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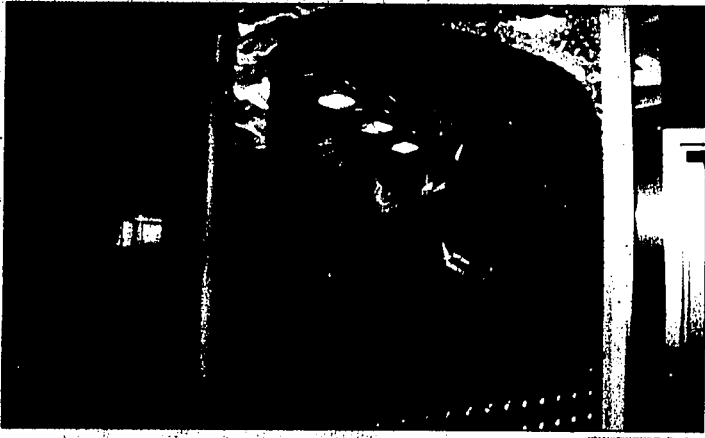
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# Back on the job



Matt Haney, left, a medical technician with the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and Stan Flint, his co-worker, are reflected in the backdoor window of their ambulance as they go through a routine check of supplies and equipment Friday night outside of their post in Twin Falls.

## Soldiers who served in Iraq return to the workplace

**By Sandy Miller**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sgt. Matt Haney is pretty much practicing the same skills he practiced in Iraq, minus the body armor, helmet and M-16 rifle.

He no longer navigates the dusty roads of Kirkuk, but the streets of Twin Falls. The 24-hour shifts hold some familiarity, but he no longer works them back to back. And he doesn't have to worry about getting shot at anymore.

The medic with the 116th Brigade Combat Team is back at his old job as an emergency medical technician with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Haney and his fellow soldiers returned home from Iraq in November. Haney was home exactly one week when he went back to work — at two jobs. When he's not on the ambulance, he works as a house framer.

"I was working two jobs because I was busy for 18 months and I was uncomfortable having so much time off," Haney said. "That's how bored I was."

There's no set schedule in a war zone. "When you had a mission, you had a mission, and when you didn't have a mission, you didn't have a mission. So you kind of worked all the time," Haney said.

Haney had been with the hospital three years when the 116th was activated in spring 2004 on an 18-month deployment that included a year in Iraq, Magic Valley Regional made sure Haney's job would be there for him when he returned from serving his country.

"Matt was full time, so that was a bit of a struggle for us to work with one person short," said Paramedic Manager Gilbert Schmidt. "We had a lot of part-time staff who were able to fill in on the shifts. It's good to have him back."

So has a year in a war zone made

Haney better at his job?

"I brought back a more mature attitude," Haney said. "I have a much better attitude to help people."

**Dusting off the badge**

Like Haney, Sgt. 1st Class Alan Layton felt uneasy after returning home from Iraq. He'd only been home a couple of weeks when he dusted off his badge and went back to working the late shift as a deputy at the Twin Falls County Jail.

As the leader of a Scout platoon, Layton never had a regular schedule or itinerary. "It takes a little time to get back to actually working versus never having normal days and normal times," Layton said. "You never know when you were going to work or how long you were going to work. What's a typical day? That's hard to say because nothing was ever typical."

One day might have the Scouts Please see SOLDIERS, Page A3

## ABOVE AND BEYOND

### Businesses support military employees

**By Sandy Miller**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Kevin Mahler, owner of Western Music and Vending Co. in downtown Twin Falls, saw his work force shrink from six to four when two of his employees were deployed with the 116th. One of them was his son, Chris.

"We got by," Mahler said. "I knew that was going to happen. We just prepared ourselves for that. We consolidated some things. Everyone shared the extra work."

Mahler held both soldiers' jobs open for them.

"I wanted them to come back and be able to fit right in just like they'd never been gone," Mahler said.

As it turned out, his son decided to begin a whole new career and went to work for a bank. The other soldier decided to move to Nampa. Mahler said he was just glad to have them both back home safe.

"It's made this year completely a different year," Mahler said.

Guard and Reserve members are protected by the Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act, which mandates that employers must give them their jobs back when they return from a deployment. But some employers, like Mahler, would have held their employees' jobs for them anyway, even with no law.

And many employers go beyond the call of duty. Mahler sent huge care packages filled with candy and other treats to Please see BUSINESSES, Page A3

## Local wages make jump

### Some still work two jobs to get by, official says

**By Chris Baldus**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As he sees it, Ben Swensen has at least three things going for him: comfort, benefits and Sundays.

Ben and his brother, Andrew, own the Swensen's grocery store at the corner of Addison Avenue and Washington Street. The wages they pay are average, he said. And Ben suspects his senior employees could jump ship for slightly higher pay. The thing is, however, their store is low.

The brothers have at least seven employees who have been with the business for more than 15 years, a few of whom are pushing 30 years. And, "I'm getting really to hate away someone from a major retailer," Ben said.

It could be because they run a place that's laid-back, non-corporate, he told a reporter while sitting in his office wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt. It could be because the brothers offer health and retirement benefits, it's a hefty cost, but important tip to be said.

Or it could be because, "I've been closed on Sunday, which in retail can be attractive to people — to get that big weekend day off," he said.

Such perks are growing in importance for Magic Valley employers now eye-to-eye with a more competitive labor market. Although Magic Valley wages are still below the state average, they've made a jump of historic proportions in the last year, as more companies move into the region. Coupled with record low unemployment rates, that means more leverage for workers, and trickier times for small businesses.

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Aaron Dennis restocks the celery display at Swensen's in Twin Falls on Saturday. Dennis has worked at Swensen's for more than a year and takes his turn two or three times a week with restocking the produce.

## LUCKY TO BE ALIVE

### Man walks away from single-engine plane crash

**By Matt Christensen**  
Times-News writer

MOUNTAIN HOME — A Boise man is lucky to be alive after his plane crashed Saturday midday near Anderson Dam Reservoir north of Mountain Home, police said.

Richard Speed, a 48-year-old recreational pilot from Boise, crashed his fixed-wing, single-engine Aviator 58 onto the ice covering the reservoir after losing control of the craft, said Capt. Mike Barclay of the Elmore County Sheriff's Department. Speed, the only person in the plane, climbed out of the downed aircraft and walked away by his own will.

Barclay said Speed was sightseeing near the reservoir with a friend who was piloting another single-engine aircraft. Speed's plane got caught in a downdraft a few hundred feet above the ice-covered reservoir. Apparently, said Barclay, Speed tried to climb out of the dive, but was unable to regain control of the aircraft.

"He tried to correct it," said Barclay. "But he touched down

on the snow on the reservoir, and the plane cartwheeled out onto the ice."

The pilot of the second aircraft, whose name the sheriff's department did not know, radioed Elmore County dispatch when he saw Speed's plane crash.

A helicopter from St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise flew to the scene. The hospital would not confirm or deny whether Speed had been treated at that hospital, and it was not clear at press time what injuries — if any — the pilot sustained.

Barclay said Speed managed to free himself from the downed aircraft and walk to the reservoir's bank where the rescue helicopter picked him up. He also said Speed's plane did not penetrate the ice, and that it's still sitting on top of the reservoir.

He did not believe the second aircraft contributed to the accident.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST Today Tomorrow Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Yesterday's Weather High 38 Low 24 35/20 38/22 36/20 39/24

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What does this mean to workers? Even with the higher wages, many people in the area are still working two jobs, said Wayne Weiner, Idaho Commerce and Labor senior employment consultant...

What does this mean to business owners? Retail businesses have been feeling the pressure to offer more in some ways. "The starting wages in the mall, and I think it's reflective of retail in general here, were relatively stagnant..."

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Why the rise? Rogers pinpointed the Magic Valley pay raise to three things. First: "We had three new light-manufacturing employers that came into the area last year..."

What does this mean to business owners? "Temporary, seasonal help seems to be available. It's the long-term help that's hard to find," he said.

And they're value is showing up in wages. "As unemployment has dropped, in order to keep and retain good employees, (employers) have raised their wages..."

release from the bank. The future Are these wage increases and business growth sustainable? "Through 2006, I believe we can," Rogers said.

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# Pakistanis condemn deadly attack

## They say al-Qaida figure wasn't at site where 17 died

**DAMADOLA, Pakistan (AP)** — Pakistani officials on Saturday angrily condemned a purported CIA airstrike meant to target al-Qaida No. 2 man, saying he wasn't there and "innocent civilians" were among at least 17 men, women and children killed in a village near the Afghan border.

Thousands of tribesmen staged protests and a mob set

fire to the office of a U.S.-backed aid agency as Pakistan's people and government showed increasing frustration over a recent series of suspected U.S. attacks along the frontier that appear aimed at Islamic militants.

Survivors in Damadola denied militants were in their hamlet, but there were news reports quoting unidentified

Pakistani officials as saying up to 11 extremists were believed among the dead.

A Pakistani intelligence officer told The Associated Press some bodies were taken away for DNA tests. He did not say who would do the tests, but a law enforcement official in Washington said the FBI expected to conduct DNA tests to determine victims' identities, although Pakistan had not yet formally requested them.

Counterterrorism officials in Washington declined to comment on U.S. media reports that CIA-operated drone aircraft fired missiles Friday at a residential compound in Damadola trying to hit Ayman al-Zawahiri, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant whose videos have made him the face and voice of al-Qaida.

# Soldiers

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escorting a battalion commander around Kabul, the next night find them working on the Quick Response Force, a team that responds to situations that require security or reconnaissance.

Layton said his law enforcement experience came in handy in Iraq.

"It actually helped us out quite a bit when we worked with the police departments," Layton said. "Each platoon had two or three officers from the states. My platoon had four or five law enforcement officers."

He said law enforcement officers have a keen awareness of their surroundings. And that came in handy in Iraq.

"You had to watch the streets for anything and everything that could explode on you," Layton said. "I had that awareness before I left and that helped me over there."

Layton had been with the sheriff's office for a year and a half when he was deployed. He is the sixth deputy to be deployed so far during Sheriff Wayne Tousley's tenure. Making sure everything is covered while someone is serving his country can be a juggling act, the sheriff said.

"It leaves us a hole because it's hard to hire a temporary," said Tousley, who served in the National Guard himself until he decided to run for sheriff. "People have to be trained. We just have to work with the hole not being filled. Sometimes it increases your overtime when you have to fill the gap."

When it comes to hiring new deputies, military experience is a plus, Tousley said.

"The guys in the military are a natural for law enforcement," he said. "They have the discipline that the military instills in

them. They're tried and true as far as weapons and integrity. We just get a better-rounded person."

Still, there is a difference between being a soldier and being a deputy.

"Obviously we're not in combat here, but we deal with the same stressful situations — possibly being under fire or having to wrestle with someone," Tousley said. "We have to make sure they know the difference between warfare and policing."

As for Layton and Haney, they're just glad to be back home and back on the job. Layton spent four years in the Navy and four years in the active Army and joined the National Guard in 1994. Then came the deployment to Iraq. The military will soon be a memory.

"I'm glad I'm done," Layton said. "I'm going to retire as soon as they lift the stop-loss."

He said the stop-loss is expected to be lifted in March.

Haney continues to dedicate one weekend a month and two weeks a year to the Idaho National Guard. He's enjoying being back home with wife, Candan, their daughter, McKenna, and son, Kaiden. But he hopes full-time soldiering is behind him for good.

"The military had their time," Haney said. "Now my life is going to go on."

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# Businesses

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the soldiers every month, which earned Mahler the "Above and Beyond Award" from the Employer Support Guard and Reserve, an organization that promotes cooperation between Army Reserve and National Guard troops and their civilian employers, said Trip Craig, chairman of the local ESGR chapter.

Con Agra Foods, which had three soldiers deployed, supplemented their military salaries so they wouldn't take a cut in pay. And the soldiers' families continued to have health benefits

through the company. "If someone is on military leave and their salary is less than they are making at Con Agra Foods, we make up the difference," said Tania Graves, the company's director of public affairs. "We are very supportive of our personnel who go on military leave and we have a more generous policy than what's required by law."

All three soldiers are back in their old jobs, Graves said. Con Agra Foods' generous military policy also earned it an "Above and Beyond Award."

Craig said other Idaho businesses that have been recognized for their support of their soldier employees include Albertsons and Idaho Power, which won national ESGR awards. And Stevens Pierce and Associates CPAs has been nominated for an ESGR award for its "Hats from Home" campaign in which its staff collected thousands of baseball caps for the troops.

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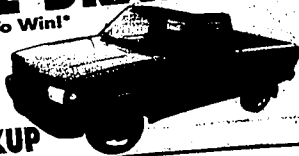


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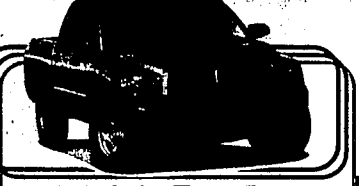
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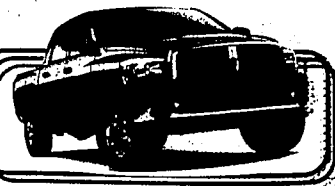


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# Joining a tradition

Alito poised to enter line of judges who have shifted court to right

By Donna Cassata  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Samuel Alito is poised to join a tradition of pragmatic justices who have moved the Supreme Court to the right in measured steps.

Eighteen hours of questions over four days showed President Bush's nominees to be a judge respectful of legal precedent but hardly starry-eyed. Alito also displayed a strong inclination toward executive authority, a trait not surprising for a lifetime government employee and former Reagan Justice Department lawyer.

By the design of Bush administration officials and despite Democratic efforts to smoke him out, almost nothing was learned in Senate confirmation hearings about Alito's views on transcendent issues likely to come before the court, such as abortion.

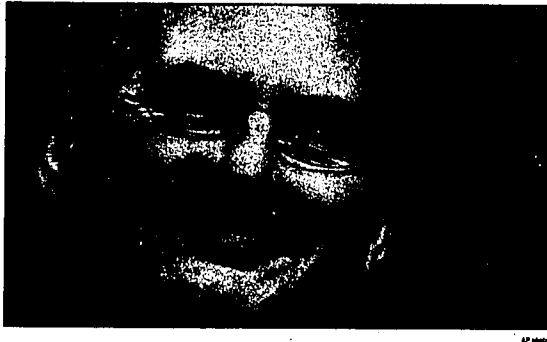
Instead, legal experts say the hearings may have provided more understanding of Alito's influence on the court's changing dynamics when he replaces retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the decisive vote on abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty.

For example, while Alito will fit comfortably in the conservative camp of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, legal experts see him as being closer to Scalia than Thomas in his incremental approach to overturning what the court has done before.

"Alito's not going to be a radical," said Christopher Wolfe, a political science professor at Marquette University.

Bush, in his weekly radio address, said Alito was "a man of character and intelligence" whose long legal career shows he is highly qualified for the court. Some experts see him as being central appeals court judge. In the tradition of the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist — a man so widely respected that he cited Alito's reasoning in 1992 in a major abortion case.

More than a decade later, Alito would use Rehnquist's words from the case, telling the Senate



Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito smiles during opening remarks at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday. Alito is poised to join a tradition of pragmatic justices who have moved the Supreme Court to the right in measured steps.

Judiciary Committee that the 1973 landmark ruling legalizing abortion was an important precedent deserving of respect but that precedent was not an "incomparable command."

Justice Louis Brandeis first used the term in 1932. In his 33 years on the court, Rehnquist stopped short of overruling precedent in several cases and instead took steps that sometimes essentially gutted a law, said Neil Kinkopf, a professor at Georgia State University's College of Law who worked in the Clinton Justice Department.

Kinkopf expects the same from Alito considering his 15-year record on the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"He doesn't directly overrule. Through induction he eviscerates," Kinkopf said.

Abortion rights supporters and many of the Senate that Democrats fear that Alito who wrote in 1985 about chipping away at abortion rights rather than launching a "full frontal assault," would vote to "undermine" the 1973

abortion decision.

Alito told the Senate committee that his opinions in the 1985 memo "were a true expression of my views at the time from my vantage point as an attorney in the solicitor general's office." He promised to address the issue with an open mind if confirmed to the high court.

Rick Garnett, a professor at Notre Dame Law School who clerked for Rehnquist, said he sees both Roberts and Alito as carrying out the legacy of Rehnquist.

"The chief was a really smart guy, not incredibly flashy, not staking his work on a unified grand theory," Garnett said. "He was both principled and pragmatic." Alito, according to Garnett, is "a careful judicial craftsman, and to the extent he has a judicial philosophy, it's more conservative than his critics would like."

The unappalable Alito gave his detractors little ammunition in days of testimony, offering a recitation of the facts of appellate court cases when Democrats sought personal opinions. He provided basic tenets that few would challenge

— no president or court is above the law, court decisions on integration and privacy were correct, and the principle of one man, one vote, should prevail.

Senators were unable to elicit much more even though Alito had a long paper trail from the appellate court.

"Perhaps the greatest part of the preparation was just making sure he had refreshed his memory in terms of what he had written over the years," said Fred McClure, who helped prepare Scalia, Thomas and Justice David Souter for their confirmation hearings.

Senators pressed Alito on executive power, particularly in light of the revelation that Bush had secretly authorized the National Security Agency to wiretap Americans as part of the fight against terrorism. The nominee spoke of constitutional authority and congressional prerogatives, but he gave no hints of how he might rule.

Said Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law, "Part of the point is to say as little as you can."

# In midst of conflict, Bush isn't the first to stretch powers

By Mark Silva  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — In the name of war against terrorism, the Bush administration has restricted the rights of Americans captured on battlefields abroad and arrested inside the United States, and has secretly eavesdropped on people inside the United States suspected of communicating with terrorists overseas.

It is far from unprecedented for presidents to assert extraordinary powers in times of war, citing their constitutional authority as commander-in-chief. Abraham Lincoln suspended habeas corpus, the right of Americans to have government charges against them considered by a court. Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. The Supreme Court prevented Harry Truman from seizing the nation's steel mills when a labor strike threatened steel production during the Korean War.

Now some legal scholars and critics, liberal and conservative alike, are questioning the wisdom of a war like none before it. President Bush is claiming war powers like few before him. Bush's definition of the war on terror as a global conflict has made a battlefield of the entire world, including the United States, they say, and in a war with no foreseeable end, the powers the president claims have no time limit.

Bush bolsters the case for his powers by citing the authority Congress gave him to "use all necessary and appropriate force" against those who aided in the Sept. 11 attacks. But interpreting that as permission to convene military tribunals, detain American citizens indefinitely as "enemy combatants" and wiretap without warrants is a big leap, critics contend.

"It's the most expansive vision of the executive power of a president in our lifetime," said Norman Ornstein, a scholar at the American Enterprise Insti-

tute. "To suggest that (Congress has) given him a blanket authority to do what he has done is a vast stretch."

The president's authority will be challenged as Senate committees hold hearings in coming weeks on the domestic wiretapping that Bush secretly authorized after Sept. 11, 2001. He allowed the National Security Agency to monitor, without obtaining warrants, the overseas telephone calls and e-mails of people inside the United States suspected of terrorist ties.

The question of presidential power also has become an issue in the confirmation hearings of Justice Samuel Alito. Bush's nominee to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court. As senators examine what deference Alito has shown to executive power, some question if he has the mettle that past justices have shown when presidents asserted broad war powers.

It was O'Connor who, in a case upholding the Bush administration's detention of Yasser Hamdi, an American citizen seized as an enemy combatant in Afghanistan, wrote: "We have long since made clear that a state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens." While allowing Hamdi's detention, the court insisted that the government develop a process for detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to challenge their detention.

Congress also has sought to check the war powers of presidents in the past. In 1973, during the Vietnam War, the War Powers Act was enacted requiring presidents to obtain congressional approval for military engagements. That legislation was in part a response to President Lyndon B. Johnson's escalation of American involvement in the Vietnam War in 1964 after what he claimed was an attack on a U.S. destroyer in the Gulf of Tonkin by the North Vietnamese coast, an accusation the government now concedes did not happen.

## Alleged mob boss captured

CHICAGO (AP) — A reputed mob boss charged along with 13 others with plotting several organized crime murders was taken into custody Friday after nine months on the run, the FBI said.

Joy "The Clown" Lombardo, 76, was caught in suburban Elmwood Park and was expected to spend the night in a Chicago jail, said FBI spokesman Ross Rice.

Lombardo's lawyer said his client will appear at a detention hearing Tuesday.

"Osama bin Laden has a better chance of getting bond," said Rick Halprin, Lombardo's attorney. "So, it will be a formality."

Federal agents grabbed Lombardo after they caught him in a meeting with a someone they had under surveillance, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Friday night on its Web site, citing FBI officials.

Lombardo and 13 others were indicted in April as a result of a long-standing investigation aimed at clearing unsolved mob hits.

The indictment charges that Chicago hoodlums and mob associates conspired in at least 18 unsolved murders, including that of Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, once known as the Chicago Quality man in Las Vegas, and his brother Michael.

## Clinton hails McCarthy for changing history

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton eulogized the late Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy on Saturday for helping to shift momentum against the Vietnam War with his 1968 presidential campaign.

"It all started when Gene McCarthy was willing to stand alone and turn the tide of history," Clinton wrote in a memoorial service at the Washington National Cathedral.

McCarthy, who died last month at 83, mounted a democratic challenge to President Johnson for the 1968 Democratic nomination, leading to Johnson's withdrawal from the race after the New Hampshire presidential primary.

About 800 people, some wearing McCarthy campaign buttons, attended the memorial. A bagpipe procession started the service, and Peter Yarrow of the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary sang "This Land Is Your Land" and other songs.

The audience was filled with friends, family members and lawmakers, including Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. Kennedy's brother, the late New York Sen. Robert Kennedy, ranked McCarthy by jumping in the '68 race after McCarthy's strong showing in New Hampshire. Vice President Hubert Humphrey won the nomination that year and then lost to Republican Richard Nixon.

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## EDITORIAL

### Property tax solutions will require local and state fixes

The biggest fight of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's two terms in Boise came when he told lawmakers they had to raise the sales tax or make drastic cuts in education.

Kempthorne won the fight. The two-year sales tax increase kept government solvent, then went away last summer.

Now, the governor says it's legislators' turn to don the gloves.

If Idaho legislators want some much ballyhooed property tax relief, they'll have to counter-balance it with sales-tax increases.

In state funding. The committee also voted to raise the homeowner exemption to \$75,000, requiring \$47 million in state assistance. Add up those tax relief plans and the state needs \$182 million.

"That happens to equate to a one-cent sales tax," Kempthorne said. "They didn't finish the equation, which is, if you do provide local property tax relief, who's going to send a check to the counties?"

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could be thin and providing that funding down to local districts may become a political issue. It's best to keep that funding within local tax districts, which can best respond to funding needs.

Furthermore, even if local tax districts get that relief, nothing will prevent more growth of services and constructions. Your property taxes and assessments are still subject to rise.

But increasing the homeowner exemption and including the property in the exemption, may be a better option. Since its passage in 1982, the homeowner exemption (which exempts \$50,000 or 50 percent of the home, whichever is less) hasn't been adjusted as property rates have gone up.

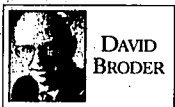
Providing that kind of relief, as well as Kempthorne's expansion of the property tax circuit breaker and a deferred tax payment plan for elderly and disabled, should do the trick.

As much as Idahoans love to hate the property tax, they'll hate it more if the system is overhauled into a non-responsive system. State leaders should provide the means to get that in their hands, and leave the rest for local property taxpayers and their local leaders.

The interim tax committee that met this summer across the state made a proposal along those lines. The committee wanted to shift mill levy rates on school districts' money to the state. That would require \$135 million annually

## Losing the wrong fight with Alito

President Bush is getting what he wants from the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Samuel Alito. The designated successor to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor emerged from the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings as the perfect company man who is likely to deliver exactly the kind of conservative rulings Bush prefers.



DAVID BRODER

The hearings last week reaffirmed Alito's 15-year record on the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He will construe the Constitution and statutes narrowly, and sometimes literally, and waste no sympathy on people who should be able to live a more expansive or generous interpretation of their rights.

Thanks to a misdirected Democratic attack, Alito moved to the brink of confirmation without having to repudiate or modify the views on abortion or executive power that endeared him to Bush and the conservative movement. He will almost certainly move the Supreme Court to the right.

The man we saw in the witness chair over three days was exactly as advertised. He is a highly intelligent legal craftsman, thoroughly schooled in Supreme Court precedents. He should be able to lead the ground running for the remaining months of the current court term.

What we did not see was the rich appreciation of American history and tradition that illuminated Chief Justice John Roberts' commentary on legal issues when he was before the Judiciary Committee a few months ago. Where Roberts appeared to be enjoying his reprieve with the senators, Alito approached the hearings with a grimace, this tinged skepticism — as an ordinal he was determined to endure.

Whatever slim chance the Democrats had in defeating his nomination — and it was never really plausible — disappeared on the second day of questioning, when the liberals focused on Alito's membership in that controversial Princeton University alumni organization and on his failing to recuse himself in a case involving the Vanguard investment firm.



By shifting the focus from his judicial philosophy to his personal character, the Democrats set up Alito to play to his strengths.

However aggrieved Sen. Ted Kennedy felt about Alito forgetting his promise to recuse himself on any matters involving Vanguard, where the judge had an investment account, the implicit suggestion that Alito had a financial conflict of interest was exactly what the judge called it — "preposterous."

Similarly, it was a reach by Kennedy and others to tar Alito with the obnoxious anti-black and anti-woman views expressed by some in the Concerned Alumni of Princeton organization he had listed on a 20-year-old resume.

No one who has read any of the endorsements of his character from dozens of his associates is going to believe Alito is a crook or a bigot.

When Sen. Lindsey Graham expressed his outrage at the suggestion and the nominee's

wife burst into tears. Alito became the sympathetic character in this drama.

And therein lies the irony of this hearing. At no point that I heard did Alito express sympathy for the men and women who came to his court looking for help — and were turned away. Sen. Dick Durbin asked him about some of those people.

One was a black man convicted of murder by an all-white jury sitting in a courtroom where local prosecutors had eliminated all African-American jurors in five consecutive murder trials in the space of a year. Alito, dissenting from a verdict overturning the conviction, wrote that the makeup of the jury was no more significant than the fact that "five of the past six presidents of the United States have been left-handed."

Durbin asked why he had used an analogy that his fellow judges had called totally inappropriate and suggestive of a disregard of "the history of discrimination against prospective black jurors and black defendants."

Alito responded, "Well, the analogy went to the issue of statistics and the use and misuse of statistics and the fact

that statistics can be quite misleading... And that's what was referring to. There's a whole — I mean, statistics is a branch of mathematics, and there are ways to make statistics so that you draw sound conclusions from them and avoid erroneous conclusions from them."

That perfectly bureaucratic response betrays not the slightest doubt about the human consequences of his reasoning.

Durbin cited other examples, the mentally retarded man who was harassed and almost raped by other workers, whom Alito denied a new trial because of the inadequacies of his lawyer's brief. And the same narrow construction led to other Alito dissents in cases of mine safety and environmental protection.

To be sure, Alito was able to cite decisions in which he voted for individuals and against the government. But the pattern of his jurisprudence — and the workings of his mind — show Bush is going to get a Supreme Court pick, a company man.

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## Commissioners set framework for Sempra

An open letter to residents of Jerome County and the greater Magic Valley (edited due to length):

In recent months, we have all learned that Sempra Energy has expressed a desire to evaluate Jerome County as a site for a coal-fired electric generating facility and has begun environmental studies to further that assessment. In doing so, press reports, the public interest in this topic is widespread and deeply felt. If a proposal is developed to seek approval of a generating facility site in Jerome County, we recognize that we will be at "ground zero" in the controversy. We recognize that our responsibility is part of the job we assumed when we placed our names before the voters to seek election.

We have prepared this letter because we believe it is important for residents of Jerome County and the remainder of the Magic Valley to be aware of our legal responsibilities as we apply Jerome County's zoning ordinance and any other ordinances that might come to bear on this matter.

Since 1980, site-specific zoning applications in Idaho have been governed by standards for quasi-judicial decision-making. That foreign sounding term, quasi-judicial, is really another

way of saying that local decision-makers must follow a decision-making model that is comparable in many ways to what courts must do. If presented with a zoning request, we will have to receive evidence, evaluate existing law and determine the rights of all parties — both applicant and objector alike. If and when we make a decision, it must be in writing and it must include a reasoned statement explaining the basis of our ruling.



READER COMMENT  
Veronica Lierman  
Charles Howell  
Joseph Davidson

public access space will be welcomed additions to the library. Space for the children's collection is overcrowded and must be expanded. The Idaho Room and other important historical collections should be more visible and accessible.

All this will happen with the proposed expansion.

The city of Twin Falls has been a good custodian of previous library bonds. The 1990 bond was paid off two years

rendering a defensible zoning decision.

We ask all residents to understand that any decision we might be called upon to make can, and likely will, be appealed to a court of law. We must strive to see that our decision would withstand scrutiny if it comes to pass.

We expect in the months ahead that some or many of those who read this will disagree with our decisions. That is one of the beauties of our free society where we are able to express our views openly and without fear of reprisal. We ask that everyone, regardless of their view concerning the issue at hand, display a civility and tolerance for the views of those with whom you disagree.

We promise to do our best to listen to all opinions rendered in the course of the decision-making process that might be on the horizon. Best wishes for a courteous and civil year (or more) to come.

(Complete letter may be viewed at [www.jerome-county.org](http://www.jerome-county.org))

Veronica Lierman, Charles Howell and Joseph Davidson are Jerome County commissioners; Lierman is the chairman.

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## LETTERS

### Time to sell public lands we don't want

Public lands, another sacred cow of the socialists trying to bring down capitalism in this country. How much public land is needed in this state?

In Jerome County alone, there are 100,000 acres of lands with no scenic or economic value whatsoever. These are mostly rocks, but they have good access to the Interstate and are not farmable but would make fine homesites.

The Bureau of Land Management doesn't want the land. It is always complaining about the money spent on fire suppression. I think we should preserve scenic lands in Idaho, but non-scenic lands should be sold for private citizens. Private property is the basis for our free enterprise system, and to have this asset sit idle is a shame.

DEL KOHTZ  
EDEM

letter to the editor today (Jan. 11) regarding Sempra. I went to the Web site [www.jeromecounty.org](http://www.jeromecounty.org). (At this site, representatives for this general area, are numbers 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.)

I encourage the readers of this newspaper who have been thinking about contacting their commissioners, representatives and the governor to do so (the governor and commissioners may also be contacted through this site).

This Web site is very user-friendly. Just type your comments online, copy and paste in each e-mail you send. Healthyidaho.org came about the quality of life in Magic Valley, the health and well-being of their families, not to mention the values of their real estate. I encourage you to make your opinions known to those officials in Idaho government whose powerful decisions can alter not only our lifestyles but our health.

It is not fair to leave this important matter up to a few individuals. Decisions will be made; now is the time to go [Healthyidaho.org](http://Healthyidaho.org) and speak up. Industries such as Sempra are fond of "choice" states such as Idaho.

They are "choice, ready for the plucking" because they have such minimal regulatory regulations on such matters.

GLORIA HANN  
Twin Falls

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### Web site a key way to learn about Sempra

After reading Carolyn Parker's

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## LETTER

GALE KLEINKOPF  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Gale Kleinkopf is co-chair of the Library Expansion Advisory Panel.)



OPINION



LETTERS

Give energy funds to organizations that help

With Kempthorne's proposal to spend some of the surplus tax money on Idaho citizens to assist with the highest costs of energy, my own family would receive \$300 — \$300 for one year.

I would like to suggest that instead of sending a one-time "bonus" to Idahoans to assist with high energy bills, a better investment would be to appropriate the funds to Community Action agencies to assist low-income families to weatherize their own homes with better windows, insulation, system repairs and upgrades, etc., so their energy costs can be lowered (for this and years to come).

Even if it won't help my family, it will help many other families who really do need the assistance for high energy expenses, and I would prefer our taxes to be invested in that way instead.

I also would like to see Idaho appropriate some of those funds to enforce Idaho State Code so landlords would be required to repair the windows, insulation, heating systems, etc., for the homes and apartments they collect rent from. I am not talking landlords in general (many are good and ethical), but the other ones — with the broken windows, leaking roofs, inadequate insulation, etc. Why should taxpayers be subsidizing the additional heating costs and repairs for properties which provide income to landlords? They should be responsible for maintaining their income property, but nobody enforces the law.

The people who need energy assistance should be able to receive it. I'm sure we can all think of people who really need the money vs. people who may not need it as desperately. I would much prefer our tax dollars assist with a long-term fix rather than a short-term "Band-Aid." I truly doubt that our energy costs will get any cheaper in the years to come. Wouldn't it be wiser to help the people who won't be able to afford it one year either?

I encourage Idahoans to

communicate their opinions to Kempthorne (and our local representatives as well), either through letters to the editor or directly. I recommend [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) as a helpful tool.

DIANA ROWE PAULS  
Gooding

Film exposes the dual sides of retaliation

The 1972 murder of 11 Olympians by the Palestinian terrorist group, Black September, has already been the subject of several superb documentaries ("One Day in September," "21 Hours at Munich," "The Tragedy of the Munich Games" and "Munich" ("Vengeance," "Striking Back"). It was also the inspiration for the terrific 1970s novel and movie, "Black Sunday," but Steven Spielberg's "Munich" is the first feature film to deal with the merciless Israeli retaliations.

I really hope people aren't dissuaded from seeing this very moving and powerful film because many of the same questions it raises — regarding the ultimate effectiveness, or lack thereof, in "removing" enemies who are then often replaced by even more vicious killers, doesn't directly apply to what's happening in Iraq now.

I'm sure Spielberg has seen both Fred Zinnemann's "The Day of the Jackal" (1973) and John Frankenheimer's "Black Sunday" (1977). Visually and dramatically, "Munich" resembles those Oscar-worthy films more than any of Spielberg's own (Michael Lonsdale, who played to the tenacious French detective in "Jackal," even appears in "Munich"). I also suspect he's read "By Way of Deception: The Making & Unmaking of a Mossad Officer," the controversial 1990 best-seller by Claire Hoy and ex-Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky, which Israel tried unsuccessfully to ban in the United States by suing its publisher. It doesn't exactly paint a flattering portrait of the Mossad (Israel's CIA) and the disillusionment and anger Eric Banat's "Munich" character

feels toward the end of the film reminded me a lot of what Ostrovsky conveys in his haunting book, especially the sickening sense that those Mossad assassinations haven't accomplished their intended goal and may have even encouraged other Arabs to take up arms against Jews.

The Dec. 12, 2005, Time cover story (and "Striking Back") argues the Mossad only killed one man — Atef Bseiso, in Paris in 1992 — directly connected to the 1972 massacre, while two of the three Palestinians who escaped the German airport attack (after murdering the Olympians) are still living as free men: Jamal al-Cashay and Muhammad Safady. That fact alone tends to bolster many of the arguments "Munich" makes about Man's never-ending cycle of violence (Abu Iyad, Black September's chief, was, ironically, killed by another Palestinian in 1991).

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## Governor's inauguration follows in the steps of Thomas Jefferson

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — For the first time since Thomas Jefferson became governor, Virginia on Saturday celebrated the inauguration of a new chief executive with volleys from Revolution-era customs and file-and-drum flourishes on the grounds of the state's Colonial Capitol.

Timothy M. Kane followed in some historic footsteps as he took the oath as the state's 70th governor.

Patrick Henry was also sworn in here as the first governor of an independent Virginia here in 1776, and Jefferson followed in 1779, the year the government moved to Richmond to elude British capture.

In a short speech to nearly 5,000 guests standing in the



Kane

cold rain, Kane evoked that history, exhorting residents to pursue "the promise of Virginia."

"Let us rise to the leadership example of Virginia's first 400 years," he said. "Let us affirm and carry forward our values of courage, opportunity and community."

He also signed his first directive as governor: an executive order barring employment discrimination on the basis of race, gender, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or political affiliation.



Senior Border Patrol Agent Kevin McCrary looks out over the Mexico-U.S. border near Santa Teresa, N.M., on Oct. 20. McCrary is a Border Patrol sign cutter, using the centuries old tool of tracking to try to stop undocumented immigrants into the U.S.

# On the hunt

## Border Patrol agents use simple technique to track crossers

By Alicia A. Caldwell  
Associated Press writer

FABENS, Texas — Agent Juan Galaviz had just started his morning patrol shift when a U.S. Border Patrol dispatcher called. A group of illegal immigrants had just tripped one of the thousands of underground motion sensors along the Texas-Mexico border.

Galaviz immediately steered his unmarked Chevy sport utility vehicle toward a patchwork of fields, pecan orchards and irrigation canals in Fabens — a favorite spot for illegal immigrants sneaking across the border just east of El Paso — to where other agents were on foot, looking for "signs" left by the group.

Those markers — footprints on otherwise untraveled dirt roads, water splashes along canal walls — are the tools agents use for "sign cutting," a centuries-old technique for tracking people. For agents with millions of dollars in technology at their disposal, knowing how to track a person by following footprints in the sand, broken tree branches or even overturned rocks can be the most valuable tool.

In the El Paso sector, which covers two West Texas counties and all of New Mexico, sign cutting has helped catch more than 220,000 illegal crossers in the last two years, according to the Border Patrol.

"It's kind of something that we always fall back on," said Kevin McCrary, a senior Border Patrol agent who has worked in the Santa Teresa, N.M., area about 10 years and trains other agents on how to track immigrants.

The key, McCrary says, is to find fresh signs and to get ahead of the illegal crossers. Once agents have a trail, the goal is to surround the crossers and make sure they don't get away.

As Galaviz joined the hunt near Fabens recently, his eyes darted back and forth looking for any signs of life as he drove south, all the while using a two-way radio to get direction from his colleagues.

"What kind of sign are you finding?" Galaviz would periodically ask the other agents. He was trying to get a better idea of how many sets of prints or even what kind of shoes the migrants were wearing.

He stopped occasionally, peering at footprints only to find that they looked to be at least a day old.

Every Border Patrol agent is trained to track this way, but McCrary, an 18-year Border Patrol veteran, said the only way to get good at it is to practice.

"Sometimes the simplest



Where the U.S.-Mexico border is a barbed wire fence, McCrary looks at footprints coming from Mexico into the U.S. near Santa Teresa, N.M., on Oct. 20.

forms of skills will give you the most mileage, and certainly sign cutting is one of those," said Doug Mosier, an agency spokesman.

Along with direction, footprints can indicate a person's size, whether they are carrying a heavy load or if they are in distress and dragging their feet through the sand, McCrary said.

Rain and wind sometimes erase footprints, but other times they help agents determine the age of a footprint that's not completely obscured, he said.

Illegal crossers use a variety of tricks, though, to throw agents off their trail, such as using tree branches to brush out their footprints or to disguise which direction they headed.

One group strapped foam cushions to their feet, said Galaviz, a nine-year veteran who patrols near Fabens, a crossing point popular with illegally because it's close to neighborhoods where they can blend in easily or quickly make their way to Interstate 10 to escape the area.

"I guess one of them, his feet were too big, and he left a tree print," Galaviz said. It was a tree print good enough to follow and the group was eventually arrested.

One group even carved cow hoof prints in wood and attached them to their sandals, McCrary said, but such tricks can be cumbersome, slow and almost too uniform to really get the job done.

"Any time you see regularity in nature, it probably is not going to be natural," he said. "I don't think nature has as much

regularity as manmade things."

McCrary aren't the only sign. McCrary and Galaviz said they can track a group by spotting overturned rocks, revealing soil that is darker where the rocks was sitting. Broken branches and trails of trash dropped along the way also can help.

When the crossers in Fabens set off the underground sensor, agents found their footprints within minutes. The fresh trail led agents along a maze of deep irrigation canals. Mud tracks on the cement banks of one of the canals and matted down brush helped give away the hiding place of 13 illegal crossers. Agents arrested them within 30 minutes of the sensor going off.

When Galaviz arrived, the last of the group was being escorted

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out of the canal while other agents canvassed the area to make sure they hadn't missed anyone.

McCrary said such arrests are common, and usually all agents have to do is look for the signs. "If there's tracks, there's going to be somebody," McCrary said.

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Sago coal miner Ronald Grall, 63, of Buckhannon, W.Va., stands outside the Sago Baptist Church on Wednesday, the site near the Sago mine where many family and friends learned that 12 miners had been trapped and killed following an explosion on Jan. 2, in Tallmansville, W.Va. Grall, a miner for nearly 40 years, says although nervous he is ready to go back into the mine to work. Grall and his crew were starting the morning shift the day of the explosion.

# Sago miners confront fears

They must decide whether to return to work after deadly explosion

TALLMANSVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — Coal mines still call for rapid Grall.

Despite the deaths of 12 co-workers in an explosion he narrowly escaped in the Sago Mine, Grall said he's eager to get back inside, to the comfortable darkness in which he has worked for 40 years.

"I'm just a little nervous," said Grall, 63. "Well, actually, my wife's more nervous than I am."

He and about 145 other Sago miners must face those fears as they decide whether to go back underground in other West Virginia mines operated by Sago owner International Coal Group Inc., based in Ashland, Ky.

Many did so last week at two nearby ICG mines: Sycamore No. 2 near Clarksburg and Sentinel near Philipp. Grall has so far been assigned to outside maintenance work at the Sago Mine, which is closed while the Jan. 2 explosion is investigated.

ICG Chief Executive Officer Ben Hatfield said Wednesday he wouldn't know until at least the weekend how many miners had decided to stay with the company but he said early reports were positive.

The returning miners include Danny Loudin, 56, of Norton. He said he accepted ICG's offer of employment at Sycamore, about 40 miles away, because "they're excellent people to work for."

He likened mining to the military and gave soldiers their commander.

"Just like the war zone over in Iraq today, I just feel like I can't walk out," Loudin said.

David Jones, whose brother Jesse was killed at Sago, isn't sure when he'll go back.

"Every mine is dangerous, he said, and "you can't really honestly say that you like working in a place like that." He would not



Darrell Ware, son of Sago miner Fred Ware, Jr. of Buckhannon, W.Va., along with other relatives, places a rose on his father's casket before it is lowered into the ground on Tuesday.

comment specifically on conditions at Sago.

"The mine had been cited for 208 alleged safety violations during 2005. At least 17 were for serious problems."

ICG officials have said the company has spent more than \$40 million upgrading its West Virginia mines since buying them in 2004. Hatfield said improvements at Sago included rehabilitating more than two miles of escapeways, doubling the amount of air circulating underground and improving the mine's underground transportation system.

Jones, 40, of French Creek, has worked in the West Virginia mines for 16 years, mainly running heavy equipment.

On the day of the explosion, he headed a second crew that followed his brother's group into the Sago Mine. His crew was about 10 minutes behind the others because they needed to switch to a larger vehicle, and they made it back out.

Jones, married with two teenage sons, said money was one reason he chose to follow his father into the mines, where

a great-grandfather also died in an explosion.

"My wife and kids don't want me to ever go back, but what are you supposed to do? You either work in the woods around here or in the coal mines or you work for Hardee's or McDonald's or something like that, and then you don't make enough money to live," he said.

Coal miners in the state earn an average of \$55,000 a year. Because of his family's loss, Jones said, ICG has told him to take as much time as he needs to decide whether to return.

If he does, he won't go back underground immediately. Like Grall, a member of his crew, Jones is on a list of workers assigned to repair work at Sago, working outside until the mine reopens.

He's torn by the prospect of returning underground.

"The good part about it is, you're out of the weather; it stays 55 to 60-some degrees in there all the time," Jones said. "But you're still back underneath of a mountain where you know danger exists at all times." Death isn't the only risk.

"I'll never walk back in the mines; it's not worth it. The money's good but with the family and everybody worrying, it's not worth the hassle."

—Rick McGee, Sago miner

"When you're working there, most of your men are hurting some way or another," he said. "Bad backs or fingers cut off or broken bones or sliced by rocks. There's a lot of people being hurt in there."

Rick McGee, whose brother-in-law Randall McCloy Jr. is the lone survivor from the trapped crew, suffered a back injury at the Sago Mine that he says probably won't allow him to return to mining — even if he wanted to.

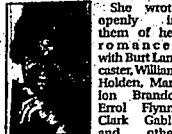
"I'll never walk back in the mines; it's not worth it," said McGee, 36, of Simpson. "The money's good but with the family and everybody worrying, it's not worth the hassle."

Grall disagrees. He's worked in eight or nine mines and can't imagine another job, he'd like to do.

"The first day I was in a mine, I said this is probably what I'll be doing for a long time because I liked it in there," he said. "I just like being underground in the dark."

# Shelley Winters, Academy Award winner, dies at 85

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Shelley Winters, the forceful, outspoken star who graduated from blond bombshell parts to dramatic Academy Awards as supporting actress in "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "A Patch of Blue," has died. She was 85.



Winters

Winters died of heart failure early Saturday at The Rehabilitation Centre of Beverly Hills, her publicist Dale Olson said. She had been hospitalized in October after suffering a heart attack.

The actress sustained her long career by repeatedly reinventing herself. Starting as a nightclub chorus girl, advanced to supporting roles in New York plays, then became famous as a Hollywood sexpot.

A devotee of the Actors Studio, she switched to serious roles as she matured. Her Oscars were for her portrayal of a nightclub chorus girl, advanced to supporting roles in New York plays, then became famous as a Hollywood sexpot.

In 1959's "The Diary of Anne Frank," she was Petronella Van Daan, mother of Peter Van Daan and one of eight real-life Jewish refugees in World War II Holland who hid for more than a year in cramped quarters until they were betrayed and sent to Nazi death camps. The socially conscious Winters donated her Oscar statuette to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.

In 1955's "Patch of Blue," she portrayed a blind, foul-mouthed mother who tries to keep her blind daughter, who is white, apart from the kind black man who has befriended her.

Ever vocal on social and political matters, Winters was a favored guest on television talk shows, and she demonstrated her frankness in two autobiographies: "Shelley Also Known as Shirley" (1980) and "Shelley II: The Middle of My Century" (1985).

She wrote openly in them of her romances with Burl Lancaster, William Holden, Marlon Brando, Errol Flynn, Clark Gable and other leading men.

She had a book called after her first book became a best seller. "I'm excited about the literary aspects of my career. My concentration is there now."

Typically Winters, she also had a complaint about her literary fame: While reviewers treated her book as a serious human document, she said, talk show hosts Phil Donohue and Johnny Carson "only want to know about my love affairs."

Winters, whose given name was Shirley Schiff, was said to talk show hosts Phil Donohue and Johnny Carson "only want to know about my love affairs."

When her contract ended, Winters returned to New York as Ado Annie in "Oklahoma!" She would soon be called back and signed to a seven-year contract at Universal, where she was transformed into a blonde bombshell. She vamped her way through a number of pot-boilers for the studio, including "South Sea Sinner," with Liberace as her dance-hall pianist and "Frenchie," as wild saloon owner Frenchie Fontaine, out to avenge her father's murder.

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# Family of Florida eighth-grader shot by deputies at school to donate boy's organs

LONGWOOD, Fla. (AP) — The parents of a 15-year-old boy accused of terrorizing classmates with a pistol warned authorities the weapon likely was fake before police shot him in a middle school bathroom, a family attorney said Saturday.

Christopher Penley, of Winter Springs, was accused of pulling a pellet gun in a classroom Friday and pointing it at other students. When he later raised the weapon at a deputy, a SWAT team member shot him, authorities said.

Officers who had responded to the 1,100-student school in suburban Orlando believed the gun was a Beretta 9mm, and didn't warn until after the shooting that it was a pellet gun.

The boy's parents, Ralph and Donna Penley, were in contact with authorities during the incident and told them they believed Penley did not have a real gun, said family attorney Mark Nanton, Ralph Penley went to the school to attempt to talk his son out of the situation.

"When he got to the school, they would not let him in and he was later told Christopher

had been shot," Nanton said. Penley was clinically brain dead Saturday, Nanton said. "His organs are in the process of being harvested."

Friends and investigators say Penley was bullied and emotionally distraught, and went to school that day expecting to die.

Patrick Lafferty, a 15-year-old neighbor who has known Penley about six years, said he wasn't surprised by what happened. He said Penley was a loner who "told me he wanted to kill himself dozens of times."

"He would put his headphones on, and walk up and down the street and he would work out a lot," Lafferty said to keep to himself, Lafferty said.

Kelly Swofford, a family spokeswoman and neighbor of the boy's parents, said the boy had been bullied several times. Her 11-year-old son, Jeffery Swofford, said Penley had said he had something planned.

"He said 'I hope I die today because I don't really like my life,'" Jeffery Swofford said.

gun after everyone else left the classroom.

"He got me towards the closet door, he turned me around, and ... started to point the gun at me, so I started to grab for it. And he pulled it away and then I grabbed for it one more time, ... twisted it and I pointed it at him."

Cotey said after he put the gun to Penley's legs, the gunman kicked him into the closet, where the two scuffled further, before Penley ran out of the classroom.

The school went into lockdown.

From there, Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger said, Penley traversed the Milwee Middle School campus before ending up in a bathroom. By then, more than 40 officers, including SWAT and negotiators, were on scene. He refused to drop the firearm, Eslinger said, and was shot after pointing it at a SWAT deputy.

Jeffery Swofford said Penley had been in a disagreement with someone, allegedly over a girl. There was going to be a fight Friday, he said. "I heard a rumor that he had a BB gun, but I didn't think he really had one," he added.

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Wilbert Rideau smiles during an interview at the home of a friend in Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 5. Rideau, who gained fame while in Louisiana's Angola Penitentiary as an inmate journalist and editor of a magazine about prison life, became a free man on Jan. 15, 2005.

## A year after release from prison, he 'wakes up in heaven every morning'

By Mary Foster  
Associated Press writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — One recent balmy morning, Wilbert Rideau wandered around his backyard, dressed in shorts and sandals. He acknowledged the joy he felt was greater than others might experience, but for him it was one more milestone on a very long road.

"It doesn't sound like a big thing to you," Rideau said. "But I spent 44 years in a place where they don't allow you to walk around in sandals and shorts." Rideau, who gained fame while a prisoner in Angola Penitentiary, became a free man on Jan. 15, 2005, escorted out of the Calcasieu Parish jail in Lake Charles in the middle of the night.

Widely honored because of his work as a prison journalist and editor of a magazine about prison life, Rideau attracted supporters from all over the world for his effort to win release.

He had been locked up since 1961 when he robbed a bank, took three employees hostage and killed one of them, Julia Ferguson. Prosecutors said Rideau slit her throat as she knelt on a rural road begging for her life. He admitted killing her, but said it was an impulsive lunge with a knife, the unprompted act of a confused 19-year-old.

"I've had to live with this all my life," Rideau said. "It's something I deeply regret."

At his final trial, U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan of New Orleans was called as a witness and affirmed that Rideau had written letters of remorse to the victims' families — letters apparently never delivered by the state parole board or the former district attorney in Lake Charles.

Rideau cheated death in the 1970s when the Supreme Court outlawed then-existing death penalty laws. Many feel he was cheated of freedom after state pardon boards recommended clemency four times but two governors turned him down in the face of stiff opposition from the victims' families and Lake Charles authorities.

After appealing his conviction, Rideau had three more trials. Two found him guilty of murder again, but his last trial — ordered by a federal appeals court because of historic exclusion of blacks from grand juries in Westville Parish — resulted in a manslaughter conviction. He had already served more than the maximum sentence for that crime.

Finally, more than four decades after reaching death row at Angola, he was free.

While in prison, Rideau went from an illiterate teenager to a

“I've had to live with this all my life. It's something I deeply regret.”

— Wilbert Rideau, on killing a hostage

well-read, self-educated man. He edited "The Angolite," a prison magazine that won a George Polk Award and a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for exposing prison abuses. He was in demand as a speaker, appeared on television and helped produce and direct an award-winning documentary about Angola called "The Farm."

In 1993, Life magazine called him "the most rehabilitated prisoner in America."

His year of freedom has been one of discovery for Rideau, a dapper man who'll be 64 on Feb. 13. He has a touch of gray in his mustache, but none in his hair and few lines on his face. At an age when his contemporaries are checking out retirement plans, Rideau said he got his learner's permit and is trying to learn to drive.

A week after he got out of prison, Rideau went to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get an identification card. He was supposed to fly to Washington to appear on "Nightline."

But he couldn't drive because he had no ID — no discharge papers from the prison system, no birth certificate, no Social Security card. Rideau took the front pages of three newspapers with him, all showing him after he was freed from jail. "You look at me and you'll see that I'm the same person," he told officials.

His unusual form of ID was accepted. He hopes to get his first driver's license this spring. "It's not easy for a 63-year-old man to learn to drive," said Linda LaBranche, a friend and legal researcher who worked with the Rideau Project at Loyola University in New Orleans. "It's going slow."

Just about everything is going slowly for Rideau. He wanted to open a bank account, but because he has no credit record he had to have a co-signer. He has learned to use a debit card, but not an ATM. He can surf the Web, but can't operate a cell phone. He didn't know how to tie a necktie until someone at a speaking engagement showed him how.

Honorary titles from speaking engagements earned him

\$3,000 in the last year, but he had to borrow money to get health insurance.

"The first thing I'd like to do is to be able to earn some money," Rideau said. "That's a priority, earn some money so I can secure my future because I only have a few years of productivity left."

There have been no offers for him to work as a journalist, something Rideau said does not surprise him.

"I recognize that up there in prison, while I was editor, the thing I had going for me and the magazine is that we were a novelty," Rideau said. "I was a dog playing a piano. So you guys were always interested and everybody was interested and wanted to help. I'm no longer in that situation, but I learned a lot of skills up there that are transferrable."

His need for money was made greater after State District Judge David Ritchie, who oversaw Rideau's final trial, slapped him with a \$127,000 bill to cover the costs of the proceeding that freed him.

The bill included fees paid to expert witnesses, courthouse security, travel expenses for jurors, copying costs for jury questionnaires, and food for the jury and staff, including the judge (\$435.60 to Seafood Palace, \$124.28 to Pappys', \$330 to Steamboat Bill's).

Before the trial, Rideau's attorneys tried to work out a deal for a manslaughter charge rather than endure another court fight. The prosecutor turned them down. Now, Rideau's attorney, George Kendall, said Rideau was being made to pay for the battle he offered to fight.

"It's the absolute right of any American to have a jury trial. You should know that if you exercise that right and go to court you don't have to pay for it."

The judge's order is under appeal, but in the meantime Rideau filed for bankruptcy to protect him from the bill.

Rideau hopes to write a book, but currently has no contract, no publisher and no agent. He split reports that he was about to sign a \$500,000 deal.

Still, he does not appear worried, saying his experiences since release have been good. "The most surprising thing of my entire experience out here is how nice people have been," Rideau said.

That was his message when he ran into a former Angola guard.

"I told him I'm probably the only person in the world that you know that you'd like to ask how I'm doing," Rideau said. "I am the only guy you know who wakes up in heaven every morning."

## Debutante slaying shows ugly side of picturesque Savannah

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Among the manicured bushes and gnarled oaks on Orleans Square, two bouquets of roses lay near the spot where a debutante was shot before dawn on Christmas Eve.

A robber shot 19-year-old Jennifer Ross a few hours after she danced with her father at Savannah's Christmas Cotillon, her formal introduction as a woman of society. She died New Year's Day.

The shooting in Savannah's downtown historic district has put a spotlight on something residents on the city's famous squares know well but visitors often are surprised to learn — Savannah's most picturesque places mask an underbelly of crime.

"It's such a peaceful city with the Spanish moss hanging down. It's alluring is what it is," said Dian Brownfield, a former president of the city's Downtown Neighborhood Association. "I think people just can't imagine any violence happening in a city like Savannah."

The murder of Ross, who had been studying international business at Mercer University in Macon, was the 25th slaying reported by Savannah's Clatham County police in the past year. No one has been arrested in her killing.

Unlike the others, Ross' killing has outraged the local elite. Influential business owners, bankers and real estate brokers met to demand action. Angry e-mails swamped the mayor's inbox.

"It's just so senseless," said an uncle, Adger Ross. "I think Jennifer represents the everyday scenario, it could have been any of us."

Others, however, say the slaying has drawn a belated response from a wealthy and powerful constituency rarely touched by violence. Ross' father, Rusty Ross, is a senior vice president and attorney for Memorial Health University Medical Center.

"Where the hell have they been all this time?" Mayor Otis Johnson asked as the City



Joseph Ross, center left, brother of 19-year-old murder victim Jennifer Ross, is comforted outside St. John's Episcopal Church on Jan. 5, in Savannah, Ga., before his sister's funeral. Jennifer died New Year's Day after being shot during a robbery Christmas Eve, hours after being presented as a debutante at the city's Christmas Cotillon.

“I think people just can't imagine any violence happening in a city like Savannah.”

— Dian Brownfield, resident

Council met last week. Johnson, Savannah's second black mayor, has made curbing crime a priority since taking office two years ago. He's held town meetings, publicly accused other black leaders of apathy, and issued a 2005 task-force report criticizing police for setting low crime-fighting goals and leaving too many officers behind desks.

Business leaders, the mayor says, were largely silent until Ross' slaying.

"They're too intelligent to be clueless," Johnson said. "They had more important things to

commit their time to. Now it has come home to roost in their backyard."

The downtown district's 19th Century mansions and marble monuments draw about 6 million tourists a year. Few murders occur there but robberies are common along the district's magnolia-lined sidewalks.

Savannah had 656 robberies in 2004, more than half the 1,105 violent crimes the city reported to the FBI that year.

Among Georgia's seven largest cities, Savannah's murder rate of 17.7 slayings per 100,000 residents in 2004 was second only to Atlanta. Its rate was more than double that of Charleston, S.C., another historic city of similar size.

More people get robbed in the historic district than in any other part of Savannah, according to Daniel Lockwood, a criminal justice professor at Savannah State University. Location is what makes the city's most celebrated area so dangerous, Lockwood says. The historic district, roughly 2.5 square miles, is bordered by housing projects and low-income neighborhoods.

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## Firms can serve beer for first time since 1875

WESTERVILLE, Ohio (AP) — This Ohio city, once known as the "dry capital of the world," is dry no more.

A pizza parlor on Thursday became the first establishment in Westville's uptown business district to legally serve a beer since 1875.

"Here's to a new tradition in Westerville," local jeweler Bill Morgan said as he raised his plastic cup of Budweiser at Michael's Pizza.

Westerville's temperance history dates back 131 years, when the town's saloon was blown up during what's known as the

"Whiskey Wars."

The Anti-Saloon League moved its headquarters to Westerville in 1909, and the city became known as the "dry capital of the world."

Business and city leaders pushed for the serving of alcohol in uptown establishments as a way to compete with restaurants and bars at two new retail developments near the Columbus suburb.

Voters on Nov. 8 approved licenses for beer and wine to be sold at Michael's Pizza and Pasquale's Pizza & Pasta, whose owners plan to start serving li-

queurs Feb. 1.

The night of the election, Michael's Pizza owner Michael Evans said he would auction off the first beer, with the proceeds going to a local ministry.

Morgan, whose family has lived in Westerville for four generations, topped five other bidders to win the beer for \$150.

"My dad said it would never happen," Morgan, 51, said as he prepared to drink the beer. "Items in a portion of Westerville know that you'd like to sell alcohol in 1993, but uptown had remained dry."

# NATION



Benjamin Franklin impersonator Ralph Archibold, center, speaks to another historic reenactor in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia in April. Being Franklin is always big business in Philadelphia, but the city's yearlong celebration of the founding father's 300th birthday has created a huge demand for the small cadre of people who portray him.

## THREE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER HIS BIRTH

### There's wealth of Benjamin Franklins to honor

The Associated Press

At the Smithsonian, they're planning a tribute to his statesmanship. In London, an exhibit hails his medical contributions. But at McGill's Olde Ale House in Philadelphia, they know best how to honor Benjamin Franklin on his 300th birthday with a celebratory toast.

"A beer for Ben?" "He was a very jovial fellow who would meet at the taverns discussing the latest John Locke book or scientific breakthrough over a nice plate of beer," explains McGill's owner Chris Mullins. "I don't think you could imagine getting drunk with George Washington, but with Benjamin Franklin? Definitely."

Is there any place Franklin wouldn't fit in? He was a businessman, inventor, revolutionary, athlete (Franklin was a member of the United States Swim School Association Hall of Fame), diplomat, publisher, humorist, sage, man of destiny and regular guy. Unlike John Adams, he does not need a historian like David McCullough to defend him. Franklin is the nation's beloved eccentric uncle — the old bird who carried on with French women; the quipster with a clever remark for all occasions; the righteous citizen who stands up to authority; the tinkerer who could fix your stove, edit your newsletter or upgrade your computer.

He is the founder we feel we know best, but at the same time, he's the founder most easily misunderstood, because the image of Franklin changes according to who celebrates him. "He certainly is a multiplicity of persons, so one never knows which one is the real Franklin," says Gordon Wood, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian whose books include "The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin."

Franklin's approachability begins with his background. Unlike Washington or Jefferson, he did not grow up a landed "gentleman." His rise, as Franklin himself later boasted, was "from the Poverty and Obscurity in which I was born and bred, to a state of affluence and some degree of reputation in the World."

He was born in Boston on Jan. 17, 1706, the fifth son of a soap and candle maker. Starting at age 12, he worked five years as an apprentice at his brother James' newspaper, the New England Courant, establishing himself as a prankster and satirist, and, not for the last time, as "a little obnoxious to the governing party."

Essays to poke the Puritan establishment, he submitted humorous essays to the Courant under the pseudonym Silenus Dogood. "In his pieces, wit and eventual satire in the essays were accepted. When James Franklin learned the author's identity, he angrily beat his brother. With Massachusetts authorities threatening to shut



Bill Robling, an actor who portrays Ben Franklin, talks in Philadelphia on Jan. 5 about his experiences during the past four years.

the paper down, Franklin fled for Philadelphia in 1723, his "pockets stuffed with shirts and stockings."

Over the next 30 years and beyond, he charmed and advanced himself as a printer, publisher and humorist, composing such lasting epigrams as "Fish and visitors stink in three days" and "Eat to live, and not live to eat." For many, he is the founding American wit, grounded in plain talk as opposed to high learning, his tradition carried on by Mark Twain, Will Rogers and Dave Barry among others.

"I have to admit that, when I was a youngster in grade school, I did not care for Benjamin Franklin," Barry wrote, in an introduction to "Wit and Wisdom From Poor Richard's Almanack," published in 2000 by the Modern Library.

"Teachers were always shoving him down my throat — him and his wise adages, such as 'A penny saved is a penny earned.' Had no idea what that meant. "But I have to say, much of what I read in the Almanack had me nodding in agreement and wishing that modern people (including me) followed its precepts. Poor Richard advocates diligence, self-reliance, frugality, and honesty; he disdains laziness, extravagance, pretense, and immorality. It goes without saying that he hates lawyers."

Franklin's greatest public triumph was likely as a diplomat, persuading France to aid the colonies in their fight against the British. But he needed no resolution to be a revolutionarily, for he changed the world simply by living in it.

"The things which hurt, instruct," he once observed. The virtues of middle-aged eyesight led him to design a single, all-purpose set of glasses — bifocals. A struggle to raise money for a public hospital led to a plan by which private contributions would be equaled by government funds, the "matching grant" formula in use to this day. Modernized street lights, volunteer fire fighters, fire insurance, lending libraries. He

lived like a deity who simply by declaring something could happen, made it so. Odometers, daylight savings time, lightning rods (inspired by a kite excursion as fabled as Washington's cherry tree, but, in Franklin's case, a true story).

"His demonstration that lightning was not supernatural had huge impact," says Dudley Herschbach, a Nobel Prize winning chemist. "Since lightning had long been considered a prerogative of the Almighty, Franklin was attacked for presumption, vigorously but in vain."

Herschbach, a Harvard University professor who has lectured frequently on Franklin, says, "Franklin's scientific curiosity extended far beyond his adventures with electricity. He made important discoveries and observations concerning the motion of storms, heat conduction, the path of the Gulf Stream, bioluminescence, the spreading of oil films, and also advanced practical ideas about conservation of matter and the wave nature of light."

Franklin was an innovator, but unlike Jefferson, not a poster boy. Ideas didn't matter unless they were useful. He was the country's original pragmatist — the classic American art of learning through experience, not theory, that was later refined and adopted by William James, John Dewey and others.

His community spirit and hands-on innovation made him an imagined contemporary of a modern pragmatist, Jane Jacobs, the urban activist who in her classic "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" and other books attacked city planners as detached bureaucrats. Her affinity for Franklin began as a girl, when she would pretend to converse with her great predecessor.

"Like Jefferson, he was interested in lofty things, but also in more nitty-gritty, down-to-earth details, such as why the alley we were walking through wasn't paved, and who would pave it if I were paved," the author, now 83, once observed. "He was interested in everything, so he was a very satisfying companion."

Franklin now seems the safest of the founders to celebrate, but when he died, in 1790, he was "mistreated by many in power as a Francophile synonymous with the excesses of the French Revolution. The Senate rejected a proposal to wear badges of mourning in his honor. A year passed before an official eulogy was delivered, by a longtime detractor, Anglican minister William Smith, who belittled Franklin as "ignorant of his own strength."

Condemned as a Jacobin upon his death, he would be satirized as a middlebrow member of the bourgeoisie for more than a century after Socialist Max Weber believed

Franklin stood for the "earning of more and more money combined with the strict avoidance of all spontaneous engagement in life." Poet John Keats disliked "his mean and thrifty maxims." Historian Charles Angoff labeled him "the father of all the Kwanzaas."

"It was elitism, sort of a condescending type that looked down on Franklin for having basic middle class values," says Walter Isaacson, author of a 2004 best seller about Franklin. "For a long time, most intellectuals saw him as a spokesman for capitalism and for making money and getting ahead, a view of America many have had," says historian Gordon Wood.

The denigration of Franklin was partly his own doing. His "Autobiography," unfinished at the time of his death but published posthumously, immortalized him as a crafty self-made man for whom all virtues were but a means to success.

Business titans, from Andrew Carnegie to Thomas Mellon, have been among his greatest admirers. Dinn Dwyer-Owens, CEO of a leading franchise, the Dwyer Group, says she relates to Franklin as a pioneering franchisee — he set up a system of printing outlets around the colonies — and as a kind of guiding spirit.

"One of my favorite Benjamin Franklin quotes was 'Early to bed, early to rise, that makes my day do us to say to us over and over again when we were young,'" says Dwyer-Owens, whose organization is based in Waco, Texas, and oversees such companies as Glass Doctor and Mr. Electric Corp.

"Now, I'm an early bird, so that affirmation clearly has stuck with me. I teach a class called 'Design Your Life,' which is all about living by a set of rules, like Franklin did, and part of that is taking care of yourself, getting enough rest and applying yourself."

But the "Autobiography" underplays other, lesser sides of Franklin. The statesman, dissident and man of conscience, the former slave holder who eventually called for abolition, the belated rebel who overcame his reverence for the British crown and helped coin one of the era's immortal phrases: "We hold these truths to be self-evident."

He is praised now by both left and right. David Brooks, the conservative author and New York Times columnist, has singled out Franklin approving of stopping malls and faith-based community organizations. Regnery Publishing, a right-wing press famed for the anti-obesity best seller "Unfit for Command," has just released "The Complicated Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin," which uses excerpts from other Franklin writings to fill out the text.



Paleo-anthropologist at the University of the Witwatersrand, Lee Berger, poses with a replica of a part of the skull of the Taung child in Johannesburg on Thursday.

## Paleo-anthropologist: Human ancestors were hunted by birds

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — An American researcher believes he has solved the mystery of how one of the most important human ancestors died nearly 2 million years ago: An eagle killed the 3.5-year-old ape-man known as the Taung child.

The discovery suggests small human ancestors known as hominids had to survive being hunted not only by large predators on the ground but by fearsome raptors that swooped from the sky, said Lee Berger, a senior paleo-anthropologist at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand.

"These are the stresses that formed the human mind and made us one of the most successful animals on the face of the planet." The discovery of the partial skull of a juvenile ape-man in South Africa's North West Province in 1924 revealed a human ancestor species called Australopithecus africanus, which was proposed to be the "missing link" between apes and humans. It also gave evidence that early humans evolved in Africa, rather than Europe and Asia, as most scientists believed at the time.

The child's death has been blamed on a leopard or saber-toothed cat, which are known to have preyed on hominids. But 10 years ago, Berger and fellow researcher Ron Clarke submitted the theory that the hunter was a predatory bird, similar to today's African crowned eagle.

Berger and Clarke argued the skulls and bones of monkeys and other animal fossils found at the Taung site, about 300 miles southwest of Johannesburg, showed evidence of damage by eagles. Other researchers agreed eagles were likely preying on small animals at the site, but contended apes were too large, sophisticated and organized to be taken by a bird.

"The one big problem was the lack of multiple areas of damage on the Taung child itself that could be linked to a bird of prey," Berger said. "We had one little flap of bone on the top of the skull that looked like some of the damage we see made by eagles and nothing else. ... It was the ultimate 2 million-year-old cold case."

Five months ago, researchers from Ohio State University submitted what Berger called the most comprehensive study to date of eagle damage on bones. Berger was among those asked to review the paper for the American Journal of Physical Anthropology.

The study by Scott McGraw, Catherine Cooke and Suzanne Schultze of primate remains from modern crowned eagle nests in Ivory Coast's Tai forest showed raptors routinely hunt primates much larger than themselves by swooping down and piercing their skulls with their back talons. There is even a documented case of an eagle killing a child, Berger said.

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# CHANGING POLITICS

## Many forces are at work in Israel

By Marcus Eliason  
Associated Press writer

**JERUSALEM** — To land at Israel's new airport is to witness this country's great leap forward, but also to sense the daunting challenges it faces, whether or not Prime Minister Ariel Sharon recovers from his devastating stroke.

The \$1 billion terminal that is slated to open in 14 months ago is a cavernous complex of glass, marble and shopping malls, a kosher McDonald's and 24 boarding gates to a world that has opened wide for Israel since the end of the Cold War — no longer just to former destinations like London or New York, but Beijing, St. Petersburg, Tokyo, Adlis Ababa, Amman, Bangkok.

Yet, the new Ben Gurion International Airport represents more than just an impressive gateway. It also plunges the visitor into the physical heart of the Israeli debate about land and borders.

Each report sprouts across Israel's narrow web pages enough to the West Bank to be in range of the kind of homemade rockets that Palestinian extremists are all too ready to launch into Israel from the Gaza Strip.

Israelis didn't want to deal with much thought to the real meaning of phrases such as "withdrawal from the West Bank" as long as they were abstracts. But they have taken on flesh and blood since Sharon pulled out of Gaza in late 2005 and began sending out signals suggesting large-scale pullbacks in the West Bank.

Now comes the stroke that the Israelis fear has ended Sharon's political life, at the very moment when they are having to weigh the riskiest gamble of their 57-year history as a state.

These are strange days in Israel. The shock over Sharon's stroke has had a ripple effect, full by half over the following four days, police said. Suddenly everyone in the Jewish state is a doctor, huddled debating whether the 67-year-old leader got the right treatment.

The public offers all sorts of ideas for winking the fallen leader from his coma. How can we stiff his favorite food. Play him tapes of battlefield exchanges from the yom Kippur War, the ex-general's finest hour.

As the fight over Sharon's stroke cases, though, life is returning to normal. Crime is back on front pages. The stock market has had a subdued, but a late-night radio program, participants dare to poke gentle fun at Hadassah Hospital's medical center.

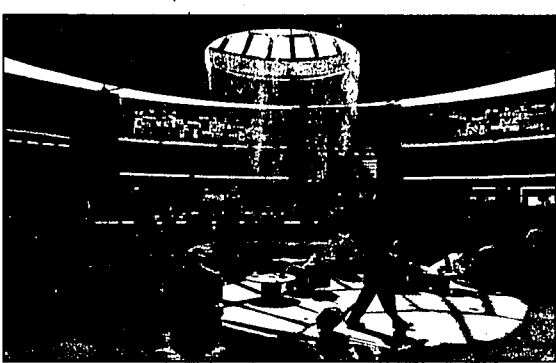
The government, headed by Sharon's deputy, 60-year-old Ehud Olmert, continues to function. On Sunday it will take its first big decision — whether to allow Jerusalem Arabs to vote in the Palestinian parliamentary elections Jan. 25.

For a doctor returning after a long absence, the biggest surprise comes from something that was germinating even before Sharon came to power in 2001 and has blossomed like a flower — a revolution in public attitudes toward the West Bank.

For the better part of three decades under the rule of the right-wing Likud Party, the imperative was to hold on to the West Bank as a biblical birthright and to collect every penny of tax with Jewish settlements.

Now the prospect of filling the main mass of the West Bank has become a part of daily discourse. The decision to let hostile, occupied Arab people and preserve Israel's Jewish majority has overtaken the attention to the West Bank.

"The penny has dropped," said Uri Dromi of the Israel Democracy Institute. "Demography trumps everything." Dromi's new members are already being outlined by the Gaza withdrawal and the barrier of walls and fences going up along — and sometimes beyond — the



Passengers wait for departures at the Ben Gurion International airport near Tel Aviv, Israel, in this Nov. 2, 2004, file photo. A million Israelis — one seventh of the population — will use the airport annually, said Oz Almog, a Haifa University sociology professor, but they cannot escape the fact that "we live in a very fragile reality. You can break a whole window at the airport with just one stone. That's the reality of the Middle East."

### West Bank border

The end result, according to scenarios painted by a range of analysts, would be a pullback from about 80 percent of the West Bank, leaving Israel in control of some settlement blocks and strategically sensitive fringes of the territory, such as the approaches to the airport.

It isn't simple, though. Palestinians say the barrier is a pretext for grabbing their land, and the Israeli Supreme Court has blocked plans to protect the airport by running the wall deep into the West Bank at that point.

A discussion on TV's Channel 1 showed how far things have come. The argument among the panel of doves, hawks, professors, generals and settlers wasn't about whether to withdraw — but when.

The vast majority of the 243,000 settlers moved there for tax breaks and cheap government-subsidized mortgages, rather than out of Zionist and religious zeal.

When you give people proper compensation, over 80 percent in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) will want to leave tomorrow — plain and simple," said panelist Benny Ruz, a settler. No one challenged him.

When the time comes, though, resistance from some of the more nationalist settlements is likely. Settler leader Pinhas Wallerstein says he is confident the broad mass of settlers will mount a resistance campaign similar to the one seen during the Gaza pullback.

But the uprooting of the 8,500 Gaza settlers, while emotionally painful, went much faster and less violently than expected.

Another surprise is Kadima (Forward), the centrist party that Sharon formed in November after bolting Likud. Stacked with heavyweight defectors from both Likud and the moderate Labor Party, Kadima has defied expectations it would fade within Sharon and is holding a crushing lead in opinion polls.

Israel's parliamentary elections are held 2.5 months after Israeli centrist parties have a record of failure. But many analysts say Kadima is different.

Ever Plotkin, a veteran socio-economic thinker, wrote in Yediot Ahronot, the country's best-selling newspaper, that Kadima offers voters a big tent to supplant the old, ideology-bound parties.

In his view, the new party appeals to a prosperous middle class, a college-educated member has become a critical force, one that has saved Israel from "degenerating into political and cultural chaos" during the Palestinian uprising and campaign of suicide bombings.

The middle class wanted "a new party belittling the new Israeli elite," said Sharon delivered it, Plotkin said.

Among its recruits are high-profile politicians like Tzachi Hanegbi, a former Likud Cabinet minister, and a former member of the right-wing Northern League, was quoted as saying by the Italian news agency ANSA. "Family is a serious concern based on love between a man and a woman."

Culture Minister Rocco Buttiglione, who is close to the Vatican, told reporters that people's energy should be spent on pro-family efforts like finding

## Tests show activity in both sides of Sharon's brain

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — A test has shown activity in both sides of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's brain, but he remains comatose and in critical but stable condition. Hadassah Hospital said Saturday in its first update on the Israeli leader's condition in more than 24 hours.

Experts said activity in both sides didn't indicate anything about the extent of the brain damage Sharon may have suffered as a result of his devastating stroke on Jan. 4.

"It is another piece of information that on its own means nothing," said Dr. Gal Ilfengam, a neurologist at Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva, who is not treating Sharon.

Sharon could still have extensive brain damage but show activity on both sides of his brain, Ilfengam said.

"It's very worrisome that he hasn't woken from his coma," Ilfengam added. "Coma reflects brain damage. (But) it's hard to



Sharon

talk about prospects for awakening without knowing the patient."

The terse statement released by the hospital said a woman Yael Bosses-Levy after the end of the Jewish Sabbath said she saw Sharon in an electroencephalogram (EEG) conducted on Friday, "showed both sides of the brain were functioning, a reflection of the prime minister's condition. There was no elaboration.

Earlier this week, doctors began weaning Sharon from the coma by inducing to give his brain time to heal from the stroke and the three surgeries that followed. The sedation level on Saturday was light, hospital spokesman Ron Krumer said.

Sharon's military morale in making it crack down harshly on the uprising.

"So in Gaza he became the captain who made a dramatic turn in order to save the Titanic," Ezrachi said.

Like the glass that is smashed at Jewish weddings to acknowledge there is no joy without sorrow, the relief felt over the Gaza withdrawal is tempered by the chaos and violence that have erupted in territories since Israel fled by the rockets being fired by Palestinian militants toward the city of Ashkelon and other nearby Israeli towns. Three suicide bombers from the West Bank have killed 13 Israelis over the past three months.

And there are new threats in the air. Al-Qaida's claim to be taking its war to Israel, and Iran with its nuclear program and a president who declares Israel should be "wiped from the map."

Al-Olmog, a Haifa University sociology professor, sees the new airport as a metaphor for Israel's two minds.

Its size and grid represent a vigorous, forward-rushing society, hard-wired for the information age, where shopping malls spring up on former Arab-Israeli battlefields and high-tech wizards offer the world lessons in everything from volcannism and instant messaging to swallowable, tumor-detecting microcameras.

But for many Israelis — one-seventh of the population — will use the new airport annually, Almog said, but they cannot escape the fact that "we live in a very fragile reality."

"You can break a whole window at the airport with just one stone. That's the reality of the Middle East," he said.

## Judge in Saddam trial submits resignation

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — The chief judge in Saddam Hussein's trial has submitted his resignation after becoming fed up with criticism that he had let the proceedings slip out of control, a court official said Saturday.

But it wasn't clear if Riggaz Mohamed Amin's resignation had been accepted amid behind-the-scenes efforts to change his mind.

Amin is the head of a five-judge tribunal overseeing the case against Saddam and seven co-defendants for the deaths of more than 140 Shiite Muslims in the town of Dujail in 1992 in retaliation for an assassination attempt.

The chief prosecutor in Saddam's trial, Jaafar al-Mousawi, said Saturday that Amin's resignation — if accepted — would not affect the proceedings because he could be replaced.

There are substitutes. If any judge wanted to resign it wouldn't hinder the trial process," he said.

Amin would be the second judge to step down in the case. Another member of the panel recused himself in late November because one of the co-defendants may have been involved in the execution of his brother. That judge was replaced.

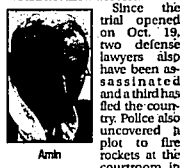
A court official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said Amin had offered to resign but efforts were made to get him to reverse the decision.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, said a Marine was killed Friday by an Iraqi mortar fire during combat in the western town of Ramadi, raising to at least 2,215 the number of American troops who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003.

Electoral officials also said results from the Dec. 15 parliamentary vote could be certified by next week after repeated delays, opening the way for negotiations to formally get under way for the formation of a broad-based coalition government.

In the Saddam case, the chief judge — who is the only one of five to be identified publicly due to security concerns — was being dismayed by the way he had been attacked in the media by critics who said he allowed the proceedings to get out of hand, the official said.

Saddam has often grabbed the spotlight during the nearly three-month-old trial. He has railed at the judge, refused to show up at one session, claimed he was tortured, and openly bragged in court when the judge would not allow a recess.



Amin

Since the trial opened on Oct. 19, two defense lawyers also have been arrested and a third has fled the country. Police also uncovered a plot to use fire-rocket attacks in the courtroom in late November.

U.S. Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., met with Amin in late December and told him to take stronger control of the proceedings.

Amin is a Kurd who before the Saddam trial was virtually unknown outside his home region.

The trial is scheduled to resume on Feb. 24 after a month-long recess. The defendants could face death by hanging if convicted.

Senior Iraqi election official Safwat Rashid said certified results from Iraq's contested elections could be released within a week, but he said that if any further complaints were received, it could take an additional 10 days to get final results.

Rashid and other officials said they were expecting a group of assessors from the International Mission for Iraqi Elections, or IMIE, to issue a preliminary report on the results Sunday or Monday.

An IMIE official, Mazin Shuaib, confirmed an interim report would be issued within days but said the team's final report would take about another week.

The assessors said they would release full uncertified results shortly after the report. Political parties and groups will then have time to file further comments.

"There will be two days to receive the complaints from the political entities and the concerned public to identify any issues due to security concerns — we have been dismayed by the way he had been attacked in the media by critics who said he allowed the proceedings to get out of hand, the official said.

## Defiant leader of Iran defends nuclear policy

The Washington Post

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad pushed back at President Bush and European leaders on Saturday, insisting Iran was far ahead with its nuclear program despite the threat of economic sanctions because "ultimately they need us more than we need them."

At a news conference that lasted more than two hours, a confident Ahmadinejad pushed back at Western governments. "So why do you strike a mighty pose? I advise you to understand the Iranian nation and revolution in a better way. A time must come that you would be cause regretful, and then there would be no benefits in regretting."

Ahmadinejad's remarks, broadcast live on international news networks, brought to a confrontational close a week in which Tehran defied a U.N. nuclear agency by resuming nuclear research that had been suspended for 2 1/2 years after going forward almost two decades in secret. Iran's removal of uranium from nuclear equipment, its enrichment plant at Natanz and preparations to resume research brought a cascade of criticism, with Bush saying Friday in a speech that Iran was "armed with nuclear weapons" was "a grave threat to the security of the world."

Diplomats from the United States, Europe, Russia and China are scheduled to gather Monday in Geneva to discuss the Iranian file from the International Atomic Energy Agency to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions.

Ahmadinejad's hard-line conservative who took office in August, said Iran remains open to negotiation and to foreign powers steering the Iranian government's strategy, a consensus approach ultimately guided by the country's supreme religious leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The defiant notes struck again and again by Ahmadinejad vividly described the chasm that separates Iran and the West: powers struggling to contain its nuclear ambitions.

Ahmadinejad called it "laughable" that his assertions that Iran had "wiped off the map" and his reference to the Holocaust as a "myth" may have seeded doubts about the peaceful future of Iran's nuclear program.

"We don't need nuclear weapons," Ahmadinejad said, noting that religious doctrine forbade Iran from using anything but its own stocks of chemical weapons when Iraq invaded Iranian troops during the 1980s. "Nuclear weapons are pursued by those who want to destroy everything by bullying everyone."

## Woman march in Milan to demand keeping abortion law intact; gays rally

**ROME (AP)** — Tens of thousands of women marched through Milan on Saturday to demand Italy keep its strict abortion law intact while gays rallied in Rome to push for legal recognition for homosexual couples.

Both topics have become issues in Italy's election campaign, and the Roman Catholic Church and ministers in Premier Silvio Berlusconi's conservative government were scathing in denouncing the rallies.

"These demonstrators are really nauseating," Reformers Minister Roberto Calderoli, a cabinet member of the right-wing Northern League, was quoted as saying by the Italian news agency ANSA. "Family is a serious concern based on love between a man and a woman."

Culture Minister Rocco Buttiglione, who is close to the Vatican, told reporters that people's energy should be spent on pro-family efforts like finding

jobs and housing.

"These are the political problems you should put the spotlight on, because without children, Italy dies," Buttiglione said.

The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, denounced "provocations" efforts to give legal recognition to unmarried couples "independent of whether the partners are of different or the same sex."

Program on Vatican Radio described the

gay rally in Piazza Farnese as "ideological sexuality."

A crowd of gays and their supporters filled the Rome square to lobby for legal recognition for both gay and unmarried heterosexual couples. "Let's see love from the people," read one banner in the crowd, estimated by police to number about 1,000.

Piazza Farnese, where a Renaissance palace is housed, the French Embassy, was chosen for the rally be-

cause in 2002 two Italian men registered their union at the French consulate under a French law giving broad legal rights to gay couples. One of the two men also had French citizenship.

Police, 38, and Marco Sordani, 40, unmarried, brought their four children to the rally. "We are here to offer our support to non-heterosexual couples and their families," Sordani said.

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# Idaho won't investigate sheriff's alleged DUI

**SALMON (AP)** — The state won't prosecute the Lemhi County sheriff for alleged drunk driving in December, saying it doesn't have enough information about the case.

Sheriff Slam Slavins pleaded guilty to drunken driving in April, and was sentenced to a 30-day suspension of his license and a year of unsupervised probation. He was arrested in March after Boise police saw him driving

the wrong way down a one-way street.

New allegations surfaced after a Dec. 29 search-and-rescue operation led by the sheriff.

Law enforcement officials who were helping out filed statements that day saying Slavins was drinking on the job. Witnesses said he had two or three light beers in five to 15 minutes, stashed the empty containers in an officer's vehicle, and then

drove away in his patrol truck.

Lemhi County Prosecutor Bruce Withers said he couldn't investigate, because he also represents the county, including the sheriff's office.

Withers told the Post Register newspaper in Idaho Falls that he asked the Idaho State Police to investigate, but that agency declined, saying it didn't have the resources.

On Wednesday, Withers asked

the state attorney general's office to investigate. Bob Cooper, spokesman for that agency, said Friday there was not enough information to prosecute.

County commissioners don't know if they have a role in the case. "We're in unfamiliar territory," Commissioner Bob Cope said. "We've neither considered any action nor ruled anything out."

The state chapter of Mothers

Against Drunk Driving says it will ask Idaho State Police in Boise to look into the matter.

"We find it sad that Lemhi County hasn't taken drunk driving seriously," MADD spokeswoman Alesha Lind said Friday. "We think it's important to remember it could be anyone — a sheriff, a deputy, any citizen — that kills an innocent family because of irresponsible drinking."

Only the voters of Lemhi County can determine if the sheriff is fit for law enforcement, said Mike Bezar, executive director of the Peace Officer Standards and Training, which sets standards and certifies most law officers in Idaho.

"When it comes down to it, he's elected by people there and as long as people in that county want to retain him, he can do all kinds of things," Bezar said.

## Budget writers back restoring rainy day fund

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

**BOISE** — A rainy day fund that lawmakers raised four years ago to help them balance Idaho's budget during an economic downturn is due to be restored after Friday's unanimous vote by Idaho budget writers to replenish it with \$70 million from the state's \$214 million budget surplus.

The cash infusion, if it wins final lawmaker approval, would boost budget reserves to \$108 million.

It "is a prudent move that will allow us to replenish and build the largest cash reserve in the state's history," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said in a statement.

Starting in 2002, lawmakers took millions from the reserve fund, as well as other accounts,

to plug a \$110 million budget hole that opened following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and declining stock markets.

Then a stagnant economy forced companies such as Micron Technologies Inc., Idaho's largest employer, to cut jobs, leaving the state without anticipated tax revenues it had been counting on to fund programs including education and prisons.

Now that the economy has recovered — Idaho's business and job growth in the end of 2005 was ahead of 46 other states, according to federal estimates, while unemployment dropped to 3.4 percent — legislators and budget writers have agreed the timing is right to repay the fund.

The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee voted 10-0 to restore the reserve fund to near its statutory limit, which is set at 5 percent of the proposed fiscal year 2007 budget of about \$2.31 billion.

Kempthorne, who earlier in the day also won support in the budget committee for a separate plan to hike state employee salaries by 3 percent, was slated with the first five days of the 2006 Legislature.

Boosting reserves with the budget surplus is a central part of the package the outgoing governor advocated during his final State of the State address Monday. Kempthorne won't run again in 2006, after serving two terms.

"This is a great start to our session," he said.

As part of the budget-writing committee's vote Friday, it recommended directing that \$1 million in expected annual interest from the budget reserve be paid into a fund the state uses to maintain and erect new buildings.

Kempthorne has proposed using \$100 million from that account in fiscal year 2007 for several building projects, including revamping six parks across the state — and building a seventh at a still-to-be-determined location in eastern Idaho.

"The thought was, the permanent building fund could use every dollar it could get," Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said of the interest payments.

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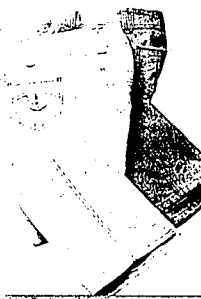
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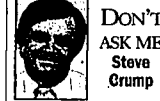
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## Your dog is mean, and your truck is ugly

I have been watching Idaho dogs ride around in the back of Idaho pickups for most of my 54 years, which has led me to a rather peculiar conclusion: Never trust a man whose truck is in better shape than his dog.

A fellow who spends \$35,000 on a rig to haul around a mangy, flea-bitten hound just don't have his heart in the right place. But show me a shiny-coated yellow lab riding in a '72 GMC 1500 with blown shocks and no tailgate, and I'll show you character.

Among my sedan owners, it's commonly supposed that truck owners put dogs in the back of their trucks as an afterthought. That's simply not true.



The right dog is the price of admission to important sectors of rural Idaho society. One cannot, for example, go mud-bogging without a hound, and if you're Irish setter-free at a livestock auction, folks will look at you funny.

One of the finest Idahoans I ever met was Farrell, a friend of my dad's. He drove a 1949 Ford F-2 long-bud and kept company with Sam. When the dog got up in years and had arthritis in his hips, Farrell carried around a piece of plywood and used it as a ramp so Sam could still climb up in the bed.

When it rained, Sam would ride up in the cab. When it snowed, Sam probably drove.

The point is that Farrell got his priorities straight and understood that even a city slicker can carry a '48 Chevy five-window cab-over, but it takes a man of substance to put a bloodhound in the back.

All of which begs the question: Can you be a real Idahoan without a dog and a truck?

You can, but it's tough — and tougher without the dog than without the truck. That's because dogs are windows and keep company with other people. So if your dog don't like you, we don't like you either.

Your truck on the other hand, couldn't care less if you're a scoundrel as long as you change the oil. Shoot, even Osama bin Laden drove a pickup.

When I was in college, I had a roommate who worked weekends as a repo man — you know, repossessing vehicles from deadbeats. One night, Carl's boss sent him to fetch a pickup that was months in arrears.

This particular truck had one of those sliding windows in the back of the cab, and it was open. Carl slipped the truck and headed for the freeway, then felt something wet on his shoulder.

The biggest dog he had ever seen had stuck its head through the open window and was drooling on Carl. The hound had been sleeping in the bed of the pickup under a tarpaulin and took strong exception to being disturbed. It wasn't the dog, after all, who had missed the payments.

That was the end of Carl's career as a repo man, but I believe it taught the valuable lesson: Taking a man's truck takes just a few seconds. But taking his truck and his dog takes at least six weeks.

That's when the cast comes off.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrumpp@magicvalley.com.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Salmon	128%	62%
Big Lost	142%	74%
Little Wood	165%	75%
Big Lost	145%	68%
Little Lost	110%	65%
Hershey/Baton	125%	63%
Upper Snake/Baton	125%	63%
Oakley	145%	73%
Salmon Falls	145%	68%
	As of Jan. 12	

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on the same date, with a 30-year average. <sup>1</sup>Watershed snowpack is in inches.

# Jerome officials seek input on growth

## Residents panel will be charged with easing way for zoning plan

By Cathy Roemer  
Times News correspondent

JEROME — Jerome city and county officials hosted a town hall meeting recently to gather input on proposed zoning changes from residents who live in Jerome's "growth triangle." The area, mostly agricultural, is

bordered by Interstate 84 and highways 93 and 25.

A route change for sewer and water lines — primarily to connect Crossroads Point to the city sewer — is a factor in rezoning. Crossroads, on Highway 93 near the Interstate 84 interchange, is the relocation site for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

The original route was supposed to run parallel to Interstate 84. But according to City Administrator Travis Rothweiler, the cost was becoming prohibitive due to private property encroachments.

Instead, the city zig-zagged the route through the area of impact (growth triangle) to allow "greater connectivity" for future growth in the area. The project includes three lift stations and was funded by a \$1.4 million grant, Rothweiler said.

planning and zoning administrator, said because property owners will be impacted by the anticipated development, their participation is vital in rezoning plan.

"Jerome is growing," he said. "I have been bombarded by out-of-state developers coming to Jerome wanting to develop."

Presently, Brown said he has requests for 1,200 new homes in the county.

"And the reality is, everyone along the new sewer and water

line can build a subdivision," he said.

It will be important for citizens to tell the planning and zoning and commissioner board what kind of growth they want and where they want it to be, not just "shot-gunned" here and there across the county, he said.

Residents will be appointed to a committee by county commissioners and are charged with facilitating a zoning plan.

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## Dodgeball revival hooks young and old alike

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "An eye on the ball keeps your butt on the wall." It's an axiom gym teachers have passed down to elementary school kids since, well, the birth of dodgeball. And it takes only one playground-ball facial to remember it forever.

Joe Maloney isn't elementary school anymore, but it's a maxim he still lives by: The 27-year-old Twin Falls electrician is the unofficial commissioner of Magic Valley dodgeball. On Saturday, he was at the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club overseeing a tournament that drew more adults than grade-schoolers.

Dodgeball, Maloney said, is a game for everyone.

The 2004 movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog's Story," rekindled his interest in the game, and now Maloney is lacing up his gym shoes twice a week for pick-up matches with friends — all of whom left grammar school years ago. Most were at the tournament Saturday, reliving PE classes of yesteryear.

But their dodgeball renaissance isn't nostalgic driven, they claim. Dodgeball is an authentic competitive sport just as appropriate for adults as it is children.

Saturday's tournament — which featured divisions for kids in grades 5 and 6, 7 and 8, high school and adult — drew about 20 adult players, nearly all of whom were men.

Before adult-division play got underway, a handful of hurriers warmed up by whipping foam balls (a bit smaller than volleyballs) at the gym's center-block

# LOOK OUT!



Chad Trammel, 17, of Twin Falls, tries to avoid being pegged by the other team during a dodgeball tournament Saturday afternoon at the Boys and Girls Club of Twin Falls.

## Playing by the rules

**Teams.** Teams will be made up of 6-10 players. A minimum of six players will compete on a side; others will be available as substitutes. Substitutes may enter the game only during time-outs or in the case of injury.

**The field.** The game may be played indoors or outdoors. The playing field shall be a rectangle of at least 50 feet long and at least 30 feet wide, divided into two equal sections by a center boundary line.

**The goal.** The ball will be an 8-inch rubber-coated

foam ball. Participants must wear shoes. No metal cleats will be allowed.

**The game.** The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "out." This may be done by:

- 1. Hitting an opposing player with a thrown ball below the shoulders.
- 2. Catching a ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.

**Game begins** by placing the dodgeballs along the center line. Players then take a position behind their end line. Following a signal by the official, teams may approach the centerline to retrieve the balls. This sig-

nal officially starts the contest. The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner.

If neither team has been eliminated at the end of the 10 minutes, the team with the greater number of players remaining will be declared the winner. In the case of an equal number of players remaining after regulation, a 3-minute sudden-death overtime period will be played.

**The boundaries.** During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines. Players may leave the boundaries only to retrieve stray balls.

— Source: National Amateur Dodgeball Association

# Snowmaking noise levels to be checked at Bald Mountain

## Tests will focus on Warm Springs, Board Ranch and West Ketchum

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The U.S. Forest Service is authorizing the temporary operation of snowmaking on the terrain served by Frenchman's Chairlift, on the Warm Springs slide of Bald Mountain Ski Area.

According to Kurt Nelson, Ketchum District Ranger, the temporary authorization is for a very specific purpose. The sole purpose of this temporary authorization is to establish baseline data for use in determining potential increases in day and nighttime noise levels associated with snowmaking in this area," Nel-

son said. Nelson's authorization is for the 96-hour period that will likely occur within the next week, whether permitting, in addition, Sun Valley Company will be authorized to test the snowmaking system for short periods of time prior to the acoustical sampling to be sure it is fully operational.

Nelson explained why this work is being done. "Many people are aware that Sun Valley Company is in the process of developing a new Master Development for Bald Mountain Ski Area. During the public scoping that took place last September, numerous public

comments were received. Among these were concerns regarding the installation and operation of additional snow-

making. One of the specific concerns was in regards to potential increases in day and nighttime noise levels and associated effects on wildlife and residents, primarily in Warm Springs, Board Ranch and West Ketchum."

In order to complete the noise level analysis, in conjunction with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Sun Valley's Master Development Plan (MDP), the Forest Service has authorized Sun Valley Company to temporarily operate the Frenchman's Pod Snowmaking System.

Measurements conducted for establishing the baseline conditions, as well as for the

trial run of the Frenchman's snowmaking system will occur within key receptor areas, areas where potential increases in noise might occur. These receptor areas are yet to be determined, but will occur both inside and outside the ski area boundary.

Noise levels in the Board Ranch area will be modeled since there is no snowmaking equipment installed along Guyer Ridge.

Measurements will be conducted by Engineering Dynamics, Inc. (EDI) of Englewood, Colo. EDI is doing the work for SE Group of Frisco, Colo., the Forest Service's prime contractor for the preparation of the EIS for the Bald Mountain Ski Area MDP.

Results of the noise level monitoring will be made public in the Draft EIS, anticipated to

be released in the summer of 2006.

"I am glad that these tests are being conducted," stated Nelson.

"We want to be responsive to the concerns expressed over the years by West Ketchum residents. These tests will enable us to quantify the conditions that exist in this area. This will greatly help the forest supervisor and BLM district manager make a better, more informed decision regarding the potential expansion of snowmaking in the Frenchman's area," he said.

For additional information regarding the noise level monitoring of the Frenchman's Pod Snowmaking System, please contact Joe Mizclzak, Forest Service project leader for the Ketchum Ranger District, at 208-622-5371.

# Stoddard named to Filer City Council

## Retailer wants to maintain balanced development

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Filer resident Darin Stoddard has been appointed to the Filer City Council.

Stoddard took the oath of office last week and will complete two years remaining in the council term previously held by Bob Templeman. Templeman was elected to the position of mayor in November.

Stoddard attended Utah State University and, including his current position as manager of the Wal-Mart store in Burley, has 23 years of experience in the retail industry.

Mayor Templeman said that the council was looking for someone who wants to see the city grow while maintaining a small-town atmosphere. Stoddard was one of three possible candidates.

"Everyone on the council had the chance to talk with him, and we liked how his ideas about the community fit with the rest of us," Templeman said. "His understanding of business and handling large budgets will definitely benefit the community."

One of the concerns that Stoddard shares with the council is a need for managed residential and commercial growth.

"I can see the potential of what Filer can become as a bedroom community of Twin Falls and the expansion of businesses along the Highway 30 corridor," he said. "I want to make sure that this stays a family oriented town that doesn't get caught up in the urban sprawl."

Stoddard hopes to use his time on the council as a stepping stone to further involvement in local politics.

"I definitely plan to carry this forward into the future," he said. "Maybe as mayor or as a county commissioner."

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Emma Adaline Porter Coleman

WENDLELL — Emma Adaline Porter Coleman, 89, a resident of Wendell, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care in Jerome.

Emma was born at the family home five miles south of Wendell on Sept. 17, 1916, to Manuel and Grace Porter. She possessed to have two older brothers, Don Hayward and Harry Allison. She attended grade school at Cedar Draw and in 1934, graduated from Wendell High School. She met Frank Coleman at a community dance at the Cedar Draw Schoolhouse when she was in the eighth grade. Duke Coleman was the occasion and Frank called the square dances that was a senior in high school. Frank and Emma were married at the courthouse in Twin Falls during Christmas vacation, Dec. 27, 1933. She was 17 years the older prior September and had to keep the marriage a secret until school was over because, at that time, a married person was not allowed to go to high school. In 1941, the Coleman family moved from the farm south of Wendell and they chased a house in the southeast part of Wendell, where they lived, raised their family and retired until her husband died. They had four children, Leo, Irene, Marie and Rick. After a long, loving and happy marriage of 62 1/2 years, Frank passed away on Feb. 24, 1996.

Emma was active in her community and church. She was

secretary of the first PTA formed in Wendell and became the second president of that organization. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church most of her life. In the Wendell church, she served in many capacities, among those as an elder of the church. She was a member of the Sage Brush Artists Guild, The Hillandale Club, a charter member of the Gooding County Historical Society, and a charter member of the Wendell Optimists. Frank and Emma spent many of their retirement years enjoying their time in the mountains and especially at Camp Sawtooth.

She was most happy when creating, whether it was sewing a craft project, painting on canvas, or painting on rocks, and even on ostrich eggs. While in grade school, a teacher Sodie Keil encouraged her talent in drawing and painting and, in high school, she took

lessons at the Gooding College. Years later, while a member of the Sage Brush Art Guild, she was able to take workshops from professional artists. Her painting style was realistic and influenced by her love for Idaho, wildlife, lakes, rivers, deserts and mountains. Many of her paintings are of an historical nature depicting early ranch scenes and other historical events. Her paintings are displayed in a variety of places around the valley and hang in many homes throughout the United States.

She is survived by her sons, Leo (Elsanor) and Rick (Ardie); daughter, Irene Roussell (Bob); and a daughter by affection, Geneva Velazquez Irwin (Don); nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews. Her parents, Manuel and Grace Porters, H. Allison (Karlson) and Don (Wynona) husband, Frank, and a daughter, Marie, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell. The family will be Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Louise Diemert



Falls. She had to quit her job to stay home and care for her ailing husband, George. George died in 1985 after a long illness. After the death of her husband, Louise went back to work as a nurse aide. In 2000, she was diagnosed with cancer. Louise moved to Alaska in September 2001 to live with her oldest daughter, Linda and her husband, Garry. In 2004, Louise, her daughter Linda and son-in-law, Garry moved to Caldwell, Idaho, where she resided until passing.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, George; daughter, Nancy; and grand-

son, Dusty. She is survived by her daughter, Linda and husband, Garry; Daniels of Caldwell, Idaho; son, Robert and wife, Cindy Diemert of Jackson, Wyo.; daughter, Garry and husband, David Durham of Coos Bay, Ore.; granddaughter, Kaci and husband, Chad Gorder of Soldona, Alaska; grandson, Mike Hagerly of Boise; granddaughter, LeAnn Ann of Lebanon, Ore.; grandson, Shawn of Coos Bay, Ore.; one great-granddaughter and grand-great-grandson; one grand-puppy (dog); and good friends, Raymond and Cheryl Zar.

Louise had a hard life as a child, being raised in a family that worked very hard to support her family. She didn't have time for much fun or enjoyment as it took working two jobs to support her family in her older years, she enjoyed reading, watching TV and going to Nevada to gamble.

Louise is greatly missed. We know that in her passing she will finally be at peace. All arrangements were made by Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home in Halfway, Ore.

Melba R. Cleveland



BUHL — Melba R. Cleveland, 91, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, was once again reunited with her husband and the husband Bob Cleveland, on Jan. 12, 2005. Melba loved her family and her life, but looked forward to being again with Bob, her husband for 70 wonderful years.

Melba (born Lillian Melba Rogers) was born in Harrisville, Ind., on Aug. 25, 1914, the second of four daughters of George Painter Rogers and Rhoby May Warren. Melba's father worked on the railroad as an engineer. Because he was not getting on as a young family, he gave up this job to try farming, and ultimately became a night watchman for the railroad in Buhl, Idaho, at the same station building that today is a pizza parlor on the west end of town. One of Melba's earliest and favorite recollections was the family's day of arrival in Buhl, Nov. 11, 1918, the day the First World War ended. When they arrived in town, people were meeting up and cheering the streets cheering that the war was over. Melba thought they were cheering because they had served in town.

When Melba was in high school, she met her future husband, Bob Cleveland. In those days during the Depression, entertainment was often friends getting together to play music and sing songs. In 1932, a friend had the Cleveland twins, Bill and Bob, come by to get her. They drove up in a red 1928 Chevrolet Cabriolet. Bill came to the door, introduced Melba to Bob in the rumble seat. Melba climbed up in the rumble seat with Bob, and since it was a March evening in Idaho, they cuddled to keep warm. Bob and Melba were married in October 1933. They had two daughters, Barbara Ann and Georgia Mae Cleveland. Since times were hard during the Depression years, Melba and Bob moved west for job opportunities, ultimately settling

in Santa Cruz, Calif. Melba went back to school to earn an accounting certificate, securing a position with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, where she worked until she retired. Melba and Bob moved to Hardin Flat in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where they also enjoyed making trips home to Buhl for family visits and reunions with loved ones. Bob returned home to Buhl to live in 1993.

Melba is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Gundy of San Jose, Calif., and Georgia (Larry Ford) of Buhl; granddaughters, Karen Bulet of Morgan Hill, Calif., Janice Vandenberg of Lusk, Calif., and Christina Ford of Sunnyvale, Calif.; grandson, John Ford of Twin Falls; sister, Mildred Richmond; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant son and two of her sisters.

Melba will be available for viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at the First Christian Church of Buhl. A celebration of her life will follow in the church great room. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West End Senior Center or the Buhl Quick Response Team.

SERVICES

Betty Stafford Evans of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Betty Kathleen Hutson Prescott of Mountain Home and Hammett, visitation and viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Funeral Services in Gooding; inurnment at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wendell Cemetery.

Lawrence Joseph Stens of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Monday at the funeral home.

Betty Leonard Jones of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation will follow the funeral Mass; graveside service at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Malad City Cemetery.

David M. Sterling of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Tommy Joe Miller of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Prisme Chapel, 707 F St. in Rupert; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 to 1:45

p.m. Monday at the church. Fern G. Johnson of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Connie Lymard-Schultz of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Robert E. Pyle of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Fillmore. (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls and Skiffin-Carroll Mortuary in Fillmore.)

DEATH NOTICES

James V. Norwood HAGERMAN — James V. Norwood, 74, of Hagerman, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Frances Jenkins Keller RUPERT — Frances Jenkins Keller, 85, of Rupert and formerly of St. George, Utah, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at the St. George City Cemetery in St. George, Utah, where friends and family may gather shortly before service time. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Angela Alvarez Gutierrez GUTIEREZ — Angela Alvarez Gutierrez, 1-month-old daughter of Manuel and Julia Alvarez, Gutierrez of Burley, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A vigil service and rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1501 S. Burley Ave. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, also at Little Flower Catholic Church with Father

Reginald Nwazor as celebrant. Burial will be at Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until the time of rosary Monday and from 10 a.m. until

the time of the funeral Mass Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

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Sincerely,  
Blake T. Walsh

**Elk Foundation opens new H.Q. in Missoula**  
MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — The nonprofit Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has dedicated a \$14 million international headquarters here, more than 20 years after its humble beginnings in a vacant dentist's office in Troy.  
More than 300 people, including its current chairman and two of the founders, gathered in the foundation's new soaring, timber-framed facility at the mouth of Grant Creek in Missoula.  
"We're losing land every day out there," current board chairman Buddy Smith said. "I have to tell you that this facility is our best chance to save that land."  
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Investment Securities	28,109,000	38,385,000
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Equity Capital	33,532,000	30,553,000
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# Embattled Alaskan 'nobodies' fight for respect

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Forgive the people of Ketchikan if they're feeling a bit insecure.

The 13,000 residents of the rainy Southeast Alaska town and its outlying areas are sick of being the butt of jokes and ridiculed throughout the nation because of a \$428 million project that, under the banner "The Bridge to Nowhere," has become a symbol of wasteful government spending.

Bridge opponents within Alaska abound, most of whom say the state should forget about building new roads and focus instead on improving ferry service. However, many of Ketchikan's residents see the link to the sparsely populated Gravina Island as necessary to grow their economy and connect them to their airport.

The project has been on the backburner for 30 years, and they bristle at being the "nowhere" in that hated moniker now that there's a chance a bridge will finally be built.

"We are tired of seeing national media, politicians from other states and various groups malign Alaskans in general, and Ketchikan residents in particular," said Ketchikan Mayor Bob Weinstein. "Now we're being maligned by the same media, politicians and organizations as nobodies from nowhere."

That nobody feeling could be a statewide epidemic, judging by Gov. Frank Murkowski's recently announced plan to hire a public relations firm to give Alaska a marketing makeover.

The governor says Alaska's national image has been beaten down by distorted views of Ketchikan's Gravina Island bridge project, plus Anchorage's own "nowhere" bridges, the \$600 million Knik Arm Crossing — and the annual congressional rejection of opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.

His idea for a national PR campaign is to beat the drum that Alaska doesn't exist simply to milk federal taxpayers.

"Alaska does not just take. We give, and we have the capacity to give much, much more — if permitted to do so," Murkowski said in his State of the State Address earlier this week.

Whatever crisis of confidence Alaska's collective psyche has will have to be set aside over the next few months as the fight for the Ketchikan and Anchorage bridges shifts from the nation's capital to Alaska's.

Bowing to mounting pressure, Congress in November



Wearing a sticker that says "Fix It First!" Jeffery Brubaker, right, a legislative issues coordinator for Juneau's Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, listens to testimony on the transportation budget during a House Transportation Committee meeting Jan. 10, in Juneau, Alaska. "Fix It First!" group opposes funding the Knik Arm Crossing bridge.

removed the earmarks designating more than \$452 million in a federal transportation bill for the two bridges, but sent the money to Alaska to decide how to use it.

With Congress washing its hands of the matter, supporters of the bridges may have thought they'd have an easier time convincing the Alaska Legislature of their need. They were wrong.

Despite the governor's support of the projects, legislators are split, and it is they who will ultimately decide where the money goes.

Two committees have already held hearings on the bridges in the first week of the legislative session. If the early debate is any indication, Ketchikan's residents appear ready to channel their resentment into a renewed fight to build the bridge.

J.C. Conley, a Ketchikan auto parts store owner who has been a vocal proponent of the bridge, told lawmakers to dispel what they've heard about the bridge nationally and do their jobs. It would be a great thing to break ground this year, he said.

"The media has worked very hard to deny you guys the opportunity to represent us," Conley said.

The fate of the bridges won't be clear until a capital budget comes together, which typically happens late in the four-month session.

That hasn't stopped the issue from taking center stage now.

The opposition from those within the statehouse is much different from those outside who protest the bridges are an unnecessary waste of money.

money from their districts. In an election year, those politicians will be running their campaigns on the public works projects they can bring home.

However, state transportation officials say the bridge money is part of the National Highway System allocation and won't affect community road projects.

Finally, there is the money itself. With the earmarks gone, the \$452 million is subject to an allocation formula. Just 48 percent will go to the state's National Highway System projects under the formula.

The amount drops even further with the Alaska Department of Transportation estimating only 85 percent of the money authorized by Congress will be appropriated.

Suddenly, that \$452 million has been whittled down to \$185 million.

That may be less of a problem for the mammoth Knik Arm bridge, which would divide the \$600 million cost between federal, state and toll bond revenue. The smaller federal share means the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority will be coming to the state to make up the difference, though.

Ketchikan's Gravina bridge depends entirely on federal and state money to be built, which some lawmakers have said makes it the more vulnerable of the two projects. If it comes down to a choice,

# Judge says Boy Scouts can be held liable in molestation case

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — A judge has ruled that the Boy Scouts of America and the Grand Teton Council can be held liable for the actions of a camp program director convicted of molesting two brothers.

The decision Friday by 6th District Court Judge Ronald Bush opens the doors for plaintiffs Adam Steed, 23, and Ben Steed, 26, to seek civil damages for their molestation by Brad Stowell in 1997.

The Pocatello brothers are seeking at least \$10,000 in damages and attorney fees of at least \$7,500. The two men say Scout officials violated their own

guidelines by ignoring multiple warnings about Stowell.

The ruling means that the case could go before a jury for a trial, the Idaho Falls Post-Register newspaper reported Saturday.

According to the brothers' claim, Stowell had been identified to several Scout leaders as a pedophile more than six years before his arrest at Camp Little Lemhi in Swan Valley. He pleaded guilty to molesting the two boys, was jailed for 150 days and put on probation for 15 years. He recently was returned to prison for violating terms of his release.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Barbara Ann 'Rusty' Kuhn**

**JEROME** — Barbara Ann "Rusty" Kuhn of Ogden and formerly of the Magic Valley, passed away Jan. 11, 2006, in Ogden, Utah.

Rusty was born Aug. 21, 1932, in Huntington Beach, Calif., to Guy and Edna Stokes-Berry Jack. She was raised in Ferrisville, Idaho, with her mother, Edna, and stepfather, Thomas Calvert, until the eighth grade. She then moved to Gooding, where she finished most education. There, Rusty met Gene Kuhn; they were married June 19, 1949. They were married for 59 years.

They have seven children, Cathy Kuhn, Rick (Marry) Kuhn of Jerome, Mike (Betty) Kuhn of Twin Falls, Idaho, Jim Kuhn of Woodland, Calif., David Kuhn of Wendell, Idaho, Shelly (Dave) Sildaway of Albuquerque, N.M., and Scott (Jody) Kuhn of Meridian, Idaho; two sisters, Pat of Portland, Ore., and Zelma Moore of Las Vegas, Nev.; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.



She spent her life raising seven children and enjoyed each and everyday. She worked at various jobs and touched a lot of lives throughout her life. The last 15 years of her life she spent with Phil Barret, spending their time together gardening, taking photos at the Wasatch chariot races and balloon rallies in New Mexico. Rusty was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; daughter, Cathy; daughter-in-law, Betty; one grandson, Gerald; her parents; and her grandparents.



Rusty was loved dearly and will be greatly missed. The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Peter Page officiating. Visitation will be conducted from 6 until 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. She will be laid to rest in the Wendell Cemetery following the service. "We love and miss you Mom."

**Martha E. Glaesemann**

**BURLEY** — Martha (Dietz) Glaesemann, 91-year-old longtime Burley resident, returned to her father in Heaven on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006.

She was born July 9, 1914, in Astoria, Ore., to the late daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Dietz. At the age of 6, Martha, with her parents moved to Elgin, N.D., where she grew up and received her education.

She married Alfred Glaesemann on Jan. 13, 1933, in Elgin, N.D.

In 1936, they moved to Rupert and, in 1938, they purchased a farm in the View area. Martha was a member of the Burley United Methodist Church.



After retirement, they traveled throughout the United States including Alaska, Mexico and a trip to Hawaii. They spent their winters in Yuma

Ariz. Our mother loved to cook and always had goodies for grandchildren and visitors. Martha enjoyed fishing, gardening and had lots of beautiful flower gardens. She also enjoyed sewing and piecing quilts.

She is survived by three sons, Delbert (Lois) deceased of Burley, Martin (Beverly) of Meridian, Idaho, and Max of Burley; two daughters, Donna (Lenny) Jones and Elnor (Mervin) Woodbury, all of Burley; one sister, Lorraine Fuhrman of Burley; and one daughter-in-law, Jeanie Glaesemann of Burley.

Seventeen grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren also

**Jerome**

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using input from others in the area of impact.

Toby Millican owns a 7-acre horse-training facility in the growth triangle and is worried about mixing residential and agriculture. "We have a roping arena that raises a little dust," he said. "My neighbors right now don't have a problem with it."

Originally from the Boise Valley, Millican said he saw the growth there and the idea of big subdivisions is "scary."

"We've seen what happens when they built-up against agriculture," he said.

Dave Vandenberg also lives in the area of impact and said while he realizes "growth is going to happen one way or the other" he thinks officials were a little late in getting the word out about the proposed changes.

"They have announced (after the fact) that this is going to happen," he said. "It's only going to create a bad situation where everyone will be against it except those who want to sell their property."

Millican, too, said he was unaware of previous hearings on the sewer line construction. "I survive her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Glaesemann; a son, Duane Glaesemann; grandson, Trent Woodbury; great-grandson, Cade Hanner; her parents; three brothers; and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with Pastor Darcey Gritzmacher officiating.

Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

**Planning a wedding?**  
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**Dodgeball**

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louis Thudi "I remember playing in elementary school," 27-year-old Luke Tracy said between tosses, "but this is so much more intense."

Out of the corner of his eye, he spotted an approaching ball and ducked just in time for it to miss his dreadlocked head. Thudi's ball ricocheted off the wall. Tracy raised his eyebrows to stress his point: intense.

As game time approached, 17-year-old Twin Falls High Schooler Chad Trammel hustled into the gym. Forget the high school division, the adult competition is where the real dodgeball gets played.

"It was my favorite game as a kid," he said while he laced up his shoes. "Then it got fun from the schools I went to in Mississippi."

Perhaps because kids were getting hurt by the rubber-treaded playground balls. "Yeah, those things did hurt," he remembered. "Sometimes they left tread marks on your face."

Not so at the Boys and Girls Club tournament. The balls of choice were soft — no rubber here. Enough weight to get a lot of speed but made of mercerized cotton.

Nevertheless, the spheres left gray polka dots when they struck the gym's walls.

After about 15 minutes of warm up, it was finally time to play. Two six-man teams were formed, and six of the balls were lined up along the center line. Then, each man took his position against the wall. A few hunched like track runners waiting for the gun.

"Ready?" the ref asked. "Dodgeball!"

A few men from each team ran from the wall toward the balls, then picked a few up for themselves and nudged the rest to players behind them. The slower players stayed against the wall.

Dodgeball, you see, is rife with strategy. Slower players usually stay back — away from the other teams best throwers. Then, when one team obtains a surplus of balls, they spring a blitzkrieg attack. Weaker players are targeted first. It's survival of the fittest, and so, dodgeball mirrors life.

The most interesting point

in the game occurs when a team drops to one, final player. The opposite team always smells blood. It's like watching a pack of lions, licking their lips, overtake a solitary gazelle. The pack moves closer for position, taunting, pump faking. The single player watches, waiting for his moment to spring left or right. But he rarely escapes. The pack is too strong, and it's never long before he is peppered with a

stream of balls — all thrown at once.

Glory is short-lived. Teams switch sides, the losing team's players are born again and the battle continues. It's natural.

Dodgeball, many of these players believe, is in their blood.

Times-News features writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 735-3243 or matt.christensen@tao.net.

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# OBITUARY

## Carl Murray Lindh

RUPERT — Carl Murray Lindh, 73 of Rupert, Idaho, passed away Jan. 10, 2006, at his home of terminal cancer.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1932, in Teaneck, N.J., to Thorsten Jacob "TJ" and Ruth Harris Lindh. At the age of 10 years old, he moved with his parents to Rupert. He lived on the farm and graduated from Rupert High School in 1950. He was active in basketball and track. He attended the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, for a short time. Carl married Lorena Turner in 1951 and had three children, Carl David Lindh - aka James Saint, Gregory Keith Lindh and Gypsy "Chris" Lindh. He spent five years as a surveyor for the United States government. Later, he transferred to the Mindoka Dam while continuing to live on the farm. In 1967, he sold the farm and moved to Sacramento, Calif., and worked as a system power and water controller covering all of northern California for the U.S. government. He continued this until he retired in 1986. He married Ardella I. Fetzter on April 20, 1980.

Carl received numerous awards from the National Safety Council, the President's Medal for saving the life of Marshall Eilers in July of 1958, and the outstanding Dispatcher Award in 1983 from the National Dispatcher Association.

In 1967, Ardella and Carl moved to Yuma, Ariz. They lived in Las Vegas for several years then moved back to Rupert in 1990. He was a lifetime member of the Elks. He enjoyed living with Ardella, gardening, salmon fishing, crabbing in Wallport, Ore., and hunting. He enjoyed visiting new places, especially mountain streams and the ocean. But his favorite pastime was fishing.

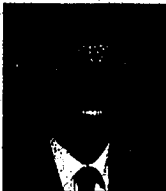
Carl is survived by his wife of 26 years, Ardella Fetzter Lindh of Rupert; son, Carl David Lindh - aka James (Jane) Saint of Las Vegas, Nev.; granddaughter, Stephanie Buckmaster, and great-grandchildren, Lauren and Charis Buckmaster of Antelope, Calif.; son, Gregory Keith (Ger) Lindh, and granddaughters, Rebecca and Kristina Lindh of San Jose, Calif.; daughter,

Gypsy "Chris" Lindh of Springville, Utah; stepson, Greg (Debbie) Saylor of Millan, Idaho; step grandson, Justin Saylor of Portland; step granddaughter, Misty (Toby) Flood and step great-granddaughter, Joey Flood of Hayden; stepson, Ronald (Donna Lou) Saylor of Union Grove, Ala.; step granddaughter, Andrea Saylor of Nebraska; stepson, Doug (Holly) Saylor of Carmichael, Calif.; and step grandson, Todd (Nikki) Greer of Yelm, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thorsten Jacob "TJ" Lindh; mother, Ruth Harris Lindh; and one uncle.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, P.O. Box 1100, Boise, ID 83701-9559 or Mindoka Home Health and Hospice.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.



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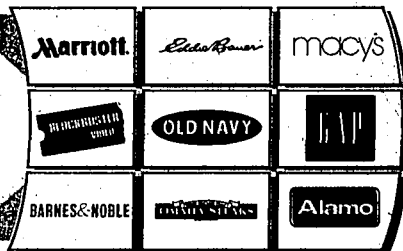
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SPORTSQUOTE

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Texas quarterback Vince Young has decided to go pro and Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick has decided to go con.

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— Jay Leno

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Mike McCarthy, who this week was named coach of the Green Bay Packers, was on Paul Hackett's staff at the University of Pittsburgh in 1991.

According to Steven Vanderpool of Stats LLC, two other current NFL coaches were on that staff.

Who are they?

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IN BRIEF

T.F. boosters plan to Pack the House

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Bruin Boosters will hold a luncheon fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20 at the Outback Steakhouse.

Cost is \$12 per person. For more information or tickets call Kim Pullin 734-9455.

The boosters will then host Pack the House Night, starting with the junior varsity boys basketball game at 6 p.m. with a goal of setting a new attendance record.

Anyone wearing Bruin Blue gets \$1 off admission.

Buhl club volleyball registration nears

BUHL — Registration for the Buhl club volleyball program will be held from 6-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19 in the Buhl High School gymnasium foyer.

Clubs in grades 5-12 are encouraged to participate.

Tournaments will be held on Saturdays during February and March. Registration is \$20, and team shirts \$15.

Club board members will meet at 5:30 p.m. prior to the registration period to discuss the season schedule.

For further information, call Kathy Lauda 543-9553 or Jeff Cabardi at 543-6139.

T.F. club volleyball sign-ups available

TWIN FALLS — Registration sheets are now available for the Twin Falls club volleyball program at all Twin Falls schools.

The registration due date is Feb. 15.

Call Michelle at 733-6551, Ext. 3022 for more information.

Spudman registration is underway

BURLEY — Registration is now underway for the 20th Annual Burley Lions Club Spudman triathlon at their Web site.

For more information, call the box office at 733-9554.

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TRIVIA ANSWER: Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis and Denver's Bill Cowher.

Weighty issues

How it works

Burley wrestler Kory Ortman

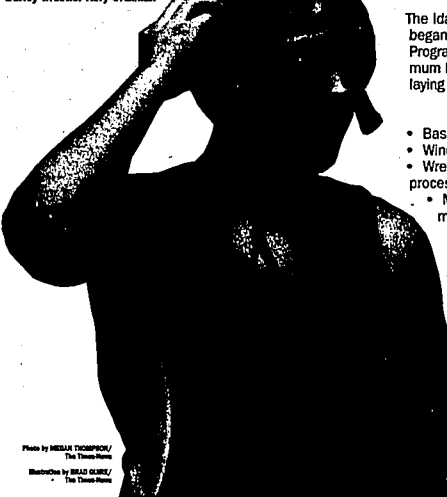


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The Idaho High School Activities Association began its Wrestling Minimum Weight Certification Program (WWWCP) three years ago, setting minimum body fat and hydration requirements while laying out the rate at which weight can be lost.

- Here are some facts:
• Based largely upon an existing NCAA program
• Window for certification is Oct. 15-Dec. 6
• Wrestler may go through the certification process twice
• Minimum body fat makeup of 7 percent for males (12 percent for females)
• Maximum weight loss per week set at 1.5 percent until the athlete reaches his or her certified minimum weight class
• Wrestlers with less than 7 percent body fat must acquire written verification from a medical doctor that their body fat level is both natural and poses no health risk
• Once wrestler is certified and the minimum wrestling weight is determined for the season, the wrestler will be ineligible to wrestle below his certified class
• 2005-2006 Wrestling Weight Certification Requirements can be viewed at www.idhsaa.org

Coaches: Weight certification still has bugs

By Nathaniel Garrabrant Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For a wrestling team given solid pre-season odds of taking its conference, the Buhl Indians' season-opening tri-meet in Filer on Dec. 14 concluded somewhat less than auspiciously.

The Indians were expected to rival coaches, media, and many fans to offer a realistic threat of ending the Kimberly Bulldogs' five-year Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference run.

But the Indians gave up four forfeits to Kimberly and Filer due to weight certification issues and an injury.

The resultant team losses will ultimately be of little consequence down the stretch, but served to shed some light on a few lingering concerns with the system that forced the Indians to concede 24 points.

When the Idaho High School Activities Association began its Wrestling Minimum Weight Certification Program (WWWCP) three years ago, 16 years after the inception of the sport in Idaho since it was sanctioned in the mid-1950s.

By setting minimum body fat and hydration requirements while laying out the rate at which weight can be lost, the program effectively ended the sport's notorious — some would say traditional — method of making weight: fasting and dehydration.

For many, that had to change.

"It was giving wrestling a black eye," said IHSAA executive director Bill Young in a recent telephone interview. "Kids were bouncing all over. We had parents calling about sons sick because they were losing weight. A lot of (concern) came from parents and administrators. Our No. 1 goal is the health and safety of all student participants and we needed some kind of a balance to help the individual. We want our students healthy and safe."

That's great, but ... "It has its pros and its cons," Declo wrestling coach Kelly Kidd said prior to the season. His sentiment is held by many area coaches.

But coach Dennis Qualls has certain misgivings, specifically the rigidity of the cutoff points and dates. Often the difference is minuscule — Qualls reports one of his junior varsity 145-pounders was two-thirds of a pound away from certifying at the 140-pound class for the year.

"It hinders some kids and it helps others," Qualls said. "The idea of it is good. Before it started, kids could drop 20 or 30 pounds and they're sick. That's just not healthy. It doesn't help your program and it doesn't help the kids. So that part of the certification is good."

Wrestlers with less than 7 percent body fat must acquire practice, I'd wear my sauna suit."

The wrestler described practicing the usual two-to-three hour practices, then he would go home, put the sauna suit on again and add more clothes, even a heavy coat. Then he'd run some more.

He estimates that run would be about three miles, for a total of up to 10 miles per day.

In addition to the punishing Please see TIME, Page C8

Weight loss ideas have changed over time

By Brad Guire Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For wrestlers, weighing in is as much part of the pre-meet ritual as lacing up the shoes and strapping on the headgear.

For too long, some wrestlers pushed themselves too hard in trying to make weight in time for a meet. Athletes would take drastic measures, including starvation, to lose incredible amounts, such as 15 pounds in a matter of days.

At the high school level, the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) refused to stand idly by while athletes punished themselves. Now, once wrestlers certify, they can only cut so much weight week-to-week.

A former area wrestler detailed his experiences with cutting weight before the state adopted the new guidelines.

"We'd have to run in the morning at the school. Probably 20 minutes or something," he said on condition of anonymity. "I'd wear my sauna suit while running, and usually I'd have PE in the morning. The wrestling coach was the PE teacher, so he'd let me go run in the wrestling room and do whatever."

"So I'd pretty much just be running a couple hours a day before practice. Then during

NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Seahawks end playoff drought

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Minus the NFL MVP the Seattle Seahawks will follow a way to finally win a playoff game.

Despite losing Shaun Alexander to a concussion, the Seahawks ended their 21-year postseason drought Saturday.

Matt Hasselbeck threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and Seattle advanced to the NFC title game by beating the Washington Redskins 20-10.

The Seahawks ended the longest run without a postseason victory for any NFL team — they had been 0-6 since their last playoff win on Dec. 22, 1984.

Now, Seattle will be home next week against the winner of Sunday's game in Chicago between the Bears and the Carolina Panthers.

Alexander, who scored an NFL record 28 touchdowns this season and led the league with 1,800 yards rushing, lost a finger



Seattle Seahawks Eric Pruitt (35) reacts with teammates Niko Kourtevidis (53) and Isaiah Kropsonski after a kick to the Washington Redskins in the fourth quarter, during their NFC divisional playoff football game in Seattle, Saturday.

ble without being hit at the Washington 11 on Seattle's opening drive.

He was then hurt with 5:26 left in the first quarter and did not return.

Without Alexander, this became Hasselbeck's game. Not only did he complete 16 of 28 passes for 215 yards and a 29-yard second-quarter psych-

Broncos' Champ knocks off defending champ Patriots

The Associated Press

DENVER — It took a crazy 100-yard sprint by Denver's star cornerback and the Broncos stopped their long streak of playoff futility and brought the New England dynasty to an end.

Huffing, puffing, dashing down the sideline, Champ Bailey got caught and knocked down at the 1-yard line Saturday night. But his interception of Tom Brady did the damage, setting up the game-changing touchdown in Denver's 27-13 victory over the defending Super Bowl champions.

"It was a great play by me," Bailey said. "I made the play, but it was something we'd talked about the whole game."

The first playoff game in the history of Invesco Field resulted in Denver's first postseason win since the 1998 Super Bowl, John Elway's last game.

Next week in the AFC championship game, the Broncos will face the winner of Sunday's matchup between Indianapolis and Pittsburgh.

This game also marked the end of the Patriots' shot at histo-

Playoffs
Broncos 27
Patriots 13

Trying to become the first team to win three straight Patriots Bowls, the Patriots

(11-7) simply didn't have what it took to overcome Denver's steady play, a few bad breaks or their five turnovers. That was one fewer than they had during their entire, record-setting 10-game playoff winning streak that ended at the hands of the Broncos (14-3).

"Obviously, we're disappointed," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "We weren't able to make the plays we needed to make to win, that's why we didn't win."

And when it counted the most, they also couldn't match Belichick's Patriots.

The Patriots were moving the ball well in the third quarter. They cut a 10-0 deficit to four points on a field goal and had moved easily to the Denver 5 for what would be the game's go-ahead score.

But on third down from the 5, Please see CHAMP, Page C2

Federer in a league of his own

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer, who knows his status and his racket with equal composure, again is an overwhelming favorite at the injury-depleted Australian Open that starts Monday.

"I'm used to it," the 24-year-old Swiss star said this week. "Red hot or hot favorite — it really doesn't matter. They weren't in the women's draw is stacked with potential winners, including top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, second-ranked Kim Clijsters, defending champion Serena Williams, Maria Sharapova and three others who've held the No. 1 ranking."

Even Federer's Swiss compatriot, Martina Hingis, who won three and lost three Australian Open finals in a six-year span until retiring in 2002, was returned for another shot at the title.

But as Clijsters said: "In women's tennis, there is no Ms. Federer."

Federer would have been favored to win. But now he's in a league of his own, since the men's field is missing defending champion Marat Safin, second-ranked Rafael Nadal and four-time winner Andre Agassi.

Federer is self assured without being arrogant, on or off the court.

"I don't have to raise the bar" to keep winning, said Federer, who has held the No. 1 ranking since February 2004. "I have to stay hungry — that's not too hard."

Federer has lost twice in the last six Grand Slam tournaments, dating back to Wimbledon 2004. Both his conquerors decided they weren't in any kind of shape to repeat such a feat at Melbourne Park.

Safin was lauded for his unpredictable, lightning-sharp "big upset." Federer, in his first semifinals and went on to beat local favorite Lleyton Hewitt in the final.

Nadal was at his precocious peak when he overcame Federer on the red Roland Garros clay one match before he clinched the French Open title.

Safin and Nadal pulled out with lingering knee and foot injuries, leaving Andy Roddick and Hewitt as Federer's main rivals.

But Federer is 10-1 against Roddick, and has won his last nine matches against Hewitt. Asked what it's like to lead a chasing pack, the second-seeded Roddick said he's resigned to it.

"It might be Roger versus the field, but for the rest of us, it's us versus our first round opponent," Roddick said. "I've obviously made it like that by playing so well over the last couple of years."

But it's stress enough — it doesn't have a lot to do with any

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SPORTS

Eagles men win OT thriller

SAIT THE NEWS - SALT LAKE CITY - Someone forgot to tell the College of Southern Idaho men they were out of it.

Down 18 points early in the second half, the CSI men (4-4, 5-1 SAC) turned up the defensive intensity and pulled out a 101-96 overtime win Saturday over Salt Lake Community College.

"They didn't have any quit," CSI coach Barrett Peery told AM 1270 KTLV. "I gave them all the credit I could give."

R Reggie Larry chased down an offensive rebound along the baseline and fired up the tying 3-pointer with 4.9 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime.

It was unclear if Larry's basket was a 3-pointer with a screaming crowd in the background. The officials gathered at the scorers table after the buzzer and confirmed Larry's shot was a 3-pointer.

"I'm just exhausted," Peery said. "We kept fighting and we kept clawing."

Jermaine Calvin scored seven of his 18 points in overtime to lead the 91-84 overtime put first-place CSI in control.

"That's the team I expect to see more and more often," Peery said. "I like that we were together for 45 minutes."

SLOCC reserve Gary Wilkinson

Weir wins third straight title, Kwan granted berth

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Welcome to Turin Olympic strangers. For the first time since 1976, the United States will send three newcomers to figure skating's biggest event: Johnny Weir, Evan Lysacek and Matt Savoie.

After winning his third straight U.S. Figure Skating Championship men's title, the 21-year-old Weir took notice.

"It is odd to think back to the last Olympics and think of me as Tim (Goebel) and Michael (Weiss) and Todd (Eldredge), and now none of them are here," Weir said Saturday. "It's a little weird to them and it's really skating."

Those two, Weiss and Goebel, faltered in the free skate, where we want a waltz-beater, either, finishing third. But he won the short program and was good enough to join long program winner Lysacek, 20, and the surprising Savoie, 25, on the Olympic squad.

"Having three first-time Olympians is a fresh state and a new start for U.S. figure skating," Weir added. "It is definitely something different than our last Olympics team. We're all very, very different people and skaters and characters."

"I think it's going to be exciting, that there are so many different faces to all of us."

Especially Weir, who is eccentric even for this sport. He is never almost anything, wear al-

Nevada men down BSU

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Nick Fazekas scored 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as Nevada beat Boise State 81-67 on Monday night.

Fazekas, a junior forward who is the reigning Western Athletic Conference player of the year, was perfect all night, hitting 8-of-9 from the field and 2-of-2 from the free-throw line.

He also had four assists. Nevada (13-3, 3-1) took control of the game with a 10-0 run early to make it 14-5.

The Wolf Pack never looked back, outscoring Boise State (8-7, 2-3) over a nine-minute stretch 2-1 in the first half.

Champ

Continued from C1. Bailey stepped in front of Brun's pass in the end zone for the pick. He sprinted down the sideline and when he felt Kevin Finn swipe at him helplessly about 70 yards into the field, he thought he had it cinched.

Champions don't go down easily though, and tight end Ben Watson wasn't quitting. Watson took another shot at Bailey slowing and bringing the ball down to his hip. Watson got there, knocked Bailey down and sent the ball flying out of bounds at the 1.

Or maybe through the end zone. With Bailey tying on his back,

grinching and gasping for air, Bailey was going for the catch saying the ball flew out of the end zone, which would have given them the ball back on a touchback.

It was the kind of call a championship team might have gotten. The Pats didn't, though, and on the next play, Mike Anderson scored his second touchdown for the fourth at night and gave Denver a 17-6 lead.

"I never saw the guy coming, but I was going to hand as I could," Bailey said of the longest non-scoring interception return in NFL playoff history.

Jerome - Jerome got a challenge from their coach at halftime. It worked.

Down nine early in the second half, the Tigers landed the quarter on a 15-4 run and pulled away in the final period to defeat the Minico Spartans 61-49 in Great Basin West boys basketball action Saturday night.

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The Tigers got things going early in the third. David Prescott hit a jumper then followed that with a three-pointer. A bucket by Cody Gary and two jumpers by Dietz finished off the 11-0 run that put Jerome up 29-21.

The Tigers continued to pull away in the final period. Dietz added another long jumper while Tolman connected on a pair from the charity stripe for the 50-41 advantage.

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most anything and attempt almost anything on the ice. But we went as majestic as usual Saturday.

"Being the third-time national champion is really an awesome feat," Weir said. "I want to win a medal, but I want to achieve that after the year I've had so far."

"The program today definitely wasn't up to par with my expectations. As a lot I could have done better."

Lysacek, the reigning world bronze medalist, won the free skate with 150.44 points and finished second overall at 224.47 to Weir's 225.34. They were followed by Savoie, whose clutch performance reversed a long downward career slip.

The champion automatically gets an Olympic spot. Lysacek and Savoie were selected by an international committee from U.S. Figure Skating.

That same committee gave Michelle Kwan a berth on the women's team, granting her a three-time U.S. fourth and a two-time U.S. champion Sasha Cohen and Kimmie Meissner in Turin.

Well, that's it," Weiss told his coach, Don Lawes.

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Local sports

"We knew it was going to be a physical game," Valley head coach Shawn Moffit said. "And we struggled tonight."

As expected, three Viking players fouled out the game. Austin Stigle led the Vikings in scoring with 14 points on the night with Travis Miller and Jesse Peetres each adding eight.

Valley (7-7) hosts Oakley Saturday.

Aberdeen 76, Valley 50

HANSEN - Tyler Cook scored 24 points and sank six 3-pointers as the Carey Panthers ran the Huskies 62-46 Saturday night. Todd Green added 19 towards the Panther victory.

"I thought our kids played hard and never quit," said Coach and Green were pretty much unstoppable," Hansen coach Mike Pfeiffer said. "We had a few mental mistakes towards the end and they capitalized on that. You can't do that with a team like Carey."

Ryan Leiser scored an impressive 21 points for the Huskies including three-point goals. Hyrum Stanger added 10.

Hansen (6-5, 4-2) plays at Lighthouse Christian School Monday.

Declo 50, Declo 42

DEULO - Matt Myers scored 16 and Zac Davis 14 to lead Wendell to a 50-42 nonconference road win over Declo Saturday night.

Scott Rogers scored 18 for the Hornets while Spencer Stoker added 12.

Wendell 50, Declo 42

Lighthouse Christian 66, Dietrich 52

TWIN FALLS - It wasn't pretty, but they'll take it. The Lighthouse Christian Lions fought a tough-as-nails Dietrich in the non-conference win on Saturday.

"It was one of those really ugly games," Lions head coach Steve Fowler said. "A lot of credit goes to Dietrich. They played hard and were all over the court."

The breakout star of the game was Lighthouse junior Justin Manning who netted 33 points, including six 3-pointers. Shaun Andrus added 10 points.

But the Blue Devils' Anthony Piman led with 11 points.

The Lions (7-4, 3-1) play at Valley Northside host Hansen Monday. Dietrich (3-9, 2-4) plays Valley Northside visits Shoshone Thursday.

Lighthouse Christian 66, Dietrich 52

Gooding 49

GOODING - A balanced Buhl offense overcame a 29-point explosion by Gooding's Justin Rogers for a 49-49 road win Saturday at the Idaho Conference road win Saturday.

Gooding bounced back from a bad home loss to Declo on Friday to record a solid performance on Saturday.

Girls basketball

Melba 22, Glens Ferry 38

GLENS FERRY - The visiting Melba Mustangs defeated Glens Ferry a 42-38 nonconference loss Saturday.

"Melba had a better third quarter," said Glens Ferry coach Kelly McMeekin. "We didn't convert any steals into points. I'm proud of the girls as they came back from an 11-point deficit in the third quarter and we put it back out there. We couldn't quite get over the hump."

For Glens Ferry (6-13), junior Allaha Crane scored a game-high 13 points, pushing down two rebounds and had two blocks before fouling out. Rachel Anchestrag added 12 points, eight rebounds and five steals for the Pilots and senior guard Samantha Richards made five steals.

Roni Woodell scored 11 points for Melba. Glens Ferry hosts Valley on Tuesday.

Wrestling

Oakley/Raft River classic third at M.V. Classic

WEWENDEL - The combined Oakley/Raft River team took third at this weekend's Magic Valley Classic wrestling tournament in Wendell.

Some individual champions included Declo 112-pounder Golden Zollinger, Wendell 135-pounder Michael Sams and 150-pounder Eric Lusk of the combined Oakley/Raft River team.

Hordevald won the team title thanks to four individual champions, followed by Challis, Oakley/Raft River, Firth and Kimberly.

Results

Team scores - 1 Horndevle 25.0, Challis 16.3, Declo 15.0, Firth 14.0, Firth 13.0, Wendell 12.0, Wendell 11.0, Wendell 10.0, Wendell 9.0, Wendell 8.0, Wendell 7.0, Wendell 6.0, Wendell 5.0, Wendell 4.0, Wendell 3.0, Wendell 2.0, Wendell 1.0

Individual results

115 pounds - 1 Jerry Bussard, 2 Jason Collins, 3 Eric Lusk, 4 Trent Bussard, 5 Jason Collins, 6 Trent Bussard, 7 Jason Collins, 8 Trent Bussard, 9 Jason Collins, 10 Trent Bussard, 11 Jason Collins, 12 Trent Bussard, 13 Jason Collins, 14 Trent Bussard, 15 Jason Collins, 16 Trent Bussard, 17 Jason Collins, 18 Trent Bussard, 19 Jason Collins, 20 Trent Bussard, 21 Jason Collins, 22 Trent Bussard, 23 Jason Collins, 24 Trent Bussard, 25 Jason Collins, 26 Trent Bussard, 27 Jason Collins, 28 Trent Bussard, 29 Jason Collins, 30 Trent Bussard, 31 Jason Collins, 32 Trent Bussard, 33 Jason Collins, 34 Trent Bussard, 35 Jason Collins, 36 Trent Bussard, 37 Jason Collins, 38 Trent Bussard, 39 Jason Collins, 40 Trent Bussard, 41 Jason Collins, 42 Trent Bussard, 43 Jason Collins, 44 Trent Bussard, 45 Jason Collins, 46 Trent Bussard, 47 Jason Collins, 48 Trent Bussard, 49 Jason Collins, 50 Trent Bussard, 51 Jason Collins, 52 Trent Bussard, 53 Jason Collins, 54 Trent Bussard, 55 Jason Collins, 56 Trent 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# When a name means something, the pressure is sure to follow

## Bears ready for Panthers

By Andrea Adelson  
Associated Press writer

Megan Cowher finally found a place where she's known by her first name.

On a campus where famous kids are no big deal, she's able to blend in among the basketball teammates. To her friends, she's Meg — not the daughter of Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher.

No one knew because the last name never popped up, said Cowher, a sophomore forward for Princeton. "I wasn't known for strictly being the coach's daughter. You're being anonymous. It was nice blending in and not sticking out."

Being the child of a famous coach or athlete often isn't easy. Coaches and players spend long periods of time away from their families, juggling parenthood and the pressures of Children feel pressure, too, being separated from a parent while trying to live up to a famous name.

Such pressures were highlighted last month following the apparent suicide of James Dugny, the 18-year-old son of Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy.

Some of those famous parents understand the burden on their children.

New Kansas City Chiefs coach Herman Edwards played in the NFL for 10 seasons. His son, Marcus, just finished a career as a receiver at San Diego State and is looking for a job, preferably away from football.

"Sometimes that's hard for a kid," the elder Edwards said. "If you're in a celebrity name, you become that child, people look at you differently. You can say they don't, but they do. They're only kids, but because they have your name, there's more pressure on them." "It's hard," Marcus Edwards said. "I want to be successful in life. I don't want to be a failure or feel like I'm going to let my family down."

Herman Edwards watched silently as his close friend, Tony Dungy, fought back tears at his son's funeral.

Questions flooded Edwards' mind. Have I been a good father? Has I done my job as a father? Marcus? Could this happen to me? Or any other coach?

Suicide is the third-leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Males are four times more likely to commit suicide than females.

Kids kill themselves for a variety of reasons, and suicide affects families across the country — no matter their name. There are many risk factors, including a history of mental health problems, loss, isolation and feelings of helplessness. Robert Abernath, a sports psychotherapist with the Center for Abernath group in Minneapolis, said there sometimes is a disconnect between famous parents and their children, "regardless of the time spent together. And a high-profile suicide tests those bonds."

Last April, Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher became the first NFL coach to serve as an ambassador for the Jason Foundation, a Hendersonville, Tenn., organization whose mission is raising awareness and prevention of youth suicide. "I wanted to get involved just to raise awareness," Fisher said. "But it's also life-changing. It involves all types of teenagers." He added that what happened to James Dugny "hit home for



Princeton's Megan Cowher heads to the basket during practice in Princeton, N.J., on Jan. 14, 2005.

all of us because of who Tony is. "It makes us all think, it makes us all appreciate what we have," Fisher said. "I think it makes us realize how important it is to take time to spend with our kids."

Being a teenager is hard enough. Add to that the pressure of forging your own identity while escaping the shadow of a parent. Combine that with having to be picky about selecting friends, and rarely seeing one of your parents.

Kings guard Mike Bibby still respects his father, Henry, for a bitter divorce that left them estranged. While Henry Bibby was still coaching Southern California in 2002, he was taunted during a game at Oregon. Fans chanted "Your son hates you!" and "Deadbeat dad!"

Houston Rockets guard Jon Barry started resenting his Hall of Fame father, Rick, during his teenage years after a divorce. Former Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson had a strained relationship with his kids while he coached. Former linebacker Ken Norton Jr. didn't speak to his father, the former heavyweight boxing champion, for three years.

In extreme cases, children hurt themselves or others. The son of soccer great Pele, Edson Chobli do Nascimento, recently entered a drug rehabilitation program while awaiting trial on drug-related charges. Pele has blamed his frequent absences for his son's problems. In 1997, a 16-year-old child homicide conviction for a car race on a city street that killed a motorcycleist.

When Tommy Bowden was 6, he wrote a paper declaring he wanted to be a coach — even

though his dad was only around for a few meals and Sunday Bible study.

"When there was family time, it was quality family time. There just wasn't a bunch of it," Bowden said. "I just figured everybody's fathers were away as much as mine was."

Alabama coach Mike Shula, son of Hall of Fame coach Don Shula, hated the spotlight. But he also went into coaching.

"One thing I remember growing up, we were always at a lot of banquets and we kind of all clung to each other because there were a lot of people around you," Mike Shula said. "Unless you were used to it or liked it, you shied away from it." To spend more time with their kids, coaches allow them onto the court or field during training camp. Megan Cowher used to hold her father's headset cord. Dugny always seemed to have his kids on the sideline.

When Thompson coached at Georgetown, his three children sat with him at home to break down film and "told me how to coach my teams."

"Anybody who puts the kind of time you have to put into basketball or football being a head coach, you want to spend more time. But I don't think any father in America doesn't feel that way," Thompson said. "You're the provider, you're trying to provide a quality of life that was better than yours."

Yet there were times Marcus Edwards missed his dad so much he could barely stand it. "It's not like I'm mad. It's like sometimes I want my dad to throw me the football."

He paused for a moment to collect himself. "Just little things like that. When he's gone, you think you don't care. What is going on? I want to play with my dad, too."

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LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — All along, the Chicago Bears claimed they would reach this point. They said they would make the playoffs, snuck together through a tough start and proved their preseason predictions were more than just hollow training camp chatter.

And here they are. After a first-round playoff bye, after a season proving the doubters wrong, the Bears host the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, with the winner advancing to the NFC championship game.

It all seemed unlikely, especially after a loss to Cleveland that dropped Chicago to 1-3 and left linebacker Lance Briggs wondering, "Are we that bad?"

The answer was an emphatic no. The Bears won eight straight after that, 10 of their last 12, and captured the NFC North. Along the way, they dominated the Panthers 13-0 in Soldier Field on Sunday, with the winner advancing to the NFC championship game.

Now, they meet again. The Bears were in the playoffs for the first time in four years and are looking for their first playoff victory since beating Minnesota in the first round following the 1994 season. After going 13-3 and earning a bye in 2001, they lost by 14 to Philadelphia.

The Panthers became the first road team since 1980 to score a playoff shutout when they beat the New York Giants 23-0 in the opening round last week. The Panthers' offense cut into the offense and ran over a Giants team hurt by injuries to its linebacking corps.

DeShaun Foster rushed for 151 yards after going for 163 against Atlanta the previous week. None of this seemed to awe Bears middle linebacker Brian Urlacher, who cut into the offense about the Panthers' running game this week by saying, "We're not the Giants."

It's the Falcons, for that matter.

## Colts, Steelers understand importance of home

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Dungy spent a quarter-century chasing home-field advantage throughout his playoffs before he finally came to it.

He doesn't intend to let that reward slip away Sunday as he leads his team through, in the divisional playoffs. "It's our opportunity to do something special and cap off a year that's been really good for us," Dungy said. "That's what it's all about."

Conventional wisdom suggests the RCA Dome is the Colts' ticket to Detroit. In past years, Indianapolis (14-2) has contended with snow, wind, rain and cold weather in January. It was shut out in New York in 1993, then lost at New England each of the past two years in inclement weather.

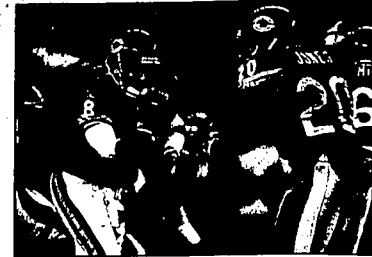
Critics contended after those losses that the only way the high-scoring Colts would reach the Super Bowl was to stay indoors.

Mission accomplished — even the Super Bowl is in a dome this year. "I've never said that we have to be indoors, but that has been my message," two-time MVP Peyton Manning said. "I've totally with coach Dungy, that it doesn't matter where you play, you've got to be ready to play."

Playing at home does provide some advantages, especially when it comes to crowd noise inside a dome. The Steelers (12-5) struggled to get back on track Sunday after their first trip to Indy. They were called for false starts several times, and got out of sync early. Pittsburgh lost that game, and afterward complained the Colts were jostling in artificial noise over the speakers to make it tougher.

The biggest question is whether the Colts are ready to make the decline level even more Sunday. The Patriots' playoff game against Denver, if they want to offer him the job, they must wait until New England is out of the postseason. It is interesting in taking the job would it be offered to the job hold it as Patriots coach Bill Belichick. The two are close, and Belichick left the Colts Sunday after one day as coach. Belichick has talked Manning out of taking jobs before, so that could be a factor again.

The biggest question is Manning's age — he turns 35 this



Chicago Bears quarterback Rex Grossman (8) hands off to Bears running back Thomas Jones (20) during the third quarter against the Atlanta Falcons on Dec. 15, 2005, in Chicago.

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The Bears owned the NFL's top-ranked defense for seven weeks before ending the regular season with a 34-10 loss to Minnesota that dropped that unit to second behind Tampa Bay. They allowed a league-low 12.6 points per game.

And the last time the Bears met Carolina, they branded themselves an NFC contender with a victory that was as lopsided as a 10-point win can be.

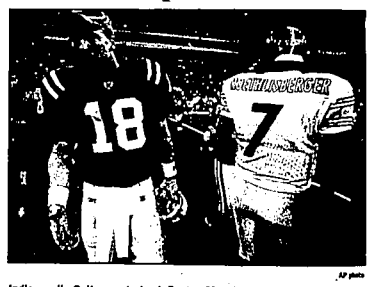
Although Steve Smith finished with 163 yards receiving, Carolina's running game was nonexistent. The Panthers managed 55 yards rushing. But they have a different look now, more speed and finesse with Foster carrying the ball and Stephen Davis on injured reserve.

Foster, who started the last four regular-season games and missed out on playoffs before and

ing out against Atlanta. "They run a lot of tosses with him to use his speed," Bears defensive end Alex Brown said. "That actually helps their different blocking schemes. It's not all power. They can run some finesse type plays. The guy runs hard, he breaks tackles. He did last game against the Giants."

The last time Delhomme faced the Bears he spent much of the game running away from pressure. When he wasn't on the ground, he was slinging sidearm passes and throwing off his back foot. Nathaniel Vasher's two first-quarter interceptions set up a touchdown and field goal, and the Bears never looked back.

"It happened. They did a great job that game," Delhomme said. "Certainly we spotted them 10 points early on largely in part to a couple of important decisions by me. Certainly we had to play catch-up from then on. And when you have to throw the football and the defensive line can just pin their ears back and go, it's not a fun day sometimes."



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, left, walks away after greeting Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger after the Colts won 28-7 in a NFL football game in Indianapolis on Nov. 23, 2005.

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day, and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said Pittsburgh needs to execute better this time.

"We're going to have to be on our 'A' game and do the best we can to communicate with each other," he said.

After resting about half of his defensive starters during the first regular-season game, Dungy said all of the Colts' key defensive players — Corey Simon, Dwight Freeney, Robert Mathis, Cato June and Bob Sapp — should be ready Sunday.

The Colts also will have starting right tackle Ryan Diem back — Diem has been out since spraining a knee ligament in a

Dec. 18 loss to San Diego. Manning said his arm appreciated the break, too. "The arm does feel new, which is great for this late in the season," Manning said.

If any team has the right formula for winning on the road, though, it is the Steelers. Their punishing ground game, led by Willie Parker and Jerome Bettis, and stingy defense allow them to control the clock and the tempo, and to quiet Cincinnati. The Steelers were 6-2 on the road this year, and beat Cincinnati 31-17 last week for their first road playoff win since December 1989.

The Steelers think they have the right notion, too. "When you're that No. 1 seed, teams are gunning for you, everybody wants to be that close to knock you off," receiver Hines Ward said. "For us, we get a chance to face the No. 1 team for a second time this year, so let's see what happens."

## Seahawks

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kept Seattle from scoring in the first period, a second that led to a Washington field goal and a third in the fourth quarter that Washington squandered.

The Seahawks (14-3) were helped a Washington offense that for most of the game was inept for the second straight week.

The Redskins (11-7) had their six-game winning streak snapped. They were held to an offense for the second week in a row — they had 140 yards in the first three quarters after getting a total of just 120 in last week's

win at Tampa Bay. Washington's last chance ended in the final minute when Matt Russell's desperation fourth-down pass for Santana Moss was batted down by safety Michael Bouhaver in the end zone.

And had it not been for Alexander's early fumble, a muffed punt by Seattle's Jimmy Williams that set up a second-quarter field goal and a fumbled kickoff return, the Redskins would never have been in the game.

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— Walter Cronkite

# Devils burn Clemson to remain undefeated

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — J.J. Redick scored 34 points and Sheldon Williams added 17 rebounds and 11 rebounces as No. 1 Duke beat Clemson for the 19th straight time, 87-77 on Saturday.

The Blue Devils (16-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) are off to their best start since the 1992 NCAA champions opened 17-0. Duke hasn't lost in the Tigers (13-4, 2-2) since 1997, but it took just about everything Redick had to keep the streak going.

The Blue Devils led an 11-point lead slip to 76-71 after Akin Akingbala's short jumper with 1:56 left. But Redick dribbled up the court and found a wide-open Sean Dockery for a layup and Clemson could not get any closer.

Ermon Hamilton led Clemson with a career-high 31 points.

**No. 8 Texas 58, No. 3 Villanova 55**  
AUSTIN, Texas — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half and Texas smothered Villanova with its best defensive game of the year.

Aldridge scored eight points in the final 4 minutes, including two free throws with 8.2 seconds left that gave Texas a three-point lead.

**No. 4 Connecticut 74, Georgetown 67**  
HARTFORD, Conn. — Hilton Armstrong had 19 points — his sixth straight game scoring in double figures — and blocked shots for Connecticut.

Brandon Bowman led Georgetown with 20 points and led green added 13 points and eight rebounds.

**No. 7 Illinois 79, Michigan 74**  
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Dee Brown scored 26 points and James Augustine added 23 as Illinois withstood a late charge from Michigan to beat the Wolverines for the 11th straight time.

Daniel Horton scored 19 points and Courtney Sims added 16 for Michigan.

**No. 13 Washington 69, No. 11 UCLA 65**  
LOS ANGELES — Bobby Jones pulled down a key rebound and made three free throws in the final seconds to give Washington its first win at Pauley Pavilion in nearly 19 years.

Jamaal Williams had 14 points on a 7-0-11 shooting for Washington (14-2, 3-2 Pac-10), while Jones had 11.

**No. 15 Boston Col. 90, Florida St. 87**  
BOSTON — Craig Smith had 28 points and 14 rebounds in the Boston College win over Atlantic Coast Conference

Florida State.

**Toms nabs course record, forces a tie with Campbell**

HONOLULU (AP) — David Tom set a course record with a 9 and a 51 and it still wasn't enough to take the lead Saturday in the Sony Open, which turned into a two-man race between Tom and the equally hot Chad Campbell.

Toms looked as dominant as he was a year ago winning the Accenture Match Play Championship, even if it felt as if it was all he could do to keep up with Campbell.

Toms finally caught him with a two-putt blade on the 18th, setting the tournament record at Waialae Country Club since it changed to a par 70 in 1999. Davis Love III still has the course record of 12 under 60 in 1994.

"It was just trying to keep up," Toms said. "I made a couple of putts I wasn't supposed to make, but that's what you do when you have a hot hand."

Campbell did his heavy lifting with his irons, rarely leaving himself birdie puts outside 15 feet and converting enough of them for a 62. He had a 15-foot birdie putt to match his own record on the final hole, but it hung on the lip.

They were at 14-under 196, seven shots clear of anyone else. "It was able to follow in his footsteps," Campbell said, although it looked to be the other way around. "It was nice to see the wind calm down so we could make some birdies."

Big-hitting Bubba Watson,

# Miami manhandles Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Dwayne Wade followed his bid to carry the Heat to victory by nearly getting his fourth, finishing with 31 points, eight rebounds and eight assists in the Miami Heat's 100-94 win over the Utah Jazz on Saturday night.

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Miami was coming off a 117-104 victory Friday at Seattle, but the short trip to Salt Lake City didn't seem to faze the Heat as they outrebounced the Jazz 50-28, pulling down 19 offensive boards.

Andre Klayton had 25 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and Michael Ocar finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Jazz.

**Suns 115, Cavaliers 106**  
PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns overcame a 46-point deficit to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-106 Saturday night, their ninth victory in 11 games.

Jason Kidd led the Suns in the game that would play for the U.S. team at this year's world championships and the 2008 Olympics when he put on a show that would play for the U.S. team at this year's world championships and the 2008 Olympics when he put on a show that included eight assists and seven rebounds.

Eddie House scored 12 of his 17 points on 4-for-12 long-range shooting. Ben Bell added 12 points for the Phoenix. Shawn Marion had 25 points and 12 rebounds and Steve Nash 20 points and 15 assists for the Suns, who shot 55 percent. Ben Bell added 12 points, including 5-of-6 3-pointers, and Boris Diaw 18.

**Wizards 114, Hawks 106, OT**  
ATLANTA — Gilbert Arenas

among West guards. His assists are up to a career-best 6.3 per game. And he's making around 33 percent of his shots, tops among all guards.

"He's not the same Tony Parker anymore," said Magic Johnson, who knows a thing or two about point guards. "He knows what to do now: I'm going to pull up instead of going all the way. Or, the next time, I'd love to drive it, but I'm not really driving for a shot for me. I'm trying to draw the defense and kick it out."

The son of a college basketball player, Tony Parker Sr., who went on to win European league championships, Parker began playing the game as a toddler. He idolized Michael Jordan while growing up in France and played for his junior national team and then his national team in the 2001 European Championships.

Also that year, San Antonio drafted Parker in the first round and, as a 19-year-old rookie, he became a starter. He's steadily improved over his five seasons, yet sometimes is left out when

discussing the league's top point guards.

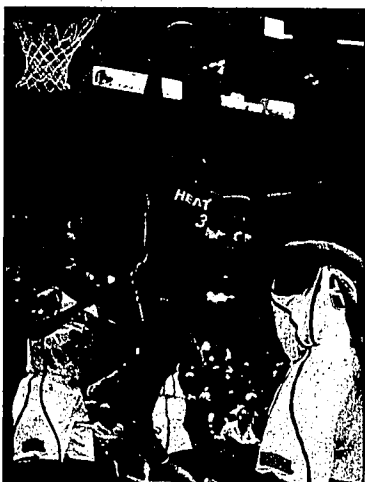
That could change if Parker can make it to Houston next month. After the starting lines are announced Feb. 2, coaches will select seven reserves, including two guards and two all-league players. That announcement will come Feb. 9.

"Nothing against Tony, but there's other guys playing great," teammate Robert Horry said. "Tracy (McGrady) has to be there. It's in Houston. And then you got Kobe and Ray Allen. He's just got some still competition."

Stumpers outside the NBA already have taken notice of Parker. He once made People magazine's list of the 50 most beautiful people and is increasingly seen alongside his actress-girlfriend, Eva Longoria, best known for her role on "Desperate Housewives." She's often seen with him, too, sitting court-side at games.

Parker, however, is trying to create talk about his game on the court.

Although he worked on his



Miami Heat guard Dwayne Wade, center, flies between Utah Jazz defenders Keith McLeod, left, and Jarron Collins, right, during the first half of their NBA basketball game Saturday in Salt Lake City.

scored seven of his 33 points in overtime Saturday night, and the Washington Wizards beat Atlanta 114-106, their seventh consecutive victory over the Hawks. Joe Johnson led the Hawks with 23 points.

**Spurs 80, Grizzlies 79**  
SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan made a layup off an inbound alley-oop pass from Manu Ginobili with 7.2 seconds left to lift the San Antonio Spurs over the Memphis Grizzlies 80-79.

Ginobili scored 20 points for the Spurs, who led by 15 points midway through the third quarter before Memphis charged back behind Bobby Jackson and Mike Miller.

Jackson scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half. Jason Terry cut down the lane for a dunk to put the Grizzlies up 79-78 with 8.8 seconds remaining.

Duncan scored 19 points and had 13 rebounds, while Michael Finley added 12 points on 3-for-5 shooting behind the arc. Gasol led Memphis with 26 points.

**Pistons 114, Bobcats 91**  
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton led a balanced attack with 19 points,

outside shot during the off-season, he's stretched his game mostly by doing more of what he does best — free-throw shooting — speed to get to him, sending up his signature floating jumper into the paint and passing to wide-open teammates. He led the Pistons with 45 points in the paint heading into Thursday night's game against Detroit.

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# Avalanche upend Flyers 4-3 late in OT

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Alex Tanguay scored with 45.8 seconds left in overtime, helping Colorado spoil Peter Forsberg's first game against his former team in the Avalanche's 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Saturday.

The Flyers forced overtime with a 2-1 lead in the second period, getting goals from Mike Knuble and Forsberg before getting dominated in the extra period.

The Avalanche took nine of their 34 shots in OT and held the Flyers without a shot. John-Michael Liles, Brett Clark and Antti Laaksonen also scored for the Avalanche, who've won seven straight games for the first time since Jan. 16-30, 2001.

**Red Wings 4, Rangers 3**  
DETROIT — Brendan Shanahan's second goal of the game snapped a third-period tie and the Detroit Red Wings broke the New York Rangers' streak of 10 wins in which they earned at least a point.

Robert Lang and Johan Franzén also scored for the Red Wings.

Jaromir Jagr scored his league-leading 29th goal.



Colorado Avalanche's Alex Tanguay, right, celebrates his goal against Philadelphia Flyers goalie Antero Niittymä (30), of Finland, in overtime in an NHL hockey game Saturday in Philadelphia. At left is Michael Handzus (28), of Slovakia. The Avalanche won, 4-3.

Michael Nylander and Jed Ormeyer also had goals for the Rangers.

**Stars 2, Bruins 1, SO**  
BOSTON — Just Jokinen scored the only goal of the

shootout to lift the Dallas Stars to their season-high sixth straight win.

Stars goalie Marty Turco made 26 stops before turning aside Patrick Berggren, Marco Sturm and Sergei Samsonov in the shootout.

Boston goaltender Tim Thomas, making his first start since April 5, 2003, made 37 saves before the shootout. The Stars improved to 5-0 in shootouts, while the Bruins dropped to 0-3.

**Canadiens 6, Sharks 2**  
MONTREAL — Andrei Markov had two goals and two assists in a six-goal second period to help Montreal general manager Bob Gainey win in his Canadians coaching debut.

Markov and Chris Higgins scored short-handed goals and Markov also had one of Montreal's four power-play goals in the second.

Jose Theodor made 23 saves and Swiss defenseman Mark Suster scored three goals in the second period, two against D'Elia and one against Wade Dubielewicz — 9 seconds after he came in.

**Coyotes 4, Maple Leafs 3**  
TORONTO — Paul Mara, Geoff Sanderson, Ladislav Nagy and Fredrik Stenstrom scored goals to help Phoenix overcome the first game in franchise history.

Nagy, Gretzky coached his first game in Toronto, and former Maple Leafs goalie Curtis Joseph, playing his first in his hometown, leaving in 2002, made 25 saves.

and Detroit beat short-handed Charlotte.

**Mavericks 110, Nets 77**  
DALLAS — Josh Howard scored 29 points and Keith Van Horn added 23, going 5-for-5 from 3-point range in the first half, in the Dallas Mavericks' 110-77 rout of the weary New Jersey Nets on Saturday night.

Dirk Nowitzki added 16 points for the Mavericks, who beat the Nets for the 11th straight time. The season-high point totals from Howard and Van Horn helped Dallas to its fourth victory in five games overall.

**Hornets 86, Rockets 80**  
HOUSTON — Chris Paul had 17 points, six rebounds and five assists in his third game after injuring his right thumb, leading the Charlotte Hornets over the Houston Rockets 86-80 on Saturday night.

Desmond Mason added 16 points and Jason Brown had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets, who finished with an 18-6 run to beat the Rockets for the third time this season.

Jwan Howard had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets, who fell to 0-11 without Tracy McGrady.

**Nuggets 100, Bucks 93**  
MILWAUKEE — Carmelo Anthony scored 38 points and coach George Karl returned to Milwaukee to lead the Denver Nuggets past the Bucks 100-93 on Saturday night.

Anthony shot 13-for-30 from the field and was 12-of-17 from the free throw line. He had 21 points and 12 rebounds in the first half as Denver won for the fifth time in seven games.

**Pacers 91, Bulls 89**  
CHICAGO — Stephen Jackson scored 21 of his 29 points in the second half as Anthony Johnson's basket with 3.9 seconds remaining sent the short-handed Indiana Pacers to a 91-89 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Saturday night.

Chicago's defense was mostly by doing more of what he does best — free-throw shooting — speed to get to him, sending up his signature floating jumper into the paint and passing to wide-open teammates. He led the Pistons with 45 points in the paint heading into Thursday night's game against Detroit.

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## Thelma's Bowling Q&A

It is quite an experience going down and interviewing bowlers about their years of bowling. I asked them three questions:

- 1. When did you start bowling?
  - 2. How many leagues do you currently bowl on each week?
  - 3. What is the highest game and series you have bowled?
- Here are their responses:
- **Guy Matsuoka**  
Started bowling in 1956 and is currently bowling on three leagues. High series: two at 539. High game: 257.
  - **Hubert Bluteau**  
Started in 1962, bowls on two leagues and has rolled a 626 and 245.
  - **Shirley Kussman**  
Started in 1960 and still bowling on three leagues. She has bowled a high of 579 and 273.
  - **Max Daniels**  
He says late 60s and is currently rolling that ball four times a week. His highs have been 729 and 245.
  - **Pete Mulkey**  
Is only bowling in two leagues now but started bowling at the age of 15 some 67 years ago. His highs are 650 and 255.
  - **Jeanne Bennett**  
Currently bowling on two leagues and is Secretary of one. Started at the age of 20 and is not wanting to let a ladies age. We'll just say some 50 years ago. Her highs have been 575 and 247.
  - **Rich Farnsworth**



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### LET'S GO BOWLING

Started in the early 1970s and "only" bowls in four leagues at this time. Highs have been 650 and 285.

• **Chuck Puntney**  
Started in 1965 and currently bowls in two leagues and has bowled a 600 series and numerous 200s.

• **Faye Lancaster**  
She has three leagues going now and started her career in 1964. Her highs have been 604 and 217.

• **Ray LaPointe**  
Recently moved to Twin Falls from Nevada. Started bowling in the early 1950s. Bowls in two leagues and has highs of 665 and 245.

• **Roger Graefe**  
This gentleman said he started in 1949. Currently bowls in three leagues and has rolled a 702 and a 276. He said he hasn't quite got it all figured out yet. His highest game was 600.

However, he says if he rolls one he is going to quit. Why, Roger? The ultimate goal should be a 900 three-game series.

A mixed doubles tournament

was held this past weekend at the Bowladrome. First-place winners were the John Bennett, Michele Seckel, Laura and Craig Brock with a handicap score of 2,892 pins.

They entered the tournament with a 171.75 composite average and came through with a 205 composite for the tournament. Wow, great bowling, 282 pins over average.

Second place went to "Animal House," Margaret Watson, Rick Koelling, Leslie and Kevin Hamblin. Their handicap score was 2,783. Their composite entering average was 149.50 and they bowled a composite of 168.67. They bowled 230 pins over average. Great bowling by all.

Last Tuesday night in the Men's Consolidated League, Rocky Bennett rolled Game 1 for a 257. Game 2 was a 257, as well. What a night of bowling when Game 3 was a 267 for a 781 series.

During the mixed doubles tournament, Craig Brock entered on a second team and had 10 strikes in a row. No 11 left for the Idaho Cheer Challenge in Boise with both the Mini-Squad (ages 4-8) and the Junior Squad (ages 10-15) placing first.

Members of the Mini Squad consisted of Samantha Bentley, Desty Anderson, Emily Whipple, Hannah Burgess, Dana Whitesell, Brinley Holstrom, Bailey Henley, Jordan Henley, Ale Hernandez, Angela Hernandez, Jocelyn Carr, and Sage Swan.



## Cheerleaders compete in Boise

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**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Eagles All-Star Cheerleaders completed Dec. 10 at the Idaho Cheer Challenge in Boise with both the Mini-Squad (ages 4-8) and the Junior Squad (ages 10-15) placing first.

Members of the Mini Squad consisted of Samantha Bentley, Desty Anderson, Emily Whipple, Hannah Burgess, Dana Whitesell, Brinley Holstrom, Bailey Henley, Jordan Henley, Ale Hernandez, Angela Hernandez, Jocelyn Carr, and Sage Swan.

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Members of the Junior Squad are Emma Stephens, Allison Cole, Karen Arreaga, Heavenlee Walker, Mariah Vaudrin, Paige Hartman, Brinley Budd, Carli Lutz, Ilana Vaccaro, Shobie Atwood, Candice Hendry, Hunter Slagel, Alexandra Lenardi, Jessica Holstine, Alexis Richardson, Brinley Miller, Shaelene Moreno, Aubrey Allen, Madeline Royle, Reylen Abbott, Alandra Vaccaro, Aisha Nanthanong, Katie Higgins and Nicole Williams.

Several individuals also brought home awards. They are:

Katie Higley, first place in individual best and tumbling, sash in jumps; Hunter Slagel, second in tumbling; Carli Lutz, fifth in jumps; Brinley Budd, third in jumps and tumbling and Candice Hendry, fifth in jumps and tumbling.

The stunt group of Maddie Jenco, Reylen Abbott, Alexis Richardson and Jessica Holstine placed first, while Angela Hernandez and Jordan Henley placed second in duo best. The All-Star Cheerleaders are coached by Andrea Pierce and Lacey Higley.

## YOUR SCORES AND STATS

### BOWLING

Here are the scores reported from the area bowling centers for the current week.

#### BOWLADROME - TWIN FALLS

**BOYS SERIES:** Mike Walker 256, Rick Reed 200, Tom Jones 180, Mike Jones 150, Mike Jones 140, Mike Jones 130, Mike Jones 120, Mike Jones 110, Mike Jones 100, Mike Jones 90, Mike Jones 80, Mike Jones 70, Mike Jones 60, Mike Jones 50, Mike Jones 40, Mike Jones 30, Mike Jones 20, Mike Jones 10, Mike Jones 0.

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# Chelios is ancient defenseman of U.S. hockey in Turin games

DETROIT (AP) — When Chris Chelios suits up for Team USA at the Turin Olympics, he will be 44. And by the time most of his teammates arrive at the dressing room each day, Chelios likely already will have finished a cup of coffee and sat in the sauna.

"Some guys show up when you tell them to, like two hours before a game or a practice, but Chelios will be there three or four hours earlier than that," Team USA general manager Don Waddell said Thursday. "I wish all players in the NHL had the passion and drive that Chris Chelios has for the game."

Chelios, a Detroit Red Wings defenseman, made his Olympic debut as a member of the team and returned in 1998 and 2002 as a captain when NHL players were allowed to participate.

Kyle Teahach and Chelios will be the first four-time Olympians in U.S. hockey history as they shoot for the team's first Olympic gold medal since 1980. Chelios, who was born Jan. 25, 1962, will become the third-oldest player in Olympic hockey history.

"If we have success, maybe they'll ask me back a fifth time," Chelios joked. "If not, maybe I'll give the Senior Olympics a shot. "I never thought I'd be playing at this age, but now I can't imagine being done."

Forward Doug Weight is glad he doesn't have to envision going for gold without Chelios. "It's a guy everybody looks up to because of his personality and the way he loves the game," Weight said. "He's earned so much respect because he's won Stanley Cups, and he's played in such a high level forever because of the way he takes care of himself."

Chelios' physique is chiseled, even as gray hairs surface on his head and face. The NHL's oldest player deflects credit for his longevity to those who help him train near his offseason home in Los Angeles — and to luck.

"When my trainer started training younger guys like Rob Blake, I found new things to do



Detroit Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios skates up the ice against the Philadelphia Flyers in their NHL hockey game in Detroit, Thursday.

and new guys to work out with in addition to working out with him," Chelios said. "I don't tell anybody some of the things I do, that's my secret in the hole."

Chelios has such a passion for hockey — and an aversion to sitting still — he played 23 games for the Motor City Mechanics of the United Hockey League last season during the NHL lockout.

The three-time Norris Trophy winner — given to the NHL's top defenseman — and 11-time All-Star signed a one-year contract last summer, returning to Detroit for a seventh season and his 22nd in the league, hoping to win his third Stanley Cup.

"I watched him play four

times and he may not be as fast or as effective offensively, but he's still outstanding on defense and he's a good leader," Waddell said. "That's why we wanted him to help us compete for a medal."

Chelios was honored as the top defenseman four years ago after the U.S. lost the gold-medal match to Canada. In 1998, the team finished well out of the medal round and left Japan in disgrace after causing property damage.

"The key in Salt Lake was we got off to a good start, and rode that momentum," Chelios said. "We never got off to a good start in Nagano, and it got worse. We don't need a miracle to win the gold in Turin."

# Soldiers, surveillance in Italy's Olympic security plan

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Paramilitary police in battle fatigues patrol narrow mountain roads and guard entrances to venues in Turin and in the nearby Alps. Out of sight, intelligence experts keep tabs on possible terrorists and other potential troublemakers.

Less than a month before the start of the Feb. 10-26 Winter Olympics, Italian authorities are rolling out a massive security operation to protect the 2,500 athletes, 5,000 officials and 1 million spectators expected to attend the Turin Games.

"Everything is under strict control and strict surveillance," the government's Olympics supervisor, Mario Pescante, said Wednesday in an interview. "With all the men, technology and money devoted to this, we've done everything possible."

Italy's top security official, Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu, warned last month the Turin Olympics could be a target for terrorists, but said there were no "clear signals" of imminent attacks being planned.

Pescante said he and Pisanu will travel to Turin on Jan. 23 for security checks at each of the Olympic venues in the city and mountains.

The country has been on high alert since the July 7 suicide bombings in London's transit system, with security measures stepped up at airports, government buildings, embassies and monuments across Italy — and \$12 million added to the Olympic security budget shortly thereafter, devoted mainly to transportation.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi's government says it is taking seriously purported Internet threats by Islamic militants who say Italy, like Britain, could be attacked because it has troops in Iraq.

About 9,000 police officers have been mobilized for the Olympics, and a central control room is hooked to 21 on-site operational centers — with connections to police and intelligence services of numerous countries.

Guards holding automatic rifles keep watch over the competition venues on foot, or in jeeps previously used by peacekeepers in the Balkans.

"The military has been here since March, because we're soft targets," said Ivano Ferranti, the competition manager for bobsled, luge and skeleton at Cesana, about 60 miles from Turin. "This is my sixth Olympic, and the level of security has increased a lot. Everything has changed, first because of Munich in '72 and then because of Sept. 11."

The government considered closing Italy's borders, but instead decided to increase controls, particularly at the frontier with France — about 10 miles from Sestriere, hosting Alpine skiing — while guaranteeing free access under the Euro-



An Italian soldier patrols the area next to the Olympic arch, in Turin, Italy, on Sept. 24, 2005.

pean Union's open borders policy, according to a top security official.

Air space over the Olympics will be closed, with the Italian air force providing missile protection and maintaining close contact with military allies, the official told The Associated Press.

He asked that his name not be used because the ministry has not made official announcements on the measures.

The United States, Britain and Israel are among the half-dozen countries helping Italy prepare. Neither the government nor Olympics organizers will say how much is being spent on security. \$1.4 billion went toward security at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

"With all the talk about security before Athens, it sounded like World War III was going to explode during those Olympics. And what did it result in? Spending more money," said Valentino Castellani, president of TOROC, the Turin organizing committee. "The message we need to give to the citizens of the world is that we will be stronger than any form of terrorism."

While TOROC has been plagued by budget shortfalls, resulting in spending cuts in various sectors, Pescante said: "With security, we didn't spare any expense. Everything that was asked for was received."

The government has been fine-tuning its plans for months, using many of the same measures used to protect more than 100 world leaders and the 2 million pilgrims who came to Rome after the death of Pope John Paul II in April.

"There's always concern. When you leave the house, when you take the subway when you go to the airport — how can you say everything is under control? That's impossible," Pescante said. "But we've done everything that was asked for. We're combining military intelligence with experiences from past Olympics. We know what the vulnerable parts of an Olympics are."

# Thrill-seeking Olympians take on sports that don't look safe

Thrills and chills. An adrenaline high produced through sport. From afar, several outdoor Winter Olympics events appear as if they should be banned for potentially suicidal consequences, never mind being sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee.

It may seem as if common sense is on a leave of absence, as if the athletes are Evel Knievels reincarnated.

"Yet they live to tell about their near-on-ice bobbed tons, headfirst skeleton slides, blind luge, runs and gravity-defying aerial flips and moguls stunts. They have ice water in their veins as well as ice under their buttocks."

"For sure, you have to be a thrill-seeker," said U.S. luger Todd Benhoff, of St. Paul, Minn., a 2002 Olympian. "It's just the coolest thing."

Even Olympic-caliber athletes, though, were scared as beginners.

Todd Hays, 35, a silver-medal winner at the Salt Lake Games four years ago in four-man bobsled, played football at the University of Tulsa and was a national kick boxing champion. But he was a nervous dude on his first bobsled run.

"I had this big, long ice roller coaster in my mind," Hays said at a gathering of Winter Olympics prospects in Colorado Springs, Colo., in October.

"When we started I thought, 'This is really not that hard.' And all of a sudden, the sled just rocketed like it was shot out of a gun. I thought I was going to be unconscious and that certainly was wrong. It was just going to be terrible."

Not so. The bobsled team picked up speed until it reached 90 mph, throwing the riders back and forth. To Hays it was the ultimate amusement park ride.

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Unlike European spectators, who turn out in droves to watch World Cups and championship competitions in non-Olympic years, Americans are exposed to these events once every four years. They may think their countrymen wearing red, white and blue spandex are risking their lives each time they leave the starting line.

But extreme activity comes naturally to some. Skeleton racer Chris Soule, 32 of Trumbull, Conn., a multiple World Cup medalist last season, rides mountain bikes, bridge jumps and has performed stunts in "Kinsey" and "G.I. Jane," among other films.

"There's definitely a thrill-seeking part of it," Soule said of skeleton. "There's calculated risk. We're not throwing ourselves down the hill. Every once in a while I'll scare myself on a mountain bike. I've done things my parents shouldn't know about."

Like slide down a mountain headfirst at 80 mph? Couldn't be.

Lea Ann Parsley, a silver-medal winner in Salt Lake City, said she knows crowds react with glee.

"Most people when they watch our sport think we're crazy," she said. "It's a little crazy, but not as bad as it looks." Certainly there must be a little daredevil in their souls, an innate derring-do to take on sports that don't even look safe. Half the time it seems as if the participants are out of control. As if they're at the mercy of elements like wind, snow and ice or that they just seem too holy to land without suffering badly

harm. Of course, sometimes there are serious injuries.

Moguls star Shannon Bahrke, 25, of Tahoe City, Calif., is a 2003 World Cup champion and a 2002 Olympic silver medalist who has scars from bad landings.

Moguls specialists must keep adding new tricks to their repertoires to compete against the best in the world. It's a trial-and-error process that results in black-and-blue marks on the head, or a perfection.

"If you land on your head, that was the wrong way to do it," Bahrke said.

The same rule applies in competition. During a World Cup in Inawashiro, Japan, in 2004, Bahrke landed awkwardly on a ski pole and fractured her jaw.

"I kicked my own butt," she said of the back flip she attempted without enough room. "It was awful. I had my jaw wired shut for three weeks. I went from 130 pounds to 108. The first thing I ate afterwards was plain cheesecake with strawberries. That was the best thing I ever had."

Bahrke said she never used to think of herself as a daredevil, but then she found herself drawn skydiving and dirt bike racing. So yes, she decided, maybe she is.

Bridge jumping, movie stunts, skydiving, kick boxing... These seekers run more than snow deep.

Except perhaps for moguls man Nathan Roberts, 23, a 2005 world champion from Park City, Utah. Twice a week he plays golf. His 1-handicap allows him to believe he could turn pro after he is finished with moguls.

Golf? Shh. If word gets around, Roberts could be expelled from the Winter Olympics Adrenaline Junkie Athletes Association.

his last five meetings — all finals, including back-to-back championship matches at Wimbledon.

Federer won 11 titles and was 61-4 in 2005, finishing one win shy of John McEnroe's 1984 mark (62-3) for best winning percentage in a season in the Open era.

His record 24 consecutive wins in finals ended at the Masters Cup in Shanghai in November, where he hobbled in after weeks on crutches.

Federer led David Nalbandian by two sets in the final and served for the match in the fifth set, but lost to the Argentine.

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of us until we're put in the situation where we're facing him."

Roddick, the 2003 U.S. Open winner, is at the opposite end of the draw, making it a 16th-round contest that situation unless they both reach the final.

Yet that's hardly comforting for Roddick. Federer has won

SPORTS

# 'Snow Leopard' sets sights on Olympics

LONDON (AP) — The Winter Olympics have produced some of the glibly competitors over the years. Remember the hapless British ski jumper Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards? The Jamaican bob-sledders who inspired the movie "Cool Running"? The Kenyan and Cameroonian cross-country skiers?

Get ready for the possibility of another novelty act in Turin next month — a 31-year-old African skier known as the "Snow Leopard."

Kwame Nkrumah-Acheampong is hoping to become the first Ghanaian to compete at the Winter Olympics.

"The other racers give me a lot of support because I'm the only African dude there," he said. "Most of them are curious about what I'm trying to do, so even if I'm the last one to finish, they always congratulate me on putting two good runs together." Nkrumah-Acheampong pro-

nounced N-kro-ma A-cha-mpong to mean "snow leopard" for the first time while working as a receptionist at an indoor snow slope in England. Now he's hoping to race in the Olympic giant slalom against the likes of Bode Miller and Hermann Maier.

"My goal is to qualify, then ski well and to prove to people who thought it was an impossibility it is possible," he said.

Nkrumah-Acheampong was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and moved to Ghana as a child. He returned to Britain and took a job at the Xscape Snozone indoor ski center at Milton Keynes, 50 miles north of London, giving him free access to a 50-foot-long slope.

He took to the sport immediately, passed his indoor instructor's course, won a few races and attracted the local coaches how he should continue his development. They joked he should enter the Olympics.

"I haven't skied for that long," Nkrumah-Acheampong said.

"I'm still learning and I haven't gotten into a mold with my technique yet, so it could still be better."

Nkrumah-Acheampong has been competing in FIS races, below the elite World Cup level, in order to qualify for the Olympics. He has lowered his FIS points total from 1,000 to 215, and is close to the 115 needed to qualify for the Turin Games.

His achievements are all the more astounding considering races have four years to qualify for the Olympics. He will have done in eight months if all goes according to plan.

At the end of 2005, British bookmaker Ladbrokes offered odds of 10,000-1 that Nkrumah-Acheampong would win the giant slalom in Turin, or 50-1 that he would finish in the top 50.

Nkrumah-Acheampong leaves his wife and 2-year-old daughter in Britain while he travels around the world chasing a dream that has posed financial hurdles for the start.

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regimen, the wrestler would go for days with little food or water.

"When I was cutting it at first — to make weight the first time — I probably didn't eat for a week and a half or so," he said.

He then took water pills. "I don't know what they're supposed to be for, but they made my eyes feel like shrunken-up raisins. Start our with big fat grapes and pretty soon you've got little tiny raisins," he recalled.

When he did drink water, it was measured in ounces.

"I'd get in the shower and tease myself," he said. "I'd let the water run in my mouth but not allow any of it."

However, these extreme tactics paid off.

"Once you make weight the first time it gets easier. Then you've got to get it off again, but when I was doing all that running, I could get it off in two days," he said. From the beginning of the regimen on Wednesday to weigh-in on Friday, he lost 15 pounds.

"I cut 30 pounds (at first), then cut 15 pounds all year long," he said. "Yeah, those were the good old days."

But now, wrestlers like Burley junior Kory Orthman are taking a responsible approach to weight loss.

Orthman has been wrestling varsity since his freshman year. Over two years, Orthman managed to cut approximately 65 pounds effectively — but in gradual increments — through a modest exercise plan and eating right.

As his coach grader, he began the season at 215 pounds. By the end of the year he had cut nearly 35 pounds, wrestling at 189. For his sophomore year, he wrestled at 171. Last November, he certified in the 160s, and by the time the Buhl Invitational rolled around in

January, he competed at 152. Although the new rules don't allow Orthman to cut large amounts each week, it also doesn't place heavy supervision upon his methods. As his coach, Chris Milliron, put it, Orthman is motivated to cut weight the right way.

"The nice thing about Kory is he's never worried about it or complained, he's just done it," Milliron said.

And Orthman knows what it takes.

"I mostly work out in practice," he said, which consists of jogging, drills, moves and conditioning. He also trains with weights during the season, averaging 90 minutes three times per week.

Kory said that there is plenty of time to make the desired weight, whatever it may be, especially during the off-season when he plays no other sports.

"If he hadn't stuck with it during the summer, he wouldn't have lost it," Milliron said. And Orthman has succeeded because he knows that the off-season can be an ally.

Then there's nutrition. The days when it was thought that weight loss meant starvation are waning fast. As a coach, Milliron's job is not only to teach wrestlers holds, but how to stay strong.

Rather than keeping up with every bite of food they have, Milliron provides the wrestlers with information on proper eating and water intake. He uses information from articles posted on [www.uwcaonline.com](http://www.uwcaonline.com), the Web site of the National Wrestling Coaches Association, to educate his wrestlers.

"If you starve yourself, you have no energy, and it's hard to lose weight" he said. "If you have energy you can work harder to burn off that weight."

Orthman is just one of many athletes who live by this.

"I have to keep eating," Orthman said. "I keep fluids and work out lots. I don't want to cut it all before a meet."

The nutritional consultant to the Seattle SuperSonics and Seahawks agreed.

Susan Kleiner, Ph.D., told *The Times-News* via e-mail that "the best strategy is to add cardio training, especially interval training, and to cut calories by removing added sugars in the diet."

She listed sports drinks, sodas and foods with added sugars, such as cereal, baked goods and milkshakes, as items to stay away from. She added that wrestlers should maintain protein intake and cut vegetables and fish, which contain healthy fats.

Keeping enough water in the system is another staple of good nutrition.

"Dehydration only weakens you further, even if you try to rehydrate between weigh-in and the match," she wrote. "There is just not enough time to fully hydrate the muscle cells unless you have a minimum of 24 hours."

Another part of the philosophy to healthy weight loss is not worry about the number. Milliron said that when the season ends, he will usually meet with wrestlers to talk about their goals and what they need to do to reach them.

"We don't stress over what weight they want to be at," he said. "I suggest that they get strong and stay in shape."

Ultimately, Milliron hopes that examples like Orthman will improve wrestling's image.

"No system is perfect. I hope that the old misconceptions about cutting weight ... they don't do that anymore. If the public realizes that it doesn't happen, it will help the sport."

—Times-News sports writer Nathaniel Garrabrandt contributed to this report.

## Bugs

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wrestling verification from a medical doctor that their body fat level is both natural and poses no health risk.

Both well intended and, in principle, necessary, said Qualls. But some athletes simply drop weight very easily and normally during a wrestling season.

"This can sometimes prove problematic, as WMWCF rules specify. Once the wrestler is certified, and the minimum wrestling weight is determined for the season, the wrestler will be ineligible to wrestle below their certified class."

The IHSA tried to alleviate the problem by adding a later, second certification opportunity to this year's rules. But for some, it wasn't enough.

"This year they had two dates where you could certify," said Qualls, "but that still didn't help some of the kids. Kids get in the room and as the season goes, weight keeps coming off and they're already certified at that weight and that's it."

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health and safety losses and forfeits are trivial.

But wrestlers can still try to skirt the rules.

Kid exposed concern that the program may not eliminate dangerous dieting practices as much as hoped.

"I'm not sure if it's accomplishing what they want it to accomplish," he said. "I think what it's done is just move up the diet process. They start in November instead of December. I think it's even caused some kids to crash even harder than before."

And a kid at 7 percent body fat is still a skinny, skinny kid.

An example is a former Twin Falls High wrestler, who at the beginning of the current season missed certifying for the 103-pound class by seven-tenths of a pound, forcing him to face the prospect of conceding upwards of 8 percent or more of his body weight each time he stepped on the mat in the 112-pound class.

But for Young, it's a moot point. "I'm going to have to," he said of the wrestler's predicament. "Wherever you cut the line off with anything, you're going to have that."

Young acknowledges the little negative feedback the IHSAA has received on the program, but is very pleased with what the NWACF has accomplished in its three years. Not only in terms of safety, but also with students' interest in and enjoyment of the sport.

"I think that you're getting a lot of kids coming out that aren't worrying about cutting weight," he said. "They're enjoying it. They're no longer having to fight the weight. Everyone's on an even playing field."

Despite what it cost his team early on, Buhl senior John Alves is on the same page. Since the season opener, Alves has made the cut from 145 to 140, filling one of his team's holes.

"At the beginning of the year, we had four kids at 145 and one kid that was out (with an injury)," he said. "There was nobody at 140 so that gave up team points so it was hard for the team."

Even so, Alves recognizes the overriding issues and benefits of the program. "It's good because it keeps kids healthier," he said. "There's a lot more live action."

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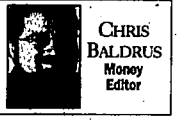
Section D

## Caboose moves to West Magic

West Magic Resort now has a caboose. And it's because of William A. Chase.

Chase was a brakeman for the Union Pacific Railroad, and the caboose will be refurbished in his honor, said Don Hartman, the resort's owner.

Hartman's not exactly sure what he's going to do with the 1967 Class CA9 all-steel caboose. Since 1989, when Union Pacific donated it to the Shoshone Chamber of Commerce, it's been in that city. Part of the time it sat in a city park and most recently it's been by Moon Creek Store, he said.



CHRIS BALDUS  
Money Editor

Hartman bought it last fall and Twin Falls Crane Service moved it to his resort. It's been there since Nov. 3.

"There's no overnight lodging here," said Hartman, "so in a couple years we might retrofit it as an overnight cabin."

That's only an idea right now, though.

What's important now is just finding it up in Chase's memory. Chase, by the way, is resort manager Stacy McLaughlin's grandfather.

Hartman calls McLaughlin his "bestie."

Chris' other job about the caboose, Tim Tharp's Twin Falls Crane Service has moved the caboose three times. He moved it off the trucks when retired and into the Shoshone city park, moved it from the park to Moon Creek Store and now from the store to West Magic Resort, said Hartman.

A farewell: For more than 53 years, musician Joe Marcellito performed at the Sun Valley Resort. It was "the one and only gig for me," he said, according to The Wood River Journal. He died at his home in Halley on Jan. 4 after playing his last gig Jan. 3 with his Joe Marcellito Trio.

Should Historic Downtown Twin Falls Inc. remove the parking meters downtown? I asked HDT President Jill Trivelpiece about this. People have suggested it be sold, but before that can be done a new revenue source must be found.

OK, I'm new here, so maybe this surprises only me.

I stopped at Honker's Mini Mart on my way out of Jerome this week when I saw them: breaded fried chicken and ribs. They were right next to the standard corn dogs and burritos you see at gas stations everywhere.

"We've been selling them here for about 20 years, and we sell a lot of them," said Sabra Anderson, manager. "We have people from all over stop just for ribs."

But Honker's left alone. Even a famous big box store nearby sells a version, she said.

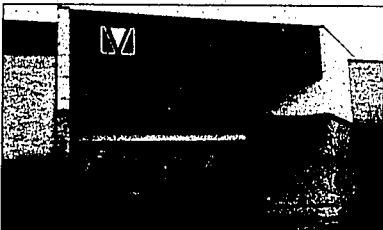
Scoular Co., based in Omaha, Neb., is building a \$3.5 million commodity storage and shipping facility in southern Jerome, reports the North Side News.

Scoular, which already operates a commodity sales office in Twin Falls, will consolidate its operations at the new facility.

The U.S. Census Bureau sent out population estimate updates this week. As of July 1, 2005, Idaho's population was 1,429,096. In 2004, the population was 1,395,140. The bureau also estimated the number of births annually using July 1 as the starting and ending place. So between July of 2004 and July 2005, Idahoans gave birth to 21,196 babies, compared to 21,848 from 2003 to 2004.

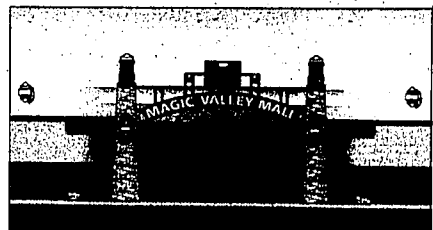
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## FROM FORTRESS TO FESTIVAL



Before and after

Left: An entrance at the Magic Valley Mall.  
Right: An artist's rendition of the entrance to the Mall after the renovation.



## New market realities drive Magic Valley Mall facelift

By Chris Baldus  
Times-News writer

TWINFALLS—To call it a fortress is not unkind. Twenty years ago, that's what designers called it.

The idea was to build a nondescript exterior—blend in, keeping all the excitement inside. Like a fortress.

Today, the Magic Valley Mall's owners have a renaissance of sorts in mind. Designers call it "festival marketplace," said Brent White, the mall's general manager.

"We want to make a statement to the community that this is a really special place," he said. "It's not the everyday shopping center, not even the everyday mall."

The intent is to start a \$500,000-to-\$1 million renovation of the mall's exterior April 1, weather permitting, wrapping up June 30. Woodbury Corporation, which owns the mall, is bringing its plans to the Twin Falls city government this month. Those plans include new stone and steel entrances and monument signs, a bright new logo, sconce lights, and a new paint job. There will also be some changes inside, including new mall directories and casual seating areas.

"Most mall owners would not do it," said White. "Most of them invest their money in building new space to rent. They're not going to build a real elegant, attractive exterior, that's not where money is made to a landlord."

The only other mall in the Intermountain area that has undergone a similar cosmetic re-creation is Gateway in Salt Lake City, he said.

But Woodbury Corporation, a family-owned business that likely will hold onto the mall longer than the industry average of four to five years, agreed with White and the mall's marketing director, Shellen Gilliland, that changes are necessary. The mall was built in 1986 and the market has changed locally and globally, they said.

"Consumers have every kind of choice, they can shop... from their computer," said White. "So that's certainly a significant part of why we don't want to be average, and we're not doing an average sort of facelift."

The Magic Valley retail market has also grown significantly since the mall was built in 1986.

"The mall had once been the dominant feature when you came across that bridge, now it's one of many," said White.

The square footage of shopping space the mall competes against is six times larger than it was in 1986, he said.

### Who's Woodbury Corporation?

On a national scope Woodbury is a small company, said Brent White, Magic Valley Mall general manager. But in the Intermountain area it has about 50 shopping centers plus big box stores "power centers," end hotels. Woodbury also owns the Target shopping center in Twin Falls.

And the customer base has changed. "Ten years ago, you could not come to this town and buy a spec home equivalent to what you left in Seattle or Atlanta. You now can," said White. "So we're getting a whole new kind of resident eager to come here... We need to provide that customer the kind of place (that makes them feel) 'This is the place for me. I fit here.'"

Having a mall residents are proud of is important, said Gilliland. "The people of the community really own this mall. This is their mall." And she hopes the change will encourage more people to see it as a destination to bring guests.

This project is coming along after the mall has spent about \$2 million since 1998 renovating the interior of the mall. The goal of that work was the same, to make the mall a more comfortable inviting place to be.

"The developers in the 70s and 80s said 'Make the common areas a little bit uncomfortable, force (people) into the stores,'" said White. "The common areas used to be dark and there was very little seating if any. The new common areas in the mall inside are very light. We tripled the amount of lights in this building about 3 years ago. People like to feel safe. People like to feel warm."

The new entrances will have stone columns with metal work. The Magic Valley Mall's logo will be a layered steel creation that will be back lit. The exterior of the mall will also be better lit with 24 sconce lights primarily by the entrances. "(Today) you drive up to this place at night and you can hardly see it," said White. It would be simpler to use floodlights to bathe the building in a glow, but these lights on the building that shine up and down are more elegant, he said.

The mall also added televisions to the food court, said Gilliland, and will be putting in at least three living-room type seating areas, live plants and colorful flags in the near future.

"The televisions are a little bit dad-oriented, because he gets



Stephen Gomez, 3, reacts to a slow starting mechanical fire engine in the food court at the Magic Valley Mall as his sisters Candace, left, and Amanda Gomez try to fix the problem. The Magic Valley Mall will be renovated starting in April and hopes to offer a "festival" atmosphere for its customers.

bored and says 'OK here we're leaving,'" said White. Now, they're encouraged to go to the food court and watch TV.

"This renovation will surprise people how quickly it will happen," he said.

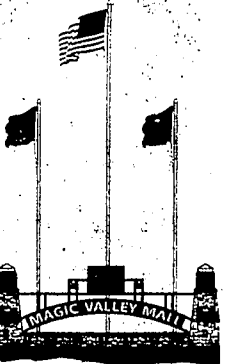
Most of the project is being constructed off site by Lyle Sign and will be trucked and put up in short order.

Woodbury Corporation decreed that the design and work should be done with local businesses, said White. So local contractors will also be on the job doing electrical, landscape and paint work.

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Left: These small monuments will replace existing ones at mall entrances. "Those big concrete monolith things are going away," said Magic Valley Mall General Manager Brent White.



Right: This monument sign would be at the corner of Blue Lakes and Bridgerview boulevards. It will use a combination of backlighting and floodlights at night.

## Bootmakers from Mexico riding at the top of a dying industry



Bootmaker Eduardo Ramirez forms the bottom of a custom made boot at Boot Maker Espinosa in Phoenix, Ariz. At shops like this one, real bootmakers work through changes in fashion and society.

By Yvonne Wingett  
The Arizona Republic

PHOENIX (AP) — Sitting on the stool he has warmed for 13 years, Eduardo Ramirez stretches black ostrich leather over a plastic shoe mold, just the way his father taught him.

He picks up a hammer and nails the smooth sole onto the bottom of a Size 9 boot. He rubs his calloused hands together for heat and deliberately stitches the sole with a nylon-threaded needle.

Ramirez works quietly in the back room of a freshly painted stecco shop in midtown Phoenix, undisturbed by a Singer sewing machine that hums across a room and Billy Joel's piano on a boom box.

For generations, Latino craftsmen such as Ramirez have sewn cowboy boots for the wranglers of the Southwest, long before they became this season's hottest style and stocked on shelves at Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus. But the fashion frenzy passes by shops like Boot Maker Espinosa, where real bootmakers work through changes in fashion and society.

Stitch by stitch and sole by sole, the start's three bootmakers have kept alive a tradition, with deep roots in Mexico, where some of the world's best bootmakers are trained. The craft takes years to learn and is passed down by technicians, often fathers, to sons.

People pay big bucks for the

craftsmanship; custom boots can start at \$300 and run into the thousands at the Phoenix area's few shops that keep the tradition alive.

But what will become of the old trade, these men wonder, as people opt for cheaper department store boots and the bootmakers' sons pursue other professions?

"When we die," said shop owner David Espinosa, wearing black caudillo ostrich boots he made in the early 1980s, "all of this is going to die with us."

Long before American trendsetters came along with her \$150 Western boot line, the styles were set by military heroes. While boots

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## Rep. Simpson addresses concerns of sugar growers

**TWIN FALLS** — On a dreary, drizzly Wednesday in the Magic Valley, Congressman Mike Simpson tackled the growing concerns of Gen Stee sugar producers over bilateral trade agreements threatening the domestic industry. He also filled them in on his advocacy sentiment toward the 2007 Farm Bill and farm programs.

The sugar program is different than other farm programs in that it's no cost to the government. It controls the amount of sugar that can come into this country and stabilizes prices," he said. "That's good for the American consumer, but there are people in Congress opposed to the sugar program, opposed to every farm program."

Simpson said what is sorely needed in the halls of Congress is to show legislators the benefits of farm programs.

### Farmbeat

**H**ighlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, the southern Idaho's weekly report on agriculture.

The administration and its trade negotiators need to be informed of the potential impact of upcoming trade agreements, such as the Free Trade Areas of America, Simpson said.

With the Free Trade Areas of the Americas, its potential impact on sugar is tremendous," he said.

Simpson, who opposed the Central America Free Trade Agreement-Dominican Republic because of its threat to the beet and cane industry, said he and sugar producers learned a lot in

the process. "The time members of Congress became aware of the impact it had already been negotiated," he said. In future trade negotiations, "we want to work with the trade ambassadors before we get to go back after they've agreed to things."

### Cowboy legislator settling into new job

**BOISE** — If ranching is the Brackett family business, politics may come in a close second. The son of a legislator and father of a congressional staffer, Bert Brackett knows Idaho politics just as well he knows the best roads of eastern Owyhee County.

Today marks the end of his first week representing the Magic Valley's legislative District 23 — which stretches from

the sprawling ranches in Owyhee County to the suburbanized ranches closer to Twin Falls. It's a district that has traditionally been dominated by farming and ranching values but has changed to the point of nearly ejecting a environmental activist in the last election.

Brackett is filling the seat of Doug Jones of Filer, who left the area for a job in Hawaii. Brackett received the appointment from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in November.

"It's kind of hectic, but starting to make sense," Brackett said from the Statehouse on Thursday.

### Reservoirs rising as precipitation falls

**TWIN FALLS** — Things are looking pretty good in the Upper Snake River reservoir

system. After several years of declining reservoir levels, that's good news for irrigators across southern Idaho who rely on the Snake River for their irrigation water.

Reservoir levels are up significantly from a year ago. Mike Beus told stockholders at the Twin Falls Canal Company's annual meeting on Jan. 10. Beus is the operations manager for the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley. Higher precipitation and more carryover at the end of the 2005 irrigation season are responsible for the increases.

At Jackson Lake, the highest reservoir in the eight-reservoir system, precipitation has improved storage from 14 percent of capacity in 2005 to 45 percent of capacity this year.

Even with discharges from Jackson a bit higher than last year, Jackson is filling at a rate a little greater than a year ago.

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We don't know if sugar is included; we don't know if we'll have to fight.

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— Mark Duffin, executive director, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, on the Free Trade Areas of America trade agreement

"A significant amount of the inflow is snow falling on the watershed," Beus said. "Things are looking pretty good above Jackson."

### CAREER MOVES

#### Amber Elde

**TWIN FALLS** —

Amber A. Elde has opened a new styling station at New Escape Salon on Main Street. She has 10 years of experience in Aveda salons, specializes in hair color and waxing services and also does haircuts.

Elde completed her cosmetology degree at Capri College and has worked as a senior stylist at distinguished Aveda Concept Salons in Blomack, N.D.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Tempe, Ariz. She also has studied Aveda in Minneapolis, Phoenix and New York.

#### Richard Davis

**TWIN FALLS** —

Richard Davis is now the owner and manager of Richard Davis & Sons, a tattoo and body piercing studio in Twin Falls. He has 15 years of experience in the tattooing industry.

His favorite style of tattooing is realism, and he is versatile and can do just about any style, including realism and cover-ups.

He has two children. His girlfriend will join him here soon.

#### Rod Kinney

**TWIN FALLS** —

Rod Kinney recently completed the first half of his training with Kinney Cosmetics of Utah, and will be a certified Permanent Cosmetic Artist. He is bringing Permanent Makeup to WarmArt Tattoo & Body Piercing LLC.

Permanent Cosmetics is cosmetic color applied beneath the surface of the skin (tattooing) to create beauty that won't run, smear or rub off.

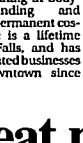
Kinney brings 11 years of conventional training in body piercing, branding and tattooing to his permanent cosmetic work. He is a lifetime resident Twin Falls, and has owned and operated businesses in historic downtown since 1975.



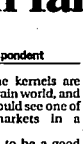
Amber Elde



Rod Kinney



Richard Davis



Andrea Pierce

WarmArt Tattoo & Body Piercing LLC is located at 124 Main Ave., No. 203

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Learn to drive harvest trucks

**BURLEY** — Personnel Plus will hold a training meeting for anyone interested in learning how to drive tractors and harvest trucks for farmers in the area at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Anyone interested in driving harvest trucks is invited to view a video on the job details. If they are interested, the farmer will teach them how to drive later in the year. Training is provided at no cost to the individual.

When the person is hired, they will pay the farmer back for the amount of hours requested for training.

Experienced drivers who would like to receive their commercial driver's licenses with all endorsements, including hazardous materials, are invited to a training. It takes four to six weeks to be ready to drive in the spring.

For more information, call 678-0411.

— compiled from staff reports

### MILESTONES

#### Spring Cove bulls listed

**BLISS** — Spring Cove Ranch owns four bulls listed in the 2006 Spring Show.

Report published by the American Angus Association, Joseph, Mo.

Issued in both print and online, the new report features the latest performance information available on 4,914 sires, and is currently accessible at [www.angussearch.com](http://www.angussearch.com).

## Sweating a sugar deal

By Scott Kraus  
Ag Weekly correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — Sugar producer groups are still awaiting word on whether sugar will be part of a World Trade Organization deal to allow unrestricted access to U.S. markets by 50 least-developed countries, officials said here.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, which is leading the Doha round of WTO free-trade talks, is still considering what to do from the deal, said Jack Roney, director of economics and policy analysis for the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va.

The United States adopted the proposal last month at the WTO ministerial conference in Hong Kong, where world agricultural subsidies were addressed. The deal calls for the United States to open all but 3 percent of its approximately 1,700 tariff line-items to duty-free and quota-free access to poor countries, he said.

### How they stand

Sugar producers worry that sugar will be included in a WTO deal with poor countries. The U.S. has yet to decide if these countries will have unrestricted access to U.S. sugar markets. Producer groups would likely oppose in Congress any WTO deal that allowed such access.

"We'd prefer this is not in place at all," Roney said.

But the alliance hopes sugar is ultimately included in the 3 percent of items that will remain off limits under the pact. If it isn't, the alliance would probably have to oppose the trade deal if it went to Congress, he said.

"This is a serious threat," he said. "That's because the 50 least-developed countries produce a combined total of 3.3 million metric tons of sugar a year and

export a total of 983,000 metric tons a year. If all that sugar came to the United States, it would lower market prices."

Jeff Henry, who grows sugar beets in the Eden-Hazelton area, said that would seriously damage U.S. sugar producers. "The U.S. program depends on the government regulating sugar sales to ensure adequate returns to producers, rather than paying subsidies, according to the Alliance. That much sugar coming into America duty-free would threaten the no-cost operation of the sugar program."

The issue is a major concern for producers, said Luther Markwart, executive vice president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association in Washington, D.C.

Further, countries could work the system by selling all their homegrown sugar in the United States, then buying back the sugar they need from the "world market."

## Wheat prices get boost from falling world output

By Cindy Snyder  
Ag Weekly correspondent

**BURLEY** — The kernels are aligning in the grain world, and wheat growers could see one of their better markets in a decade.

"This is going to be a good year," Bill Mendenhall told grain producers at a marketing seminar in Burley on Jan. 11. "I'm more positive this year than I have been in a number of years."

He pointed to a number of fundamentals both in the United States and the world that point to tightening wheat supplies.

"It was only there about two days. The ride up was an amazing thing from late 1995 through mid 1996."

Whether the market turns bullish in the next three months or the next year, he isn't certain but said he is optimistic it will happen.

In an odd production, we're going to go into a deficit and people are starting to recognize that."

Mendenhall spoke the day before the U.S. Department of Agriculture released its final production numbers from the 2005 season along with winter wheat seeding projections. Quarterly grain stocks and a snapshot of the world's supply-and-demand picture were released at the same time.

Those reports indicate he had justification for his optimism. Joe Victor, vice president of marketing for Allendale, Inc., said wheat is the commodity that is best positioned for a price rally. He spoke during a Chicago Board of Trade sponsored press briefing after the USDA reports were released.

Both the wheat seedings and quarterly stocks reports are supportive to wheat. Winter wheat seedings were pegged at

41,367 million acres, less than trade expectations at 42,386 million acres but up from 40.3 million last year. One million acres at last year's yield would represent 42 million bushels.

Extremely dry conditions in Texas and Oklahoma have reduced hard red winter wheat acres.

Victor pointed out that on average only 80 percent of the winter wheat seeded is harvested for grain. He said he does not expect growers to plant significantly more spring wheat acre.

The USDA pegged Dec. 1 wheat stocks at 1.43 billion bu., unchanged from last year. Projected ending wheat stocks are projected to be 542 million bu. The three-year average is 971 million bu.

Foreign wheat production is up nearly 1 million mt. (36.74 million bu.) due primarily to larger crops in China and EU-25, partly offset by smaller crops in Kazakhstan and Russia. Forecast foreign ending stocks are up 1 million tons due to larger stocks in China, EU-25, Croatia, and Bulgaria, partially offset by smaller stocks in Kazakhstan and Paraguay.

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## Tomorrow's News Today

By Joshua Palmer  
For The Times-News  
**BURLEY** — A Burley woman is facing 20 counts of grand theft by deception in an insurance scheme that her former employers say cost them more than \$600,000.

**School nurse keeps tradition alive**  
By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer  
**TWIN FALLS** — Gone are the days when school nurses took care of students' bumps, bruises and daily medications. But one woman keeps the tradition alive in Twin Falls. Kyle Hoopes, whose services are donated by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, divides her time among Twin Falls' elementary schools.

**Jerome city, county officials plan for future**  
By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent  
**JEROME** — Right now, Jerome's "growth triangle" is mostly farmland. But city and county officials are planning for the future.

**Skating after dark in Buhl**  
By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent  
**BUHL** — Skating after dark is now an option in Buhl. The city has extended the curfew at Cascade Skate Park.

**Versatile Talbott leads Pirates**  
By Michael Garbarino  
Times-News writer  
**HAGERMAN** — Stopping an opponent's star player is supposed to be a good thing. Most of the time.  
Trying to shut down Hagerman sport star Skyler Talbott usually comes with a price.

**AND SATURDAY IN SPORTS ...**  
**Eagles women face hungry Bruins**  
**CSJ looks to avenge non-conference loss to SLCC**  
By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer  
**TWIN FALLS** — With a 66-65 defeat at the hands of the Salt Lake Community College Braves last night, the College of Southern Idaho golden Eagles head to Salt Lake City tonight with one goal on their minds.  
Win the one that matters.  
The Braves' non-conference victory over the Eagles women during December's Dixie State College Las Vegas clinic may be a feather in SLCC's cap, but it's nothing compared to a SCRC West Athletic Conference win. With the 14-3 Eagles in the conference lead at 5-0, all the Braves (12-4, 3-2) really want is to narrow the gap between themselves and the conference's top spot.  
"The pressure definitely on them. It's not on us," CSJ head coach Randy Rogers said. "We'd love to win, because that would put us in the driver's seat. But they need that win. They have to come up here twice, so I think they'll be under a little bit of pressure."

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**Wendy's withholding tomatoes**

Unless, of course, you ask for them

By Steve Harrison  
Knight Ridder News Service

**MIAMI**—The photograph on the menu shows a juicy burger dressed with a juicy tomato. But at many Wendy's restaurants nationwide, the tomato now comes only if you ask—the result of Hurricane Wilma wrecking much of the Florida winter tomato crop.

"We just can't get the quantity and quality of the tomatoes we want," said Wendy's spokesman Bob Bertini.

Florida farmers—who provide most of America's winter tomato supply—insist this year's shortage isn't as severe as 2004, when hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne caused massive price spikes. These days, prices are hovering between \$2.50 and \$2.90 a pound for vine-ripe tomatoes, which usually cost a \$1 a pound. Last winter's spike reached \$3.50, according to a Public spokesperson.

But Florida's tomato growers are worried that this year's high prices could lead to a repeat of last winter's roller-coaster price "catastrophe," as the Dade County Farm Bureau called it.

After 2004's record hurricane season, consumers' appetite for tomatoes vanished with the record prices. When a large crop was harvested in January, there were no buyers, as consumers were perhaps scared by prices that had more than tripled.

Grocers charged bitterly that grocery stores didn't lower prices fast enough to entice buyers. Florida growers ended up donating 700,000 pounds of unsold tomatoes to food banks nationwide.

"So many users were turned off by the price," said Reggie Brown of the Maitland-based Florida Tomato Committee, a marketing group. "When we returned with volume, we literally left acres of tomatoes in the field."

South Florida grower Paul DiMare said he fears the same thing could happen again.

The problem is the market doesn't reset fast enough, DiMare said. Tomatoes are perishable, and need to be sold. With potatoes or citrus, you can do stuff with it. Not tomatoes.

Florida is a major domestic tomato supplier from October to June, and in the winter months it supplies almost all tomatoes eaten by Americans. Mexico exports contribute the rest.

Wholesale prices for top-quality tomatoes are generally between \$3 and \$10 for a 25-pound box. The current price is about \$34.

DiMare, one of Florida's largest growers, was frustrated by Wendy's decision to offer tomatoes only when asked. Growers have made a special effort to ensure fast-food restaurants are supplied, he said.

Tomatoes now being picked were planted before Wilma, and their plants were battered by the storm's wings.

Tomatoes planted after Wilma should be ready by late January or February.

"We are about to start picking in Homestead and the lower east coast, in Delray Beach and Pompano, Immanuel—because it's colder—will lag a few weeks behind," Brown said.

Said Public spokeswoman Maria Erous: "The good news is prices aren't at an all-time high. And the prices should start to go down soon."



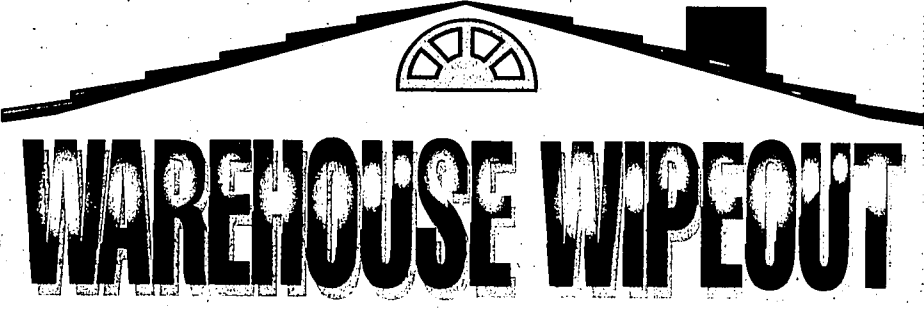
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**60" Pier Wall**  
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**Toyota Prius outsells its tax credits**

Los Angeles Times

If you want a tax break on a new hybrid car, you may have to settle for your second choice. Treasury Secretary John Snow on Friday promoted the new tax break for buyers of gas-electric powered hybrids. Development and sale of hybrid vehicles is a key step toward reducing gasoline consumption, Snow said at a Ford Motor Co. research center near Detroit.

The tax break was part of an energy bill signed into law in August and went into effect Jan. 1. But the tax credit begins phasing out once an automaker sells 60,000 of the eligible vehicles between now and the end of 2010.

Toyota Motor Corp.'s Prius sedan is the nation's fastest-selling hybrid, and the gas-sipping model is by a slender margin the top seller at dealers. The Japanese automaker, which also sells two hybrid sport utility vehicles, expects its hybrid sales to hit the 60,000 mark in the first half of this year.

Led by the Prius, total hybrid sales could reach 280,000 in 2006, said Anthony Pratt, J.D. Power forecaster. But the tax credit will be only a minor reason for the sales jump. "People still tend to determine what car to buy based on their monthly car payment," he said. "They would not see any of the tax credit until at least April 2007 when they file their return."

For automakers, the new tax break has been something of a bureaucratic headache.

Buyers can claim a fuel economy credit of up to \$2,400 a hybrid, depending on how much less fuel the vehicle uses over a standard 2002 model, plus up to \$1,000 based on estimated lifetime fuel savings.

However, the final savings depends on data supplied by automakers.

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# New security technology peeps into cargo containers

By Ronald D. White  
Los Angeles Times

The weapons seizure was more than 37 months, 1,200 rounds of ammunition and one sledgehammer. But its discovery at a port halfway around the world last month may pack a big punch at Rapiscan Systems Inc.

Using equipment built by the Hawthorne, Calif., company, port inspectors in Bombay, India, found a cache at the bottom of a barrel of waste grease inside a cargo container.

conference at Baltimore's port, the Multiple Eagle cargo and vehicle inspection system used there picked up an endorsement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert C. Bonner. He said the Rapiscan system was a "unique tool in our arsenal of detection technology to protect our country — achieving increased security against the terrorist threat, and doing so without shutting down the flow of trade and damaging our economy."

By September, Rapiscan had parlayed the events into a \$16-

million sale of Multiple Eagle systems to a customer that the company declined to identify for security reasons. It was a moment of clarity in a crowded field where companies have a hard time differentiating themselves from rivals, much less furnishing proof that their products will thwart a terrorist attack.

"The Indian customs officials sent photos of the seizure to us and most of the engineers had them up on their desks for weeks," said Peter Kent, Rapiscan's vice president of

government affairs. "For those who spent years of testing and failing, knowing it was being used and helping to protect against terror was exceptionally motivating."

Rapiscan is among the hundreds of companies that have lined up since the Sept. 11 attacks to sell equipment and software to improve security at seaports, airports and other vulnerable spots.

The industry is difficult to pin down. The federal government spent \$18 billion from 2001 to 2004 on homeland security, a

congressional research report said, but there is no central supplier database. Instead, the companies — from the try to the huge — attend conferences and trade fairs to tout their products and hire lobbyists to navigate the government and corporate bureaucracies that pay their bills.

The customers' changing needs have required Rapiscan and others to develop costly technology to respond to new types of threats.

Before September 2001, "we had some work with customs

duty controls and anti-embrogling work, but the biggest focus was drug interdiction," Kent said. "Now you are looking for explosives, nuclear materials and chemical threats that do not have to be trafficked in large amounts. You need more sophisticated and higher-performing equipment."

The 400-energy operation came up with high-energy X-ray and thermal-neutron scanners that could see 98 percent of what was inside a cargo container, compared with the ability to see 40 percent to 50 percent.

## Boots

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have been around for centuries, today's style of cowboy boots was shaped in the mid-1800s as functional frontier footwear with tall leather tops to protect the legs while riding through brush, and short heels to keep the feet in the stirrups and dig into dirt to control livestock.

Cattle ranching in Mexico and the U.S. Southwest helped form the classic version of today's boots, they said, with cowboys wearing durable plain boots such as the Wellington, a low-heeled British boot with square or rounded toes and pull-on straps.

Over the years, the leg height, heel and decorative stitching of the boots changed, with styles dictated by use: military, ranching and horse riding. Cobblers boosted business by repairing the boots, others specialized in custom boots.

"The boot has been shared between the U.S. and Mexico," said Jennifer June, a California author who is writing a book on cowboy boots. She is at www.dlmjigs.com, a Web site that pays tribute to the boot. "If you think of the boot as the Southwest, it was handed back to folks quite a bit between Mexico and the United States." The cultures merged.

"And boot businesses on both sides of the border boomed. Some of today's best custom bootmakers are from Leon, Guanajuato, the country's leather capital. Shoes and cowboy boots are a big part of the state's economy, with tens of millions of pairs being produced and exported yearly."

Shined ranching in the border between Mexico and the United States also made the trade popular in major Mexican border cities, including Nogales, Sonora and Juarez, Chihuahua. Ramirez began making boots at age 9 in the Colonia San Felipe del Real area in Juarez, across the border from El Paso, where some consider the world's bootmaking capital.

"The men in Ramirez's family had little education, he said. But like many other men there, they had perfect taste in boot-making skills and they made money."

In a cramped shop built onto their home, they patterned and stitched together the soles of boots for Mexican and Texan ranchers and businessmen. In the afternoons, after school and an hour of play, Ramirez joined his dad in the shop.

As his father's assistant, he took orders, handed him hammers, pliers and screwdrivers and carried away stacks of soles on the leather. At 15, Ramirez quit school to work full time with his father. By the time he was 16, he was assembling the footwear without help.

He built the boot the old-fashioned way: by hand, including the intricate stitching on the leg of the boot, the strips of piping that run the side of the boot and the outsole, or strip of leather that's hammered around the sole of the boot.

"It's the only thing I ever learned how to do," Ramirez, 48, said as he hunched over a workbench cluttered with masking tape, glue and nails. He sat down on his bench, dips a sharp pointed tool in wax, punches a hole through a piece of leather and ties a knot, securing the sole onto the bottom of alligator boots with blue and white stitching. Eight of his nine brothers are bootmakers in Juarez and El Paso.

"We worked well together," Ramirez remembered. "The ways they worked side by side. We made beautiful boots."

"When he came to Phoenix in the early 1990s, he searched day after day for his boots. But it was tough: mid-and-pop Western stores and custom shoe stores were giving very to chains and larger shops. Many have their brands abroad, at a pace and price that custom shops like Boot Maker Espinoza cannot compete with."

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# TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

## TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

### Influence under the influence sentencing

Hank Thomas Williams, 23, 231 W. 145 S., Jerome, driving without the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Cly B. Campbell, 45, 802 S. 1800 E., Hazelton, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Michael Claude Mayer, 56, 3905 Alche St. No. 20, Boise, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; or be where present; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Stephanie R. Griffin, 39, 124 Sunset Circle, Buhl; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, work detail in lieu of jail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Jose Laguna-Ramirez, 21, 3673 N. 1500 E., Buhl; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Kirsty James Walgumant, 21, 80 W. 1000 E. Jerome, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Hiedi L. King, 24, 4224B Carter Park Road, Buhl; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with balance suspended; driving privileges suspended for two years; probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; one count driving without privileges and one count possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentencing  
Aly Lynn Anderson, 21, 514 Jefferson St. No. D, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase valid license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Misdemeanor sentencing  
John Frederick Kemp Jr., 41, 1239 Blake St., Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to felony; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 177 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Misdemeanor sentencing  
Jacob Kado Sisson, 28, 1625 W. Main St. No. 25, Buhl; petty larceny; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine with \$100 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Misdemeanor sentencing  
Jon James Moseley, 21, 301 Hankins Road S., Kimberly; felony aggravated assault;

amended to aiming a firearm at another; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$63.50 costs; \$72.50 restitution; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Jon James Moseley, 21, 301 Hankins Road S., Kimberly; felony aiding and abetting a rape; amended to dispensing alcohol to a minor; pleaded guilty; 65 days in jail with 305 suspended; to be served concurrently with felony case; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Jeffrey M. Trevino, 11, 206 Highway Drive, No. 1, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Nikki Ann Friel, 19, P.O. Box 1344, Hansen; providing shelter to runaway children; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Mark Dwayne Lind, 43, 350 Golf Course Road, Jerome; felony burglary; amended to one count unlawful entry; pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation; concurrent with other counts; one count unlawful entry; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Harold J. Stoker.

Patricia Vandybly, 66, 842 W. Midway, No. 652, Biler; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, work detail in lieu of jail; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; or be where present; one count injury to a child; pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, work detail in lieu of jail; 12 months probation; concurrent with other counts; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Matthew William D. Koch, 21, 1343 Spruce, Twin Falls; petty theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Misdemeanor dismissals  
Cory Cecil McDonald, 28, 4423 N. 1600 E., Buhl; one count disturbing the peace and one count malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Felony sentencing  
Kathleen Marie Young, 38, 2045 E. 4000 N., Elmer; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; \$2,000 fine with \$1,500 suspended; \$103.50 costs; driving privileges suspended two years; probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; one count possession of a controlled substance; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$37.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee.

Felony sentencing  
Belinda Leverick, 19, 1815 E. 1800 N., Buhl; one count possession of a stolen vehicle; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; three years determinate; suspended; three years probation; \$37.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee.

the main source of income; no firearms; 100 hours community service; must have interlock device on vehicle until 2009; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Christopher R. Jones, 23, 181 Morris St., Twin Falls; grand theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty; four and one half years penitentiary; two years determinate; two and one half years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$88.50 costs; \$250 public defender fee; \$250 for costs of prosecution; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; 100 hours community service; must have interlock device on vehicle until 2009; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Artem Andrianumaraisa, 20, 203 Eden St. E. No. A1, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; two years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; five years probation; \$2,000 fine with \$1,400 suspended; \$103.50 costs; driving privileges suspended one year; \$100 public defender fee; \$100 for costs of prosecution; 150 days in jail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; 50 hours community service; must have interlock device on vehicle until 2009; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Curtis K. Thill, 47, 533 Addison Ave. W. No. 28, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; pleaded guilty; eight years penitentiary; three years determinate; five years indeterminate; suspended; five years probation; \$2,000 fine with \$1,400 suspended; \$88.50 costs; \$500 public defender fee; 90 days in jail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; 100 hours community service; \$1,242.13 fine; \$21.52 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls; one count forgery; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; two and one half years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Penitentiary; one count forgery; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Jon James Moseley, 21, 301 Hankins Road S., Kimberly; grand theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty; four and one half years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$88.50 costs; \$250 public defender fee; \$250 for costs of prosecution; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; 100 hours community service; \$1,242.13 fine; \$21.52 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls; one count forgery; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; two and one half years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Penitentiary; one count forgery; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

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Jackie J. Crivits, 15, 436 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property and one count unlawful entry; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Joey T. Trevino, 15, 620 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; four counts battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Roger D. Vulgamore, 14, 4580 N. 1500 E., Buhl; two counts malicious injury to property and two counts unlawful entry and one count burglary; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jackie J. Crivits, 15, 436 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property and one count unlawful entry and one count burglary; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Casey Pearson, 17, 2956 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls; one count battery on a law enforcement officer and one count resisting or obstructing an officer; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 20; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Bradley C. Hendrickson, 14, 132 Buchanan St., Twin Falls; petty theft; waived counsel; pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Brandon C. Admire, 11, 936 Fair St., Buhl; battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Oscar G. Aguilar, 9, 218 W. No. 13, Jerome; petty theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Felony dismissals  
David W. Mathis, 34, 341 Madison St. W., Twin Falls; two counts aggravated assault; dismissed by prosecutor; state plans to refile; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Johnny A. Shores, 17, 327 Elm St. N., Twin Falls; voluntary manslaughter; dismissed by prosecutor; due to the actual indictment; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Juvenile arraignments  
Robert A. Garfield, 14, 720 Sawtooth Ave. No. 12, Buhl; five counts malicious injury to property and one count unlawful entry; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Christian Gonzalez, 15, 645 Fawnbrook Ave. No. D114, Twin Falls; use of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Robert M. Ruiz, 15, 1184 Sunburst, Twin Falls; four counts battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Steven Sheets, 15, 324 14th N., Buhl; six count malicious injury to property and one count unlawful entry; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Joey T. Trevino, 15, 620 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls; four counts battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Roger D. Vulgamore, 14, 4580 N. 1500 E., Buhl; two counts malicious injury to property and two counts unlawful entry and one count burglary; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Bradley C. Hendrickson, 14, 132 Buchanan St., Twin Falls; petty theft; waived counsel; pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Brandon C. Admire, 11, 936 Fair St., Buhl; battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Oscar G. Aguilar, 9, 218 W. No. 13, Jerome; petty theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

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Barcel P. Prado, 17, 924 Miller St., Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia; waived counsel; pretrial hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Justin C. Jay, 15, 807 Greenwood Circle, Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property, one count petty theft and one count burglary; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Nicole C. Giten, 17, 1407 Maple Ave., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 24; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Benjamin D. Perez, 16, 475 Caswell Ave. W. No. 208, Twin Falls; resisting or obstructing an officer; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Jan. 31; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jessaka Severn, 14, 20057 U.S. Highway 30, Buhl; burglary; grand theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Feb. 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

They R. Tickner, 15, 2024 Julie Lane, Twin Falls; four counts battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Feb. 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kevin J. Graham, 16, 654 Navajo Loop, Twin Falls; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Feb. 16; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile sentencing  
Jennifer Wavra, 17, 601 Pole Line Road S. No. 6, Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property, one count petty theft and one count burglary; sentenced to the Idaho State Board of Juvenile Corrections for an indeterminate amount of time; after release subject to following sentence: 280 days detention, credit for 40 days served, 240 days probation; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; abide by curfew; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Child findings  
Les Childs vs. Gail Knowles. Seeking judgment against the defendant for past and future medical expenses, economic losses, general damages for personal injuries; damages to plaintiff's property; amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Jan R. Olsen vs. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. Seeking judgment against defendant for compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges that defendant is in breach of contract by failing to pay for plaintiff's injuries she received in a vehicle accident of which she claims she had insurance policies for.

Child support cases  
State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Alice Faye Hudson. Seeking \$151 monthly support plus 41 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,209.79

for foster care expenses; \$330 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Grover M. Smallwood. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$216 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,730.55 and \$806.40 for foster care expenses; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Rene Faye Reynaga. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$171 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs. State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Stephen Sinclair Petty. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$1,168 and \$730 for medical assistance granted; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Stephen Sinclair Petty. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$1,168 and \$730 for medical assistance granted; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Jeffrey A. and Cynthia L. Lee. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$468.74 for Jeffrey Lee and \$517.23 and \$412.37 for Cynthia Lee; foster care expenses; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Raymond Lee Rodriguez. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$214 monthly support plus 60 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Penny Lynn Andoe. Seeking \$179 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Patricia Dale Rhoades. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to refer defendant as father; \$171 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Felicia Eleanor Dry. Seeking \$147.33 for foster care expenses; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Chyenne Rose Bolzendorf vs. Robert Anthony Bolzendorf, Rebecca Lynn Herr vs. Charles Phillip Herr, Anthony Navarete vs. Marissa Navarete. Seeking \$147.33 for foster care expenses; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

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**The Three-Hours**

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**Driving under the influence sentencings**

Ryan Armentrout, 20, 10427 Arroyo, Boise; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 18 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; one count providing false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 24 months probation; one count driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

David E. Oviatt, 35, 2029 Canyon Trail Way, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$200 fine with \$250 suspended; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

David E. Thompson, 28, 146 W. Addison, No. 14, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Adam Scott Wilson, 24, 1408 Erin Way, Teton; driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; 90 days in jail with 170 suspended; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

**Misdemeanor sentencings**

Bernardo Garza Jr., 20, 901 Aiken St., Teton; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Patrick Ryan Couch, 19, 350 S. State St., Hagerman; petit theft; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Andres Espinoza, 20, 501 1/2 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; one count open container; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty;

\$100 fine; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 26 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Vanessa Rae Snelgel, 21, 420 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Benny Ellen Spencer, 26, 242 Third Ave. N., Twin Falls; maintaining a disorderly house; \$200 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 costs; three months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Carl Eugene Fiscus, 42, 645 Main Ave. W., No. 4, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where present; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Ladonna Rae Marston, 37, 173 Rose St. S., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; detail in lieu of jail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Alexco Lee Yamana, 19, 746 Maurice St., Twin Falls; one count minor consumption; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; amended to requesting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where present; concurrent count one; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Todd Richard Rehbein, 20, 653 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; resisting or obstructing an officer; amended to failure to provide false information to an officer; found guilty; \$400 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

William Alan Martell, 37, 450 Diamond Ave., Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Timothy Russell Hoyt, 20, 2458 Contact Ave., Hollister; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Matthew Scott Sherman, 18, 323 Crestview, Twin Falls; one count providing false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with

\$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

James Robert Cason, 29, 1958 E. 1775 S., Gooding; driving vehicle without owner consent; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Sonia Morales, 18, 286 Alexander St., Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine with \$100 suspended; 90 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

James Gary Larsen, 21, 360 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where present; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Dustin Wallace Snelgel, 22, 420 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Dustin Wallace Snelgel, 22, 420 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; amended to requesting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; concurrent count one; prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Mark Devane Lind, 43, 350 Golf Course Road, Jerome; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Robert J. Sullivan, 21, 203 Eden St., No. 24, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Mathew Edward Harbaugh, 21, 1332 Eighth Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Robert Wayne Skelton, 40, 451 Quincey, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, work detail in lieu of jail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; one count failure to provide proof of insurance; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, work detail in lieu of jail; 12 months probation; concurrent with count one; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Alberto Ramos-Gaeta, 22, 1544 E. 3400 S., Wendell; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, work detail in lieu of jail; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Eric Scott Mison, 22, 405 Rose St. N., Twin Falls; open container; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Luz M. Garcia-Elizalde, 28, 1122 Washington St. S., No. 6, Twin

Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Ty Vincent Seaman, 25, P.O. Box 370, Kimberly; frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Brandon J. Sylvester-Rhodes, 22, 457 Elm St., Twin Falls; one count petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Trent Lee Reeves, 33, 171 Wisconsin, Twin Falls; petit theft;

amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

Juan Esparza Dominguez, 27, 457 Gardner Ave., Twin Falls; failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 45 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Roger Harris.

**Misdemeanor dismissals**  
Shawna Marie Shanley, 91, 421 Second Ave. E., Hagerman; obstructing an officer; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

**Misdemeanor acquittals**  
Scott Howard Holmes, 36, 336 Eden St. N., Twin Falls; domestic battery, found innocent; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.



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# GOODING COUNTY COURTS

**GOODING** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

**Civil**

**Action Collection Service vs. Jayme McDonald.** Seeking \$1,653.16, plus interest; \$400 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Credley Receivables vs. Cody E. Scheer.** Seeking \$3,782.06, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**First Resolution Investment vs. Margarita R. Gabriel.** Seeking \$1,653.97, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Action Collection Service vs. Debra Stocum.** Seeking \$1,185, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Century Funeral Service vs. Elizabeth Cheney.** Seeking \$4,872, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods and services purchased on an open account.

**State of Idaho Industrial Commission vs. Travis C. Swainston and Chad Swainston,** doing business as Aces Towel Company. Seeking \$3,200; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant failed to provide workman's compensation insurance for employees and has not obtained approval of plaintiff to function as a self-insured employer.

**Discover Bank vs. Diane M. Roedenbeck and John Doe Roedenbeck.** Seeking \$2,886.96, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for purchases made or cash advances obtained using his/her Discover account.

**Child support cases**

**State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Grant Alan McHaffie and Athena Lynn McHaffie.** Seeking of Mr. McHaffie: \$171 monthly support for Jayvon Alexander Miles, plus 65 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

**Divorces**

**Lisa L. McClellan vs. Chuan Lance McClellan**  
**Sandra Faye Dawson vs. Terry Eugene Dawson**

# JEROME COUNTY COURTS

**JEROME** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

**Misdemeanor arraignments**

**Christopher D. Driscoll, 33;** driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Daniel Drake Schmidt, 26;** battery; pretrial conference Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Layne L. Watkins, 34;** driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Kristal D. Wilkes, 19;** inattentive/ carelessness driving; preliminary hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Misdemeanor sentences**

**Melissa Penna, 26;** petit theft amended to willful conceal-

ment; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$72.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$75 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 60 suspended; failure to work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.



**Matthew Victor Schenk, 21;** driving under the influence amended to inattentive/ carelessness driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$72.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; six months unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; failure to stop/ yield from a stop sign; \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Gordon Eugene Wilson, 55;** inattentive/ carelessness driving; dismissed by prosecutor; operating a motor vehicle without

liability insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Nicole L. Brennan, 21;** disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$72.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$75 public defender fee; six months unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 60 suspended, credited for one day served, one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Misdemeanor dismissals**

**Aquillino Lysnar Anta, 30;** battery — domestic violence; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Karla Ashford, 34;** petit theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Melvin Arthur McCabe, 48;** possession of burglary tools; dismissed by prosecutor; Mag-

istrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Daniel Tovar Alvarado, 36;** disturbing the peace; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

**Civil**

**Unifund CCR Partners vs. Danny E. Jesko.** Seeking \$6,048, plus interest; \$1,300 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Statewide Collections vs. Shanna Rogers.** Seeking \$2,695.16, plus interest; \$875 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**CACV of Colorado vs. Judy K. Loder.** Seeking \$5,991.36, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

# Connecticut high court upholds Skakel conviction

**STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)** — The Connecticut Supreme Court unanimously upheld Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel's murder conviction Friday, more than 30 years after a killing that sparked decades of intrigue.

Skakel, a nephew of 2002 Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Weinstock, was convicted in 1979 of bludgeoning his neighbor, Martha Moxley, to death with a golf club in 1975 in wealthy Greenwich, Skakel, who along with the victim was 15 at the time, is serving 20 years to life in prison.

In jail," he said.

Skakel's attorney Hope Seelye issued a statement saying she will ask the high court to reconsider and that the decision overturned a 25-year-old precedent on the statute of limitations.

Skakel's family called the ruling a "grave injustice."

"Our brother Michael has been branded a killer for a crime he did not commit," the family said in a statement. "We believe 100 percent in Michael's innocence. The real killer has escaped justice and lives freely. We will not give up until justice is served and Michael is freed."

Dorothy Moxley, Martha's mother, told The Associated Press on Thursday that she was contacted by prosecutors that the high court had rejected Skakel's appeal.

"I'm not at all doubtful Michael did this. I know he did this," Moxley said. "I hope this is the last we'll hear of them."

The crime had long generated suspicions of a powerful family coup. Skakel's older brother Thomas was an early suspect because he was the last person seen with Moxley, but investigators later focused on Michael Skakel because of reports of incriminating statements he had made over the years.

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ARRAIGNMENTS

The Three-News

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

**Heather Mathis, 29, 341 Madrona St., Twin Falls;** aid and abet aggravated assault, accessory to a felony; no plea entered; hired private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 13; no bond information available.

**Timothy Burr Dennis, 29, 1719 Edridge Ave., Twin Falls;** possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; hired private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$10,000 bond.

**Richard Doyle Hodge, 20, 637 Quincy, Twin Falls;** failure to appear; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 28; \$2,500 bond.

**William Robert Murray, 36, 701 Main Ave. W., No. 10, Twin Falls;** disorderly conduct; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; released on own recognizance.

**Bilaine D. Pruett, 45, 324 Highway 30, N. 2, Kimberly;** driving without privileges, no insurance, second offense; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; sentencing hearing set for Feb. 7; released on own recognizance.

**Ernest J. Davis III, 35, 1120 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls;** domestic battery; pleaded

innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; released on own recognizance.

**Joshua Paul Holt, 25, 303 Filer Ave., Twin Falls;** possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; released on own recognizance.

**Jethy Kenneth Hill, 36, 447 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls;** possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$100 bond; remaining or obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$1,000 bond.

**Paul Scott Allred, 40, 266 Alexander, Twin Falls;** domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$1,000 bond.

**Chad Russell Yurbe, 26, 4302 N. 1325 E., Buhl;** aid and abet delivery of a controlled substance; no plea entered; hired private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$25,000 bond.

**Brandy K. Scheffer, 30, 236 1/2 Gulch Circle, Twin Falls;** failure to appear; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$1,000 bond.

**Chad Russell Yurbe, 26, 4302 N. 1325 E., Buhl;** aid and abet delivery of a controlled substance; no plea entered; hired private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$25,000 bond.

**Erica L. Olsen, 30, 1100 Linden St., Buhl;** delivery of a controlled substance; no plea entered; hired private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$50,000 bond.

**Mark Dwane Lind, 43, 1504 Highland Drive, Twin Falls;** malicious injury to property; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$25,000 bond; criminal trespass, littering, open container, failure to provide proof of insurance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$2,500 bond; failure to provide proof of insurance, nine previous charges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$100 bond.

**Alejandro Aguilar-Nava, 23, 445 W. 58th Ave., Junction City, Ore.;** driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$1,000 bond.

**Samuel Kevin Rathbun, 26, 320 Fairfield St. W., Twin Falls;** driving under the influence, carrying a concealed weapon, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$152 bond.

**Jeremiah Mateaux, 23, 315 Clear Lakes, No. 13, Buhl;** driv-

ing without privileges, resisting or obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; posted bond.

**Sarah L. Brown, 19, 1547 E. 4500 N., Buhl;** possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$500 bond.

**Millie I. Cosentino, 20, 227 Seventh Ave. N., No. 10, Twin Falls;** failure to appear; petit theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$15,000 bond.

**Chad W. Laughlin, 36, 525 Halley Ave., Twin Falls;** grand theft by disposing of stolen property, unlawful possession of a firearm; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$50,000 bond.

**Stephanie Lynn Ames, 31, 1598 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls;** possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$100 bond.

**Christopher S. Ellison, 22, P.O. Box 592, Fairfield;** failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$100 bond.

**Robert Donald Hauser Sr.,**

**50, P.O. Box 14, Boise;** possession of counterfeit money, forgery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$5,000 bond.

**Kenneth Mott, 23, 641 Main Ave. W., No. 6, Twin Falls;** reckless driving, striking an unattended vehicle; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$1,000 bond.

**Bryan Lloyd Richardson, 41, 1122 Washington St. S., No. 61D, Twin Falls;** trespass; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; released on own recognizance.

**Cubiel M. Yinzquez, 29, 325 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls;** grand theft by possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 20; \$100,000 bond.

**Steven Joseph Drinos, 40, 538 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls;** possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$500 bond.

**Bryan James Ray, 19, 218 W. Ave. I, No. 51, Jerome;** possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 31; \$100 bond.

IRS overdoes it in delivery

CHICMACUM, Wash. (AP) — Brian Lawson, a self-employed market analyst, and his wife Jack-  
ie got both more and less than they expected when they ordered an Internal Revenue Service instruction booklet by telephone.

What the Lawsons wanted was a single copy of the Form 1040 instructions for 2007 to help the fix a numerical error on their returns that has resulted in their having to pay \$300 a month in back taxes since they filed their return for that year.

What they got on Wednesday evening, three weeks after their call, was a UPS Inc. delivery of 12 boxes containing 2,000 copies each — 24,000 booklets in all — of the Form 1040 instructions for 2005.

The wrong booklets were sent from Bloomington, Ill., and arrived at the right place despite being addressed to Chincamacum, D.C. instead of Chincamacum, Wash. "We're hoping they'll be more understanding of our error since they made this big error," Lawson told the Peninsula Daily News of Port Angeles on Thursday.

He said he was unable to get the IRS to return his calls, and the newspaper also was unable to get a return call from the agency's media relations office in Seattle. Lawson did get one call about the booklets, though.

About 4:30 p.m. Thursday, a UPS employee called to say another 12 boxes addressed to him and containing 24,000 more booklets had just arrived at a warehouse. Lawson told her not to bother delivering them.

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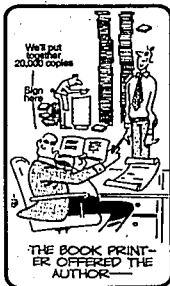
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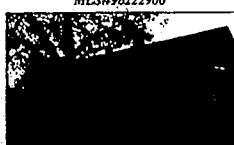
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\$279,900 Twin Falls MLS#9922572  
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2086 Down Lane- "Nice Condition"  
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**PC#131**  
\$315,000 Twin Falls MLS#9922660  
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2310 sq. ft. - Large open-plan home-Great view!  
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**PC#132**  
\$318,900 Twin Falls MLS#9922699  
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, "The Yosemite", by Whertan Homes  
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**PC#133**  
\$328,000 Twin Falls MLS#9922775  
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, Charming, remodeled country home-Great home, property  
Dana Vinyard 737-3969/737-3958

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**HARD** # 38  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page D-19.

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 SWF enjoys fishing, camping, walks, dancing, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, 21-50, to share interest with and get to know. Kimberly #2685734

**NEEDS SOME SUGAR**  
 SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SWHM, 38-54. Hollister #2644241 @ BerniSuite

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
 SF, 39, mother, kind-hearted, easygoing, soft-spoken, likes camping, fishing, family times. Looking to meet a light-hearted, child-friendly man who wants to share friendship, fun times, and a possible LTR. Burley #2627646

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
 SWF, 35, homebody ready for a change. I am looking for somebody to hang out with and just have a good time. If your interested, contact me! Twin Falls #2683033

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
 SF, 27, 48, Loo, smoker, blond/brn, hazel, seeks man, 18-34, smoker, who really needs a friend. Hollister #269003

**SEEKS FUN AND MORE**  
 SWF, 40, outdoor-type, likes dining out, dancing, laughs. Seeking a nice guy, 45-60, for romance, fun, maybe LTR. Adrian #2610168 @ DeaFroHobo!

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
 SF, 21, 5'2", short brown, dark brown 150lbs, looking for someone child-friendly, outgoing, honest man to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Hollister #2674280

**MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE**  
 SWF, 55, N/S, now to the area, likes to ride bikes, road; swim, wants to meet kind, considerate, honest SWM, 58-70, N/S. Hollister #2773734

**CHRISTIAN LADY**  
 Very fit SWF, N/S, loves working out, the Lord, going to Mass on Sundays, nature, animals. Would like to meet an even-tempered gentleman, 53-63, who enjoys similar things. Hollister #2639733

**SINGLE MOM**  
 WF, 19, 5'6", black/blk, with an daughter, good cook, enjoys anything fun with the right partner. Looking for WM, 18-25, to have fun with. Hollister #2659300

## MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**LET'S TALK**  
 SM, 21, 6'10", 210lbs, out going, fun, works construction, likes dining, walks, camping, more. ISO active SF who enjoys the same. Hollister #2604445

**WORTH YOUR CALL**  
 Employed SM, 39, 5'8", 165lbs, brown/black, Leo, secure, sociable, likes camping, fishing, road trips, cuddling, dining, movies, sports, NASCAR. Seeking outgoing, sporty, fun SWF, 25-40, similar interests. Hollister #26834722

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**  
 SWM, 54, enjoys outdoors, hikes, bike riding, exercises, doing about anything. Seeking SF, 47-57, to share same activities. Hollister #2647528 @ onehorsewo

**ISO HONEST RELATIONSHIP**  
 SM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs, black/brown, enjoys fishing, talking walks, dancing, etc. Looking for SF, 18-50, for a LTR, kids ok. Cottrell #2656547

**ONE WOMAN MAN**  
 SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoor camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. #2651957

**MAKE ME YOURS**  
 SWM, 27, outdoor-type, likes dinosaurs, movies, I just got back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SWF, 18-27, to have fun and live life to the fullest. Hollister #2633943 @ after-shockrob

**HANG OUT PARTNER WANTED!**  
 SWM, 41, financially secure, loves to try new restaurants, weekend get-aways, sporting events, very open to new ideas, seeking SF, 18-25. Lots of options. Hollister #2677626 @ fun-time1111

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
 Loyal, loving SM, 38, 5'10", sandy blond hair, attractive, enjoys camping, fishing, looking for kind, considerate, commitment-minded SF, 21-35, for friendship, fun times, more. Hollister #2688904

**BURLEY MAN**  
 SHM, 21, Loo, N/S, loves to fish, camp, and play video games. Seeking an attractive woman, 18-28, to have fun with. Burley #2654545

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
 SHM, 10, people know me as a cowboy, I don't wear my wranglers all the time, only when I am out riding bulls or horses. ISO SF, 18-25. Wendell #2636978 @ cowboy2180

**COULD IT BE YOU?**  
 Sociable SM, 64, likes movies, dining, dancing, country music, bowling, fishing, hunting, home life, laughs. Seeking sweet, humorous SF to share friendship and lasting happiness. Hansen #2652483

**ROOM IN MY HEART**  
 SWM, 39, 5'10", 250lbs, great SOH, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor sports, gardening. Seeking SF, race open, 30-45, slender to medium build, with similar interests for LTR. Paul #2622453

**DO YOU LOVE JESUS?**  
 SWCM, 34, devout conservative, kind, sensitive, empathetic, N/S, M/D. Enjoys going to movies, candlelight dinners, indoor/outdoor activities. ISO SWHF, 24-34, any race, honest, dependable, church-going, has personal relationship with the Lord. Hollister #2682582 @ JesusFanatic

**SEEKING COMPANION**  
 SHM, 28, single, father of two. Seeking single female 25-35, who is honest, truthful and likes to have fun. Hollister #2665433

**HOW ABOUT ME?**  
 SWM, 62, hardworking, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. friendship/relationship. Murtagh #2743359

**COME JOIN ME!**  
 SWM, 61, 175lbs, enjoys camping, bowling, dancing, movies. Seeking female for a friendship, quality time and good conversation. Contact #2682223

**MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE**  
 SM, 42, electrician, enjoys the outdoors, roping/hunting, time with friends, quality times with a good lady. Will you be that lady? Buht #2670343

**LOVER, NOT A FIGHTER**  
 SWM, 30, like kids but not sure I want them, enjoys sports, outdoors, taking drives. Seeking pretty lady, 25-35, to share time with. Gooding #2636290 @ Bigtrappster2003

**I'VE BEEN LOOKING**  
 SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older BSW who keeps her hair long. Gooding #2736880

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
 SWM, 20, seeking SF, 18-24, who enjoys walks, off-roading, snow-bowling, video games, dancing, eating out, and trying new things! Hollister #2647697 @ skulldog68

**WORTH IT!**  
 SWM, 26, 6'2", shaved head, red dog, 225lbs, very athletic, enjoys sports, metal and rock music, snowboarding. Looking for an outgoing girl who wants to have fun. Hollister #2671441

**SEEKS PRETTY CF**  
 WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys hunting, fishing, outdoors, church, dating, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 30-50. Twin Falls #2656969

**Tired OF GAMES, ETC?**  
 SWM, 39, very romantic, like to cuddle and give massages, do not lie, cheat, or play games. I enjoy the outdoors, entertaining myself, going out. Seeking SF, 18-45. Hollister #2646717 @ twinfallsman63301

**A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS!**  
 SM, 39, married, like to hike, enjoys family time, pet, stock car racing, shopping, simple times. Seeking similar child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfield #2742631

**NEW TO THE DATING SCENE**  
 SWM, 35, very real person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, skiing, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and cherish. Hollister #2687057 @ Justice12005

**MAYBE IT'S YOU**  
 Easygoing good-hearted, affectionate SM, 28, 5'7", long brown/brown, nice smile, 170lbs, likes fishing, hunting, camping, fishing. Seeking kind, open-minded, loving SF, 18-30, with like interests. Stanley #2767893

**LOOKING FOR A FRIEND**  
 Simple, easygoing, affectionate SWM, 55, likes fishing, hunting, snuggling, laughing, love LTRs. Seeking similar lady to share friendship, fun, special times, possible LTR. Hollister #2618128

**SM, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding the way home, seeks SF, 35-45, to go out with. Paul #265511 @ helmbak**

**HOPETO HEAR FROM YOU!**  
 SWM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, carrying. Seeking SF, ND, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #265460

**PRETTY OPEN**  
 Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/black, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #2643856

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
 WM, 45, black/brown, likes movies, dating, walks, bowling, dancing, lots of music and more. Would like to meet a WF, 45+, for possible relationship. Hollister #2658908

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 SWM, 21, very nice, well built, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks WF, 18-50, N/S, just as a friend. Curry #2756992

**AWORTH A TRY**  
 SHM, 28, father of 2, likes dancing, having fun, walks, family times. Seeking child-friendly lady who likes camping, fishing, good talks and fun, to share lasting friendship, possibly more. Gooding #2649116

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
 SM, 18, interested in the outdoors looking for someone who shares the same interests, please call. Hollister #2674941

**LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER**  
 W, 62', 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet times at home and time with a significant other. Seeking WF, 35-55, for dating, long-term, leading to LTR. Hollister #2682000

**COUNTRY GENTLEMAN**  
 Easygoing DWM, 50, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, N/S, likes camping, fishing, traveling, dining out. Seeking active SWF, 40-60, N/S, looks unimpressed, must be honest, caring and fun, friendship first, maybe LTR. Twin Falls #2616440

**DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH**  
 SWM, 28, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton #2613241

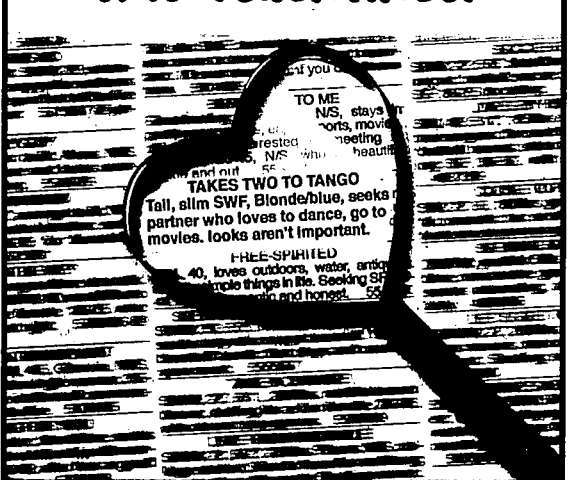
**RE YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH?**  
 HM, 28, hardworking, looking for an honest, trustworthy woman, 20-35, who likes to go out and have a fun time. Gooding #2660014

**ROMANTIC**  
 SWM, 42, 5'8", enjoys fishing, outdoor, walking, bowling, dancing, and more. Looking for someone for their friendship, maybe leading to something more. Appleton #2662226

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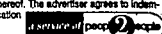


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**NOTICE**  
The Trans IV Buses - College of Southern Idaho, a Political Subdivision of the State of Idaho, intends to seek Federal Transit Administration assistance for capital, administrative, and operating expenses for FY 2007 through the Idaho State Department of Transportation. The Elderly and Persons With Disabilities Formula Grant program Section 5310 and/or the Non-urbanized Area Formula Grant program Section 5311 and 5311. Trans IV Buses - College of Southern Idaho, in accordance with federal and state guidelines, is evaluating the need for state-of-the-art and best price public transportation services in Region IV. Notice is hereby given that public comment regarding the accessibility, routes and other pertinent information is solicited from the general public, persons with disabilities, elderly individuals and their respective organizations, and private or competing transportation providers. A District Meeting will be held February 28, 2006 from 4 to 6 pm to provide an opportunity for input at which time a public hearing may be held if requested. The meeting will be held at the ITD District 4 office, 216 S. Data St., Shoshone, Idaho 83352. A copy of the grant proposal is available for inspection at Trans IV Buses, 496 Madrona Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Only sections of the application which are considered essential for adequate public disclosure by the Division of Public Transportation will be provided by mail unless the entire application is specifically requested. For documentation purposes, all comments and concerns from the public must be in writing and should be sent by certified mail to Trans IV Buses, Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Informal questions may be directed to Lynn Baird, Executive Director, 208-738-2133. PUBLISH: January 15, 2006

**American Falls Reservoir District Balance Sheet October 31, 2006**

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,711
Accounts Receivable	2,590
Prepaid Expenses	2,590
O&M Assessment Receivable	17,216
Total Current Assets	192,887
Property and Equipment	16,875
Buildings and Improvements	134,684
Land & Water Improvements	5,369,784
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(803,544)
Total Property & Equipment	5,747,669
Total Assets	5,667,758
Liabilities and Retained Earnings	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	51,976
Accrued Salaries, Vacation and Payroll Taxes	180
Notes Payable, Current Portion	3,128
Total Current Liabilities	5,265
Long Term Liabilities	
Notes Payable, Long-Term Debt	18,662
Total Long-Term Liabilities	18,662
Total Liabilities	22,134
Retained Earnings	5,645,622
Total Liabilities and Retained Earnings	5,667,756

John Borbers  
Treasurer of the Board of Directors  
Secretary of the Board of Directors  
We certify that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT as of October 31, 2006 to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
PUBLISH: January 15, 2006

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE**  
LEGAL NOTICES SOUGHT ON LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of Idaho will accept public comment on its annual funding plan for the U.S. Department of Energy's Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The State Plan is available for review at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare - CERM Team located at 450 W. State Street, 4th floor in Boise, Idaho. A public hearing on the plan will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday January 26, 2006 in Boise at 540 W. Franklin Street, Suite C.

The Weatherization Assistance Program assists low-income homeowners with energy conservation weatherization measures in their homes. The measures include insulation, air sealing, and weatherstripping doors and windows to enhance the energy efficiency of the homes. Program services help eligible families reduce their heating and cooling bills and increase the safety of the family and conserving energy resources.

**Summary of changes to the 2006 State Plan:**  
Increase in the average allowable weatherization expenditure per unit as directed by DOE  
Implementation of state wide training classes including weatherization standard & techniques and weatherization science  
Increased installation of CFLs and other energy efficiency measures

Public comments for written testimony on the State Plan will be accepted from January 19, 2006 through January 25, 2006. Send or deliver comments to:  
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
CERM Team  
450 W. State Street, 2nd floor  
Boise, ID 83724-0024  
PUBLISH: January 13, 14 and 15, 2006

**100 Announcements**  
**200 Employment**  
**300 Financial**  
**400 Education**

**LANDS FOR LEASE**  
**BIGGESTS FOR FARM/PASTURE LEASER**  
The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon, January 24, 2006, on various farm/pasture leases on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 208-238-2307.

PUBLISH: December 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 30, 2005, January 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22 and 24, 2006

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
February 1, 2006, 6:30 p.m.  
The City of Hagerman, Idaho, City Council, has scheduled a public hearing to consider a request for annexation of certain properties into the City. Annexation procedures adopted by the City are contained in Idaho Code 50-222 and shall be followed.

The location of the property to be annexed is in the 17000 S. Range 13 East, Etico-Medlin, Gooding County, Idaho, described as Lots 6-18, Block 1 and Lots 3-10 Block 2 of the proposed Park Place Subdivision #2 (at Valley Circle Road near East Avenue and Cemetery Road). The owners of the property are contained in the hearing notice. Contact: Layne and Judy Osborne, 696 Valley Circle, Hagerman, Idaho 83332.

Public testimony on the request for annexation will be accepted at the hearing on February 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center, 140 East Lake Street. Questions may be directed to the City Clerk or by calling (208) 837-8838. Comments regarding the annexation request may be submitted to the hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2006 prior to the hearing by sending them to the City of Hagerman, PO Box 159, Hagerman, Idaho 83332. PUBLISH: January 15, 2006

**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. We advise that citizens charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study public notices. We advise that citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) and the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor (IDL) are seeking public comment on the 2006 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan has been drafted to comply with Federal requirements for the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development. The plan is available for public review and comment. The Annual Action Plan provides a summary description of the anticipated resources and activities IHFA and IDL will undertake with respect to the goals and objectives of the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development (also known as the Consolidated Plan) and its accompanying 2006 Consolidated Plan Action Plan.

The Annual Action Plan contains information regarding performance reports from three Federal block grant programs administered by IHFA and IDL. Those programs are the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. Following the 30-day public comment period, the Annual Action Plan will be amended to include all public comments received and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval. Staring Monday, January 9, 2006, copies of the draft 2006 Annual Action Plan will be available at the following locations:

1. At the Internet at [www.idhfa.org](http://www.idhfa.org) and [www.idcl.com](http://www.idcl.com)
  2. Via the Internet at IDL's Web site at [www.idcl.com](http://www.idcl.com)
  3. Public Libraries in Boise, Nampa, Meridian, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Blackfoot
  4. IHFA's Boise office and branch offices located at:  
565 W. Myrtle, Boise  
390 W. Sunnydale, Idaho Falls  
1125 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls  
215 10th St., Ste. 101, Lewiston  
810 W. Hubbard, Bay 124, Coeur d'Alene
- Public hearing information from interested individuals and/or organizations will be conducted on January 25, 2006, at 6:00 pm in a meeting room located at 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho. The meeting will provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the 2006 Annual Action Plan. Participants will be required to provide reasonable accommodation for full participation in the hearing. The hearing location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Participants may request a language interpreter to assist in participating in the hearing. Copies of the Report can be obtained by calling the IHFA Grant Programs Department, 1-877-447-2887, TDD 1-800-546-1833, Ext. 400, or by email to [publiccomment@idhfa.org](mailto:publiccomment@idhfa.org). A fee to receive your copy and provide the appropriate contact information. The Public Comment Period ends 5:00 pm, Friday, February 8, 2006. Persons with questions regarding the 2006 Annual Action Plan or GSG programs, persons that require language interpretation or special assistance to accommodate physical, sight or hearing impairments, including material in alternative formats, should contact Barbara Nipper at [brannyn@idhfa.org](mailto:brannyn@idhfa.org), by fax to (208) 331-4808 or by mail to Idaho Housing and Finance Association (Idaho Housing Dept.), P.O. Box 7898, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899. Persons with written comments or questions on the IDHFA program should contact Dianna Clough at (208) 334-2850 ext. 2140, by email to [Dianna.Clough@idhfa.gov](mailto:Dianna.Clough@idhfa.gov) or Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, P.O. Box 63762, Boise, Idaho 83720-0693. PUBLISH: January 9 and 15, 2006

**500 Real Estate for Sale**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notification is given that Fannie National Bank, Located at 914 Main St., Buhl, Idaho, 83316 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on January 10, 2006, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to: establish a branch banking office with drive-up facilities at:  
**341 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls**  
Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the licensing manager at:  
Comptroller the Currency  
Western District Office  
Attn: Ellen Shepherd-Licensing  
1225 17th St., Suite #300  
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Or send an email to:  
[ellen.shepherd@occ.treas.gov](mailto:ellen.shepherd@occ.treas.gov)  
Or phone (720)475-7650 within 30 days of the date of this publication

**VP Hamilton**  
Pat - Operations  
January 19, 2006  
PUBLISH: January 15, 2006

**101 Lost and Found**  
FOUND cat female, Bicolor, white, redish brown & white. Set 1/7 on Blue Lakes Blvd. near 200th & Pomeroy area, Tuesday, 733-4171

**101 Lost and Found**  
FOUND Ferret, near Hamon Park area. Call to identify 208-731-0430.

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Twin Falls, Idaho

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2. Pyrenees white female large male pup with blue bandana  
11th Avenue

3. Lab cross, black, 4 month, female pup. Buhl West and 3rd Ave. West.  
4. Terrier cross, tan and white, male pup, purple collar. 6th Ave. E. & Locust  
5. Lab/Rott cross, black, male, black collar, big dog. Heyburn on Jefferson Street.

6. Lab cross, black, female pup, 4 month. Harrison School  
7. Min Pin female, black & tan adult. Lida Street

**ADOPTIONS**  
1. Heeler/Collie cross 6 month, female, young adult.  
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4. Lab/Aussie cross pup.  
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**AD FOR BIDS**  
Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at McManaman Physical Plant Building, 516 Falls Ave, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho until 11:00 am, local time on January 31, 2006, for DPW Project No. 06090, HVAC Conversion, Shields Building, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho. Further information, including information regarding Pre-Bid Conference, availability of documents for review and bid bond requirements, is available from <http://www.idaho.gov/worksheets/worcsprojct.htm> or contact Muegrows Engineering, PA PH: (208) 384-0585  
Estimated Cost: \$139,500

Jan P. Frew, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Works  
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**101 Lost and Found**  
LOST Chihuahua at 2515 North Ave., Burley, Small, black w/long hair, wearing black collar, answers to name Call 208-312-2663, 208-678-0919 or 208-678-1340

LOST dog, small, white, Poodle Tractor, on Orchard Dr. Eastland, on 1/10. Call 208-734-9054

LOST German Short-hair pup, gray with brown spots on 23rd & Almo Ave, Burley. Reward 208-809-4216 or 208-817-775

LOST Lab, yellow adult male with black feet color bar collar at Forsyth Park, ID. Call 208-339-0553.

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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Have you considered playing hold'em poker? Indeed, have any of the top bridge professionals done well recently in the World Series of Poker or the like?

All in, Saint Johns, Newfoundland

**ANSWER:** I know Billy Miller, Joey Silver, Steve Zolotow and Mark Jacobus, among others, are great bridge players and highly competent poker players. Indeed, I think many of the top players also play poker in their spare time. I also believe Martin de Kniff of the Netherlands (a really top poker player) was a Dutch juke international. I'm too old for such shenanigans now, myself. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Holding ♠ A-Q-J-10-6-4-3-2, ♥ Q-7-4, I heard my partner open a strong no-trump. Is there a sure way to show the value of my hand, or do I have to guess what to do?

Octopus, Pleasanton, Calif.

**ANSWER:** Transferring to hearts and jumping to slam is aggressive, but might work. A more sophisticated approach would be to transfer and then jump to three spades to show short clubs. But that would typically be a singleton not a void. However, if you were prepared to risk the five-level, you might cuebid four spades next and then leave it to partner. (Incidentally, some people play that a transfer at the four-level followed by a new suit shows a void.)

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Good friends need help to resolve a bid, a reasonable opening bid is for this hand. Playing Chicago, in first seat, with neither side vulnerable, I held ♠ A-K-J-10-8-5-4-3, ♥ K-6, ♣ Q-7-4, ♦ —. I chose one spade as opposed to a pre-empt, using the rule of 20 (adding my high cards to the length of my two longest suits). Was that reasonable?

Acting Classes, Rockford, Ill.

**ANSWER:** Personally, I'd open four spades, pre-emptive plus a bit on the side. I'd never pass. My second choice would be one spade for the reasons you outline. When you open four of a major as pre-emptive rather than as strong — especially in hearts — you'd be surprised how often you can steal the hand.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Holding: ♠ K-10-3, ♥ A-Q-6, ♦ J-10-8, ♣ J-7-4-3, I heard my partner open one club and the next hand overall one diamond. I didn't know what to do. Any ideas?

Stuck for an Answer, Jackson, Miss.

**ANSWER:** Since making a negative double with neither major figures to work out very badly, the choice is between a very heavy raise to two clubs or an aggressive cue-bid (showing a limit raise in clubs, for which you have the high cards, but not the trump support). My personal choice is one no-trump. You are approximately right on values, but admittedly with a little less in diamonds than is customary.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I need your help. What is the current thinking regarding a direct raise to trump overall of a weak two-bid, whether in direct or balancing seat? I maintain it's a balanced 19-plus points — exactly the same as any jump to two no-trump in balancing seat. These calls are NOT connected with the unusual no-trump. Right?

Usual Suspects, Raleigh, N.C.

**ANSWER:** A two-no-trump overall over a weak two is indeed not unusual! It is strong and balanced (typically 15-18, a little less in balancing seat perhaps). With 19-plus (and a long suit, or without majors) jump to three no-trump. This carries no guarantees, but it is the practical action. You can also double first, then bid no-trump, to show 21-plus.

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# Civility



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Cheyenne, 10, and Jerri Eldredge, 7, have lunch at their home in Jerome last weekend. Parents Becky and Jeremy Eldredge require their children to obey certain rules while eating — like no reaching over someone else's plate.

## Parents weigh in on what table manners they still expect

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — When it comes to dinner etiquette, Magic Valley families may not be pulling out the fine china and table linens, but certain rules still apply when families find time to gather for a meal.

Interviews with over a dozen local parents showed that rules of the roost include: Chew with your mouth closed; keep your elbows off the table; don't talk while chewing and no singing, stretching, scratching, poking your siblings or fighting.

The list continues with asking for things to be passed — instead of reaching over and dragging your sleeve through the plate next to yours — and squealing inappropriate talk. "Please" and "thank you" are still in style.

For Becky Eldredge of Jerome, having certain rules laid out helps to keep supper-time flare-ups at bay. She insists that her stepchildren, ages 7 to 14, be civil at the table.

"Having up to four kids at the table can get kinda hectic," Eldredge said. "There is always an eruption, but having rules — like not reaching over the table for something and saying please and thank you — helps to keep things in order."

Teresa Clancy of Twin Falls has one big pet peeve: She can't stand it when her daughter, Mackenzie, 11, smacks her food at the table.

"It is so irritating when she chews with her mouth open," Clancy said. "The only time we have as a family to talk is during dinner, so it is very annoying when this time is interrupted with incessant smacking."

Amee Bybee of Buhl, mother of three daughters, said her girls are to chip in and set the table, and the family always says a prayer before dinner. Her rules include leaving "gross talk" out of the dining room.

"We go around and talk about our day," Bybee said. "And we don't allow the burping and inappropriate talk at the table."



Ollie Thompson, 6, gets away with resting his elbow on the table during a lunch of corn dogs and fried potatoes with his brother, Brenton Wells, 9, in their Twin Falls home.

Bobble Thompson of Twin Falls has three boys from 5 years old to 11. She doesn't get hung up about whether her sons eat

### Top 10 table rules

1. No elbows on the table.
2. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
3. Don't talk with your mouth full.
4. No smacking your food; chew with your mouth closed.
5. Ask for a dish to be passed; don't reach over others' plates for the potatoes.
6. Say "please" and "thank you."
7. Ask to be excused.
8. Take your own plate to the sink.
9. No gossip or gross talk at the table.
10. Don't whine over what is served.

Source: Interviews with Magic Valley parents

the line on table manners but does like to see, at minimum, that they keep their elbows off the table.

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It's not your job to be the manners police, experts say. For instance, how do you stop someone from spilling on the sidewalk? And do you really want to try to reason with someone who is showing signs

without dessert," she said. Buhl's Chemise Daniels uses the same consequences for her two sons, as well.

"Our No. 1 rule at the dinner table is eating what is given to you," she said. "If we know the food is something that they don't like it isn't a big deal, but if they are just being stinkers we make them eat at least three bites."

Daniels explained that usually the threat of no sweets before bed does the trick.

With four children at home, Gretchen Montgomery's goal is keeping the noise down. The Buhl mom insists that her kids use their "soft voices" at the table.

"It can get pretty loud if they all start talking," Montgomery said. "So we tell them to use soft voices. Sometimes I just say, 'no talking' period — if they need to hurry and eat."

Rules at the table apply even if children are older — or have moved out of the house.

Rayetta McInturf of Kimberly lives with her retired husband,

Phil. She said that manners at the table are still required.

"I still don't allow gossip at the dinner table," McInturf said. "Even though it is just the two of us — we still keep our elbows off the table, chew appropriately and leave the mean talk out."

With two older sons, ages 18 and 20, Debbie Fisher of Twin Falls doesn't often have to insist anymore. But the rules are still important.

"My sons are practically grown," she said, "but I still don't want them fighting at the table."

It is, of course, fun to bend the rules.

Sherry Johnson likes to shake things up by requiring her family and any guests present to eat with their elbows on the table — but only on Fridays. "If anyone forgets," she said, "they are reminded to follow the rules."

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## Poll points to parents as biggest culprits for not teaching children good manners

By Pat Burson  
Newsday

A man on a crowded train bellows into his cell phone about his latest sexual conquest. A colleague, upset that her computer crashed, drops the "E" bomb. A couple talks nonstop during a movie — to each other and to the screen. Parents eat quietly at a restaurant while their children run around the dining room.

How rude. There's no getting around rude behavior. It's everywhere, all of us have been guilty of it at one time or another, and some say it's getting worse.

In a recent Associated Press poll, 69 percent of 1,001 adults say people are ruder today than they were 20 or 30

years ago. No big surprise there. What is surprising, however, is after all this time, most people don't know how to combat it.

Need proof? In the same survey, 62 percent say they didn't ask someone they saw behaving rudely to stop.

"We're living in a day and age where you never know how people are going to react. If they're going to become violent or 'become confrontational,'" says Jacqueline Whitmore, author of "Business Class: Etiquette Essentials for Success at Work" (St. Martin's Press, \$19.95).

Whitmore and other experts in etiquette and manners who are leading the charge for a return to civility say the 1990s ushered in a more informal way

of interacting that has been exacerbated by the way modern technology tends to insulate people from one another.

"We're all walking around in these little bubbles, talking on the cell phone, listening to the iPod, watching a movie while we're walking and while we're driving," says Thomas F. Farley, a senior editor at Town & Country magazine. Those who think good manners are important will find kindred spirits among the writers in an anthology he edited called "Modern Manners: The Thinking Person's Guide to Social Graces" (Hearst Books, \$17.95), one of several new books about etiquette and manners.

While those asked in the AP poll say rudeness is influenced by badly behaved

celebrities, athletes and public figures, rude behavior on television shows and in movies and our own hectic lives, they fingered parents as the biggest culprits for not teaching their children good manners.

"Most people want to be well-mannered, but some have never been taught how. Others are in desperate need of a refresher in proper etiquette. And if those polled are any indication, most of us are salting in our own eyes, failing to see the rudeness in ourselves that we so quickly point out in others."

It's not your job to be the manners police, experts say. For instance, how do you stop someone from spilling on the sidewalk? And do you really want to try to reason with someone who is showing signs

of road rage? But there are ways to respond when confronted with another person's rudeness. It's all in your approach, experts say. Here are some of their ideas:

**Gum popping** — You could be prying, listening to actors on stage, riding the bus or in the car, and suddenly someone popping gum shatters the silence, breaks your concentration and raises the hairs on the back of your neck.

It could be a nervous habit, so don't be so quick to deem it rude behavior, says Maximilian Wachtel, a licensed psychologist in Denver. "In one of those situations, get the person's attention politely," he says. He suggests this approach:

Please see RUDENESS, Page E2.

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for reading, puzzles and television. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, coleslaw, fruit bar.  
Tuesday: Chicken a la king, noodles, vegetables, bread, fruit salad, pudding.  
Wednesday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, carrots, bread, salad, pineapple cake.  
Thursday: Meatloaf or liver, winter vegetables, fruit salad, bread, tapioca pudding.  
Friday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, broccoli with cheese, bread, salad, fruit bowl, cookie.

**Activities:**  
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.  
Monday: Quilling  
Monday: Bridge  
Exercise  
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday  
Blood pressure  
Medicine A Assistance  
Wednesday: Fiddlers  
Elks Cards Club  
Foot clinic  
Ears and hearing  
Board meeting  
Thursday: Medicare D Assistance  
Center pinocchio  
Friday: Blood pressure  
Lunch bingo  
Quilling  
Saturday: Closed

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl  
**Menu:**  
Today: Fried chicken dinner, 1 p.m.  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Sloppy juce, pork and beans, coleslaw, fruit, cookie  
Wednesday: Quiche  
Thursday: Ham dinner, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, fruit roll, birthday cake

**Activities:**  
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger.  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Jackpot trip, leave center at 3:30 p.m., leave jackpot at 10 p.m.  
Thursday: Birthday dinner, noon  
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

**Filor Senior Haven**  
222 Main St.

**Rudeness**

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"Excuse me, ma'am. I'm enjoying this play, but I keep hearing you say your gum, and I was hoping you might stop doing that so the rest of us can focus our attention."  
If you work near a gun-popper, you can't take it anymore, you might require aquisition of a white-noise machine for your cubicle or ask to be moved, says Leah Ingram, a Smithtown native who works in New Hope, Pa., who is a certified etiquette and protocol consultant and author of "The Everything Etiquette Book: A Modern Day Guide to Good Manners" (Adams Media Corp., \$14.95).  
"There's only so much you can do to change someone else," she says. "But you have to figure out your own coping mechanisms."  
Nail clipping — Someone seated near you — in a worship service, at a play, in class or at work, for instance — is clipping his or her fingernails, or engaging in some other grooming ritual usually reserved for the privacy of a bathroom at home.  
Sometimes you need only give "the look" (you know the one), and the person will stop. If not, you can try bringing it to the attention of someone in authority, such as an usher, teacher or manager.  
Some public grooming, such as clipping of fingernails or hand lotion, is fine, says Peter Post, great-grandson of the late etiquette maven Emily Post, who now works at the Emily Post Institute in Burlington, Vt. "Anything else that's personal grooming really ought to be done in the rest room or the bathroom."  
A light-hearted approach, adding a dash of humor — bantered politely and appropriately, of course — could also work.

Dinners served at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each mealtime.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, carrots and celery sticks, angel biscuits, cookies.  
Wednesday: Bowl of chili, biscuits, fruit sauce, cookies.  
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, lettuce salad, hot roll, brownies

**Activities:**  
Monday: Paper class, 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Face class, 1:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Face class, 1:30 p.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Chicken enchiladas, au gratin potatoes, corn, pickled beets, fruit, cookies.  
Tuesday: Pork chow mein, rice, oriental vegetables, fruit medley, peach cobbler.  
Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, green beans, lettuce with fruit, carrot cake.  
Thursday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, California blend vegetables, coleslaw, strawberry waffles.  
Friday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, sliced carrots, sunshine salad, zucchini bar.

**Activities:**  
Tuesday: Gem State Fiddlers Pinocchio, 1 p.m.  
Snack, 6 p.m.  
Early Bird, 6:45 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pinocchio, 7 p.m.  
Thursday: Communion for the blind, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.  
Susan Brown sings

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served

**Menu:**  
Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, pears, cookie  
Wednesday: Taco salad, fruit, oatmeal-pineapple bar  
Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cake, ice cream

**Activities:**  
Monday: AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinocchio, 1 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens**  
308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, green beans, penny carrot salad, cake, bread.  
Tuesday: Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, beets, coleslaw, plums, biscuits.  
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, salad, brownies, cornbread.  
Thursday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, applesauce, jell-O, rolls.  
Friday: Leftovers

**Activities:**  
Monday: Pinocchio, 12:30 p.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Jerry potluck dinner  
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.

**Richfield Senior Center**  
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.  
**Menu:**  
Monday: Popcorn chicken, boiled potatoes, buttered peas, carrots, hot dinner rolls, bread pudding.  
Thursday: Sandwich soup, ham salad, vegetable, coconut cream pie.

**Hagerman Senior Center**  
140 E. Lake  
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, carrots, salad, fruit rolls, cake.  
Tuesday: Baked chicken, potato wedges, fruit, salad, vegetables, fruit, bread, dessert.  
Friday: Pork ribs, sauerkraut, potato wedges, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert.

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**  
Eden  
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Baked cheese sand-

wich, potato soup, salad, fruit, dessert  
Thursday: Barbecue chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, coleslaw, fruit

**Activities:**  
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

**Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.**  
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Spaghetti, fruit salad, garlic sticks, cream puffs  
Wednesday: BLT's, cucumbers, carrot sticks, french fries, apple pie  
Friday: Roast beef, buttered peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, gravy, green salad, fruit jell-O with whipped topping

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilling, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
Early bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Pinocchio, 1 p.m.

**Redfield Senior Center**  
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Popcorn chicken, boiled potatoes, buttered peas, carrots, hot dinner rolls, bread pudding.  
Thursday: Sandwich soup, ham salad, vegetable, coconut cream pie.

**Bialne County Senior Center**  
721 Third Ave. S., Halley

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, biscuits, peaches with cottage cheese, gingerbread with lemon sauce  
Wednesday: Pork barbecue on a bun, cottage fries, coleslaw, corn, sherbet with cookies  
Thursday: Curry lunch, turkey, gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, cranberry jell-O salad, hot rolls, spiced cake with caramel frosting  
Friday: Turkey gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, cranberry jell-O salad, hot rolls, spiced cake with caramel frosting

**Activities:**  
Monday: Center closed  
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.  
Wednesday: Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Fratry group, 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday: Hagerman, Miracle Hot Springs, 10:30 a.m.

**Three Island Senior Center**  
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, steamed tomatoes, green beans, bread.  
Thursday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, peaches, cottage cheese, bread, cake and ice cream

**Activities:**  
Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Quilling, 1 p.m.  
Thursday: Call to schedule  
Medicare D  
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.  
Cardio, 1 p.m.

**Camas County Senior Center**  
127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
Noon meals are served Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children under 12 eat free. Suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns, sausage patties, vegetables, fruit, dessert  
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, coleslaw, fruit, dessert  
Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit, dessert

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Art class, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**  
702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

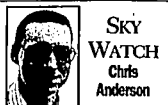
**Menu:**  
Monday: Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetables, pudding  
Tuesday: Enchiladas, beans, rice, crispito  
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salad, rolls, brownies  
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, fruit cups  
Friday: Smorgasbord

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon  
Thursday: 1 to 4 p.m.  
Pool, 1 p.m.  
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
SHEA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.  
Pinocchio, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Saturday: Spaghetti dinner, 6:30 p.m.; \$6 per plate

A trio of tongue-twisting stars

Look toward the southern sky around 7 a.m. this week, and your eye will fall onto Jupiter, currently the brightest object in the morning sky except for the moon. Just below and to the right of Jupiter is a star, considerably fainter but with a far more impressive name.

Astronomers catalog it as Alpha Librae (an indication that it is one of the brightest stars in the faint zodiac constellation Libra). But the ancients knew it by the polysyllabic moniker Zubenelgenubi (pronounced zoo-BEN-el-je-NEW-bee). This name derives from the Arabic phrase Al Zuban al Janubiyah, which means "the southern claw" (more about that later).



SKY WATCH  
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Saturday

**Planets:**  
One hour before sunrise: Jupiter; S, mid-sky  
Saturn; W, low  
One hour after sunset: Mars; SE, very high  
Saturn; ENE, extremely low  
Moon: No major phase this week (waxing gibbous). Close to Jupiter this morning.

Nine degrees (slightly less than the width of your fist at arm's length) to the upper left of Zubenelgenubi is a slightly brighter star named Zubenelakrab (zoo-BEN-el-ak-ree). Its name means "the scorpion's claw."

Last in this trio of tongue-twisters is Zubenelkhabri (zoo-BEN-el-khab-ree), 11 degrees to the left of Zubenelgenubi (and Jupiter). Its name means "the scorpion's claw."

Three of these stars lie in Libra, which begs the question of why their names refer to claws, a feature not typically found on a set of scales. The answer is that these stars were originally considered part of the neighboring zodiac constellation of Scorpius. But in the first century B.C., the Roman astrologer Ptolemy "re-constituted" creating Libra from the stars of the scorpion's severed appendages.

Which brings me to number 10 in my ongoing series of reasons astrology is bunk: Why were only 11 zodiac signs sufficient before the first century B.C., and why were 12 required after that point?

In science, explanatory models are modified only when new evidence comes to light to suggest the necessity of such a change. The addition of Libra as a new astrological sign seems to have been totally arbitrary.

Next week: Hobnobbing with the astronomy elite.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

SINUSITIS or COLD?

Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thin, whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain upon bending over	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Congestion	Yes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Eye Discharge	Yes	Yes

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**"Real Estate Corner"**  
**ARE YOU AFRAID TO BUY?**  
by Laura Fitzgerald  
RE/MAX American Dream Realty

Many non-homeowners are renting because of fear. Fear of the unknown...the possibility of being turned down for a loan, getting in too deep financially, not being able to come up with a down payment, making a poor investment choice.

These fears are not unfounded. In the first time you look at the market, over 85 percent of potential buyers qualify.

Your lender wants you to afford what you buy and is unlikely to approve a loan you can't pay.

Down payments range from zero to around 20%; chances are you can find a fit.

Homes continue to be the most solid investment possible, since you get the benefit of shelter as you watch your investment grow.

Mouthing off — As for public profanity, say you're standing in line at a deli, service has slowed to a crawl, and another cus-

Phone Courtesy Month in July.  
If neither approach gets the person to hang up, she suggests addressing your complaints to the customer manager.  
Cutting in line — If you're standing in line and another person cuts in front of you, try this approach offered by Trost: "Excuse me, but I was here first. The end of the line is back there." If the person refuses, either because he or she doesn't want to or acts as if he or she can't understand what you're saying, ask to speak to the person in charge. Post and others agree.  
Mouthing off — As for public profanity, say you're standing in line at a deli, service has slowed to a crawl, and another cus-

tomers starts swearing within earshot of your young children. (Forty-eight percent of those polled say they frequently hear obscuring rude or offensive language in public.)  
Wachtel suggests the "sandwiching" approach, which involves inserting a criticism or request to end rude behavior between two compliments.  
It would go something like this, he says: "Listen, I'm frustrated, too. This is a really awful situation. I wish you would stop swearing because I have my kids with me, but I certainly understand."

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## Schools need parents' help to teach special kids

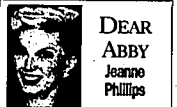
**DEAR ABBY:** As a special education teacher, I have a request for parents of special education students. When you enroll your child at a new school, please inform the school that your child is a special education student.

Many parents follow the urging of their children and don't notify the new school, and this does a great disservice to their children.

Schools face consequences for not identifying and serving special education students correctly. If you and your child are adamant that he or she not be given the extra services for special education students, inform the school and provide documentation that you don't want these services for your child.

Please do not leave your children to suffer the frustration of an incorrect educational placement. The schools will work with you and your child to find the best educational option for your child.

—SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, OKLAHOMA CITY



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR TEACHER:** I can understand the reluctance of parents not wanting their children to be "labeled." I can understand that children can be cruel, and unwilling to accept children they perceive as "different."

However, the truth remains that not all children are able to learn in the same way. Some children need specialized help because of visual or auditory challenges in order to grasp and absorb their lessons. If they do not get it, they fall further and further behind, become the butt of ridicule among their classmates, become depressed and disruptive, and suffer from low self-esteem from which they may never recover.

I hope that parents of learning-disabled children will take your message to heart, and that your letter will cause them to do what is right for their children — which, sadly, is often not the "easiest" thing to do.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 21, and my sister "Callie" is 23. I'm having a problem with her boyfriend, "Jared." When he comes to our house, he constantly belittles me.

He calls me names and makes degrading comments about my intelligence, my weight, and just about anything else you can think of.

Callie is present when Jared makes the majority of the comments that say she's not as good as he is. I'm not sure if I should tell him in no uncertain terms that I don't appreciate the way he speaks to me, and it has reached the point that I don't want to be in the same room with them.

I feel Callie should be the one to tell him it's out of line, but he would say she's "too sensitive," and I should accept Jared because he's a part of her life.

I don't feel I should have to force myself to be polite to someone who obviously has no consideration for my feelings. My family is planning a trip in a few weeks, and I know Callie will want to bring Jared. I don't want to go if he's going to be there, but I don't want to look like the bad guy. Your advice would be to tell my family I won't be able to attend the outing this year?

—HURTI IN SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

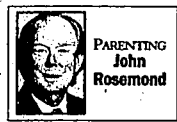
**DEAR HURTI:** You should be entitled to be treated with respect while you're under your own roof. Your sister being treated by an abuser and a bully, and her self-esteem must be very low if she allows him to pick on you without protest. Rather than telling your folks that you don't want to go on vacation if Jared is there, enlighten them about how he treats her and how it makes her feel. He may be trying to make you so uncomfortable that you give him lots of alone time with your sister.

It goes without saying that if Jared can't act like a gentleman when he's at your house, he should not accompany your family on vacation.

# Children's good behavior doesn't need a reward

**Q**uestion: Our son's new first-grade teacher says children smile faces for behaving properly. At the end of the week, they trade them in for prizes. On the other hand, if any bad behavior sequence happens when a child misbehaves. At home, when our son misbehaves, we do not reward him. We are concerned that the difference between the approach and the teacher's may cause our son confusion. Also, doesn't giving rewards for good behavior teach that proper behavior is deserving of something special?

**A**nswer: Indeed, children should be taught that responsible people do the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do, not because doing the right thing will result in reward.



**PARENTING**  
John Rosemond

Behavior modification strategies of this sort (the method the teacher is employing) is known in psychological circles as a "token economy" system and underline that understanding. Researchers have found that reward-based motivational and management systems seem to work best with children who are already well behaved and would continue to be well behaved without reward. Studies have also shown that the most well-behaved,

well-adjusted children tend to take time from home where parents punish misbehavior. As regards children with behavior problems, rewards seem to have no lasting positive effect and may even be counterproductive. My own experience, both as a clinician and a parent, confirms these findings.

Despite the evidence, however, most school systems persist in dispensing rewards. The sad fact is that a good number of parents will not support the use of punitive discipline by their children's teachers, much less even acknowledge that their children are capable of wrongdoing. When their children are punished at school, these parents complain vociferously. Some even threaten legal action. As a consequence, many schools

both private and public tend to take time from home where discipline is concerned, avoiding punishment at all cost.

Unfortunately, this compromise almost surely results in children being referred to outside professionals and winding up on behavior-controlling medication. The solution is for parents to support the use of effective punitive discipline methods at their children's schools. Most important, parents need to support the use of punishment with their own children (as opposed to just supporting it as regards other people's children).

Let me assure you, however, your son is in no harm here. The "discipline" used by his teacher is not going to cause him the slightest confusion,

nor will it lessen the effectiveness of your discipline at home. As should all parents, you should ask your son's teacher to let you know if and when he misbehaves in class and follow through by punishing him at home.

In the final analysis, a teacher's discipline, no matter how effective, is not as powerful a deterrent as effective discipline delivered by a parent. I've said it before, but it's worth repeating: A child who misbehaves at school and suffers the consequence at home will continue misbehaving at school, no matter how effective a teacher's discipline.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at [www.rosemond.com](http://www.rosemond.com).

## What to do when cats do the doo

**W**hile the detection of many feline medical conditions requires a veterinarian's eye, few cat owners get to the veterinarian without already knowing their cat has diarrhea. No wonder, the overwhelming evidence is piling up right before their eyes or under their noses!

"Those of us concerned with a cat's wellbeing need to pay careful attention to both what goes in and what comes out of cats," says veterinarian James Richards, director of Cornell's Feline Health Center. "Rather than trying to clean the litter box as a disgusting necessity, you should look at this 'doo-dy-duty' as an important indicator of your cat's current health status."

Other important indicators of overall health are appetite, attitude and body weight.

"The mother of all 'cat intestinal problems' is diarrhea. Severe diarrhea in a kitten can become life threatening in a matter of days. Chronic diarrhea in a kitten, especially if accompanied by lethargy, means that an immediate emergency trip to the vet is essential."

Acute diarrhea is a temporary condition in cats that's nothing more than an inconvenience for the owner. But sometimes diarrhea can be a chronic condition that tests the understanding and patience of a kitty's Mom or Dad and can sometimes indicate a more serious condition. Signs of chronic diarrhea include weight loss, loss of appetite, and changes in stool color and consistency.

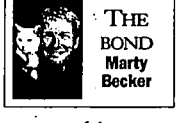
The good news is that if it's an occasional problem, diarrhea can be treated with a diet-increase of fiber, antibiotics, or viral infection, internal parasites, malabsorption problem, irritation of the intestines, or a foreign body — and the cat will feel better.

Yet other times, the cat may be suffering from a diet-induced bacterial or viral infection, internal parasites, malabsorption problem, irritation of the intestines, or a foreign body — and the cat will feel better.

**Tell us your health-and-love story**

The Times-News

Is love good for the health? If you know of a romantic couple whose relationships that have improved the health of one of the partners, we'd like to hear about it.



**THE BOND**  
Marty Becker

“ Besides fish and beef, dairy products are taboo for cats with gastrointestinal problems.”

—Dr. Phil Roudsbeush

not get better without treatment by a veterinarian.

The key to treating intestinal disorders of cats is get an accurate diagnosis, says Dr. Todd Tams, a veterinarian and chief medical officer of Veterinary Centers of America — Antech. "With a correct diagnosis, the conditions are almost always treatable." In fact, if diagnosed early enough, even many cats with intestinal lymphoma can be managed comfortably for months to years.

To diagnose what's causing the intestinal problems, a thorough medical history is important. There are several questions a veterinarian might ask to try to determine if the small intestine or the large intestine is the culprit. This is important, because the location of the problem determines what tests can and should be run as well as what might be the causes of the problem.

Depending on what your veterinarian finds after taking a history and doing a physical exam, she may need to run additional diagnostic tests. A comprehensive "fecal diagnostics panel" is available at many

commercial laboratories. This is not just the old-fashioned test looking for worms and eggs but an advance in helping to make more accurate diagnoses. Blood tests, such as a complete blood count and serum biochemistry panel, as well as a urinalysis and a thyroid test, can also yield a lot of information.

Some studies have shown that almost one third of all diarrhea cases are related to diet. Treatment typically involves changing from a typical protein source (fish, beef and dairy products are the most allergenic proteins) to a grain-free, low-protein source (lamb, rabbit, venison, duck, poultry) or a special therapeutic food like Hill's Prescription Diet *d/d*. The latter works similar to hypoallergenic infant formulas in humans (milk source, casein or whey). In fact, it contains predigested proteins that are less likely to trigger an allergic reaction.

"Besides fish and beef, dairy products are taboo for cats with gastrointestinal problems," says Dr. Phil Roudsbeush of Hill's Pet Nutrition. Although the reactive fish and beef proteins are found in many cat foods, milk products are not. Owners wanting to pamper their pets may give their cats milk, cheese or cottage cheese with the best intentions but with bad outcomes, literally and figuratively.

Management of diarrhea depends a lot on the cause. Many cats with diarrhea are allergic or hypersensitive, can be managed by diet change alone. Other disorders may require medications.

While some who don't own cats might think it's crude, there's joy in solid cat stools. Debbie Royer of Lincoln, Neb., was fortunate to find a cat and House shelter, said the volunteers are joyous when they discover a normal, firm stool: "Guess we need to get a life!"

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a veterinary contributor to "Good Morning America."

## Plan carefully for the week, Aquarius, but watch your step

IF JAN. 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The year to come is likely to teach you that practice makes perfect, so concentrate on putting your best foot forward on every occasion. Take advantage of extremely helpful stars in late September and early October when good fortune may arrive in the form of a helpful person or a new romantic opportunity. If you have slipped up and not taken care of essential obligations, early December could be trying — but if you have always met your best when it comes to your responsibilities, you may be rewarded with higher level of responsibility that enhances your reputation.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Rest on your laurels. Don't jump on a high horse and let enthusiasm run away with you this week. Under these stars you may feel an urge to start something without the proper preparation.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Be strong, you usually succeed. With Mars hovering in Taurus for a lengthy period of time, you are more aggressive. Be warned that during this week assertiveness can cause friction.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Matters of pride and prejudice could waste your time this week. Hold off on making deci-

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sions that require cooperation from others. Spend your time wisely by preparing for the future.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Think positive. The pastures are only long greener from a distance. The moon with Saturn early today may prompt you to be dissatisfied with your possessions or feel mildly entertained.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Never show a weapon before you need to use it. The week ahead may be fraught with perils for those with hair trigger tempers. Don't let a need for entertainment

be blown out of proportion.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In the "Perils of Fausline," the heroine was always rescued at the last minute from the railroad track, but silent movies are only a fantasy. Don't get tied up by the wrong people this week.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sometimes you can be overly watchful. The planets are going along with the crowd to your detriment. Don't follow the lead of a companion or partner this week as their judgment may be off base.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Little aggravations can be blown out of proportion this week. Don't let trifles provoke a quarrel. Put off starting new projects as it will be difficult to gain cooperation from

quarrels in the week ahead.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Make a solid plan for the week ahead but tread carefully where activity comes. Other people's intentions may not understand your intentions.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Turn on the charm. Practice counting to 10 before saying or doing anything that could ignite a dispute. New relationships formed this week could be a source of long-lasting friction.

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FAMILY LIFE

# GPS: Supervision or high-tech snooepervision?

By Lizi S. Kadaba  
Knight Ridder News Service

**PHILADELPHIA** — Do you know where your child is — down to the exact block? Is he really at the library, or at an unchaperoned party across town? Anxious parents are resorting to increasingly sophisticated technology to keep a tight eye on the kids 24/7. But some experts wonder whether constant monitoring, sometimes without the child's knowledge, represents necessary vigilance or the oppressive rule of Big Mother or Father.

Global-positioning system (GPS) satellite technology, now in cell phones as well as cars, is the latest advance for parental snooping — pinpointing, 007-style, the exact location of users. Its killer application came in 2007, when a Philadelphia police officer, Phil Magney, an analyst with Teleatics Research Group, is to monitor teen driving. The technology is equally effective in tracking kids after they get out of their cars.

"People just want to track their loved ones. It's as simple as that," Magney said.

Dozens of businesses already market the service to parents, and "we'll see many, many more in the next year," he predicts.

Deb Cervin, 44, of Rockwell, N.C., secretly installed a tracking device on her daughter's car. When I was a teenager I would have liked to see this, she conceded. "Now, the dangers are different. Sometimes Mom's got to be sneaky."

Other new parental spyware includes security systems that send e-mail alerts when a child enters or leaves the house, and home video cameras that relay live images to parents' computers.

"I think we're keeping track of children too much," said sociologist Frank Furedi, author of "The Paranoid Parent," who believes that unchaperoned anxiety leads to extreme measures that erode privacy and trust.

Parents become obsessed, Cervin said. "When you see the slightest problems, you become worried about them. These technologies inflate your fears rather than lessen them."

Sheley Stein of Selton, Del., is willing to take the heat.

"When daughter Kelly, a Drexel University freshman, began to drive two years ago, her mom and I were really into SignalTrac, a dashboard GPS system, in the girl's Mitsubishi Galant. From her home computer, SignalTrac can follow a real-time map of Kelly's movements (and comings and goings) and rate of travel.

"It's like having a parent in the passenger seat," said Stein, who describes herself as a "worry wad." "It's not like reading the diary of your child's private thoughts."

At first, she was "a little shocked," said Kelly, 19. "It would freak out anybody knowing you're being tracked." Now she says the system is "like an up-protection," a way for someone to know whether she

about the traffic, weather, trees, construction sites. Remember, most of the things you come in contact with during any given day are familiar to you. But to her, it's all brand new.

• Don't lecture. Just speak in a casual, conversational way, using full sentences and a vocabulary that's a little above where you think your baby is.

• Keep "No" and "Don't" to a minimum. It's incredibly hard, but try. If you say "No" or "Don't" to your baby she may not understand what you don't want her to do. All she really knows is that you're not happy with her. And too many Nos and Don'ts will discourage creativity and exploration. Instead, give her some details. "Knives are sharp and they aren't for babies," or "It's not safe to try to put things in your hair pins in the electrical outlets." Of course all your outlets are safely covered up, but you know what I mean.

• Read. Make stories and books a part of your baby's daily routine.

• Keep up the sign language. If you're working it, don't stop now. And if you haven't started yet, it's not too late. Doing it in your own language and sign language are not at all contradictory. In fact, babies who've learned to sign usually have larger vocabularies than babies who don't.

• Encourage and expand. If your baby says "ba-ba," don't just leave it at that. Instead, respond with a full sentence, something like, "do you want your bottle?" or "yes, that's a sheep," depending on what you think she means.

• Identify. Ask, "where's your tummy?" if she points to it or pats it, praise her and ask another question. If she doesn't answer, point it out for her. ("here's your tummy") and ask another.

• Talk about differences. Point to her fingers and then to her nose. Then to her trunk. Tell her about how hers are smaller and yours and the elephant's are bigger.

• Explain everything. If you're feeding her, talk to her about the color, the taste, how messy her face is. If you're outside, talk

## How GPS tracking works

Global-positioning system units send data via GPS satellites, designed and controlled by the U.S. Department of Defense. GPS chips may be placed in cars, cell phones and tags to be attached to clothing.

Parents access a password-protected Web site to learn their child's location, rate of travel, mileage and other information. The data are shown on a map and can be viewed in real time with updates every few minutes. Location is precise down to a few feet, such as an intersection.

For those who would prefer to go to bed with their children's location, most GPS services have a history option that shows a child's travels over extended periods.

Parents also may set up alerts — essentially e-mails — to be sent when their children leave a preset zone or exceed a predetermined speed. The messages can be sent to computers and wireless devices, including cell phones and PDAs.

arrived at their destination safely. Stein sees parents as a growing market for GPS. She is half of a two-month-old partnership that will market a part of the fleet-tracking company GPS North America.

SignalTrac — the unit costs about \$500, plus \$34.99 a month — has been on the market for about three years to about 1,000 parents, said Todd Lewis, the company's technology officer.

The system provides a location history and sends alerts — a message to a cell phone, for example — if the car exceeds a predetermined speed or crosses a set geographic boundary.

Lewis recommends that parents tell the kids when they've installed SignalTrac. (Besides, the system works better with an antenna mounted on the rear windshield, something that would be hard to hide.)

In North Carolina, he had other kids. He spiked his daughter Adie coverly at first, even though safety — not trying to be involved in every moment of her life — was her motivation.

Within a week, Cervin confronted the 17-year-old with evidence that she was driving past his house.

Adie was incensed. "I do feel like it's an invasion of privacy," she said. "My friends say, 'Oh, my God, I can't believe your mom is doing that.'"

Yet Cervin was unbowed. SignalTrac "built up trust that was lost from (Adie's) skipping school," she said. "It makes me feel better about giving her a little more freedom."

She says she'll dismantle SignalTrac when her daughter turns 18. "I'm not a total control freak," she says. "I like to keep it on, but I'm not going to do that."

While the golden years have their rewards and joy, they can also present a myriad of challenges, including new Medicare options, health problems, caregiving responsibilities and financial challenges. Struggling through the latest news, information and updates can be confusing and overwhelming. Luckily, there's free help available, if you know where to look.

Government agencies, non-profit associations and health organizations publish — and update — easy-to-read brochures, reports and papers on topics of interest to older citizens.

For individuals comfortable navigating the information highway, the Internet provides quick and easy access to Web sites filled with pertinent information. For those not comfortable with getting their materials the old-fashioned way, guides can be obtained with a phone call or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Experts say the main place to start to look for help on aging issues is with your local Area Agency on Aging. Triple A's, as they're called, provide information on everything from legal services to resources for caregivers.

If you or a loved one has

# Cool tips from a giant among snow men

By Arnie Crow  
The Washington Post

A foot of dry, powdery stuff may thrill skiers and snowboarders. But for builders of snow, winter means three or four inches of big, fat wet flakes easily rolled round and round a white-layered lawn or field. In no time, with temperatures hovering between 25 and 30 in greens, the small projectiles so ideal for winter warfare can expand into spherical bottoms, torsos and heads. Sticky snow even makes it easier to affix the requisite facial features and sartorial adornment.

Such conditions make Jim Sysko — who more often has to settle for dry, granular white stuff than good, wet packing snow at his home in Newry, Maine — very happy. At 59, he remains an enthusiastic creator of snow people.

Unlike most of us, his training as a civil engineer and his work on bridges and other complex structures qualified him to lend his skills to the nearby town of Bethel, where citizens eager to draw more winter tourists decided to deconstruct a 96-foot-tall Japanese snowman standing in the Guinness Book of World Records.

In 1999, Sysko and 60 volunteers succeeded brilliantly by erecting a creature 113 feet 7 inches tall. Its arms were 10-foot fir trees, its eyes crafted from four-foot evergreen wreaths.

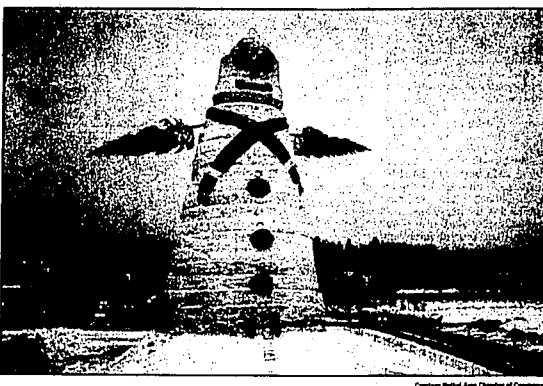
The Bethel record, which still stands, caught the eye of Samantha Eitus, who compiled "The Experts' Guide to Life at Home" (Clarkson Potter Publishers, \$19.95). One hundred domestic essays cover such useful subjects as installing a doggie door, caring for elderly relatives and, of course, building a snowman.

Sysko generously shares a few tips on the subject. "Pick a spot that has a nice view so you can see it. If it's in the shade, it will last longer. To show it off, put it in the middle of the open area," he said during a recent phone chat.

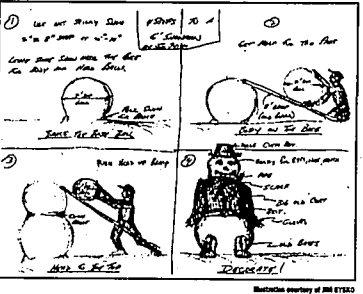
For a life-size snowman, make a snow circle. To make the base, roll the ball around the top half of the circle. "Plan it so that when you are finished, the ball sits smack in the middle. Then flatten the top," he said.

Roll the smaller middle ball over most of the remaining half-circle of snow. "If you do it right, you'll end up with a flat top," he said. "Because the middle sphere can be very heavy, get help from friends or fashion a ramp from a wide plank to roll it up to its resting place."

"It's how the Egyptians built the pyramids," Sysko said. Flatten the bottom of the middle



Angus, the 113-foot-tall Bethel, Maine, Guinness Book record holder constructed in 1999. Jim Sysko, an enthusiastic creator of snow people, used his training as a civil engineer to help citizens of Bethel in building Angus, whose arms were 10-foot fir trees.



Jim Sysko's illustrated, step-by-step directions for building a snowman. "Pick a spot that has a nice view so you can see it," Sysko advises. "To show it off, put it in the middle of the open lawn."

ball before laying it atop the base, then flatten the top of the center sphere.

Roll the head in the remaining snow and place its flattened bottom atop the torso.

Pack reinforcing snow around the base, belt line and neck to keep the whole thing intact.

Not happy with the icy physique? Sticky snow can easily be added to create shoulders or other anatomical features. "Snowmen usually end up being chunkier than human beings. A thin, anorexic snowman won't make it," he said.

As for clothing, Sysko's wife, Carrie, has her own system. A nurse who also is a weaver, she puts her "rejects" and worn

clothing in a wardrobe box for the snow people they build: hats, scarves, shirts, belts, shoes. Even in this day of violent anti-smoking drives, she can usually find the requisite corncob pipe "down at the corner store."

The facial features are another story altogether.

"If you want to get really fancy and give it a lifelike face, take out sculpting tools as a kitchen knife, a serving spoon — and spend as much time as you want," Jim Sysko said. The face should point away from the sun to keep it from melting too quickly.

Carrie Sysko considers the refrigerator "a great place to get things that are about to go into

the garbage," such as overripe tomato slices for eyes and crunchy snow-melt noodles for hair. If there is no coal for buttons, Jim Sysko suggests painting rocks.

And he's "dreaming" of tinting an entire snowman with food coloring, to create a shocking pink, turquoise or lime-green frigid humanoid.

Don't despair if the snow is too dry and powdery. If you have your garden hose, put it on fine mist and wet the area, or use a watering can with a perforated spout," he said.

These were hardly options in Bethel, where snow tends to be dry. Moreover, because the Bethel behemoth was going to be so incredibly heavy (think 3 million pounds, according to a town official), it could not be made by the traditional rolling method. Instead, a circular frame measuring 60 feet wide and 4 feet high was needed to stabilize the base so it would not topple.

Dozens of people climbed inside the frame and stomped food snow to pack it down. The frame was then made smaller, more snow added and the process repeated until the monolith was done. The snow was stabilized by the growing structure.

Things are so much simpler at home. But even when conventional snowman-making is the order of the day, Sysko prefers multiples to singles. "I thought it would be nice to have snow people in groups."

# How to travel the government's information highway

By Koiky Vann  
Special to the Hartford Courant

Medicare, you probably have questions about Medicare's new prescription drug coverage that began Jan. 1. To help you better understand this coverage and the decisions you need to make, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, AARP and the Federal Citizen Information Center have put together a free package of materials, including "The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: What You Need To Know." Also included in the Medicare package is "Your Pharmacy Benefits: Make It Work for You" from the National Pharmaceutical Council.

The publication has a handy worksheet that you can use as a guide when comparing different benefit plans and features tips on what to do if you're having problems getting your prescriptions filled or your plan won't cover your medication.

There are three ways to get the information: Send your name and address to Medicare, Pueblo, CO 81099; visit [www.publio.gov/medrx2medicaid.htm](http://www.publio.gov/medrx2medicaid.htm) to order or to read or print out these (and hundreds of other federal publications); or call toll-free 888-678-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and ask for Medicare.

The National Center for Assisted Living and the American Health Care Association have co-authored a new booklet, "Tying

for Long-Term Care." The brochure helps readers navigate through long-term care financing, explains Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and provides information on long-term care insurance. This publication and others, including "Caring for Someone With Alzheimer's" and "Having Your Say: Advance Directives" are available by calling (800) 628-6140 or by logging onto [www.longtermcareliving.com](http://www.longtermcareliving.com).

The federal government's Web site, [www.fristgov.org](http://www.fristgov.org), includes links to such topics as protecting yourself from senior scams, grandparents raising grandkids, health and wellness, retirement, finances and taxes. (To find the information, go to the box marked "By Audience," and click on the "Senior" link.)

Another government Web site, Social Security Online for Women 62+ (www.ssa.gov/women), provides information on issues ranging from retirement, survivors and disability benefits to Supplemental Security Income and other topics pertinent to women.

BenefitsCheckUp is a comprehensive online service provided by the National Council on Aging to help individuals 55 and over find federal, state and some local private and public benefits. The site includes more than 1,300 programs from all 50 states — and estimates that there are 50 to 70 programs available to individuals per state.

Besides identifying the programs that a person may be eligible to receive, BenefitsCheckUp also provides a detailed description of the programs, local contacts for additional information (typically the addresses and phone numbers of where to apply for the programs) and materials to help successfully apply for each program. A new feature is Benefits CheckUp, a tool to help you find out what you need to know before signing up for your new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage or other prescription-savings programs. Seniors and family members fill out an online survey (names are not required), then receive a printable report — and which programs they may qualify for — and instructions on how to enroll.

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ANNIVERSARY

THE WARDS

ALMO — Robert and Nancy Ward of Almo will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Robert Ward and Nancy Hutchinson were married Jan. 17, 1956, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

They have lived on their ranch in Almo. He worked building his cattle ranch and purchasing his favorite place in the Junction area to ride his horse and work the cattle. She worked at home raising their four children and enjoys baking pies and breads and making homemade candy.

They have been active in the LDS Church, serving in various stake and ward positions and also serving at the Logan Temple for many years. They recently returned from serving their second mission to Narvoo, Ill.

Their children are Debra (Dean) Condie of Rupert, Glenn Wilson of Seattle, Steven (Tonya) Ward of Almo, and Lisa (Cory) Linton of Draper, Utah. They have 15 grandchildren and one



Robert and Nancy Ward great-grandchild. The family will host an open house this summer.

Hospice volunteers provide lifeline



Alice Dawkins, right, a four-year volunteer at Stella Maris Hospice, takes volunteer Cindy Suggitt along on her morning rounds. Volunteers undergo 30 hours of training and must commit to one year of service and at least one hour a week at the Timonium, Md., facility.

Photos by AGENDA/PDA/The Baltimore Sun

WEDDINGS

POWELL-HANSEN

RUPERT — Joy Suzanne Powell and John D. Hansen were married Dec. 30 at the Portland LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Cindy Powell of Canby, Ore.

The groom is the son of David and Partie Hansen of Rupert.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Canby High School. She is enrolled at Brigham Young University-Idaho, studying social work.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School and served in the Washington Tacoma Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed at J.B. Simplot Co. in Heyburn. He is enrolled at BYU-Idaho, studying business management.



John and Joy Hansen

A reception was held Dec. 30 in Canby.

A local reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the LDS Institute Building, 1650 Parke Ave., Burley.

The couple will reside in Reznburg while they continue their education.

Patients and families benefit

By Dan Thanh Dang  
The Baltimore Sun

For many people, there is no more heart-rending experience than watching the death of a loved one.

But while death provokes fear in some, Alice Dawkins sees an opportunity to talk about life and strengthen family ties. Where some see sorrow, the 47-year-old pediatric nurse sees a chance for compassion and laughter. Where some see only the end, she sees hope.

It is for those reasons that Dawkins spends time with the dying. As a volunteer at the Stella Maris Hospice in Timonium, Md., where hundreds of terminally ill patients come every year to spend their last days, Dawkins is a lifeline for patients and their loved ones at a time when they may feel most alone.

Across the country, thousands of volunteers like Dawkins lend a hand at hospices every day by helping people get through the final stage of life. Whether it's keeping water glasses filled or working with patients in a garden, volunteers serve in a variety of ways.

Dawkins has read to her patients and brought them music. She's played card games and taken them shopping. Sometimes, she and patients pray together. Much of the time, she just listens. Dawkins is prepared for anything.

"Sometimes, I leave here laughing," says Dawkins, who spends a few hours at the hospice every Monday and has done so for the past four years. "Sometimes, I leave here crying. I always leave here with a feeling of pride, though, that I have contributed in some way as part of a team that cares for people's spiritual, emotional and physical needs."



Alice Dawkins visits 93-year-old Stella Maris Hospice patient Julia Crandall. Volunteers need to have a sense of peace about death, says Dawkins.

"I want to create a positive experience for patients and their families when they are here," she adds. "I want them to know that each life has meaning."

Once considered on the fringes of traditional medicine, hospice care has become mainstream in the past couple of decades. In medieval times, a hospice was considered a place of shelter and rest for weary or ill travelers, according to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, based in Alexandria, Va. The word was first applied to specialized care for dying patients in 1967 when the first hospice was started in a London suburb. Seven years later, the first hospice in the United States opened in New Haven, Conn.

But it wasn't until 1982, when Congress introduced the Medicare Hospice Benefit, that the concept really spread. Last year, a record 1.05 million Americans sought the services of hospice-care providers, an increase of 100,000 from the year before, according to the Alexandria organization.

About 3,600 Medicare-certified hospices meet those patients' needs. Experts predict that the numbers will grow steadily. There are about another

200 volunteer hospice organizations in the country that are generally free of charge to patients.

As demand grows, Dawkins and about 500,000 other volunteers like her across the country play a vital role in the care and support of hospice patients. The federal government requires that 5 percent of all patient care at hospices that receive Medicare comes from volunteer workers.

Hospice volunteers are not ordinary people, but neither are they superheroes. They are usually people who have grappled with death themselves and feel a need to assist others who are dealing with it, too. Many have experienced hospice programs because of family members or friends.

Others dealt with death early in their lives and came to realize the importance of finding support during the bereavement process. Dawkins lost her older brother to a violent beating when she was 15, and her mother died 10 years ago, and she stresses to patients the benefits of support groups. "Anyone can do this work," she says of volunteers. "They just need to have a sense of peace about death."

Where to get information about becoming a hospice volunteer

To become a hospice volunteer or for more information about hospice programs, contact the following organizations:

- Hospice Association of America: 202-546-4759; hospice-america.org
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization: 800-658-8939; nhpo.org
- Hospice Foundation of America: 800-854-2402; hospicefoundation.org
- Volunteers for Hospice: 623-563-4490; vhoaz.org

At Stella Maris, volunteers who must commit to at least one year of service and at least one hour per week — are given every opportunity to change their minds while they complete 30 hours of training. As they practice communicating with patients and their family members, they learn about respecting spiritual beliefs, cultural diversity and patient confidentiality. They learn when to offer assistance and when to back off.

All Medicare-certified hospices require at least 16 hours of training and extensive orientation sessions for volunteers, who must also submit to a criminal background check and tuberculosis test, says Mary Esor, volunteer-services coordinator at Hospice of Washington County, Inc., in Hagerstown, Md., which has 145 volunteers to help care for its 120 patients. "Our volunteers learn about social work nursing and palliative care," Esor says. "They also learn how to help with the family after the loss, and they go to the funeral home to provide spiritual care to families. We prepare them for everything."

WAGNER-RYZAK

BURLEY — Christina Dawn Wagner and Jeffery David Ryzak were married Nov. 7 in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of James and Lynette Wagner of Great Falls, Mont.

The groom is the son of David and Amy Ryzak of Boise.

The bride attended Great Falls High School.

The groom attended Burley High School and IT Technical Institute in Boise. He is employed by Electronic Data Systems of Boise.

The couple went to Las Vegas for the honeymoon and now resides in Boise.



Jeffery and Christina Ryzak

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Ryzak residence in Burley.

The groom is the son of Connie Moran of Alaska and the late Leonard Walden.

The bride is a graduate of Minico High School in Rupert. The groom is a graduate of Bartlett High School in Anchorage.

SCOTT-WALDEN

RUPERT — Mary Jean Scott and John Edward Walden were married Dec. 21 in Anchorage, Alaska.

The bride is the daughter of William and Nina Scott of Rupert.

ENGAGEMENTS

VAN VLEET-PARRISH

TWIN FALLS — Alan and JoLene Van Vleet of Albuquerque, N.M., announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Van Vleet, to Bret Coulson Parrish, son of Ray and Joan Parrish of Twin Falls.

Van Vleet is a 2001 graduate of La Cueva High School in Albuquerque and a 2005 graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho with a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing. She is employed at Arco in Reznburg.

Parrish is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Tessa McAllen Spanish-speaking mission. He is employed by Kettle Embroidery in Reznburg, while completing his bachelor's degree in graphic design at the sign and advertising at



Bret Parrish and Erin Van Vleet

The couple plans to reside in Reznburg while he completes his degree.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 20, at the Albuquerque LDS Temple in New Mexico. A reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, in Albuquerque. An open house will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Armetist Inn in Twin Falls.

SOULIER-BARNES

TWIN FALLS — William and Christine Spicer of Fremont, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Natassha Nicole Soulier, to Charles Anthony Barnes, son of Jack and Robyn Barnes of Twin Falls.

Soulier is a graduate of Irvington High School in Fremont. She is employed at Catholic Community Services in Bremerton, Wash.

Barnes is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed in Silverdale, Wash.

The wedding is planned for 7



Natassha Soulier and Charles Barnes

The couple will be married Jan. 21, at The Risk in Jerome. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Loretta Drake and Josiah Hanson

The couple will be married Jan. 21, at the Risk in Jerome. A reception will follow the ceremony.

GOODLEY-HUBER

GOODING — Kipp and Rhonda Miles of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Goodley, to Jeff Huber, son of Jack and Nancy Williams, both of Gooding. Greely is a graduate of Gooding High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Rock and Roll.

Huber is also a graduate of Gooding High School and attends Idaho State University. He is employed by Glanbia Foods in Gooding.

The wedding date has not yet



Kimberly Goodley and Jeff Huber

The couple will reside in Gooding.

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DRAKE-HANSON

FILER — Randy and Laura Drake of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Loretta Marie Drake, to Josiah Jeff Hanson, son of Jeff and Brenda Hanson of Twin Falls.

Drake is a 2004 graduate of Filer High School and attends the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed by Claude Sports in Twin Falls.

Hanson is a 2003 graduate of Bull High School and is training to be a manager for the U.S. Army in Fort Benning, Ga. The wedding is planned for late May.

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## Three Scouts earn Eagle awards

The Times-News

**KIMBERLY** — Kahler Nield, Bryce Richman and Radlee Piott, all from Kimberly, received their Eagle Scout awards at a Court of Honor presentation in December at The Kimberly Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2nd Ward. The boys are members of Crew 88 under the lead of Ben Gardner.

Nield, 18, son of Myron and Devry Nield, is a senior at Kimberly High School. He was a member of the varsity football and is a member of the varsity basketball team.

For his project, he painted home street numbers on curbs in Kimberly.

Richman, 18, son of Burk and Ann Richman, is a senior at Kimberly High School where he was a member of the varsity cross country team that competed at state this year. He is also a member of the wrestling team. For his project, he gathered school supplies for children in Iraq.

Piott, 17, son of Vernon and Toni Piott, is a senior at Kimberly High School where he was a



From left, Eagle Scouts Kahler Nield, Bryce Richman and Radlee Piott received their Eagle awards in December.

member of the varsity cross country team. He also plays the

drums in the school band. For his project, he remodeled the

Kimberly High School graduation stalls.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Celebration planned at CSI for human rights

**TWIN FALLS** — An awards breakfast and presentation will be featured at the area's first Human Rights Celebration Breakfast at the College of Southern Idaho on Saturday.

The event will start with breakfast at 9 a.m. in the CSI Student Union Building, 315 Falls Ave. The 2006 Magic Valley Human Rights Leader award will be presented to a winning contributor to the "How I Can Stop Hate" student essay contest will be announced.

At 10:30 a.m., attendees will move to the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium where Charlyne Hunter-Gault will speak on "Making a Global Dream: From Jim Crow America to Apartheid South Africa and Beyond." Hunter-Gault was a reporter and bureau chief for PBS, CNN and NPR in Johannesburg, South Africa, for many years. She has won many journalism awards for her work in the print and broadcast media, including two Emmy and two Peabody awards.

The price for the entire event is \$5 per person. Children age 5 and younger are free. Special activities for younger children are being organized under the supervision of the Boys and

Girls Club and the CSI Early Childhood Education program. Family tickets will be sold for \$20.

### Twin Falls woman celebrates 90th birthday

**TWIN FALLS** — Lucie Elizabeth James will celebrate her 90th birthday from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Care Center, 674 Eastland Drive.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1916, and attended Poplar Grove School near Castleford. She married John H. James in 1934. He died in 1995. She worked in the sales department at J and K Appliance in Buhl for 10 years.

James enjoys cooking for family and friends, the companionship of dogs and reading her Bible. She is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Filer.

She has four children, Fritz James of Buhl, Rene (Linda) James of Alpha, Ill., Frank (Loretta) James of Prineville, Ore., and Louise (Ed) Swayze of Filer.

The family is hosting the

event and requests no gifts.

### Diabetes Support Group discusses quick meals

**TWIN FALLS** — The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the South Central District Health office, located on the College of Southern Idaho Campus, 315 Falls Ave. Those attending should use the north entrance of the district health building.

Rhea Lanting will speak on "Healthy Meals in Less Time." She is an extension educator in family and consumer sciences with the University of Idaho and teaches the "Healthy Diabetes Plate" classes.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the office.

For more information, call Carol Gandaga at 537-6978 or Susie Beem at 737-5946.

### CSI offers sign language class Thursdays for \$75

**TWIN FALLS** — "Sign Language 1" will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 19 to March 23, in Room 114 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave. The cost is \$75.

Students will learn the alphabet, sign numbers and the difference between the three types of sign language. They will begin to receptively read and expressively sign words in signed English and ASL. The course book, which is \$12.95, can be purchased from Barnes and Noble.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

### Filer Library begins book discussion series

**FILER** — The Filer City Library, 217 Main St., is holding its "Let's Talk About It" book discussions series this spring. Discussions will be held at 7 p.m. The study theme is "The Common Good: American Individualism and the tension between self-advancement and the needs of society."

Jan. 17, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald; Feb. 7, "Habits of the Heart" by Bellah; Feb. 21, "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo A. Anaya; March 7, "Caramony" by Leslie Marmon Sliker; March 21, "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Books can be checked out during regular library hours. For more information, call the library at 326-4143.

### Armas completes naval training in Illinois

**Navy Seaman Recruit Chance S. Armas**, son of Diane M. and Stephen L. Armas of Elkton, Nev., has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Armas completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Armas is a 2005 graduate of Elkton High School.

### Hollibaugh finishes small craft mechanic course

**Marine Corps Pfc. Jared M. Hollibaugh**, son of Bobbie J. and Michael E. Hollibaugh of Shoshone, has completed the Small Craft Mechanic Course at

the Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the five-month course, Hollibaugh learned how to inspect, maintain and repair the small craft and their subsystems used by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Hollibaugh studied maintenance and repair of engines, instruments controls, power train and electrical systems. Additionally, Hollibaugh received instruction on hull maintenance of fiberglass and rubber boats and related repair shop safety measures.

Hollibaugh is a 2006 graduate of Shoshone High School and joined the Marine Corps in July 2004.

### Marine completes basic training in San Diego

**Marine Corps Pvt. Garrison D. Herzinger**, son of Gena L. and Jeff L. Herzinger of Buhl, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot,

San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Herzinger spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

### Hazardous material inspector deployed to Iraq

**Air Force Staff Sgt. Eric M. Sjoberg** is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The sergeant is a hazardous material joint inspector regularly assigned to the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Wash.

He is the son of James and Iyla Sjoberg of St. Johns, Mich.

Sjoberg's wife, Tiffany, is the daughter of Brad Coleman of Twin Falls.

### Goodnight graduates from Air Force training

**Air Force Airman 1st Class Cody A. Goodnight** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Kay and Dan Goodnight of Twin Falls. The airman is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## FIVE GENERATIONS



Photo courtesy of DALE DOMAN

The Doman family has celebrated five generations. From left are Carol Ann Doman Haggard of Battle Mountain, Nev.; Martha Doman of Burley; Dale Doman of Burley; Brittany Haggard Oetler of Battle Mountain, Nev.; and Logan Hal Oetler of Battle Mountain, Nev.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



Photo courtesy of Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley

Don Hall, executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, gives a Platinum Level Plaque to David Johnson and Jason Rutz of The PC Doctor for their support. For more information on the Boys and Girls Clubs, call Hall at 739-7011.

## CHRISTMAS EVENT



Photo courtesy of Shauna Goringe

Shauna Goringe, who works at Burley's Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center, and her son Cody help Emma Smith and Jean Matthews play a game at the center's Christmas party for its residents and their families. A program, carols, games, visiting and refreshments were held at the event.



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**Stanley Wyatt Lawrence Hockens**, son of Shenna Lee and Chad Raymond Hoskovec of Hagerman, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.

**Kaitlin Marie Rackham**, daughter of Heather Kristine Rackham and Michael James Bowlett of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005.

**Charlotte Sunnee Butler**, daughter of Jessica Sunshine

and Dennis Butler of Hansen, was born Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006.

**Keyshane Willis**, daughter of Cherry Lynn and Mont Christopher Willie of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006.

**Nicholas William McDaniel**, son of Christina Arlene and Joseph Lee McDaniel of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 6, 2006.

**Martina Therese Kitchen**, daughter of Shannon Marisa

and Brian James Kitchen of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006.

**Bree Lynn Maedler**, daughter of Dana Lee and Thomas Joel Mueller of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006.

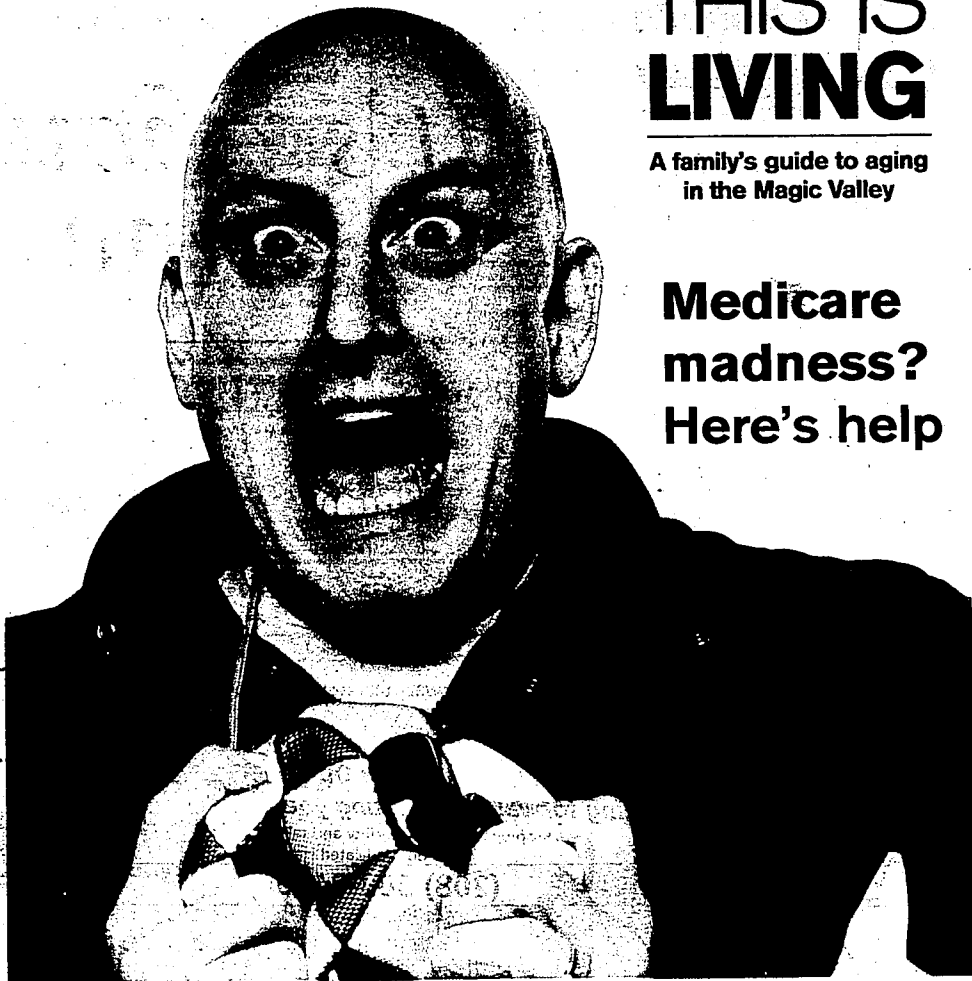
**Elizabeth Anne Thornton**, daughter of Ruthanne and Erik William Thornton of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006.

**Bailey Ann Ward**, daughter of Laura Diane and Terry Lane Ward of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 9, 2006.

# THIS IS LIVING

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# Drug plan help is just a click away

By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Navigating through any federal agency Web site is never child's play, but for senior citizens who are Internet savvy, signing up for Medicare's prescription drug program online might be handy.

At <http://www.medicare.gov> seniors can click on prescription drug coverage in the left-hand column. From there, entering the local zip code and then another mouse click will show the com-

panies that are administering Medicare's prescription drug program. Drugs and costs vary per company, so a customer may have to do some research to see which plan fits them.

If you have a pharmacy preference, you might do well to call the pharmacy to see which companies they contract with because they may not accept drug cards from some companies.

Seniors may want ask if the insurance company has a local agent to contact. Often, a one-on-one explanation can give seniors

and their families the individual help they need to understand the details.

Sign-up began Nov. 15 and ends May 15. If seniors experience some delay in using their card it could be because they are not yet "in the system" due to large numbers of folks signing up.

"It goes smoothly if people have their paperwork with identification numbers," Gary Bradford, pharmacist for Ridley's in Jerome, said.

For tips, see page 3 in This Is Living.

## Important questions and answers

By Corliss Neuber  
Social Security public affairs  
specialist

TWIN FALLS — The following questions and answers address some basic issues that all Medicare beneficiaries should be aware of as they consider their choices.

What is Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage?

Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance provided by private companies, approved by Medicare, called

Prescription Drug Providers (PDPs). Starting Jan. 1, new Medicare prescription drug coverage will be available to everyone with Medicare. This year's prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future.

Can I get extra help to pay for one of the prescription drug plans?

If you have limited income and resources, you may qualify for extra help. The amount of extra help depends on your

income and resources. If you qualify for the extra help, you still will need to join a plan to get drug coverage. If you apply and qualify for the extra help, but don't join a plan, Medicare will enroll you in one by May 15 to make sure you get this important coverage.

### Welcome to This Is Living — A Family's

Guide to Aging in the Magic Valley. We dedicated this entire issue to Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan — a topic that has been both welcome and confusing to area families. We're hoping the information contained within these pages will help you navigate the Medicare maze — and make decisions that will benefit you and your family. For ideas and comments on *This Is Living*, be sure to contact Special Sections Coordinator Karma Fitzgerald at [kfitzgerald@magicvalley.com](mailto:kfitzgerald@magicvalley.com) or 735-3238. Our next issue will be published this summer, and we'd love to have your input.

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## Medicare worksheet

### Before you begin

Information you need to have before you begin the application process for Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Medicare - D).

#### TIPS:

■ Also take any paperwork you have from Social Security Medicare and Medicaid listing the services for which you qualify and all your membership cards.

■ Be prepared: If everything goes smoothly it will take you 15-30 minutes to fill out the forms online. To do it on the phone could take 45 minutes or more.

■ It's also a good idea to figure out how much you spend each month on your medications.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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# Get help: Local businesses offer guidance

By Karma M. Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Working your way through the Medicare maze can be overwhelming — especially if you're not comfortable with using computers or working through automated help systems over the phone. But there is help. A number of local businesses have assistance available to get customers signed up for the program.

In fact getting help is the No. 1 recommendation from one of those professionals.

Laura Koester, of The Medicine Shoppe in Twin Falls, not only has 25 years' experience in the pharmacy business, her main responsibility at work is helping customers get signed up for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

She recommends compiling a list of all the medications you take each month. (See form on Pg. 3.) When you begin the process of signing up, you'll want all the information in front of you. Koester said you can't stop the process and go back. You'll have to start over from the beginning, so have all your Medicare and Medicaid (if you qualify) numbers in front of you, along with your list of medicines.

Once you've entered all the required information, the computer system will provide a list of the insurance companies that cover your prescriptions. Here's where a little bit of math is involved. Koester said most people can take advantage of a \$6 premium plan — but others may be ahead if they pay a higher premium. It helps to know how much you currently spend.

"Generally insurance compa-

nies pay 75 percent with a copay," Koester said. "Until your total drug costs reach \$2,250 then you hit the gap."

That "gap" leaves no insurance coverage until total drug costs reach \$3,600, Koester said. Then, catastrophic insurance kicks in and pays 95 percent.

However, different insurance companies offer different options — some plans have no gap at all, but carry a higher monthly cost.

Koester recommends everyone sign up, even if you don't use any prescription medications.

"You're penalized for not signing up," she said. "One percent of the premium per month that you don't sign up. That penalty does not go away and will up your pre-

mium."

So while you may not use the plan now, if you get sick or injured it may cost you more. Once the May deadline passes, you won't be able to sign up again until next November and won't have coverage until January.

The key is knowing what you have now, how much you spend and what your options are. The more information you bring into the process, the better decisions you can make. In some cases, there may be less expensive plans outside of the Medicare system. In others, the new prescription plan will save dollars.

Once you are in the system, the process isn't necessarily over. Koester said its taking some

people a long time to get insurance cards. She recommends keeping copies of everything and having them available when going to the pharmacy. Some pharmacies are allowing customers to buy according to their plan even if they don't have a card in hand. Once cards arrive, take it so staff members there can file the insurance claims retroactively.

The bottom line is, be prepared and don't be afraid to ask for help.

Correspondent Cathy Roemer contributed to this story.

Where can I sign up for Medicare's prescription drug plan?

- Some **major citizen centers** and care facilities have representative tables on site. Call ahead for days and times.
  - **Contact local health insurance companies** to see if they can have a certified agent sign you up.
  - **Call area pharmacies.** Many have staff members dedicated to assisting customers with the plan.
- Important note: Only **Medicare** insurance agents can sell financial insurance. Others, legally, can only offer guidance and help navigating the computerized system.



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# Medicare: Q&A

From Destinee Schuster, SSA,  
Twin Falls

## Question:

Three years ago I was in a car accident that left me partially paralyzed. I get Social Security disability benefits and Medicare. Will I also qualify for benefits under the

new Medicare prescription drug program?

## Answer:

You should be eligible for the new Medicare prescription drug benefits. In addition, you might be eligible for extra financial help with those costs. The new Medicare prescription drug plan went into effect in

January 2006, and open enrollment for the plan runs until May 15, 2006.

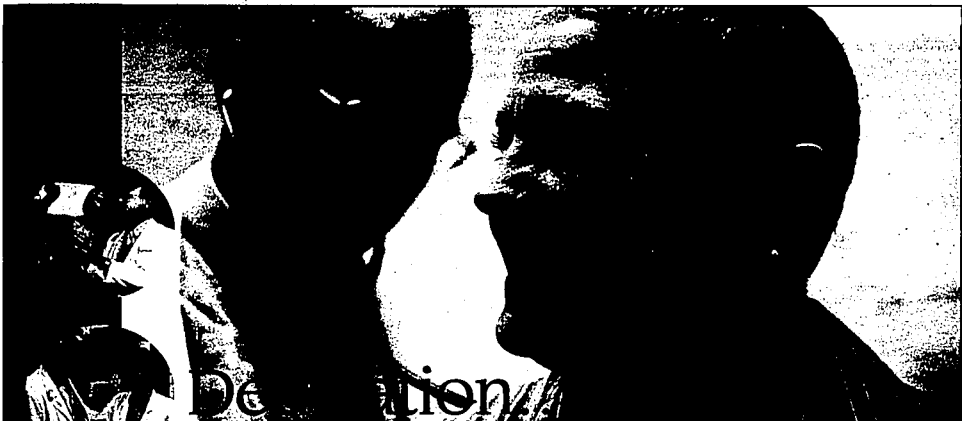
Social Security is taking applications from Medicare beneficiaries who may be eligible for extra help to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new

prescription drug program.

The extra help can save qualified beneficiaries an average of \$2,100 per year. To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and resources.

For more information about the overall Medicare prescrip-

tion drug program, visit <http://www.medicare.gov> or call 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048); for more information about the extra help available under the Medicare prescription drug program, visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov> or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).



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# Seniors work to stay active and buy medicine

By Dale Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS**—Seniors drawing Social Security benefits continue working to stay active and stretch their fixed incomes.

"It is important to keep busy at any age. Sure the money helps, particularly at the end of the month, but it's not the primary reason I work," said Art Selen, retired forester and owner of Book Territory.

Selen sells books on the Internet, at Second Time Around on Washington Street

North and at shows from Seattle to Filer. He claims it allows him to meet interesting people, continue his education and pad his income.

"I do not have a retirement mind set. I may look 70 years old but my mind is many years younger," Selen said. "Owning my own business gives me the freedom to schedule my own time. And, I can write off some of my travel on the business."

Heen Adams of Filer, a retired office worker, and her husband, Lester, sell collectibles at the Filer Flea Market to buy

medicine.

A diabetic, Heen receives \$617 per month from Social Security. Her medicine costs \$622 per month. During the months when there is no flea market, she asks her doctor for medicine samples to fill the gap. When extra money and medicine samples are unavailable, she skips occasional pills to make the medicine last.

Lester is a disabled veteran—the Veterans Administration covers his medicine.

"If it weren't for the VA, we'd both be in trouble," Heen said. She's applied for a Medicare

prescription drug card which will cost about \$33 a month. "I hope it will free up some of

my money and do everything it promises to do. I'll have to wait and see," Heen said.

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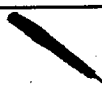
- You want to sign up for Medicare Part A or Part B;
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- You have questions about Medicare premiums.

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- If you want more information about Medicare you should visit the Web site at <http://www.medicare.gov>, or call 1-800-633-4227 (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Another convenient reference source for Medicare information is the Medicare & You handbook. If you need a copy, you can call the Medicare toll-free number at 1-800-633-4227 (TTY 1-877-486-2048). You can also find a copy of this handbook at CMS' Web site at <http://www.medicare.gov>.



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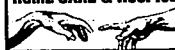
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