It was the one pushing for

drilling in Alaska. This republic will cease to be the great nation it once was unless the politicians are more interested in the people and their needs than they are in getting re-elected (which is all they seem to care about).

JACK STREETER
Mountain Home

Stop crying wolf about a leashed dog

Concerning my dog.

Since the person who left a letter for me didn't identify themselves, I am responding in the newspaper.

I do respond to my doorbell unless I am in the bathroom. I have lived in Twin Falls since 1964. Neighbors have walked their dogs, and I have walked mine.

No one has ever commented about urinating in other yards. Unfortunately, some of them do not pick up after their dogs. I carry a dirty bag and clean up after my dog.

Those people I know who want a pristine yard have a fence across the front. The problem that needs addressing is the free running dogs which can be a menace to children and other dogs in the neighborhood.

ELOISE WATSON
Twin Falls

Defense of Sen. Craig sounds like a holy cow

I consider President Reagan was a good president, and I voted for him in both elections. However, I was surprised to read Mr. Mel Quale's letter to the editor about President Reagan's 11th re-election for Republicans. "You shall not speak ill of a fellow Republican," I don't know anything about President Reagan's other 19 re-elections, but I suspect that Mr. Quale has elevated what President Reagan said and equated it to God's Ten Commandments. Wow! As a Republican, I cannot criticize and question the actions of any Republicans, no matter how badly they behave. Mr. Quale chastised a Republican letter writer for "insulting and challenging Sen. Craig's ac-

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tions on some issues. One of the greatest assets of this country is that citizens have the right to criticize their government, and it doesn't matter whether Republican or Democrat. Without this right, our system is no different from North Korea.

I also disagree with Sen. Craig on several issues and believe that the senator is more concerned about his political capital than the well-being of his constituents. Sen. Craig is not just a fellow Republican. He is a legislator. He introduces and votes on laws that affect our lives and the future of our country. And lately, the senator has tried several times to sneak detrimental bills into the Budgeter bill without a hearing to increase the chances of passing what his big-money friends wanted.

Sen. Craig's dog-and-pony show last spring at the College of Southern Idaho has not helped citizens who suffer through the continued annual feeling operations. If truly cares about his constituents, he should have passed laws to protect their right to breathe clean air. However, he continues to try to exempt these polluters from

the laws in underhanded ways. It's obvious whom Sen. Craig truly represents.

Corruption is spreading like cancer in our government, especially right now in the congressional ranks, because of a partisan attitude that deters public scrutiny as Mr. Quale advocates. Without public outcry, our leaders become arrogant and believe they are so powerful that they can do whatever they please and get away with it.

Citizens who blindly condone their party leaders' actions without question or fail to demand accountability of what is going on in our country are not their citizens' responsibility. Mr. Quale idolizes President Reagan's 11th re-election, but it isn't in the best interest of this nation.

PHUONG SMITH
Filer

McCain to Bush: We are all over you

So you thought all good things came from Senate workshops at the North Pole? Give the other pole some credit too. This week, a little good news came from Antarctica. Sen. John McCain is getting an update on climate change from scientists.

No, sorry, the good news has nothing to do with climate change. The ice cap is still melting, or breaking, or sinking, or whatever it is that it's not supposed to be doing. The good news is that McCain, the Republican from Arizona, made it clear Wednesday that if President Bush tries to circumvent congressional prohibitions on the inhumane treatment of prisoners, McCain — one of the few American politicians with a functioning backbone — doesn't intend to let him get away with it.

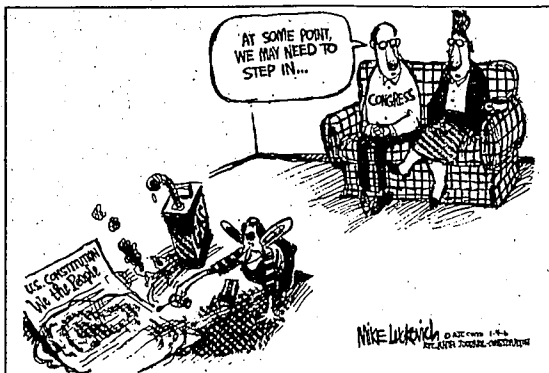
Last year, McCain introduced an amendment to the defense appropriations bill prohibiting U.S. personnel from subjecting prisoners anywhere in the world to cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment, and the Senate approved it, 90 to 9. Bush, who uparen'thinks we can't win the war on terror without becoming as inhumane to our enemies, initially threatened to veto any legislation containing McCain's language. But by getting remaining support in Congress for the amendment effectively made it

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veto-proof, and after a protracted standoff, the president finally agreed to sign the bill in late December.

The media announced this as a victory for McCain, his congressional supporters and the large majority of Americans who tell pollsters that torturing terror suspects is not acceptable. But the president still had a bit of mischief up his sleeve. When he signed the legislation, Bush issued a stinging statement saying he planned to construe the McCain amendment to prohibit an cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment "in a manner consistent with the constitutional authority of the president to supervise the unitary executive branch and as commander in chief and consistent with the constitutional limitations on the judicial power, which will assist in achieving the shared objective... of protecting the American people from further terrorist attacks."

This may seem like so much legislative gobbledegook, but it's more sinister than that. It refers to the administration's astonishing claim that whenever the president is acting in the interests of national security, he's constitutionally permitted to violate any federal



laws he finds inconvenient. Translated, Bush's statement says, "I'll sign a law prohibiting cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment, but because I'm president, I can ignore it." As Georgetown University law professor Marty Lederman notes, Bush's signing statement was "the commander-in-chief version of 'I had my fingers crossed.'"

The legal effect of such presi-

dential signing statements is controversial, but here, where the whole purpose of the statute is to create a loophole-free ban on a practice that the overwhelming majority in Congress finds abhorrent, it's hard to see a court siding with the president.

In the short term, though, only Congress can put a meaningful check on presidential power run amok. That's why it

was good news when McCain took a break from the glaciers to coordinate with Sen. John Warner, R-Va., on a statement reacting to Bush's "I had my fingers crossed" maneuver. "We believe the president understands Congress' intent in passing by very large majorities legislation governing the treatment of detainees..." The Congress declined when asked by administration officials to

include a presidential waiver of the restrictions included in our legislation. Our committee intends through strict oversight to monitor the administration's implementation of the new law."

It's not ringing oratory. But if we again translate the dry legalism, it's a masterpiece of understated menace: "Don't try it, pal. We're watching you."

And McCain and Warner were promptly joined by another key Republican, Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina, who added: "I do not believe that any political figure in the country has the ability to set aside any... law of armed conflict that we have adopted or treaties that we have ratified. If we go down that road, it will cause great problems."

It's odd how the president, whose popularity remains abysmally low, seems determined to alienate the last remaining moderate Republican. Splitting in the face of crucial Republican Senate leaders seems self-destructive.

In the end, Congress may not be able to stop the president from ignoring the McCain amendment, but using the power of the purse and other tools, it can sure make Bush's life miserable.

Rosa Brooks is an associate professor at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Record casts Alito as no ideologue

The two names uppermost on the agenda of official Washington at this moment represent polar extremes of reputation. Disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff is a felon and certified sleaze. Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito is an upright, ethical and highly respected jurist, as modest in his habits as Abramoff is in his flamboyance.

Abramoff's operations have been thoroughly exposed by the reporting of my colleagues at The Washington Post and in the plea agreements he signed with federal prosecutors, sending tremors of anxiety through congressional Republicans and a few Democrats as well.

Judge Alito's work, as a member of the Philadelphia-based U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, will become much more familiar to the nation when the Senate Judiciary Committee holds its hearings this week on whether to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The question that confronts the senators is whether Alito has an agenda that is every bit as well defined as that for which the Indian tribes and others hired Abramoff — but vastly larger in significance.

The goals for which Abramoff conspired were petty — gambling license here, a contract there. The issues with which Alito has wrestled in his 15 years on the federal bench are much more consequential: the relationship between individuals and the state, the regulatory authority of the federal government, the balance of power between the president and Congress, the protection of civil rights.

On all of these issues, Alito has compiled a record that can be read as reflecting a consistent and reasoned preference for governmental authority, especially presidential power, and a restrictive view of individual rights.

University of Chicago law professor Cass Sunstein, for example, concluded a study of Alito's dissents with the observation that "there is a good chance that Alito will be with justices (Antonin) Scalia and (Clarence) Thomas in their attempts to rive constitutional law in some respects to what it was a long time ago."

If that reading is correct, then his confirmation as O'Connor's successor would shift the current Supreme Court balance decisively to the right.

For senators who share President Bush's often-expressed desire to see that happen, the confirmation of Alito presents no conflict. Moreover, his "highly qualified" rating from the American Bar Association underlines the near-universal belief that his intellect and temperament command him for the bench.

But others face a harder task in weighing the Alito nomination. They may well ask: At a time when the administration is asserting a broad right to contact warrantless wiretaps of Americans' phone calls, do we

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really need a Supreme Court that takes an expansionist view of presidential authority? In an era of corporate corruption, do we want to restrict consumers' and workers' ability to turn to the courts for help?

But the evidence on Alito's motivations is not one-sided. At the suggestion of White House allies, I spoke with two of his former colleagues who presented compelling personal testimony that he is not a man driven by a personal or ideological agenda.

Robert DeToro was the Jimmy Carter-appointed U.S. attorney in New Jersey who employed Alito in the 1970s to handle difficult appellate cases. "There is no ideological bent that I can perceive," he told me. "He is a balanced human being with great sensitivity for human values and a scholar who analyzes the law and always stays with it."







Susan Sullivan of San Francisco clerked for Alito during the year he wrote his controversial Casey case opinion, upholding portions of a Pennsylvania statute restricting abortion, a decision later overturned by the Supreme Court. Sullivan describes herself as "a social progressive who is pro-choice and anti-death penalty," and says, "In general I would react with suspicion to any nominee of this administration. But having worked with him, I know he does not work toward a specific result. He is not intent on advancing his own agenda. He approaches cases in a very impartial way."

When John Roberts came before the Judiciary Committee for confirmation as chief justice, with barely more than two years of judicial opinions behind him, he was thoroughly believable in disclaiming any particular agenda of his own.

Maybe Judge Alito can establish a similar claim for himself in these hearings. But he has a lot of convincing to do.

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Financial Lesson of the Week

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Take Advantage of Higher IRA "Catch-up" Limits

NOW THAT IT'S 2006, you are one year closer to retirement. Of course, if you are in your twenties, this milestone may not mean that much to you. But if you are 50 or older, the prospect of actually becoming a retiree looms larger as the years go by. Fortunately, it's just become a little easier to build savings for your retirement years. Why? Because, starting Jan. 1, you can put in \$1,000 in "catch-up" contributions to your traditional or Roth IRA, up from \$500 in 2005. So, given the \$4,000 annual limit for regular contributions, you can put in a total of \$5,000 to your IRA in 2006.

Fully funding your IRA should be one of your top investment priorities. Keep in mind that IRAs offer two major benefits:

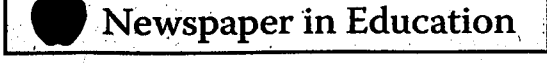
- **Tax advantages** — If you have a traditional IRA, your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred, so your money can grow faster than it would in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. (You will eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings, but, by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket.) Also, depending on your income level, your contributions may be tax-deductible. When you have a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes. You can also take out earnings, free of taxes, as long as you don't begin withdrawals until you are 59½ and you've had your account for at least five years.
- **Variety of investment options** — You can invest your IRA in virtually any security you choose — stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, etc. In fact, you're not confined to just one type of investment within your IRA; you can create a diversified portfolio containing a variety of holdings.

Given these tax advantages and this investment flexibility, it's almost certainly a good idea to "max out" on your IRA every single year. Of course, it's not always that easy to come up with \$5,000 at one time, but you don't have to. You can fund your IRA over the course of a year by putting in about \$416 per month. And, to make it even easier for you to completely fund your IRA, you could have that \$416 moved automatically, via a bank authorization, from your checking or savings account to your IRA.

On the other hand, if you can possibly afford to pay the full \$5,000 in the first few weeks of the year, you may well end up with more money in the long run. That's because you'll be giving your money more time to grow — and, as an investor, time can be your greatest ally.

But however you do it — over 12 months or right away — put the full amount into your IRA. Along with your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA is one of the best retirement-savings vehicles you have available. And now that you are on the "plus" side of 50, you'll want to really focus your efforts on making sure you have the resources available to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you deserve.

- Questions:
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 2. True or False — If you are over 50, you can put \$5,000 in your IRA for 2005.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Apply for summer jobs in Sawtooth

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth National Forest is now accepting people who are interested in applying for the 2006 summer season.

"According to Heintz Coia, recruiting coordinator for the Sawtooth National Forest, the process is now open for applying for summer jobs. Those interested are encouraged to visit the Forest Service Web site at www.fs.fed.us/land/2006sum.htm.

Jobs being offered include firefighting, trails, recreation, timber and range.

To assist people who are interested in learning more about how to apply for fire jobs, the Sawtooth NF, in cooperation with the College of Southern Idaho (CSI), is conducting an "Introduction to Wildland Fire." The course is conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m., beginning on January 17 for eight weeks.

People interested in more information regarding this course are asked to contact Ron Shogolev at CSI 208-724-6268 or Health Coia at the Forest Service 208-737-3320.

"We would like to encourage people to call the Sawtooth Recruitment Line at 208-737-3320 for more information," said Coia. "Our folks will be more than happy to talk with prospective applicants and answer any questions they may have."

Valley symphony to resume rehearsals

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Symphony resumes rehearsal Tuesday for their season of "Grand Openings." The orchestra is slated to perform Borodin's Second Symphony, the "La Fiesta Mexicana" of H. Owen Reed, and Barber's "Adagio for Strings" on Tuesday.

For nearly 50 years volunteer adult musicians of the Magic and Wood River valleys have joined forces to perform the best of the classical music repertoire. New volunteer musicians are always welcome, and string players are especially needed. Interested musicians should contact the symphony's director of music, Ted Hadley, at 733-1073.

Buhl City Council to discuss curfew

BUHL — The Buhl City Council will consider extending the curfew at Centennial Skate Park during its meeting at 7 p.m. today.

The new mayor, Charles Sheridan, and council members Reggie Finney and Steve Highberger will be sworn into office.

The meeting will be held in the council chambers, 203 North Broadway Ave. in Buhl.

Library renovation meeting is Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The second informational meeting concerning the proposed addition and renovation of the Twin Falls Public Library will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the library's program room on the lower level.

Betsy Dodds, a member of the Library Expansion Advisory Panel, will present information and lead a discussion targeting the Twin Falls business community.

All interested residents of the city are invited.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Big Lost	118%	62%
Big Wood	146%	65%
Little Wood	158%	67%
Big Lost	142%	62%
Little Lost	176%	67%
Henry's Fork/Teton	127%	69%
Upper Snake Basin	121%	69%
Camas	136%	69%
Salmon Falls	136%	69%

*A comparison of basin snowpack to the 1971-72 year, which is a typical year.

Wendell tells Valley Beef to shape up

Dumping makes sewers a bloody mess, he says

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — David Diehl with the Wendell City Public Works Department said he is fed up with Valley Beef dumping blood into the city sewer system.

During Thursday night's council meeting, Diehl explained that Valley Beef is once

again overloading the system with blood, causing the city to be out of compliance with Department of Environmental Quality limits on the amount of solids allowable in the system.

He showed the council a photo he had taken Jan. 4 of a bright-red liquid, downstream of the beef processing plant and indicated that they are loading the system with what appeared to be blood one to six times daily.

"Half of the lagoon electrical bill is used to keep all the aerators running to keep the odor down," Diehl said in his report to the council.

He also explained that \$983

worth of additives have been used to help check the odor problem.

"This isn't the first time Valley Beef has been in the spotlight. "They have never been in compliance," Diehl said. "Years ago, the city had them paying \$2,000 a month for the same problem."

Curtis Merrill, owner of Valley Beef, apologized for the problem and explained that it was temporary. "We are in the middle of construction that should be wrapped up in a few weeks," he said. "I guess that we aren't capturing as much blood as thought."

Mayor Rex Strickland, just minutes after taking the oath of office, said, "Be more reliable so that this doesn't cause us problems with EPA and DEQ. If you don't, we will shut you down."

Merrill explained that the problem will be remedied by the next council meeting and volunteered to pay the \$1,000 the city has had to spend to reduce the odor problem.

Also, the council accepted the resignation of Jason Houser on the Planning and Zoning Board because he was voted onto the council. Former mayor Paul Isaacson was appointed to fill the P&Z vacancy.

Rick Cowen also was sworn onto the council.

Council member Don Bunn said he appreciated the work Isaacson and former council members Don Ince and Dan Williamson had done for the city and thanked each with a plaque commemorating his years of service.

"Each has tried to do what the citizens want for the city and all put in many hours volunteering for the city," Bunn said.

Blair Koch covers the Wendell City Council. She can be reached by e-mail at blair20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.



These ducks know how to get themselves in a row Saturday afternoon while awaiting departure from Mother Nature's frozen pond runway near Buhl.

CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF

Residents air objections to Sempra plant

Meeting focuses on plan's impact on Magic Valley

By Karl Matthews
Times-News Correspondent

GOODING — The issue surrounding the proposed Sempra coal-fired power plant echoed across the Magic Valley again Thursday evening when a group of concerned citizens and speakers met to share their concerns.

"This is the biggest issue I've ever seen fit in my 65 years," said

one Magic Valley resident as he asked how he could fight the proposed coal-fired power plant in Jerome County. Another woman asked why "Idaho commissioners would want to destroy so much of southern Idaho."

Many more local residents shared the same questions and concerns during Thursday's community meeting. The gathering featured a panel of speakers, including state Sen. Clint Stennett, Dr. James Ingham of Jerome, Joe Ruschetti of Twin Falls and Peter Remmen of the Coalition for Healthy Idaho Communities (CHIC). The point of the CHIC-sponsored meeting was to raise awareness

about the communal, economic, ecological and health effects the 600-megawatt plant would have on Magic Valley and all of Idaho.

Stennett notes that all area residents face the question: Is using Idaho's air and water resources for energy production a good idea?

"There are plants proposed all over southern Idaho," Stennett said. "We have cheap water, cheap air. That's why they're coming here."

He and U.S. Rep. Wendy Jaquet are proposing a 15-month moratorium to allow for more research on the Sempra issue. Local residents need to be well informed because "It will

change what we know as quality of life," said Stennett.

Joe Ruschetti of Twin Falls echoed that sentiment, saying the proposed plant site is only nine miles from both Jerome and Shoshone, less than 20 miles from Thousand Springs Park, and under 15 miles from the Twin Falls well, which is the major arsenic-free well that supplies the city with 60 percent of its water supply.

Arsenic is just one of the many toxins from the plant that would pollute Magic Valley, Ruschetti said. He noted that Sempra's own calculations say that nearly 10,000 tons of

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Friendship was DeVon Andersen's greatest gift

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

MURTAUGH — DeVon Andersen could have served in the Idaho Legislature or made bankers happy as a millionaire businessman, say those who knew him.

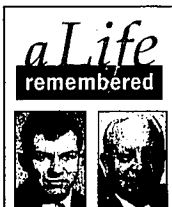
But this high school teacher and coach chose to contribute in a way perhaps far greater. He was the best friend anyone could ever have, and as such, his influence reached far and wide.

"He was a man who gave his life to the intangible, rather than the tangible," said Idaho House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, who was a student of Andersen's in the classroom and on the football field. Newcomb said Andersen has always been one of his role models.

"He was one of those people who would do anything for you, but he prepared you for life," Newcomb said.

Newcomb, as well the chairman of the "Idaho Senate" and the "Idaho House" Press, the week before he passed, praising him, and Murtaugh school officials let school out the day of his funeral so that students and former co-workers could attend.

"Not many people have that level of respect," said Murtaugh teacher Doug Wright, who also had Andersen as a coach and



DeVon Andersen

later worked in the same school with him.

He explained, "DeVon had time for everyone, always seemed to, and he would listen without judging. Like anybody else, there were people who agreed with him and those who didn't. But he had a special knack for making you feel important," and if somebody makes you feel important, he gets your respect."

Andersen served in World War II and then attended Utah State University on an athletic scholarship. He participated in football and track. Later he taught and coached at Deco High School and then for 30 years at Murtaugh High School, retiring in 1988. He and his wife Geraldine had 13 children, and he always put his family first, Wright said. "Wright would know, since he said he spent much of his own childhood in the Andersen home."

"He could have done so much more," said Andersen. Please see ANDERSEN, Page B3.



Albion City Clerk Mary Yeaman, right, administers the oath of office to the new mayor of Albion, Don Bowden, during the January council meeting.

Albion City Council discusses Sunday liquor, campus issue

By Mary Lynn Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — It was not with the alcohol and it was not with the new during the January meeting of the Albion City Council, as unfinished business was completed before the newly elected public officials were sworn in. Topics of discussion included a request to replat property into lots, the Albion school campus sale/lease, and the sale of liquor by the drink on Sundays. Several community members and organizations were duly recognized as making a positive difference in 2005.

Retiring Mayor Don Danner presented certificates of appreciation to various organizations and individuals in the Albion Valley for their volunteer service to the city. Those recognized included The Community Relations Committee of

the Albion Valley Planning Council, the AIR Council (now part of the CHIC), Albion Food Lovers Club, ATC Communications, D.L. Evans Bank, American Legion Post 124, American Legion Auxiliary Chapter 124, the Four Leaf Clover Club, Hollie Bailey, the Magic Valley Christian College Alumni Association, INL, the ASN/SGE Alumni Association, the Albion Valley Players, Lex and Celia Kanan, Kay Powell, Cody and Craig Adams, Sherrod Parish, and Brian Brackenburg. Danner also commended the live city employees for their work.

David Price, who is developing a subdivision of the Albion National Forest in Wisconsin where he worked as their hydrologist until 1973. He then transferred to the Custer National Forest in North Dakota where he worked on a

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Hancock retires after 39 years of public service

He played key role in Sawtooth forest projects

TWIN FALLS — Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Valdon Hancock retired Tuesday after 39 years of public service.

Announcing Hancock's retirement is Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Ruth Monahan. "Valdon came to the Sawtooth National Forest in 1991," stated Monahan. "During his tenure on the Sawtooth National Forest, he played a key role in a number of important projects. Most notably has been his involvement in the state of Idaho's Snake River Basin Adjudication. Valdon worked tirelessly on reviewing and submitting data on over 2,000 water uses on the forest so that claims could be prepared."

Monahan noted that Hancock's work in the area of water rights will continue to be very important to the Sawtooth National Forest. "Valdon's work is vital to the adjudication process. The Forest Service needs to do a lot of work to ensure that the water use needs are met for the public, permittees and others whose livelihood depends on water on and from the National Forest — water for uses such as stockwater, cabins, campgrounds, wildlife and other special uses."

Steve Spencer, Forest Service Water Rights Coordinator for Idaho, expressed high praise for the work done by Hancock. "Water rights work is critical and involves a great deal of patience and dedication," Spencer said. "He understands the minutia of water rights and water use. Valdon had an outdated basic water-use inventory. He could take that information and when he was done, produce accurate and detailed maps and data that could be used to file water rights," Spencer said. "He was very dedicated to details, meticulous and a real trooper. He has done a world of good, both to the Sawtooth National Forest and the Forest Service."

Hancock, a native of Pocatello, received his Bachelor's degree in Science degree in forestry from Idaho State University in 1962 and graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in forest management from Utah State University.

"He began his Forest Service career as a seasonal employee in 1962, as a fire control assistant on the Idaho City Ranger District of the Boise National Forest and again in 1964 as a watershed management research assistant for the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Logan, Utah. Hancock received his hydrologist appointment in 1967 as a hydrologist for the Shawnee National Forest in Illinois. In 1971 Hancock transferred to the Elk River National Forest in Wisconsin where he worked as their hydrologist until 1973. He then transferred to the Custer National Forest in North Dakota where he worked on a

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MAGIC VALLEY

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 725-3256 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obituaries@timesnews.com. Death notices are a funeral service and can be placed for 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message on an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Levi N. Vaught

SHOSHONE — Levi N. Vaught, 85, a resident of Shoshone, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, at his home in Shoshone. Levi was born on Dec. 4, 1920, in Crookston, Va. He was the son of Joseph and Ida Vaught, who were farm and small business owners in the early 1900s in southwest Va. Levi married Kathleen Cecelia Markon in Dec. 30, 1940. He served in the U.S. Army from 1945—1946 during the last years of World War II. After he was discharged, he went to college at the University of Wisconsin where he graduated as a Civil Engineer. Levi was employed by the Virginia Highway Department of

Philip and his wife, Gloria Vaught of Shoshone; daughters-in-law, Joelle and Faustina; four grandsons, Kenneth, Andy, Paul and Steve; five granddaughters, Jennifer, Ashley, Courtney, Victoria, and Diana; one great-grandson, Chase; and one great-great-grandson, Antonio. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel with the Rev. Elke Sharma officiating. Burial will take place at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone. Viewing for family members and friends will be held today from 5 to 7 p.m. at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Vernice DeNaughel

BURLEY — Mary Zelma Vernice DeNaughel, an 89-year-old resident of Burley, passed away Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at Parker View Care & Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by friends and family. She was born Jan. 17, 1925, in Burley, Idaho, the youngest of seven children of Franklin Leslie and Mary Hyde Poulton DeWyers. She attended high school and completed her education in Burley. She married Augustine Joseph "Stoney" DeNaughel on Dec. 11, 1940, in Burley. To this union were born seven children — four boys and three girls. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.



She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she served faithfully in various callings. For more than 35 years, she served faithfully in the Primary organization. She also served as a counselor in the Primary, was a faithful visiting teacher, and with her husband served as baptismal attendants. Vernice was loved by all at Parker View Care Center and made beautiful crocheted "love bugs" for all her loved ones. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 65

years, Augustine Joseph "Stoney" DeNaughel of Burley; her seven children, Ronald (Eileen) of Sacramento, Calif., Leslie (Sandy) of Riverdale, Utah, Edny (Merla) of Burley, Kenneth (Billie) of Heyburn, Nancy (Dennis) of Burley, Mary (Edna) Welch of Twin Falls, and Julie (Donald) Evans of West Jordan, Utah; 24 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren with two on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, four sisters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter. The funeral will be held at 2

p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave., with Bishop Brian G. Barlow officiating. Burial will be in Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1 until 4:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church. The family expresses appreciation to the staff and management of Parker View Care & Rehabilitation Center for their dedicated, loving and sincere service to Vernice.

Ruth LaFaye Rawson Finch

HEYBURN — Ruth LaFaye Rawson Finch, our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, returned home to be with our father in heaven on Jan. 6, 2006. Ruth was born May 22, 1935, in Rupert, Idaho, to Abram and Silvia Rawson. She was raised and lived in Burley-Rupert area her whole life and touched all who knew her. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and on Aug. 19, 1953, she married Dick Elmer Finch for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple. To this union was born 4 living children. As part of her service to others, she spent more than 20



years touching the lives of many Boy Scouts in the area, including her sons. She also spent 40 years working at Oredia/McCain's before retiring to spend the rest of her days devoted to her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a daughter-in-law. She is survived by her husband Dick (Burley), a brother Mike Rawson, a sister Hazel, three sons and one daughter, Dick Finch (Everett, Wash.), Rory & Jeanne Finch (Aron, Wyo.), Robin & Lisa Finch (Mountain Home, Idaho), Margaret (Muff) Finch (Burley), 7 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. A viewing will be held at the Burley 2nd Ward Church on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Heyburn at the Riverside Cemetery.

SERVICES

Charles High of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Joyce Anne Olson of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; viewing one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary. Melvin DeMar Madsen of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 26 W. 100 S.; viewing from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church. (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Gladya E. Nylander of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Magic Valley Baptist Church in Buhl; visitation from 9 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel. Matthew Sean Rasmussen of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church. Selma Shaw Morrell of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Valley View Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Maln St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Ruth L. Finch of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Payne Mortuary). Vernice DeNaughel of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

William Richard "Bill" Babbs of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 N. Center; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary). Joseph Paul Maccorillo Jr. of Halley, funeral at 10 a.m. today in the Linelight Room in Sun Valley (Wood River Chapel of Halley). Brenda Peterson-Dyson of Murray, Utah, and formerly of Hamlet, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary). Keith W. Wolschen, formerly of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Iva L. Burgess McCoy of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Elda Bigelow Bruvold of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Norman Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home). Lauretta E. Christman of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICE

Opal Kirtland HAGERMAN — Opal Kirtland, 94, a Hagerman resident, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

Idaho Small Business Development Center, Internal Revenue Service and AARP volunteer tax-aid training, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Evergreen C33. State of the College address, 9 a.m., Fine Arts Auditorium (all CSI offices closed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to allow employees to attend). Spring registration in all offices until 6 p.m. each Monday through Friday (through Jan. 20). CSI faculty spring semester in-service functions, all day, all campus (all week).

Tuesday

Idaho Small Business Development Center, IRS and AARP volunteer tax-aid training, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Evergreen C33. Twin Falls Canal Co. annual meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room. Idaho Virtual Academy semester finals, noon, Taylor 276. "Mysteries From the Depths of Space," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Contemporary Landscape Paintings by Alison Hall, Herrett Center, Jean R. King gallery (through Jan. 28). CSI Photography and English Department exhibit, Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room (through Jan. 17).

Wednesday

Idaho Small Business Development Center, IRS and AARP volunteer tax-aid training, 8

Today

a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Evergreen C33. CSI piano sale, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fine Arts 119 and Fine Arts Auditorium (through Saturday). Idaho Virtual Academy semester finals, noon, Taylor 276. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center medical staff meeting, 6 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room. Sixx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Thursday

Idaho Small Business Development Center, IRS and AARP volunteer tax-aid training, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Evergreen C33. Silver Sage Grotto cave exploration meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256. Twin Falls Centennial Dance Band weekly rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Friday

Idaho Small Business Development Center, IRS and AARP volunteer tax-aid training, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Evergreen C33. Twin Falls Canal Co. annual meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room. CSI Photography and English Department exhibit, Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room (through Jan. 17). Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Saturday

Educating Students From Poverty, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Herrett Center, Rick Allen Community Room. Court-ordered traffic safety class, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shields 169.

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Believe City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Fairchild City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Center of Commerce, 140 E. Lake. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive. Mindoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St. Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 100 W. Archer. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.

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ON THE AGENDA

Today: Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N. Carnas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield. Carnas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 610 Soldier Road, Fairfield. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland. Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home. Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 N.W. Fairfield. Hagerman School Board, 8 p.m., elementary school, 324 Second Ave. N. Halley City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley. Hansen City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 388 Main. Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main. Halliester City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 460 E. Ave. N. Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Education Center, 538 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. Malta City Council, 5 p.m., Raft River Electric Co. conference room, 155 N. Main. Mindoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert. Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln. Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Parks and Watershed Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W. Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W. Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., media center, 882 Valley Road S.

Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley. Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park. Flamingo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 West 9th. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Wednesday: Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main. DeMay Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert. Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 16th St. Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth. Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., Twin Falls. Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W.

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 434 Second E. Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Fairchild City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Center of Commerce, 140 E. Lake. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive. Mindoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St. Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 100 W. Archer. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.

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TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls county included the following:

Driving under the influence sentences

City of Twin Falls
Eric Dana Hall, 42, 1701 Poplar, Twin Falls, driving under the influence without privilege, judgment: \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, 30 days in jail served; driving privileges suspended

for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.
Ramon Cardoza-Lopez, 23, 655 Moreland, Twin Falls, driving under the influence without privilege, judgment: \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, 30 days in jail with 60 suspended, 30 days in jail with 60 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; follow recommendations of alcohol evaluation;

Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker
Linda S. Virginia, 48, 452 Rose St. N., Twin Falls, driving under the influence without privilege, judgment: \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentences

Reynold John Pirochka, 47, 3244 Falls Sunday, Twin Falls, driving without license; judgment: \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 court costs; six months unsu-

pervised probation; 30 days in jail; 30 suspended.
Misdemeanor dismissals
Oscar A. Hinojosa-Buena Vista, 29, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Andrew Benz, 42, death by unauthorized control, transfer of property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Simon Sebastian-Gutierrez, 28; open container; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Damar Torres, no date of birth listed; battery, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Brandon Sparks, 21; fraud — insu-

filient funds check; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Child support
State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Dale Leo Walker and Arin Margaret Taylor, Seeking of Father: Dale Leo Walker, 55 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fee: \$72.50 monthly support for children; \$12.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 15 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.
Darrell Lee Green, 49, 2318 E. 3600 S., Jerome; battery; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; judgment: guilty without conviction; \$72.50 costs; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.
Terry Duane Moraschi, 34, 740

Bottom, No. 4, Twin Falls, domestic battery; judgment: guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with balance suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol evaluation; obtain domestic violence evaluation; no contact with victim; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.
Theresa Lynn McNulty, 40, 1421 Poplar St., Twin Falls, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; judgment: guilty; \$72.50 costs, waived; credit for full time already served; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

SHOSHONE COUNTY COURTS

SHOSHONE — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Katherine Babcock, 41; driving without privilege; plea and sentencing Jan. 18; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Zachery Scott Hall, 18, 1421 Moreland, Twin Falls, driving without license; driving privilege conference Dec. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Michelle K. Kimball, 45; fraud — insufficient funds check; pretrial conference Dec. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Michelle Chilwood, 33; four counts fraud — insufficient funds check; pretrial conference Dec. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Michael C. Kelly, 24; driving without privilege; pretrial conference Dec. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Ramon Acosta, 18; driving without privilege; pretrial conference Dec. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Shockey, no date of birth listed; pretrial conference Dec. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Michelle L. Thornton, 24; driving without privilege; pretrial conference Dec. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor sentences

Joseph E. Ortiz-Ariza, 20, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fine, \$141 suspended; \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Ronald H. Jensen, 51; driving without license; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fine, \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Justin W. Dempsey, 26; battery; amended to disturbing the peace; judgment withheld for six months; \$72.50 court costs; six months unsu-

pervised probation; 30 days in jail; 30 suspended.
Misdemeanor dismissals
Oscar A. Hinojosa-Buena Vista, 29, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
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New group targets gay marriages

BOISE (AP) — Supporters of a proposed state constitutional amendment banning gay marriages are giving the issue another try this year, with a new conservative group called the Idaho Values Alliance leading the charge.

The signal that we've gotten from legislative leadership on the House and Senate side is they'd like to see an amendment go forward, said Bryan Fischer, executive director of the Boise-based group. Fischer, who served as state Senate chaplain in 2001, held a news conference Sunday in the Idaho Statehouse to introduce his group and its mission.

Religious liberties are threatened, he said, by the amendment, citing the 2004 Boise City Council decision to remove a Ten Commandments monument from a city park after 40 years, and the 2005 decision to remove prayer in public schools.

"There's nothing in the smoke shop worth your life," Watson said. "You don't know what other guy has got. You don't know his skill level with whatever weapon he might be carrying."

"There isn't any reason why that kind of encroachment without cause, unless someone's steps up and takes a stand on religious freedom," said Fischer, who led the campaign against the monument removal.

About 35 people attended Fischer's news conference and he was introduced by Allen Goren, a Jewish activist and developer from Eagle who heads a group called Idahoans United for Israel.

Fischer's group fills a need in Idaho of a public policy group that includes people of different faiths, Goren said. The Values Alliance "will not make faith an issue, but it will make values the issue."

Fischer said his group will lobby for tougher laws to remove violent sexual predators from society for property tax relief, and for protection from eminent-domain property seizures. He said the Values Alliance will also work to limit abortion rights in Idaho.

Legislative attempts to pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage have failed in the past. A constitutional amendment must pass the House and Senate by at least a two-thirds majority, and with approval from the governor before being placed on the General Election ballot.

Last year, the Idaho Senate blocked a measure that would require courts to recognize only marriages between one man and one woman. That measure also would have banned civil unions, a grant gay couples the legal rights and benefits of marriage.

Idaho already has a 1997 law banning gay marriage, but Fischer and other supporters say the amendment is needed too. He noted that in Washington state, the state Supreme Court is considering a challenge to Washington's 1998 gay marriage ban.

Kootenai County police urge caution after man foils robbery

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County police are warning residents against taking their own hands off the wheel after a man successfully foiled a robbery attempt at a coffee stand here.

Randy Naccarato, 44, helped prevent the attempted robbery last week at the Lean Bean

Latte, but police say he may have been creating an unnecessary risk.
Naccarato said he saw a man slip on a drink and go into the coffee stand.
"I heard the little girl working there yell, 'He's got a gun,'" Naccarato said. "I don't think about anything, I just charged him."

Naccarato, a former amateur boxer, started pummeling the man and, with the help of two other men, held him down until police arrived. Naccarato told the newspaper, Criminals "can't get away with it. If we have to, we will take it into our own hands."
Kootenai County Sheriff

\$250,000 ball, an officer at the jail said Sunday. Taylor's age and hometown were not available.
"We live in the Northwest and this is a beautiful place," Naccarato told the newspaper. Criminals "can't get away with it. If we have to, we will take it into our own hands."
Kootenai County Sheriff

Divorces

James Hollingshead vs. Misty Hollingshead.
Brandon Sparks, 21; fraud — insu-

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pollution would result from the project. These pollutants include: sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, carbon dioxide, ammonia, lead and mercury.

Ruschetti noted that to generate 600-megawatts of electricity, 300 tons of coal would need to be burned every hour. That adds up to approximately 2.5 million tons per year. In addition, the plant would require 2.5 billion gallons of groundwater each year. All of that water is evaporated," he said. "100 percent, all consumed."

Concerned about the 3-4 million tons of carbon dioxide that would be released into Magic Valley's atmosphere each year. The pollution even has a wider scale he says. It would have a harmful effect not only on air and water quality, but also on crops and livestock.

Ruschetti noted the economic effects of the project by using an example from the construction of a similar plant in Delta, Utah. "Businesses seemed to boom during the construction phase, the post-construction economy became 'flat' and a 13-year-long Social Impact Assessment showed that the Utah plant had 'significantly altered' the community, Ruschetti adamantly adds that it is not a 'shiny' new toy.

"It's your children," he said. "Your grandchildren and your grandchildren's children who will be looking at this — who will clean it up."

Dr. James Irwin of Jerome noted that this is an issue facing generations. Though adults may not see the effects of global climate change on their or their health, the "effects" on children can be subtle or profound." He sarcastically says that affected babies "may only lose a few IQ points." He stressed that that is not the only problem from mercury. It can result in seizures, autism, motor and developmental delay, and more. Irwin is concerned about Sempra's proposed plant because it will be producing over 100 pounds of Mercury every year, over half of which will remain in southern Idaho. He noted that one drop of mercury is "enough to contaminate a mile circle lake 20 acres."

The aim of the entire panel was to ensure that Idaho residents have an educated choice whether they want the plant or not. They specifically opposed the plant, but also recognize that local residents have the deciding voice. "We may decide we want one [power plant]," Irwin said. "I am pleased for you to think about it."

"Magic Valley is ground zero," said Karl Matthews lives in the Hagerman area and can be reached by e-mail at karl.matthews@hotmail.com.

Hancock

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interdisciplinary team developing management plans and accompanying environmental statements for three major planning units on the Little Missouri National Grasslands and parts of the Custer National Monument.

Hancock worked on the Lewis & Clark National Forest in Montana as their forest hydrologist from 1975 to 1991. He transferred to the Sawtooth National Forest in 1991.

Throughout his career, Hancock has worked on numerous projects involving water, watershed quality monitoring, watershed restoration, restoration of portions of an abandoned

Andersen

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"He could have been in politics. He had opportunities to go to bigger schools, but he placed a lot of value on his family and on the time he could spend with his family. Everybody likes to have a lot of money, and he probably would have made it, but he placed more value on his family."

He always had time for his family, and in his final year he could tell you what each of his 40 grandchildren and 20 great-

surface coal mine with severe acidic drainage, major flood restoration, hydroelectric project proposal, stream channel stabilization projects and water rights adjudication.
Hancock has also coordinated and worked on a number of Burn Area Emergency Response rehabilitation efforts. Most notably of these were two major fires on the Lewis & Clark National Forest and fires in the South Hills of the Sawtooth National Forest from 2000 to 2003.

He also assisted with the rehabilitation survey following the Valley Road Fire, the largest recorded wildfire in the forest, this past September in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Council

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on his request to replat the property into 22 smaller lots, but was told the issue was still with the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said that one lot is being built and he has a buyer for it. He also said the restrictive covenants and an architectural control committee will ensure that specific requirements, such as the size of homes built, will be met.

Karl Dakin, representing the Albion Campus Foundation, said the support of the Foundation's previous proposal to purchase the former Albion State Normal School campus. A copy was distributed to each current and new council member.

Dakin said that the group wants to purchase the entire campus and then come to terms with other issues, such as the lease of museum by the ASN/SICE Alumni Association and an irrigation water pond project. He said that the council informed Dakin that the city would need to have an easement for the water line through the property.

Following adjournment of the former council, Danner Mountain Grill, was held. It re-committed that the city authorize the sale of liquor by the drink on Sundays — or at least on special Sundays, such as Super Bowl Sunday. City attorney Kerry McKinney stated that an ordinance amendment would have to be passed to approve the special liquor sale. After the council adjourned, he placed McMurtry draw up the ordinance and to continue the meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. on a vote on it.

John Jenkins was informed by council that he will not be able to vote on the ordinance because he (Jenkins) has a conflict of interest because of a business he owns.
In other business, resident sheriff's deputy Sgt. Robert Ney reported that he patrolled 15 miles, wrote one citation, checked businesses for 1.5 hours, took a domestic violence report, and served several civil process in the city during December.

In other law enforcement news, it was reported that Chief of Police Bruce Bristol wrote 15 citations and one report last month, and made one arrest. Animal Control Officer Stewart

King Kong

Albion City Clerk Mary Yeaman, right, administers the oath of office to new City Council members, from left, Roger Jenkins, Lynda Anderson and Dwight Parish.

Walderman reported that he had helped up two dogs and was preparing new dog tags for the new licensing year.
Gwen Montgomery gave an update on the city park improvement project at the Fox Leaf Club Club, noting that \$66,246.84 had been spent on the project, not inclusive of the water line. She said that Mayor Bowen said he had the applications to submit for permits needed for culvert repair projects under Tremayne and Hill Main streets. She noted the appointment of someone to fill a vacancy on the F & Z

Commission was postponed. Bowen also stated that Larry King, a city account executive from BPA, would be attending the February meeting to discuss electrical issues.
The new mayor reported that the Albion Valley made a request of the Department of Water Resources that it be designated as a separate water district from the newly combined District 140.

Mary Lynne Bristol lives in Albion and can be reached by e-mail at bristolbuc@hotmail.com.

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Section C

Chewing over dietary changes

These are baffling times if you look at the nutritional flip-flops of 2005. The low-carb Atkins diet went belly-up, and the food pyramid got a face-lift.



ALIVE & WELL
Jan Mittelelder

We became fascinated with the French paradox eating for pleasure without gaining weight. The food and beverage industry was advised to clean up its marketing to children. And debate over the effects of the obesity epidemic continues.

How can we muddle through the confusion of the ever-evolving "guy" nature of scientific sound bites when health-conscious Americans crave black-and-white finality?

"It seems like the experts are always changing their minds, it's because they are," said Dr. David Klurfeld of Wayne State University. "Dietary advice is based on what is known today. Tomorrow may contradict today — that's the nature of science."

Confusion is compounded when reporters highlight unusual findings to grab your attention, while researchers, on the other hand, view each new study as evidence to be confirmed or discarded in a time-tested process.

Here are five freshly squeezed dietary factors from the past year that deserve a brief review:

Atkins goes bankrupt
The hottest diet craze of the past decade, the low-carb Atkins Plan, plummeted into bankruptcy as many meat-loving dieters transferred their efforts to a more moderate weight loss approach like the South Beach diet.

Climbing the pyramid
The new food pyramid sports vertical stripes attached to food categories and a Web site, www.MyPyramid.gov, including a special section for kids.

The revised diet guidelines added a fairly ambitious activity component that could demoralize any couch potato. It goes like this: Get about 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise most days to prevent weight gain and 90-120 minutes of moderate daily activity to maintain weight loss.

The French 'non-dieting' paradox

The French's enviable ability to enjoy good food and drink without compromising health or gaining weight is the subject of one of the best-selling diet books of the year, "French Women Don't Get Fat" by Michelle Gilliland. The sensible French-inspired strategy — rich in fruit, vegetables, fish, olive oil and nuts — is more than a plan. It's a style that savors the pleasures of eating moderately.

And it apparently works, as only 10 percent of French people are overweight, according to Deborah Kesten, author of "The Healing Secrets of Food."

Advertising targeting children

Popular cartoon characters like SpongeBob and Scooby-Doo should peddle healthful foods, not junk food, suggested a recent landmark report from the Institute of Medicine, a group of experts awarded by Congress to create health policy advice. Concerns about childhood obesity call for drastic changes in foods that are lower in calories, fat, salt and sugar.

Debate over obesity
"Life expectancy for Americans reached an all-time high," announced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in February.

But the good news didn't last. The New England Journal of Medicine said the steady rise in life expectancy during the past century is expected to reverse itself due to the obesity epidemic.

Some suggest that the effect of obesity on death rates may be decreased because of improved medical care for high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

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

Come on in,



Georgia Blastock teaches a morning water aerobics class to about 15 women at the YMCA in Twin Falls on Friday. The class is offered for anyone who wants to get in shape, as part of the YMCA's health and fitness program.

IMAGE SMITH/The Times-News

Magic Valley residents make a splash in water aerobics

the water is fine

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With the flick of a switch, blaring trumpets cut through the murmur of conversations and splashing water at the Twin Falls YMCA pool.

"OK," instructor Georgia Blastock shouts over the big band music coming from the boom box. "Let's stretch!"

Twenty pairs of arms shoot out of the water and into the air.

Welcome to water aerobics.

It's 8 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, and Blastock is leading her class of mostly older women through warm-ups. The jazz plays on, the conversations continue and muscles start to loosen. It's like a scene from "Cocoon."

"This is more of a do-what-you-want class," says 17-year-old lifeguard Abel Galan. Donning sweat pants and sandals, he watches over water aerobics sessions at the YMCA and Twin Falls city pools when he is not in class at Twin Falls High School. He can tell you a story about nearly everyone in the classes — how water aerobics helped one woman recover from surgery, or how the sessions keep another going through old age. The benefits of water aerobics aren't limited to a great workout, he claims.

"Look at Betty," He points to an older woman in a blue swimsuit dancing in the water. "She got her knee operated on a few months ago."

He pauses, smiles and shakes his head in disbelief.

"Look. She's doing great, just great. All she does is dance. She can't dance outside the water, you know."

Water aerobics is the optimum exercise, Blastock said. One hour in the water has the same health benefits as two hours in a gym aerobics class. It's low impact, relaxing and more fun. "And you don't even have to get your hair wet," she said.

However, the best part about the class, participants claim, is the friends. After

Twin Falls YMCA water aerobics class schedule

YMCA pool	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
• 8:9 a.m.	Monday Wednesday, Thursday
• 7:30-8:30 p.m.	
Twin Falls city pool	
• 6:7 a.m.	Monday, Wednesday
• 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Monday through Friday
• 9:10 a.m.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
• 4:5 p.m.	Monday through Friday
• 5:5-6 p.m.	Monday through Friday

Cost is \$3 per class or \$30 for 12 classes. Water aerobics is free for YMCA members. To sign up, or for more information, call the Twin Falls YMCA at 733-4384.

each workout — and a post-class soak in the hot tub — most of the women in the morning class meet for coffee at Burger Stop in Twin Falls.

But not before an hour of underwater dance moves meant to target the major muscle groups. Giant neon water noodles and foam dumbbells help exercisers balance. They also add resistance.

"OK, now to the side," instructs Blastock. The woman pump the dumbbells from side to side. The intensity is picking up. The boom box blasts disco now — appropriately, the Village People hit "YMCA."

Then, it's a galloping country tune, and the cool-down begins.

Fifteen minutes later, the hot tub is packed with tucked women. The socializing continues, of course.

The participants — from as far away as Gooding — never miss a chance to laud the class' social aspects.

"This class makes me get up and get out of the house," says 64-year-old Twin Falls resident Evelyn Burth. "It gives me something to do. And yes, coffee time afterward is my favorite." Everyone laughs.

Burth has been in the class the longest, a 15-year veteran. And she credits the workouts for her vitality, as well. "I'm in pretty good shape."

So are the folks in Joan Seidel's night water aerobics class at the YMCA pool. The night sessions are more like a traditional land-based aerobics class: high intensity. Her class attracts a younger crowd.

"This," Seidel said, "is a total body workout."

Indeed. Twenty minutes in, half the group is breathing heavily. Seidel stops so everyone can check their heart rates. Then it's back to twisting, turning, jumping and twirling.

Even with all that activity, it's not essential for participants to know how to swim. None of the exercises require dipping under the surface, and everyone stays in the shallow end.

But don't be mistaken. Water aerobics isn't always easy.

Glorinda Myers, a 50-year-old who started the night class a week ago, is still adjusting to the vigorous aquatic workouts, though she is already seeing results. She signed up to help her ailing back — and the morning after the first session, her back wasn't as sore.

Lifeguard Galan isn't surprised.

"Sure, everyone gets something from water aerobics."

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The trapper, newly dapper

By Janellie Erickman Diamond
The Washington Post

Gentlemen, start 2006 off with fashion sense and warm ears: Hello, trapper hat.

"I'm a big fan," says Madeline Weeks, GQ magazine's fashion director. "There's a function to it. It's not just a fashionable item." Dudes like the rugged plain, she says. "It's great to wear, with a parka or topcoat. And it

frames the face great. It's kind of fun."

Men are wearing hats more, says Weeks. "It's not so much, 'Oh, I never wear a hat.'" (Either men are getting smarter or bolder.)

The trapper — usually a boxy fur- or fleece-lined hat with earflaps — doesn't age-discriminate. It looks great on all males — from kids on up. And it channels unrefined lumberjack and Russia. (That all depends on

your plaid-to-fur ratio.)

The trapper conquered the runway (Gucci, D&G, Christiane Malandrino) and is now in retail shops.

The trapper is a sound barrier between you and the world. The earflaps dunk the world into muffled silence. "It's a look that's been around for hundreds of years," Weeks says. "Guys can relate to it."

The trapper hat looks like it's been around hundreds of years. Guys can relate to it.

JANA DEGA/The Washington Post



IMAGE

Caregiving Support Group will meet today

The Caregiving Support Group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging Annex building, 998 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

Sherry Cann, facilitator, will present the program, "Setting Up a Plan of Care."

The support group is for those who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends.

For information, call the Office on Aging at 736-2122 or (800) 574-6858.

'Baby and Me'

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

The sessions are for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The classes are free. For information, call 324-7262.

Parkinson's exercise

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering an exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

The program places emphasis on increasing flexibility, strength, balance and coordination; improving communication by developing vocal strength and clarity of speech; helping individuals meet daily challenges; and improving symptoms of tremors, rigidity, poor balance

To do for you

and reduced range of motion. Community Directed certified occupational therapy assistant, will instruct.

Organizers encourage spouses and caregivers of those with Parkinson's disease to attend.

The class is free. To register, call 737-2126.

Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Adair Ave. W., Twin Falls.

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

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

CPR for babies

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

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Organizers invite new parents and grandparents to

attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

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

Alzheimer's support

Holley Hornes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E., Jerome.

The support group is for Jerome County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For information, call Carey Crist at 324-8524.

Fresh tobacco cessation

About Stabi, a smoking cessation program organized by the American Cancer Society, will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, this week through Feb. 15, at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The program is free. To register, call Darl Pearson at 737-5945.

Alzheimer's support

Rosetta Hilland will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the center, 1919 Hilland, Burley.

The support group is for Minid-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For information, call Lisa Junod at 677-5451.

About C-sections

A Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9

p.m. Thursday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

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

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

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

Coping with widowhood

Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho will begin two sessions of meetings on coping with widowhood. Each eight-week series will be held Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 18, at the Office of Aging, 998 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

The first session will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will receive information and support in dealing with the problems of being widowed.

The second session will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and is designed to address the problems of the younger widowed person. Topics will include coping with grief, stress, loneliness and preventing the grieving child.

To register, call Shanna at 736-2122, ext. 307. Walk-ins are welcome. Participants pay no mandatory fee, but a donation of up to \$40 for the series is suggested.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9

p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 18 through Feb. 15, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

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

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148 or go online at www.mvrmc.org.

Parenting program

NoParent, an eight-week parenting program, will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning this week, at the Episcopal

Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

NoParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent-and-child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2092.

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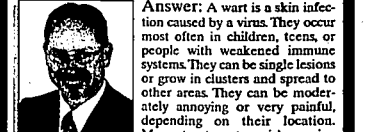
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Some food companies rewrite recipes

Law requires new guidelines for labeling of trans fats

By Alan Bjerga Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Colleen Crawford has seen first-hand what too much cholesterol can do to people with heart disease. She is a nurse who cares for heart failure patients in Wichita, Kan.

High-fat diets cause many patients' problems, she said, teaching them about nutrition through reading food labels helps solve them, she said.

"I teach people how to check for fats, for sodium, so they make better choices."

On Jan. 1, new rules on food labeling began making it easier for consumers to avoid artery-clogging trans fats, which have been linked to an increased risk of heart disease.

The labels have already had impact. Rather than face an undesirable label, Kraft and other large food manufacturers have announced they will reduce or eliminate trans fats.

And food activists are calling for labeling in restaurants. That's more controversial, but for Crawford, any knowledge helps.

"People need to know what they're eating," she said.

Trans fats are formed when hydrogen is added to vegetable oils to improve shelf life. If a product ingredient is listed as "partially hydrogenated," that means that at least some trans

fats are created in the product, though the amount can range from almost zero to a large portion of a food item's calories.

Trans fats are created during a manufacturing process that helps increase the shelf life and stabilize the flavor of foods.

But they can wreak havoc on humans, lowering good cholesterol, raising bad cholesterol and reducing the quality of everything from testosterone to breast milk.

Trans fats are worse than saturated fats that nutritionists have long warned about. Saturated fats raise the level of bad cholesterol, but they also provide some health benefit by raising the level of good cholesterol.

Though trans fats are found in small quantities naturally in dairy products, most Americans get their trans fats through heavily processed foods such as vegetable shortening, margarine and snack foods like deep-fried chips and packaged breads, cookies and crackers.

Laura Sangsaper, a clinical dietitian, said it's best to keep trans fat consumption "as close to zero as possible."

In response to rising health concerns, in 2003 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration set the new labeling requirements. Many food labels already contain trans fat listings, as companies have rolled out their new labels as their suppliers of old ones ran out.

But not every new label was in place on Jan. 1, as stores use up products with old labels.

Also, some trans fat content can still receive a zero trans fat listing under the new rules, even if a hydrogenated oil is an ingredient. If a food has less than 0.5 grams of fat per serving and makes no claims about fat content, or if it simply has less than 0.5 grams of trans fat, the FDA allows a company to list its trans fat content as zero.

The place to find trans fats, when they're listed, is under the "Saturated Fat" listing, just under the "Total Fat" heading.

The idea behind the labeling is to give consumers more information they can use to make healthier choices.

Trans fat awareness has also spurred companies to remove it from their own foods, fearing that consumers won't eat trans fatty products once they know their content. Frito-Lay and Kraft, among food companies, have dramatically reduced the number of products they sell that contain trans fats. Restaurants have also jumped on the no-trans wagon.

The effort to change labeling and reformulate food in ways that preserve quality while cutting trans fat is estimated to cost the food industry up to \$854 million over 20 years.

Much of the cost will be absorbed by companies.

And the public health bene-

fits could be great — the FDA estimated savings of between \$25 billion and \$59 billion in health care costs over 20 years.

Food advocates groups are pushing for more regulation. The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington, D.C., watchdog group with roots in Ralph Nader-led advocacy, is calling for labeling of trans fat on restaurant menus — doughnuts, French fries and other popular restaurant items are also high in trans fats, and right now aren't regulated.

Michael Jacobson, the organization's executive director, said that, short of an outright ban, restaurants that choose trans fat-laden cooking oils over healthier alternatives have to be pressured to add health information to their menus so consumers can make better choices in restaurants too.

"We'd like to see the FDA revoke its acceptance of partially hydrogenated oil," he said. "The second thing we need to do is ... require restaurants to disclose their information."

Jacobson's group is targeting Overland Park, Kan.-based Applebee's — the nation's largest family dining chain, with a restaurant in Twin Falls — to let people know what trans fats are in its menu items.

Applebee's spokeswoman Vikki Watson said the chain isn't providing nutrition information because customers haven't clamored for it, but that none of its new menu items will include trans fats.



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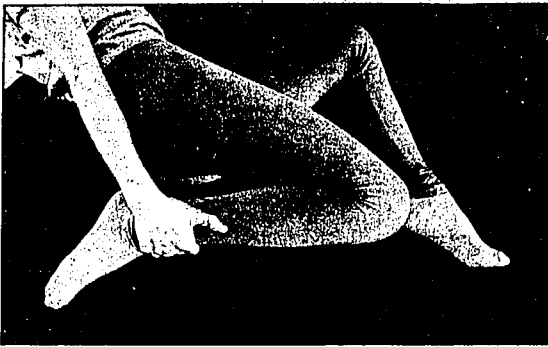


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Stretches that target specific areas such as the hip and thigh can counteract tightness. Has the art of stretching reached its limit?

By Janet Cromley
Los Angeles Times

People who savor an old-fashioned stretch can find themselves limber but lost in today's fitness world. Yoga and Pilates have muscled in on stretching's turf, providing similar moves but with a hefty dose of strength and balance training. The familiar hurdler's stretch of the quadriceps has been found dangerous.

And a recent study in the Journal of Athletic Training found that pre-exercise stretching doesn't seem to decrease injury and post-exercise stretching doesn't seem to reduce soreness.

That research, an analysis of previous stretching studies, comes on the heels of evidence that stretching can impair performance of explosive moves such as sprints and jumps. Some experts even question the need for regular stretching at all. People with perfect mechanics and alignment may not need to stretch, they say.

"Sitting at your desk in good posture," says Dr. William Roberts, past president of the American College of Sports Medicine, "will do more to decrease your risk of repetitive injury than stretching."

Even the term has fallen into disfavor. "The word 'stretching' alone isn't something you hear much in our industry," says Keith Shiles, a personal training manager at Equinox in Los Angeles. "That's not to say stretching is useless. It does play a role in good health. But that role is more limited than once thought — and should be combined with strength and general fitness training. The goal of stretching should be, simply, to ensure a wide range of motion."

"It's a different form of exercise," Shiles says.

Practically speaking, "full range of motion" means being able to reach a top position fortably and to bend over to pick up a pin. If those movements aren't possible, gentle



Trainer Belinda Cheng, right, assists Sawyer Van Merlin with a stretch. Moves generally have become more gentle and less dramatic than those from a decade ago.

flexor is tight and needs to be stretched.

Belinda Cheng, a personal trainer who works at a number of fitness centers, including the Belmont Athletic Club in Long Beach, Calif., says she's seeing more young adults with limited flexibility. "I'm shocked at the teenagers and twentysomethings in my classes," she says. "They are so stiff. They have no range of motion, their hip flexors are too tight, their quads, everything. They look like 70-year-old guys who've done weight lifting and got all their lives."

She chalks it up to our sedentary lifestyles. "We didn't have video games when I was a kid," she says. "Whatever they're doing, they're hunched over all the time, and they don't have proper posture." Countering normal tightness is what stretching seems to do best. Although some fitness centers still offer stretch classes, the moves are more gentle and less dramatic than those of a decade ago. And the stretches incorporated into other classes are usually designed to complement the more extreme movements muscles are asked to perform.

The beauty of stretching, of course, is that you can do it just about anywhere. So if you're sitting at your desk, right now, feel like a good stretch, you probably need it. Just don't go too far.

Why your child's sore throat lingers

By Janet Cromley
Los Angeles Times

If it seems that your child's step throat is lasting longer than it should, there might be a reason for those extra weeks of painful swallowing and malaise. The commonly prescribed antibiotics penicillin and amoxicillin are becoming less effective against it, according to a study by pediatricians at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

The reason: increased rates of antibiotic resistance among bacteria that cause the infection. The study, conducted by Dr. Michael Pichichero and Dr. Janet Casey, analyzed 47 studies of various drugs used for treating strep in

kids. They reported in December that up to 25 percent of children treated for strep throat with penicillin and 18 percent treated with amoxicillin end up back in the doctor's office within three weeks for additional treatment.

By contrast, 14 percent of children receiving older generation cephalosporin antibiotics such as cephalexin, and only 7 percent of children receiving newer penicillins such as amoxicillin-clavulanate, returned to the doctor.

Pichichero and Casey concluded that a four- to five-day regimen of the newest cephalosporins were more effective than other drugs. But they aren't recommending parents demand these

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Doctors advise against reliance on sleeping pills for a good night's rest

By Nancy McVicar
Knight Ridder News Service

In the ads for the new sleep drug Lunesta, a pale green luna pill, they're nocturnal floats peacefully across the TV or computer screen, hoping to lure you into asking your doctor to prescribe the medication. What the \$60 million ad campaign doesn't mention is that there's little research showing Lunesta works any better than prescription sleep aids already on the market. Also, sleep experts say there are drug-free ways to get a good night's sleep.

Insomnia plagues an estimated 70 million Americans, according to the National Institutes of Health, and many of them seek prescriptions as a quick route to a good night's sleep.

"I try to encourage people not to use these medicines because of side effects," said Dr. Glenn Singer, who leads the sleep disorders center at Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Singer said some people become dependent on the medications.

"We don't call it addiction, we call it habituation," he said. "We want people to learn how to sleep better, and there are other ways of doing that." Neal Yan, manager of the sleep disorders center at JFK Medical Center in Atlanta, agrees that lifestyle changes can be very effective in treating insomnia. He recommends simple approaches, such as getting out of bed and reading until you're drowsy, to get a good night's sleep.

"We encourage (insomniacs) to read something kind of boring, not a romance novel or a suspense novel," he said. "Teach yourself Latin. That should make you drowsy."

Despite such advice, the appeal of sleep medications remains strong. Sales of Lunesta, launched in early 2005, have been brisk. Ambien CR, its latest version, along with Sonata and other prescription sleep medications, Americans filled more than 35 million prescriptions for sleeping pills in 2004 at a cost of \$2.1 billion, according to a recent study by managed-care company Medco Health Solutions.

The medications, in a class called "sedative/hypnotics," work by enhancing brain chemicals that allow the mind to calm and for drowsiness to set in.

People 65 and older are most likely to get sleeping pill prescriptions, Medco found, based on an analysis of prescription drug claims of 2.4 million Americans between 2000 and 2004. But use of the pills in adults 20 to 44 doubled during that four-year span, the study showed.

Consumer advocates say Lunesta and Ambien are the latest in a series of medications that have been marketed directly to consumers since federal law was relaxed to allow such sales tactics by pharmaceutical manufacturers in 1997.

Often, new treatments are touted as better than existing options, which may drive patients to pressure their doctors to prescribe them. But health experts say older medications can be more reliable, less expensive and have longer track records for safety.

The population's growing reliance on sleep medications has not been shown to harm patients, but a recent analysis of 141 studies of Sonata, Ambien, Lunesta and Zolpidem, a Canadian brand, that all have short-term side effects such as daytime sleepiness and headaches.

While doctors say there are circumstances in which people can benefit from taking a sleeping pill, many causes of insomnia are tied to lifestyle choices, such as drinking caffeinated beverages with dinner or later, eating chocolate or exercising right before bed.

Insomnia takes a few forms — difficulty falling asleep, or falling asleep but waking early and then not being able to go back to sleep, or waking frequently, said Dr. Lawrence S. Martin, medical director of the sleep disorders center at Cleveland Clinic Florida in Weston.

People who wake frequently in the night may need to be studied to determine whether they have sleep apnea, a condition in which the throat closes and the person stops breathing and awakes gasping for breath, or another condition called periodic limb movement, in which the legs or arms move involuntarily, sometimes jerking the person awake. Smiley said both conditions are treatable.

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Insomnia takes a few forms — difficulty falling asleep, or falling asleep but waking early and then not being able to go back to sleep, or waking frequently, said Dr. Lawrence S. Martin, medical director of the sleep disorders center at Cleveland Clinic Florida in Weston.

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NOTICE OF HEARING - ON NAME CHANGE
Petition to change the name of Jon Andrew Wertzuzo, born 06/01/2000 in Twin Falls, Idaho residing at 1242 Linc Dr has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Andrea Cecilia, because we want same family name.
The child's father is living; The Child's mother is living.
A hearing petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock a.m. on February 10, 2006 at the County Court-house. Objections and filings by any person who can show the court good reason against the name changes.
Date: February 10, 2006
Robyn Kline Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: January 9, 16, 23, and 30 2006

LEGAL NOTICE
TWIN FALLS STORAGE under the provisions of Idaho Code 26-7-210 will sell or dispose of stored items ASAP.
Terry Pardo, last known address: 18930 Hwy 550, Montrose, CO 81401
Terry Pardo, last known address: 485 Addison Ave., C110, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
PUBLISH: January 6 and 9, 2006

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING OF THE IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE COMMISSIONERS POLICY MANUAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Idaho Housing and Finance Association ("IHFA") is considering an amendment to the policies (the "Policies") set forth in the Board of Commissioners Policy Manual concerning provisions for a roll call vote for executive sessions. The roll call amendment to the Policies is being adopted in accordance with Section 67-6206 (g), Idaho Code, as amended.
Copies of the said Policies, as amended, may be obtained from the President and Executive Director of IHFA at 565 W. Myrtle Street, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho 83707-1899, (208) 331-4728. Written comments on said changes may be submitted to the President and Executive Director at the above address until 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2006.
PUBLISH: January 9, 2006

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FOUND cat, female, grey & white, in the Wendell area. Call 208-556-6596.
FOUND dog, German Shepherd, old, female, On Highway, between Odeco and Burley. Has chain collar and no tags. Call Ben 208-880-1855.
FOUND gold bracelet gold with name and engraved. Found in CSI parking lot. Call to identify 404-6818 or 543-5609 V. msg.
FOUND key on neck strap on 6th Street in Flir. Call to identify, 208-326-3299 or 208-323-5372.
FOUND kitten, adorable, grey, approx. 3 mos old. Found on Highway 12 in Kimberly. Call to identify at 423-5371.

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FOUND set of keys in Fruit, ID. Call Kimberly, 208-438-5599.
FOUND Snow PSP 11-22-05 at Magic Valley Bowl/Bowlmore. Call 208-738-0935.
FREE DOGS TO GOOD HOME
9 Black lab crosses, puppies, 6 weeks old. One male & 2 female lab crosses, one year old. Need homes immediately. Due to owners moving. Call 733-5233, 734-3087, call 731-9520 or message at 324-3177.
LOST
REWARD OFFERED for the return of our Male German Short-haired Pointer Dog, Answers to Zed, mostly white with brown patches on his face. Owners are devastated. Love him like a son. Please call Joe at 208-961-0054 or 208-911-0577 or Kay at 208-961-0054.

Lost and Found
LOST cat large, declawed, dark grey with black stripes, one year old. Found on white floor near Burley Airport. 208-678-0643.
LOST digital camera, Nikon Cool Pix P2 somewhere between Meridian and Twin Falls. Call 208-734-8745 or 404-3040 ask for Taylor or Jamie.
LOST dog, Brittany Spaniel, on 15 W. Whipperton, Pine and Bridge Court, Burley. 208-735-2422
LOST Golden Retriever, huge, female, 2 years old, red collar, lost in Twin Falls. 734-1424.
LOST small dog, last seen on 15th Dr. and west of Rupert Highway. Short curly all white hair, tail curls up on back. 8-10 lb. Call 208-451-6204.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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IN THE COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND WITHIN THE COUNTY OF BEND/BLAND
Case No. CV2005-1144
NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT
2920 PRODUCE SALES, INC. Plaintiff

MARIE LINDAUER DVHIT and MARK RAYMOND DVHIT wife and husband; **JOHN DOES AND JANE DOES 1-10** Defendants
UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF an Order of the Court for a Writ of Attachment issued on the 30th day of December, 2005, out of and under the seal of the above entitled Court, I am commanded and required to exhibit to the attachment of the property described in said Writ of Attachment, said property being more particularly described on Exhibit One hereto.

EXHIBIT ONE
1. BANK ACCOUNT
D.L. Bank, 397 North Overland, Burley, Idaho.
Account #: 5437756410014500
Account #: 5437756410044500
Account #: 5417756410028500
Account #: 5417756410025600

2. Real Property
D.L. Evans, 318 Oneida, Rupert, Idaho or 127 E. 111, Burley.
Account #: 94108578
Account #: 40110120
Account #: 40011580
First Federal Savings Bank, 2059 Overland, Burley, Idaho.
Account #: 80056359

3. Personal Property
Vehicles:
2005 Ford F350 (last 6 digits of VIN No: 833331)
2004 GMC Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No: 106204)
2004 Mazda RX8 (last 6 digits of VIN No: 116184)
1999 Nissan Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No: 350189)
1995 Chevrolet Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No: 145130)
1983 Ford Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No: E83351)
1988 Ford Truck (last 6 digits of VIN No: B18695)

4. Miscellaneous
Any and all interest, shares of stock or other ownership which Defendants may hold in Agri-Air, Inc. or its Corporation.
Any and all accounts and/or assets maintained at Edward D. Jones, Burley office.
5. Other Property
1991 Fleetwood 14x6 mobile home and real property situated at 359 South 350 East, Burley, Idaho.
1974 Concord 14x6 mobile home and real property situated at 249 West 200 South, Rupert, Idaho.
Real Property and Improvements located at 25th & River Run, Burley, Cassia County, Idaho

Notice of Trustee's Sale
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 12, 2005 Sale date and time (local time): April 19, 2006 at 10:00 AM Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 269 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, property address: 435 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, ID 83301 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Code 91-1001, P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009-0997 (425) 580-1900 Dued of Trust Information: Original grantor: Glenn L. Albertson Original or equivalent Pioneer Title Company of Ada County Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Recording date: June 5, 2003 Recordors' instrument number: 200314819 County: Twin Falls SW owing on the obligation: as of December 12, 2005: \$78,827.12 Because of interest, late charges and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address above. A copy of the deed and a copy of the deed of default; failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property's legal description is identified to comply with IC 60-1-13 but is not intended to conform. The property's legal description is: Lot 13 in Block 61 of Twin Falls Townsite, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 1 of Plans, page 7. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.wellsfargo.com without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS 7023-11183) 1002-5149-4FV1

Notice of Re-Zone Hearing
You are hereby notified that on the 25th day of January, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a re-zone hearing based on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a re-zone property located in Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East B.M., an address approximately as 2438 East 400th North, Flir, Idaho, from Agricultural to Rural Residential. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, 4th Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho. A complete description of this request is on file with the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office and available upon request. Written materials or comment must be submitted prior to the public hearing and can be mailed to: Twin Falls County Commissioners, Office P. O. Box 128, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0128 prior to the hearing.
You are also hereby notified that, if approved, the Twin Falls County Commissioners will adopt an ordinance amending the zoning pursuant to Twin Falls County Code Title 9-1-16.
Dated this 4th day of January, 2006.
/s/ Gary Grindstaff, Chairman
/s/ Kristina Glascock, Kristina Glascock, Clerk
PUBLISH: Monday, January 9, 2006

Notice of Comprehensive Plan and Re-Zone Hearing
You are hereby notified that on the 25th day of January, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a hearing that a request to amend the Comprehensive Plan to allow change of use from agricultural to residential on property located in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, B.M., an address approximately as 4251 North 2500 East, Flir, Idaho, be denied.
You are also hereby notified that on the 25th day of January, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a re-zone hearing based on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve a re-zone of property located in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 16 East B.M. and addressed approximately as 4251 North 2500 East, Flir, Idaho. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone St. North, 4th Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho. A complete description of this request is on file with the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office and available upon request. Written materials or comment must be submitted prior to the public hearing and can be mailed to: Twin Falls County Commissioners, Office P. O. Box 128, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0128 prior to the hearing.
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PUBLISH: January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2006

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TS No. 05-20516 Doc ID #000377622005N Title Order No. 5610840 Parcel No. RPT1582001101A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, at the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Sulto 135 Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 05/01/2006 at 10:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 01/25/99 as Instrument Number 1890-00133, and executed by WALLACE A BRAGG and NANCY D BRAGG, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of COUNTYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: LOT 11 IN BLOCK 1 OF EASTGATE SUBDIVISION, REMOVED, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO PLAT 14287 RECORDED IN INSTRUMENT NO. 93004534. RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of enforcing the obligation secured by said deed of trust, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of: 617 EASTGATE DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must attempt to verify the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due (100% of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due therefor; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.75% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$132,089.13, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation secured by said deed of trust, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note and in the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO FILE A DEED AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1001, IDAHO CODE, AND ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF SAID DEED OF TRUST, AND ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 177 Countywide Way, LAN-288, Lancaster, CA 90028-1821 PHONE: (951) 281-5219 Successor Trustee: Rahmi Bernaldoz, Assistant Secretary, ASAP# 741945
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LOST Boxer, brindle, female, spotted leather collar. Reward offered for return. Call 731-2993 or 731-3098

Lost and Found
LOST dog, 8 months old, male Shih Tzu, black with white markings on ears. On Carriage Lane and Flir Ave. On 12/25. Is missed very much!
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Do-It-Yourself Ideas
Old MacDonald himself wouldn't be able to resist this do-it-yourself farm playset. The big red barn is filled with everyone's barnyard favorites—horses, cows, pigs, sheep, chickens and ducks. There's even a tractor and wagon, complete with bales of hay. Theed from full-size patterns. The project is perfect for woodworkers of all skill levels. Just trace the pieces onto scraps of plywood and dimensional lumber and cut everything out. Next, sand and paint the barn, tractor, wagon and fences. Finally, paint the animals. The barn measures 21 inches long by 15 inches wide by 14 inches tall.
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NFL PLAYOFFS

Heartbreak in Cincinnati

Carson Palmer tears ACL in 31-17 loss

By Joe Kay
Associated Press writer

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer stood his ground and held the ball an extra second, waiting for rookie Chris Henry to run past a defender and get open.

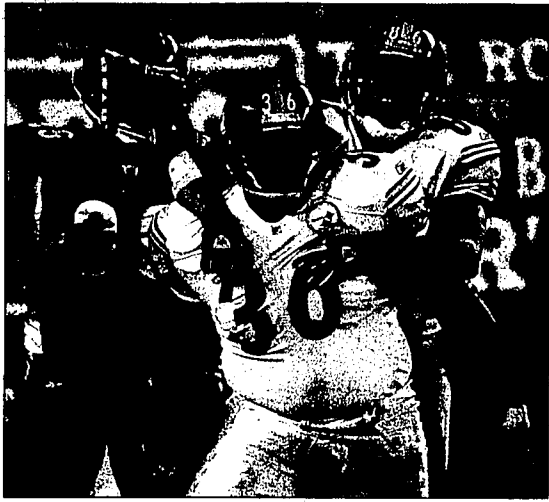
That one second changed everything. Steelers nose tackle Kimo von Oelhoffen dived at Palmer on his first pass Sunday, hitting Palmer at the knee and knocking the Pro Bowl quarterback out of the game with a torn ligament.

Pittsburgh took advantage of his absence, harassing backup Jon Kincaid and rolling to a 31-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals that set up a rematch with the AFC's top team.

The Steelers (12-5) will play in Indianapolis next Sunday, a chance to show how far they've come in the past month. Pittsburgh lost at the RCA Dome 26-7 on Nov. 28, when coach Bill Cowher started the second half with a failed outside kick that seemed to be a sign of desperation.

"We're the underdogs going into their place," said Ben Roethlisberger, who threw three touchdowns passes. "Now we get to see what we can do."

Defending Super Bowl champion New England will play in Denver on Saturday night. The Bengals (11-6) will spend



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis (36) celebrates with Hines Ward (86) after Bettis scored on a five-yard run in the third quarter against the Cincinnati Bengals during Sunday's 31-17 win. Bengals' David Pollack is at left.

an offseason reevaluating the play that effectively scuttled their first playoff appearance in 15 years — and could have a longer-lasting impact. Palmer tore the

anterior cruciate ligament, an injury that requires surgery and months of tough rehabilitation. The Bengals are hoping he's recovered by training camp in July.

"I was really upset," receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh said. "Not because of the fact we lost him. It's his young and he's got to go. Please see STEELERS, Page D2

Vince Young to go for

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Vince Young is headed to the NFL. The quarterback who led Texas to its first national championship in 36 years announced Sunday he would make himself eligible for the NFL draft.

"I thank God for the opportunity to be in this position," Young said at a news conference. "Hard work has paid off a whole lot."

Young, who led the Longhorns to a 41-38 Rose Bowl win over top-ranked California on Wednesday, could have returned to Texas for his senior season and would have been a favorite to win the Heisman Trophy.

The versatile quarterback accounted for 467 yards against USC — 200 running and 267 passing — and ran 8 yards for the winning touchdown on 33 seconds left.

Young thanked many people, including his family and coach Mack Brown, who could not attend Sunday's news conference. He specifically thanked Brown for "helping me become a better man."

In a statement, Brown said he met with Young and his family Sunday evening and fully supports Young's decision.

"We love Vince and appreciate all the great things he's done for the University of Texas on and off the field," Brown said. "We'll miss him, but want him to do as well in the NFL as he did in college."

In his eight seasons at Texas, Brown never before has had a player leave early for the NFL.

Young ends his career at Texas with a 30-2 record — the best in school history. His stellar performance in the Rose Bowl increased speculation that he would leave school early and also started a debate about whether he would be the No. 1 pick in April's draft.

Young is Texas' all-time leader in total offense (9,167 yards), career touchdowns (81) and career rushing touchdowns by a quarterback (37).

This season, Young became the only player in NCAA history to pass for 3,000 yards (3,000) and rush for 1,000 (1,055) in one season. His 4,086 total yards set a school single-season record.

Young won the Davey O'Brien Award for national best quarterback and the Maxwell Award for the top college football player, but came in second behind USC running back Reggie Bush in the Heisman voting.

Though he's leaving a year early, Young emphasized his bond with Texas, saying, "I'll forever be a Longhorn."

Panthers defense devours Giants

By Jenna Fryer
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Carolina Panthers' defense played like coach John Fox was in the New York huddle, spying on his former team.

The Giants had no such insight into the Panthers, allowing Steve Smith and DeShaun Foster to eat them at their own game in their own place.

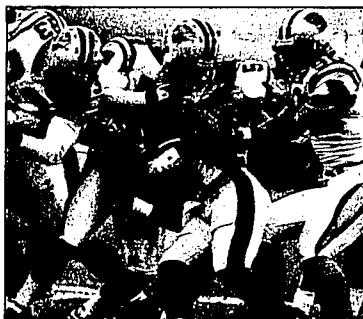
Fox had Carolina prepared for everything New York attempted, rattling Eli Manning into four turnovers, and Smith scored two touchdowns to lead the Panthers to a lopsided 23-0 win over the Giants in the first round of the AFC playoffs on Sunday.

"We challenged ourselves this week to know the Giants better than they knew themselves," said Carolina defensive tackle Brent Barber.

It was New York's first playoff shutout in 20 years — and not much of a stretch for the Panthers (12-5) under Fox, who opened his offensive coordinator before taking over in Carolina in 2002.

Fox still maintains close relationships with everyone from the Super Bowl to the cleaning crew, and marked his return to the Meadowlands by staying one step ahead of everything the Giants tried to do.

"It was strange — they were in our huddle a little bit," said running back Tiki Barber, who was held to a season-low 41 yards. "They kind of had us dissected



New York Giants running back Tiki Barber is stopped for a loss by Carolina Panthers defenders Michael Rucker, left, Will Witherspoon, center, and Julius Peppers during the first quarter of the Panthers' 23-0 Sunday shutout in East Rutherford, N.J.

and figured out and we couldn't get anything going consistently."

Not on offense, not on defense and not on special teams. Manning had his worst game of the season, the defense couldn't find a way to slow Smith or Foster, and the Giants muffed a punt while becoming the first home playoff team to be shut out since 1980, when the Los Angeles Rams blanked Tampa Bay.

The Panthers played nearly as well as they did in their Super Bowl season two years ago and advanced to Chicago (12-4) for the divisional playoffs. The Bears won the only meeting this season, 13-3 in November.

"Everybody may say we're a Super Bowl team — we're not," Smith cautioned. "All we are is a one-win playoff team."

Carolina did it with a stout defense and a strong running game

— the same principles the Giants used this season to win their first divisional title in five years.

DeShaun Foster ran for 151 yards by going straight at the Giants' depleted linebacker corps, kick-starting a running game that has been spotty all year. It was just his third 100-yard game this season — the other two came against Atlanta, leading to questions if Foster could run on any other team.

But the play-making is usually reserved for Smith, and he didn't disappoint with 104 yards for 84 yards. He scored once on a 22-yard catch from Jake Delhomme, then ran a reverse in 12 yards for a second score.

Carolina intercepted Manning three times, then forced him to fumble late in the game in front of a nearly empty Giants Stadium. Plaxico Burress was shut out the entire game and the Giants managed just 109 yards total offense.

"I didn't play well, and I made too many mistakes for us to win today," said Manning, who finished 10-for-18 for 113 yards. "It was not the way I wanted to come out and play. I look forward to coming back and getting better."

His struggles had a lot to do with the Panthers, who were insulted earlier in the week when Cal Umenyion said Carolina had the second-best defensive ends in the NFL. The shot at Julius Peppers and Mike Rucker stung, and the entire unit responded.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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What's the difference between Wilt Chamberlain and this season's Portland Trail Blazers? Wilt has a 100-point game to his credit.

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— Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
There are five quarterbacks in the Pro Football Hall of Fame who had more interceptions than touchdowns during their careers. Name three of them.

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
BOYS BASKETBALL
Light House Christian at Murrain, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls JV at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Spartans Booster Club meets tonight

RUPERT — The Minico High School Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. tonight in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 480-6260 for more information.

Cal Ripken Baseball registration starts

TWIN FALLS — Cal Ripken Baseball registration for players ages 9-12 (as of April 30, 2006) will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 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 fundraiser participation is required. For more information, contact Alan Sutzman at 539-7388 or Bill Merritt at 280-0802.

Twin Falls dodgeball tournaments slated

TWIN FALLS — On Saturday, Jan. 14, the first of two dodgeball tournaments will be held at the Boys and Girls Club, 999 Frontier Road in Twin Falls. The second tournament is slated for Saturday, Jan. 28 at Filer High School.

The cost is \$50 per team of six or more players for all boys, girls or co-ed. Liability waivers must be signed by all players. For those players under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign prior to individuals being allowed to play. Players need to come 30 minutes prior to playing to pay fees and warm up.

The tournament schedule is as follows - Grades 5-6, 9-11 a.m.; Grades 7-8, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; High School, 2-4 p.m.; Adult, 4:30 p.m. until finished.

For more information, contact Joe Maloney (208) 731-4522.

Burley Elks hold youth Hoop Shoot

BURLEY — The Burley Elks will host its annual Hoop Shoot for boys and girls ages 6-13 Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Civic Center in Rupert.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Birth certificates are required.

Compiled from staff reports:

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bobby Lynn recorded 196 touchdowns in his career. He had 243 interceptions. VA. Title had 212 and 121; Norm Van Brocklin had 173 and 178; Bob Waterfield had 97 and 128; and Joe Namath had 173 and 220.

Panthers show Giants the value of experience

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Midway through the third quarter of their 23-0 win Sunday over the New York Giants, the Carolina Panthers had an interception negated by a penalty.

No problem. They got the interception three plays later against Eli Manning, who was overmatched in his first playoff game.

But not put all the blame on Eli.

Credit the Panthers and their playoff experience — they went to the Super Bowl two seasons ago and played like they're poised for a return. And credit the coaches, too: head John Fox, the defensive guru, and Dan Henning, his offensive coordinator, who spent the day a step ahead of Tom Coughlin and his staff.

"I think in some ways we were outplayed," said Tiki Barber, who rushed for 1,860 yards in



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the regular season but got just 41 on Sunday, pounding into the line on first down for 1 or 2 yards in the first play of every series.

No play action, no deception. Just Barber — and the Panthers knew it was coming.

Never underestimate experience, the ability to deal with the extra intensity that teams face in the postseason. Coaches need it, too, although to be fair, the Giants' Tom Coughlin and coordinators Tim Lewis (defense) and John Fulinagel (offense) have had plenty of it in Jacksonville, Pittsburgh and

New England. Experience is why everyone in the AFC fears New England, which entered the playoffs seeded fourth with a 10-6 record. The Patriots' 28-3 spanking of the Jaguars Saturday night only reinforced the impression — a team that's won three titles in four seasons gets that respected for good reason.

The Panthers may have assumed the same aura in the AFC by shutting out a team whose 422 points in the regular season were third to only Seattle and Indianapolis.

Their contrast in playoff experience was obvious in the play of the quarterbacks.

The last possession view of Carolina's Jake Delhomme was two years ago, a Super Bowl shootout with Tom Brady in Houston. The Panthers lost that game to the Patriots 22-29. The first view of Manning in

the playoffs was Sunday, and it wasn't pretty. Then he was, his team trailing 10-0 midway through the third quarter trying to generate something against a team that had shut down Barber.

In his anxiety, he violated the first rule of quarterbacking — don't throw across your body over the middle, especially late in the play. But that's exactly what Eli did and the predictable happened — Ken Lucas picked it off and returned it to the Giants 12, setting up a reverse to Steve Smith that made it 17-0.

If the Giants had any hope, that extinguished it.

Eli acknowledged afterward that he should have taken a sack, or thrown the ball away. "Anything but that," he said. And it obviously will go into his memory bank, presumably not to be repeated — in the present.

son, the regular season, the playoffs, anytime.

But take this result beyond Eli, who had four turnovers total in the second half.

The Panthers ran for 223 yards and held the ball for almost 43 minutes, something no team can overcome.

They did it because Henning recognized that the Giants were overfloading to the side where Smith was stationed to take away the Panthers' standout wide receiver. So they ran, taking advantage of a New York linebacker corps starting two guys who weren't with the team most of the season and missing Antonio Pierce, Carlos Emmons and Reggie Torbor, their starters in September.

"It was kind of in our minds that they were a little short there," Henning said.

As for the defense ...
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SPORTS

Blue Devils remain unbeaten

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — J.J. Redick scored 23 points with old pemeish Chris Paul watching from a front-row seat as No. 1 Duke held off Wake Forest 62-64 Sunday night, leaving the Blue Devils one of only three unbeaten teams in Division I.

Lee Melchionni added 17 points for Duke (14-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) and played a large part of the game without star center Sheldon Williams. He picked up his third foul with about 11 minutes left in the first half, then got his fourth soon after the break.

Williams played only 17 minutes but hardly was useless, though mostly to Redick. He finished 12-of-21 from the field — 5-of-13 on 3-pointers.



Duke's J.J. Redick (4) and Wake Forest's Trent Strickland, right, collide during the first half of Sunday's basketball game at Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C.

No. 24 West Virginia 91, No. 3 Villanova 87

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Joe Herber scored 23 points, Kevin Pittsnogle added 22 and West Virginia handed Villanova its first loss of the season.

Mike Gansey added 21 points as the Mountaineers (10-3, 2-0 Big East) beat their second top-10 opponent this season.

Randy Foye had 24 points and Mike Nault scored 23 for Villanova (10-1, 1-1).

No. 4 Memphis 73, Winthrop 63

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rodney Carney had 21 points and Darius Washington scored seven of his 11 points on a key layup to help Memphis hold off Winthrop.

Andre Allen added 11 points for Memphis.

Craig Bradshaw and Phillip Williams led the Eagles (7-4) with 15 points apiece.

Wisconsin 82, No. 7 Michigan State 63

MADISON, Wis. — Kamron Taylor scored 27 points and Wisconsin beat Michigan State for the seventh time in eight meetings.

Alando Tucker added 17 points for Wisconsin, which improved to 33-1 in conference home games under coach Bo Ryan.

Georgia Tech 60, No. 11 Boston Coll. 58

ATLANTA — Zam Fredrick hit

a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 33.5 seconds left and Georgia Tech edged Boston College, which went more than 11 minutes without a field goal and struggled to make anything outside the lane.

Craig Smith tried his best to carry the Eagles (11-3, 0-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) by himself, scoring 26 points.

Women

No. 2 Duke 86, No. 6 Maryland 68

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The defense of second-ranked Duke was the difference in a matchup between the two highest-scoring teams in NCAA women's basketball.

Lindsay Harding and Chante Black each scored 19 points, and the unbeaten Blue Devils forced 24 turnovers in rolling past No. 6 Maryland 86-68 Sunday.

No. 14 Purdue 51, Michigan 43

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Aya Tnora scored 13 points and Lindsay Wisdom-Hilton had six points in the final minutes to

lead Purdue.

The Wolverines (6-10, 0-4) were led by Katie Dierdorff's 10 points.

UCLA 77, No. 9 Arizona St. 69

LOS ANGELES — Noelle Quinn led her season high with 24 points and Lisa Willis added 23 to lead UCLA.

Nikki Blue had 13 points for the Bruins (9-6, 4-2 Pac-10).

No. 25 Va. Tech 67, No. 19 Boston College 62

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Megan Finney and Kirby Copeland combined for 26 points to lift Virginia Tech.

Brooke Queenan and Kindyl Dorsey had 13 apiece for Boston College.

Arkansas 52, No. 20 Vanderbilt 51, OT

FAVETTEVILLE, Ark. — Devin Leslie Howard led Arkansas with 13 points, including the winning free throw with 21 seconds left in overtime.

A desperation 3-pointer by the Razorbacks' Britney Vaughn forced the overtime. Vaughn, who scored all five of her points in the final 14.5 seconds, hit a running shot from inside the half-court line to tie the game at 46.

No. 24 Temple 66, La Salle 64, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Candice Dupree scored 29 points, including the game-winning three-point play with 2.8 seconds remaining in overtime.

Davineia Payne led the Explorers (5-8, 2-1) with 21 points.

No. 17 Georgia 89, Florida 70

ATHENS, Ga. — Sherril Baker scored 20 points and added four steals to extend her career stats record to 352 for Georgia.

Tasha Humphrey had 26 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs (11-3 overall, 2-0 Southeastern Conference).

Florida (12-2, 1-1) had its 11-game winning streak end, despite 23 points from Dailia Eshie.

hoped his short put for what is becoming a familiar finish at this tournament.

Both players finished at 8-under 224, the highest score to win in the eight years the season-opening tournament has been played on the Plantation course at Kapalua.

Not many imagined Singh would be part of it, starting the final round five shots behind.

But an approach to 2 feet for a top-in eagle on the fifth sent him on his way. Singh's only bogey came on the par-4 17th when he clipped up short of the green and came up 15 feet by. His approach on the 18th in regulation fin-

ished pin-high, setting up an easy chip that he put within a foot of the cup for birdie.

Then, he waited to see if Appleby could match him.

It wasn't easy for the 34-year-old Australian. After missing a 15-footer on the 17th, he needed birdie on the 18th to force a playoff. His approach was just short of the hole.

Appleby won for the seventh time on the PGA Tour, earning \$1.08 million and adding to his collection of Mercedes-Benz sports cars that go to the winner.

Appleby makes it three straight

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Stuart Appleby had to go an extra hole to make it three in a row Sunday at the Mercedes Championships, making a birdie on the par-18th to force a playoff against Vijay Singh, who was winning on the same hole with a bunker shot that nearly went in.

Appleby joined Gene Littler in 1961 as the only player to win the winners-only tournament three straight times, and none of them was easy.

"This one was the hardest," said Appleby with relief from a two-shot deficit before making birdies on two of the last four holes for a 2-

under 71.

Two groups ahead of him, Singh surged into the lead with a 7-under 66, the best score of the tournament and nine shots better than the average score in the final round. But in the playoff, Singh's approach caught a soft bounce and stayed short of the green, and his 100-foot eagle putt stopped 9 feet short of the hole.

Appleby hit 3-iron through the green into the back bunker. Then blasted out and watched the ball tickle over the rim of the cup before setting 2 feet right. Singh's birdie putt stayed right the whole way, and Appleby

counts some of the Bengals as friends.

"Guys were infuriated," right tackle Willie Anderson said. "But I know him. He's not a dirty player." His momentum just kept him going into Carson. It wasn't a dirty play.

The nose tackle explained himself on the field.

"He had every right to be upset. They lost their best player," he said. "I hope Carson gets better. My apologies to him and his family."

"I was worried about Carson. That kid deserved to play this game."

Now, it was up to Palmer's mentor to get it done. He couldn't.

Kita led the Bengals to an 8-9 finish in coach Marvin Lewis' first season, then took a back seat to Palmer the last two seasons. He played sparingly this season and was understandably rusty in a 37-3 loss to Kansas City last week.

Kita, one of only 13 Bengals with playoff experience, finished 24-of-40 for 197 yards with two interceptions and four sacks. He kept the Bengals in it until their inexperience and lack of a Pro Bowl quarterback started to show in the third quarter.

First, the Bengals botched a field goal attempt because of a high snap. Then, Kita knocked the ball out of his own hand while scrambling, scuttling a drive. Finally, a starved 30-yard punt — something out of the old Bungles days — put the Steelers in position to take control.

Steelers

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through so much now tearing his knee. His just sad for that to happen. He was playing great.

The Bengals were initially angered and inspired by the injury, but the emotion lasted only so long. They faded during the third quarter when they started bungling and the Steelers acted like they'd been to the playoffs before.

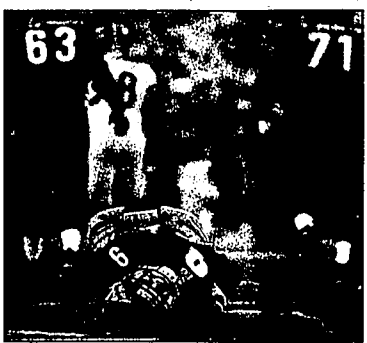
"We had that letdown, we didn't get that (second-half) field goal and it kind of deflated us," said Kita, who took over for Palmer and spent most of his time scrambling. "We never recovered from that."

Pittsburgh was in jeopardy of not making the playoffs after a 38-31 loss to the Bengals at Cincinnati Field City before the Cincinnati AFC North title. The Steelers won their last four to get in as a wild card.

In his second playoff game ground, Roethlisberger was coolly efficient — 14-of-19 for 208 yards and three touchdowns without an interception, a vast improvement over his shaky rookie postseason.

"Last year, everything was new to Ben," said receiver Hines Ward, who had a 5-yard touchdown catch. "Tonight, he was pretty crunched. The intangibles that he brings, I like a lot."

The crowd of 65,870 erupted, then went sickeningly silent on that Bengals' first pass play — one that went down as the longest in Cincinnati playoff history, and the costliest.



Carson Palmer (9) grimaces after injuring his knee in the first half.

Palmer held onto the ball long enough to let Henry beat a defender down the right sideline for a 66-yard catch. As the ball left Palmer's hand, a falling von Oelhoffen's shoulder into the quarterback's left knee.

"I knew right away that it was bad," said Palmer, who was on crutches after the game. "I felt my whole knee pop. I didn't feel a lot of pain. It was just a sickening feeling because I knew what it was and that my season was over."

Even though Palmer wears a protective brace, his knee bowed inward as it was hit. He had to be taken off on a cart.

"You watch it happen, my thoughts and prayers go out to Carson," Roethlisberger said. "You could see Kim'o was stumbling going down. He's not that kind of player. Carson's a great player. Any time you lose a great player like him, it's devastating."

Several Bengals yelled at von Oelhoffen, who spent his first six seasons in Cincinnati and still



New Jersey Nets guard Vince Carter, left, and teammate Nenad Krstic celebrates Sunday's 105-104 road win over the Toronto Raptors.

Nets nip Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — Vince Carter made a fadeaway 3-pointer with 0.1 seconds left and finished with 42 points against his former team Sunday, leading New Jersey past the Toronto Raptors 105-104 for the Nets' 10th straight victory.

Carter scored 24 points in the fourth quarter and was booed every time he touched the ball, but he silenced the crowd with his spectacular winning shot. After Toronto's Jose Calderon missed his second free throw, Carter hit a 3-pointer from about 4 feet beyond the arc.

Jason Kidd added 22 points and 15 assists for the Nets, who are on their longest winning streak since a franchise-record 14-game run from Jan. 25 to Feb. 24, 2004.

Chris Bosh had 27 points for the Raptors, who won their previous five games. New Jersey's Richard Jefferson played only 22 minutes because of back spasms.

Toronto's Morris Peterson was ejected for slapping Carter in the face. Peterson got a technical foul for arguing a no-call late in the first half. About a minute later, Carter playfully slapped his ex-teammate in the face. Peterson, clearly annoyed, then slapped Carter.

free throws with 9.8 seconds remaining.

Nuggets 92, Rockets 90

HOUSTON — Long after Houston star Tracy McGrady was removed from the floor on a stretcher and taken to a hospital because of back spasms, Denver's Carmelo Anthony hit a baseline jumper with a second left to give the Nuggets a victory over the already injured-depleted Rockets.

McGrady missed a long jumper in the final seconds of the first half, then crumpled to the floor, grabbing his back and screaming in pain as the buzzer sounded. He had missed eight games earlier this season with back spasms and the Rockets lost their all.



Heat 118, Blazers 89

PORTLAND, Ore. — Dwyane Wade scored 31 points, and Jason Williams added 20 to lead Miami over the Trail Blazers.

The pair sat out the Heat's 111-93 loss at Phoenix on Friday night with injuries. Wade had a bruised left shin, while Williams suffered from right knee tendinitis.

Robert Patterson scored 16 points to lead the Blazers, who have lost six straight.

Pacers 108, Kings 83

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Jackson scored 17 of his 31 points while hitting five 3-pointers in the third quarter, and Jermaine O'Neal had 12 points and eight rebounds in his return to Indiana's lineup.

First Jones scored 18 points for the Pacers, who hit 13 3-pointers and cruised to their second straight victory on a tough road trip thanks to two prolonged runs in the middle quarters. Jackson hit four consecutive 3-pointers during a decisive run in the third, when Indiana guaranteed it would snap six-game losing streak against the Kings.

Knicks 120, Sonics 116

NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury had 23 points and 15 assists, the final one setting up rookie David Lee for the tiebreaking basket with 21 seconds left, and New York beat Seattle for its season-high third straight win.

Maurice Taylor also scored 23 points and Elden Curry added 22 for the Knicks, who erased a 12-point first-half deficit. Nate Robinson finished with 17 points.

Seattle had a chance to tie, but Luke Ridnour missed two

penalty shot to help Nashville lead Chicago its 16th straight loss.

The Blackhawks' losing streak is their longest since a team-record 12-game slide at the end of the 1950-51 season. Chicago's last win was Dec. 16 against St. Louis.

Terril Smithson and Adam Hall also scored for the Predators. Nashville's Chris Mason made 36 saves, allowing only Mark Bell's third-period goal.

Stars whip Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Jere Lehtinen scored two goals and the Dallas Stars overcame a three-time deficit to beat the Detroit Red Wings 6-3 on Sunday night.

The Stars trailed 3-0 in the second period.

Niklas Hagman, Philippe Bourque and Niko Kapanen, and Mathias Tarnqvist also scored for the Stars. Mike Modano, who is from the Detroit suburb of Westland, and Sergei Zubov each added three assists.

Henrik Zetterberg and Mathieu Schneider each had a goal and an assist, and Jason Williams added a goal for Detroit. Pavel Datsyuk had three assists.

Blue Jackets 5, Coyotes 2

GUENEALE, Ariz. — Bryan Benard scored three power-play goals for his first career hat trick, Sergei Fedorov added four assists and the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Phoenix Coyotes 5-2 on Sunday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Rick Nash had a goal and an assist and Rostislav Klesla also scored to help the Blue Jackets win for the first time in regulation in 10 trips to Phoenix (1-6-3).

Ladav Nag and Shane Doan scored for Phoenix. The Coyotes have lost three straight and eight of their last 12.

Klesla gave Columbus a 1-0 lead at 6:18 of the first period when he received a pass from Fedorov off a faceoff, took one stride to his right and fired the puck past Curtis Joseph from the point.

Panthers 4, Caps 3, 50

WASHINGTON — Roberto Luongo made two shootout saves, Nathan Horton and Joe Nieuwendyk scored in the tiebreaker for Florida.

Olli Jokinen scored twice in regulation and Sean Hill added a goal for the Panthers.

Dainius Zubauskas had two goals and Jamie Howard also scored for Washington. Alex Ovechkin had two assists.

Predators 5, Blackhawks 1

CHICAGO — Yanic Perrault had two goals and Steve Sullivan scored on a third-period

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"We challenged ourselves this week to know the Giants better than they know themselves," Carolina offensive tackle Brentson Buckner said.

Now the Panthers go to Chicago to play a team to

whom they lost 13-3 on Nov. 20. They acknowledged Sunday that they might have taken the rather punchless Bears a little lighter.

"They won't see this. The experience factor also includes preparation."

Smith set tone for Bears' reversal

CHICAGO (AP) — They can smile about it now, of course. The Chicago Bears lost the first game of the Cleveland season last week, and this figured to be a rather miserable coaches meeting. It developed into a moment of defiance, faith — and a turning point.

There was coach Lovie Smith telling his assistants, point blank, "At the end of the year, we're going to look back at this year, laugh, and say, 'We made the playoffs and we were 1-3.'"

Defensive coordinator Ron Rivera smiled as he relayed that story.

At a time when they could have easily crumbled, the Bears showed their resolve, and look to them now. They were 1-3 in the first round of the playoffs last year, and on Saturday Smith became the fourth Bears coach voted The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year, joining two

time winners George Halas and Mike Ditka and 2001 recipient Dick Jauron.

Think that part of the season goes to perfect example of a coach going back to work, hitting the practice field and getting something done," Smith said.

In his second season, the Bears improved from 5-11 to 11-5 and are now in the fewest points in the NFL — no more than 10.

Considering Smith built his reputation as a defensive coach at Tampa Bay and St. Louis.

The Bears withstood the loss of starting quarterback Rex Grossman to an injury that kept him out of the first 33 games, and a contract holdout that wiped out rookie running back Cedric Benson's preseason

He struggled, then suffered a knee injury.

Yet, the Bears prospered.

To the players and assistants, this is a perfect example of a team feeding off its leader.

In public, Smith rarely shows emotion. And the players say they are the same way with them. His even-keeled, calm, and the perfect antidote to a fiery group.

The anti-Ditka.

Rivera called it a "calming strategy."

To defensive end Akeem Ogunye, it's a balancing act.

"We have (middle linebacker) Brian Urlacher, who have (center) Olin Kreutz," said Urlacher. "You kind of need somebody to balance that out and level out the guys. But he still finds ways to get under your skin, too."

"Like when he told Ogunye, 'If you don't get double-digged, I'll be disappointed,'" Ogunye had 10 during the regular season.

"He said that even-keeled, but

In the back of your mind, you're like, 'I can't be a disappointment. I've got to make sure I do that.'"

If Ogunye back to his childhood, he says his parents would tell him: "This is a big responsibility for you. I'm going to let you do it."

"You feel like you don't want to let your parents down," he said.

And he feels the same way about his coach.

Smith's calm appearance belies a competitive fire one that burned through the morning after that Cleveland game. The Bears had just lost by 10 to a Browns team that finished 6-10.

"I think it was a defining moment for the season," Smith said.

"When we were 1-3, that was definitely not the way I had it pictured. Finishing up the first quarter of our season. But I knew we had a good football team. The team knew we had a good football team. I was one way or the other."

"You can complain or you can do something about it."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Michigan's Gutierrez transferring to ISU

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan's No. 2 quarterback, Matt Gutierrez, says he is leaving the Wolverines and will play for Idaho State in the fall.

Gutierrez, who has one year of college eligibility remaining, declined to say whether he was promised the starting job as the Division I-AA Bengals but said he was certain he would never supplant Chad Henne as Michigan's top quarterback.

"I feel like in my four years (at Michigan), I've done everything I could have done and was asked to to earn an opportunity," Gutierrez told The Ann Arbor News on Saturday.

Gutierrez was expected to take over as the Wolverine's starter in 2004 to replace John Navarre, but a shoulder injury kept him out of the lineup. Gutierrez underwent surgery and participated in just three games in the 2005 season as Henne's backup, completing 14 of 22 passes.

Gutierrez, who played quarterback at De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., said he had decided to leave Michigan until last week after the team's Alamo Bowl loss to Nebraska.

Michigan will now have to decide who will become second-stringer behind Henne.

The apparent choices are Jason Frazier, who redshirted in 2004, and high school recruit David Cone, who is expected to sign a national letter of intent with the Wolverines next month.

Nardiello case to go before state judge

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.Y. — Suspended U.S. skeleton coach Tim Nardiello's plea for immediate reinstatement will go before a New York judge today, before he can compete at a world cup team in Germany.

Essex County Supreme Court Judge David J. Conroy said he would order the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation to allow Nardiello to compete to rejoin the team, or say the sports governing body will be forced to place him on paid administrative leave.

The USBSF suspended Nardiello in Dec. 31, shortly after two cases of sexual harassment — one from an athlete, the other from the federation's Olympic gold medalist Tristan Galbraith — were filed against him. Nardiello has denied the accusations.

While today's hearing may decide who will become second-stringer behind Henne.

The apparent choices are Jason Frazier, who redshirted in 2004, and high school recruit David Cone, who is expected to sign a national letter of intent with the Wolverines next month.

Frazier wins first-round match at Hobart

HOBART, Australia — Amy Frazier of the United States overcame a slow start to beat Lourdes Dominguez Lino 6-3 (2), 6-3 (4) Sunday in the first round of the Hobart International tournament.

Frazier, who won the 2004 Hobart title and defeated Serena Williams at Wimbledon last year, said it was a close match, despite the score of the final two sets.

"I felt like the whole match was so even and every game was a close," Frazier said. "I didn't feel like it was over until the last point."

In other first-round matches, fifth-seeded Iveta Benesova beat Maria Sanchez Lorenzo 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Stephanie Foretz upset sixth-seeded Mariana Diaz Ulloa 1-6, 1-6, 7-5 and Jill Craybas of the United States beat Nicole Pietrangeli 7-5, 7-5.

Baldomir wins only WBC welterweight crown

NEW YORK — Carlos Baldomir is not the undisputed welterweight champion after all.

The boxer who upset Saturday night won only the WBC version of the title because the other two major sanctioning bodies to the WBA and the IBF.

Baldomir won a unanimous 12-round decision over Judah, but said in the post-fight news conference he didn't want to pay the other fees.

"My purse was only \$100,000," Baldomir said early Sunday morning. "I paid each of them the required three percent, I would have come away with nothing."

Don Scott Stevens, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, said he was unaware that Baldomir did not pay the required fees.

"Everybody thought this was a unification bout, and no one knew until after the fight that the sanctions were not paid to the WBA and the IBF," Stevens said.

Don King announced at the press conference that it was a unification fight, he said, "and everybody thought that was true until Baldomir made his comments following the bout."

Baldomir, the WBC's No. 1 contender, improved to 42-8-9, receiving winning scores of 115-113 from judge Guido Cavallieri of Italy, 115-112 from Melvin Lathan of New York and 114-113 from Julie Leducman, also of New York.

Judah dropped to 34-3. The New Yorker, who weighed in a half-pound more than Baldomir at 146.7 pounds, had won his four previous bouts, including a bout with Cory Spinks last 5 in which he regained his WBC title.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Cincinnati at Connecticut men, ESPN, 5 p.m.
- Texas at Iowa State men, ESPN, 7 p.m.
- Gonzaga at Santa Clara men, ESPN2, 10 p.m.
- Oklahoma at Ohio State women, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
- Bites at Anchorage, O.M., 7 p.m.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Shoshone Elementary announces winners

SHOSHONE—Shoshone Elementary School has announced its student award recipients.

Accelerated Readers: Michelle Juarez, Nallelie Hurtado, Anthony Campos, Veronica Camargo, Risa Rushton, Rachee Irish, Cheyenne Hennings, Ben Belloli, Mario McLaughlin and Jacob Jones. Super Reader II, Elizabeth Dohrn. Super Reader, Thyne Hagen; and Rising Reader, Alfredo Simental.

50-in-a-Minute +5: Ben Belloli, Rachee Irish, Kayla Nelsen, Risa Rushton, Cheyenne Hennings, Crystal Hildebrand and Rachelle Thornton. +5, Anthony Campos and Michelle Juarez. -5, Rachee Irish and Nallelie Hurtado; and +/, Joana Juarez.

Shoshone PTO in need of parent volunteers

SHOSHONE—The Shoshone Parent Teacher Organization is in need of parent volunteers to help with school events.

A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school library, 61 E. Highway 24.

For more information, call Sue Conarussa at 487-2035 or 538-2036. Tina Hagen at 732-7205 or 886-7163 or Mel Wiseman at 886-2338.

Crapo calls attention to teenage violence

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Awareness efforts to address teen dating violence will see more attention in schools and communities after the Senate passed a resolution by Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo.

The resolution designated Feb. 6 to 10, 2006, as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week, which the Senate approved by unanimous consent, according to Crapo's office.

The resolution is in conjunction with the activities of the Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Initiative to curb the growing problem of teen dating violence throughout the country.

The resolution calls on government, private organizations and public officials to promote activities in their respective communities that raise awareness of the high incidence of teen dating violence, as well as prevention strategies. Crapo's office reports.

"Teen dating violence — including physical, emotional and sexual assault — is a reality for many American teenagers," Crapo said. "Like drug abuse, it's a reality which many parents may miss. I've been impressed by the teens, those who are most affected by this insidious tragedy, who are leading the effort to raise awareness of dating violence. This is one major step we can take toward the goal of eliminating the tragedy of children being injured, and I am privileged to be in a position to help lead this effort."

A bipartisan group of Crapo's Senate colleagues, numerous governors, the U.S. Departments of Education, Justice and Health and Human Services have already pledged to work with the goals and activities of the week.

In 2004, teenagers from 20 state teams, including Idaho, attended a national awareness and education summit and developed tool kits to distribute to high schools across the nation in conjunction with Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

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Teaching patriotism



Agape School students and staff welcomed home local soldiers in November. From left are Brenda Batchelor, child care; Julio May, early childhood director; Connor Rot, Vincent Andrews, Nathaniel Kennedy, Breanna Andrews, Lucas Gardner, El Onalda, Davia Hicks, C.J. Rendo and Samantha Rondo.

Three teachers from Twin Falls will represent the state for the National Citizenship Education Award

By Joshua Palmer
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They are chosen each year to represent their state's effort to teach patriotism. They are teachers who emphasize a love for their country and each person's civic responsibility — and this year, all three teachers representing Idaho are from Twin Falls.

Nettie Burgess, who teaches at Agape Christian School; Marjie Atkins, who teaches at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High; and Sonnie Strolberg, an ESL teacher at Twin Falls High School were elected by fellow educators for the National Citizenship Education Award.

As one teacher said, "We must be doing something right."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will honor three teachers in Magic Valley for teaching patriotism in the classroom, but what they do to encourage respect for their country isn't exactly what you would expect. They teach students about the "land of opportunity" where people

from many countries and many backgrounds seek the freedom and security it offers.

"They all have a similar dynamic," said Bob Jackson, post commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Henry D. Lytle Post 2136. "They all have high civic responsibility and a love of their country."

Each of the teachers remembers a time when they recognized how fortunate they are to live in the United States.

Burgess, whose family moved to Wyoming from Mexico, remembers when her father learned to read English and then became a citizen of the United States.

"I remember I left a love note out, and he was able to read it," Burgess said. "I asked my mom where he learned how to read English, and she told me he had been taking English courses in the evenings. He was able to work here and even retire from the same company."

The teachers emphasize civic responsibility and understanding in their classrooms.

Marjie Atkins, who teaches at O'Leary Junior High, organizes activities like The King's M&Ms, where students are taxed M&Ms for random reasons to demonstrate taxation without representation.

Sonnie Strolberg, who teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) at Twin Falls Senior High School, helps students experience the American dream of attending college. She organizes a Hispanic Culture trip to Sun Valley, where students can receive scholarships while studying.

"The teachers stand out because all three come from the same community."

"This is the first time that all three teachers were elected from our post," Jackson said. "This has been going on since 1899 when the VFW was first formed, so this is really exciting."

Jackson said the award honors classroom teachers who stimulate interest in American history, civic responsibility and American traditions.

Academic Decathlon challenges students

By Valerie Pantone
 For The Times-News

SHOSHONE — The Academic Decathlon isn't only about taking tests. It's also about learning and developing communication skills.

Aca Deca is an academic competition that tests students on math, language, economics, science, art, music and social studies, all related to one topic. This year, that topic is the European Renaissance. Participants also give a speech, write an essay and are interviewed by a panel of judges.

"It gives the students an opportunity to achieve," says Jylene Buckley, Shoshone High School Aca Deca coach.

The Academic Decathlon began in Orange County, Calif., in 1968. A school district administrator felt there was a need for an academic competition.

"You get to test your skills on the basketball court, why not in the academic arena as well?" Buckley says. "It's probably one of the single best competitions in the country today."

By participating in Aca Deca, students can win scholarship money and meet people from around the state and country. The judges are business leaders, politicians, lawyers and judges.

"I've learned skills about how to work as a team, and speaking and test taking skills that I wouldn't have learned anywhere else," says Anna Geddeberg, a three-year Aca Deca participant.

"It's interesting to learn new information every year. It helps us with our ability to write speeches, memorize things and it gets us out of our comfort zone. We also get to experience a lot of real world stuff," team member Hillary Hensen says.

"It gives the students confidence. It helps give them a better understanding of their world and the knowledge that there is a world outside Shoshone," Buckley says.

This is the 11th year that Shoshone High School has had an Aca Deca team, and Buckley has been the coach since it was introduced.

Shoshone has also been the state champion four times, state runner-up four times and received a third place. This record gives the school a very competitive reputation.

"It's our goal never to come home without hardware," Buckley says. "It's easier to be the underdog than the defending champion. Students need to understand that they are up to the challenge."

Valerie Pantone is a reporter with the Shoshone High School WarWhoops newspaper.

EINSTEIN MURAL



Two Shoshone High School art classes have created a large portrait of Einstein. The 40 students, under the direction of art instructor Kathy Cline, worked together to complete the project.

"I love to see the look in the student's eyes when the picture finally starts to come together," Cline said. "They really see how, by working as a team, a task that seemed almost impossible comes together."

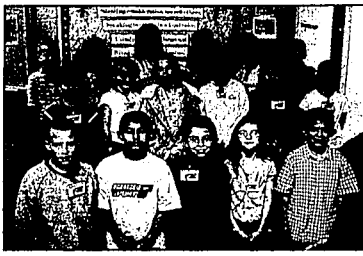
The picture can be found in the hallway at the school.

STUDENTS HONORED



Teachers at Robert Stuart Junior High recognize students who display the positive attributes of responsibility, respect and friendliness. Two students per week are selected by their teachers. Students of the Week recognized in September, October and November are, from left, back row: Jim Butler, Rachel King, Casey Barton, Kelly Ann Buddecke and Ja'Nae Fitecher; middle row: Jennifer Drysdale, Madeline Young, Guizade Fakhrtova, Colleen Swetsy and Humberto Magana; front row: Ryan Condon and Trevor Fletcher.

CITIZENS OF THE WEEK



Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert has announced its Citizens of the Week for the week of Nov. 16. They are, from left, front: Rodney Stenzel, Juan Alamillo, Shay Phillips, Mackenzie Keyfe and Whaldo Torres; second row: Robert Delson, Dakota Walker, Dorothy Simpson, Erica Arntage, Tonisha Andrew and Macie Merrill; third row: Rebecca Child, Dominique Zamora, Crystal Peterson, Kenna Preull, Maricarmen Estrada and Lizzy Blingham.

CONCEPT TRUCK



Delanie Hepworth, left, and Michelle Roseborough of the Murthaong FFA chapter check out Toyota's FTX Concept truck during the 2005 National Fire Protection Association in Louisville, Ky. The truck is a hybrid gas-electric engine demonstration vehicle.

Horizon student helps raise thousands of dollars

By Elaine Lallacorde
 For The Times-News

Dallas Edward, a fourth-grade student at Horizon Elementary, raised more than \$1,000 in the "Jump Rope For Heart" fundraiser sponsored by the American Heart Association.

The money will go toward research and education to prevent and treat heart disease. Students from all over the United States participated in the fundraiser and Horizon has been involved in the effort for the past seven years.

Last year, the elementary school raised the most money in the state of Idaho.

Horizon school coordinator

Danette Bruns said the students at Horizon have surpassed all previous fundraising efforts by contributing \$8,676.80 this year.

For his hard work, Dallas was the proud recipient of a Huffy bicycle and a number of other toys and prizes.

Gayland and Cindy Jo Edwards, parents of Dallas, said they helped him by putting the word out on the Internet.

They received responses from friends and family as far away as Alaska, Michigan and the Pacific Northwest — all wanting to pledge money for the cause.

Dallas has compiled a scrapbook containing all the e-mails he received from the people that helped him raise money.

Coming up in The Times-News

Living history

Local couple remembers Jerome Tuesday in Community