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High-tech treasure hunt



Geocaching, the hobby of looking for treasure using Global Positioning Units, is gaining in popularity throughout the Magic Valley.

'Geocaching' growing sport in Magic Valley

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Armed with his Global Positioning System unit, he set out to find the treasure.

His GPS led him to a radio transmitter, which was disguised and sitting 20 feet up on a telephone pole. He twisted the dial of his truck radio until he found the correct frequency. A voice on the radio told him he'd come to the right place and gave him the magic numbers — the longitude and latitude of the geocache's location. He plugged the numbers into his GPS which led him to a spot in Buhl, where he found the ammunition can containing a tiny log book, a pencil and some little trinkets.

Dr. Chris Scholes — aka "Skin Guy" — had found the geocache they call "Frankenstein." —It's a lightning-bolt moment," said Scholes, a local dermatologist. "It's like, 'Shazam! Holy Cow! when you get something like that.'"

Scholes is just one of a growing number of people of all ages and walks of life who have discovered the sport of geocaching. As of the last official count, Scholes had found 354 geocaches since his brother introduced him to the hobby in the summer of 2003. And he hides his own share of geocaches, too. Puzzles are Skin Guy's trademark.

"There are quite a few of us around," Scholes said.

Geocache containers can be as small as a button to as big as a five-gallon bucket and the majority contain some kind of trinket for

Boise man's stashing a 'cache' sets off fears of terror attack

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Scot Tinsman says he never had any troubles with the law until his girlfriend introduced him to what became his all-consuming passion: the satellite-navigated treasure hunt called geocaching.

"She got me hooked," said the 33-year-old Idaho man, who faces criminal charges for hanging a green bucket between a concrete bridge on a major state highway last September.

His "cache" was placed for other players to find using handheld Global Positioning System units. But before he could even finish adding the requisite trinkets and log books in the cache and posting its GPS coordinates on the Internet, it was indeed discovered — by a state bridge inspection crew.

That triggered a seven-hour road closure and emergency response from

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the taking. Some contain little logbooks in which to add your name. Treasures include hats, T-shirts and little toys and flashlights. If you take something out, you're expected to put something back in. Scholes said the unspoken rule is to "trade up or trade even."

Some people leave signature items

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Community-minded artist leaves her mark on Wendell

By Jaml Whitted
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Much of Emma Coleman's artwork can be found in homes across the United States. But that wasn't all she was known for because her work with the Wendell Optimist Club and the Gooding County Historical Society was also well-appreciated in the community.

She died Jan. 10, at age 89.

At age 5 she received an Indian pony, which she later rode to a one-room school in Cedar Draw. She had memories of pumping water from a well, two paths that led to the out-houses and a shed to stable horses.

During high school and the Depression years, horseback rides, swimming in canals, ball-games and rodeoing were favorite pastimes in the winter months; dancing was a popular activity. It was at a dance she met her husband-to-be, Frank.

While in grade school, her lifelong interest in art fully developed when a teacher encouraged her parents of drawing and painting. Through the years she was fascinated with the works of Rosa Bonheur, Charles Russell and Old West.

Through her membership with the Sage Brush Art Guild, she was able to take workshops from "professional" artists. In later years she took some private lessons from her home.

"She has been a leader in creating interest in inspiring artists in the field of painting and including creativity and original-

ity," her daughter Ilene Rounsefell once said, now adding that "she loved to share her talents."

Whether it be on canvases, rocks or even ostrich eggs, painting seemed to bring Coleman pleasure.

"She painted beautiful ostrich eggs," said Rosemary Lawton, a friend.

Her realistic painting style reflected her love for Idaho including lakes, rivers, deserts and mountains.

History also played a role in her work.

Her family came to the area in 1915, early in its beginnings, so it was natural for her to become part of the Gooding County Historical Society.

At the Thousand Springs Festival in 2001, she did a presentation on the Wendell Coin Shows.

She was selected to be Grand Marshal of Wendell during the 2003 Dairy Days and led the parade in a white buggy.

"We had a lot of fun with that," Rounsefell said.

Coleman was also a member of the Presbyterian Church most of her life. She served as elder and worked with the summer youth camps for a few years, among other things.

"She helped with general all-around work ... whatever needed to be done, she'd do it. It seemed like," said Lawton.

Coleman didn't mind helping out in the community and her many interests led to her becoming a charter member of the Wendell Optimist Club.

Through the years she has helped with bicycle safety lessons, Coats for Kids and other community projects.

a Life remembered



Emma Adaline Porter Coleman

Born: Sept. 17, 1916.
Died: Jan. 10, 2006.
Survivors: Children, Leo (Eleanor), Rick (Arlio) and Ilene Rounsefell (Bob) and a daughter-in-law Geneva Velesquez twin (Bob); nine grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell. Contributions may be made to the Living Waters Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or the Gooding County Museum Building Fund.

"She was a wonderful person," said Lawton. "She was involved in so many things and got along well with people. She was just a good person to have in a crowd."

STREAKING ACROSS THE SKY



Photograph of the Stardust capsule as it travels eastward through the Earth's atmosphere on Sunday over the skies of Utah. The 101-pound space capsule entered the Earth's atmosphere at nearly 29,000 mph.

Stardust capsule carrying comet dust returns to Earth

Allia Chang
Associated Press writer

DUGWAY PROVING GROUNDS (Utah) — For a split second, the Stardust's white-knuckled return capsule carrying comet dust was in trouble.

Mission control at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., could not immediately tell if the capsule had unfurled its first parachute for landing.

Scientists held their breath as the ghost of the Genesis spacecraft replayed in their heads. Two years ago, Genesis crashed into the Utah desert, cracking open like a giant clamshell, as it carried solar wind particles.

Stardust averted disaster and became the first space probe to return tiny fragments from a comet that scientists believe

could be the leftover building blocks of the solar system formed about 4.5 billion years ago.

Chutes erupted when the capsule opened its second — and main — parachute, guiding it to a pre-dawn landing in the remote desert Sunday.

"All stations, we have a touchdown," mission control radioed. Unknown to engineers, the first parachute also had been released, but it was too small for infrared cameras to see it, said Tom Duxbury, project manager of the \$212 million mission.

Carlton Allen, a scientist at NASA's Johnson Space Center, saw it all unfold live on television at Dugway Proving Ground. "It's an absolute triumph," Allen said after the landing. "This is a mission that will deeply extend our knowledge of the solar system."

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A dream missed



Above, Heba Afaneh, 7, creates an African Kente cloth pattern at the children's activity area of the Farmington Community Library on Sunday in Farmington Hills, Mich. Top, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. acknowledges the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial for his 'I Have a Dream' speech during the March on Washington, D.C., in this Aug. 28, 1963, file photo.

King's fiery speech rarely heard by students today

By Valerie Strauss
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — "It is the time of year when students are taught about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963. 'I Have a Dream' speech is occasionally delivered. But his call for freedom is not U.S. history. One heard it is impossible to forget. The memory of his words will live on in the hearts of all who will hear his words. His words will live on in the hearts of all who will hear his words. His words will live on in the hearts of all who will hear his words."

Dr. Patrick Swager, president of Howard University, heard King on the Mall in Washington at the end of a day of marching

honored Monday with an annual holiday.

"It lessons the historical saliency of King for younger kids," said Robert Brown, assistant dean of undergraduate education at Emory University in Atlanta who specializes in African American politics. "It is one thing to read King and another to see him. Hearing him is so much more powerful than reading it."

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TWIN FALLS 10-DAY FORECAST

Today: A mostly cloudy day. Highs, 30s. Tonight: More cloud cover. Lows, near 20s. Tomorrow: Increasing winds during the day, chance rain/snow or light snow at night. Highs, mid to upper 30s.

BURLEY/PAIDUP HILL FORECAST

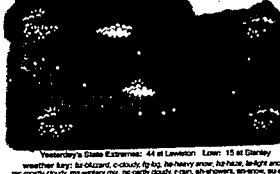
Today: Overcast to mostly cloudy skies. Highs, lower 30s. Tonight: Abundant cloud cover. Lows, lower 20s. Tomorrow: Breezy to brisk winds at times, chance for light snow at night. Highs, mid to upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The active weather pattern will continue. Light snow flurries from the east could frontally today will be replaced with another round of snow on Tuesday and Wednesday.

BOISE Late tonight and into Tuesday our circulate brings more rain through. The precipitation will be enhanced a bit by an incoming cold front on Wednesday morning.

NORTHERN UTAH A few light snow showers will be around early today. The break in the weather pattern will be in place by mid to late snow on Wednesday.



Wednesday's State Estimates: 44 at Lewiston. Lows: 15 at Starley. Weather Key: H: High; L: Low; P: Precipitation; S: Snow; W: Wind; M: Mist; C: Clouds; B: Breeze; D: Drizzle; F: Fog; O: Overcast.

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TWIN FALLS LIVE DAY 10-DAY FORECAST

Table with 10 columns for days (Today to Sunday) and 2 rows for High/Low temperatures. Today: High 36, Low 20. Tomorrow: High 30, Low 28. Wednesday: High 35, Low 25. Thursday: High 34, Low 21. Friday: High 35, Low 20.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOON PHASES

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Lists cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, etc.

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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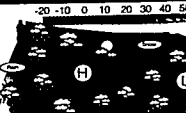
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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Geocaching

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Comet

Continued from A1. After a seven-year voyage snatching comet and interstellar dust, the Stardust spacecraft left Earth's atmosphere at a blazing 25,000 mph — the fastest return of any man-made probe — and returned its precious cargo for scientists to study. This is just the intermediate pit stop," Duxbury said. About a million comet and interstellar dust grains — most smaller than the width of a human hair — are believed to be inside. The dust grains collected in 2004 are believed to be pristine leftovers from materials that formed the sun and planets. Some samples could be even older than the sun. Next stop for the capsule is the Johnson Space Center in Houston where scientists will unload the canister later this week. After a preliminary examination, they will ship the particles to laboratories all over the world for further study. "Inside this thing is our treasure," said principal mission scientist Don Brownlee of the University of Washington. Stardust's successful return was relief to the space agency, which suffered a setback in

MLK

Continued from A1. Continued from A1. 1963. Tired listeners were respectful at the beginning, he said, but began to stir at the rhythm of King's words, the intensity of the message, which was not just a description of the condition of blacks in America but a vision of something better. "It is doubly sad for people today who do not hear the speech," Swygert said. "It certainly was one of the great moments of American history. Young people today don't often hear the message of possibility, and the second half of the speech was all about possibility." All of King's speeches and papers are owned by his family, which has gone to court several times since the 1990s to protect its copyright. The Harry Belafonte rights to his most famous speech a month after he gave it. Now, those who want to hear or use the speech in its entirety must buy a copy sanctioned by the King family, which receives the proceeds. The King family is not alone in its decision to control the use of its work. Former President Nixon sold his papers to the U.S. government for \$18 million. The Washington Post reporters who broke the Watergate story sold their copyright to the Harry Belafonte and the National Endowment for the Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin for \$5 million. Present Kennedy's inaugural address is in the public domain. And like Kennedy, King gave one of history's seminal speeches. Delivered Aug. 28, 1963 before more than 200,000 people, the speech helped

Comet

Continued from A1. 2004 when Genesis slammed into the same salt flats after its parachute failed to open. After the Genesis mishap, engineers rechecked Stardust's systems. Duxbury noted that its white-knuckled return home went like clockwork. Early Sunday, the Stardust mothership released the shuttlecock-shaped capsule, which glowed as a bright orange fireball over parts of Nevada. Closer to the Dugway Proving Ground landing zone, the capsule shot out of the pre-dawn sky as a white flash of light before parachuting to a landing in soft mud. The capsule bounced three times before coming to rest on its side. Despite the jolt, the capsule didn't crack, said Joe Vellinga of Lockheed Martin, who helped lead the recovery. After its retrieval, scientists in white protective suits spent the day cleaning the capsule and canister before the trip to Johnson Space Center. It will be days, however, before engineers learn how well the heat shield held up during the fiery re-entry. Meanwhile, the Stardust mothership remains in pending orbit around the sun, but NASA is considering sending it to another comet or asteroid to

GPS

Continued from A1. officials who feared a bomb had been rigged to the bridge. Unaware of the alarm, Tinsman was returning to finish rigging his cache when he rounded a corner, saw his motorcycle and was confronted by a barricade of police cars and a bomb squad. He struggled to explain that it was all a misunderstanding. "I got off my bike and three officers approached me very cautiously, hands on their holsters," he said. "I was trying to turn off my GPS player and I think they were worried I was going for a detonator." Tinsman's case of cache confusion isn't isolated. In November, a suspicious box placed outside the Provo, Utah, police station was blasted by a bomb squad robot. It turned out to be a geocache containing a toy gun, holster and nightstick. Geocachers usually take a trinket from a cache and leave another behind. In June, a bomb squad in De Pere, Wis., used a robot-mounted shotgun to blast the lid off a suspicious-looking military ammunition box found in a park. It also turned out to be a geocache. And on the night before the 2004 presidential election, police and the FBI spent hours ques-

Comet

Continued from A1. tioning a man who was seen prowling along a chain-link fence at Los Angeles International Airport with a GPS unit. He was a geocacher from Vermont trying to stash a green-and-purple toy snake into a cache placed five weeks earlier that had already been visited by 463 people. Guidelines of geocaching.com — the most popular Web clearinghouse for registering geocache hides and finds — advise players not to place caches near critical infrastructure or public buildings that might be terrorist targets. And with more than 1 million people worldwide estimated to participate in the sport, geocaching.com co-founder Bryan Roth of Seattle says the number of homeland security false-alarms is comparatively low. "I dare say I have heard of no more than five or 10 incidents," said Roth, whose Web site currently lists more than 225,000 caches in 219 countries. "Police can always contact us and we'll tell them whether something is a registered geocache. And if they're still not comfortable with what we tell them to blow it up, or more importantly, morally libel it if it indeed was a problem."

Comet

Continued from A1. snap photos. There won't be another chance for a sample return because the only capsule was released. Stardust was the third attempted robotic retrieval of extraterrestrial material. The unmanned Soviet Luna 24, which brought back lunar rocks and soil, was the first. It was followed by Genesis. The Stardust spacecraft was launched in 1999 and has traveled nearly 3 billion miles, including three loops around the sun. In 2004, it survived a scary trip through comet Wild 2's coma, a fuzzy halo of gas and dust, to snatch the cosmic dust with a tennis racket-sized collector mill. Along the way, it also scooped up interstellar dust — tiny particles thought to be from ancient stars that exploded and died. During the flyby, the spacecraft also beamed back 72 black-and-white pictures showing broad mess, craters, pinnacles and canyons with fat floors on the surface of Wild 2, a craggy comet that was about 500 million miles from Earth when Stardust was launched. Stardust is the latest mission designed to study comets up close.

Comet

Continued from A1. change the minds of U.S. policy-makers who had been relying calls for changing laws that permitted segregation. Clayborne Carson, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute and a history professor at Stanford University, said the institute "would like to make it as widely available as possible. However, I respect the King family's point of view that this is private property and there has to be a balancing of the public good versus the family need." When King was killed, his family was left without much money. The family earns income from licensing his image and charging fees for the use of his speeches. Some of his papers are free for researchers to look through. The King family did not respond to queries for this article. Joseph Beck, an attorney for the King family and an expert in intellectual property rights, said, "The King family has always supported providing access to the speech and to the intellectual property rights, and encourages interested persons to contact the King Center in Atlanta." According to the family's Web site, videotapes and audiotapes of the speech can be purchased for \$10, but one copy often is not enough for an entire school, and many schools don't know what materials are available. "Many schools use the text — often taken in violation of the copyright from the Internet. We're not the family, however, whose teachers use the speech and has not pursued

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Legal action against educators, Carson said. Critics of the King family's decision not to put the speech in the public domain say the poorest children are the ones who cannot afford the least access to his teachings," he said. Paula Young Shelton is a first-grade teacher at the private St. Ann's Day School in Washington and knew King personally, attended his funeral and remembered how affecting his voice could be. At her school, she said, she played the entire speech from a purchased video and learn different parts of it. "It should be in the public domain," Shelton said. "The way he moved people with his voice was amazing. Although first-graders don't know all the words, he said, 'they can understand the message when they hear the speech.' Edouardo Pisoni, 10, saw the speech three years ago in Shelton's class and said, 'I was so moved from it. He said it probably would not have affected him the same if anyone else had simply read the speech to him. It wouldn't have the heart.'"

'12 MORE ANGELS'

Sago Mine victims remembered at memorial ceremony

BUCKHAMTON, W.V. (AP) — A miner's helmet sat atop the wooden cross outside the West Virginia Wesleyan College chapel Sunday as a community shaken by the deaths of 12 miners gathered for prayers and healing.

Some stopped beside a series of photographs of the Sago Mine victims where they were encouraged to leave personal messages.

"God definitely has 12 more angels in heaven," read one note, left beside the photo of Jesse L. Jones, 44.

Another urged 56-year-old Jerry Groves to "enjoy heaven until we get there."

"His small town, Everybody knows everyone," said Jonas Brinks, a 19-year-old student who said his family owned a home near next door to one owned by Jones.

More than 2,500 people



Family, friends and supporters sing Sunday in the Wesley Chapel on West Virginia Wesleyan campus in Buckhamton, W. Va. during a memorial service to honor the 12 coal miners who died in a mine explosion at the Sago Mine in Tallmansville, W. Va., earlier this month.

where expected for an afternoon memorial ceremony, where Gov. Joe Manchin and relatives of the men planned to share memories and stories.

The 12 miners died after a Jan. 2 explosion as they reopened the mine following a holiday break. Investigators have yet to re-enter the mine to determine what went wrong. The blast killed one miner immediately and spread carbon monoxide that slowly killed the 11 others as they waited 260 feet below

ground for rescue.

The only survivor, Randal McCoy Jr., 26, remained in a coma Sunday at West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital.

On the college campus, a few miles from the mine, family members wore white ribbons bearing the words "Sago 2006." More ribbons were tied to trees and light poles, and sheets that had been spray-painted with the words "God bless Sago miners" hung from windows of a nearby dormitory.

David Eblevins made the trip from his home in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to honor the miners Sunday. His own father had been among 13 miners killed in a 2001 mine explosion and fire in Alabama.

"I know exactly what they're going through. What they're feeling and what they're feeling," Eblevins said. "Grief, agony and very angry. And I'm sure hate will go through their hearts. It will take time for that to heal."

Laura Bush backs domestic spying

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) — First lady Laura Bush said Sunday that the U.S. government is right to eavesdrop on Americans with case files tied to terrorists, but a top Senate Republican joined a chorus of lawmakers who think domestic spying is on shaky legal ground.

"I think the American people expect the United States government and the president to do what they can to make sure there's not an attack by foreign terrorists," Mrs. Bush said just before landing here to begin a four-day stay in West Africa.

President Bush is concerned that media disclosure of the program will cripple work to foil terrorists, she said. "I think he was worried that it would undermine our efforts by alerting terrorists to what our efforts are," Mrs. Bush said.

Bush's secret order gave the National Security Agency permission to listen in on international phone calls and peek at e-mails between Americans and suspected terrorists.

Administration officials claim a congressional resolution passed after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — a resolution

that authorized him to use force in the fight against terrorism — gave the president the authority to oversee the program.

"I thought they were wrong," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on ABC's "This Week."

Specter is one of several Republicans and Democrats who are questioning the administration's authority to engage in domestic spying without court warrants.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has agreed to testify at hearings next month before the Judiciary Committee, which Specter chairs.

Committee members, including GOP Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, have expressed doubt about Bush's legal argument for the program.

"We're not going to give him a blank check, and just because we're of the same party doesn't mean we're not going to look at this very closely," Specter said.



Laura Bush

Iraq's electoral commission to release findings on voter fraud complaints

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's election commission will announce results of its investigation into allegations of vote fraud today, officials said, while the tribunal overseeing Saddam Hussein's trial confirmed the chief judge has asked to resign.

The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, or IEI, has worked through the 50 or so serious complaints of voter fraud lodged after the Dec. 15 election. Safwat Rashid, an official with the panel, said Sunday.

About 2,000 complaints were filed overall, but the commission said only 50 had the potential to change vote totals.

The governing United Iraqi

Alliance, a Shiite religious bloc, has a strong lead, according to preliminary results. But it won't win enough seats in the 275-member parliament to avoid forming a coalition with Sunni Arab and Kurdish parties.

Final election results have been delayed by Sunni Arab complaints of fraud. Although leading politicians have expressed hopes a government could be formed in February, most experts and officials agree it could take two to three months, as it did after the January 2005 elections for an interim government.

Some 900 ballot boxes were checked for problems and a minority of those will be thrown

out, Rashid said. He refused to say how many but noted the boxes hold only about 500 votes, meaning the overall impact would be minimal. About 70 percent of registered Iraqis voted, casting about 11 million votes nationwide.

The commission hasn't worked through the other 1,930 or so complaints, another election official said. Those less serious charges wouldn't change any vote totals but could result in fines, he said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media.

The international team assessing the IEI's handling of the voting process also said it

would release its final report on Thursday. The IEI is expected to release uncertified final results shortly after that, perhaps as soon as this coming weekend.

"The work of the team has been going fast, so we decided there is no need for a preliminary report," Mazin Shuaib of the International Mission for Iraq Elections said.

More complaints could be lodged after that, and it could take up to two weeks to study those complaints. Certified final results would then be announced — likely sometime in early February — opening the way for negotiations in earnest over a coalition government.

U.S. may stop funding Iraq reconstruction

By Doug Smith and Borzou Daragahi
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After more than 2 1/2 years of sputtering reconstruction work, the United States "Marshall Plan" to rebuild this war-torn country is drawing to a close this year with much of its promise unmet and no plans to extend its funding.

The \$18.6 billion approved by Congress in 2003 will be spent by the end of this year, officials here say. Foreign governments have given only a fraction of the billions they pledged two years ago.

With the country still a shambles, U.S. officials are promoting a tough-love vision of reconstruction that puts the burden on the Iraqi people.

"The world is a competitive place," Tom Delane, economics counselor at the U.S. Embassy, said this month during a news briefing. "You have to convince the investor that it is worth his while to put his money in your country."

An embassy spokeswoman later said that the Bush administration was not abandoning the Iraq reconstruction effort.

It "remains committed to helping build Iraq and continues to assess needs on the ground," she said. No decisions on future funding requests have been made, she said.

But embassy and reconstruction officials outlined a new plan of private investment and fiscal belt-tightening by the long-term government as the Iraqis work to solve the country's woes, even if that causes short-term suffering for Iraq's people.

"No pain, no gain," Andy Wysocka, whose job at the embassy is to help Americans do business in Iraq, said at the same briefing.

"It's very difficult procedure to pass through. But when I look from my side, I see it as a long-term, very favorable development."

After touring Baghdad early this month, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., questioned the new direction.

"I think we're fooling ourselves if we think we can simply just pass this on to the Iraq people immediately or to the international community," Reed said. "We've got to continue our efforts... That requires money."

Study says true cost of Iraq war could reach \$2 trillion

By Kevin G. Hall
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — New academic research suggests that the war in Iraq could cost America up to \$2 trillion.

Congress appropriated \$357 billion from 2002 through the end of 2005 for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and related security issues, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service.

But two research papers suggest that those numbers don't tell the whole story. When non-budget economic factors are added, the true cost to the U.S. economy over the next decade could be anywhere from \$657 billion to \$2 trillion for the Iraq war alone, these studies estimate.

That's a lot of money: \$2 trillion is enough to buy General Motors Corp. about 175 times at current stock prices.

The researchers include what they estimate continued military operations in Iraq will cost over the next decade — as much as \$268 billion, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Both papers also place a dollar value on a number of war-related consequences that are hard to measure. For

instance, they try to gauge the lost productive capacity of soldiers killed in Iraq or National Guard members taken away from home for protracted tours of duty.

The papers also try to gauge where today's sky-high oil prices would be had there been no war and if Iraq had been allowed to produce more oil under U.N. supervision. They conclude that oil prices are 20 percent higher because of the war and the uncertainty about future supplies that it created in the global marketplace.

Attracting the most attention is a study co-authored by Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel Prize-winning economist at Columbia University and former chief economist at the World Bank, who's an outspoken critic of the war.

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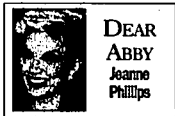
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COMICS

Visitor must learn house rules before worshipping in church



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

know at the time that Luke was head over heels about me, but I was not at all serious about him — and I let him know from the beginning. Our relationship ended badly.

I don't believe I deserve this ring. I talked it over with a couple of friends. One says I should keep it because Luke wanted me to have it. Another thinks it would be a good idea to give it to his wife. But she was extremely offended that he left me the ring in the first place. What do you think about this, Abby? And do you decide together the ring, what is the most considerate way to do it?

— UNDESERVING IN A MARRIAGE

DEAR UNDESERVING: It would be interesting to know what was going on in your ex-boyfriend's mind when he decided to give you the ring. It appears that you always had a piece of his heart that he was never able to reclaim.

Because the item inspires guilt in you instead of pleasure, it might be better if it remains in Luke's family. Feeling as she does about the situation, your wife may not want the ring for herself. However, it would be gracious to offer it back, explaining that because it's a family heirloom, his daughter might like to have it when she's grown.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, you wrote that only practicing Catholics may receive Communion in a Catholic service. That is not entirely correct, Abby.

Canon law allows members of the Orthodox churches, the Assyrian Church of the East and the Polish National Catholic Church to receive Communion during a Catholic service if they choose to take it.

— CATHOLIC READER IN BOSTON
DEAR READER: Thank you for pointing it out. I suppose it's time to drug out the old wet noodle, because mail poured in from readers pointing out that Communion is a sacrament practiced by many Christian denominations, not just Catholics.

The person whose letter I was answering had written that she was a non-Catholic who, at her Catholic grandfather's funeral in a Catholic church, had been urged by a family friend to approach the altar and take Communion.

It was my understanding that only someone who has been to confession — and is in a "state of grace" — may partake of Communion in a Catholic church without its being sacrilegious. However, I did not communicate my thought clearly. Men culpa! When visiting a house of wor-

ship, whether it is Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Bahai, etc., if you want to be absolutely "correct" in your department, the wise thing to do is check beforehand with the clergy person. For questions regarding the rites and sacraments of the Catholic Church, consult the chancery of the local Catholic diocese or archdiocese and someone can provide the correct information.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of months ago, I got called from an ex-boyfriend's attorney informing me that he had passed away. He said that I'd been left something in "Luke's" will, and told me the date, time and place of the reading. A close friend and I attended.

I was flabbergasted to learn that Luke had left me a ring he had been in his family for years. At the reading, I also found out that he had married and had two sons and a daughter. My problem: Luke and I dated back when I was 18 and I very immature. (I am now 32.) I

British soldiers who were accused of Boston Massacre had a good lawyer

Of the four British soldiers who were prosecuted for the Boston Massacre, two were acquitted and two got off with only a branded thumb. Luckily, they had a good lawyer — future president John Adams.

This day in history: Carol Channing debuted in the lead role of "Hello Dolly" on Jan. 16, 1964. The show went on to win 10 Tony awards that season.

There's no significant difference between a burro and a donkey. Essentially, a donkey is considered if it's smaller and more sure-footed.

According to graduation statistics, the older you are when you graduate from high school, the more likely you are to take an academic job with a university. As a child, Muhammad Ali, then Cassius Clay, refused to play tackle football for the 2003 team for though because he thought the game was too tough.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

"Bananas" comes from a West African word "bananyan" which means "fingers" or "toes."

The surface of the moon has more than 30 trillion craters that measure at least a foot wide. Of those a mile or more wide, there are at least half a million, many overlapping.

There are clubs that claim to be older, but the oldest documented golf club in America is the Foxburg Golf Course in Pennsylvania, constructed in 1825 and chartered in 1829.

Fifteenth-century explorers from Europe were intrigued by

a salty liquid that the Chinese used to flavor their food. The Chinese called it shou-yu; the Europeans mispronounced it as "soy." That name stuck for the sauce, and then eventually to the bean from which it was made.

Yet another way cigarettes are dangerous: smokers are the leading cause of lung cancer deaths. Killing about a thousand people a year.

What colorful criminal enterprise had members named the leading cause of lung cancer? William Stutley, Will Scarlet, Arthur-a-Bland, and Midge the Miller's Son? They were colleagues of John in the Merry Men.

One in three people caught in an avalanche survive. Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmings@mingo-barrett.com

IRS to the rescue; or is that miscue?

CHIMACUM, Wash. — Brian and Jackie Lawson hope the Internal Revenue Service is as understanding of the error on their income tax form as they were for a glitch that cost them 24,000 copies of a wrong instruction booklet.

Twelve boxes of booklets for 2005 showed up at the Lawsons' door Wednesday, three weeks after they called for the 2003 form to help fix the error on their returns.

The wrong booklets were sent from Bloomington, Ill., and arrived at the right place despite being addressed to Chimacum, D.C., instead of Chimacum, Wash.

Brian Lawson, a self-employed market analyst, said he was unable to get the IRS to return his calls.

He did get one call about the booklets, though.

Shipping giant UPS Inc. called Thursday to say another 12 boxes had just arrived for him at a warehouse. Lawson told her not to bother delivering them.

He said he and his wife had learned one lesson from the episode: "We should have had someone else do our taxes."

Odds & Ends

Strippers up in arms over indoor smoking ban
TRENTON, N.J. — With curious office workers gawking and sniping at hand, a sign in the background, several hundred people joined a handful of exotic dancers in front of the Statehouse on Thursday to rally against New Jersey's new indoor smoking ban.

About 20 of the women — who, to the disappointment of some in the crowd, didn't reveal anything more risqué than their midriffs — said the ban will result in lost clients and lost money.

"It's going to murder our business," said Dominique Hernandez, 24, who dances at a lounge in Florence. "A lot of people want to get off of work to have a drink and a smoke and watch some pretty girls. There's nothing wrong with that."

The rally, trumpeted by two radio shock jocks, featured signs that read "Anti-Smoking Nazis" and "Tobacco Control is Out of Control." In the background, a loudspeaker blared typical strip bar tunes such as "You Can Leave Your

Hot On" and "Girls, Girls, Girls." The ban, which affects bars and restaurants, was to be signed into law Sunday by Gov. Richard J. Codey.

Cancer-stricken girl sues for return of beloved pet

NEW YORK — A 56 million lawsuit about a Yorkshire terrier was settled with a cancer-stricken girl reclaiming her pooch.

Martin Klein filed the lawsuit, saying former friend Ted Kohl gave the dog to his daughter for her 11th birthday.

Court papers said Kohl was leaving care of 4-year-old Hershe while the Klein family was on vacation in London. But Kohl gave the dog to his girlfriend, Gayle Fisher Worth, after he was sent to prison Nov. 28. Klein sued Worth last week in Manhattan's state Supreme Court to get the dog back.

His lawsuit, filed last month, now 15, had been diagnosed with malignant melanoma and Hershe "gave her great comfort and assisted in her recovery efforts," Klein read. Klein and Greenberg, said Friday. "The only thing we can say is that our client has the dog now."

— compiled from wire reports

Outgoing PBS chief sounds alarm on funding

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Some things never change for the Public Broadcasting Service: "Sesame Street," British theater and antique pockets.

The outgoing PBS head said Saturday that the nation must fundamentally rethink the value of public broadcasting because the cash-strapped service is now inhibited from taking programming risks or sticking with worthwhile shows.

"Public broadcasting has got to have more respect from the Mitchell told reporters. "This is what I said on day one. I'll say it

on my exit."

Mitchell is leaving as PBS president and CEO after six years in March. She will become president of the Museum of Television & Radio.

During her tenure, PBS created the PBS Foundation to help fund major initiatives separate from its \$1.9 billion annual budget. The foundation currently has a \$13 million balance.

"I was hoping it would be \$35 million or maybe \$50 million," said Mitchell, who noted with some envy that National Public Radio has some \$200

million in reserves.

The financial situation means producers of PBS shows are often responsible for raising as much as the cost of making them, she said. That's even if they get the go-ahead; some ideas are non-starters because the money won't be there.

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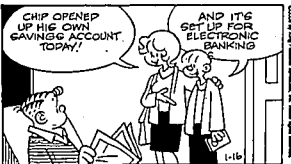
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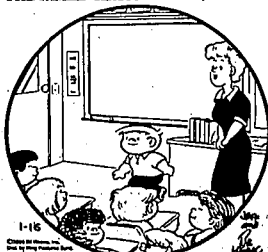
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"CHECK THIS OUT, MISTER WILSON GAVE ME A DOLLAR NOT TO TELL ANYBODY THAT HE WAS WATCHING SOAP OPERAS."

"Very good, Billy. Now who else has a cute grandmother story?"

OTHER VIEWS

The virtues of coal-fired power emerge in new era

The Las Vegas Review-Journal

Sierra Pacific Resources, parent of Nevada Power Co. of Clark County and Sierra Pacific Power Co. of Reno, announced a bold plan Monday to build a new coal-fired power plant complex nearby, along with a north-south transmission line to bring the power to Southern Nevada.

The plan bravely places the long-term needs of the community's customers for reasonably priced energy above the fear mongering of environmentalists, who wonder if anything is like about coal.

Old-fashioned coal-fired generation was, indeed, "dirty." It generated not only particulates — the heavy brown smog that famously caused 19th century London to be nicknamed "the Big Smoke" — but plenty of less visible pollutants, from nitrogen oxide to sulfur dioxide.

But technologies improve. Sierra Pacific says its idly generating stations (two are planned) would use "super-critical" technology to burn coal more cleanly and efficiently at higher temperatures, and that two 500-megawatt coal gasification plants would follow at the site once that technology becomes commercially viable.

The whole idea is to reduce the local power companies' reliance on natural gas, the price of which has soared in recent years. Coal generation is considerably cheaper than gas or oil-fired plants, with only wind power (and nuclear —

if plant construction costs are ignored) being comparable. The new transmission line also would ease the eventual construction of wind power farms in eastern Nevada, according to Sierra Pacific executive Walt Higgins.

Environmental extremists complain that reducing nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions with new coal technologies aren't enough because plants continue to emit large amounts of carbon dioxide, the common nontoxic gas that animals exhale when they breathe.

They also wonder that even though domestic coal could meet our energy needs for hundreds of years amid unease about the nation's dependence on foreign oil, the cost of coal generation could soon go up far enough to end its competitive advantage.

Such a warning can be misleading, though. Coal opponents refer not to any anticipated, market-driven price hikes based on short supplies or higher production costs. Rather, they hope their political allies will intervene, passing measures like the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act, designed to effectively "fine" coal-fired plants the equivalent of \$8 for each ton of carbon dioxide emitted in 2010, rising to \$13 per ton in 2020 — a step the Natural Resources Defense Council hopes would push the price of coal generation up by about a penny per kilowatt-hour.

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How Spielberg defends a terrorist slant

If Steven Spielberg had made a fictional movie about the psychological disintegration of a revenge assassin, that would have been fine. Instead, he decided to call this fiction "Munich" and root it in a real historical event: the 1972 massacre by Palestinian terrorists of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

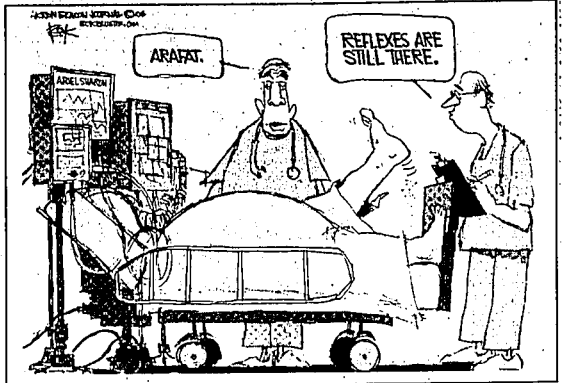
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old daughter before being blown to bits. Not one of these plotters is ever shown plotting Munich, or any other atrocity for that matter. They are shown in the full flower of their humanity, savagely extinguished by the Jews.

But the most shocking Israeli brutality involves the Dutch prostitute — apollid, beautiful, pathetic — shot to death, naked, of course, by the now half-crazed Israelis settling private business. The Israeli way, I suppose.

Even more egregious than the manipulation by character is the propaganda by dialogue. The Palestinian case is made forthrightly: the Jews stole our land and we're going to kill any Israeli we can get to get back. That who are supposedly making the Israeli case say ... the same thing. The hero's mother, the pitiless committed Zionist, says: We needed the refuge. We seized it. Whatever it takes to secure it. Then she ticks off members of their family lost in the Holocaust.

Spiegelberg makes the Holocaust the engine of Zionism, and its justification. Which, of course, is the Palestinian narrative. Indeed, it is the classic narrative for anti-Zionist, and most recently the president of

Iran, who says that Israel should be wiped off the map. And why not? If Israel is nothing more than Europe's guilt trip for the Holocaust, then why should Muslims have to suffer a Jewish state in their midst?

It takes a Hollywood ignorance to give flesh to the argument of a radical anti-Semitic Iranian. Jewish history did not begin with Kristallnacht. The first Zionist Congress occurred in 1897. The Jews fought for and received recognition for the right to establish a Jewish national homeland in Palestine from Britain in 1917 and from the League of Nations in 1922, two decades before the Holocaust.

But the Jewish claim is far more ancient. Israel was their ancestral home, site of the first two Jewish Commonwealths for a thousand years — long before Arabs, long before Islam, long before the Holocaust. The Roman destructions of A.D. 70 and A.D. 135 extinguished Jewish independence but never the Jewish claim and vow to return to their home. The Jews' miraculous return 2,000 years later was tragic because others had settled in the land and had a legitimate competing claim. Which is why the

Jews have for three generations offered to partition the house. The Arab response in every generation has been rejection, war and terror.

And Munich. Munich, the massacre, had only modest success in launching the Palestinian case with the blood of Jews. "Munich," the movie, has now made that success complete 33 years later. "Munich" now enjoys high cinematic production values and the imprimatur of Steven Spielberg, no less, carrying the original terrorists' intended message to every theater in the world.

This is hardly surprising, considering that "Munich" is the case for the moral bankruptcy of the Israeli cause — not just the campaign to assassinate Munich's planners but the entire enterprise of Israel itself — is so thorough that the movie confides with the lead Mossad assassin, scared by his experience, abandoning Israel forever. Where does the hero resettle? In the only true home for the Jew of conscience, sensitivity and authenticity: Brooklyn.

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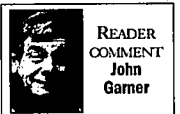
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Facility lawsuit a victory for students

In your editorial on Jan. 1, you state "The good news is the case is over. The bad news, the state lost — big time."

I agree the good news is the case is over. It is a tragedy when school districts have to take their state to court to require them to follow the state constitution approved in 1891. It appears to me the good news is that the state will have to follow the mandate "to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of common schools for all children of the state." A civil society always works better for their children. A free appropriate education has been a cornerstone of this country since the beginning.

Like The Times-News, I agree this case has stirred up a "horner's nest" for the Legislature. Taxpayers are tired of paying higher and higher taxes. The state and federal legislatures continue to find programs to fund outside of education. They mandate good sound educational programs such as No



READER COMMENT
Gary Garner

Child Left Behind, special education, higher standards, better trained professional staff, etc. without allocating sufficient funds to implement these programs successfully. As programs are introduced, new monies are not allocated to fund these programs. Instead, state and federal governments expect local governments to find ways to pay and yet limit options of the local government to raise revenues. Property taxes voted on by constituents is a school district's only option. In Kimberly School District, more than 1,500 lots have been platted and many of these are being built on. Good farm land around Kimberly is now becoming a "farm of houses."

This school district has a responsibility to educate any child that moves within our boundaries, yet the only way to build new schools is to ask local taxpayers to approve bonds. We would be asking longtime patrons to increase their taxes to provide schools for new residents. Taxpayers are screaming for relief, yet the Legislature has increased mandated services from local school districts.

Many states allow "developer fees" for schools and cities to increase their infrastructure to provide new facilities for new residents. This fee is added to lots as they are developed. The Legislature has steadfastly refused to allow the local people to decide if this should be an option. The cost of facilities to accommodate new residents falls on current residents.

The residents of Kimberly were steadfastly supported by their schools over the years. They chose to bond themselves for a new middle school in 1991 and a new high school in 1993. Those schools and our

current elementary school cannot handle the projected increases in school population. Our modestly funded authority is only \$4.5 million, not enough to build an additional school (after a bond election requiring 66.7 percent of voters).

The courts have rightfully placed the responsibility back on the Legislature. They mandate the programs, now they have the responsibility to provide the resources. It's easy to support new programs, new roads and new requirements; it's hard to support the funding. The Times-News missed who really won on the court suit — the kids of Idaho. Now every child will have a safe, well-maintained school to learn skills needed to support their families and take this country and state forward. The children of Idaho were the winners. I don't believe the "muck" the state a loser — big time."

John Garner is the superintendent for the Kimberly School District.

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a Jerome County issue. Our view of life is at risk.

In not allow out-of-state companies to build such plants that would not pass muster in their own states to Ioua Idaho. There will be a great cost to pay in damage to the highways, loss of wildlife, damage to national treasures such as the Craters of the Moon, damage to the groundwater we all depend on, hazardous waste storage sites, not to mention the many toxic air contamination issues.

We will have many indirect issues such as schools, police and fire, and hospital and medical issues, as well as housing issues to accommodate the increase in skilled workers needed to build this plant.

The general contractors, as well as the plant operators, will import the majority of the skilled construction workers and when the plant is complete, they will leave. The jobs that will remain for our labor force will mostly be unskilled

type work. We do not have the groundwater to support these plants. The wastewater will contaminate the aquifer and emissions will contaminate our air. Say how they need to stand up and be counted on this issue. Remember, there are at least two other coal plants proposed for Idaho if Sempra is successful in other companies.

CHARLES ROSS
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The universal craving of rapid economic growth

WASHINGTON — What is the dominant religion of the past 100 years? The answer isn't Christianity with its 2.1 billion followers or Islam with its 1.3 billion. It is the idea of economic growth, the Church of GDP. Countless countries have embraced rapid growth as a cure to their ills. Getting richer is now an almost universal craving. And yet, the worship of growth inspires enormous ambivalence. It is widely seen — especially in wealthy societies — as morally corrupting, the mindless pursuit of materialism (do this, please! I've made us better off!) that drains life of spiritual meaning and also wrecks the environment.

Exactly wrong, says Benjamin Friedman, a Harvard economist, has written a hugely provocative book ("The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth") arguing that rapid growth is morally uplifting. "Economic growth — meaning a rising standard of living for the clear majority of citizens — more often than not fosters greater opportunity, tolerance of diversity, social mobility, commitment to fairness, and dedication to democracy," he



ROBERT SAMUELSON

writes. Further, the opposite is true. Poor growth feeds prejudice, class conflict and anti-democratic tendencies.

Look at history, he says. In the United States, exploding economic growth after World War II coincided with a broad expansion of rights for women, blacks and the poor. During the prosperous Progressive Era, from roughly 1895 to 1919, the "idea of mass high school education first took hold." In 1912, the federal government created a Children's Bureau to discourage child labor. In the same year, Congress passed the 17th Amendment, putting the election of senators from state legislatures to popular vote. In 1919, it passed the 19th Amendment, giving women the vote.

Nazi Germany is, of course, the classic case of the converse: that growth's absence is morally destructive. From 1929 to 1932, German industrial production dropped 42 percent; in 1932, unemployment was 44 percent.

The rest is history. People, Friedman argues, instinctively compare themselves to "two separate benchmarks: their own (or their family's) past experience and the way other people around them living." When living standards rise rapidly, more people feel optimistic, unthreatened and tolerant. Economic growth isn't mainly about greed.

Case closed? Well, not exactly. One problem is that Friedman's meticulous scholarship unearths much contrary evidence. In the United States, the Great Depression didn't diminish democracy; instead it "fostered a broader commitment to opportunity and mobility for all citizens." Britain passed momentous reforms (unemployment insurance, old-age pensions) from 1908 to 1911, a period of weak growth. Among poorer countries, many (including Korea, China) achieved rapid growth under authoritarian regimes, though Chile and South Korea are now democracies.

Up to a point, Friedman's moral case for economic growth is solid. True, growth alone rarely creates happiness. Beyond a certain income, happiness depends on family relationships, a sense of belong-

ing, personal beliefs. But growth can't care a misery. In the 1700s, life expectancy in France was 25 years, and about 30 percent of infants died before their first birthday. Now life expectancy in advanced countries is almost 80, and infant mortality is usually less than 1 percent. Anyone who cares about world poverty must favor economic growth.

Another moral plus: societies whose politics focus on the sharing of prosperity can promote their own stability. First, everyone can win. Second, though remaining economic conflict can be nasty, they're easier to mediate than religious or ethnic differences — where one side must face eternal damnation or discrimination. It's no accident that the United States and Britain are the oldest successful democracies.

But Friedman mostly misses the real growth predicament: facing most advanced societies, it's not environmental spoilage. As he notes, most rich societies protect their environment through tougher and pollution regulations. In the last two decades, U.S. emissions of sulfur dioxide are down 54 percent, he reports. Whether global warming breaks this environmental truce remains to be

seen. The immediate dilemma involves the welfare state. It requires fast economic growth to generate the income and government revenues to pay all the promised benefits. But the mounting costs of those benefits — especially as populations age in the United

States, Europe and Japan — may still grow through higher taxes and budget deficits. If so, the welfare state may cause the stagnation and strains against which Friedman warns.

The author is a columnist for The Washington Post.



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LETTERS

Floridians don't have the answers for wolves

In regard to the letter submitted by Ted Canty on Jan. 20: He thinks we don't have the answers because we want to manage wolves that are killing our wild game by the hundreds, plus cattle, sheep and dogs.

As a response to Mr. Canty for him to bring a large cage to Idaho and take some wolves home to Florida with him. That way he wouldn't have to drive so far to see them.

The Fish and Wildlife (feds) forced those wolves on Idaho. Idaho was doing just fine without wolves. Mr. Canty, I suggest you drive around Idaho and try Yellowstone Park. You might see a wolf kill an elk right before your eyes. Makes for a good DVD.

As for a corral hunting wolves in Idaho, I don't think that will happen. I'm in, but the way packs are growing, it won't be long until we will be shooting them from the freeway and out our backyards.

We don't tell you how to manage your gators, Mr. Canty, you don't worry about how we manage our wolves.

RICHARD GATES
Gooding

Sex offenders destined to a dark fate

The 2006 Idaho State legislative session is on. Let me predict the results of each major issue.

Medicaid reform? Stalled. Property tax reform? Stalled. Wage hikes for state workers? It's yes (must pay your army first). Limiting eminent domain seizures? Only available for the moneyed and well-connected persons. Education funding? It's a \$200 million budget surplus! Thanks for the \$50 rebate — \$35 bucks after the feds get done with it. Campaign finance reform? They'll shift left or right but never reform.

Government ethics? Talked to death but never changed. Constitutional ban on gay marriages — stalled. Coal-fired plants? Hard call, but remember the "golden rule": "He who has the gold makes the rules." Expansion of the college system? It's a go. Field burning restrictions? An absolute, state budget? That comes under state control. If they tell you, they'll have to kill you.

As for sex offenders? We'll see

another flurry of ex-post facto laws which will, as a class, marginalize them further and create a heightened potential for violence. Good going, boys and girls of the Legislature, your new laws are sure to guarantee fewer victims will be returned alive; but, after the fact, you can gloat and take credit for the punishment inflicted on the criminal. So, shall we stop boring everyone with legalisms, just label the sex-offender neo-fascists and with KKKinclud and put them all in protective custody just like Uncle Adolf did? Different group, same game.

But you ask: "Where are we going to put them all?" Well, the answer to overcrowded prisons is simple: It's been duly noted there's quite a number of empty prisons in Europe. They're slightly used, a little rough from lack of maintenance, need a little bit clean up but because of that, I think the state of Idaho can get these properties at a real bargain! But the names remain a problem. We must change the names: Auschwitz, Boleze, Chelmon, Majdanek, Sobbor and Treblinka. Just work it.

But seriously, as we backslide into the dark age of penology, it pays to remember what Dostoyevsky wrote: "Pitiless as the gods who god out of a man and destroys it." Thus, it shouldn't surprise us at all when someone comes from a penitentiary, and the type and violence are commonplace — even rewarded, and goes completely bad. In fact, under the circumstances, I'm surprised we have a success rate at all.

MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

U.N. dictates policy for the United States

Get the United Nations out of America.

Every day, American soldiers are putting their lives on the line to protect the world from radical Islamic terrorists. Another battle is being fought — a battle that America is losing. While America has been busy fighting the war on terrorism — the United Nations has used this global crisis to expand its war on America's national sovereignty, June 30, 2004 — the

United Nations' international criminal court declared unlimited power over every American citizen. This means you and I are subject to:

1. A United Nations legal system with the power to arrest and convict American citizens.
2. U.N. courts with foreign judges who don't even know how to speak English.
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For the good of America, Democrats and Republicans need to pass H.R. 1146, because it will end the U.N. threat to our national sovereignty — once and for all.

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VIRGINIA PRATT
Filer

Writer has no idea about suspect's fate

In regard to the letter written by Doug Peterson on Jan. 10: Dear Mr. Peterson: I'm surprised you know that Mr. Nice is going to hell! Do you have some kind of insight that the rest of us are lacking? If so, could you please let me know what earthly holds for me so I can dress accordingly!

DALE NASH
Jerome

Get a clue about wolf management

To Ted in Florida: Your ignorance on the subject of wolves and their management is duly noted.

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Time to Choose a Small-business Retirement Plan?

If you own a small business, you're always thinking about today. How can you get more customers today? Is your cash flow sufficient for today? What are your competitors doing today? However, you can't forget about tomorrow. Specifically, you need to make sure you're building sufficient financial resources to enjoy a comfortable retirement. To help you do just that, you need the right small-business retirement plan.

And since it's the beginning of a new year, it's a perfect time to set up the right plan for your needs. You have several attractive options, all of which offer some key benefits, including tax-deferred earnings, the ability to make pretax contributions and a variety of investment choices. Let's take a quick look at some of the most popular retirement plans for small businesses.

If you have no employees, or your spouse is your only employee, you may want to consider one of these plans:

- **SEP IRA** — With a SEP IRA, you can contribute up to 25 percent of your compensation into the plan, up to a maximum of \$44,000 in 2006.
- **Owner-only 401(k)** — If you have an "owner-only 401(k)," you can put in up to 25 percent of your compensation plus \$15,000 (in 2006). If you're 50 or older, you can add an additional \$5,000 in "catch-up" contributions. However, you can't contribute more than \$44,000 in 2006 if you're under age 50 or \$49,000 annually if you're 50 or older. Owner-only 401(k) plans also can permit larger contributions if your spouse works for the business.
- **Owner-only Defined Benefit** — This plan may be appropriate for you if you earn more than \$100,000 annually from your business, you are over age 40, you can commit to contribute for at least three years, and you desire much larger contributions than are possible with the SEP-IRA or the owner-only 401(k).

If you have employees, you may want to investigate one of these plans:

- **SIMPLE IRA** — A SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and inexpensive to administer. In 2006, you and each of your employees can contribute up to \$10,000 to a SIMPLE IRA (or \$12,500 if age 50 or over). Your business is generally required to match both you and your employees' contributions, dollar for dollar, up to 3 percent of their salary, unless you decide to put in 2 percent of each eligible employee's compensation.
- **Safe Harbor 401(k)** — A Safe Harbor 401(k) offers the features of a traditional 401(k), but the amount you can defer from your salary is not limited to whether your employees contribute. You, as the business owner, benefit because you can contribute up to the annual maximum (\$15,000 in 2006 or \$20,000 if you're 50 or older), regardless of how much your employees contribute. Your business is generally required to match both you and your employees' contributions, dollar for dollar, up to 4 percent of their salary, unless you decide to put in 3 percent of each eligible employee's compensation.
- **Safe Harbor 401(k) with Age-enhanced Profit Sharing** — Your business can make additional profit-sharing contributions to a Safe Harbor 401(k) plan. If you are older than most of your employees, you can structure your plan so that the contributions going to your account, and to those of your key employees, are much higher than the percentage going to most employees.

Which retirement plan is right for you? It still depends on your individual situation. Your tax adviser and investment representative can help you choose the plan that's right for your needs — now, and in the future.

Questions:
1. True or False — A small business retirement plan can be a good way to build for your future.
2. True or False — An Owner (k) is a good plan if you have 10 or more employees.

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WORLD

Pakistan says U.S. missed al-Zawahri because he skipped dinner invitation

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Al-Qaida No. 2 leader was invited to a dinner marking only a Muslim festival on the night of the devastating U.S. missile strike in a Pakistani border village, but he failed to show up, Pakistani intelligence officials said Sunday.

Ayman al-Zawahri sent aides instead, the officials said, and investigations are trying to establish if any of them were among the at least 17 people killed in the attack, which sparked a second day of anti-U.S. protests across the country Sunday.

Some 10,000 people rallied in Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city, chanting "Death to America" and "Stop bombing innocent people." Hundreds also protested in Islamabad, Lahore, Multan and Peshawar, burning U.S. flags and demanding U.S. troops leave neighboring Afghanistan.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and other American lawmakers on Sunday defended the airstrike.

"This war on terror has no boundaries," McCain, a former Navy combat pilot who challenged George W. Bush for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, told CBS. "We have to go where these people are, and we have to take them out."

David Almay, a White House

spokesman, declined to comment directly on the airstrike, saying only "Pakistan is valued only on the war on terror."

Pakistan says it does not allow American forces on its soil to attack or hunt militants. On Saturday, the government condemned the attack and lodged a diplomatic protest, saying it had killed innocent civilians.

In a sign of tensions over the attack on Damadola village, one top Pakistani official — one from the military, the other from the civilian administration — said privately Sunday that the government was only informed of the strike after it happened.

However, U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, a Democratic member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he had "every reason to believe" high-ranking officials in the Pakistani government knew in advance.

Many in this nation of 150 million people oppose the government's ties with Washington and there is increasing frustration over a recent series of suspected U.S. attacks along the rugged frontier aimed at militants.

Bayh said the problem is the Pakistani government does not control the border region where Osama bin Laden, al-Zawahri and other militants are believed

to have been hiding since the U.S.-led military ouster of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf for hosting al-Qaida.

"It's a regrettable situation, but what else are we supposed to do?" Bayh told CNN. "The Pakistani border is a real problem."

Two Pakistani intelligence officials said Sunday that al-Zawahri, who has a wife from a tribe prominent in the region around the attacked village, had been invited to a dinner in Damadola to mark last week's Eid al-Adha holiday, but apparently changed his mind.

One of the officials said al-Zawahri sent some aides instead and investigators were trying to determine whether any were in the three houses destroyed in the attack.

The officials agreed to discuss the situation only if their names were not used, because they are not authorized to speak to journalists. They said their information came from Pakistan's own security agencies and intelligence shared by the CIA after the attack.

The second intelligence official said 12 bodies, including seven foreigners, had been taken from the village, which is about four miles from Islamabad. He said the bodies were reclaimed by other militants, but another

Pakistani official said Saturday that some were taken away for DNA testing.

It was not possible to reconcile the conflicting accounts, which reflect widespread confusion over the attack and the refusal of the government to comment publicly on the details of what happened.

Residents of Damadola, which is in the tribal region of Bajur, insisted no militants were staying in the village and all the dead were local people.

But the civilian Pakistani official said the government had been investigating reports that al-Zawahri had visited Bajur in recent months — a tip gleaned from the interrogation of Abu Feroz al-Abid, a senior al-Qaida figure arrested in Pakistan in May.

Al-Abid is accused of masterminding two failed assassination attempts on Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, in 2003 that killed 17 people. He was interrogated in Pakistan and later handed over to the United States.

Thousands of men from Bajur and other nearby tribal areas crossed into Afghanistan to fight against the U.S.-led offensive that toppled the Taliban after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on America.

Turkey suspects 12-year-old girl died of bird flu

AN, Turkey (AP) — Turkish authorities sought to determine whether a 12-year-old girl who died Sunday was the country's latest victim in a bird flu outbreak among humans.

The girl had been in contact with sick birds and her 5-year-old brother, who is seriously ill, had tested positive for the deadly strain of the virus, the Health Ministry said.

Preliminary tests on the girl, Fatma Ozcan, came back negative for the deadly and violent H5N1 strain of bird flu, the ministry said. But authorities suspected the virus caused her death and were conducting fur-

ther tests.

"Fatma Ozcan was being monitored with an initial diagnosis of bird flu but despite all efforts she could not be saved," the ministry said in a statement.

Chief physician Husayin Ayar Sahin, said the brother and sister, from the nearby town of Dogubayazit, were admitted to hospital in the eastern city of Van five days ago. Both children had been in contact with fowl and apparently ate a sickened chicken, Sahin said.

"She was brought to hospital with respiration problems very late," Sahin told reporters outside the hospital. "We

immediately began treatment for bird flu since she had contracted fowl. But her condition has become grave and we lost her today."

The girl's younger brother, Muhammet Ozcan, was described as in a serious condition.

Another doctor, Ahmet Falk Onel, said the boy has a fever and the infection in his lung is light; it's not advancing.


The health ministry said the latest test results on the sick boy brought to at least 19 the number of people in Turkey known to have contracted the H5N1 strain, including three siblings

who died last week in the Van region. The children were from the same town as the Ozcan children.

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“ He has a real gun. ”
— From the early NFL scouting report on former Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick by sportscrumdugon.com

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who was originally offered the role of the ringside announcer played by Stu Nahan in the “Rocky” movies?
.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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Nampa Christian at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Sheshone at Carey, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Community School at Carnas County, 7:30 p.m.
Dietrich at Twin Falls Christian, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Volleyball tourney slated in Gooding

GOODING — An adult coed volleyball tournament is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Gooding High School gymnasium and Gooding Middle School gym. The entry is \$80 and is due by Wednesday, Jan. 25. Contact Jenny Kost at 538-0135 or Joleen Toone at 539-1313.

THS boosters plan to Pack the House

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Brain Boosters will hold a luncheon fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13 at the Outback Steakhouse. Cost is \$12 per person. For more information or tickets call Kim Bullin 734-8455.

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. Girls 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.

For further information, call Kathy Lauda 543-8953 or Jeff Gabardi at 543-6139.

Twin Falls 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.

Squidman triathlon registration is underway

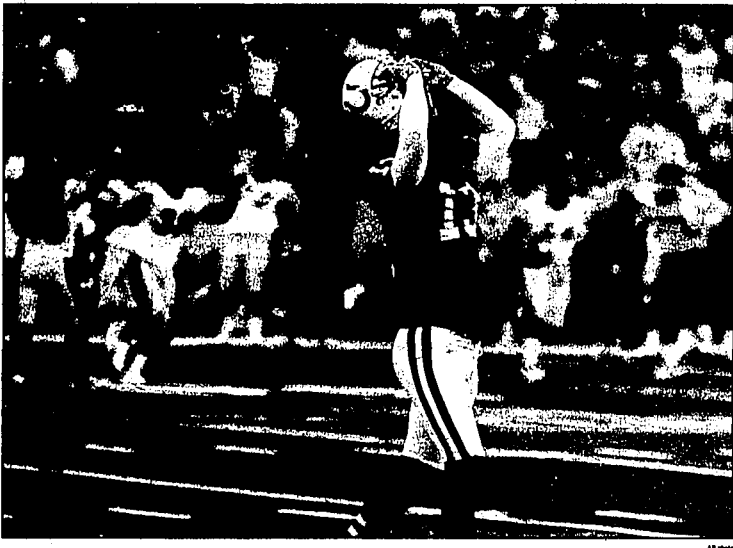
BURLEY — Registration is now underway for the 20th Annual Burley Lions Club Squidman triathlon at <http://burleylions.org/squidman>. The 2006 limit is going to be 1,300 bib numbers. The Squidman is set for July 29.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Stu Straton, who instead took the role of a television reporter in a scene that ended up on the cutting-room floor. Straton, who recommended Nahan for the ringside announcer role, got a refund check from the first “Rocky” because his name is on the original cast sheet.

NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Wide right



Indianapolis Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt slams his helmet to the ground after missing a game-tying field goal in the fourth quarter of the Colts' 21-18 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in Indianapolis on Sunday.

Missed field goal ends Colts' season

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer
INDIANAPOLIS — The Pittsburgh Steelers gave the Colts every opportunity to steal their playoff game Sunday.
In the final moments of one of the most thrilling playoff games anyone can remember, Indy couldn't figure out how to take it. So the Steelers curbed a goal-line fumble by Jerome Bettis and one of the most mysterious play reversals in NFL history to shatter the Colts' dream season with a 21-18 win. Pittsburgh (13-5) became the first

sixth seed to make a conference championship game and will journey to Denver next Sunday for a shot at the Super Bowl. They will do so breathlessly. Both benches seewered between elation and agony with every possession as the game hung in the balance, stirring the crowd into waves of deafening sound.
This victory should have been so much easier. The Steelers dominated the Colts (14-3) until a fourth quarter with almost unimaginable twists and turns that ended when Mike Vanderjagt missed his first field goal at home, wide right from 46 yards. Van-

derjagt then slammed his helmet to the turf, obviously forgetting how fortunate he was to have the chance.
After Pittsburgh's ferocious defense sacked a beleddied Peyton Manning twice, taking the ball on downs at the Colts 2 with just more than a minute left, Bettis fumbled when hit by Gary Brackett. Nick Harper, whose knee was cut with a knife Saturday in an apparent domestic dispute with his wife, grabbed the ball and headed toward the end zone.
But Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, brilliant all game with his arm and head, tumbled, reached out a hand and made a saving tackle at the Indy 42.

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Smith, Panthers bust Bears 29-21

By Jonna Fryer
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — It took Steve Smith and the Carolina Panthers less than a minute to prove the Monsters of the Midway aren't so scary after all.

By the time the Chicago Bears regained their swagger, it was too late to save their season. Smith had 12 catches for a career-high 218 yards and two long touchdowns, including a 58-yard scoring reception on the second play from scrimmage, to lead Carolina to a 29-21 victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday. It sends the Panthers into the NFC championship game for the second time in three years next week at Seattle.

Carolina, just the third No. 5 seed since 1990 to advance to the championship game, did it by striking early before letting its defense challenge Chicago quarterback Rex Grossman, who was starting his second



Carolina Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith hauls in a 58-yard pass ahead of Chicago Bears defender Mike Brown (30) during the first quarter of the Panthers' 29-21 victory in Chicago on Sunday.

was decent once he settled down. He led the Bears on two second-half scoring drives to rally them out of a 16-7

halftime deficit.

Grossman was driving the Bears again late in the fourth quarter when he trailed 29-21, but he was intercepted by Ken Lucas — Carolina's big-money offensive acquisition — with 2:27 to play, then was incomplete to former Panthers receiver Muhsin Muhammad on fourth-and-1 to seal the win.

It spoiled a resurgent season for the storied Bears, who used outstanding defense to return to the playoffs for the first time in four years. Their run included a 13-3 dominating victory over the Panthers in November, when the Bears had eight sacks and two interceptions against Jake Delhomme.

Smith had a career-best 14 catches for 169 yards in that first meeting.

"Last time we played them I had (a) catches but we didn't score," Smith said. "All I heard all week long was what I didn't do. We were ready for whatever they threw at us."

In the rematch, the Panthers used Smith to prove this Chicago team is still a ways away from his glory days.

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No comfort for Colts

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy's expression never changed. He took his hands off his hips every so often and folded his arms across his chest. He wore out a path on the sideline between the 40-yard lines, bit his lip now and then and patiently lectured an official on several occasions.
But from start to finish, for all those minutes the cause looked lost — and even those few at the end when it was nearly incredibly improbably rescued — Dungy never let his emotions leave that narrow corner of his soul to which he'd banished them.



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He was no different, not in public, anyway, when this odyssey of a season was finally done.
"We'll survive. Personally, there were a couple of big disappointments," the Colts coach said after yet another championship pursuit came up short, this time in a 21-18 loss to the Steelers.
Then Dungy paused.

"Obviously, though," he said at a moment later, "this one doesn't rank anywhere near the last one."

All of Indy felt that way Sunday.
What began as a promising season and then turned into a quest for a perfect one took a tragic detour three weeks ago with the apparent suicide of Dungy's 18-year-old son, James. All the tough talk about this being the Colts team that would bring long-suffering Indianapolis back to glory now was suddenly muted.

For a while, no one knew what to say. His players struggled to strike the right tone they swung back to work in earnest, or else tiptoed around the idea that winning it all would somehow heal a wound that was so painful and still so fresh.

And yet, there was so much anticipation.
After weeks of questions about whether the grieving and the time off had weakened their resolve, the Colts finally got their chance to answer those questions on the field. Only a day earlier, cornerback Nick Harper's left knee was cut during an apparent domestic disturbance that resulted in his wife being charged with battery with a deadly weapon and criminal recklessness.

But the Colts, reflecting Dungy's quiet leadership, handled it in typically mature fashion. They weren't looking for excuses, before or afterward.

"We had the table set the way we wanted it," Colts receiver Reggie Wayne said. "Top shelf in the AFC home field, three weeks rest. Everything was laid out in front of us."

And then it was all snatched away, not once but twice. After playing smart and punishing enough to win comfortably, the Steelers tried to punch in a final score to the 2 with 80 seconds left when Jerome Bettis

yond that, the details are fuzzy. The monitors won't score Kwan as if it's real competition, and Horen hasn't said if she'll have to meet specific criteria, like landing a certain number of triple jumps.

Even Kwan herself seemed unsure of what to expect.
"We haven't decided exactly what I will be doing," she said. "As much as I can show for them."

Kwan began jumping Friday for the first time since Dec. 11, during a triple toe loop and some doubles. She didn't do any double axels.
"I can pop it in at any time," she said. "I know what I can be fit for on the Olympics. I am very confident in how my body will react."

Decision to put Kwan on Olympic team shrouded in secrecy

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Michelle Kwan heard it from her publicist when she came out of drug testing.
The decision to put Kwan on the Olympic team instead of Hughes was shrouded in so much secrecy, not even the athletes involved knew what was going on.

Meeting in a windowless room about 100 yards from the U.S. Figure Skating's International committee voted 20-3 late Saturday night to give Kwan a medical eye onto the figure skating team for the Torino Olympics — with conditions. She must prove to a five-person monitoring committee by Jan.

27 that she's able to compete, or be replaced by Hughes.

"The object, of course, is to try and get the three athletes there who have the best chance of winning medals, and I'm sure the international committee took that into consideration," U.S. Figure Skating president Ron Herberberger said Sunday.

But the intrigue that swirled around that basement meeting overshadowed the best performance of Sasha Cohen's career and made her first U.S. medal an afterthought. Kimminie Meissner was all but forgotten, good enough to make the Olympics, but not No. 1 and not the one who got bumped.

Another committee member described the 45-minute meeting as smooth, with a lot of support expressed for Kwan.

To make its decision, the committee looked at results from nationals and five major international competitions in the past year. Kwan was fourth at the world championships last year. Hughes' best finish internationally was a bronze medal at the Junior world championships last year.

"Emily is a wonderful athlete, she competed well at worlds last year," Horen said Saturday night. "There aren't numbers I can compare there, there are relationships." Hughes didn't help her cause in the free skate Saturday. She took a hard fall on a triple loop

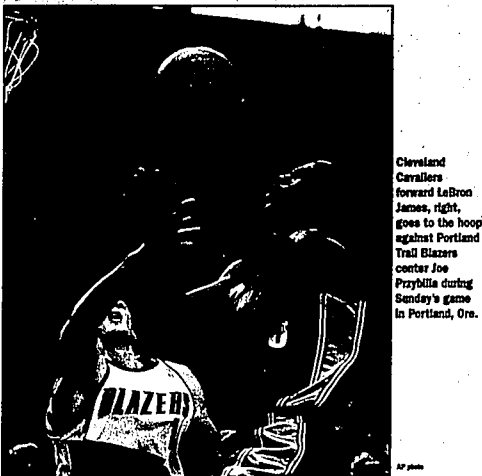
and cut a triple salchow down to a double, then stepped out of the landing.

"It's disappointing for me, but I didn't skate my best," Hughes said. "Everyone's worked so hard and she's done so well for so many years. I feel they made a good decision, and we'll just see what happens."

The committee also had Kwan's petition, in which she offered to have officials come to California around Jan. 20 to watch her practice and return the following week to see her do run-throughs of her short and long programs.
"We were glad to see that," Horen said.
The monitoring group will include Horen, an athlete and three international judges. Be-

SPORTS

Blazers clip Cavaliers, 89-87



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, right, goes to the hoop against Portland Trail Blazers center Joe Przybilla during Sunday's game in Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Ruben Patterson and Zach Randolph each had 16 points and seven rebounds and the Portland Trail Blazers edged the depleted Cleveland Cavaliers 89-87 Sunday night.

LeBron James had 23 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for the Cavaliers, who lost their fourth straight.

The Blazers, who have won three straight for just the second time this season, led by as many as 11 points in the second half, but the Cavaliers cut their deficit to 83-81 on Alan Henderson's layup. James followed with a 3-pointer to give Cleveland an 85-83 lead with 3:10 to go.

Juan Dixon answered with a 3 to put Portland back in front before Cleveland's Zydrunas Ilgauskas tied it with a jumper. With 47.7 seconds left, Henderson fouled Randolph, who made both his shots to give the Blazers an 89-86 lead.

Eric Snow missed one of two free throws to make it 88-87 with 37.1 seconds to go. After both sides missed long jumpers, Ilgauskas fouled out and Patterson made just one of his four shots.

James took the ball down the court, and Snow was off with his long jumper as time wound down.

Raptors 129, Knicks 103

TORONTO — Jalen Rose had a season-high 11 points and the Toronto Raptors set a franchise scoring record, ending the New York Knicks' six-game winning streak with a 129-103 rout Sunday.

Morris Peterson added a season-best 28 points and Chris Bosh had 23 for the Raptors, who surpassed their previous mark of 128 points — done twice. They last did it March 13, 2005, against Philadelphia.

Toronto shot 59 percent against New York in the second half.

Eddy Curry led the Knicks with 20 points, but only eight after the first quarter. Sixth man Jamal Crawford, averaging 25.8 points in his previous four games, had 12. The Raptors' one of the NBA's worst teams last month, have won seven of nine.

Kings 104, Magic 100

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mike Bibby finished his career-high 42 points with two clutch free throws with 0.4 seconds left, and the Sacramento Kings held off the Orlando Magic 104-100 Sunday night in a meeting of seriously short-handed teams.

Bibby and Brad Miller were the Kings' only healthy regular starters, but the point guard and his center still carried Sacramento to its 11th straight home victory over the Magic.

Miller had 21 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists, scoring nine points in the fourth and hitting a crucial 3-pointer with 2:16 to play.

Jaime Nelson scored a total of 25 points in the fourth quarter for the Magic, who pulled within 50-48 on Travis Diener's 3-pointer with 3:44 left. Miller beat the shot clock with his 3-pointer to put Sacramento up by eight, but the Magic eventually cut the lead to 96-94 on Diener's next 3-pointer and another by Hedo Turkoglu with 20 seconds left.

Pittsburgh downs Louisville, remains unbeaten

Louisville, Ky. (AP) —

Freshman reserve guard LeVance Fields scored 13 points and No. 12 Pittsburgh remained undefeated with a 61-57 victory over No. 10 Louisville on Sunday.

Aaron Gray's two free throws with 2 seconds left followed three missed 3-pointers by the Cardinals, who fell to 1-1 this season against ranked teams.

Gray finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Panthers (14-0, 3-0), one of three unbeaten teams in Division I along with top-ranked Duke (16-0) and No. 2 Florida (16-0).

No. 14 Michigan St. 62, No. 19 Ohio St. 59, 2-DTW

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Drew Neitzel hit a runner and two free throws in the final 44 seconds of the second overtime to lead the Spartans.

Paul Davis, who scored 18 points for the Spartans (14-4, 2-2), finished with 10 points and five free throws with 11 seconds left.

No. 23 Maryland 90, Wake Forest 86

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Mike Jones scored 22 points, D.J. Strawberry added a career-high 18, and Maryland kept Wake Forest

winless in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Justin Gray scored a career-high 38 points for Wake Forest, which cut a 17-point deficit to 61-59 with 2.9 seconds left. Strawberry then clinched it with two foul shots.

Women

No. 1 Tennessee 79, Mississippi St. 56

STARKEVILLE, Miss. — Candace Parker had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and top-ranked Tennessee remained unbeaten with a 79-56 victory over Mississippi State on Sunday.

Sidney Spencer and Shanna Zolman added 14 points each for the Lady Vols (17-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference).

No. 4 North Carolina 65, No. 25 N.C. State 53

RALEIGH, N.C. — Erlana Larkins had 15 points and 11 rebounds and North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell picked up her 70th career victory.

Camille Little added 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Tar Heels (16-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won nine of the last 10 in the series.

Texas Tech 64, U.S. Baylor 62

LUBBOCK, Texas — Alesha Robertson scored 22 points, including a short jumper with less than a second remaining, to lead Texas Tech to the upset.

Robertson, who tied her career high for rebounds with 11, got the inbound pass from Erin Grant on the right side of the lane with 2 seconds remaining. She banked in a shot to put Tech up where, Her second on the clock, handling the defending national champions their second loss of the season.

No. 8 Ohio St. 62, Michigan 34

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jessica Davenport and Marcella Packer scored 15 points apiece and Ohio State held the Wolverines to 25 percent shooting.

Katie Dierdorf had 10 points for Michigan (6-11, 0-5), which has lost five straight.

No. 17 Minnesota 74, No. 9 Michigan State 58

MINNEAPOLIS — Reserve Lauren Lacey scored a career-high 16 points and Natasha Williams added 13 to lead the

Gophers to the victory. Lindsay Bowen scored 20 points to lead the Spartans.

No. 13 Georgia 74, Miami 59

ATLANTA — Cori Chambers hit five 3-pointers and had 17 points and backcourtmate Sheron Baker added 15 points for Georgia.

Tamara James had 26 points and nine rebounds for Miami (12-1).

No. 19 Temple 74, St. Bonaventure 65

PHILADELPHIA — Candice Dupree scored 18 points and Temple won its second straight.

Kamesha Hairston had 15 points and Jennifer Owens added 13 for the Owls (12-4, 2-1 Atlantic 10).

No. 23 Vanderbilt 67, South Carolina 59

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Carla Thomas scored all 16 of her points in the second half and Vanderbilt held on for the win. Dee Davis added 15 points for the Commodores (13-4, 2-1 Southeastern Conference), who have won five of their last six.

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"We were well-prepared," Smith said.

Smith beat Charles Tillman on the Panthers' second snap. He was in fact that the ground as he delved in a long pass from DeHommie. With Mike Brown in front of him waiting to make the tackle, Smith stopped in mid-air, tipped around Brown and into the end zone for a lightning fast 7-0 lead.

"I inadvertently we talked about not giving up the big play, trying to keep Steve Smith contained, and we weren't able to do that starting early," coach Les Miles said.

The Bears never caught up.

Steelers

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"I was frustrated," Bettis said. "That shouldn't happen, I'm supposed to take care of the fans that I was supposed to happen. My defense failed me out. I can leave here with my head up high."

Glenn Hill, Manning passed the Colts into field goal range, but Vanderjagt missed.

"It is disappointing. We had a great regular season, didn't play well in the playoffs," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "That is disappointing, we have to pick it up from here. Pittsburgh came in and rattled. We had to go 2-0 but conversion pass, the lead was down to three."

With 5:26 remaining and Pittsburgh on top 21-10, referee Pete Morell overturned Tony Po-

Smith later caught a jump ball between Tillman and Chris Harris at the Chicago 2 for a 46-yard gain. Three plays later, Vanderjagt made a 20-yard field goal to give Carolina a 10-0 lead at the start of the second quarter. He then made a 38-yarder to stretch the lead to 13-0 and silence the crowd.

That changed on the Bears' next series, when Grossman finally found a rhythm by completing passes of 24 and 12 yards to Muhammad and Bernard Berrian to put Chicago in scoring range.

The Bears almost scored on Grossman's 5-yard completion to Devin Gage, but safety Mike Minter pushed Gage forward

and away from the goal line to set up fourth-and-1 at the Carolina 1.

Chicago coach Louie Smith said he wanted to talk it out, brazenly deciding to go for the touchdown rather than try the easy field goal. The decision paid off when Adrian Peterson smartly held the ball out to ensure it made it into the end zone as he pushed forward.

It cut the Panthers' lead to 13-7 with 1:57 to play in the half and revived a crowd that seemed shell-shocked only minutes earlier. Carolina responded by marching down the field to set up Kasay's third field goal, a 37-yarder that sent the Panthers into halftime up

AFC South champion Colts were off, built their advantage thanks to a superb game plan they seemed to steal from Indy. Bill Cowher showed why he has been a winning coach for 14 seasons in Pittsburgh, which has won two straight road playoff games for the first time.

Pittsburgh has one of the league's most varied running attacks, but Cowher, mirroring Indy's image, opted to open it up. Rochesterer threw for two first-quarter touchdowns while Manning was wildly missing his first four passes and feeling pressure from everywhere. He wound up being sacked five times in all.

When the Steelers needed to win, they turned to the speed of Willie Parker and the power of

16-7. Grossman then opened up the second half looking a lot more relaxed and confident, directing an eight-play scoring drive that culminated with his 1-yard TD pass to Desmond Clark. It made it 16-14 and sent the Soldier Field crowd into a frenzy.

"It's been a crazy year, nothing that I expected to happen, happened," Grossman said. "I am going to come back prepared to hold on for the win. Dee Davis added 15 points for the Commodores (13-4, 2-1 Southeastern Conference), who have won five of their last six.

"All I can say is I am going to be ready to go next year, our whole team is. We're all really mad in there but still hungry."

Benets. Then everything went wacky. The Colts were left to wonder when the magic went. They started 13-0, threatening the 1972 Dolphins' perfect season, only to drop three of their next four — including the most meaningful game, Sunday's defeat.

It was a bitter loss for Manning, who has few major wins to go with his individual honors. Until the frenzied final minutes, he was mostly a non-factor. And it was a sad ending for Dungy, whose son died of an apparent suicide last month. Dungy's team clearly was the NFL's best for 13 weeks. But in the most important weeks, they faltered.



New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur blocks a shot by the Chicago Blackhawks' Kyle Calder during the first period of Sunday's game in Chicago.

New Jersey downs Chicago in shootout

Hurricanes 4, Blues 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Elias and Viktor Kozlov scored for New Jersey in a shootout and the Devils beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 Sunday night for their season-high sixth straight win.

New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur stopped 29 shots and tied former Blackhawks goalie Tony Esposito for fifth on the NHL's all-time wins list with 423. Brodeur entered the game coming off back-to-back shutouts of Philadelphia and Vancouver.

Tyler Amason had a goal and an assist for Chicago, and Radim Vrbata scored in his fourth straight game. Mikael Holmquist scored the lone goal in the shootout for the Blackhawks.

Chicago rookie Adam Munro started his second straight game and tipped the last four, and stopped 24 shots. Top Adam Hall also scored for the Predators and Scott Hartnell finished with two assists.

Predators 5, Penguins 4

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Walker scored his first two goals since returning from surgery that kept him out of 33 games, and the Nashville Predators held off the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-4 Sunday night.

Scott Kariya, Martin Emt and Adam Hall also scored for the Predators and Scott Hartnell finished with two assists.

Williams ousted from Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Wimbledon champion Venus Williams crashed in the first round of the Australian Open on Monday, losing 2-6, 0-7, 0-7 to Tsvetana Pironkova.

It was only the third time in 34 Grand Slam tournaments that the five-time major winner has lost in the first round.

The 10th-seeded Williams sprayed 65 unforced errors, including 41 in the third set as she struggled to control her ground strokes in her first four-level court on Monday.

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 win over Australian wild card entry Casey Dellacqua, ranked No. 160.

Davenport, seeking her fourth Grand Slam singles title and first since winning here in 2000, set up three match points with an ace and clinched it in 57 minutes with an overhead winner.

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coughed up a free fumble. Harper, whose right leg was injured on a play earlier in the game, scooped it up and reeled in his 42. Five plays later, with Peyton Manning still plagued by inconsistent throws, kicker Mike Vanderjagt stood at the 28 with a chance to send the game into overtime.

"He's made so many big kicks for us," Wayne said, "that whenever he steps on the field, you always think that."

This was a half-hour after the game. Across the aisle, Vanderjagt sat in front of his locker still wearing his uniform. He was staring straight ahead, as though by force of will he could have made that final kick bend to the left, just inside the upright.

"I have no idea why it went where it went," Vanderjagt said. "As far as I was concerned, I hit it right."

Everyone in town had their own least favorite playoff memory from this one.

The 41-0 pounding by the Jets on the road in Indy's first year. Or 1999, when Indianapolis had a bye into overtime, when he had to have the Tennessee Titans come in hanging by their fingernails a week after the "Music City Miracle" and still have enough to beat the Colts. Or the last two seasons when Indianapolis had the NFL's most potent offense, only to run smack into the Patriots and Bill Belichick's defensive spider web in New England.

Now there's no argument. These Colts showed early in the season they could win

Davenport next faces Croatia's Karolina Sprek, a 6-4, 6-2 winner over Alona Bondarenko of Ukraine.

On the men's side, eight-seeded Gaston Gaudio had a shorter-than-expected opener. The 2004 French Open champion was leading 6-2, 5-0 when Romanas Razvan Babau retired from their first-round match with an injured arm.

No. 13 Robby Ginepri only needed 19, 19 minutes for a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 win over Austria's Jürgen Melzer.

Two Swedes went out on the opening morning. No. 17 Radek Stepanek of Czech Republic beat Bjorn Rehnquist 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 and Denis Gremelant of France defeated Jonas Bjorkman 3-6, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

Men's No. 2 Andy Roddick opened later Monday against Michael Lammner, a 23-year-old qualifier from Switzerland.

games relying on their defense, that they could win shootouts late on Manning's arm, and hang on in close ones by relying on Edgerlin James' legs to grind down the Colts.

Now all those wins, 14 in all, seemed like increasingly distant memories. The residue was less anger than sadness.

"A loss is a loss, they're all the same," Colts president Bill Polian said finally, and he should know. Before taking the Colts job, he was the architect of the Buffalo Bills teams that went to four straight Super Bowls and returned each time empty-handed.

"They're all awful, and the finality of it is the worst. A great season ends on a sour note and that's how it's going to be remembered."

"But he added, "we've had a lot worse things happen around here lately."

Polian was already thinking ahead to next season. But a long look down the hallway spanned one more memory.

"It shows you how sometimes the ball bounces. We get a break and a guy with two bad legs scoops up the fumble. If that was Bob Sanders," he said, "who knows where we are?"

SCHOOL NEWS

Buhl booster club sells pullover jackets

BUHL — The Buhl High School Booster Club is selling pullover microfiber jackets. The jackets are black with orange and white trim at the cuffs and collar. They are embroidered with the letter B and a small Indian.

The price is \$27. Proceeds from the sale go to support Buhl High School athletics.

For more information, call Mary Kelly or Debra Laing at 543-4351.

TFHS Hispanic students can apply for symposium

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School Hispanic students in grades 11 and 12 who are interested in attending the Hispanic Youth Symposium April 28 to 30 in Sun Valley, may obtain information from either Sonnia Seriberg or Renee Manjilac in Room 113.

The deadline for submitting essays is Jan. 23. This year, Twin Falls High School can send eight students.

FCCLA makes delvers holiday baskets

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter made and delivered Christmas baskets for needy families during the holiday season.

Elementary students also volunteered their time to the project. A total of 14 baskets were delivered, each containing food and fun items for the families, reported the chapter.

Buhl drama students slate dinner theater

BUHL — The Buhl High School drama students will perform the eighth annual, "An Evening of Culture" on Jan. 27 and 28, and tickets are on sale now.

The curtain will go up on the dinner theater performance at 7 p.m. at the West End Senior Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The eighth annual dinner theater is a presentation of the Buhl High School Drama Department and Phantom Fog Productions. It will be performed under the direction of David Blaszkiewicz.

Tickets are \$25 per couple or \$15 per person.

For reservations, call Blaszkiewicz at 490-1992.

PTA announces support for funding initiative

BOISE — The Idaho PTA has voted to support the school funding initiative that the Idaho Education Association filed with the Secretary of State's office last month, according to Idaho PTA President Christa Hansen.

"We have voted to support increased funding for public education and will be supportive of this initiative. Members of our organization that I have spoken to often feel torn by the realization that fundraising should not be the single focus of a parent involuntarily group. Yet, they are in the position of having to focus their time and efforts mainly on the monetary needs of their child's classroom and school," Hansen said.

Hansen said it is difficult for parents to help their children with homework or be familiar with their student's academic curriculum when there is only one set of textbooks that are still present in the classroom for all students to use.

The Idaho PTA reports that it encourages its members in local PTA organizations throughout the state, as well as all parents, to be aware of the many issues affecting their children's education and to choose to become involved.

For more information, call (208) 344-0851 or visit idahoppta.com at mlndspring.com.

Don't forget to read the Community page tomorrow.



Mr. DHS 2005 is Spencer Stoker, center. His escort was Faith Farwell, right of him. Other participants and their Sting Dance Team escorts were, from left, front row: Spencer Mendenhall and escort, Makenzie Smith; Taylor Grant and Heather Dayley; Abel Tapia and Gracie Martinez; and David Turner and Megan Turner; back row: Braden Turner and Jasheli King; and Nathan Alfred and Brandy Durfee.

Declo students highlight talents at Mr. DHS contest

DECLO — Declo High School students showed talents, ranging from painting to singing at the Mr. DHS contest.

Spencer Stoker was named Mr. DHS 2005 at the annual pageant sponsored by the Stung Dance Team, under the direction of Janet Cole, adviser.

Stoker also earned the Mr. Physique title. Taylor Grant was first runner-up and Mr. Personality, and Abel Tapia was second runner-up. Braden Turner was named Mr. Talent. Other contestants were Nathan Alfred, Spencer Mendenhall and David Turner.

Bruce Butenschaw served as the master of ceremonies. The first competition of the

evening was the modeling of evening wear. Each candidate was escorted by a dance team member in formal attire.

The contestants also modeled their choice of sports wear, which included fencing, golf and fishing.

For the talent section, Alfred demonstrated his talent as an artist. Grant, playing an electric guitar, presented a computer slide show of his own photos. A humorous ballet dance routine was performed by Mendenhall. David Turner presented a humorous skit. Stoker played piano, and a song and dance routine was performed by Tapia.

Each contestant also answered an impromptu question.

For other entertainment, Nick Crane and Bryce Jurgens sang and played guitars, and Rebecca Hunsaker directed the Declo Dynamics.

The judges were Laura Jones, Allison Taylor and Roland Bott.

The winner and runners-up received prizes and gift certificates. All contestants received gift bags and gift certificates.

The event brought in almost \$800 so the dance team can participate in two competitions this year.

The printed program was created by Makenzie Smith and Janet Cole. Isaac Loveland and Braxton Christensen were in charge of lights and sound.

It's a fun filled week at TFHS

This week is going to be full of fun at Twin Falls High School. Today is the first day of the second semester. Students are ready for new classes and a fresh start.

And, it is Bruin week! That means a week full of dressing up, activities and class competitions. The theme is "Bruins - As Seen on TV."

The week's dress up days are Extreme Sports, Superhero, Star Wars, That 70's Show and Smurf (Blue and White). Some lunch activities are Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, Jeopardy and Election. We will also start Thursday with a 70s-style yoga class.

The assembly should be exciting with competitions in Box Building, Human Surfing and Tug-O-War.

"Pack the Gym Night" is Friday.



BRUIN BUZZ
Doldre Edmunds

day. The boys junior varsity and varsity basketball games start at 6 p.m. If you wear blue you get in for a dollar less.

Also from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday is all you can eat at Outback Steakhouse for \$12. Make sure to buy your ticket and support the Bruin Boosters! For more information or tickets, call Kim Pullin at 734-8945.

On Saturday, live will perform in Roper Auditorium. There will be a matinee at 1 p.m. and the

show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any live member. Come for a night of singing and dancing with solos, duet and group numbers like the "Lion King" and "Bohemian Rhapsody."

An all-you-can-eat crab feed, a basketball fundraiser, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 28 in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$25 per person, and tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 737-5208, ext. 3050, or contact any basketball player.

Student of the month are sophomore Grady Bowman junior Jennifer Lewis and senior Alex Kraul.

Employee of the month is Susie Debie.

Deldre Edmunds is the Twin Falls High School junior class vice president.

MVHS students achieve milestones

Not only did Magic Valley High School students excel in the school this week, but in the community.



MVHS MOMENTS
Jennifer Miller

Kristy Kallbelsch and Alicia Dumas were cast in the Dilettantes production of the "Pajama Game," and Jessica Beckhe has been cast in "The Vagina Monologues," which is being produced by R.A.T. Productions. The three students have also been cast in the play chosen by the church donated to the MVHS drama club, "TUVE," which will be performed in April. Also in the cast are Eric Corbett, Nikl Warts, Cory Bryan, Tiffany LeMaster, Brock Flood, Randi Dawson, Jessie Holt, Britney Lowell and Sam Carter.

Smith Walling, Calli Malone, Vesna Luke, Alina Haidic, Tony Hofmeister, Andrew Mason, Alicia Dumas, Kaylee Watts and Luke VanderMeiden submitted poetry and essays to the contest sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho's Diversity Council on the topic "How Can I Stop Hate?" Congratulations to the block five graduates, Erin Littleton



Kelton Hatch of Idaho Fish and Game speaks as part of the Trout in the Classroom program. Afterward, students participated in an All-School Write addressing hatchery fish versus wild fish. Students also saw the hatchery process in Pete Hurst's science room, thanks to the program.

and Jessica Jackson, whose family and friends watched them walk down the hall on Friday and receive their diplomas.

Receiving a superior score on their All-School Write this block are Raymond Banyal, Eric Corbett, Druce Crosby, Ashley Everett, Lupe Fregoso, Matt Lovner, Luke VanderMeiden, Jessica Ramirez, Chelsea Walker and Smith Walling.

A huge thank you goes to the Presbyterian Church and Rotary Club. To brighten the holiday season, the church donated items to our new and expectant mothers, and the Rotary Club helped several students.

Law class has been busy. In addition to attending court sessions, they traveled to the State Penitentiary to participate in the "Speak Out" program with inmates.

Jylka Dawson Ramirez created the winning logo for the CSI Outdoor Program flyers and advertisements. Jylka received a cash award and a spot on Donnie Davidson's Superintendent board. Also earning places recently are Jerry Garcia, Bo Silva, Alex Boyd, Aayee Creech and Amanda Connors.

Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls.

Castleford in midst of organizing PTYO

We welcome three new families to Castleford Schools following the Christmas vacation — the Senko, Adams and Hernandez families. We also are in the process of beginning to accept out-of-district applications for students who wish to attend Castleford in the fall of 2006.

Janet Surratt is working hard at organizing our PTYO. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. today in the school library. Agenda items include the election of officers and providing parents Internet access to ideas and attendance information for their child.

Guiland Kyles, fifth-grade teacher, and Paulette Elmer, sixth-grade teacher, will accompany their classes on a ski trip to Pomerelle on Tuesday.

Also on Tuesday, the Castleford School Board meets at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Students will receive report cards on Wednesday. We encourage parents to review the success of their children, and we welcome input to the first semester reports.

We remind college students entering their second or fourth semester to return their Dollars for Scholars/Men's Club Scholarship Application. The Castleford Men's Club provides a \$300 award to all Castleford graduates in their second and fourth semester of college.

The staff is revisiting the



CASTLEFORD ROLL CALL
Andy Wiseman

present "Vision, Mission and Belief Statements" written about 10 years ago. We are focusing on what would be considered "ideas for our school and encourage patrons to share their ideas and suggestions."

The "ABCs of Christmas" is a book written and illustrated by Deana Allred's first-grade class. All the students participated and are now young "authors" of their first book. Mrs. Allred said the students are excited about reading and writing.

Roger Wells, FFA adviser, announced that students Jessica Elmer, Anna Lopez, David Wiseman and Megan Durham began applications for the State FFA Degree with a test on Jan. 11.

Laurie Howard, athletic director, announced that the fifth- and sixth-grade basketball program has started, with games on Saturdays at a variety of schools throughout the Magic Valley. Parents Gary Reynolds and Chris Surratt are organizing Saturday basketball games for students in grades two to four.

Andy Wiseman is Castleford School principal.

WRHS debate team brings home the gold

POCAHELLO — Wood River High School's debate team brought home gold in two sets of trophies and certificates from the Blacksnake Tournament, held Jan. 6 to 7 at the Idaho State University campus.

The team competed in eight speech events and two forms of debate against 18 and more than 500 competitors from other Idaho schools, Blackfoot and Snake River high schools, reported coach Carol Siltz.

Wood River's Thomas Gappmayer received the first trophy for impromptu speaking on the subject of courage. Kenny Mauro competed in a field of extemporaneous speakers on current news topics to earn a third place trophy. Andrew Hall received a trophy for his work in SPAR (Spontaneous One-on-One Debate) based on topics chosen at the beginning of a round.

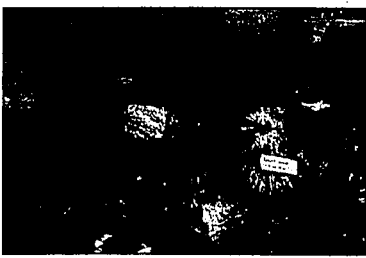
Freshman Tyler Guryan received a quarter finalist trophy for novice Lincoln-Douglas debate. Tyler was followed by eminent domain as related to seizure of private property for

commercial use. The Blacksnake meet was the first time he had debated this topic.

Mark Pedersen competed in Super Congress and placed in the top eight. At the opening session of the student congress, 95 legislators considered legislation. Mark presented two bills and served as presiding officer of his house. He also made several finals in extemp.

Gold tone certificates were presented to three speakers for their participation in the final rounds. Chyna Katterman gave a dramatic interpretation of two women in "The Homecoming Queen." Jared Stoltzfus participated in the expository category with "Surviving High School." In the final round of impromptu speaking, Kyle Cole spoke on the importance of dissent. Breaking into semi-finals, Bradley Doble competed in SPAR where he tried this event for the first time in competition.

The team's next meet will be Jan. 20 to 21 at Madison High School in Reensburg, followed by a statewide competition on Jan. 27 and 28 in Boise.



Students helped create holiday baskets for needy families.

New year starts off with business contest

The first semester is flying by and we returned from Christmas when it returned from Christmas.

The student council had tons of fun making a basket for the East End Providers, and a lot of other clubs and athletic groups joined together to help families in need. There was no shortage of Christmas spirit, and it was a great outcome with the Mont Foundation, faculty and National Honor Society winning prizes for their ingenious gift giving. Student council thanks the students, faculty and the parents who participated in helping with this project.



BULLDOG BUSINESS
Lacey Haye

To start the new year off, Bull-nose Professionals of America will participate in regionals today in Gooding. There will be 19 members from Kimberly competing.

Lacey Haye is Kimberly High School student body president.

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V. EASY # 33

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 C-6.

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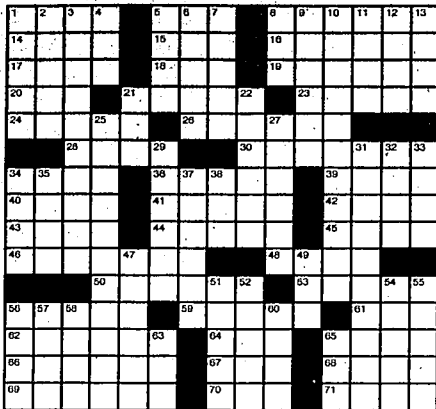
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

It's not the bullet with my name that worries me. It's the one that says 'To whom it may concern.'

—Anon.

Today's three-no-trump contract has problems for both the defense and declarer. The fact that West has a tenace in clubs should not deter him from making the normal lead of fourth highest from his longest and strongest suit. He has no very safe lead, so he should choose his strongest suit since it has more to gain if he is right.

The next crux of the hand is which suit declarer should play on when he wins the club cheaply. Once he has decided to tackle spades, clearly right because of the number of possible extra winners he might create, the question is how to handle that suit. He should not play the ace and king and a third round — this reduces his chances to needing a 3-3 split. Nor should he play the king and then run the nine, since if East covers the nine either from an original holding of a doubleton honor or from any four cards including both honors, declarer's intermediates are so weak that he must lose two tricks for sure.

So what does that leave? The answer is that the best chance to get four tricks is to lead low from hand and finesse the nine on the first round. This is a safety play against either queen-jack-fourth in the West hand, or any doubleton honor with West. If South plays in a heart, he makes four spades, a heart, two diamonds, and two clubs, just landing his contract.

North 01-16-A: ♠ K 9, ♥ Q 10 5, ♦ A 10 8 3, ♣ 6 5 4 2. East: ♠ J 8 6 4, ♥ J 7 6 4 2, ♦ Q 9, ♣ J 9. South: ♠ A 10 5 3 2, ♥ K 9, ♦ K 7 6, ♣ A Q 7.

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Club three

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K 10 6 4, ♥ Q 4 3, ♦ A J 7. Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♣ All pass

ANSWER: Lead a low trump. Your expectation is that even if this costs a trick, and it may well not do so, you will get the trick back with interest by preventing spade ruffs in dummy. Whenever dummy passes declarer out in his second suit, you would expect declarer to need to take ruffs in dummy.

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Boosting lifelong bone health

"I love to laugh, but I hate to laugh because it hurts," my friend Emily said to me after experiencing another fracture. Her bones were so fragile that a hearty laugh had fractured a rib.



ALIVE & WELL Jan Mitteldecker

Emily's spine, thin as eggshells, had compressed into the advanced stages of osteoporosis, a disease that siphns dry the bones of their mineral centers. Although the outcome may not be as severe as Emily's agonizing experience near the end of her life, osteoporosis is a significant problem that affects 28 million Americans.

Nearly one in two women and one in four men over age 50 will experience an osteoporosis-related fracture. These fractures can crumple posture, create chronic pain, crush the opportunity to live independently and increase mortality.

The disease, which targets the spine, wrist and hips, is so pervasive among women that the risk of slipping an osteoporosis-related fracture is equal to the combined risk of developing breast, uterine and ovarian cancer, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

Prevention begins in childhood.

The most crucial time for building bone is before the age of 25, after which we start losing more bone than we make, so prevention at young ages is crucial. "Preventing this trend," says exercise physiologist Dianne Dajulis.

One of the most important strategies is to ensure adequate calcium intake — between 1,000 and 1,500 milligrams a day, depending on age and other factors. A typical American diet falls around the mark, and highly processed foods — with too few calcium-rich foods like dark green, leafy vegetables, almonds or yogurt — provide only 300-700 milligrams of calcium a day.

In general, we're falling well below recommended calcium levels for excellent bone health. In addition, calcium isn't absorbed efficiently without vitamin D, which your skin makes when it absorbs sunlight. Exposure to 15 minutes of sunlight every day or supplements are recommended.

"Vitamin D deficiency is an unrecognized epidemic throughout the U.S.," says Dr. Robert Lobb, of the Boston University School of Medicine. "Vitamin D deficiency will precipitate and exacerbate osteoporosis."

Dietary guidelines recommend 600 units of vitamin D after age 50, but many experts, including Holick, argue that the requirement needs to increase to 800-1,000 units a day.

The pull of gravity on your bones stimulates bone-building cells, so experts tell us to exercise regularly in hopes of fending off brittle bones in later years. However, the type and intensity of exercise needed to strengthen bones are steeped in misconception.

When you first start exercising, bone is stimulated to accommodate the new level of stress. But bone continues to grow only if it's forced to do more work than it's used to. Walking simply is not enough to prevent bone loss unless you add weight such as a backpack. Gradually add books or other light weights to increase the workload. Or create a resistance training program using dumbbells, weight machines or resistance bands to build strength in the spine and hips.

Regardless of your fracture potential, you can improve or stabilize some health with calcium-rich foods or supplements (calcium carbonate fortified with vitamin D) and regular, progressive weight-bearing exercises. "The key is that you're doing it," says Dajulis. "You can do a lot more than you can do to maintain them if you're not doing it."

Jan Mitteldecker is a health-care writer and coordinator of the award-winning *Our 60 and Getting Fit* program at the College of Southern Idaho.

Don't ignore that cough or wheeze

Respiratory infection can permanently damage airways

By Joan Bear Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Winter cold can take the breath away.

"You can huff and puff all you want, but it doesn't do you good," said Roger Ard of Hagerman. "You're gasping for air and only using a very small percentage of your lungs to do this huffing and puffing."

The 64-year-old Ard has emphysema, and that's how his airways react when he goes outdoors in temperatures below 35 degrees.

"After about three or four breaths I feel like I can't get any more air," he said.

Winter months are a challenge for folks who, like Ard, have chronic lung disease. Cold is a stimulant for bronchospasm or wheezing.

Dr. Robert Lobb, a Magic Valley Regional Medical Center internal medicine physician specializing in pulmonary disease, said these people have sensitized airways that are responsive to changes in their environment.

"The cold causes the airway to clamp down, in essence, and also sometimes for the airway to start producing more secretions than normal," he said. "And usually the secretions they produce are thicker and more difficult to move."

Lobb said anyone with a chronic lung disease like asthma, bronchitis, cystic fibrosis or emphysema should stay indoors if possible when the weather is cold. If it's necessary to venture out, a scarf should cover the nose and mouth.

Lunde Lambert, respiratory care practitioner with MVRMC, added it should be a fur scarf, because the purpose is to trap exhaled air and warm it before you draw in a cold blast. Otherwise, the frigid air will trigger sensitive airways into bronchospasm.

"And when you combine the wind with the cold air, that's even more of a problem than just the cold," Lobb said. "And then if you add humidity to the cold, that's another additional problem."

Lobb said moisture can be bad for children, but for adults with asthma, emphysema or bronchitis, it can close down airways.

"For instance, taking a shower in a closed room without very good ventilation, or even air ventilation, causes a smothering effect," he said.

Breathe easier

The Better Breathers Club Support Group, for people coping with asthma, emphysema or other chronic breathing problems, usually meets once a month in November through March. But perhaps no more. The decision whether to continue the meetings will depend on the level of interest. For information, call Lisa at 539-9615.

Winter weather inversions can also be troublesome.

"Any extreme drop in barometric pressure will affect people with breathing problems, especially the emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) patient, how fast their lungs will function, as well as the polluting factor," Lobb said. "The more pollutants in the air being held down close to the surface, the more irritants that are in the atmosphere, the more likely the person with the bronchospastic defect, their airways spasm shut whenever something triggers them, whether it is pollutants, cold air, dry air — whatever."

Lobb said variation from normal doesn't affect people with mild lung problems much. But for those with significant lung disease, it's troublesome.

The perfect environment for somebody with chronic lung disease is sea level, relatively low to medium humidity and an average temperature of about 70 to 80 degrees," he said. "So I guess everybody needs to move to Hawaii."

When spring arrives, people with lung disease can still have problems. Lobb said one of the downsides of living in Twin Falls for them is spring wind. Dust and wind go together, of course, but just the wind itself can cause symptoms.

Lobb said the No. 1 cause of adult acquired asthma is one good respiratory infection — coughing it out for weeks with bronchitis and not seeking medical attention. So people who get the flu and bronchitis in the winter and don't get on top of it quickly run the risk of ending up with lifelong asthma.

A popular misconception, Lambert said, is that you can have asthma as a child and outgrow it. A



Medical assistant Cindy Hine exhales into a spirometer, a device that assesses lung function, during an instructional course for people in the health care industry at Family Health Services in Twin Falls.



Physician Sam Ogden, left, of Family Health Services, and Lunde Lambert, of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's pulmonary function lab, review information during a class on the respiratory system.

child's airways are smaller, so any infection closes them off. But his airways grow as he does, so that the same inflammation doesn't keep him from moving air, and he doesn't feel the shortness of breath as much. Later in life he might be surprised to learn that he has severe asthma.

Lobb described emphysema as a normal-looking sponge and cutting the center out of it, and instead of having a million tiny-bitty holes, there is one big hole," he said. "And so the surface area available for gas exchange significantly decreases, and the breathing tubes which are held open by that lung tissue then collapse, causing obstruction to air flow."

COPD, he said, is an umbrella term for a number of obstructive lung diseases, including emphysema, bronchitis and even chronic

asthma. With the latter, a patient can take medication to improve breathing function, but never get it back to normal again.

Screening can be done in doctor's offices equipped with a spirometer, a small machine that the patient breathes into. Lambert said it tests how air is flowing through all the types of airways.

If there is a problem, the patient is referred for further testing to Lambert, who does a pulmonary function test that includes, among other things, spirometry, lung volume, airway resistance and how well muscles are helping with breathing.

"Then the patient is given a bronchodilator (an inhaled medicine) and the test is repeated to see what kind of change they have," Lambert said. "After we compare before the medication and after, that tells us in each of these areas how much of a percent

change. That makes the diagnosis of what they have. Is it emphysema, is it asthma or is it another entity?"

Lambert said there are a dozen types of drugs that can be used to manage airways. He said anybody who has an undiagnosed cough, wheeze, shortness of breath, recurrent bronchitis, postnasal drainage or acid reflux (acidic flavors of persistent heartburn) should ask his or her physician to have a pulmonary study done.

"If we can identify the problem, then we can get them on the right track," Lambert said. "There's so many things we can help with, and the longer the person goes, the more damage is done to the airways, and that damage is irreversible."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bear can be reached at 733-0830.

SAD SEASON HAS ARRIVED

If your gloomy mood matches the wintry skies, several approaches can help

By Patricia Anstett Detroit Free Press

A little grouchy, aren't we? Perhaps you feel sluggish, less creative or withdrawn. Maybe you're eating more than usual.

Join the club, the one with 14 million Americans who live with Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD.

A type of depression, SAD and its milder form, the winter blues, are caused by shortened exposure to daylight. Symptoms begin in fall, or daylight hours dwindle. Five or six months later, the blues are gone. Who stills the snow, only to return with the next fall.

Sorry to report, folks, but SAD is real, says Dr. Norman Rosenthal, a member of the American Psychiatric Association.

You've got enough to grieve about. We want to help you understand the problem and remedy it on your own or with professional help.

The problem

Some 6 percent of the U.S. population has SAD, and another 14 percent copes with winter blues, says Dr. Norman Rosenthal, the nation's leading SAD expert and author of the newly revised "Winter Blues" (Guilford, \$15.95). "What causes it?"

Our bodies have internal cycles and clocks. Come fall, our brains and our behavior change with shorter days and less exposure to daylight. We produce more melatonin, a hormone that is made almost exclusively at night. Some call it the hormone of darkness, Rosenthal said.

People with SAD are more susceptible to the extra melatonin, which affects their mood. "Somebody who lives from a southern climate to a colder, northern one with fewer daylight hours may bring on symptoms. For reasons that aren't clear, women experience 3-to-1 with the problem."

SAD can sneak up on you, Rosenthal, a Georgetown University psychiatrist, said in a telephone interview. "It starts with feeling sluggish. You start sleeping in. You aren't as pumped up as usual."

Jennetta Helton of Michigan started noticing the problem shortly before she was diagnosed seven years ago. "I start feeling down. I just don't want to do anything," says Helton, 37, a homemaker with a 12-year-old son. "I could sit around, pretty much all day. Today, she uses both antidepressant medicines and light therapy to help reduce the symptoms."

"Each morning after her son leaves for school, she turns on her phototherapy unit and watches television. "It seems to give me the kick I need to keep going," she says. She also tries to exercise more and spend time outside when it's sunny. "I'm doing pretty well," she says.

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What is SAD?

Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, is a consistent pattern of depressive symptoms that occur with colder weather and shorter hours of daylight.

■ **Symptoms**
■ Excessive sleeping, difficulty staying awake, oversating and weight gain during the fall or winter months.

■ Feelings of extreme fatigue, inability to maintain regular lifestyle schedule.
■ Depression (feelings of sadness, loss of feelings, apathy) combined with irritability.

■ Lack of interest in social interactions, losing interest in activities of enjoyment.
■ Renewal of symptoms in the spring and summer months. Source: American Psychiatric Association

■ **Resources**
■ Go to the American Psychiatric Association's site, www.healthyninds.org, or go to

www.mentalhealthscreening.org, to locate a depression screening site near you.

■ **Winter Blues, Everything You Need to Know to Beat Seasonal Affective Disorder**, revised edition, by Dr. Norman Rosenthal, (Guilford, \$15.95). Rosenthal's Web site, www.normanrosenthal.com, also offers resources.

■ **Online**
■ www.404.org: Center for Environmental Therapeutics, a comprehensive Web site from leading specialists in the field about a wide range of SAD issues.

■ **www.light-and-chronotherapy.org**: Columbia University Medical School Clinical Chronology program, comprehensive research site with "Ask the Doctor" link.

■ **www.sleeping-society.org**: Light treatment and Biological Rhythms, helpful summary of SAD research.

IMAGE

Prepared childbirth classes offered

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, this week through Feb. 15, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

To do for you

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

Brain injury support

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Building, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

chest compression and choking response for public and infant. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 26 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Coping with widowhood

Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho will begin two sessions of meetings on coping with widowhood. Each eight-week series will be held Wednesdays, beginning this week, at the Office of Aging, 988 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

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

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

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

'Baby and Me'

S. Benedicks Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Hill Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center will hold an Alzheimer's support group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filler Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Taking a bite out of the glycemic index trend

By Janet Helms Chicago Tribune

Following the low-carb flameout, the glycemic index may be poised to be the next big dieting trend. Or at least some people are betting on it.

A slew of new books claim that the secret to permanent weight loss lies in the glycemic index — a way of measuring a food's impact on our blood sugar levels.

The glycemic index, or GI, actually has been around for nearly 25 years. It's best-seller "Sugar Busters" and the more recent "The New Glucose Revolution" have propelled the GI to center stage.

Nutritionists using the GI to lure dieters into its weight loss centers with a new plan based on this approach. And an array of new food products — from pasta to nutrition bars — are beginning to boast their "low GI" ranking on package labels.

Despite the buzz, there are people as just as many critics as there are proponents of the GI. "Calories are what really count," said Susan Ratz, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School who recently completed a study on the glycemic index. "Low GI is not

adding any magic bullet to improve weight loss." Fans and foes are lining up on both sides of the fence — with some food industry groups fighting back with "anti-glycemic index" campaigns.

David Jenkins and colleagues at the University of Toronto developed the glycemic index, which ranks the type of foods that were best for people with diabetes. They created a system that ranked carbohydrate-containing foods by the amount they raise blood sugar (or glucose) levels after eating.

Foods that rank high on the glycemic index result in a greater increase in blood glucose levels. Low GI foods produce a smaller rise in blood glucose.

General, low-GI foods include non-starchy vegetables, and most fruits, beans and dairy products — all foods that are encouraged in the new pyramid. But "low GI" is not necessarily the best criteria for selecting healthful foods — a frequently mentioned complaint of the system.

For example, potato chips have a lower GI than a plain baked potato. Jelly beans are "better" than carrots or water-

melon, which are lumped into the "high GI" category.

Some studies in the last few years have indicated that eating a low glycemic diet may help reduce the risk of developing diabetes, but others have not. A few studies suggest that eating low GI foods may help reduce levels of triglycerides in our blood and boost HDL or "good" cholesterol, which may reduce the risk of heart disease.

Yet, more recent studies have failed to show any benefit for weight loss. The latest evidence from the University of Minnesota, a study that found that reducing the GI of a diet already low in calories did not result in any additional benefits.

In this randomized, controlled feeding study (considered the "gold standard" of clinical research), Ratz and colleagues compared the effects of three low-calorie diets with various GI levels. All groups had improved insulin sensitivity, yet did not differ on weight loss.

That means that the glycemic index, there are not a lot of long-term clinical trials to see whether low-GI diets work, Ratz said.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 546, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 123 Fairfield St. W.

Stretching legs, stretching lives. Check in on our fitness followers' progress. Next week in Image.

The Natural Way Health Store. Over 30 Years Professional Experience. Quality Products & Personalized Service. Winter Sale! 20% DISCOUNT ALL MERCHANDISE November 15th - January 21st.

Metaphysical Weight Management. Apply the principles of Metaphysics to lose weight and create a positive relationship with food and your body. Creating a Body You Want! Classes held Wednesday Evenings.

Women's Health... A Natural Way in 2006! Marty Hoffman, a Natural Health Consultant, has 6 years of experience helping hundreds of women with: Hot flashes/Night sweats • Insomnia • Headaches • Fatigue/Low Energy • Weight gain • Menstrual Problems • Finding a Natural Hormone Balance.

2" Faux Blinds. Enjoy the look for 1/2 the price! 18 designer colors & shades. All sizes have equal discount. \$34.00 EA. Starting as low as... 310 2nd Ave. E. • 208-736-0100

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Tell us your health-and-love story

Is love good for the health? If you know of Magic Valley marriages or romantic relationships that have turned into real-life health or fitness, perhaps those folks expressed their

The Times-News wants to interview couples who exercise together, and people whose influence has made a big difference in a partner's health or fitness. Perhaps those folks expressed their

love through nutritious meals, weight-loss encouragement, sick-bed nursing or exercise motivation. To tell your story, or to tell us about someone else's, contact Times-News correspondent Joan Beak at 733-0830.

SAD

Lighten up to fight SAD

One of the most recommended treatment options for Seasonal Affective Disorder is light therapy. There are dozens of lights and products on the market. Here's what experts advise: Get a phototherapy light with fluorescent lighting that shines at 10,000 lux, a measurement of light intensity. That's the amount of light on a cloudless day at sunrise. By comparison, typical office overhead lighting is 500-700 lux. The best studied and most recommended is white fluorescent lighting.

plastic diffusing screen that filters out ultraviolet rays that can cause eye damage and skin cancer. They are tilted forward to allow more light to enter the eyes. It's 2-3 feet in front of the light. It's 2-3 feet in front of the light. It's 2-3 feet in front of the light. It's 2-3 feet in front of the light.

escaping someplace with more winter sunshine. For the rest of us, try an outdoor sport like skiing on sunny winter days. Or take an indoor plant to a sunny room. Drink your morning beverage in the sunniest spot in your home.

Coming up in The Times-News

Southern skies Clean snow and clear skies in the South Hills. Friday in Outdoors.

ASK The Expert How May I Help You? Scotty's Advice Comprehensive Value Care.

Dr. Noe Joleporen, a child

and adult psychiatrist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Mich., said he finds his patients opt for the drugs because they are not willing to take the time necessary to sit in front of a light box. Some hospitals have the Cadillac of treatment settings for SAD: a room brightly lit with overhead fluorescent lights. Some patients even sleep there, oblivious to the bright lights.

Who says humans aren't entitled to a little hibernation?

FINESSE CHOCOLATES. 208 Hansen St. E. 733-7610. NEW! FINEST CHOCOLATE BARS. New Caramel Pecan Squares. Special Price \$7.40 per lb. Chocolate Covered Cream, light & dark, Mint, Raspberry, Orange, Lemon, Vanilla, Caramel, Mint, Triple, Buttercream & Truffle. \$9.95 per lb. Almond Balls \$10.95 per lb. Sugar-Free Chocolates. Covered Clusters. Covered Candies. Covered Bonbons. Covered Truffles. \$13.30 per lb. Peanut, Coconut, & Raisin \$11.50 per lb.

Make Your Own Straight Talk on Elder Law and Estate Planning. MEDICAID PANIC BUTTON. QUESTION: I'm getting conflicting advice from friends on whether I should give away property now to avoid the state getting it if I ever go into a nursing home. Any ideas? You have questions, We have answers!

AROUND THE VALLEY

What's closed and open for MLK Day

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed today for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Here's a rundown of what will be closed and open:

- Most city offices will be closed, including those in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Hiley and Gooding.
- County offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Banks will be closed.
- Post offices will be closed.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

Sons of Norway meets today in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. today at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane. For more information, call 733-1792.

Game feed will fund moulton scholarship

TWIN FALLS — The fifth annual James Moulton Wild Game Feed scholarship fundraising dinner will be held Jan. 29 at the Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Honoring Officer James Moulton, who died in the line of duty in Jerome County, the event raises money for C&E. For more information, call 733-1792.

Elk, deer, pheasant, elk finger steaks, moose and deer sausage lasagna, elk chili, moose stroganoff, buffalo meatballs, deep fried turkey, and many more. Donated game is welcome. Recipes will be available.

No-host bar will open at 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the College of Southern Idaho, Dick Pharmacy, Kelley Garden Center and Rock Creek Restaurant.

For more information or to make a donation, call Bob Moulton at 732-6296.

Bikers to collect toys for emergency services

Come one and come all to the 5th Annual Polar Bear Run. The Idaho Motorcycle Club invites everyone to participate in this annual event to be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Stadium, 242 U.S. Highway 30 in Kimberly.

One, or several, stuffed animals or \$10 is the registration fee. The fire department and the ORU members use the stuffed animals to give to children at emergency scenes to help calm them. All riders, all clubs and all interested persons are invited. If the weather is not biker friendly, then cars will be used. Lunch will be provided.

Simpson moves office

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson has moved his Twin Falls office. The new office is at 1341 Filmore, Ste. 202, across from the post office. The phone number is 734-7219.

"The new Twin Falls office is more accessible and has better public parking," Simpson said.

— compiled from staff reports

Sawtooth NF seeks public input on grants

Forest Service needs comments by this Friday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth National Forest is in the process of applying for a number of funding grants from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Prior to submitting grant proposals, the Forest Service wants to learn if citizens and forest users have any com-

ments, or suggestions, regarding the proposed projects for which state funding is being sought. Requesting review and comments from the public and user groups is a requirement for agencies requesting state grants.

To be the most helpful, the Forest Service would like to receive comments no later than Friday.

The following is a list of project proposals and the people to contact for sharing comments.

Minidoka Ranger District
Contact Glenn Lackey, natural resources specialist in

Burley, 206-678-0430, about grants from the State's Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund that are being requested for the following:

1. Design and publication of a free, public information brochure and map of the trail system in the Cassia Division (South Hills). This publication will show the entire trail system and appropriate uses for each trail. This publication would be available for distribution following the completion of the Forest's revision of their existing Travel Management Plan, which is currently underway.

2. Design, construct and install two large information

boards at strategic access points to the Cassia Division. These kiosks would be used to provide current information to visitors entering the Cassia Division.

Fairfield Ranger District

Contact Ann Frost, recreation program manager in Fairfield, 208-764-5202, about grants from the State's Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund that are being requested for the following:

1. Funding to reroute the High Creek Trail, located in the Upper South Fork drainage, north of Fleck Summit and south of the Bear Creek Trail. This trail is a single-track

trail used by motorcycle and horseback riders. The Forest Service is proposing to reroute a short section of trail where the grades are too steep and erosion is occurring. The relocation will provide users with a safe, convenient trail route that reduces sedimentation and maintenance needs.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area

Contact Jay Dorr, trails manager in Ketchum, 208-727-5011, about these proposed projects:
1. Funds are being requested
Please see SAWTOOTH, Page D4

WILDLIFE CSI

Game officials use DNA to bust poachers, manage wildlife

By Rusty Teus
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Solving crimes involving animals often takes creative thinking on the part of wildlife officials. The illegal taking of Idaho game animals through poaching and theft is being investigated and prosecuted through advanced scientific means — including high-tech DNA analysis.

Webster's dictionary defines DNA as "the basic material in the chromosomes of the cell nucleus that contains the genetic code and transmits the hereditary pattern." In other words, each animal has a unique DNA and can be identified through the testing of its genetic material.

The process of testing is known as DNA fingerprinting. Idaho Department of Fish and Game Investigators are using similar processes to solve wildlife poaching crimes that would have previously gone unsolved.

"The root of wildlife forensics is in homicide investigations," said Mary Hompland, Idaho Fish and Game regional conservation officer stationed in Jerome. "We piggy-back on those techniques to solve crimes against wildlife, but also to manage wildlife populations."

Forensic examination of crime scenes gives law enforcement the facts of what happened to poached deer or fish.

"We can stop a truckload of people with guns and an out-of-season deer in the truck bed," said Hompland. "Ballistics will tell us which rifle shot the deer, but can't tell us who pulled the trigger."

According to Magic Valley Fish and Game officials, very large mule deer racks (antlers) can bring as much as \$10,000. Unscrupulous shooters find lucrative markets for trophies at the expense of hunters who play by the rules; the rules being adherence to established seasons as well as taking their chances in the lottery selection of coveted big-game tags.

A stolen deer was the center of one of the Jerome officer's first successes with DNA forensics. Legally taken during the regular hunting season, the deer stolen from the bed of a pickup truck at night. Interviews with witnesses developed a list of suspects which led to interviews at a residence in Bellevue. Tests from the antlers' DNA matched the deer's liver left by



Idaho Fish and Game Regional Conservation Officer Gary Hompland checks a set of mule deer antlers in the evidence room last week at the Fish and Game office in Jerome. Pronghorn offers are on the table in background.

Worldwide ban on caviar

According to Jon Heggen, head of the Idaho Fish and Game enforcement bureau in Boise, global trade in caviar and other products made from the wild, endangered sturgeon fish has been banned. The ban was imposed for scientific reasons and to bring an end to illegal poaching in the Caspian Sea.

For more information on the caviar ban, contact Heggen at Idaho Fish and Game, R.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83706 or call (206) 334-3735.

the thieves in the bed of the truck. The suspected antler bander was convicted of theft.

Other forensic techniques include: ballistic comparisons, tire and footprint impressions, hair and feather identification, and good interview skills which are crucial to convicting poachers.

"Forensics helps develop the facts of the case," said Hompland. "But interviews and witnesses give you the conclusions of who did the crime."

feeding areas. The snagged hair is collected and the root of each collected hair is DNA-tested by geneticists to identify species, individuals and sex. Biologists use this data to estimate population size, distribution and genetic variation — which are all indications of a population's health. The technology, it seems, is somewhat ubiquitous.

The National Football League used synthetic DNA tags to identify Super Bowl XXXIV balls, ensuring their authenticity to combat the growing epidemic of sports memorabilia fraud. Coincidentally, some foods and drink have found several uses for DNA science. Utilizing DNA techniques, scientists at the University of California — Davis have established "paternity" tests to identify the origin of various wines.

Coveted eggs of Russian sturgeon (caviar) bring prices of nearly \$90 an ounce, tempting swindlers to substitute cheap — or even non-sturgeon eggs — into the delicacy. National Fish and Wildlife scientists in an Ashland, Oregon forensics laboratory are frequently asked to test caviar and other sturgeon DNA for authenticity.

"The public should remember that real criminal investigations are not like CSI the television program," Hompland said.

"It still takes good investigative work and good prosecution to convict criminals. The use of DNA is just another very valuable tool to catching bad guys."

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Buhl's McClusky Park stage named and covered

Alta Gannon Stage will get canopy mid-May

By Blake Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUIH — This summer, performers in Buih will have the first outdoor covered stage since the 1960's, according to Bill Nungesser, member of Buih Park and the Committee.

cl meeting the stage in McClusky Park was officially named in honor of the late Alta Gannon and plans to purchase a covering for it were laid out.

"We wanted to cover the stage," Nungesser said. "The cost is about \$10,000 for the cover."

He explained that \$4,000 remained from the first phase of the project, which provided the 32 by 30-foot concrete pad and electricity for lights and audio equipment with a total cost of about \$15,000.

Phase One was completed in the summer of 2004 and the city had recently local business-

ness that if they would fund Phase Two, the stage would be named after them.

"After talking with Tom Gannon (Alta's son)," Nungesser said, "his family agreed to a substantial contribution. We made four of the more calls and had enough money."

Nungesser estimates the cost of the fire retardant, vinyl-laminated polyester cover (supported with steel tubing) at about \$18,000.

He said they are ordering the cover from a Canadian company and it should be erected mid-May. The stage will be cov-

ered from at least Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Five concerts — presented by the Buih Arts Council — have been held at the stage in the past and more are planned for this summer. The first concert is set for Fishers Day on June 16 at 1 p.m.

The artists for the summer concert series, presented by the council, have not yet been finalized, said Eighth Street Center Office Manager Marty Wilson.

"The board is just now getting up performers," Wilson said. They should be finalized really soon.

The stage can also be reserved for use through Buih City Hall, for a nominal fee.

City Clerk Sharon Sheets said. The cost is \$20 and the city will return \$10 if the stage is cleaned up within 48 hours.

"We won't hold the reservation until it is paid for," she said.

Blake Koch lives in Buih. She can be reached by e-mail at bk1208@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Salmon	127%	64%
Big Wood	100%	79%
Little Wood	148%	71%
Big Lost	146%	70%
Little Lost	117%	68%
Haystack	129%	68%
Upper Snake Basin	124%	65%
Ocean	144%	74%
Salmon Falls	135%	67%

As of Jan. 15
*A complete list of snowpack on this date, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of snowpack for the season.

