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## NAVIGATING THE Medicare maze

Idaho senior citizens have until May 15 to choose from a plethora of plans being offered under the new Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program. Many seniors and health care professionals are concerned about the complexity — and costs — of the new federal program.

### Seniors find drug plans confusing

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Senior citizens are spending a lot of time on the phone these days.

On hold.

They have until May 15 to choose among the 45 Medicare prescription drug plans available in Idaho, each just a little bit different from the other when it comes to premiums, copays and the kinds of medications covered.

Sixty-five-year-old Richard Dowell is on a copay and takes a dozen medications a day for heart and lung problems. He and his wife, Ginger, thought they were ahead of the game when they signed him up for a plan by calling Medicare's 800 number back in November. But it hasn't gone as smoothly as they thought it would.

They chose one plan, but Medicare suggested another. They received a card, but no information, from the plan they didn't want. Since then, they've been referred to one 800-number after another, Richard Dowell said. The plan is more expensive than the original one they chose, and they can't afford it on their \$300-a-month combined income.

"A lot of medication is please lot MEDICARE, Page A2



Richard Dowell, of Twin Falls, recently signed up for the new Medicare prescription drug benefits plan that will help defray expenses for medication that he needs for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and a heart condition. His doctor is assisting him, but notes that new rules concerning coverage are confusing and may affect the distribution and costs of benefits.

"These two men who perished in this mine, the 12 men who perished in the Sago Mine, I can only say to each of those families ... that they have not died in vain."  
— Gov. Joe Manchin



Jesse Cole of the Mine Safety and Health Administration pauses during a press conference to announce that two miners were found dead in McElvaine, W.Va. on Saturday at the Alma No. 1 mine where the two miners have been missing since Thursday.

## Rescuers find bodies of miners

The Associated Press

MELVILLE, W.Va. — Rescuers on Saturday found the bodies of two miners who disappeared after a conveyor belt caught fire deep inside a coal mine, bringing to 14 the number of West Virginia miners killed on the job in less than a month.

The bodies were found in an area of the mine where rescue teams had been battling the intense blaze for more than 40 hours. Rescuers could not enter that portion of the mine until the flames had been mostly extinguished and the tunnels cooled down.

"We have found the two miners we were looking for," said Doug Conway, director of the state Office of Miners' Health, Training and Safety. "Unfortunately, we don't have a positive outcome."

The miners became separated Thursday evening as their 12-member crew tried to escape a conveyor belt fire at Arcanova Coals Alma No. 1 mine in McElvaine, about 60 miles southwest of Charleston. The rest of the crew and nine other miners working in a different section of the mine escaped unharmed.

"We have two brave miners that have perished," Gov. Joe Manchin told reporters.

Conaway said it appeared the two miners made a "valiant effort" to escape, but were blocked by high temperatures and thick smoke.

Earlier this month, 12 miners died as a result of an explosion at the Sago Mine, more than 160 miles away on the northern side of the state. The sole survivor of that accident remained hospitalized in a light coma Saturday.

The governor pledged to introduce legislation Monday dealing with rapid responses in emergencies, electronic tracking technology and reserve oxygen stations for underground miners.

"These two men who perished in this mine, the 12 men who perished in the Sago Mine, I can only say to each of those families ... that they have not died in vain," Manchin said.

He planned to travel to Washington on Tuesday to discuss the proposals with the state's congressional delegation, hoping they will seek reforms on the federal level.

Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., said Congress must give the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration the tools to operate effectively, and may have to increase its budget.

"It's unfortunate that every coal mine health and safety law on the books is written with the blood of coal miners," Rahall said.

The governor and Sen. Jay Rockefeller informed families of the deaths at a church before announcing them publicly, along with Don Blankenship, chairman of Arcanova's owner, Massey Energy.

Massey opened the mine in 1999, and these are its first fatalities. The company released a statement Saturday, saying it was saddened by the miners' deaths and that the company will now focus on comforting the families.

The federal Mine Health and Safety Act was written a year after a 1958 explosion in Farmington that killed 78 miners, including Manchin's uncle.

## 'CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY'

### Businesses thrive as troops return from Iraq with money to burn

The Associated Press

HINESVILLE, Ga. — One short test drive and Army Spc. Todd Strange is gushing. "Oh, sweet I love it!"

He's been home from Iraq a little over 30 hours and already he's trading in his little 2001 Dodge Neon for a muscle car — a 2006 Mustang GT V-8 engine, price tag \$26,320.

"I'm buying the car to show off, pretty much," admits Strange, 26, of St. Louis.

Business has been booming in this southeast Georgia town since just after Christmas

when thousands of 3rd Infantry Division troops from neighboring Fort Stewart began returning from a year-long tour in Iraq and finding their bank accounts flush with combat pay, tax breaks and bonuses.

"Christmas in January" proclaim newspaper advertisements for one local furniture and electronics store.

"That's especially true for retailers who suffered through 2005 while some of their best customers were overseas. Now, they worry about keeping new cars and home theater systems

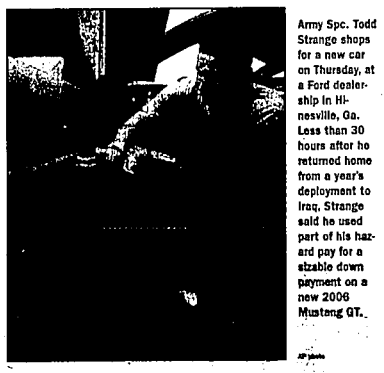
in stock.

"It's been a lonely year," said Monica Doering, manager of Freedom Furniture and Electronics, less than a mile from Fort Stewart's main gate. "It's not only the soldiers' Christmas, but what we're experiencing now is actually our Christmas."

The 3rd Infantry has 19,000 troops returning to Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield in nearby Savannah and Fort Benning in Columbus.

Hotels in Hinesville have been booked solid by soldiers' families attending homecomings.

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Army Spc. Todd Strange shops for a new car on Thursday, at a Ford dealership in Hinesville, Ga. Less than 30 hours after he returned home from a year's deployment to Iraq, Strange said he used part of his hazard pay for a sizable down payment on a new 2006 Mustang GT.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. Highs in the middle 30s.
Tonight: Fair skies and light winds. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: A few scattered clouds at times. Highs in the lower 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Fair skies with areas of patchy fog developing overnight. Lows in the middle to upper teens.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies with highs in the lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

High pressure will be taking control of the weather for today and into the new week. Skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with patchy fog possible in some of the valleys during the nighttime hours.

BOISE

A stable stratus of high pressure will be moving over the area today and into the upcoming week. There will be a mix of sun and clouds with nighttime and morning fog possible through mid-week.

NORTHERN UTAH

High pressure will create mostly sunny to partly cloudy and dry conditions through the week. Morning fog will also be possible.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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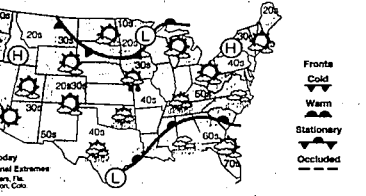
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Troops

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ing ceremonies. Restaurant parking lots are full, and rental properties that sit vacant for nearly a year are filling up again. "We needed it badly. If they are not here, we can hardly pay our bills," said Mike Randerwall, manager of the Quality Inn in Hinesville. "Last year, I had a loss of more than \$100,000."

The overall economic hit hurt he doesn't appear as bad as many feared. Mayor Tom Battle said. For the first 10 months of 2005, the latest figures available, sales tax revenues in town were down only 6 percent compared with the same period in 2004.

It's not just a year of being untal to hit the shopping malls and car dealers that has troops flush with cash. During their yearlong Iraq deployments, they earned combat pay and other incentives, and their income was tax-free.

Several soldiers interviewed estimated they earned an extra \$700 to \$800 per month while in Iraq, totaling up to an extra \$9,600 for some from their year overseas.

"Without the extra money, I couldn't go out and get gang stuff," said Sgt. Sherrod White, 21, of Fayetteville, N.C., as he picked out a \$1,499 desktop computer with a 5296-bit screen monitor at Diering's store.

"A lot of people, they just go crazy with it," he said. At Hinesville, Ford, where Strange picked out his Mustang general manager Fred Mingledorff said he's on track to sell more than 120 cars this month — compared to 80 during a typical month and 40 while the 3rd Infantry was overseas.

And the troops aren't settling for economy cars, he said. "They've been getting a lot of a year. When they get back, they sure deserve to be able to spend their money," Mingledorff said.

The Hinesville Wal-Mart Supercenter provides a list of plans that best fit the soldier's needs, starting with the least expensive plan. She said the most expensive plan has a \$63 monthly premium and a \$250 deductible, and pays 75 percent of medicine costs after the deductible has been met. But cheaper isn't always better. "It may not be the best policy depending on your medications," Koester said.

Medicare

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The average deductible on most plans is \$250 and most of them pay 75 percent of prescription costs after that. A few have \$100 deductibles and some have no deductible at all, though they may have higher co-pays. The highest monthly premium on the list is \$68.80.

After meeting the deductible, seniors pay 25 percent of drug costs until 100 percent of prescription costs reach \$2,250. Seniors then pay all of their drug costs until they hit \$3,600. After that, the senior pays just 5 percent of prescription costs.

"That's just what I'd need of the year and then we start all over again," Koester said. Seniors who don't sign up by May 15 won't have another chance to enroll until Nov. 15. And when they do sign up, an extra 1 percent will be tacked on to their premium for every month they weren't signed up.

Koester said most seniors will find they'll save money on one of the Medicare plans. "Anyone who spends over \$600 a year on their medications is going to save money on one of these plans," she said.

But Jensen predicts that with time, premiums and co-pays will go up. "The prices are going to go up or taxes are going to go up because someone has to pay the bill," he said. "Medicare insurance companies aren't going to lose money on this. They're in the business to make money."

Rod Haynes, a health insurance specialist with Medicare's regional office in Seattle, Wash., said it was expected there would be some glitches at first in implementing a program that affects 43 million beneficiaries.

"You've got the individual states that deal with Medicaid and they have to share their data with us," Haynes said. "Then we have 70-plus plans. When you take all the variables involved, there's bound to be some rough patches along the way."

Haynes said most of those rough patches are due to problems sharing data and the problems will get ironed out in time. Still, when you call the main number at Medicare's regional office in Seattle, a voice tells you the office is dealing with emergency cases only, such as people who have already run out of a

Help with Medicare drug coverage

Enrollment assistance for Medicare's Part D Prescription Drug Coverage is available at the following sites. Call for times, dates, and to make appointments.

- Health & Welfare, Jerome: 324-8144
Health & Welfare, Burley: 678-1121
Health & Welfare, Bellevue: 765-8100
College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls: Call the Area Agency on Aging at 736-2122.
Casa Mil-Casalia Center: 678-1400
Central Regional Medical Center: Call Joyce at 678-2984.
Valley Vista Village: 733-3500
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Wendell Drug Center: 536-5761
Living Independence Network Corporation at 132 Main Street in Twin Falls has computers available Monday through Friday for people who want to use the online enrollment tool to choose and enroll in a plan on their own.
Magie Valley Regional Medical Center Sage Building is the former Noron building just east of the hospital's Addison Avenue campus. Walk-ins from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays.
List of agencies signing up their congregations. Check with your church secretary.
For more information on Medicare's Part D Prescription Program, call Medicare at 1-800-368-3221 or see the Web site at www.medicare.gov.
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medication will run out on five days. For general questions about plans, people should call Medicare's 800 number. Haynes said the best time to call the 800 number is after 7 p.m. when the line isn't as busy.

Haynes said people should look for all the correspondence they receive from Medicare and the insurance companies, and if they have questions, to take the correspondence with them to their pharmacist. "That way, you can see what level of assistance you qualify for," Haynes said.

What seniors have to say
Michael White is on nine different medications and lives on \$1,228 a month from Social Security. He used to get five of his medications for free. He says worth — through special programs offered by the pharmaceutical companies. He paid about \$150 a month out of his pocket for his other medications.

Now that he's eligible for the Medicare prescription drug plan, he no longer qualifies for the free medications from the drug companies. "Now between the premium and the co-payments, it will cost me \$300 a month," White said. "I'm going to have to drop my (supplemental) health insurance because I can't afford it. I really needed it up because I was getting better assistance without the government being involved."

Angie Burgess said she had no problem signing up for a Medicare drug program. "I just went on the Internet and Humana was the first one that came up," Burgess said. She only takes one medication for her blood pressure which she used to pay for out of her own pocket. It will cost her \$6.19 for just for a 30-day supply. She said she'll continue to pay for it out of her own pocket rather than pay more through her new plan. "I just pretend I don't have a card," she said. Everything seemed fine until she took her new prescription card to her pharmacy. The pharmacist ran the card through the system and it turned out the card was registered to a woman named "Agnes Drum." "Poor Agnes is probably out there in Cyberspace," Burgess said. The pharmacist told her to bring the card back in 30 days and they'd run it through again. Burgess said she was trying to get a hold of Humana so the insurance company can straighten out the problem. "I've called several times and they tell you you will have at least a 40-minute wait," she said. Meanwhile, Burgess wonders how Agnes Drum is doing. "She's going along through the same thing, but I don't want to pay Agnes' drug bill," Burgess said. Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 733-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicalvalley.com

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# 'DECAPITATION'

## Targeting terror leaders sometimes backfires

The Associated Press

The Israeli assassins caught Abu Jihad in his study. They left the chief strategist of the Palestinian uprising with 170 bullets in his body. Over the next two decades, however, the movement only grew stronger, and Israel led even more.

It's called "decapitation," and a missile strike in Pakistan has raised the question anew: Would eliminating Osama bin Laden and deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri deal a mortal blow to the al-Qaida terror network?

"Decapitation just fuels the movement itself," says Jenna Jordan, a University of Chicago professor who has closely studied the historical record of such anti-terrorist tactics.

"I think that is the lesson of the Israeli efforts over the years," says Brian Jenkins, veteran terrorism analyst with the RAND Corp. research firm.

But, he quickly adds, "that doesn't mean you don't do it."

The Jan. 13 missile strike on a remote Pakistani border village showed again that the U.S. government is still trying to do it.

The early-morning attack, reportedly aimed at al-Zawahiri, killed 13 villagers and possibly a few second-rank al-Qaida operatives, but not the bin Laden lieutenant. Its immediate impact could be seen in the streets of Pakistani cities, where thousands rallied, chanting "Death to America" in support of al-Qaida's "jihad," or holy war.

By Thursday, bin Laden's voice was being broadcast throughout the Muslim world, threatening a new terror strike against America.

"The Pakistan case, where you have all these people killed, that's the kind of 'bad press' that keeps a movement going," said Jordan, whose 2004 study reviewed 72 international cases, stretching back almost a century, in which militant movements' leaders were targeted and killed.

In most cases, she found, the movements carried on — particularly if they were religion-based, like al-Qaida. Only one in five violent religious groups collapsed when their leaders were eliminated, she determined.

"Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't," said Richard A. Clarke, who was White House counterterrorism coordinator in 1998, when U.S. missiles were fired at suspected al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan in a failed effort to kill its leaders.

"There's no iron law," Clarke told The Associated Press. "But the law enforcement side, the intelligence side, will always want to eliminate the

leadership."

One of the most spectacular "eliminations" occurred in 1988, when Israeli commandos slipped into Tunisia and stormed the exile home of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Khalil al-Wazir, known as Abu Jihad, the PLO's No. 2 and architect of the uprising that had exploded five months earlier in Israeli-occupied territories.

Abu Jihad was killed, but the "intifadeh" went on, and by the 1990s still more Palestinian groups had joined in, followed by still more decapitations. With the latest tracking technologies, the Israelis have successfully targeted top leaders of the Hamas group in particular.

Some analysts believe this has contributed to a decline in suicide terror bombings since 2003, but the Islamic militant groups following has grown and bombings continue. After two successive Hamas chiefs were killed in 2004, the group vowed "100 reprisals."

"Usually these assassinated leaders are from the public, political wing, but there are many underground military commanders far from Israel's hands," said Islamist researcher Yasser al-Sirri, of London's Islamic Observation Center.

Jenkins noted that diversity in the Palestinian movement makes decapitation difficult. "When you're dealing with a disparate host of terrorist foes over time, as the Israelis have confronted, then it has

less effect."

Examples of recent decapitations cited by Jordan and others:

- Shining Path, the Maoist insurgency that rocked Peru in the 1980s, has all but collapsed since the capture of founder Abimael Guzman in 1992. Such ideologically based movements are most affected when their leaders are removed, Jordan found.

- Turkey's Kurdish separatist group PKK declared a unilateral cease-fire in 1999 after leader Abdullah Ocalan was captured, but renounced it in 2004. Its attacks have increased in recent months.

- "The entire leadership of Spain's Basque separatist group ETA was arrested in 1992, but ETA bombings and assassinations soon resumed. Territorially based nationalist groups like the Kurds and Basques tend to be resilient, Jordan observed.

When it comes to al-Qaida, which organized the Sept. 11, 2001, U.S. terror attacks, analysts underscore an important emerging characteristic of the group: It seems to be growing more diffuse and decentralized, as seen in the unending campaign of Iraq suicide bombings carried out in its name.

"Al-Qaida is not one group anymore, but rather an idea," al-Sirri said. "The jihad is not about individuals. If bin Laden is killed or captured, tens of new bin Ladens will be born."

## Former President Ford remains hospitalized

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Former President Gerald Ford underwent further treatment for pneumonia Saturday at a hospital where he was admitted a week earlier.

"His pneumonia continues to improve," Penny Circle, Ford's chief of staff, said in a statement. A decision about when he will be released is being considered on a day-to-day basis, Circle said.

Ford, 92, was admitted to the Eisenhower Medical Center near his desert home on Jan. 14. The nation's 38th chief executive was initially expected to be discharged by Thursday, but doctors decided he needed additional therapy.



Ford

It was Ford's second hospitalization in five weeks. He had been admitted to Eisenhower Medical Center in mid-December because of what Circle called "a horrible cold."

Ford and his wife, Betty, have lived in Rancho Mirage — 17 miles southeast of Los Angeles — since leaving the White House in 1977. They also have a home in Beaver Creek, Colo.



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## Pricey portrait

Painting sells for record \$21.3M

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Willson Peale's full-length portrait of George Washington on the American Revolutionary War battlefield fetched \$21.3 million at auction Saturday, setting a world record for the sale of an American portrait.

Christie's auction house said, "George Washington at Princeton," signed and dated 1779 by the Revolutionary period's premier portrait artist, was one of eight full-length portraits of Washington painted by Peale between 1779 and 1781. It was the only one known to be in private hands.

Art dealer C.L. Prickett purchased the painting. Christie's had sold earlier it was expected to fetch \$10 million to \$15 million.

It was offered as part of a collection of American furniture and arts from Natalie Knowlton Blair, who with banker husband Inley Blair bought the painting in 1919. Knowlton Blair died in 1951.

The entire collection, which includes a 1729 chest of drawers by Robert Crown and an 18th-century Queen Anne mahogany card table, sold for \$32.3 million, setting a record for an Americana collection, Christie's said.

The sale price of the portrait more than doubled the previous record for an American portrait sold at auction — Sotheby's sold a half-length portrait of Washington in November for \$8.1 million.



This painting of George Washington by Charles Willson Peale, the premier portrait artist of the American Revolutionary period, sold for \$21.3 million at auction on Saturday.

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NATION



A table setting is topped by the program and menu for the state dinner hosted in May 2003 by President Bush for Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.



President Bush, at podium in background, delivers opening remarks before the toast for Philippine President Arroyo during the start of the dinner in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington.

# STATE DINNER

## Garlic breath, flaming desserts are among no-nos at the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dinner at the White House means guests in black tie, an invitation-only, A-list crowd and a four-course meal, elaborate in preparation and elegant in presentation. Those are the dos.

But there are also don'ts. No heavy garlic. Scant gravy. Absolutely no flaming desserts.

"On one Christmas a lady caught on fire," said Roland Mesnier, a former White House pastry chef who banned such fiery confections after the 2002 incident. "She was wearing a fox shawl around her neck, she leaned over on the dessert table and, whoops, she was on fire."

"So no flame at the White House," he said. The guest came to no harm.

Like any good host or hostess, the White House takes note of the cultural, dietary and religious sensibilities of its guests and serves accordingly. Beyond that, White House chefs past and present avoid dishes that, while fine in other settings, could offend in a packed dining room.

Strong-smelling fish is out. Serving bread at all is debatable.

"You also don't want to serve food that is dripping with sauces" to guests "dressed to the nines," Mesnier said. "You want to think about any possible accident that could happen."

The much sauce could drip and ruin fine clothing. But bread?

Mesnier, who retired in 2004 after 25 years of dessert-making for five presidents, said bread was frowned on in his time because the crumbs were unwanted.

Bakers can relax, though. Susan Whitson, spokeswoman for first lady Laura Bush, said there is no bread ban at the White House.

"Sometimes we serve bread and sometimes we don't," she said by e-mail. "Sometimes we don't use bread plates on the tables because there isn't space for them. Crumbs are not an issue."

Each place setting has a dinner plate with multiple knives and forks on each side, and four



White House Pastry Chef Roland Mesnier, right, displays a Mango Coconut Lei, the dessert for the state dinner for Arroyo.

stemmed glasses — for red wine, white wine, water and champagne. There is a place card, the menu and a floral centerpiece surrounded by candles.

What the current White House serves for dinner is largely the choice of Laura Bush, the chief and the social secretary, who collaborate to develop a menu based on the first lady's ideas.

But guests are having their say, too.

Not only do they R.S.V.P. to say they are coming, some go as far as to specify their eating habits.

Walter Scheib III, who served Presidents Clinton and Bush as head chef until last year, said the kitchen would prepare up to 50 alternative meals after the dinner acceptances came flooding in.

"People would say, 'I don't eat this or I don't eat that' or 'I'd like this,'" Scheib said. "As in any house, you do your best to accommodate."

Whitson said a "very low percentage" of guests, 1 percent to 2 percent, make such requests and most are about a food aller-

gy "rather than a matter of personal preference, like a low-fat meal."

"We always accommodate it," she said.

Last July, at an official dinner honoring Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, vegetarian meals were served to guests who do not eat fish, Whitson said. Fun-roasted halibut, accompanied by ginger-carrot butter, basmati rice with pistachios and curries, and herbed summer vegetables made up the main course.

Letitia Baldrige, social secretary to the Kennedys, frowns on such accommodations. Guests who make demands of the White House show how spoiled and self-centered they are, she said.

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Schools wake up to teens' sleep needs

The Washington Post

Brown University Prof. Mary Carskadon thinks most U.S. school systems should pay close attention to what she found in the saliva of teen-agers.

If they did, she said, high schools would start later than they do, and teachers would educate students about a subject as basic as reading and math sleep.

Carskadon, who teaches human behavior and is director of sleep research at E.P. Bralley Hospital in Rhode Island, led a team of researchers who helped prove that — biologically speaking — teen-agers really are out of it early in the morning.

The researchers measured the presence of the sleep-promoting hormone melatonin in teenagers' saliva at different times of the day. They learned that the melatonin levels rise later at night than they do in children and adults — and remain at a higher level later in the morning.

"Children learn from kindergarten on about the food pyramid," Carskadon said. "But no one is teaching them the life pyramid that has sleep at the base."

Add to that the disrespect that sleep gets when schools say you have to be there at such an early time. So why should they think sleep is important?

Issues surrounding sleep — who needs how much and when — are usually given short shrift in efforts to improve student achievement. But modern brain researchers say it is time that more schools faced the biological facts.

Sleep deprivation can affect mood, performance, attention, learning behavior and biological functions, said Stephen Sheldon, chief of sleep medicine at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago and an associate professor at Northwestern University.

"Sleeping is like eating," Sheldon said. "It is performing a biological function that is required."

Teen-agers have long complained that starting school about 7 a.m. — the typical start time for many high schools — is cruel and inhumane. But some adults tend to blame the griping on their behavior — procrastination that leads many teens to stay up late to do homework or nightly marathon play sessions with friends. Now, computer games and instant messaging have made it even more alluring to stay up.

"They tell me that changing school start times to later is just mollycoddling the kids," said Kyla Wahlstrom, interim director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement. "It's say they are people who don't want to accept the fact that there is a different biology for teens."

Some school systems are waking up to the science.

In 1996, the suburban school system of Edina, Minn., changed its start time for 3,000

high school students from 7:25 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Two years later, Minneapolis followed suit for more than 50,000 teen-agers.

Teachers reported that students were more alert and research conducted by Wahlstrom showed a range of benefits to students and teachers — and contradicted some of the biggest fears about the change: that after-school sports and jobs would suffer.

With the later start time, teen-agers were less depressed, and it turned out that employers did not have big problems with students getting out of school later, Wahlstrom said. Although student grades did not rise significantly, the trends have been upward, she said. And some sports practices were shortened, but Edina and Minneapolis teams have played just as competitively as they had before.

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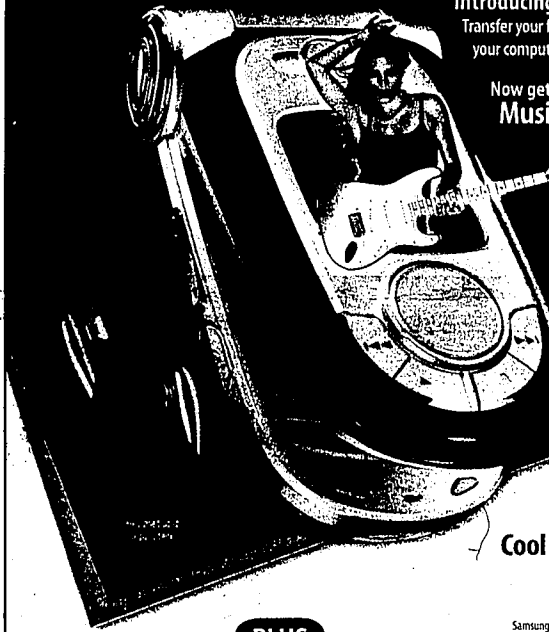
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Sleep tips for teens

1. Learn how much sleep you need to function at your best and strive to get it every night. You should awaken refreshed, not tired.
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3. Get into bright light as soon as possible in the morning but avoid it in the evening. The light helps to signal to the brain when it should wake up and when it should prepare to sleep.
4. Try to maximize your schedule throughout the day according to your internal clock. For example, try to avoid potentially unsafe activities, including driving, during your "sleepy times," when you're sleepy.
5. After lunch (or after noon) stay away from such stimulants as caffeinated coffees, colas and nicotine. Avoid alcohol, which disrupts sleep.
6. Relax before going to bed. Avoid heavy reading, studying and computer games within one hour of going to bed. Don't fall asleep with the television on — flickering light and stimulating content can inhibit restful sleep.
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And the winner is ...

Miss Oklahoma Jennifer Berry crowned Miss America — in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A 22-year-old aspiring teacher from Oklahoma was crowned Miss America on Saturday night, the first time the storied but struggling pageant was held outside Atlantic City, N.J.

Jennifer Berry, a student at the University of Oklahoma, ousted 51 other women to become Miss America 2006, earning a \$30,000 college scholarship and a yearlong speaking tour in the process.

Miss Georgia Monica Pang was first runner-up and Miss Alabama Alexa Jones second runner-up. Miss Virginia Kristi Lauren Glakas and Miss District of Columbia Shannon Schambau rounded out the top five. Miss Hawaii Malika Dudley won Miss Congeniality.

Berry, an advocate for the prevention of drunken driving, wowed the judges by dancing ballet for her talent routine. She succeeds Miss America 2005 Deidre Downs, who ended up wearing the crown 16 months because this year's pageant was postponed by four months.

An Atlantic City tradition for 85 years, the pageant traded the Boardwalk for the Strip this year in a bid to revive interest. Without coverage from a major television network for the first time since 1954, it aired on Country Music Television.

The pageant, which dabbled in reality TV-style gimmicks in recent years as it tried to lure viewers back, struck a more old-fashioned theme this time out, despite the move to Sin City. Video clips from old pageants were aired on the telecast, and two traditions that had been absent since the 1980s were revived: The women wore sashes naming their states and elected a Miss Congeniality.

For problem-plagued Miss America, the proceedings at the Abdulla Resort & Casino were a high-stakes affair. Spurned by network television because of declining ratings, the pageant announced plans in August to move out of Atlantic City. Normally held in September, the event was postponed as organizers scrambled for a new TV outlet, ultimately settling on Country Music Television, a cable outlet with some 78 million subscribers.

Women have paraded at the pageant — wearing crowns and smiles — since a 16-year-old girl from Washington, D.C., won an eight-day bathing beauty crown in 1921. The hokey seaside publicity stunt blossomed into an American icon, its Cinderella

trappings and girl-next-door appeal becoming a television staple.

But its luster has been fading for years, the result of fragmented viewership and its airing on Saturday nights, historically a date-night dead zone for television.

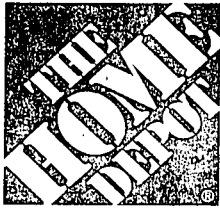
The pageant was jettisoned

by ABC after the 2004 crowning of Deidre Downs was watched by 9.8 million — 500,000 fewer than tuned in the year before.

The move literally pulled the runway out from under Miss America and led to a cascade of problems threatening its future. The loss of revenue from the TV rights contributed to a \$1.7

million deficit for the Miss America Organization, a non-profit charity that runs the pageant.

Combating that a move from Atlantic City would help revive interest, pageant organizers cast their lot with Las Vegas, no stranger to pretty faces and glitzy stage shows.



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## Judge orders man to pay 28-year-old child support bill or go to jail

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — The "ultimate deadbeat dad" got slapped Friday with a \$31,000, 28-year-old child support bill or 1.5 years in jail, but the investigation of his faked death might turn into a federal case.

After years on the run, Johnny Sterling Martin, a 58-year-old with four ex-wives and at least four children, wore a jail jumpsuit in a Lexington County courtroom.

His first wife, Gayle Prince, stood and identified him as the man who skipped out in 1979 on \$4,000 he had been ordered to pay for their two children, then 6 and 9.

Martin did not speak during the 10-minute hearing. Afterward, his court-appointed attorney, Wayne Floyd, said he would ask Family Court Judge Richard Chewing to reconsider his decision.

Martin believed his child support debt had been satisfied and did not make the phone call reporting his death, Floyd said.

"I think he believed I had been taken care of some type of way," the lawyer said. "But he didn't know anything about the death."

Lexington County Sheriff James Metts said that after his Tuesday, Floyd, said he confessed to faking his death.

Authorities are continuing to investigate how Martin escaped from the Lexington County jail and misrepresented his death. They also are pursuing allegations of a \$20,000 child support claim in Alabama, which is large enough to possibly trigger a federal case.

Prince, 54, said after the hearing she doubts the family ever will see the money. She wishes Martin facing more jail time.

Martin's police record is six pages long and shows convictions for auto theft, simple assault and drunken driving, according to the State Law Enforcement Division.

Prince now dismisses the man she married at age 16 as "not father material, not husband material, not even relationship material."

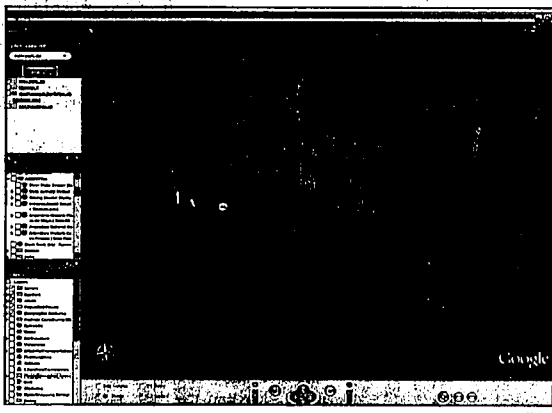
"This should be the end of it," said Prince, who is remarried and said the baby she had with Martin are now adults living out of state. "I wanted closure because he deceived me and his children."

But ex-wife Nancy Mary Martin in Birmingham, Ala., has told Lexington deputies that Martin — whom she married three times — owes her \$20,000 in child support, Metts said.

Efforts to reach Mary Martin in Birmingham Friday were unsuccessful.

Metts said Mary Martin also told deputies her husband's father, Sterling Martin, is the person who called Lexington Family Court a few weeks ago. Martin escaped from the county jail and reported he had been stabbed to death in a Birmingham barroom fight.

The elder Martin died May 5, 1999, at age 76 in Cumberland, N.C., said sheriff's spokesman John Allard.



In an undated handout image from Google.com, a still from the Google Earth mapping website is shown. Microsoft Corp., Google Inc. and Amazon.com, Inc. have begun offering photographic search results so detailed a user can make out whether their neighbor's hedge was trimmed perfectly at the time the image was taken, or what car was parked in front of a favorite local restaurant.

## Search engine offers detailed images

SEATTLE (AP) — The images are so detailed you can tell whether a neighbor's hedge was recently trimmed or whether the car parked in front of a favorite local eatery might belong to a friend.

Such views are available online for anyone to see from some of the biggest names on the Internet, including Amazon.com, Microsoft Corp. and Google Inc.

The companies' newly evolving local search and mapping services, where the photographic images are typically rendered as search results, make it easier than ever to scout out everything from vacation destinations to a new hairdresser.

Never before have searchable databases of detailed pictures covering wide swaths of urban areas been readily available like this to the public.

And that has privacy advocates worried about the risks of pictures perfect exposure to vulnerable citizens such as women in domestic violence shelters.

"I think there are going to be privacy issues, no doubt about it — somebody's going to feel uncomfortable with it," said Charlene L. of Forrester Research. "So the question becomes, 'What are the trade-offs in the value worth it?'"

Yet according to research by Forrester:

"It said sites already seeing consumer interest, and she expects companies to continue to develop such tools because they see the potential for online advertising from local businesses who may not want to buy national online ads."

Microsoft, which late last year began offering detailed images of metropolitan areas taken from airplanes, said last week that it would team with Verizon Communications Inc. to distribute local business advertisements from Verizon's superpages.com on Microsoft's local search pages.

And Amazon, whose A9 subsidiary has since August offered street-level images taken from vans, says the main goal of its

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site is to help people find local businesses. The companies' site currently lists images from two dozen U.S. cities.

The most detailed images available from Microsoft's service are (currently only) in Seattle, U.S. cities, and there are some satellite images of international locations. Google offers images from all over the world, but the amount of detail varies greatly depending on the location.

For example, users scouting out urban areas like Seattle or New York City can make out individual houses and buildings, while those living in Lander, Wyo., see a much less detailed view with Google and only get a glimpse with Microsoft's service.

Google's service mostly gets its images from satellites, and while they're not nearly as detailed as those of Amazon or Microsoft, they are nevertheless good enough to recognize one's home.

John Hanke, a product director at Google, says the technology is popular for figuring out whether a vacation spot is all it's cracked up to be — is that "beachfront" hotel really on the beach, or across the highway from the beach? — and for househunting.

Daniel DeConinck, an engineer and entrepreneur living in Toronto, used Google's site to find an accountant close to his house, and has since used it to scout out nearby bicycle shops and computer retailers. He thinks it has the potential to one day replace the local yellow pages.

"Anyone who I've shown Google Maps to, their draw just drops when they see that," he said.

For her part, Li is somewhat skeptical that mom-and-pop shops will quickly get on board and make photo-enriched local search a big money-maker. "I think it's going to be really

slow to take off, just knowing small businesses," she said. "You're talking about a fundamental change in how they do business."

For now, however, many people appear to be visiting the fledgling offerings simply to satisfy their curiosity.

Users who visit Microsoft's "Windows Live Local" often first type in a street address — presumably their own house — and then go searching for a landmark, like Seattle's Space Needle, said Justin Osmer, a Microsoft product manager.

A9's street-level views of some U.S. cities, meanwhile, include clear pictures of people and cars when they happen to be in the frame. The aim is to give people what A9 Vice President Barnaby Dorfman calls "a very human experience," similar to what you would see walking or driving down a street.

Pam Dixon of the StarWorld Privacy Forum says such images can potentially be used to track people who are vulnerable.

She said A9 removed images of shelters upon her request and now gives people the option to removing their personal information from its directories.

She's hoping that such policies will become widespread. "I really think you should have the option to say, 'No, No, thanks,'" she said.

But the companies say that, so far, they have received few complaints.

Hanke argues that some images available on Google's site are already available through local and federal government data, such as from the U.S. Geological Survey. But the government-supplied images aren't as well organized or easily accessible as those available commercially.

## Alleged bank thief leaves name, address at scene

LOWELL, Mass. — A man who allegedly held up banks by claiming he had a bomb in a bag was arrested after police found the bag actually contained

clutter — including a phone book that had a mailing label with the man's full name and address.

"It was clearly not his best move," Lawrence Police Chief John J. Romero said.

George Melendez was arrested Thursday at his home in Lowell and charged with the Jan. 6 robbery of a bank in Dracut. Police said he is also likely to face charges in bank robberies in Lawrence and Salem, N.H.

Investigators said Melendez would hand tellers a note claiming to have a bomb in his bag and demand large bills. As he left with the cash, he would leave behind the bag, prompting Dracut and Salem police to call in bomb squads as a precaution, police said.

In each case, the satchel-type bags contained tangled wires and books.

After he allegedly hit a Sovereign Bank in Lawrence last week, police found a Lowell-area phone book in the bag left behind. They went to the address listed on the label and arrested Melendez, who also fit the bank

tellers' description of the robber. Melendez was arraigned Friday at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, where he was taken after complaining of chest pains. He was held on \$10,000 cash bail and is scheduled to appear in Lowell District Court on Feb. 16 for a probable cause hearing.

## Cow gives birth to triplets in Canada

FORT ST. JOHN, British Columbia — When one of Brad Giesbrecht's cows was about to give birth, he put her in the barn to protect her from subzero temperatures.

He returned two hours later to find the cow had given birth to a calf. Then, noticing a second set of hooves coming, Giesbrecht helped deliver a second calf.

Thinking that was the end of it, Giesbrecht went to check on his herd. But when he returned for a look at the new mother, he found she had delivered yet a third calf.

The farmer's wife, Elaine Giesbrecht, said the couple's cows have given birth to twins before, but the odds of a cow giving birth to triplets range from one in 10,000, to one in 100,000.

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## EDITORIAL

### Community college system should preserve what works

The secret is out. A community college like the College of Southern Idaho is the Ford Mustang of higher education, and everybody wants one.

Idaho's two community colleges, CSI and North Idaho College, have solid reputations for providing affordable education. The economic development, and labor-force training. The demand for similar services is growing statewide. To achieve that goal, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has set up plans for a \$5 million start to a statewide community college system, which he revealed during the State of the State address.

Kempthorne's blueprint has wide appeal for Idaho. How the project turns out is anyone's guess. The Legislature and the State Board of Education should define the long-term specifics for this statewide system.

Calling the \$5 million "seed money," the governor wants community college programs to develop in areas that lack college opportunities. The colleges would utilize public buildings and local schools for these new courses rather than building new. The initial \$5 million would be managed by the State Board of Education, with colleges making requests for technology and curriculum.

It should be an opportunity for different institutions to collaborate. Kempthorne said in the Times-News editorial board. Should the programs successfully grow, the question of what to build, how to pay for it, and how to govern it, would be decided by the local taxpayers. They will be making the determination they want a more defined campus, and with that then comes the issue of governance.

Local governance is what defines a successful community college. With local property tax support and a local board, the college can quickly respond to regional needs. Local governance shapes almost everything at CSI. Cmo's work force training at Dell, to July 4 fireworks on campus.

Kempthorne property cites CSI and NIC as models of community education for the statewide system. If so, the new statewide system should

follow the schools' structure for curriculum and tax support. That can happen in two ways: The State Board of Education can:

- Give all colleges a chance to serve system needs — just as some of Idaho's universities are able to go outside their boundaries to meet educational needs.
- Community colleges should have a chance to do the same, in allocating the \$5 million, the State Board shouldn't geographically limit colleges that are well-suited to provide a service or program. CSI's cost-efficient, educational training college at the Micron plant in Boise area is a prime example.

The ultimate goal is to provide the education in the best fashion," said Laird Stone of Twin Falls, who serves as vice president of the State Board. "In my reading of his plan, it does not appear to circumvent the involvement of existing community colleges. It would have a regional center, but I don't think it eliminates another community college from providing services."

As for the Legislature: • Don't change local tax formulas — Idaho's laws should continue to require local property tax districts for the creation of a community college. Legislators should resist any plan to make these colleges entirely state-funded. Advocates for a full-fledged community college in Ada and Canyon counties say they can't afford to send property tax support to a new facility. But that's the whole idea of a community college, using local dollars to drive higher education on a local scale.

Treasure Valley taxpayers may be balking at the costs. But with property valuations at around \$27 billion, Ada and Canyon counties have sufficient resources for a locally-governed college. By allowing the state to pay for the community college, the region is rejecting what these local institutions are all about.

Idaho needs more community college programs and Kempthorne's proposal is a fair start. State leaders need to go farther to define the network while still preserving the conditions that make community colleges such a hot commodity.

## Time for lobby reform — at state level

A cancer is growing deep in our political system. Powerful lobbyists are providing lavish trips, expensive meals and key campaign contributions not just on K Street in Washington but to policy-makers in state capitals around the country. The policy-makers vote for special interest-backed legislation or even sponsor lobbyist-written bills.

STEVE DOHERTY AND JOHN PODESTA

Jack Abramoff has become a household name for the web of corruption he built in Washington. But this web is also a very real problem in state legislatures, where lobbyists have a very powerful, and often times a stealth role in shaping public policy.

Like much of America, state legislators serve only part-time. In some states like Montana, these citizen legislators would have virtually no staff, leaving them highly dependent on lobbyists for information when it comes time to vote.

These same lobbyists are also often responsible for overseeing funding for special interests. In some states like Montana, these citizen legislators would have virtually no staff, leaving them highly dependent on lobbyists for information when it comes time to vote.

In Wyoming, where budgets for lobbying are the smallest, the Associated Press has reported on the extent to which legislators are forced to rely on lobbyists. Lobbyists tell the elected policy-makers to treat



them as "staff." Meanwhile, these same lobbyists fight disclosure rules that would tell the public how much they spend for the friendly offer to act as legislative "staff."

Sometimes the corruption becomes almost humorous. As the Palm Beach Post reported recently, Florida's speaker of the House actually sent a letter to 120 state legislators inviting them on a lobbyist-funded hunting trip ... the day after the House passed legislation banning precisely these kinds of gifts.

In Utah, Republican legislative leaders cleverly planned a "speed dating" PAC fundraiser where, for a donation, lobbyists could buy a little face time with legislators. The majority leader even expressed his hope that it would provide a good chance for his caucus to meet key players. It goes without saying that for too many legislators, access to big, easy money just may bring "love" at first sight.

What can be done to restore trust in government in the states? Luckily, a small handful of states have pioneered reforms that can be easily copied, shaped to fit unique circumstances and applied across the country.

### Legislative Views

Let the sunshine in. The easiest reform to make is to simply ensure that lobbyists and the powerful interests they represent are required to disclose their expenses in a detailed, public manner. Such disclosure forms should be easily searchable by the public so that both traditional journalists and citizens and bloggers can root out basic information.

Ban the gifts. Four states have issued blanket bans on gifts from lobbyists to state lawmakers. Other states should follow suit and prohibit legislators from winning and dining on the tab of special interests.

Slow the revolving door. Too often, term-limited legislators can start negotiating for lobbying positions even before they leave office. Creating a cooling-down period before the job negotiations begin can help ensure that legislators are focused on representing the people who elected them.

End the pay-to-play system. Connecticut and Arizona have taken the lead in creating publicly financed elections that allow candidates to opt out of the traditional pay-to-play campaign finance system. Public financing leaves politicians to run for office uncorrupted by

big money from powerful interests. It also leaves voters free to choose candidates who aren't bought-and-paid-for by special interests.

Americans are fed up with the powerful role that lobbyists play in public policy. Americans also aren't stupid. Whether they identify themselves as liberal or conservative, independent, Republican or Democrat, they are increasingly throwing their lot with representatives who fight for regular people and against the special interests in the system. It will take courage for legislators to stand up to special interests. It will also require some of them to sacrifice some of the perks of their office — lavish meals, special seats at sports games, easy money shakedown gifts — that they can unfortunately grow to appreciate so much.

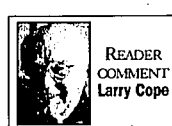
If state legislators can take strong action to clean up their act, all Americans will benefit. And Washington will get a clear message that big money's corrupting influence is simply not acceptable.

Steve Doherty is the former minority leader of the Montana Senate and serves as co-chair of Progress Legislative Action Network. John Podesta served as President Clinton's White House chief of staff and is president and CEO of the Center for American Progress.

## Eminent domain bill can't ignore water

The Idaho Legislature is likely to spend some time this winter negotiating Idaho's eminent domain laws to further restrict the ability of government to take your private property and give it to another simply to increase tax receipts.

While they're doing that, lawmakers should consider applying new "takings" restrictions to the water right party to take the more senior water of another.



READER COMMENT  
Larry Cope

be bought and sold. No party should be allowed to take your senior water right, no more than the state or local government should be able to take your home or parts of your farm for economic development. This is what happened in the now infamous Connecticut case of Kelo v. New London this past summer.

Slowly here in Idaho, senior water rights are being taken. The Eastern Snake Plain aquifer, as we all know, is faced with over-allocation of its water resources that has been worsened by drought and changes in irrigation practices. Many senior water right holders have seen significant declines.

Meanwhile, junior water users upstream continue to mine water from the aquifer at 100 percent of their permit. These same problems are now spreading to other areas, including the Treasure Valley and Mountain Home.

The Legislature has worked hard to better understand the states' water crisis, but solutions aren't easy. The list of uses for water in Idaho is endless: recharging an aquifer; wells for drinking water; food processing; reducing pollutants from industry; growing crops and watering livestock. Also, using water for high tech, such as microchips; or leaving it in rivers and lakes for low-cost electric power, as well as recreation and wildlife habitat.

People who purchase homes or businesses in Idaho want assurance that their property will be protected and that water will be available. They rely on this constitutional protection. Many Idaho's priority doctrine and on limitations on eminent domain

takings. These protections are essential for Idaho's long-term financial success.

As water becomes ever more precious, there may be efforts in the Legislature to limit or undermine the prior appropriation doctrine for short-term benefit. There may be efforts to "better" define uses or to limit the reach of private property protection.

But experience Idaho became a state lawmakers have put a priority on protecting private property rights and upholding water rights doctrines. Idaho legislators, as they consider eminent domain and water issues this winter, should continue to keep those basic principles in mind. First in time means first in law. Idaho legislators will not, and should not, diverge from these long-established principles.

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# OPINION

## Area loses more than it gains with Sempra

This letter expresses my concerns about the proposed coal-fired plant to be located in Jerome. I have been actively involved in economic development in Magic Valley for the past 20 years. I have twice served as chamber of commerce president in Jerome and have continuously served on economic development committees. The criteria we have used to decide whether to bring prospective businesses to the area is as follows:

1. Will the industry pollute our air and water? From what I have been able to learn, there is pollution from coal-fired plants.
2. Will the industry be a heavy water user? This plant will take water normally used to farm and will be a heavy water user in an area that has limited water resources.
3. What kind of jobs and how many jobs will the plant create? The 300 construction jobs which will be created for a period of time will create a hardship on existing contractors who are now having a hard time finding sub-contractors to do concrete work, sheet rockers, framers, etc. These builders have been a part of our communities for years and need our consideration.

I work currently with developers of quality housing who say that they will not want to continue developing housing in an area with a coal-fired plant. The permanent jobs they have promised to bring to our area is a relatively small number, considering that other prospective businesses looking to locate in our area and bringing good jobs look at the quality of life in our area for their employees. Will these businesses want to locate in an area with a coal-fired plant? How much do we stand to lose if this plant comes to our area based on information I have been able to obtain. In my opinion, it is worth more to lose than to gain.

I urge you to become involved and learn all that you can and contact your state and local representatives, Jerome County commissioners, legislators and governor.  
**BONNY ROSS**  
Hagerman

## Nice trial is a waste of taxpayers' money

Why on earth is the judicial system bothering to have a trial for Jim Jr. Nice? He admitted to killing his three children. It is a waste of the taxpayers' hard-earned money. He committed cold-blooded murder. He deserves exactly what his children received from his hands. In my opinion, he has no remorse for what he has done.  
**CHRISTIE DONALD**  
Rupert

## Addicts lash out due to their disease

I am writing in regard to the outstanding amount of government and state funds

discarded into drug treatment and related programs. I must also throw in prison and jail overcrowding, considering that they are very much connected and any decision regarding one will affect the other. As a society, we must begin by discarding a lot of old notions such as "the addict has the power to stop; they just choose not to." Not true. Addiction is, in fact, a disease. It's incurable, progressive and, if left untreated, potentially fatal. If caught in its earlier stages, it's easier to treat, but it's usually not noticed until the addict is well out of control and intervention must come from an outside force.

Let's compare it to another disease, such as cancer. If someone you love has cancer and because of their disease they spy on you, do we get mad and expel them out of our lives? No, because we understand that the nature of their disease and, as loved ones, we seek ways to help.

As addicts, we see you all those around us, not because it's the nature of our hearts but because it's the nature of our disease. Our disease will protect itself at all cost regardless of who it hurts, including ourselves. It is the only disease that its adverse effects are self-administered. One can only imagine the pain an addict feels who's far enough along in their addiction as they uncontrollably watch themselves kill themselves or the heartbreak of watching the ones you love abandon you simply because they do not understand your disease.

It's only logical that since addicts' adverse effects are self-administered, treatment must begin with the addict. Sobriety can only begin when the option is out of the addict's hands. Treatment can only be administered when sobriety has been achieved.

This does not mean that every addict has to end up in the gutter before change can take place. There are people who, by sharing their experiences brought on by their addiction, can deter anyone from venturing farther down this road. The key is installing a well-founded fear in the addict, along with insightful tools and addiction education. The addict must be patient about not using every fiber of their being must be against their addiction.

Addiction is always trying to out-manuever us by circumventing or manipulating because that is the nature of our disease.

**SHAWN DANIELS**  
*Twin Falls*  
(Editor's Note: Shaun Daniels is an inmate at the Twin Falls County Jail.)

## Sempra shouldn't be solely in officials' hands

This is an open letter to the Jerome County commissioners in response to the comments printed in the Sunday, Jan. 15, Times-News. First, the tone of their letter appears to be one of apology. It sounds as though their decision has already been made,

and they are preparing the public for acceptance of Sempra's proposed power plant, hearings not withstanding.

Secondly, I would like to remind them that they have been elected to carry out the desires and will of the people who put them in office. Sempra's application may meet all of the legal requirements for installation of its power plant, but if it is found undesirable by the majority of the people in the county for whatever reason, the permit for installation does not have to be granted. Third, and more importantly, the impact of the Sempra plant affects more than just Jerome County, and this decision is too important to be left in the hands of just three individuals. Our Jerome County Zoning Commission should not have the power to make decisions that affect all of the surrounding counties as well as Jerome.

My suggestion is that a special election be held in Jerome and all of the affected surrounding counties to determine the acceptability of the plant's installation.

Twin Falls already has water problems and finds it necessary to set watering hours for residents. What can happen should the Sempra plant go into operation, consuming 6,000 acre feet of water per month? Does anyone think for one minute that a power plant can be put on restricted water consumption? I think not.

At the very least, Gooding, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties, as well as Jerome, should and must participate in any decision about Sempra.

**WILLIAM STRANGE**  
*Jerome*

## Tolerance demands that we allow gay marriage

I may not be a junior high schooler, but that has no effect on my opinions. I am highly opinionated, especially when it comes to banning homosexual marriages and the rights of homosexuals to adopt children. They are people, too, and deserve to live the lifestyle they choose.

I recently read an article in The Times-News that dealt with many topics, including the banning of "gay" marriages in Minnesota, New Hampshire and possibly Maryland. Legislators in Georgia and Kentucky are also weighing bans on adoptions by "gay" couples. My question to you is: Why? People believe it is a sin and against the Bible to be a homosexual. Even though homosexuality is not an acceptable practice according to the Bible, we developed our government in a way that separated itself from the church

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# LETTERS

or any specific religious orientation. Homosexuality has had people in with our government and the way it is run. Therefore, this should not be a legislative issue; it is up to each individual to decide what is right or wrong for them.

When I told a friend about the ban on adoptions, they said they agree but only to a point.

One of their supporting arguments was, "What if they turn out to be gay?" I laugh at this because it is so absurd. A person is not necessarily a product of their environment. Homosexuality is not infectious; it is a lifestyle choice made by an individual, not their parents. Not all heterosexual parents raise heterosexual children. Using this same logic, homosexual parents will not necessarily raise homosexual children.

Another argument was the fact that children may receive ridicule for their parents' lifestyle. This may be true, but it is also true that they could be made fun of for having glasses or crazy hair. If a child is brought up in a home with loving, caring parents, they will be happier than living in an adoption facility or a temporary foster home.

Though I am only 16, I know the difference between the right and wrong way to treat our fellow Americans. If we are able to tolerate different religions and ethnicities, but are not able to tolerate individuals to make their own lifestyle choices, we are being hypocritical of everything our government stands for. Open-mindedness toward "gay" people is absolutely necessary.

After all, doesn't "gay" mean happy?  
**KELSEY BREEDING**  
*Hazelton*  
(Editor's Note: Kelsey Breeding is a student at Valley High School.)

## 'Pride' movement goes unjustly one way

I do not understand the widespread opinion that only people of the Caucasian race can be racists. I am a freshman in high school, and recent events have made me wonder about some things. I do under-

stand that there are serious white groups that sincerely hate people of other races. However, there seems to be an unspoken rule that only white people can have a racial hate.

For example, recently in our high school an art class posted a large sign in its display that said, "100 Percent Brown Pride!" I agree that the people of Hispanic descent should be proud of their heritage. I am not trying to say that they should not display pride that they are Latinos, just the opposite. But that is not my point.

What would happen if someone posted a sign that said, "100 Percent White Pride?" No doubt it would promptly be torn down and there would be a serious and angry lecture given to the person who posted the sign. In addition, I once saw a shirt that said, "I'm not a f---in' M. I'm Mexican. I got lucky." Can you imagine the opinion people would have of somebody who wore a shirt stating how lucky they were to be white?

The white race has been dominant for so long that many people take almost anything they say the wrong way. I am not a racist. I respect people of other races, and I know that we are all equal. Skin color doesn't matter. I have several friends that are Hispanic. Again, I do not feel that (more) Hispanics should wear T-shirts or post signs stating that they are proud to be who they are. But white people should be able to be proud of who they are as well.

I am perfectly aware that we have done terrible things in the past. There is still serious discrimination against all minorities in the United States. But wouldn't it

be great if everybody could be proud of who they are—whites, blacks and Latinos?  
**DANIEL STEWART**  
*Hazelton*

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## 'Brown Pride' a double standard for local school

Decorated gourds from art class are displayed yearly at my high school. One gourd in particular caught my attention this year, though. The art project of one particular student displayed the words, "100 Percent Brown Pride!"

What I saw this, I made sure I had read the words correctly. What if a Caucasian had made a gourd that said "100 Percent White Pride?" I can guarantee that such a piece would never have been put up for the whole school to see. It would be considered racist. So why is it acceptable for someone of a different color to create and display art that has a racial message?

It seems as though the teachers at Valley High School are letting the minority be treated differently, and yet we often have speeches about how we are all equal, no matter what color.

So I ask readers this: How is racial unity in schools ever to be achieved if certain allowances are given to specific nationalities? Why is a white person's statement considered something inexcusable but a brown pride display only viewed as an embracing of culture?  
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# Whale dies during rescue try

LONDON (AP) — The lost and distressed whale stranded in the River Thames died Saturday as rescue workers ferried it on a nursing salvage barge in an effort to release the animal from sea, an animal rights group said.

The 20-foot-long Northern bottlenose whale had been lifted onto a barge by rescuers and was being taken downriver toward the North Sea when it suffered convulsions and died, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said.

The whale struggled with the effects of being out of the water as it was ferried toward the Thames Estuary, officials said. "It was a brave, valiant, but ultimately tragic effort to get the whale to safety," RSPCA scientific officer Lela Sadler said. Swaddled in blankets on the barge, the marine mammal — watched by thousands in London — spent two days swimming up the murky river past some of the capital's most famous landmarks — had shown signs of increasing stress and sufficing muscles, an indicator it was in serious difficulty. "The animal suffered a series of convulsions at around 7 p.m. last night," Sadler said. "It was already dehydrated, hadn't been feeding and the being out of the water would have, in effect, shriveled the animal's internal organs."

"It was essential to try to take the whale out to sea on this barge — but there was always the possibility of success."

A crowd of 3,000 people at Albert Bridge in south London had cheered and applauded as the whale was tethered to a sling and lifted by a crane onto the barge Crossness. Rescue crews were heading toward Margate, on the southern English coast, where they hoped to let the whale back out to sea.

"There was a real chance that the rescue attempt could have succeeded, but these type of



Rescuers lift a Northern bottlenose whale from the River Thames onto a barge Saturday near Battersea Bridge in London. The 20-foot-long whale later died.

mammals are very prone to the effects of stress and I'm afraid it all became too much," said Tony Woodley, spokesman for the British Divers Marine Life Rescue group, which led the rescue attempt.

"It was always going to be a race against time to get it to the ocean, especially with the effect being out of the water has on a whale's body."

A veterinarian will conduct a necropsy aboard the salvage vessel to determine the cause of death.

"All the crew on the barge are shattered by the death," Wood-

ley said. "They were tired and exhausted but had been determined to do everything they could to get the whale to safety. It really is a terrible shame."

Experts had warned earlier that the Northern bottlenose whale, normally found in the cold North Atlantic, may not survive. Witnesses said the mammal's snout was bloodied, and photos appeared to show damage to one of its eyes and a number of cuts on its torso.

Earlier, veterinarians and rescuers waded into the river near Albert Bridge to assist the whale, taking medical tests and

attaching an inflatable pontoon to the animal as Londoners jammed the riverbanks to watch the drama. Blood samples were being tested at a nearby hospital.

The Northern bottlenose whale — the first seen in the river since record keeping started in 1913 — failed through the Thames on Friday night. Carrol Ben and the Houses of Parliament as hundreds of curious onlookers jammed the shoreline. The animal twice tried to beach itself.

International and local television networks broadcast the drama live, and police were forced to close a nearby bridge as the number of people watching swelled.

The Northern bottlenose whale can reach nearly 30 feet in length — longer than a traditional red double-decker London bus — and weigh nearly 6 tons. The whale was about 40 miles from the mouth of the Thames on the North Sea.

The whales are known as curious animals, readily approaching boats and normally traveling in groups, according to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society's Web site.

When sick, old or injured, whales often get disoriented and swim away from their pod, said Mark Simmonds, the society's section director.

Some people reported seeing a second whale in a different section of the river Friday.

Last week, marine officials said they saw two bottlenose whales in northeastern Scotland. The mammals are normally seen in northwestern Scotland. That, coupled with the second sighting Friday, could suggest that something is disrupting the whales, Sadler said.

Scientists have said fluctuating ocean temperatures, predators, lack of food and even sonar from ships can send whales into waters that are dangerous for the mammals.



Iraqi soldiers carefully remove unexploded bombs after a roadside attack Saturday in Baghdad. Three Iraqis were injured when a series of roadside explosive devices detonated on a busy downtown street.

# U.S. Muslim group adds to appeals for release of reporter

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Representatives of a U.S. Muslim advocacy group joined in appealing Saturday for the release of prominent Sunni Arab politician Adnan al-Dulaimi, identified by a newspaper as a kidnapper passed with no word on her fate. At least 12 Iraqis died in bombings and shelling nationwide.

The U.S. military said Saturday a suicide car bomber killed two American Marines a day earlier in the volatile southern provincial town of Haqlanjiyah, northwest of Baghdad. At least 2,224 U.S. military personnel have died since the Iraq war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Sunni Arab politicians, meanwhile, said they were urged to join a new government of national unity — hailed by the United States as a necessary step to curb the Sunni-led insurgency and pave the way for American forces to go home.

But the politicians also said they would appeal results of the Dec. 15 election to a judicial commission, which has two weeks to rule on the challenges. The appeals are unlikely to effect the results, which were released Friday but could delay the convening of parliament.

Two members of the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations flew to Baghdad on Saturday to appeal for the release of Carroll, a 29-year-old freelancer for the Associated Press who was abducted Jan. 7 in western Baghdad.

"We are the only people who have made some contacts with the American side to hasten their release because this action might help hastening the release of the kidnappers," all told The Associated Press.

The delegation had hoped to meet with Iraqi Muslims to explore ways to win the release of Carroll.

# U.S. must not repeat airstrike, says president of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's president told a senior American official Saturday the United States must not repeat airstrikes like the one that apparently was aimed at al-Qaida but killed civilians in a remote village, as officials sought to soothe the public outrage over the attack.

Also Saturday, two Pakistani intelligence officials told The Associated Press that Osama bin Laden's top deputy, last year at one of the homes that was hit.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf assured visiting U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns that Pakistan would not waver in its support for Washington's war on terrorism but said such airstrikes must not be repeated, a Foreign Ministry official said. The attack prompted nationwide protests calling for Musharraf's ouster.

The comments were Musharraf's first publicized reaction to the Jan. 13 attack on the village of Damadola, near the border with Afghanistan.

journalist's freedom. But underscoring the uncertainties in Iraq, the representatives were unable to obtain safe transport into the city and instead spoke by telephone with Iraqi figures.

The American Muslim advocates planned to return to neighboring Jordan on Sunday for a religious sandstorm threatened to stop all flights and leave them stranded.

Carroll was leaving the office of prominent Sunni Arab politician Adnan al-Dulaimi when her car was waylaid, her translator was killed and she was abducted. The driver escaped, but the journalist has since been seen only in footage obtained and aired by Al-Jazeera TV station Tuesday. Her kidnappers, identified by a previous unknown group called "The Revenge Brigade," threatened to kill Carroll if all Iraqi female prisoners weren't released within 72 hours.

Maj. Gen. Hussein Ali Kamal said "intensive and earnest efforts" were under way at "a high level" to find the kidnappers, but he refused to elaborate.

The kidnappers have issued no word since the deadline passed Friday night. An Iraqi official said six of the nine women under U.S. detention were expected to be released this coming week, although there was no U.S. confirmation.

The official, Deputy Justice Minister Busho Ibrahim Ali, said the releases and ongoing investigations for the other three women had been tentatively planned before the kidnappers' ultimatum.

The American side has contacts with the American side to hasten their release because this action might help hastening the release of the kidnappers, all told The Associated Press.

# Syria leader rejects U.N. interview request

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — President Bashar Assad indicated Saturday he was rejecting a second request by U.N. investigators for an interview, saying the Rafik Hariri assassination, declaring that Syria would not bow to international pressure.

Assad's uncompromising tone on what he termed a matter of national sovereignty was certain to further heighten tensions with the United States and end the seven-month probe into the Feb. 14 truck bombing that killed the former Lebanese premier and 20 others on a Beirut street.

In two earlier reports last year, the U.N. commission investigating Hariri's murder implicated top Lebanese and Syrian security officials.

Syria rejected the U.N. findings and tried to discredit commission witnesses. In press interviews after his recent defection to France, former Vice President Abdul-Hamid Khaddam said Assad had either known or gave the orders for Hariri's assassination.

The Syrian leader did not specifically address the request for U.N. investigation to interview with him and his foreign minister about threats Assad allegedly made against Hariri months before the Feb. 14 assassination.

That left open the possibility that Assad might later agree to meet with U.N. investigators rather than submit to an interview.

Assad has denied he had threatened Hariri. He did not mention Khaddam in his Jan. 13 scolding speech, the first since the former vice president, an old friend of Hariri, launched a polemic campaign last month against the Assad regime, accusing it of corruption and hindering reforms.

considerations. "We should not give up our national sovereignty even if the circumstance requires that we fight for our country. We must be prepared for that," he said.

A member of the audience interrupted, yelling, "Your dignity and ours, by the way, is the most important thing!"

Assad responded: "Don't worry about this. I am not worried about this and any other point."

Assad repeatedly was interrupted by applause and shouts of support.

But if all the Arab, Islamic and world rulers agree that Bashar Assad be questioned, we will not prevent you by force (from submitting)," said Arab Lawyers Union head Ashraf al-Egry.

Assad, apparently seeking to strengthen his position, promised to continue political and economic reforms.

He said the government is preparing several initiatives, including reforming election and party laws as well as those governing local administration, to boost popular participation and contribute to enriching political life.

Assad requested U.N. investigators to interview him last year. But the arrival of new chief investigator Serge Brammertz, a Belgian, in Beirut, Lebanon, on Thursday to begin his mission could provide a fresh start in dealing with Syria.

Brammertz, deputy prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, replaces German prosecutor Detlev Mehlis, who has been sharply criticized by Syria. In November, Assad criticized the investigation as politicized by the United States and its allies with the aim of framing Syria to punish it for its opposition to the Iraq war, support for Palestinian militants and Lebanese guerrillas. He declared Syria's innocence in Hariri's murder and said he will cooperate with the investigation but will stop if Syrian interests are harmed.

A Kosovo Albanian woman holds a candle in remembrance of Kosovo's late president Ibrahim Rugova in Kosovo's capital of Pristina on Saturday. Rugova died on Saturday.

# Kosovo president's death leaves leadership vacuum

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — President Ibrahim Rugova died of lung cancer Saturday, leaving Kosovo's fractious political scene in disarray just before the start of crucial talks on whether the province should gain the independence that Serbia that was his lifelong dream.

His departure leaves a leadership vacuum at the most sensitive time since the Kosovo war ended in 1999.

International leaders appealed for calm and unity in the disputed U.N.-administered province. The Serb government expressed fears that Rugova's successor might not share his commitment to nonviolence.

The much-anticipated start of talks between ethnic Albanians and Serb officials to determine Kosovo's future had been scheduled to begin Saturday in Vienna, Austria. But the talks were postponed until February following the death of the man who came to embody ethnic Albanian aspirations for independence.

Rugova, 61, was surrounded by family at his home in Pristina when he died just before midnight, said his spokesman, Muhamet Hamiti. "He carried his battle with cancer with great dignity and courage until his last breath," Hamiti said. The flag at Rugova's hillside residence was lowered to half-staff, and tearful employees, bodyguards and neighbors gathered outside his home. Pristina's streets were empty, with people glued to their radios and television screens. Rugova often was called the "Gandhi of the Balkans" — an

allusion to the Indian leader's epic nonviolent struggle against repression under former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

With his trademark scarf wrapped around his neck, Rugova had gained cult status among some ethnic Albanians. The chain-smoking politician, whose 2002 election made him the province's first president since the United Nations took over Kosovo's administration, was diagnosed with cancer in September.

While he was undergoing treatment, Rugova continued to lead the province's negotiating independence. The Serbs said he was the final countdown with Serbia. He maintained regular meetings with Western politicians, insisting on recognition of the province's independence even as he struggled at times to catch his breath.

His death comes as the restive province of 2 million embarks on a delicate process of negotiating a solution that ethnic Albanians — a 90 percent-plus majority — hope will end in full independence. The Serbs insist Kosovo and in Serbia insist the province they view as the cradle of their culture remain part of Serbia. Mounting, the union that replaced what remained of Yugoslavia.

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# No snow? No problem: Walkers stay fit with ski poles

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — Markku Mustonen usually gets the same response when he walks with ski poles up the grassy hills leading to the top of Stone Mountain: "Hey buddy, looking for snow?"

But to the Finnish native, it's not about the snow, especially in a place that had his last "major" snowfall — 2.5 inches — nearly two years ago.

It's about the ski poles, which Mustonen and others say add intensity to walking workouts and are a great tool for becoming fit.

Flipping a page from his Nordic countrymen, Mustonen is trying to get others in the United States interested in the European practice of skiwalking, also known as Nordic walking.

"Slowly people are getting involved with it," said Mustonen, president of Norcross, Ga.-based Skiwalk Inc., which organizes the local walking group and sells ski poles. "The reaction basically is, 'Who is this crazy person?' But once you explain it to them, then they say, 'Oh, really? That makes sense.'"

The poles used by ski walkers are similar to those used on ski slopes — they are made of aluminum, fiberglass or ultralight carbon fiber. Skiwalking poles, however, typically have rubber ends so walkers can use them on hard surfaces such as streets or sidewalks. Some skiwalking poles telescope so they can be easily taken on trips.

The poles, which help walkers propel themselves forward, help develop arm and shoulder muscles and get the heart pumping. A 2002 study by the Cooper Institute, a research organization in Dallas that focuses on exercise, found that people who walk with the poles burn 20 percent more calories than those who don't.

It is unclear how many Americans participate in Nordic walking, but the International Nordic Walking Association estimates that more than 3.5 million people do it worldwide, mostly in Europe.

Finnish kindergartners use ski poles in their schools' physical education activities. Enthusiasts also hail from other, non-snowy locales, from the beaches of California to the



Skiwalkers, from left, Ajja Mustonen, Jari Salo, Anne Hamalainen, Linda Salo, Markku Mustonen, Sara Hamalainen and Alno-Liina Salo, skiwalk with their poles at Stone Mountain Park in Stone Mountain, Ga. Using ski poles, which help walkers propel themselves forward, helps develop arm and shoulder muscles and improve cardiovascular health by increasing the heart rate.

deserts of Saudi Arabia.

"Anywhere you live, you can enjoy this," said fitness instructor Mallin Svensson, a native of Sweden who leads Nordic walking classes in Santa Monica, Calif., where she discovered she could easily ramp up her workouts by using the poles on the beach.

John Rudd, a 55-year-old engineering consultant in Austin, Texas, said he has used the poles on his four-mile walks five days a week since February and has lost 10 pounds. "I didn't change anything other than adding the use of the poles during my regular walking routine," he said.

"It's similar to doing an elliptical trainer that has handles. You're exercising your whole body, not just your legs," said Dr. A. Herbert Alexander, an orthopedic surgeon in Sun Valley, Idaho. "For individuals who

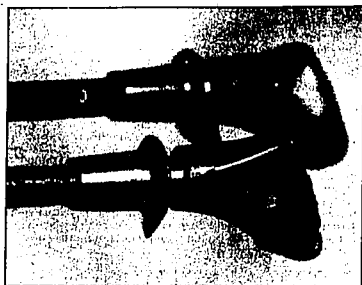
have arthritis in the knees or hip, it's like having a cane — it's helpful taking weight away from the legs."

For that reason and because the poles provide some stability, more senior citizens seem to be taking up ski walking, said Svensson, president of Nordic Walking USA, which promotes the exercise throughout North America.

Back at Stone Mountain Park near Atlanta, about a dozen ski walkers — mainly Finnish families — swiftly used their poles to get a quick start on a five-mile walk.

Sid Barrett of Atlanta carried two old-fashioned walking sticks that he takes backpacking. His wife, Lauren, held two lightweight ski poles.

"I'm surprised more people don't do it, because in backpacking, it's standard," he said.



Rubber foot that cover the ends of skiwalkers' poles protect the steel tips from excessive wear.

## FDA to mull unrestricted sales of fat-blocking diet pill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A pharmaceutical company that seeks federal approval for over-the-counter sales of a prescription diet pill that blocks the absorption of fat faces questions about the pill's potential for creating vitamin deficiencies and encouraging abuse.

The Food and Drug Administration advisory committees are to discuss Monday allowing over-the-counter sales of orlistat, which GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare proposes to market as Alli (pronounced "ally"). That version would be half the dose of the prescription form of the drug, known as Xenical, which won FDA approval in 1999.

An FDA reviewer found the drug is a "safe and effective weight loss agent," but held off on recommending whether the Nonprescription Drugs and the Endocrinology and Metabolic Drugs advisory committees should in turn recommend to the FDA that it approve the drug for sale without a prescription.

The drug acts by blocking the absorption of about one-quarter the fat a patient consumes. That fat is then passed out of the body in stools, which can be loose or oily as a result.

In six-month clinical trials, obese subjects who took orlistat lost on average 5.3 pounds to 6.2 pounds more than did those who were given dummy pills, according to FDA documents released Friday.

FDA reviewer Dr. Karen Feibus said the primary concern with the drug is its potential to create vitamin deficiencies, since it also would block absorption of fat-soluble vitamins like D, E, K and beta-carotene.

The company recommends patients take multivitamins when using the drug, said Steve Burton, GlaxoSmithKline's vice president of weight control.

## Parents in Florida and other states fighting early start date for schools

The Washington Post

MIAMI — The pressures of federally mandated exams have pushed public schools here and in several other states to begin classes weeks earlier than usual to squeeze in extra days of instruction before the critical tests, sometimes striking August entirely from vacation calendars and disrupting the month, traditionally left open for childhood leisure, to class time.

But a widespread backlash, led by disgruntled parents organized into loosely affiliated Save Our Summers groups across the country, is underway.

Legislators in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Pennsylvania are weighing bills this year that would peg school start dates to Labor Day. North Carolina, Texas, Minnesota and Wisconsin passed similar measures in recent years.

The issue is one of the most controversial aspects in the on-going debate over the exams used to comply with the No Child Left Behind law, leading to widening opposition and adding to the litany of complaints about the effects of what critics call "high-stakes" testing.

Public schools here, for example, began testing in the beginning of August, essentially wiping out a month many had counted on for a spell of unburdened pleasure. Sherry Sturmer, a mother of two in Miami-Dade County, had been looking forward to a family reunion up north and time at the swimming pool. But the new schedule did not accommodate them.

"It just felt so out of whack," said Sturmer, who created a Save Our Summers group to shift the school calendar back. "Every year, the schools were taking another week out of our summers. It was hot. So I said, 'You know what? I've had enough.'"

Or as South Florida-based columnist Dave Barry asked Miami Herald readers: "Here's a multiple-choice test. When should the school year start?"

"A. Sometime around Sept. 1, when most of the United States of America has started school

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— Sherry Sturmer, who started a Save Our Summers group to shift the school calendar back in Miami-Dade County.

for many decades.

"B. On Aug. 8 — also known as 'snack dab in the middle of summer' — when the average Florida classroom is roughly the same temperature as a pizza oven."

Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, a champion of the school accountability tests known here as the FCATs, said he backs the bill tying school openings to Labor Day. The measure easily won approval from a House committee last week.

"I like it because, first of all, I'm tired of the FCAT being an excuse for everything from the common cold to the state of the schools," Bush told reporters recently. "It's just not right. I think bringing some certainty across the state is a good thing."

Critics have blamed the exams for creating unhealthy academic pressures and unnecessarily narrowing the definition of education to what can be measured by the tests. Some schools have sacrificed recess, art, music or social studies to gain preparation time for the reading and math exams.

The creep of classes into August is just one of the many harmful and stupid consequences of high-stakes testing, said Monty Neill, executive director of FairTest, a group critical of the use of tests. "People are experiencing one

harmful consequence after another from the use of these tests. It steadily is tickling people off."

Indeed, Sturmer, who gathered 8,000 online signatures in her lobbying effort, said that many parents offered additional complaints about the testing.

"I have gotten a lot of e-mails saying kids are facing enough pressure with homework and ACT testing and the need to achieve, achieve, achieve," she said. "At least give them the summers."

Some school boards across the country have moved up their schedules in recent years and have cut into August for class time, according to national surveys. The tourist industry has lobbied parent groups in opposing the earlier start dates, because so many of their businesses rely on students for summer workers and customers.

For example, schools in Seminole County, Fla., are scheduled to open the 2006-07 school year on July 31.

Some schools in rural Georgia opened the current school year on July 22. Classes in some Miami-Dade schools began on Aug. 1 and the rest on Aug. 8.

Aside from yielding more days before the exams, educators say, the earlier schedules also better align semesters with the calendar holidays and with the schedules for community colleges, where some high school students take classes.

But a driving force behind the new schedules for many districts is the testing.

"We make no apologies for trying to prepare our students as well as possible to succeed on the FCAT," said Ruth Melton, director of legislative relations for the Florida School Boards Association, when asked about the early start dates. "It is a high-stakes test that has repercussions that begin with the student and echo up through the school district and state level."

Noting that the tests are given in February and March, she said, "We're asking that a student get eight months of learning in 5 1/2 months' time. That has encouraged moving our start dates forward."

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# Group descending on Souter's home in eminent domain protest

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Angered by a Supreme Court ruling that gave local governments more power to seize people's homes for economic development, a group of activists is trying to get one of the court's justices evicted from his own home.

The group, led by a California man, wants Justice David Souter's home seized to build an inn called the "Lost Liberty Inn."

They submitted enough petition signatures — only 25 were needed — to bring the matter before voters in March. This weekend, they're descending on Souter's hometown, the central New Hampshire town of Weare, population 8,500, to rally for support.

"This is in the tradition of the Boston Tea Party and the Pine Tree Riot," Organizer Logan Darrow Clements said, referring to the riot that took place during the Boston Tea Party when colonists in Weare beat up officials appointed by King George III who fined them for logging without approval.

"All we're trying to do is put an end to eminent domain abuse," Clements said, by having those who advocate or facilitate it sign under it, so they understand why it needs to end.

Bill Quigley, Weare deputy police chief, said if protesters show up, they're going to be told to stay across the street from a dirt road that leads to Souter's brown farmhouse, which is more than 200 years old. It isn't known whether Souter will be home.

"They're obviously not going to be allowed on Justice Souter's property," he said. "There's no reason for anybody to go down that road unless they live on that road, and we know the residents that live there. The last time (Clements) showed up,



William Deans of Allentown, Pa., right, smiles as he gets his canvassing map Saturday from Logan Darrow Clements, left, of Los Angeles at the Town Hall in Weare, N.H. Deans, who has lost his home by eminent domain, has joined Clements' crusade to seize the property and home of U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter to build an inn.

they had a total of about three or four people who showed up to listen to him."

Clements, of Los Angeles, said he's never tried to contact Souter, who voted for the decision.

"The justice doesn't have any comment about it," Kathy Arberg, a Supreme Court spokeswoman, said about the protesters' cause.

The petition asks whether the town should take Souter's land for development as an inn; whether to set up a trust fund to accept donations for legal expenses; and whether to set up a second trust fund to accept donations to compensate Souter

for taking his land.

The matter goes to voters on March 14.

About 25 volunteers gathered at Weare Town Hall on Saturday before setting out in teams to go door-to-door. Organizer Logan Darrow Clements gathered nine signatures in less than an hour, with only one resident declining to sign.

He also distributed copies of the Supreme Court's decision. Kelo vs. City of New London, to residents.

The court said New London, Conn., could seize homeowners' property to develop a hotel, convention center, office space and condominiums next to

Pfizer Inc.'s new research headquarters.

The city argued that tax revenues and new jobs from the development would benefit the public. The Pfizer complex was built, but seven homeowners challenged the rest of the development in court. The Supreme Court's ruling against them prompted many states, including New Hampshire, to examine their eminent domain laws.

Supporters of the hotel project planned a rally today at the town hall. Speakers were expected to include some of the New London residents who lost the Kelo suit.

# Which end is up? Volunteers help shed light on dizziness

CHICAGO (AP) — Months after a drug reaction ruined her sense of balance, Barbara Doyle took a trip to Europe. She had taught herself to walk again, but she still fell — once in every country.

"I fell in Budapest, I fell in Prague and I fell in Vienna," she said, remembering the 1999 trip.

Doyle, 72, and others like her with damaged inner ears are helping researchers study the body's balance system and how vision, the touch of one's feet on the ground and the ear's fluid-filled inner labyrinth work together to determine which end is up.

Doyle's contribution may one day help the estimated 6 million people dealing with chronic dizziness and balance disorders. As the nation's population ages, their ranks are expected to swell. "Because she didn't feel she could drive herself and her 7-year-old son safely home,

"It happens in a flash," she said. "I feel dizzy and a little nauseated and slow, like I can't move quickly anymore or I would fall down."

Doctors have put her on anti-seizure medication, drugs for migraines and a low-salt diet — all without results. Acupuncture helped for a while, she said, but her health insurance doesn't cover it.

Hain, who consulted on Keshner's research at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, may one day help people with grocery store syndrome, also called visual dependence.

In Keshner's study, volunteers don 3D glasses and watch disorienting moving images while a platform shifts beneath their feet. Cameras track the volunteers' eye movements. Researchers can see how they catch themselves, if they do, before they fall. A safety harness keeps them from hitting the ground.

"We haven't lost anyone yet," Keshner joked. Her project recruits volunteers like Doyle, whose balance was damaged by the antibiotic gentamicin.

Inner ear damage is a known side effect of the drug, which Doyle said also saved her life when she contracted an infection after back surgery.

Lynn Brown, a former flight attendant with the Bell City, Ala., has formed an online support group for people hurt by gentamicin. Her Wobblers Anonymous group has 2,000 members, she said.

# Bush previews State of Union in radio speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush previewed three domestic themes of his upcoming State of the Union address: tax cuts, energy prices and the rising cost of health care — in his weekly radio broadcast Saturday.

Bush took partial credit for recent gains in the U.S. economy and urged Congress to make tax cuts permanent, a move that he said would specifically help small businesses because most small businesses pay taxes at individual income tax rates.

"Unfortunately, just as we are seeing how our tax cuts have created jobs and opportunity, some in Washington want to repeal the tax relief," he said. "Others want to just let it expire in a few years."

The tax cuts have strengthened the economy, the president said, and our small-business sector strong, we need to ensure that you keep more of what you earn — so Congress needs to make the tax cuts permanent," he said.

# Lawmakers want state laws to force high court review of Roe vs. Wade

Los Angeles Times

INDIANAPOLIS — Taking direct aim at Roe vs. Wade, lawmakers from several states are proposing broad restrictions on abortion, with the goal of forcing the U.S. Supreme Court — soon to include two new justices — to revisit the landmark ruling issued 33 years ago Sunday.

The bill under consideration in Indiana would ban all abortions, except when continuing the pregnancy would put the woman's life or physical health in danger of substantial permanent impairment. Similar legislation is pending in Ohio, Georgia and Tennessee.

The bills are in direct conflict with the Supreme Court's 1973 rulings establishing abortion as a constitutional right. Roe vs. Wade and its companion case, Doe vs. Bolton, asserted that doctors may consider "all factors... relevant to the well-being of the patient," including emotional and psychological health.

In the years since, states have adopted a variety of laws designed to restrict access to abortion or force women to

think through alternatives. Those efforts are expected to continue this year, many states are considering proposals to impose new licensing standards on abortion clinics, or to require women seeking abortion first to visit ultrasound images of their fetus and discuss with a counselor the pain a fetus might feel during the procedure.

More than 50 such bills were passed in 2005 — twice as many as in 2004, according to the abortion-rights group NARAL Pro-Choice America.

Increasingly, lawmakers opposed to abortion are seeking bolder measures. Republican Rep. Troy Woodruff, serving his first term in the Indiana Legislature, wrote House Bill 1096 knowing it would conflict with Roe vs.

Wade. That was precisely his point: He wants his ban appealed to the Supreme Court. He hopes that the justices will overturn Roe and give states the power to make abortion a crime.

On an issue that's this personal, it should be decided as local as possible," Woodruff said. "We either want these procedures, or we don't.... And I don't."

The debate unfolds as the Senate prepares to vote on Supreme Court nominee Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr. As a young lawyer, Alito wrote that he wanted to overturn Roe vs. Wade. In his confirmation hearings last week, he declined to call the case "settled law," suggesting that he might be willing to reverse or modify it.

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# Chinese begin to hit the slopes in Beijing

**Knight Ridder News Service**

NANSHAN, China — Chinese are flocking to the ski slopes as never before, and some of them are putting on their best clothes for the occasion.

"I saw some people skiing in suits and ties yesterday," said Remigio Brunelli, the China country director for Tecnica Group, the Italian ski boot and apparel manufacturer.

Enthusiasm — rather than knowledge — is what marks the sudden rise of winter sports around China's capital, where a flurry of ski resorts and an indoor ski dome have opened in the past few years. Some of the resorts are within sight of the Great Wall of China.

For newly affluent urban Chinese, skiing has become chic. "It's new. It's fashionable. Many Beijing residents want to try new things," said Yang Fei, a 28-year-old avid snowboarder. "Maybe a few years ago people would have thought it was expensive. But now it's all right."

Thrives of skiing coincides directly with soaring affluence in Beijing and other urban areas, where people are looking for ways to spend time and money.

"People's incomes have increased. They have money to spend on entertainment. During the winter time, there are few outdoor activities. So skiing is a great thing," said Wang Shitong, the manager of the indoor Qiaobao Ski Dome in a north-eastern Beijing suburb.

European and U.S. manufacturers of ski and snowboard equipment and apparel are looking at the growth with astonishment.

When a public ski slope opened in the Beijing area in 1998, some 13,000 people visited the first season. Last winter, 1.5 million people hit the slopes and this winter the number is expected to surpass 2 million. If present trends continue, industry experts say, China could have 7 million to 8 million occasional and regular skiers and snowboarders by 2010.



An elderly woman braves the freezing outdoors in Tomlino, a town outside Moscow, Russia on Friday. Arctic temperatures gripping most of Russia pushed the reported death toll close to 40 on Friday as weather forecasters warned that no major thaw is expected in Moscow before February.

# Coldest winter in a quarter of a century grips Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's severest cold in a quarter of a century with temperatures in Moscow at minus 8 Saturday, has killed at least 40 people and strained the nation's crumbling infrastructure, with residents piling on the blankets and heating bricks to keep warm.

The big freeze extended to neighboring countries, killing four people in Estonia, one in Moldova and knocking out power and delaying trains in Poland.

In Moscow, rescue workers found five homeless or drunk people dead, the city emergency medical service said, bringing the number of deaths to more than 20 in the capital during the six-day cold that saw temperatures drop to minus 24 Thursday — coldest on that date since 1927.

Nineteen people have been hospitalized with hypothermia, the service said.

In Poland, the cold delayed trains, snarled traffic and

prompted the Cabinet to allocate additional funds for homeless shelters and social services to protect the poor.

"We have to react to keep people from freezing," Prime Minister Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz said. In the eastern Podlaskie province, temperatures plunged to minus 1, knocking out power to 1,900 homes, the media said. In Turkey, an avalanche swept a mountainous road and threw a passenger bus into a ravine Saturday, killing eight and injuring 15 people, reports said.

Moscow temperatures warmed Saturday, but the city's weather service said temperatures were unlikely to rise above minus 4 before February, making it the coldest winter since 1978-1979, when temperatures plummeted to minus 36.4.

The cold has severely strained the nation's crumbling infrastructure, with electricity use surging to record levels as towns and cities struggled to keep in-

door temperatures up and Russians turned to supplemental heating sources, including electric radiators to keep warm.

The use of gas heaters has resulted in several explosions. A gas canister exploded late Friday in an apartment building in the Ural city of Yekaterinburg, injuring nine residents, the local branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry said.

In the town of Gus-Khrustalno, 100 miles east of Moscow, several gas canisters exploded on the ground floor of a five-story apartment building, killing at least one person and injuring 10 late Friday, the ministry said.

The cold spell forced schoolchildren to stay home, while vendors at Moscow's outdoor food and clothing markets shuttered their booths and outdoor ATMs reportedly froze up. Traffic was uncharacteristically light as drivers were reluctant to venture out or unable to start their engines.

# Anti-U.S. tack backfires on Canada's liberals

**The Washington Post**

BURLINGTON, Ontario — Rob Hlohinec, 58, doesn't see what's so bad about Americans. He even admits to knowing some.

"I've talked to Americans. They want the same things we want," Hlohinec said as he watched a Conservative Party campaign rally in this Ontario town recently.

At his side, Irene Heller, 82, agreed. She said that was one reason she would vote to replace the government headed by the Liberal Party's Paul Martin in Canadian national elections on Monday. Martin, the sales uses anti-Americanism to try to win votes.

"He gets votes when he knocks America, and I don't approve of that," said Heller, who wears a sleek storm to attend the rally.

Heller's and Hlohinec's candidate, Conservative leader Stephen Harper, holds a strong lead in public opinion polls, fueled largely by dissatisfaction with 12 years of Liberal rule. Among the dissatisfied are voters unhappy with the growing divide between Canada and the United States.

Polls show a deep antipathy among Canadians toward the Bush administration, made more acute by the invasion and occupation of Iraq. That has carried over to a more general anti-Americanism, and academics here have made a cottage industry of talking about the divergence of values between Canadians and Americans.

Martin sought to corral that sentiment by portraying Harper as dangerously pro-American. But the strategy appeared to backfire in this campaign, exacerbating his slide in the polls.

"In the last campaign, those attacks worked. This time they won't. People are just fed up," said Peter Bryce, 46, a financial manager who said the political rally in this town west of Toronto was the first he had attended.

The Conservative Party's lead in the polls hovers at about 10 percentage points, putting the party in position to lead a coalition government that would probably be more in tune with the Bush administration.

The Liberal Party's attack on Harper's American sympathies was mostly political posturing. Martin himself has sought good relations with the United States. But his party has a mixed history on the issue. The prime minister had to expel one member of Parliament who stomped on a Bush doll on television, and a spokeswoman for his Liberal Party predecessor, Jean Chrétien, referred to the American president as a "moron."

The Liberals were resorting to a campaign tactic that had worked before, they succeeded in erasing Harper's lead in the polls in the last election, in 2004, by painting him as too pro-American. But this time some analysts say they're not. Anti-Americanism has gone too far.

"You would think that issue would be more fertile ground because there has been an erosion" in the relationship between Canadians and Americans since the last election, said Frank Graves, president of Ekos, an Ottawa polling company. "Both countries look at each other with less regard than before."

But surprisingly, Graves said, "the America card doesn't seem to have had much traction this time."

"We think it's wrong. We're not against Americans," said Linda Armstrong, 60, who attended the Burlington rally with her husband, Mike, 61, like her a retired schoolteacher.

But it's not as if Harper is wrapping himself in the Stars and Stripes. With an eye to the perpetual Canadian ambivalence toward its powerful neighbor, Harper has maintained a distance from the United States on the campaign trail.

His standard campaign stump speech vows "not to engage with allies in a false war of wits." But he follows that quickly with pledges to be tougher on the United States in disputes such as the one over softwood lumber, where the U.S. refusal to abide by international rulings that its tariffs are illegal has infuriated Canadians.

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By The Times-News  
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**School nurse keeps tradition alive**  
By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer  
TWIN FALLS — Gone are the days when school nurses took care of students' bumps, bruises and daily medications. But one woman keeps the tradition alive in Twin Falls. Kyle Hoopes, whose services are donated by Magick Valley Regional Health Center, divides her time among Twin Falls elementary schools.

**Jerome city, county officials plan for future**  
By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent  
JEROME — Right now, Jerome's "growth triangle" is mostly farmland. But city and county officials are planning for the future.

**Skating after dark in Burli**  
By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent  
BURLI — Skating after dark is now an option in Burli. The city has extended the curfew at Centennial Skate Park.

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**Eagles women face hungry Bruins**  
CSI looks to avenge non-conference loss to SLCC  
By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer  
TWIN FALLS — With a 68-65 defeat at the hands of the Salt Lake Community College Bruins fresh in their memories, the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles head to Salt Lake City tonight with one goal on their minds.

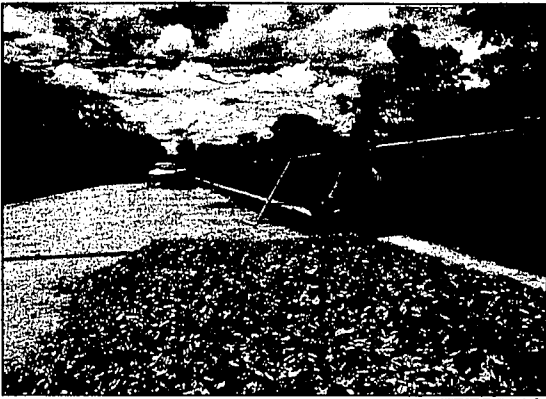
The Bruins' non-conference victory over the Eagles women during December's Dixie State College Las Vegas Classic may be a feather in SLCC's cap, but it's not comparable to a scenic West Athletic Conference win. With the 14-3 Eagles in the conference lead at 5-0, all the Bruins (12-4, 3-2) really want is to narrow the gap between themselves and the conference's top spot.

The pressure definitely is on them. It's not on us," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "We'd love to win, because that would put us in the driver's seat. But they need that win. They have to come up here twice, so I think they'll be under a little bit of pressure."

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Santiago Ureña, drying coca leaves, said he hoped Evo Morales, a former coca farmer, would ease cultivation limits on the crop. Morales is being inaugurated today as Bolivia's new president.

## Bolivian president-elect may end support for coca eradication

By Monte Real  
The Washington Post

**ETERAZAMA, Bolivia** — At a muddy camp in the vast tropical lowlands known as the Chapare, about 150 Bolivian soldiers and policemen, responsible for destroying the area's illegal coca plants, have done little in recent weeks but kill time. They chat outside crude tents built of tree limbs and sagging tarps, haul water from a nearby river and sweat through the fumes of the U.S. government bought for them.

"We're not doing anything these days," one soldier said, ignoring the mosquitoes alighting on his exposed forearms. "We're just waiting to hear what's going to happen next."

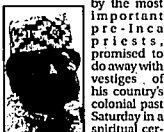
It's the \$100 million question in Bolivia: What will become of the U.S.-financed program to eradicate coca, the plant used to make cocaine, now that the longtime head of the coca growers' union, Evo Morales, is about to become the country's president?

Morales, 46, who will be inaugurated today, said during his campaign that he might withdraw Bolivia's support for the eradication program, a keystone of the U.S.-backed anti-drug and alternative crop development campaign here. He has hinted at decriminalizing the cultivation of coca, which is legally chewed as a stimulant and used in traditional medicines, and he has criticized regional U.S. anti-drug programs as false pretexts for establishing a military presence.

But Morales has toned down his rhetoric since being elected in December, suggesting that the government might maintain current limits on cultivation, at least until a study assessing the potential demand of the legal coca market is completed. It consistently reminds people that he is committed to fighting cocaine, but not at the expense of the farmers who want to make a living growing coca for legal use.

### Morales vows to erase Bolivia's colonial past

**TIWANAKU, Bolivia (AP)** — Bolivian President-elect Evo Morales, dressed in a bright red tunic worn only by the most important



Evo Morales, dressed in a bright red tunic worn only by the most important

priests, promised to do away with vestiges of his country's colonial past Saturday in a spiritual ceremony at an ancient temple on the eve of his inauguration.

To roars from the crowd, Morales — the first Indian to be elected as Bolivia's president and a fierce critic of the U.S. — called his landslide election a victory for indigenous populations around the world, saying it was evidence that poor countries can rise up to challenge richer ones.

"With the unity of the people, we're going to end the That ambiguity leaves the door open to continuing cooperation with U.S. counter-narcotics authorities, while feeding an unprecedented optimism among Morales supporters who would like to create an international industry of legalized coca. Those coca growers envision a country where their crop, instead of being associated with crime, is a key ingredient in exports from soft drinks to shampoo.

Morales' announcement Thursday that he would appoint a coca farmer to head the ministry responsible for fighting drugs was a signal to coca farmers that pressure might shift away from growers toward those

who process the leaf into cocaine.

"A lot of people completely changed their attitudes after the election, because finally we're in power — it's our country now," said Apollonia Sanchez, 42, a coca farmer who took her plants just a few miles from the eradication camp. "There's a feeling of happiness and optimism right now."

The Chapare is one of two coca-producing regions in Bolivia. Under an agreement with the government, farmers in the Yungas region are allowed to grow 29,600 acres of coca in areas where it has been a traditional crop for centuries. However, the U.S. government estimates another 31,100 acres were grown illegally in the Chapare and the Yungas in 2004. Altogether, a little over 60,000 acres of coca leaf were grown that year.

After clashes between farmers and eradication troops in the Chapare, the government made a truce in 2004, exempting 7,900 acres from eradication. That allotment is split among about 26,000 households, and it has eased much of the tension associated with eradication in the region.

The villages around Sanchez's farm and the eradication camp are considered Morales's home base, the place where he launched his career as a coca farmer after an impoverished youth. In an interview before the election, he said his political sensibility was formed when he witnessed an innocent coca farmer burned to death on the street by police.

Later he became the leader of the coca growers' federation, openly advocating legalization, rebutting charges of links between farmers and drug dealers and criticizing U.S. intervention. After his election as president last month, residents of the Chapare threw a massive party for him in this small town. Sanchez helped cook the food, and thousands filled the dirt streets until dawn.

## U.N. says Pakistan tent camps may be needed till summer

### U.S. signs grant for rebuilding devastated area

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)** — Tent camps sheltering earthquake victims in devastated northern Pakistan may be needed for another six months, a U.N. official said Saturday, as the United States signed a \$200 million grant for rebuilding the country.

Visiting U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns signed over the aid money, part of \$510 million earlier pledged by Washington, the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad said. The grant covers four years, with the first \$15 million available Saturday.

Burns said the money would go toward rebuilding schools and hospitals destroyed when the massive Oct. 8 quake struck Pakistan's Kashmir region and surrounding areas.

The aid came after a United Nations report said the harsh Himalayan winter was testing the population as well as the capacity of the humanitarian

community to deliver much-needed relief.

By summer, some people whose homes were reduced to rubble, washed away in floods or buried in landslides will still need temporary shelter, said Ben Major, a spokesman for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

"We want to believe at this point that the number will be small," he said Saturday. His agency's report, released Friday, said safe drinking water is available to only about 47 percent of 810,000 refugees initially targeted for the winter, while access to latrines is available to only about 138,000 — about half the winter target.

The assessment highlights the misery felt by nearly 3.5 million people left without their homes in freezing conditions by the magnitude 7.6 earthquake.

Heavy snow and rain have forced repeated suspensions of aid flights, while landslides have cut off deliveries by trucks.

The earthquake killed 87,000 people, but aid workers worry the death toll will rise as winter weather intensifies hunger and misery. Many are without adequate shelter, clothing and are

heavily reliant on food aid.

"Given existing conditions, it can be expected that a good number of camps will have to be maintained for another six months," the report said.

But the U.N. agency noted that a much-feared spike in deaths due to winter weather has failed to materialize, despite an increase in cold-related illnesses.

A shortage of female doctors is hindering treatment of women, many of whom are reluctant to be examined by male physicians, the report said.

In a field hospital near the city of Muzaffargarh, the capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir, doctors have seen a surge in patients suffering from illnesses such as pneumonia — 1,400 people in the past two days, according to Dr. Ghulam Rasool.

Nearly three-quarters of the patients are children, he said. Among the patients was Qasim Jan, who brought her 8-year-old daughter to be treated for pneumonia, which she blamed on safety guidelines prohibiting fires in tents.

"It's impossible for me to light a fire and keep the tent warm," Jan said. "Due to this, my daughter has fallen ill."

## At least 100,000 killed during Indonesia's occupation of East Timor, report says

The Washington Post

**UNITED NATIONS** — Indonesian security forces and militias they supported killed at least 100,000 East Timorese people — and perhaps as many as 160,000 — over 24 years through torture, starvation, arbitrary execution and massacres, according to a report presented to the United Nations by Timorese President Xanana Gusmao on Friday.

The 2005 page report, which Gusmao delivered to Secretary

General Kofi Annan, provided the most detailed account to date of Indonesia's brutal 24-year occupation of the island nation, a former Portuguese colony. It also charged the country's armed resistance movement of committing "serious human rights violations" after Indonesia's 1975 invasion of East Timor, including the torture and execution of pro-Indonesian prisoners, the convening of mock trials and the violent purging of dissenters within its own ranks.

East Timor's government said that it would not seek to prosecute those responsible for atrocities, citing fears that attempts to hold powerful Indonesian generals accountable for crimes could undermine fragile democratic transitions underway in East Timor and Indonesia. Gusmao told reporters here Friday that East Timor's hard-fought independence from Indonesia in 2002 would have to stand as the country's chief symbol of justice for victims' families.

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# 'THE GHOST AT THE BANQUET'

## CIA role a mystery at court-martial

FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP) — The initials were spoken aloud only once all week, and then apparently by mistake.

After this past week's testimony by any role the CIA had — or didn't have — in the interrogation of an Iraqi general who died in U.S. custody remains a tantalizing and mysterious backdrop to the court-martial of Army Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Welshofer Jr.

The CIA is "the ghost at the banquet," said Eugene R. Fidell, an expert in military law who has been following the court-martial but doesn't know if the CIA was involved in the case.

"We're playing Hamlet" without Hamlet here, said Fidell, an attorney in private practice who teaches military law at American University in Washington. He also represented news organizations in their attempts to open pretrial hearings in Welshofer's prosecution.

Welshofer is charged with murder in the 2003 death of Republican Guard Maj. Gen. Abed Hamed Mowhoush at a detention camp in western Iraq.

Prosecutors say Mowhoush was stuffed headfirst in a sleeping bag and bound with electrical cord, then suffocated with Welshofer sitting atop his chest.

The defense contends a heart condition caused Mowhoush's death, and that Welshofer's commanders had approved the interrogation technique.

In 2004, the CIA said one of its officers may have been involved in Mowhoush's death, but the agency refused to elaborate. Last August, the Washington Post reported that documents it examined said Mowhoush was severely beaten by a CIA-sponsored Iraqi paramilitary group two days before he died.

Testimony at Welshofer's court-martial this past week

confirmed that Mowhoush was indeed beaten by Iraqis two days before he died. But the witness, Chief Warrant Officer Todd Sonneke, did not identify the Iraqis.

Then defense lawyer Frank Spinner at one point questioned a witness whose identity is so secret that he was shielded from reporters and others by a green tarp suspended from the ceiling. The witness had said he was alarmed when Welshofer told him he thought the Army's interrogation guidelines were being broken every day.

"And you didn't report it to the CIA?" Spinner asked. The attorney then stopped himself and quickly apologized to the judge.

Spinner's apparent slip and the mystery surrounding that witness — and others who have testified behind closed doors over the objections of the media — were not the only indications of how sensitive the case is and

how much remains secret. Welshofer testified that when he left the room where he was questioning Mowhoush, he "noticed other people in the hallway" and that they took control of the session.

Welshofer said the Iraqis slapped and pushed Mowhoush, and the session escalated into a beating with rubber hoses after Mowhoush and one of the Iraqis recognized each other.

During his testimony, Welshofer said commanders offered little guidance on how to question detainees.

He said he received an e-mail from his unit's commanders saying there were no rules for interrogations because officials still had not determined how to classify detainees. The e-mail, sent as the insurgency was growing more lethal, claimed officers were "tired of taking casualties and that the gloves were coming off," he said.

The two sides presented closing arguments Saturday, and the jury of six Army officers began deliberating.

# 'Flesh-eating' bacteria victim seeks answers

Night Rider News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Claudia Mejia checked into the hospital April 29 and gave birth to a healthy baby boy. But then things went terribly wrong.

While in Orlando Regional South Seminole Hospital, she contracted a "flesh-eating" bacteria, and 12 days later doctors amputated both her arms and her legs to save her life.

Now, Mejia, 24, of Sanford, Fla., has begun a legal battle. She is not asking for money. Right now, her lawyers are demanding that Orlando Regional Healthcare System Inc., which operates the Longwood, Fla., hospital, release information about other victims of the same bacteria.

The company has refused, citing patient privacy.

"This is a very tragic situation," said Anne Peach, ORHS's vice president of nursing.

More than 200 cases of the aggressive streptococcal infection, which is resistant to antibiotics, are reported annually in Florida, according to the state Health Department.

Mejia was in her lawyer's office in Orlando on Friday with her husband Timothy B. Edwards, 33, son Jorge Mejia, 7, and baby Matthew, 8 months.

While the baby sat squirming in her husband's lap, Mejia caressed the boy's head with what is left of her right arm.

"Everything has turned difficult for me," she said. She cannot change her son's diapers, she said. She cannot play with her children. She cannot bathe herself.

"I want to walk on my own," she said. "I want to take care of my kids."

Mejia said she does not know how she got the infection, but, according to the suit, it had to have been at South Seminole Hospital.

She gave birth to Matthew without any problems.

"They told me everything was normal," Mejia said.

Then a rash appeared and she

had severe pain in her belly. The rash, the medical staff told her, was a possible allergic reaction to the sheets, and the stomach pain was normal for someone who'd just given birth, her husband said.

Two days later, though, her condition turned critical. She was moved to intensive care. Soon after, doctors performed a hysterectomy.

A few days later, they transferred her to Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando.

According to her medical records, Mejia suffered not just the infection, she went into shock and her kidneys began to shut down. Gangrene set in.

Twelve days after she gave birth, doctors amputated her arms and legs.

"They gave her a choice of either dying or getting her limbs amputated," said her husband, a manager at Target in Lake Mary, Fla.

All told, Mejia was in the hospital more than three months. She's now at home in Sanford, where she has a remote-controlled wheelchair. She has artificial legs, as well, but she has the strength to walk on them for only about 30 minutes, her husband said.

Mejia sued in state Circuit Court in Sanford Jan. 13, asking a judge to order Orlando Regional to release records disclosing any other "adverse medical incidents" related to flesh-eating bacteria dating before her discharge Aug. 4.

"What happened to me?" Mejia said.

Her lawyer, E. Clay Parker, would not say whether he had already identified other people who contracted the infection at South Seminole.

In a letter last month, ORHS lawyer Jennings L. Hurt III said Mejia could not have records involving other patients. Despite a constitutional amendment requiring their disclosure, Hurt wrote, state lawmakers have yet to pass enabling legislation.

## Cannon scares off the crows

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — School workers have tried everything from Alice Cooper music to orange objects painted with the faces of predators to scare off the crows.

Now they're using a cannon at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Vigo County School Corp. crews began using a liquid propane cannon that produces a thunderlike sound every 20 minutes on Friday morning.

"So far, so good," said Kim Salmon, the school's secretary-treasurer.

The cannon will be used on school days 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 9 p.m. to create a boom reaching 130 decibels.

Comparatively, smoke alarms produce noises between about 80 to 90 decibels.

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## Couldn't it just shake my hand?

I recently walked into Red Robin, a franchise restaurant in Boise, and was greeted by a 7-foot-tall red bird. Then, it (he/she) hugged me. It was unsettling.

The friendly bird, of course, is a mascot of the restaurant chain, and the person inside the bird suit was some \$7-an-hour employee who drew the short straw that day. But it's not the first time I've been embraced by a furry mascot. In fact, I seem to be stalked by them.

Some years ago, Fred Meyer had a mascot, name of Fred Bear. I seemed like every time I walked into a Fredde's, Fred Bear found me and wrapped his faux-furry arms around me.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Once, I saw Fred Bear headed in my direction, took a sharp left turn and tried to hide out in the fertilizer-and-mulch aisle. I came this close to a clean getaway, but he ambushed me going out the door.

I've never attracted nearly as much attention from women as I have from store mascots. Maybe that's because I'm sort of hairy and look like I should be a mascot.

Years ago, I used to take my kids to an eatery in Boise called Showbiz Pizza. Its mascot was a bear named Billy Bob.

My sons, who were about 6 and 4, were scared to death of him. Every time Billy Bob came near, they'd run out of the dining area and into an adjacent video game arcade.

On one occasion, Billy Bob followed them. His intentions, I'm sure, were innocent, but I got up from the table and went to my boys' rescue. They were covering behind a pinball machine waiting for the bear to leave, so I strolled over, put my hand on his shoulder and said, "Sorry, but they're afraid of you." Billy Bob appeared crestfallen — or at least as crestfallen as a stuffed bear can look.

Then he embraced me. I'm beginning to think this is karma — you know, retribution for past misdeeds. Because in high school — for a brief time as a sophomore — I was the back half of a Highland Ram.

The Ram was two-person, paper-mache-and-cloth costume produced by our art teacher. It appeared at pep assemblies at the Pocatello high school.

We — the guy in front and me — would chase around the field dressed as the mascot of whichever rival school we were playing in football that week, to the delight of the assembled student body. We could catch anybody since Gary — the head of the Ram — couldn't see a thing.

But everybody in the gym could see us, which meant we (and by that I mean me, since I was in back) received a number of well-placed kicks.

Word got around, I guess. I've been hugged ever since by costumed mascots from Yellowstone Park (Smoky Bear, obviously) to Disneyland. It was there I first encountered the most unsettling of them all — a 6-foot walking teapot. Miraculously, it passed me by — and hugged my arm.

Good Lord. What have I done to my kids?

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### Snowpack levels

| Watershed         | % of Avg. | % of Normal |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Salmon            | 152%      | 71%         |
| Big Wood          | 151%      | 84%         |
| Little Wood       | 156%      | 82%         |
| Payette           | 143%      | 78%         |
| Little Lost       | 114%      | 61%         |
| Hareys Fork/Teton | 132%      | 73%         |
| Upper Snake Basin | 128%      | 70%         |
| Payette           | 147%      | 88%         |
| Gallop River      | 147%      | 80%         |

As of Jan. 21

\*A comparison of basin snowpack levels with the long-term average for the same time of year. Snowpack data is from the National Weather Service's National Snow Data Center.

# Journalist, civil rights activist speaks at CSI

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Award-winning journalist and civil rights activist Charlyne Hunter-Gault braved icy winter conditions Saturday morning to share her "Making a Global Dream: From Tim Crow America to Apartheid South Africa and Beyond" speech to a captive audience in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho.

Hunter-Gault, the first African-American woman to graduate from the University of Georgia (Class of 1962), told attendees that "we need to celebrate human rights 365 days a year, and not just one week during a given month."

She said the perceptions of minorities need to change at home and abroad to embrace the extent of diversity and extend it to a global neighborhood. Hunter-Gault, who now makes her home in Johannesburg, South Africa, said that South Africa shares the struggles of racial inequality, affirmative action and inner-city poverty with the U.S.

Hunter-Gault, who met the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a segregation protest rally in Georgia, said she applauds all those who embrace his legacy — but said the best way to honor him is to stand up for justice.

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## Who is Charlyne Hunter-Gault?

- First African-American woman to graduate from the University of Georgia
- Award-winning journalist
- Author
- Married with two children



ANNE SMITH/The Times-News

Journalist and civil rights activist Charlyne Hunter-Gault speaks Saturday morning in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Her speech was part of CSI's Diversity Week, which included awards and contests relative to civil rights and minority issues.

## Magic Valley Human Rights leader recognized

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Raquel Arenz is the first recipient of the Magic Valley Human Rights Leader award. Arenz, a Spanish teacher at the College of Southern Idaho, was recognized Saturday by the Magic Valley Human Rights Committee for her outstanding leadership and community service. The award came as a complete surprise.

"I don't think I do anything extraordinary," Arenz said. "People shouldn't be rewarded for doing what they should already be doing."

Arenz said when she first began to think about the rights of others, she often thought of the mistreatment of those living in foreign countries. However, she now realizes that the people one

## Criteria for Citizen of the Magic Valley

- Outstanding community leadership
- High regard for Human Rights
- Active participant for the well being of others

encounters on a daily basis are those that we should be concerned with.

"We are given the opportunity every day to help, and to respect and be nice to people," Arenz said. "It's the person standing in front of me, the students in front of me, not the people in other countries."

The Human Rights Leader award is presented annually for outstanding Magic Valley residents who meet specific criteria.

## Winners of essay and poster contest

The winners of the Magic Valley Human Rights Essay and Poster contest were announced Saturday morning at the Human Rights Celebration Breakfast at the College of Southern Idaho. Over 150 entries were submitted from students in kindergarten through high school. The theme of the contest, which was part of CSI's Diversity Week, was "How Can I Stop the Hate?"

Honorable mention received a CSI gift basket, second place a \$50 CSI Bookstore scholarship, and first place winner received a \$75 CSI Bookstore scholarship.

| Kindergarten — Third Grade               | Fourth — Sixth Grade               | Seventh — Eighth Grade                            | Ninth — 12th Grade                                |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1st Place: Alex Wolty, Twin Falls        | 1st Place: Taylor Long, Twin Falls | 1st Place: Hosanna Kabbak/OrHome School, Shoshone | 1st Place: Julia Bowman, Wood River High School   |
| 2nd Place: McKinley Schultz, Home School | 2nd Place: Kaeli King, Twin Falls  | 2nd Place: Kelsey Germann, Shoshone               | 2nd Place: Russell Wilson, Wood River High School |

## Eden senior center could get much-needed facelift

By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent

**EDEN** — Eden's silver and gold senior citizen center could be in store for a much needed facelift. Funds for the re-do would come through Region IV Development as part of an Idaho Community Development block grant provided by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development.

Jeff McCurdy, community development planner, is helping the senior center's board members navigate through the grant application process. Because a city or county must be the eligible party for the grant, several board members met with Jerome County commissioners asking them to sign on.

Neil Cross, spokesman for the board, told commissioners his group has long contemplated remodeling the existing

senior center or possibly building a new one.

Cross said an engineer's inspection showed that the building and foundation were sound.

Items for repair include a new roof, handicap access and a redesigned front entrance because "every once in awhile when we get a strong wind, it blows the front door off," Cross said.

McCurdy asked for commissioners' approval saying the project was well deserved. Veronica Lierman, county commissioner, said, "I'm totally in favor of it. Region IV takes care of all the details."

Commissioners Joe Davidson and Charles Howell approved, making a unanimous vote. The first public hearing about the proposed remodel will be held Feb. 2 at noon at the center.

## Declo Council discusses audit, graffiti

By Mary Lynne Bratton  
Times-News correspondent

**DECLO** — A review of the 2005 audit of city accounts, graffiti on details of the city management structure were a few of the items discussed recently during the January meeting of the Declo City Council. But before new business was attended to, two newly elected councilmen were sworn in as official members of the City Council.

Kurt Stimpson, reelected councilman, and Ron Knowles, new councilman, were administered the oath of office by City Clerk Teri Kaye. Reeling council member Andy Anderson was thanked for his years of service. The first item of business for the new council was the election of Councilman Lawrence Gillett as council president.

City Auditor Jeff Poulsen reviewed the 2005 audit of the city accounts. He stated that it was a clean report. After reviewing budget items, Poulsen suggested that some items be adjusted for



Kurt Stimpson, left, and Ron Knowles, right, take the oath of office recently as newly elected members of the Declo City Council.

next year's budget. The council accepted the audit.

The city management structure outlining the duties of each councilman was reviewed. Mayor Jay Darrington is to oversee administration and the city officer; Councilman Mark Payne, the electrical utility and legal procedures; Councilman Knowles, the sewer and water utilities; Councilman Gillett, streets and parks, the fire department, and general equipment maintenance; and Councilman Stimpson will oversee irrigation, trash collec-

tion and general maintenance. Resident deputy sheriff Eric Nebeker's monthly report noted that graffiti continues to be a problem in the community and that the vandalism is being investigated. It was agreed to send notices to property owners asking them to remove graffiti as soon as possible and notifying them that if the vandals are caught they will be forced to clean up the damage.

Mary Lynne Bratton lives in Albion and can be reached by e-mail at [bratton@timesnews.com](mailto:bratton@timesnews.com).

## Lincoln County approves official's request

### Commissioner plans to develop residential area

By Rusty Tows  
Times-News correspondent

**SHOSHONE** — Lincoln County Commissioner Lawrence Calkins asked the county planning zoning commission to rezone his 350-acre farm from agriculture (A40) to residential R5 (R0.5) during the monthly Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in Shoshone. Calkins outlined his plans for a potential 700-home residential area adjacent to the city of Richfield.

"I talked to Wendell (Planning and Zoning Administrator Wendell Johnson) about zoning part of this to R12," said Calkins. "He suggested to do the whole thing for clustered housing with community utilities."

The Lincoln County comprehensive plan currently defines residential R0.5 zones as areas adjacent to cities and city services.

Calkins' proposal comes amidst several existing subdivisions he has developed, as well as a proposal by a Blaine County developer to build up 36 homes on the southeast corner of Richfield.

Richfield Mayor Charles Buttane testified in opposition to the proposal to rezone. The mayor indicated that the city is in the process of annexing the Calkins property. The property lies within the city area of impact.

Buttane said, "I talked to the other mayors in the valley and they advised us to get on the front side of this development and not on the back end."

"The city is in need of protection," Buttane said. "We will have the need for four police officers to take care of this growth."

In a telephone interview, Buttane added, "We need to provide all these services as economically as possible for the city and the developer."

According to the mayor, Richfield's water and sewer facilities are adequate for 500 homes. The city currently provides water to the Glanbia plant on the west side of the city.

In his rebuttal to criticism aimed at his rezoning request, Calkins said "This is a rezone not a subdivision request."

Under Lincoln County zoning ordinances, a rezone is the first step in the process of dividing real estate into smaller parcels.

Planning and Zoning commissions approved Calkins' request for the zone change.

Also considered at the hearing was a request from Gloria

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**TWIN FALLS** — Bruce Olsen, 64, of Twin Falls, passed away at his home on Dec. 16, 2005.

He was born Aug. 3, 1941, the son of Virginia Payton and Blaine Olsen of Walnut Creek, Calif. Bruce was a contractor and developer in the Magic Valley for many years prior to his retirement in 1981, and built several homes and commercial buildings throughout the area. He was very proud to have been the president of the Magic Valley Builders Association in 1989.

Bruce's hobbies were fairly simple: Guns and dogs. He spent many years acquiring one of the most diverse and fine gun collections around. He had many friends at the Twin Falls Gun Club, of which he was a member.

He is survived by his sister, Laurel (Herb) Swarr of Brighton, Colo.; his aunt, Norma Olsen of North Creek, Calif.; his aunt, Lorraine

**Bruce Payton Olsen**



Poulson of Brighton, Colo.; his six children, Crist, Chulette, John Olsen, Martin (Jennifer) Olsen, Bryce Olsen, Grant Olsen and Gregg (Alysa) Olsen; four grandchildren, Levi Olsen, Kwan Olsen, Payton Olsen and Alexia Olsen; and three very special nephews, Eric (Vicki) Swarr, Luke (Susan) Swarr and Morgan (Tina) Swarr.



**Marilyn J. Grist**



**TWIN FALLS** — Marilyn J. Grist, 74, of Twin Falls, died early Friday morning, Jan. 20, 2006, at Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls.

Marilyn was born on Dec. 12, 1931, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Hugh and Mary Pond. She grew up and attended schools in Detroit, graduating from Cooley High School in 1950. She began her education moving out west to Provo, Utah, where she attended Brigham Young University for two years. Marilyn married Stanley Dale Jenkins Jr. in 1952, and to this union one son was born, Stanley Jenkins III. After a few short years of marriage, her husband died in a plane crash. She moved back to Michigan and met her sweet John, Marilyn and John Grist were married on Aug. 2, 1958, in Detroit, Mich. Marilyn worked for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints alongside her husband, John, for many years in Detroit and working for the Cedar Chest for a number of years. In 1993, Marilyn and John moved from Michigan to Twin Falls, Idaho, near their daughter and their grandchildren.

Marilyn enjoyed needlepoint, all flower gardens, and doing her genealogy. She loved her many church call-

ings and gave many years of caring service until her physical condition would not allow it. She was an instant friend to anybody she met. Her love was her children, grandchildren and spending as much time with them as possible. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother; her whole family was her life. She taught us how to love one another better.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 47 years, John of Twin Falls; her son, Stanley Grist of Oita, Ecuador; and her daughter, Tina (Kevin) Johansen of Twin Falls; and one brother, Robert "Bob" Pond of Houston, Texas. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Paul, Matt and Natalie Grist,

and Tyler, Clara, Brianna, Brooklyn, Savannah, Preston, Mackenzie and Aubrey Johansen. Her parents preceded her in death.

A celebration of Marilyn's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at the 3rd Ward LDS Church, 3155 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Jerry Poulson presiding. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. Monday with family to greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. There will also be visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**OBITUARY**

**Doyle Laval Wopd**



**BUHL** — Doyle Laval Wood, 81, of Buhl, passed away Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Hartsville, Mo., to Everett and Ules Sigall Wood. Doyle joined the United States Navy in June 1942 and served his country with distinction as a naval aviator in the Pacific Campaign of World War II. Following discharge from the Navy in 1946, he relocated to Buhl where he met Lutha Cartee. They were married on May 21, 1950, in Buhl and soon thereafter moved to the Los Angeles, Calif., area. He had served an electrical apprenticeship while in high school. In California, he worked as an electrician through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, retiring in the

ing members of the National Electric Contractors Association. He joined the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and El Komh Shrine after returning to Idaho. He loved the outdoor life of bird hunting, fly fishing and "cuboying" this area off.

Doyle is survived by his wife, Lutha Wood of Buhl; children, Ron (Diane) Wood of Filer, Carolyn (Grady) Dalton of San Diego, Calif., and Leann (Sean) Wood of Chico, Calif.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Twin Falls Shrine Club Travel Fund, P.O. Box 852, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

fall of 1978. While living in California, Doyle was very active in the Boy Scouts and trap shooting. After retiring, Doyle and Lutha returned to Buhl where he and his son, Ron, opened Wood Electric. They were long-stand-

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Claude A. Rogers**

**EDEN** — Claude A. Rogers, 82, of Eden, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Floyd D. Larsen**

**BURLEY** — Floyd D. Larsen, 85, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at Highland Estates.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

**SERVICES**

J. Patrick Wilde of Pocatello and Montpelier, funeral at noon Monday at the Montpelier Tabernacle; friends may visit with family from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the Mathews Mortuary and from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. Monday at the west side of the tabernacle.

Mary Darlene "Peggy" Madenbahl of Kimberly funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

**More Yellowstone bison captured, sent to slaughter**

**BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)** — Nearly 50 more bison from Yellowstone National Park were sent to slaughter this week, bringing to 347 the number shipped off since roundup efforts began, a park spokesman said.

In the past week and a half, authorities have captured 651 bison for venturing too near or beyond Yellowstone's northern border. Of those, 347 have been sent to slaughter; 30 calves have been sent to a quarantine facility and 264 remain at the Stephen's Creek capture site just inside the park's northern boundary.

Park spokesman Al Nash said most of the bison appear to be coming from the central herd in the Hayden and Firehole River valleys.

A state-federal management plan allows for the hazing and capture of bison from Yellowstone in an effort to reduce the possible spread of brucellosis from bison to cattle in Montana.

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**Velva Margaret Duffin Moller**



**RUPERT** — Velva Margaret Duffin Moller, a 92-year-old Rupert resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at home.

She was born May 3, 1913, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Alma Chambers and Margaret "Ma" Barty Duffin. She lived most of her life in Rupert. She attended school in Minidoka County, graduating from Rupert High School in 1932. Velva went on to attend Idaho Business School in Boise, studying bookkeeping. She married Wilbert H. "Bill" Moller on March 20, 1936, and were later sealed in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple.

After their marriage, they farmed and Velva managed the business records for their farm.

Velva was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and worked in Primary, Relief Society and Young Women's in various capacities. She was a member of the Minidoka Memorial Pink Ladies from the time it was organized in 1961, serving as president in 1970 and as treasurer for 26 years as well as on several committees. She

Urah; 11 great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeremy (Amanda), Preston (Kristen) Smith, Ashley (Justin) Cyr, Jordan, Brant, Madison and Trey Bagnall, Kylee, Codi and Dalton Moller; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley (Jean) Fleicher; and a sister-in-law, Velda Lott. She was preceded in death by her parents, cooking, shopping trips and serving in the community.

Velva is survived by her son-in-law, Norman L. Bagnall; grandchildren, Bruce (Paula) Bagnall and Leah Rae (Dennis) Smith of Rupert, Gerald (Michelle) Bagnall of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Kelly (Darlene) Moller of Murray,

served more than 20,000 hours over the years. She was a member of the Rupert Women's Club, serving as president in 1967-1968. She also was a member of various other clubs. She loved dancing, cooking, shopping trips and serving in the community.

Velva is survived by her son-in-law, Norman L. Bagnall; grandchildren, Bruce (Paula) Bagnall and Leah Rae (Dennis) Smith of Rupert, Gerald (Michelle) Bagnall of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Kelly (Darlene) Moller of Murray,

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 265 S. 100 W., with Bishop Dean Condle officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

The family would like to thank Minidoka Memorial Home Health for the care of Velva. In lieu of flowers, they suggest donations may be made to the Minidoka Memorial Hospital or charity of your choice.

**Catherine (Peggy) M. Pohlman**

**TWIN FALLS** — Catherine (Peggy) M. Pohlman of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at the age of 86.

She was born in Hollister, Idaho, and raised on the Pohlman farm with sisters, Frances and Rhoda, and brothers, Jack and Bill. She graduated from Hollister High School in 1937 and attended the University of Idaho and Brigham Young University. She taught school in a one-room school in Three Creek and later the fifth grade in Coalinga. She moved to Los southern California with her

sister, Rhoda, during World War II, where they worked in the ship yards and were active in the USO. Then she worked as a receptionist/secretary for a doctor's office in Compton, Calif., and later as a secretary for North American. She retired in 1984. She loved dancing, bowling and playing cards.

She will be remembered as a loving, mild-mannered aunt and friend. We all loved her.

She is survived by her niece, Eileen Little; her nephews, Guyton Turner and Monte Strickling; and niece-in-law, Hannelore Strickling, all of

southern California; and her niece-in-law, Helen Pohlman of Halley.

She had four great-nieces and eight great-nephews, four of which - Jeff, Shaun, Ryan and Aaron Pohlman - reside in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, in San Clemente, Calif. Interment with a graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel" of the Park.

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## OBITUARIES

### Everett W. Cole Jr.

VISTA, Calif. — Everett W. Cole Jr. of Vista, Calif., passed away Dec. 31, 2005, from a sudden illness.

He was born May 31, 1937, in Diamond, Mo. Junior was raised in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1955. He married Betty Stovall of Buhl and moved to Santa Monica, Calif., where he began his career at McDonald Douglas Aircraft. They were later divorced, and he married Leona Gregory in 1975. He retired in 1997 and began a home-based tax return preparation business. He enjoyed boating, wood working, landscaping, building and flying



model airplanes and rockets, among other things.

He is survived by his wife, Leona of Vista; his father, Everett Cole Sr. of Sun City, Ariz.; four daughters, Anita (Lyle) Munzberger of Alamogordo, N.M., Wendy (Charles) Sullivan of Austin, Texas, JoAnne (Fernando) Arriano of Clermont, Fla., and Julie (Scott) Reeves of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; one sister, Shirley (Monte) Craner of Elko, Nev.; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and six step children and their families. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Cole, and a nephew, Allen Baker.

A celebration of his life was held Jan. 7, 2006, at his home in Vista.

### Donna M. Ward



NAMPA — Donna May Ward, 75, of Nampa, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at a Nampa hospital.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. A graveside burial will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at the Nampa Cemetery. A visitation and viewing will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel.

Donna was born on April 15, 1930, to Wilford and June Wigginton. She moved with her family to the Buhl area in 1936 where she attended schools. She met Wayne Ward in 1943 at the local roller skating rink. They were married on June 1, 1947, at the Buhl Methodist Church. Donna raised her family in various Idaho and Utah towns during Wayne's career with Union Pacific. She also worked outside the home in various positions, primarily in customer service jobs, where her outgoing nature won her many friends. Donna was an accomplished bowler and won many awards. After Wayne's retirement in 1980, they became "snowbirds,"

living in their motor home and traveling the country. They also enjoyed several cruises. Great and Donna settled in Nampa at Silvercrest Estates, where they enjoyed making yet more friends.

Donna was blessed with a very distinctive voice and an infectious laugh. She dearly loved visiting with her family around the kitchen table. God placed her on Earth to set that table for us, and will now prepare that table for us in heaven. In recent months, Donna especially enjoyed caring for her great-granddaughter, Danae, a

rare girl in her family packed full of boys.

The family would like to thank the staff and physicians at Mercy Medical Center for their kindness and compassionate care.

Donna is survived by her husband, Wayne of Nampa; her daughter, Diana (Gary) Hill of Boise; her sons, Wilford (Vonna) Ward of Salt Lake City, Larry (Debbie) Ward of Boise and Gary (Patsy) Ward of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a brother, Bob (Elnor) Wigginton of Twin Falls; a brother-in-law, Clinton Uptain of Buhl; 10 grandchildren, Michelle, Ryan, Erick, Kelly, Terry, Brad, Tiffany, Jesse, Patrick and Michael; four great-grandchildren, Alden, Danae, Bailey and Miles; and a niece and three nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Shirley Uptain.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Donna's name to MST, 300 E. Hawaii Ave., Nampa, ID 83886 or to the Operation Warm Heart, c/o Silvercrest Estates No. 2, 1100 Burnett Drive No. 412, Nampa, ID 83851.

God bless you Mom and may you rest in peace.

## Former congressman says he'll challenge Pombo in N. California

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Former seven-term Congressman Paul "Pete" McCloskey said Saturday that he will challenge U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo for the Republican nomination in his Northern California district.

The 78-year-old McCloskey, a maverick known for his support of environmental causes, told The Associated Press he felt compelled to jump back into politics after more than two decades out of office because of what he sees as a shift in Washington away from traditional Republican values.

He said other reasons for his bid include continuing threats to Northern California's environment and what he described as Pombo's close ties to Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy in a growing public corruption scandal. "Winning isn't the issue. The issue is forcing a debate on which way the Republican Party goes," he said. "This guy Pombo, he wants to privatize the remaining public lands in California and he has the power to do it. He's the chairman of the House Resources Committee. He's up to his neck with Abramoff."

Wayne Johnson, a campaign spokesman for Pombo, R-Tracy, said McCloskey is out of touch and has no chance of winning the nomination — at least as a Republican.

"We don't take him seriously as a Republican candidate," Johnson said. "He's a serious horse for the Democratic Party. This is a man who endorsed John Kerry, his campaign staff comes from (Rep.) George Miller," a Northern California Democrat.

Pombo, who is in his seventh term, has lobbied for major revisions to the 1973 Endangered Species Act that McCloskey co-authored and supported legislation that critics say would open up the coastlines to offshore drilling.

He was also one of several congressional Republicans who helped draft budget legislation last month to lift a moratorium on mining on public land. That

plan has since been dropped. Johnson said the Endangered Species Act has been misused to infringe on personal property rights and needs to be updated to reflect scientific advances over the last 30 years.

"He (McCloskey) thinks it is divinely inspired and shouldn't be touched. Reasonable people can disagree about what those changes ought to be — or unreasonable, in the case of McCloskey," he said.

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## Utah calls off launch of slogan after finding it too similar to Colorado's

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The leading choice for Utah's new tourism slogan was so close to one used by Colorado that state officials have delayed the brand's launch.

Utah tourism officials planned on releasing the slogan on Feb. 8, but discovered last week that it was too similar to the Colorado Ski Association's "Enter a Higher State" campaign.

The Utah Office of Tourism said it is declining to say what its planned slogan was.

It was during the process of registering the state's now-abandoned, new slogan that state officials learned of the similarity.

"That's when the Colorado thing came to us, and we decided Utah was more about 'attitude' than 'altitude,' anyway," said Utah Office of Tourism director Leigh von der Esch.

The launch date for a new state slogan will be rescheduled before the end of the Utah legislative session, but von der Esch said a specific date has not been set.

The tourism chief insisted the slogan similarity was discovered during branding team "due diligence" more than a week ago — long before a Friday e-mail exchange with a person who reported the rumor about the slogan and signed off as "a concerned resident." The exchange was copied to The Salt Lake Tribune.

Von der Esch said once the problem was discovered, there was never any doubt that the questionable slogan would be pulled — even if that meant delaying the launch.

"Enter a Higher State" was something like where we wanted to go, but that won't be it," she said.

"We have one chance to get this done, and we want to get it right — we want a slogan that captures the essence of Utah."

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# Idaho doc makes house calls

By Jonel Aeolia  
Spokesman-Review

COEUR D'ALENE — At 89, Clay Rook is old enough to remember when doctors made house calls — and when they needed a horse and buggy for the trip.

So when Dr. Stan Shapiro shows up with a small black medical bag and a gentle smile, the Coeur d'Alene resident takes it in stride.

"I feel great!" he says, propped on pillows in his bedroom, a green plaid blanket draped over his legs. "I don't know that I had anything wrong with me."

But for Rook's caregivers — his niece and nephew — the signs were more welcome recently than Shapiro's white Dodge Ram truck.

"What a privilege to see him pull up in your driveway," says John Rook, 69, who spent two months trying to find accessible medical care for his frail, possibly ill uncle. "I just can't tell you how difficult it is to find a doctor who will come to your house."

The white rig is Shapiro's office on wheels, the self-contained center of ColdDoctor.com, a business that the former Kellogg, Idaho, internist and emergency room doctor says is a whole new way of practicing medicine.

Shapiro, 55, shuffled his past in the Shoshone Medical Center ER last summer. After 14 years there and six years in private practice, he says he was tired of the long shifts and static scenery.

"It was 25 years since I slept every night of the week," Shapiro says. "I thought, 'How can I meet fun, interesting people, work days and not really work a lot?'"

This answer, it seems, is a medical practice that focuses on drive-up service for minor ailments. Instead of life-threatening injuries and illnesses, Shapiro now treats nothing more serious than sore throats, coughs, colds and earaches.

"It's the things that aren't going to kill you, but you don't have hours out of your day to deal with it," Shapiro says.

"The goal of the business, which began in October, is to provide convenient care for folks too busy or tired to want to go to a doctor's office," Shapiro says.

He imagines his customers will be upper-middle-class professionals or retirees — people with incomes of \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year who don't flock at his flat fee of \$119 or \$149 per appointment, depending on the time of day.

Shapiro doesn't accept or bill medical insurance and he takes only cash or credit cards. He won't treat children under age 5 — "Babies are at a higher risk for serious disease," he says — and he won't see anyone with potentially difficult problems.

"I don't do belly pain, that usually needs an X-ray," says Shapiro, who screens patients by phone before agreeing to see them. That's partly in deference to legal risk, Shapiro says he spent about \$20,000 to start the business, including about \$6,000 in medical malpractice insurance fees. But he also wanted to set limits on patients and conditions to maintain the



Dr. Stan Shapiro stands outside of his truck with his tablet PC Wednesday in Coeur d'Alene. The white rig is Shapiro's office on wheels, the self-contained center of Cold Doctor.com, a business that the former Kellogg internist and emergency room doctor says is a whole new way of practicing medicine.

professionalism of his practice. "I have set standards of quality care for myself," he says. So far, only a few clients have hired the drive-by doctor.

Even Shapiro admits that some people might be leery of a physician whose shingle consists of an Internet address and the painted sign on his truck. Still, anyone who checks will learn that the doctor holds a current license with the Idaho State Board of Medicine and is a member of the Idaho Medical Association.

"He's a real doctor," says John Rook, who needed medical care after he moved his uncle to Idaho from an Arizona nursing home. His brother, John, and his sister, Dot, Rook, 65, the prospect of getting their uncle out of his in-home hospital bed, into a wheelchair, into a car and down to the doctor was exhausting to contemplate.

When Clay Rook developed a cough, his nephew called every agency he could think of, trying to find a mobile doctor.

"Not one soul knew of a doctor who made house calls," says Rook. Finally, a home health worker passed on Shapiro's name. "Dr. Shapiro, Shapiro and I gave Clay a pretty thorough run-down," says John Rook. "He had sores on him and a rash, but a doctor took care of it." Karla Hull, 55, of Coeur d'Alene, tells a similar story. She decided the ordeal of taking her 88-year-old mother, Marge Gravestock, who has Alzheimer's disease, to the doctor.

"It would take all day," says Hull, whose mom was diagnosed 15 years ago. "And then you'd have to worry about her mental state as well as her physical state."

Shapiro visited Gravestock, spending two hours taking her medical history on his laptop computer and then treating a bad case of the flu. Because doctors in Idaho are allowed to prescribe medication, Shapiro is able to offer non-narcotic prescriptions — antibiotics, typically — to his patients.

He buys his medicine in bulk from a Kellogg pharmacy and then repackages it with his own logo. Patients can receive an initial dose of medication from the mobile doctor, and then use their own health insurance to obtain the rest from a pharmacy. Or, Shapiro says, he can fill the entire requirement at a minimal cost.

"It's all about convenience," he says. Eventually, Shapiro

hopes to franchise ColdDoctor.com, or to at least add a doctor-partner to his rolling practice.

At \$120 to \$150 a patient, he expects to equal his ER salary in the first year of the business that required its own malpractice insurance category.

More important to Shapiro than money, however, is the flexibility to practice medicine on his own terms. "It's kind of like being Charles Kuralt," with a medical bag, he says. For patients such as Clay Rook and Marge Gravestock, Shapiro's innovation might mean the difference between getting medical care and going without it.

"We desperately need doctors like him," Karla Hull, Gravestock's daughter, says. "I hope this is the wave of the future."

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Topics that will be covered in Citizens Academy are History of Law Enforcement, Traffic and DUI Enforcement, Domestic Violence, Crime Scene Investigation, Bomb Squad, SWAT, Building Services/ K9 Deployment, Drug Awareness, Continually Policing/Crime Prevention and Firearms.

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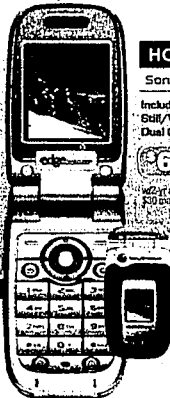
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# Wolves kill lion hunter's hound

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — A wolf pack has killed a mountain lion hunter's hound dog near Cody. Jan Morrison was hunting in the Sunlight Basin with five hounds early last week. He said the hounds were on a lion's trail when they came upon a wolf pack eating a bull elk.

"Wolves will not tolerate other dogs and they must have heard the hound dogs working the tracks," Morrison said.

Eight wolf pups were eating the elk, and the adult wolves standing guard attacked and killed his hound, he said.

The four other hounds returned to Morrison and the rest of the hunting party. Morrison said the wolves "killed the dog and were tracking the other dogs that turned back to us. As far as I can tell, they probably intended to get them too."

Wolf specialist Mike Jimenez of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service confirmed the 10-year-old hound was killed by wolves, which had also killed the elk.

"When dogs chase things, that happens," Jimenez said. "Wolves can be protective. It's a territorial thing."

Wolves have killed hounds in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, he said, adding that what happens when hunters and wolves are both tracking in the same area.

"It's not anyone's fault," Jimenez said. "I'm sorry the owner lost his hound. I know it takes a great deal of time, effort and training."

Morrison, a Cody outfitter, said he tries to be selective about the areas he chooses for lion hunting.

"That day, we hadn't seen any wolf tracks," Morrison said. "That dog was in the wrong place at the

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That dog was in the wrong place at the wrong time.  
”  
— Jason Morrison, mountain lion hunter

Wrong time. The mountain lion? Well, he's still running."

# Police chase results in death of female passenger in car

FORT HALL (AP) — A roll-over accident following a police chase killed a female passenger who was ejected from the vehicle. Tribal Council Chairman Blaine Edmo said the car was reportedly moving erratically and when police attempted to stop the vehicle, it slowed down and pulled over. But when the officer got out of the car, the driver sped away.

The officer reportedly chased the car at speeds of about 60 miles per hour for just over a mile before the car went off the

shoulder and into a ditch. When the car tried to get back on the road, it rolled over. Elise Carlisle Blacksmith, died in transport to a hospital after she was ejected from the car.

Five other occupants of the car were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Edmo said the officer's actions were not negligent and did not cause the accident.

"The officer wasn't that close to the car when it went off the road on its own volition. Maybe 10 car lengths back," Edmo said.

# Utah mulls toll allowing single drivers in car pool lanes for a toll

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah commuters might soon be able to drive in car-pool lanes even if they don't have passengers if they're willing to pay a toll.

The Utah Transportation Commission on Friday voted to study changing the high-occupancy vehicle lanes on I-15 into high-occupancy toll lanes.

The study will cost \$100,000 and piggyback on a larger feasibility survey released in October. At that time, the Utah Department of Transportation concluded that toll lanes were logistically feasible, but because a solo driver traveling the 36 miles between Provo and Salt Lake City in the car-pool lane would save only five minutes on the trip, motorists wouldn't be willing to pay.

The price of the toll hasn't been set.

Since then, at the urging of elected officials - including Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. and Sen. Sheldon Killpack, R-Syracuse - UDOT has taken a longer view of how getting drivers out of general-use lanes into the so-called HOT lanes would reduce congestion system-wide. HOT is an acronym for high-occupancy toll.

Carlos Braccas, UDOT director, said the car-pool lanes are underused much of the day. A toll system allowing solo drivers into the HOT/HOT lanes would provide greater choice for travelers, he said.

UDOT is currently adding high-occupancy vehicle lanes in Utah County later this year. Utah will have a total of 36 miles of high-occupancy vehicle lanes stretching from Salt Lake City to Provo. If those lanes are also converted into toll lanes, solo motorists could pay a monthly fee to drive in high-occupancy vehicle lanes despite not having a passenger on board.

The new study will be a practical look at how to engineer such a system and figure out answers to a lot of questions, including how to collect fares and enforce the rules.

Braccas said the system likely would start out with stickers or rear-view mirror tags that motorists could purchase monthly or quarterly. Eventually the high-occupancy toll lanes would be monitored electronically through transponders in the vehicles. Tolls would fluctuate depending on traffic congestion.

Braccas said tolls would be a way to allow market forces to move people more efficiently and balance the I-15 system.

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Actor David Krumholz, left, of the television show 'Numb3rs,' pets John Pytlida's dog 'Rocky' Saturday at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

## Sundance kicks off event with screenings of 'Kinky Boots'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Stars and heads of state mingled as the Sundance Film Festival opened its Salt Lake City screenings Friday night with a gala followed by the film "Kinky Boots" in the festival's newest venue in the capital city.

The 485-seat Jeanne Wagner Theatre in the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center is also expected to serve as the western anchor of what festival officials hope will be a Salt Lake City "festival district."

Three blocks east of the Jeanne Wagner Theater is the Broadway Theater, which has served as the main downtown Salt Lake City theater for the festival for several years. Organizers hope having two theaters on the same street and just blocks away from each other in Salt Lake City will create a festival hub like Park City's Main Street for film lovers during Sundance.

Smaller restaurants that normally cater to a lunch crowd will stay open later to accommodate festival crowds. The festival has also set up a cafe in a downtown restaurant.

"We'd like to build the festival experience here in Salt Lake City," said Jill Miller, managing director of the Sundance Institute.

The 11-day festival features 120 movies and dozens of short films. It's considered the nation's top showcase for independent film and holds screenings in the resort towns of Park City and Sundance, Utah, as well as Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah.

Friday's Salt Lake City gala followed the festival's star-studded Thursday night Park City opening screening of "Friends with Money," starring Jennifer Aniston.

For many years, the festival's opening night was held in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Two years ago, Sundance moved the opening night to Park City for logistical reasons. Those attend-

ing the festival would often fly into the city, drive up the canyon to Park City to check into condominiums or hotels and then drive back down to Salt Lake for the gala.

This year, Sundance moved Salt Lake's opening night to the Jeanne Wagner Theater because the venue can be used to screen films throughout the festival, unlike Abravanel Hall, which is home to the Utah Symphony.

Miller said the theater is perfect fit for the opening night screening and an adjacent theater in the performing arts center could be added as a venue for the festival in the future.

Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, first lady Mary Kaye Huntsman and two of their daughters attended a prescreening party at the arts center.

"As much as (Sundance) highlights filmmakers from out of state, it highlights the talent in the state," Huntsman said.

Huntsman and his family stayed for the screening of director Julian Jarrold's film "Kinky Boots."

The film is a British comedy about Charlie Price (played by Joel Edgerton), the son of a shoe manufacturer trying to save the family business after his father's death. Charlie befriends Lola, (played by Chivette Ejiofor), a drag queen who convinces Charlie the shoe factory can be saved by making women's shoes for male transvestites.

"I've never been here before. It's just fantastic. I've read and followed films that have been through Sundance," Jarrold said of being selected as the Salt Lake opening night film.

Edgerton and Ejiofor also attended the screening and were introduced by Jarrold, who quipped that they would be available to answer any questions about shoemaking after the film.

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TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

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

Driving under the influence

Connie Washal, 40, Twin Falls; driving under the influence pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present.

Misdemeanors

Chester James Smith, 34, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended.

suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; concurrent with other case.



defender fee; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count restraining or obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Gregory Junius Hays, 49, Twin Falls; driving without privileges pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.

Randa Lynn Admire, 43, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; concurrent with other case.

Matthew J. Luxford, 22, Mountain Home; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 20 suspended; credit for time served; six months probation; 16 hours work detail.

Ernest J. Davis III, 36, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 20 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; eight hours work detail; shall not possess

or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present.

Rangan Mya Yi, 20, Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

Jeffrey Dean Maloney, 25, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; eight hours work detail; shall not possess

or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present.

Jeffrey Weyton Sherman, 31, Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 120 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; 60 hours work detail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Michael Lee Smith, 19, Kimberley; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; eight hours work detail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present.

a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; two months probation; 60 hours work detail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present.

Michael Lee Smith, 19, Kimberley; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; eight hours work detail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present.

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TWIN FALLS ARRANGEMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following arrangements.

Mark E. Burgess, 27, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; one count possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender denied partial hearing set for Feb. 28 \$1,500 bond.

Robert D. Heaster Sr., 50, Boise; possession of counterfeit money; forgery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 27; \$10,000 bond.

Scott A. Anderson, 44, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 27; released on own recognizance.

Ernest J. Davis III, 36, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 20 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; eight hours work detail; shall not possess

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Boise a candidate for 2009 Special Olympics

The Associated Press BOISE — A Special Olympics official will be in Boise next week to examine the city's potential for hosting the 2009 World Winter Games.

downhill and cross-country skiing events at Hamrick and Brundage resorts and Ponderosa State Park.

That would be so cool," said Ben Rigby, 23, of Pocatello. He won two silver medals and a bronze at the Special Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

directors. The games would bring an infusion of tourists, athletes and media exposure to the area. More than 2,000 athletes and an estimated 100,000 visitors from 150 countries would provide a boost for local business and attractions.

The official will meet with organizers and tour venues Monday and Tuesday, reported the Idaho Statesman newspaper. If Boise hosts the 2009 Games, the Grove area would serve as the Olympic Village and Bogus Basin would host some slugging events. Qwest Arena or the Big Blue Arena would host opening and closing ceremonies and City-owned Idaho Ice World would provide the venue for skating competitions.

If Boise is deemed worthy to host the games, it will get the go-ahead for World Games operation director Jon-Paul St. Germain on Tuesday to submit a formal bid.

The quickly organized plan comes after Boston capital Stefano canceled plans to host the games. Idaho Special Olympics supporters said they were encouraged by Maria Shriver, who has a home in Sun Valley, along with her husband, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, to bid for the 2009 games. Shriver's mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founded Special Olympics and Shriver's brother Tim is president of the games' board

of national TV coverage. This would be major network exposure. I think we could pull off a marvelous success.

Activist

Continued from B1 freedom and equality. "Don't silence the truth-tellers in America," Hunter-Gault said. "We need to defend the freedom of speech."

Witnessing the social and political unrest of the 60s, Hunter-Gault said that the anti-Communism and American Express CEO Kenneth Chenault. "Things have changed in every layer of society," Hunter-Gault said. "So we can no longer say that America hasn't progressed. That would be a pessimistic, unrealistic outlook. But there is still a lot of work to be done."

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Continued from B1 Park of north Shoshone to rezone 184 acres from A-5 to residential, according to Parker, 95 percent of the lots in the area are built and there are few available. Parker said, "I don't plan on subdividing any. I just think it would be better to sell with smaller lots."

The commission denied Parker's request, citing the proximity to the European wild boar hunting operation owned by Dick Olson, as well as the number of acres already zoned.

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# IDAHO

## Analysts say Albertson's could stay in Boise

BOISE (AP)—Despite Albertson's potential sale to Minnesota-based SuperValu, analysts say the company's main headquarters could remain in Boise.

SuperValu Inc. announced the renewed attempt to buy the Boise-based supermarket chain Friday after talks between the two companies in December had broken down. SuperValu Inc. operates most of its stores in the Midwest and

East Coast, meaning Albertson's Inc.'s corporate headquarters may be leaving Boise for good.

However, in SuperValu's other acquisitions, it has kept company headquarters intact, said Burt Flickinger III, managing director of the Strategic Research group.

SuperValu would much rather retain people from the acquired companies, Flickinger told the Idaho Statesman news-

paper. "There is no fat and no excess in SuperValu's corporate structure so they don't have extra people who are on staff to parachute into Albertson's to take the place of the platoons of people (in Boise)," he said.

Flickinger said when SuperValu took over Save-A-Lot stores in 1992, Save-A-Lot corporate offices remained in St. Louis. He said one reason for keeping

headquarters in Boise would be retaining the staff who have the expertise to run the Albertson's chain.

Keeping the Albertson's headquarters in Boise would mean local and state government could retain the \$11 million a year in taxes and community donations and 2,500 jobs at Albertson's corporate headquarters and Intermountain West division offices in Boise.

## N. Idaho sets own rain records — 34 days straight

COEUR D'ALENE (AP)—Northern Idaho is making its own rain records — 34 days straight as of Saturday.

The streak beats Seattle's 33-day record set more than 50 years ago. And it double northern Idaho's previous record of 17 straight days of rain, set in 1956 and 1972, climatologist Cliff Harris told the Coeur d'Alene Press newspaper.

"If we keep our streak going (Saturday), it will mean 34 days of measurable moisture," he said Friday. Coeur d'Alene had at least 0.06 inch of rain on Saturday.

Since the streak started on Dec. 18, Coeur d'Alene has accumulated more than 11 inches of precipitation, about three times as much rain as falls during the same period in an average year.

## Lawyers say an impartial jury for Dimcan a long shot

COEUR D'ALENE (AP)—Defense lawyers for Joseph E. Duncan III want a change of venue away from Kootenai County, but lawyers in Coeur d'Alene say it will be difficult to find an impartial jury anywhere in Idaho.

Coeur d'Alene criminal defense lawyer Suzanne Graham, who is not associated with the Duncan case, said she agreed with the motion to move the trial, but said media attention makes an impartial jury impossible to find in Idaho.

"No way. After all that press, no way," Graham told the Coeur d'Alene Press newspaper. "They'd have trouble in Montana, too."

Duncan, 42, of Fargo, N.D., has pleaded innocent to three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of first-degree kidnapping in the slayings of three people in a northern Idaho home in May 2005.

Prosecutors allege Duncan killed Brenda Kay Greene, 40; her son, Slade Vincent Greene, 13; and her boyfriend, Mark Edward McKenzie, 37, in order to abduct and sexually assault Dylan Greene, 9, and Shasta Greene, who was 8.

Duncan has not been charged with the children's abduction, or with Dylan's slaying at a remote Montana campsite. Federal authorities said they will wait until the Idaho charges are resolved before considering additional charges.

Mike Palmer, the defense lawyer in the high-profile case of Scott Yager's murder of Idaho State Trooper Linda Hull, also doubts that an impartial jury can be found in Idaho.

"The further away we can get a jury from — to show fairness — the better," he said. "There's been so much press about it, anybody that didn't have their head completely buried in the sand or hasn't been living in Antarctica has formed an unqualified opinion that's guilty of what it's charged with."

## Former policeman acquitted


POCATELLO (AP)—A former policeman was acquitted on charges of hitting a car in a Wal-Mart parking lot, leaving the scene and then lying to officers about it, but he won't be getting his job back.

Chubbuck police reports say Troy Albright, a seven-year veteran of the Pocatello Police Department, hit a parked car and fled the scene on Oct. 31. Reports say he called from his home to report his truck had been damaged while shopping. After Albright filed a report, Chubbuck police cited him a few weeks later after asking Albright if there was anything in his statement he wanted to change.

Pocatello police began their own criminal and administrative investigations into the matter and Albright resigned from the force on Dec. 9, shortly before he was scheduled for a disciplinary hearing.




Albright was acquitted on both charges Friday, but Police Chief Ed Guthrie said Albright's exoneration doesn't mean he will be allowed to return to the job.


"We are each responsible for our own actions," Guthrie told the Bonner County Bee. "The department and city stand by the action we took."



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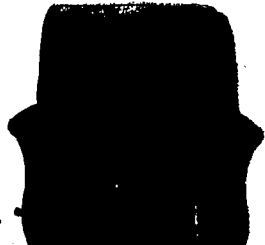
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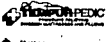
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### TRIVIA

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### IN BRIEF

#### Simplot Games scheduled

**POCATELLO** — The 28th annual Simplot Games will be held Feb. 16-18 at Idaho State University's Holt Arena. It is anticipated that there will be close to 2,000 high school athletes from across the United States and Canada competing at this year's event.

During last year's event, two national age-group records and four new records in boys' and girls' events and athletes set 11 marks that were No. 1 in the United States.

Among the athletes that will be competing includes Sarah Cardinal of Blackfoot and Team YMCA Idaho from Boise which brings a talented team led by former Games champion Arnel Bercelsson (pole vaulter) and Dana Morgan (3,200 meter). There will also be five national and sprinters returning to the games.

New to this year's event is the first All-Idaho relay finals on Saturday. The state's top boys' and girls' 4x800-meter relay teams compete for Gem State supremacy.

More information is available at [www.simplotgames.com](http://www.simplotgames.com).

#### Gooding volleyball tournament set

**GOODING** — A coed adult volleyball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Gooding High School and Gooding Middle School gymnasiums. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. in A, B and C divisions. An entry fee of \$80 per team is due by Jan. 25. For more information, call Jenny Koski at 539-0135 or Joleen Board at 539-1313.

#### Snowboard competition slated

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Mountain ski resort will hold a snowboard air contest on Saturday, Jan. 28. For more information, contact Terry Miller at (801) 372-9690.

#### Youth league needs coaches and umpires

**JEROME** — North Side Baseball is currently accepting applications for coaches and umpires for their youth Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth spring leagues. Call 420-8780 for adults. Call 733-5349 for an application or for more information.

#### NFL speaker comes to T.F. next Saturday

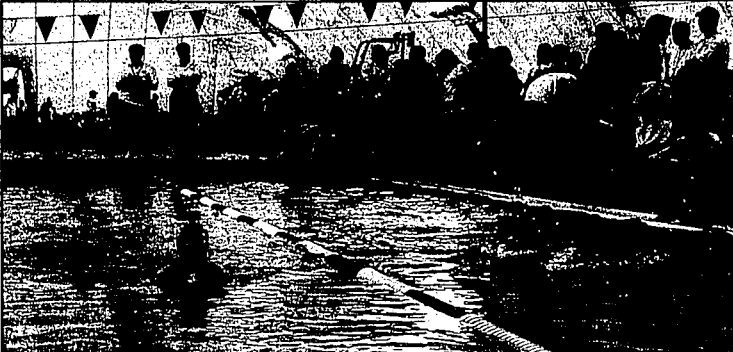
**TWIN FALLS** — Joe Jackson, a former NFL player with the New York Jets and Minnesota Vikings, will speak at the Sportsman's Breakfast at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Twin Falls High School cafeteria. Price is \$5 for students and \$20 for adults. Call 733-5349 for purchase tickets.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Houston Oilers of the then-AFC Central Division drafted Craig Torgler from Utah State University after a largely nondescript NFL career. Bradshaw, 48, later became a Christian anger financial representative, agent, and coach for many of Florida, Missouri, Texas, in 2002, according to the Dallas Morning News.

## IGLOO PENTATHLON



Makyla Greene, 20, swims the breaststroke at the Igloo Pentathlon swim meet held at the YMCA/City Pool. The Magic Valley Marlins team member took second place overall.

## Local swimmers record wins

**By Joe Pasley  
Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — Whether you're a seasoned vet at age 13 or a polite newcomer to all things swimming, the Igloo Pentathlon was a big event Saturday.

About 300 youth swimmers from Idaho, Nevada and Oregon converged on the YMCA/City Pool to compete in five events.

There were no team awards or rankings. Individuals were awarded points by the place the finished in the timed heats which counted as finals.

Not that kids were too worried about that. They were far more concerned about the immediate race.

"I usually worry about it, the day before," said Ashley Twiss, 13. "Once on the block, I think about how I need to swim."

Twiss comes from a swimming family. She started swimming on her own at age 2 and joined the Boise swim team at age 5. Now a Magic Valley Marlin, Twiss qualified for the 100 butterfly with her time Saturday and will be headed to regionals this summer.

Twiss competes in a large division with 22 girls in her age group.

"They're really fast," she said.

One boy was just getting under the water and the crush of people around the pool under the inflatable dome. First-year swimmer Mitch Schindlermann took ninth place overall out of 19 entrants. He's already qualified for the regionals in the 50 butterfly and 50 breaststroke.

"I've improved a lot this year," he said. "I love swimming in the pool. I love love swimming. In the ocean, I just love swimming!"

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under the dome Saturday. Wes Walton certainly did, winning his age 11-12 boys division with 96 points out of a possible 100. Freddydim Alwood, 7, won his age group as well.

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## CSI 113, DIXIE STATE 86

## CSI women complete season sweep of Dixie

**By Eric Larson  
Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — There have been — and will be — better weekends to be a Dixie State College Rebel.

Saturday, however, capped off a frustrating week in Twin Falls for the Rebels, as they fell to 10-10 and 4-4 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play after a 13-46 loss to the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team at the CSI gymnasium.

It was an especially frustrating two nights for Dixie as standout post Lauren Olander, which became painfully evident with 9:18 left in the game after she showed Golden Eagles sophomore guard Cheryl Blazard to the floor as Blazard brought the ball up-court, earning herself an intentional foul.

"I think what really deflated that team, was at the start of the second half, we went on an 8-0 run," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "Maria (Moore) was able to break the press and hit some shots. It just kind of got out of hand from there."

"It was smooth sailing for the Eagles in the second half, as Moore turned into the one-and-done breakear, allowing CSI to jump out to a 52-59 lead after Blazard made one-of-two foul shots after the intentional foul, and Josie Venous converted on a layup after a CSI rebound. Blazards miss.

Moore finished with a game-high 20 points and 12 assists to lead the Eagles. Freshman shooting guard Kaylan King found herself on the receiving end of a number of Rebel's assists, finishing with 19 points and hitting 5-of-8 3-point attempts. Sophomore Jelena Williams also had a nice night, finishing with 19 points, 12 rebounds, and six steals, while Ashley Thompson added a 10-point, 10-rebound double-double.

"That was incredible," King said. "Dixie's got to have to do what we've been able to do against Dixie means a lot."

The Eagles again held Olander to well below her season averages. She finished with nine points and three rebounds. The Rebels were led by 14-point nights from Lindsey Christensen, Turah Williams, and Karissa Fernandez.

"The Eagles improve to 17-3 (8-0 SWAC) on the season and complete a four-game season sweep of the Rebels."

"With them leaving the league, and I mean, I went to school at Dixie," Rogers said. "They've built a real great program, and for us to do what we've been able to do against Dixie means a lot."

The Eagles took a 53-48 lead into the half after leading by as much as 17, jumping out



Golden Eagles post Jelena Williams gets position during their Scenic West Athletic Conference game on Saturday at the CSI gymnasium.

to a 21-4 lead with 15 minutes left in the half. King provided an early spark for the Eagles, finishing with 16 points in the half, while Williams finished with 12. Maria Moore kept the Eagles running early, dishing out eight first-half assists and scoring four points.

"Maria is a great player and to have her break the press is great," King said. "She hits the wings and knowing I can shoot, it gives me even more confidence knowing she'll find me."

The Eagles are back in action next Thursday and Friday, hosting the College of Eastern Utah.

## CSI 74, DIXIE STATE 63

## Eagles win chippy battle

**By Eric Larson  
Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team spent a lot of time this week talking about holding home court. Saturday night, they stepped talking and did it.

The Golden Eagles improved to 16-4 and 7-1 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play with a 74-63 victory over the visiting Dixie State College Rebels at the CSI gymnasium. Though they trailed most of the first half, the Eagles engineered a 21-6 run between the 13-minute and six-minute marks of the second half to pull ahead to a 66-49 lead over the 12-3 (3-5 SWAC) Rebels.

"We just kept attacking," CSI sophomore point guard Jermaine Calvin said. "They started to fall behind and they tried to put more pressure on us, but they're not near as athletic as we are, so we were able to break them."

Calvin played a major role in the Eagles' second-half run, finishing with 10 points, eight assists, and six steals. With Dixie State point guard Ben Murdoch slowed with a hurting right ankle, Calvin was able to continually break past the Rebel's full-court press and get the Eagles easy baskets.

"I was just looking to fake them out," Calvin said. "I know that they like to take charges and they're real good and disciplined about that, so I just kind of read them."

Sophomore guard Zarygon Ferrel continued his hot shooting against the Rebels, connecting on a full-court field-goal attempt for a game-high 25 points. Fellow sophomore Travis Gabbidon added 14, while Steve Neal finished with seven.

Melvin Inukukava led Dixie State with 12 points and nine rebounds, but massive sophomore post Rawley Louenscoso finished with 10 points and six boards.

The accumulation of a weekend of physical play finally boiled over with 8:45 left in the game, after a Black Shift ignited a bench-clearing shoving match between the two teams.

Both Shoff and CSI's Darrell Jenkins picked up technical fouls during the melee, while CSI's Micah Rollin picked up a flagrant technical foul and was ejected from the game.

SWAC officials will review the game tape and determine what type of disciplinary action will be taken, though it's sure Rollin will have to sit out Game 1 on next week's series.

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## AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

### Steelers at Broncos TV: CBS, 1 p.m.

## Home not so sweet in AFC games

The Associated Press

DENVER — Home-field advantage. From the time training camp begins, the steelers talk about it, play for it, stress over it. They say they'll do anything to have it when this week — the week when trips to the Super Bowl are won and lost — finally comes around.

Funny thing is, home-field advantage in the AFC doesn't give a team anything better than a coin flip's chance of winning the conference championship game. In fact, worse than a coin flip.

Six of the last eight AFC title games, the road team has won. Nobody has played a more important role in that surprising trend than the Pittsburgh Steelers. With a 14-record home in the AFC title game since 1995, the Steelers have a legitimate reason to say they're happy to be on the road this day. Sunday's game will be under the Super Bowl at stake.

"We've been underdog pretty much every week since we got into this thing," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said. "We don't take ourselves too seriously."

Don't believe it. In the playoffs, they are 15-3 on the road the last two years. No team in the NFL has a better record than that. They are trying to become the first team to make the Super Bowl and the first team since the 1985 Patriots to win three

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## NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

### Panthers at Seahawks TV: Fox, 4:30 p.m.

## Carolina road warriors face unbeaten hosts

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The road to the Super Bowl never leads through Carolina. Instead, it leads the Panthers all over the map.

Two years ago, they went to St. Louis and played in the playoffs, won both times and made their first NFL championship game appearance.

This winter, the stops have been in the Northeast (3-0 over the Giants), the Midwest (29-21 over the Bears) and, now, the Pacific Northwest, where the Seahawks await Sunday.

Don't expect the Panthers to be intimidated. They've already shut out one of the league's most prolific offenses and manhandled the Chicago defense.

Carolina is trying to become the first team to win five straight road playoff games.

"I think when we go on the road, it's just us against the whole city," Panthers DE Julius Peppers said. "You go to a city like New York and Chicago, and you're just us against the whole city."

The Panthers were seeded fifth after going 11-5 during the season, finishing second to Tampa Bay in the NFC South. The Panthers are looking very much like the team that barely lost to New England, 32-29, in the 2004 Super Bowl.

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Women, Kansas St. at Texas, FSX, noon
Women, Rice at SMU, ESPN2, 2 p.m.
Women, Arizona at California, FSX, 2 p.m.
North Carolina at Florida St., FSX, 4:30 p.m.
BOWLING
PBA, Phoenix Classic, ESPN, 8 p.m.

FOOTBALL

- APC Championship, Steelers at Broncos, CBS, 4 p.m.
NFC Championship, Panthers at Seahawks, FOX, 4:30 p.m.
GOLF
Abu Dhabi Championship, final round, TGC, 7 a.m.
PGA Tour, Bob Hope Classic, final round, ABC, 5:30 p.m.
Champions Tour, MasterCard Championship, final round, TGC, 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

- Australian Open, early round, TBS, ESPN2, 9 a.m.
Australian Open, round of 16, live, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

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Article about a downhill skier's performance and lead in standings.

Stenson shoots 62, leads in Abu Dhabi

Article about golfer Stenson's performance in the Abu Dhabi tournament.

Star's mother charged with DWI, other offenses

Article about a star's mother being charged with DWI and other offenses.

Rahives, Miller give U.S. a lift as Turin races

Article about biathletes Rahives and Miller competing in the Turin Winter Olympics.

East wins Hula Bowl

Article about the Hula Bowl football game between East and West teams.

Pushenko wins fifth title at Europeans

Article about figure skater Pushenko winning a fifth European title.

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## AFC championship game matchups

NEW YORK (AP) — Matchups for the AFC championship game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Denver Broncos:

### When the Steelers have the ball

As it was back when Chuck Noll's team won four Super Bowls in the 1970s, Pittsburgh's offense starts with the run. Willie Parker (39) does that with speed and Jerome Bettis (36), in his 13th and probably his last season, does it with power. Bettis, the NFL's fifth-leading career rusher, is one of the best short-yardage backs ever. Vernon Haynes (4) is the tight end back and combines a little of the skills of the others. But it's also hard to overlook QB Ben Roethlisberger (7), who was third in the NFL regular-season passer rating behind Peyton Manning and Carson Palmer. The Steelers are 25-4 in games he's started in his two-year career, but he's often not given credit because the team runs so much. He has dangerous WRs in Hines Ward (86) and Antwan Randle El (82) and rookie TE Heath Miller (83) gives him the target at that position that he didn't have last year. Ward is probably the best blocking WR in the NFL, and Roethlisberger was able to make a game-saving tackle in Indianapolis on a return of a rare Bettis fumble.



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis takes a break during a game Friday in Pittsburgh. The Steelers face the Denver Broncos in the AFC Championship game in Denver Sunday.

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All that works because of one of the best offensive lines in football, led by LT Marvel Smith (77), LG Alan Faneca (66) and C Jeff Hartings (64). They will be working against a Denver defense that features perhaps the league's fastest LB corps with Al Wilson (56) in the middle, flanked by Ian Gold (56) and D.J. Williams (55). Trent Pryce (93), a nine-year veteran, anchors a DL that includes a group of ex-Cleveland Browns, including Courtney Brown (90) and Gerard Warren (61). No. 1 picks who have revived their careers this season. One key for Denver: a six- or seven-man rotation that keeps players fresh in the mile-high altitude.

Still, the most important defender is CB Champ Bailey (24), obtained in the deal with Washington in 2004 for Clinton Portis. Bailey is probably the best pure cover corner in the league and turned around the win over New England with a 100-yard interception return. He can control one side of the field, much like Delon Sanders did in his days with San Francisco and Dallas. Veteran S John Mack (47) has played this season the way he did in Tampa. He and Bailey have allowed the Broncos to break in youngsters around them, notably rookie CBs Dominique Foxworth (22) and Darnell Williams (22).

### When the Broncos have the ball

Denver was second in the NFL in rushing this season and nearly became the first team since 1965 to have two yards each run for more than 1,000 yards. Mike Anderson (38) got 1,014 and Tatum Bell (26) got 79 yards short. The No. 3 back, Ron Johnson (33) averaged 5.1 yards a carry. But QB Jake Plummer (16) gets credit, too, for the discipline line often lacked in his previous eight NFL seasons — his seven interceptions and his 2003 career low and he only played in 11 games that season, compared to 16 this year.

The success at running the ball has always been tied to the lightest and quickest OL in the league and its zone-blocking schemes — any running back who shows up in Denver seems to be able to run for 1,000 yards if given the chance. C Tom Nalen (66) and LT Matt Leips (78) are the veteran leaders, but it's basically a team dynamic that goes back more than a decade.

The top receiver is another veteran who goes back to the John Elway years and Smith (80). At 35, he led the Broncos in receiving with 85 catches for 1,105 yards and six TDs, more than twice as many receptions as the talented but inconsistent Ashley Lelie (85). Plummer's favorite third-down target is TE Job Pultzner (88).

Pittsburgh features perhaps the top front three of any 3-4 defense in the league — except, perhaps, for New England. DEs Aaron Smith (91) and Kimo von Oelhoffen (67) and NT Casey Hampton (98) have played to-

# Pair of 'dirtbags' try to manage their teams to the Super Bowl

DENVER (AP) — Peyton Manning and Tom Brady, they most certainly are not. Just a couple of "dirtbags" is how Jake Plummer described himself and Ben Roethlisberger, the pair of quarterbacks in charge of guiding their offenses through Sunday's AFC title game.

Instead of glitz and glamour, football fans get facial hair and efficiency — Plummer versus Roethlisberger — when the Broncos and Steelers meet with a trip to the Super Bowl on the line.

Last weekend, Plummer took care of Brady while Roethlisberger knocked Manning out of the playoffs.

"They got a chance to see that one earlier in the season, and maybe they'll get to see it next year," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said, referring to the marquee matchup that didn't pan out for this week.

Instead, it's a pair of quarterbacks who failed in the playoffs last season, but came back this year and embraced the notion — some say the somewhat unrealistic notion — that they are mere cogs in their respective offenses, not the players who must make them tick.

"That's the big question that people are trying to figure out. I am, too," Plummer said Friday when asked what's so different about this year's contest. "I'm care about this year's game. Five years ago, I prepared the same way."

The results, however, have been different. Smith is his because, as coach Mike Shanahan says, it takes three years in a system for a quarterback to acclimate.

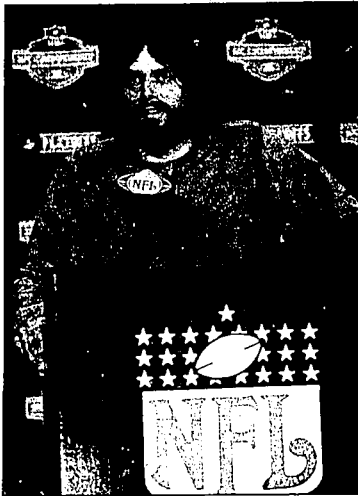
Or maybe, as Plummer suggests, it's because he got a new sense of security when Shanahan and owner Pat Bowlen showed their support by electing to pay the \$6 million roster bonus Plummer was owed last offseason.

Off the field, Plummer refused to change his public persona. His scruffy, Grizzly Adams-like is something of an obsession in Denver, where John Elway set the standard for how quarterbacks should act, play, be.

Plummer doesn't play that game. What he wants to look at and talk about is the strategy and honesty that the next game tasked Plummer threw only seven interceptions this season — compared to 20 last season — and the number dwindles to five if you throw out opening day, a 34-10 loss to Miami that has since been proven a major aberration.

"Everything he's done over the season, I don't honestly know what he's done, but whatever it is, I like it," Broncos receiver Rod Smith said.

While many might not have wanted a mercenary turnaround for Plummer, now in his ninth year, improvement for Roethlisberger in Year 2 could have been expected.



Jake Plummer



Ben Roethlisberger

His troubles last season came mainly in the playoffs, when the speed of the game picked up and the long grind of the season really started wearing him down.

"It was a robotic quarterback a year ago," Cowher said. "He's been able to pace himself over the course of the year by understanding the length of the season. All these things are why

you're seeing the difference this year, even though the Steelers went 15-1, Roethlisberger lightened up under the pressure of trying to make the Super Bowl as a rookie. He had five interceptions in two playoff games. He never looked comfortable under center, never looked like a favorite or a guy who had been there before — precisely because he hadn't.

Turns out, living up to Terry Bradshaw's standard in Pittsburgh can be as simple as living up to Elway in Denver. So, Roethlisberger changed. One minor point: He grew a beard, although he insists it was only to stay warm during the Pennsylvania winters. His Abe Lincoln-esque look didn't create as much of a stir in Pittsburgh as Plummer's did in Denver.

The quarterback's improved play certainly did, though. "I'm just trying to take it one step at a time and be better prepared for everything that is thrown my way and just making sure mentally that I'm sharp," Roethlisberger said.

This season, with the help of an offensive plan that has the Steelers running the ball 57 percent of the time, the Pittsburgh quarterback is quite simply better. The genius of having such a run-heavy offense paid off last week against Indy when, in a move the Colts certainly didn't expect, Roethlisberger threw on 12 of the 19 plays.

By the time the Colts knew what hit them, they were trailing 14-0.

Though he threw it fewer times than almost anyone else, Roethlisberger averaged 8.9 yards per pass attempt, best in the NFL.

"I think that goes unnoticed quite a bit," Shanahan said. So, which of these quarterbacks will win it Sunday?

Maybe a more appropriate question is, which one won't lose it?

Thus far this season, neither has shown a penchant for mistakes that plagued them last year or, in Plummer's case, over a long career.

Of course, "not losing" a game is much more difficult for a quarterback than it might appear.

"Regardless of what I've done so far, this is a big game and there will be pressure," Plummer said. "I just look at what's in front of me. It's a great opportunity. At this point, I'm not looking back at the past too much."

### Special Teams

The altitude at Invesco Field helps, but it's only one reason why the Broncos' Jason Elam (11) has been one of the league's top kickers for most of his 13 seasons in the NFL. Punter Todd Sauerbrun (10) is his first and only year with Broncos, but has a history of long punts. He also forced a fumble with a tackle against New England last week.

Pittsburgh's Jeff Reed (3) was 24-of-29 on field goals this season playing at Heinz Field, a difficult venue for kickers, but 0-for-2 outside 50 yards. That could change in altitude. P Chris Gardocki (17), in his 15th year, got 22 of his 65 punts inside the 20.

Unlike most players who don't like to use regulars on special teams, the Steelers use Randle El for punt returns and he had two for touchdowns this season. They are the only two receivers, Quincy Morgan (11) and Ricardo Colquhoun (22) handle kickoff returns.

Denver's return men are less consistent. Wide receiver Charlie Adams (81) handles both kickoffs and punts.

### Coaching and intangibles

Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher (14 seasons) and Denver's Mike Shanahan (11) are first and third in the NFL in tenure with the same team — Tennessee's Jeff Fisher is second. Shanahan coached the Broncos to Super Bowl victories after the 1997 and 1998 seasons, but until last week's win over New England without John Elway at quarterback.

Cowher's postseason record is spottier — he is 1-4 in AFC title games, all of them at home, and 10-9 overall counting this season's two early victories.

Cowher's possession record to date this season compared to 5-3 at home, and they seem to play more relaxed as underdogs. They also may have the most fans on the road of any team in the league.

Invesco Field is loud and Denver is 9-0 at home this season. The Broncos' biggest weakness early was sitting on leads — they let Washington and Philadelphia cut into big margins and lost on the road to the Colts after leading by 13 points in the fourth quarter.

## AFC

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road playoff games en route to the Super Bowl (Carolina also has that chance in the NFC).

The Steelers are built for the road, with a pounding running game they use 57 percent of the time, which figures to cut down on the number of plays that need to be changed at the line and the number of overall mistakes.

They are also a team that, for many reasons, has had trouble getting it done in the biggest games at home, with the "Terrible Towels" flying and the expectations soaring.

By the end of more of a distraction than anything more ticket requests, a lot of people want to watch and watch, receiver Hines Ward said. "With us going into the road, we really don't have to worry about that too much. We just go out there and just concentrate on football."

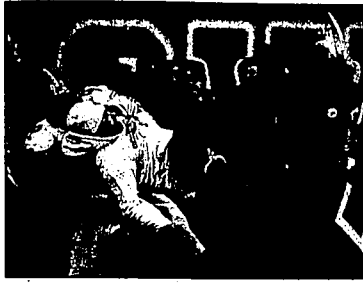
Last week, the Broncos talked about what a big big home-field advantage would be. It was, after all, their first home playoff game since their last Super Bowl year in 1998. They were in the field to beat the Patriots and were stunned when Pittsburgh won in Indianapolis, ensuring their another game at Invesco Field.

## Final Regular Season Statistics

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| Roethlisberger | 27      | 27                 | 27                | 27               | 27              | 27                  | 27                 | 27                | 27                  | 27                  | 27               | 27             | 27                 | 27                | 27               | 27              | 27                  | 27                 | 27                | 27                  | 27                  | 27               |

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**Pittsburgh Steelers** linebacker James Harrison slams Browns fan Nathan Mallett to the turf after he ran onto the field during the fourth quarter of the Steelers' 41-0 NFL win over the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 24, 2005, in Cleveland.

## Here's some punishments that should fit the crime

Sometimes, the punishment really does fit the crime. Just look at the price Nathan Mallett is paying for an ill-advised romp at Cleveland Stadium.



**TIM DAHLBERG**

Mallett, by way of introduction, is the drunken idiot who was so upset at the way his Cleveland Browns were getting beaten by the Pittsburgh Steelers last month that he ran across the field in protest.

Thanks to a municipal judge and her Solomon-like wisdom, he's also living proof the American justice system really does work.

Justice Joan Synenberg didn't just give Mallett a few days in jail for the jaunt that ended badly enough for the 24-year-old when Steelers linebacker James Harrison body-slammed him onto the ground and held him until the cops arrived.

She made him serve his sentence over Super Bowl weekend, and ordered him not to watch the game on television or listen to it on radio while in jail.

If that wasn't bad enough for a die-hard football fan, Synenberg banned Mallett from attending Browns games in Cleveland or any other city for the next five years.

Think of what might happen if Synenberg had junkies ordered over other things in jail.

Imagine the punishments she could hand out to:

- **Booie Miller**, for admitting that he sometimes drinks and skis. Make Miller spend a Saturday night in the bar of any ski lodge in northern America and listening to drunks brag about the spectacular run they made through powder that day. After one throws up on his new Nikes, he'll never want to drink again.

- **Peyton Manning**, for trashing his offensive line after losing to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Make Manning appear with his teammates in a commercial as exasperatingly painful to watch as the Visa spot Tom Brady made with his protectors. Or have Manning spend an off-season actually working in a grocery store or at a salad bar. Then maybe he'll stop making ads that mock everyday workers who don't have \$9 million contracts.

- **Todd Bertuzzi**, for the cheap shot that likely ended Steve Moore's career and could have ended his life. While Bertuzzi will be skating next month on Canada's Olympic hockey team, Moore will be trying to figure out ways to pay \$160,000 in legal bills he apparently owes Bertuzzi because his civil suit against him was dismissed before trial. Bertuzzi should give Moore the gold medal the Canadian team is likely to win there, and maybe some of that sweet Turin chocolate, too.

- **Ron Artest**, for not playing well with others. Artest may feel he's already been punished enough by the Indianapolis Pacers' fan after (ostensibly) demanding a trade. But how about really

rubbing it in and trading him to the Utah Jazz? His hip-hop CD may not do as well in Salt Lake City, but he could always make some more music with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

• **Maurice Clarett** and **Marcus Vick**, for playing badly with guns. Let them both go into a dark alley and scare each other, instead of innocent bystanders. Even better, put them in a cell-block of real tough guys and let them figure out how to run out of danger.

- **Singer R. Kelly**, for making a mockery out of the national anthem. Kelly turned it into an R&B song, complete with dancers before the Bernard Hopkins-Jermain Taylor middleweight title fight in Las Vegas last month. At one point, Kelly stopped singing and urged the crowd to "Clap your hands, y'all." Instead, the crowd booed Kelly out of the ring. Sentence Kelly to 24 hours of watching continuous video loops of Roseanne Barr's own scenes, Bryant McKinnie and Fred Smoot like the water so much let them spend the winter doing what most Minnesotans do — stand around shivering over a hole in a frozen lake while trying to get equally frozen fish to bite.

- **Major League Baseball**, for starting the winter with battery-fueled bodybuilders made a mockery of the game. You conned a generation, so why not try and make up with it by making up with the next generation? Give kids a reason to like baseball again and let everyone 12 and under into games for free for a season.

- **And, finally, Alex Rodriguez** and the Treasury Department for taking way too long to make decisions that shouldn't be that hard. Rodriguez may have Dominican parents but he was born and raised in the United States. He also plays for a team called the Yankees. If a Red had such conflicting emotions, maybe he should sentence himself to foregoing the smoky Manhattan poker rooms and gambling away some of that \$250 million he's making in the Dominican to make himself feel better.

- **The dunces** at the Treasury Department, meanwhile, seemed to think it's 1962 all over again. Countries aren't kept out of the Olympics for political reasons, and there's no legitimate reason to keep Cuba from coming to the United States to play in the World Baseball Classic.

Don't sentence them to anything, just be glad they finally came to their senses.

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Carolina Panthers' Al Wallace (58) runs down Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick (7) during second-half NFL action in Atlanta, on Jan. 1. Carolina won, 44-11.

## NFC championship game matchups

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Matchups for the NFC championship game between the Carolina Panthers and the Seattle Seahawks:

### When the Panthers have the ball

The No. 1 priority for Carolina is to get the ball to WR Steve Smith (89), who led the NFL with 103 receptions for 1,553 yards. During the regular season, Smith had more than four times as many receptions for the Panthers as the next leading WRs, Kerry Cobbett (83) and Ricky Proehl (61), who had 25 each. Because of injuries, the Panthers are down to their third running back, Nick Goolsby (37), who has averaged 15 yards a carry in the playoffs but is not a breakaway threat. Still, no one seems to be able to stop Smith who has 12 career touchdowns and two TDs against Seattle, the NFL's leading defense.

QB Jake Delhomme (17) is 5-1 in playoff games that he's started. He often begins with wide-receiver screens to Smith, then comes back to deep routes when the defense edges up. Goings is a key offensive inside runner to keep defenses honest and the OL, anchored by RT Kevin Green (69), C Jeff Mitchell (60) and LG Mike Waite (85) usually gives him enough time. Delhomme's outlet receivers are Goings, TE Kris Mangum (86) and Colbert and Proehl, who is 37 and in his 16th season but still averaged 17.1 yards a catch. Second-year man Drew Carter (18) has come on late to provide a speed option to complement Smith.

The Seahawks have revamped last year's defense with seven new starters, including two important rookies: LBS Lofa Tuohy (51) and LCB Earl Wolff (52). CB Marcus Trufant (23) is likely to draw the primary assignment on Smith, but he will have plenty of help, perhaps even up front — DE Grant Wistrom (98), who played with the Rams in two Super Bowls, is quick enough to float outside on screens and blitz. DLHomeru can pressure Delhomme from the inside, although he's not a starter. SS Michael Boulware (28) is a better pass defender than many players at his position and could be freed from some of his run-support duties with Carolina RBs DeShaun Foster and Stephen Davis out.



Carolina Panthers receiver Steve Smith reacts after catching a pass during practice in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday. The Panthers face the Seattle Seahawks in the NFC championship game on Sunday in Seattle.

## Who might come out of the shadows?

SEATTLE (AP) — Is Jeremy Stevens or ... or Rocky Bernard?

Maybe Al Wallace or Marlon McCree. OK, pick up your lineups and check them out. Their names don't turn up the page — or onto the front pages — very often.

But they often are the key contributors. "We have a number of guys who have been cut by other teams we signed off the street," Seahawks defensive end Grant Wistrom said. "Guys who were not given a chance in other organizations to play. These guys come in and have been stars for us."

Conference title games don't always come down to the stars. The New England Patriots certainly proved that in recent years when a Tom Brady was complemented by a Kevin Faulk or a Patrick Pass. Dexter Jackson wins the Super Bowl MVP award for Tampa Bay, even though the Tampa Bay's Dwight Smith probably deserved it.

And neither of them were close to household names. So why not Wallace, the versatile defensive end who sells Julius Peppers and Mike Rucker and could be an important player if Peppers' sore shoulder slows or sidelines him for Sunday's NFC title game? "If I play 15 or 20 snaps a game," Wallace said, "I want to make a game-changing play, whether it's getting my hands on a fumble, making a sack or an interception — something to make a difference."

The Panthers (13-5) have gotten better performances from their D-line in two road victories, particularly their 23-0 rout of the Giants. They've also received strong play from the rest of the defense, including strong safety Marlon McCree.

McCree, signed as a free

agent and expected to be a backup, moved into the starting lineup when first-round draft pick Thomas Davis struggled in the season opener. Playing next to one of Carolina's more recognizable defenders, free safety Mike Minter, McCree has been just as effective.

Put him down as another possible surprise star, especially after his two interceptions off Eli Manning in the Meadowlands.

"I have to pinch myself sometimes," McCree said. "Now that I have had chances, I don't want to take anything for granted. You have to remember, I was fifth on the depth chart and I wasn't even supposed to make this team."

"To be in this position, to be starting and to be (one) game away from the Super Bowl, you can't write a better story than this."

Not? How about Bernard's? Well, if his sore foot is healed. The defensive tackle, something of a journeyman who needed motivation before the season, ranked second on the team in sacks with 6.5. He was second to Rod Coleman of Atlanta in the league among all interior linemen. Seattle led the NFL with 50 sacks.

Bernard also had 52 tackles, making his fourth year his best in the NFL. He's part of a four-man rotation featuring Chuck Darby, Marcus Tubbs and Craig Terrill that has far exceeded expectations.

"Our inside game, all four of them, you kind of can't separate any of them out of there because they all get about 25 snaps a game," coach Mike Holmgren said. "They've been doing a nice job. They're steady and, for big guys inside, I think it's a good way to do it, as long as the talent level there is close."

"He has probably been our

most consistently good player inside. I tease Rod about it. When he is going, concentrating and pushing himself really hard, he is a very, very good player. He hasn't always been that disciplined. I don't think he is a fun-loving, good-nature guy. When he gets serious about playing the position, he is pretty good."

Stevens, like Tubbs a one-time first-round draft choice, broke out after a loss at Washington — the last regular-season defeat that meant anything for Seattle (14-3). He had a career-best 45 catches for 554 yards and five touchdowns. The yards and TDs set team records for the position.

"It is definitely a threat that makes me aware of at all times," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said.

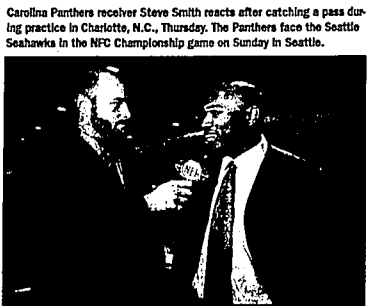
At 6-foot-7, 260 pounds, Stevens has the size to be a weapon. He also moves well. But he was plagued by off-season problems for much of his career, including pleading guilty to reckless driving in 2003. He also had some issues at the University of Washington.

Stevens claims he's matured this year. His play indicates that. Holmgren said.

"I told him after the Cowboys game (on Oct. 23), the one player I went into the locker room to purposely talk to ... was Jeremy," Holmgren said. "I told him I was very proud of him and how he's doing and how he's grabbed a hold of his life on and off the field. He's a big part of what we're doing right now. He's blocking, he's having fun at practice."

"That was kind of a bumpy road for us as we walked down that thing, but I'm happy for him. His list is better, his sound."

Sounds like a potential headliner.



Seattle Seahawks Shaun Alexander, right, is interviewed by Cleveland Browns quarterback Trent Dilfer who is working for NFL Network during the playoffs after a news conference as the Seahawks prepare to face the Carolina Panthers in Sunday's NFC Championship football game. Dilfer also played for the Seahawks.



### When the Seahawks have the ball

QB Shaun Alexander, the NFL MVP, led last week's win over Washington in the first quarter with a concussion. Alexander (37) led the league with 680 yards rushing and a record with 28 touchdowns. He will play, but backup Maurice Morris (20), more a straight-ahead runner, may get most of the carries. RB Matt Forte (38), who made the Pro Bowl for the first time in a 13-year career and broke a 32-year run to help beat the Redskins.

QB Matt Hasselbeck (8) carried the load nicely last week, passing for a touchdown and running for another. His mobility will help against a quick Carolina defense. So will WR Darrell Jackson (82), out for much of the year with injuries, but back in the game to catch nine passes for 143 yards and a TD. Bobby Engram (84) and Joe Jurevicius (87) are two other primary targets — Jurevicius has been to the Super Bowl twice, losing with the Giants after the 2000 season and winning with the Buccaneers two years later. TE Jeremy Stevens (86) will help against a quick Carolina defense. So will WR Darrell Jackson (82), out for much of the year with injuries, but back in the game to catch nine passes for 143 yards and a TD. Bobby Engram (84) and Joe Jurevicius (87) are two other primary targets — Jurevicius has been to the Super Bowl twice, losing with the Giants after the 2000 season and winning with the Buccaneers two years later. TE Jeremy Stevens (86) will help against a quick Carolina defense.

The left side of the Seattle OL has two All-Pro: T Walter Jones (71) and G Steve Hutchinson (76). But the key matchup may be on the other side: RB Sean Lockler (73) will line up opposite Julius Peppers (90), probably Carolina's best defensive player. Lockler spent a night in jail last week following a domestic dispute; Peppers injured a shoulder in Chicago last week. He will play but probably not in his starting role.

Peppers combines with Mike Rucker (93) to form one of the better DE pass-rushing combinations in the league. RT Brenton Baker (98) is a run stopper and the Panthers have gotten excellent work from DT Jordan Carstens (67), a second-year player who has allowed for the injured Kris Jenkins. Al Wal-

lace (99) is a versatile backup who's Super Bowl experience. DeMorgan (55) is an excellent MLB who's been hurt a lot during his five-year career — he's had shoulder problems this year. The other starting LBs are the quick Will Witherspoon (54) and the run-stopping Brandon Short (53) on the strong side.

The secondary is led by CB Ken Lucas (23), who signed with Carolina last spring after four seasons with the Seahawks, and veteran safety Mike Minter (50). Chris Gamble (20) is the other CB and SS Marlon McCree (27) has stood up well after starting the season as a backup to the injured Colin Branch and rookie TE Thomas Davis (47). CB Ricky Manning Jr (23) is an experienced backup who plays a lot.

### Special Teams

Seattle kicker Josh Brown (3) has excellent range — he is 5-of-8 on field goals of more than 50 yards, better than his 4-of-7 accuracy between 40 and 49 yards. Journeyman punter Tom Rouen (16) was picked up during the season and is adequate but not much more.

The Seahawks did not have a return for a touchdown this season. Josh Schoey (39) returns kickoff and Jimmy Williams (22) returned punts during the season, but Williams fumbled two last week, losing one, and we on the other by Peter Warlick (81), a former high first-round pick by Cincinnati who was waived by the Bengals last summer and picked up by the Seahawks but has played sparingly.

John Kasay (4) is the only kicker in history to miss an extra point when he slipped in Chicago, but is normally one of the NFL's most reliable — 17-of-17 from inside 40 yards this season and 26-of-34 overall. P Jason Baker (7) had a net yardage average of 38.9, second best in the NFL. Smith is one of the few regulars in the league who handles

punt returns. He didn't score this season, but he was dangerous. Jamal Robertson (22) took over kickoff return duties from the injured Rod Smart and will also back up Goings at RB.

### Coaching and Intangibles

Both coaches have Super Bowl experience.

John Fox got the Panthers three two seasons ago, when they lost 32-29 to New England, and was the defensive coordinator on the Giants in 2001. So far, he has had a brilliant post-season, masteringmindfully a defensive effort that shut out New York, third in the NFL in scoring during the regular season. Offensive coordinator Dan Henning, a former head coach at Atlanta and San Diego, put together a plan that got 29 points and 434 net yards in Chicago against a team that had led the league in defense and was extremely tough at home.

Seattle's Mike Holmgren won a Super Bowl in Green Bay in 1997 and got the Packers to the game again the next year, when they lost to Denver. He also was quarterbacks coach and then offensive coordinator on the Joe Montana-Stevie Young San Francisco teams during the 1980s and early 1990s. He has had more trouble in Seattle — the Seahawks' victory over Washington last week was his first in the post-season in seven years with the Seahawks after three losses.

Carolina will be trying to do what only the 1985 Patriots did — get to the Super Bowl with three road wins. But they love the road, where they are 8-2 this season compared to 5-3 at home. They also won the NFC title game two years ago in Philadelphia.

Seattle is 9-0 at home and believes the crowd at Qwest field, an outdoor venue, helps it as much as any site in the league — the Giants had 11 false-start penalties when they played there.

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29, in the 2004 Super Bowl. Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, whose teams won 5-2 away from home, is impressed by how well the Panthers travel. "I'm envious," he said, "I heard something this morning about Pittsburgh's road record (also 8-2). I admire that. It's very difficult to win on the road, and teams that have figured out how to do that on a consistent basis usually will be very good and be in the playoffs."

"It's tough, I've always started from the other way, knowing that you're not good at home, you have no chance at being good at anything. I also know that you have to be a capable road team, you have to be able to win on the road. At some point you're going to play big games on the road. But I've always approached it, let's learn to be dominant at home and then we'll go to Plan B."

Seattle hasn't needed a Plan B this year. The Seahawks went 13-3 during the regular season, 9-0 at home, giving them home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. They beat the Redskins last week even though league MVP Shaun Alexander had just six carries for 9 yards before leaving with a concussion.

He's recovered and will be ready for the conference championship in a place the Seahawks haven't been in 22 years — when they played in the AFC. "At Seattle's home-field dominance is an edge. It isn't a dominant advantage as a road-tested squad as Carolina. Where the Panthers could have an advan-

| Carolina Panthers |     |      |       |    | Seattle Seahawks |      |       |    |     |
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## Mother to open Hobo's in Jerome

I met Regina L. Mal last week. She's the mother of two daughters. One is in high school, and the other attends the College of Southern Idaho. She's raised them on her own.

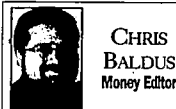
They, in turn, inspire their mother.

Those girls are the reason Regina is transforming the former Durango Club bar in Jerome into a store called Hobo's Warehouse.

"It wasn't for them I probably wouldn't have accomplished anything," she said.

This is Regina's second business. The Twin Falls native was a cocktail waitress and bartender in Jackpot, Nev., when in 1995 she started her janitorial business, Country Cleaners.

Hobo's Warehouse will sell factory-second merchandise. It has furniture, electronics, appliances, kitchen items and clothes that were slightly damaged or imperfect enough that they won't be sold new by major retailers.



CHRIS BALDUS  
Money Editor

People who otherwise could never afford these purchases will be able to at her store, she said.

"To prepare to open the store, she attended CSI herself.

"This has been my dream," she said.

She expects to be open this week.

The new D.L. Evans branch under construction on Blue Lakes Boulevard is expected to open for business the week of Feb. 13, said Valerie Kelsey, assistant vice president and marketing director for the bank. It's the bank's 16th branch, the third in Twin Falls, but the first of any to have such a clock on top, she said.

The bank's future plans include expanding into eastern Idaho and constructing buildings to replace the leased locations in Nampa and Halley, she said.

Jerome growth: Twin Falls is not the only community setting growth records. OK, I know that's not a surprise, but the record number from the city of Jerome: 180. That's the number of permits issued by Jerome's building official, Dave Richey, in 2005. That includes building permits for homes and businesses, permits to put up signs and more. In 2004, he issued 160.

Sta Well Health Foods, 1563 Fillmore St., Twin Falls, got new owners on Dec. 12. Wes and Elaine Bowman of Twin Falls.

The business sells vitamin and mineral supplements, herbs, natural foods and other health products.

The Bowsmans have lived in Kimberly and Twin Falls for 35 years. They started The Health Food Place in 1991. Wes Bowman delivered milk house-to-house for Triangle Young's Dairy for 20 years. Elaine Bowman has worked for the Twin Falls School District and is now employed at First Federal Bank.

They plan a grand re-opening at Sta Well on Feb. 20.

Exterior renovation of the Magic Valley Mall should be done by June, but the changes won't stop there. Construction of a new building on mall land at the corner of Bridgeview and Pole Line Road for Magic Valley Bank is expected to begin this year, as well, said mall general manager Brent White. Two other free-standing buildings expected to go up later, maybe in 2007, are for a restaurant and for more storefronts, he said.

The mall itself might also be added onto, but the addition wouldn't be huge, he said.

"Your Business," a longtime feature in Sunday's Money section, has a new deadline. To submit your news please have it to us a.m. Monday for publication the upcoming Sunday. Thanks.

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## MOTHER'S COOKING



Ruben Briseno, left, with his mother, Gerania, and his business partner Jose Guzman with his wife, Gloria, sit in their new Mexican restaurant, Toro Viejo, in downtown Twin Falls.

## Twin Falls' Toro Viejo is Briseno family's seventh restaurant

By Chris Baldus  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gerania Briseno is where the story of Toro Viejo begins.

She's a mother and a cook who worked at least 12 hours a day, six days a week in a restaurant in Corona, Calif. in 1990, the Brisenos family moved to Seattle, where she went to work in a relative's restaurant, Azteca. Eventually, so did all seven of her children. And by the early 1990s, her son, Ruben, was running six days a week 12 hours a day as the restaurant manager.

All that got him thinking. "I knew everything that was out front. She knew the back," he said. So they decided to take a chance in Idaho.

It was 1992. Ruben, his wife, Maria, and one of his brothers waited the tables in their new Coeur d'Alene restaurant, Toro Viejo. Gerania and an apprentice, Jose Guzman, cooked.

The family chose the name Toro Viejo, which in English is Old Bull, after reading through a long list of names already taken, said Ruben. It just sounded good.

Money was tight that first year. "Everybody got a paycheck, but we were a real close family. We combined the checks to pay (bills and loans)," Ruben said.

"Everything is a little struggle; you gotta keep it going, and hopefully it picks up." They did so well that two years later they opened a second restaurant, this time in Hayden Lake. In the years since, they have opened four more in Idaho—two in Post Falls and one each in Rathdrum and Twin Falls. They also opened one in the city of Washington, Utah.

Ruben oversees the entire operation, with either relatives or partners managing the individual restaurants. His wife is in charge of Coeur d'Alene's.

Twin Falls has the newest Toro Viejo. And it's here because of Guzman. He'd been with the Brisenos for 11 years and was talking about striking out on his own. Ruben didn't want to lose him and knew of an opportunity. The landlord for one of the Briseno's restaurants also had a Twin Falls building with a vacant restaurant space. He

had asked Ruben if he was interested.

Ruben asked Jose to visit Twin Falls, to see what he thought. Jose and his wife, Gloria, liked the town and the chance, so the deal was struck, said Ruben. The building was renovated, the restaurant opened earlier this month and the Guzmans are moving to Twin Falls.

Today, Gerania is 62. After 42 years in restaurants, she still trains kitchen crews to serve up her recipes, most of which have roots in southern California with some influences from Texas and Seattle, Ruben said.

And she still cooks when one of the Toro Viejos in northern Idaho needs help. "She doesn't like to stay home," said Ruben.

The restaurants are where her children are anyway. All of her sons work in her restaurants, as does one daughter. Her other two daughters have restaurants in Oregon and Washington.

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### About Toro Viejo

- Name: In English, Toro Viejo means "Old Bull."
- Address: 164 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls
- Menu: It aims for authenticity and variety with original recipes for everything from mixed drinks to full dinners. In its "House Specials" section alone, it has 39 beef, chicken and seafood dishes.
- Employees: 12 to 15 in Twin Falls; about 75 among all seven family restaurants
- Owners: Ruben Briseno and Gerania Briseno
- Local partner and manager: Jose Guzman
- Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday
- Philosophy: "Our goal is to keep the service quality, everything," said owner Ruben Briseno. "We're going to try our best to please everybody ... it's something that has worked for us 14 years, so hopefully it will work for us in Twin Falls."

## Brine shrimp harvest is big business

By Debbie Hummel  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — In a landlocked state 500 miles from the nearest ocean, fleets of commercial fishermen compete for a creature that in spite of its minuscule size makes for quite a fish tale.

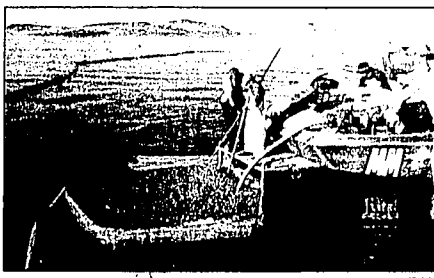
Brine shrimp, or artemia, are one of the few organisms that can live in Utah's Great Salt Lake, which has a salt content as much as five times that of the ocean. The tiny creatures — which resemble feathery, nearly transparent bugs pulsating in the water — grow to less than a half-inch in length as adults. Under perfect conditions, an adult female can live as long as three months and produce as many as 300 tiny eggs — 50 can fit on the head of a pin — every four days.

It's a bounty of eggs that prompts nearly two dozen companies to fork over \$10,000 for each permit to skim brine shrimp eggs from the surface of the lake from October through January.

Brine shrimp eggs are used to feed nearly all table shrimp sold throughout the world. It also is used as food for other farmed fish, crabs and exotic fish in aquariums. And countless children likely have been disappointed over the years after sending away from the back of comic books for "magical sea monkeys" to find that brine shrimp don't look like monkeys and don't wear crowns on their heads.

For about four months, or until the State Division of Wildlife Resources closes the harvest season, 22 companies vie for position on the lake. Brine shrimp eggs float to the surface of the lake in streaks. Planes spot the eggs from overhead, radioing locations to the boats, most of which leave from the marina at Antelope Island State Park.

That \$10,000 license buys the right to place one meter buoy. When a boat places a buoy, it's unlawful for another boat to come within 300 yards, said



In this 2001 photo released by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, brine shrimp eggs are harvested after being gathered with a boom on the Great Salt Lake, Utah.



Brine shrimp are shown through a microscope in Salt Lake City.

Clay Perschon, program manager for the division's Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Project. There are 79 licenses available.

The availability of eggs on the lake varies greatly from year to year. Perschon said, specific lake and weather conditions need to occur for the eggs to float to the surface. When lake,

weather and eggs cooperate, the companies must act quickly, and that means heavy competition.

If there are arguments over these floating exclusivity rights, the division is called in.

"Over the years they've rammed their boats into each other. They've assaulted each other," he said. "It's the most things in life. It's competitive."

The eggs are harvested in a manner similar to cleaning up an oil spill. Booms are used to surround the "slick" of eggs, which includes eggs, dead shrimp, algae and water. This biomass then is sucked into sacks. Some eggs are also gathered from along the lake's shores.

As of Jan. 12, more than 9 million pounds of biomass have been taken off the lake this season, according to the division. About of quarter of that amount is likely to turn out to be salable eggs, Perschon said.

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## Montana leader's vision draws attention

By Becky Bohrer  
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — To hear Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer tell it, it's a can't-miss deal.

Picture a plant that could convert coal from the state's rich reserves into cleaner-burning fuels, and do so while creating valuable jobs in rural Montana, but with very little pollution. Not only that, but it could help ease the nation's reliance on foreign oil.

"It's another one of my big ideas," said Schweitzer, the state's popular Democratic governor, who has been working to woo investors to a state that boasts about 120 billion tons of coal.

Whether the idea becomes reality, though, remains to be seen.

While it appeals in theory to a broad range of constituents, from some conservationists to coal industry officials, not everyone believes such a plant is doable — or even desirable — in Montana. Concerns have been raised about possible new strip mining, regulatory hurdles and limited manufacturing.

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### On the Net:

- FAQs on synfuels:  
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# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Hospital employees

**RUPERT** — Minidoka Memorial Hospital announced the appointment of two new employees.

Brian McBride accepted the position of business office manager. McBride was awarded a B.S. in Business Administration from the School of Accountancy at Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Upon graduation, McBride took a position as a sales accountant with Deseret Cattle & Citrus located in St. Cloud, Fla. Later, he engaged with Wheelhoff Health Systems, a county-wide health network headquartered in Rockledge, Fla., working in the accounting and finance department.

McBride is originally from Hyrum, Utah. He and his wife, Denise, have three young children. McBride enjoys spending time with his family, is an avid gardener and enjoys summer pastimes, such as hiking, fishing and camping.

Nate Koller accepted the position of new materials management supervisor.

Koller claims Hot Springs, South Dakota, as his hometown, but he has also lived in Idaho, Utah and West Virginia. He graduated in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in business management from Brigham Young University Idaho.

Koller's family includes his wife, Misty and a 3-month-old son named Trezden.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Lynwood Shopping Center announced the 2006 board members for the Lynwood Merchants Association, Inc. They include Vern Yergensen of Twin Stop Chevron, president; Joelle Engfinger of Idaho Title Loans, vice-president; Jamie Carlson of Ulderly Family & Friends, sec-

retary; J.R. Scholes of Mr. Juan's/The Stylist, treasurer; Linda Nebeker of Hart's Tax & Gowns and Sierra McKeague of Idaho Title Loans, board members; and Bob Ringer of Hamack Management, owner-appointee.

Penny Dockstader, advertising coordinator, can be reached at 734-2064.

### Michael Miller

**TWIN FALLS** — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy announced the Michael Miller of Twin Falls graduated on Jan. 11, with a Class A commercial driver's license with endorsements.

### Assisted living employees

**BURLEY** — Warren House Assisted Living 1301 Bennett St. announced the addition of one returning employee and one new employee.

Blake Crockett, administrator, is returning to the Warren House after honorably completing more than a year of military service in Iraq. Crockett has a Bachelor of Science degree in health care administration. He enjoys snow boarding and spending time with his family.

Registered nurse Carol Bedke recently joined the team at Warren House as house nurse and is bringing 40 years of experience to the position. Bedke has worked for the Cestia Hospital, Parke View Rehabilitation Center, and most recently for Aspen Grove Home Health & Hospice as the branch manager. She has

four children and 14 grandchildren.

### Josh Baird

**TWIN FALLS** — Nidesel & Associates Inc. announced the Josh Baird recently accepted a position as civil engineer-in-training. Baird graduated from Idaho State University in December where he worked on a research project entitled Seismic Risk Assessment of Clark County, Nevada.

### Shawn Barigar

**Twin Falls** — Shawn Barigar, President and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, recently completed a week-long professional development program with the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Associations and chambers use the U.S. Chamber's Institute as a training platform for the professional development of their future leaders. Participants receive training in leadership and organization management competencies, as well as targeted curriculum in membership, technology, and financial management.

Graduates of Institute receive IOM recognition, signifying completion of more than 90 hours of nonprofit study and dedication to the nonprofit profession.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

For more information about the Twin Falls Chamber and benefits of membership, contact the Chamber office at 733-3974.

## CONTRIBUTION



Cactus Petes Resort Casino presented a check for \$14,895 to The United Way of South Central Idaho to help support the United Way's Community Care Fund. Pictured from left to right are Will Israel, assistant general manager for Cactus Petes; Dawn Lewis, team member at Cactus Petes; Kris Ann Brown, public relations manager for Cactus Petes; members of the United Way of South Central Idaho Board of Directors — Lawrence Flourney, treasurer, Marty Buss, secretary, and Patty Johnson, president — and Jason Bruce, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho.

The United Way of South Central Idaho announced receipt of a \$14,895 pledge from Cactus Petes and its team members. The funds will be used to help support the United Way Community Care Fund which distributes annual grant money to United Way partner charities in south-central Idaho.

Jason Bruce, executive director of United Way of South Central Idaho said, "United Way appreciates so much the generosity and support we receive from Cactus Petes and their team members. Through this year's outstanding contribution, Cactus Petes has shown once again that community does matter."

United Way of South Central Idaho provides partial support to 20 community-based charities focused on improving the lives of the elderly and handicapped, developing potential in youth, and supporting vulnerable families.

## Shrimp

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After the eggs are taken from the lake, they are cleaned, frozen, brined, tested and dried, and each company has its own way. Companies are reluctant to discuss the specifics of their processing, and some hold patents on parts of the process — drying in particular.

"It's one of the most paranoid businesses that I've been in, in my life," said Bob Bero, a production manager with Great Lake Artemia.

Processing can make or break the eggs. Egg prices vary on hatch rates and eggs must be handled carefully to ensure a higher hatch rate, he said.

"From the time you take that egg out of the lake, all you can do is hurt it," Bero said.

But if it is handled and stored properly the magic of brine shrimp is they can stay in egg form, or cyst, for years.

"This is a remarkable creature. These cysts are incredibly durable," Perschon said.

Core samples of lake bed that have been dry for years, when rehydrated with soft water, can yield live brine shrimp, he said.

The eggs are rehydrated by the buyer, and the hatched shrimp then used as feed. Part of the mystery of brine shrimp as food is they can be grown to whatever size would be most appealing to the various creatures that eat them.

Perschon said he grew test the lake constantly throughout the season. If the number of cysts or eggs per liter of water falls below 21, the harvest is stopped for a year to maintain the population.

During the 1999-2000 season, the eggs were so scarce no harvesting was allowed in the southern arm of the lake. Only about 2.6 million pounds of biomass were taken that year.

While the next three seasons were record years on the lake, this one has been a low point, said Don Leonard, president of the Utah Artemia Association, the brine shrimp trading association.

In Utah, about six or seven years ago, Great Salt Lake had as much as 90 percent of the international market. At the present time, you're fighting to get into 45 or 50 percent," Leonard said.

When shrimpers were cut off from harvesting in 1999, many of their buyers turned to brine shrimp in China and Russia, he said. Like other overseas ventures, shrimpers in those countries shrimp at much lower cost and provide a less expensive product.

The fickle nature of shrimping on the Great Salt Lake, where even a slight wind can churn up the water and submerge the eggs, makes it an expensive business, Leonard said.

Add to that the cost of fuel for boats and spotter planes and repairs on boats damaged by salt corrosion, he said.

Also, the shrimpers must pay 3.75 cents per pound of unprocessed product harvested to the state. Last year, this royalty brought in \$418,700, said Charles Roberts, a spokesman for the Utah Tax Commission.

But the species of brine shrimp in Great Salt Lake, *Artemia franciscana*, is considered among the best in the world, and some fish farms only want the best, Bero said.

If egg quality and market allow, eggs from Utah can fetch from about \$10 a pound to more than \$20 a pound, Bero said.

Over the last 20 years, an average of 2.4 million pounds of eggs have been taken off the lake each year. At a price of \$12 a pound, that's a \$29 million business.

Not bad for some sea monkeys.

## MILESTONES

### Assisted living center adds service to business

**BURLEY** — Angel's Haven Residential Assisted Living, 510 E. 111 S., added a new service to its business.

In addition to the residential services offered for the develop-

mentally delayed, mentally disabled, and traumatic brain injury, the business now offers hourly care and respite.

The facility director is Lynda Brennen.

### New deadline

"Your Business," has a new deadline. To submit your news, please have it to us by 9 a.m. Monday for publication the upcoming Sunday.

# Opportunities to open for spud growers

**POCATELLO** — Future opportunities for Idaho potato farmers lie in growing for new markets, using new business models and adopting new technology, said an agriculture professor for the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Joseph Guenther, past president of the Potato Association of America, said new markets include other countries that are planting more potatoes.

"Growth in rich countries or developed countries is slow growth — less than a half a percent a year," Guenther said Thursday at the University's 38th annual Potato Conference in Pocatello. "The most rapid growth in terms of consumption demand is coming from developing countries — poor countries, especially the two most heavily populated countries in the world, India and China."

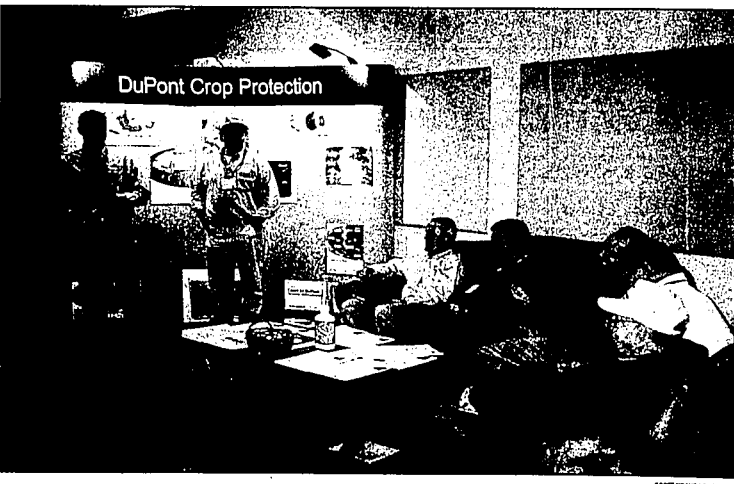
Meanwhile, a key new business model is the supply-management system provided by the new United Potato Growers of Idaho and related groups elsewhere in the United States and Canada. He said the group puts significant market power in growers' hands.

Another fresh business model is global farming. That involves producers from Idaho and elsewhere being invited by other countries to live and grow spuds in their countries.

"So there's an opportunity to be a farmer, not just in the neighboring county or neighboring state, but all over the world," he said.

### R-CALF takes USDA back to court

**BILLINGS, Mont.** — The Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund USA might have to wait at least another week before it gets its day in court on litigation it filed against the U.S. Department of Agriculture over the agency's policy on bovine spongiform encephalopathy. The cattlemen's group filed a



Participants gather at a vendor's display Wednesday during the University of Idaho Extension's 38th annual Potato Conference and 27th Ag Expo at the Pond Student Union Building of Idaho State University in Pocatello.

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motion earlier this month requesting a hearing on the case that began last March.

Russell Frye, Washington D.C., attorney for the cattlemen's group said a decision on the case was expected on Friday but the USDA requested one more week.

"Since we are not opposing the request, it's likely the judge will grant it to the agency," he said.

### Ag Summit puts focus on young producers

**BOISE** — The 2006 Ag Summit, Feb. 13 and 14 at the DoubleTree Riverside in Boise.

Emphasis this year will be on young farmers and ranchers with special appeal to producers under 40 years old. In an effort to make a push for participation by this audience, the planning committee established a special registration fee of \$50. The goal is to have each Idaho commodity and farm organization identify and bring to the Summit a young farmer or rancher from its ranks.

This will demonstrate farmer organizations' dedication to the future, organizers said.

### IWUA 68th annual convention opens Jan. 24

**BOISE, Idaho** — Idaho's largest water user group will hold its 68th annual convention Jan. 24 through 26 at the DoubleTree Riverside Hotel in Boise, the Idaho Water Users Association announced.

John W. Keys III, commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, will top the list of high level officials scheduled to take part in the convention. Keys will address the convention Jan. 25 outlining critical federal water issues.

Karl J. Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources will also detail Idaho

water management issues on Jan. 25.

L. Michael Bogert, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Northwest Region, will speak on EPA activities affecting water users on Jan. 26.

One new subject on the convention agenda is "Agri-Terrorism and Security Issues for Irrigation Projects." That topic will be examined on Jan. 25.

Other presentations during the convention will examine an update on salmon recovery litigation and its effects on Idaho water, and an in-depth update on the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

## Coming Monday

Stretching legs, stretching lives

Check in on our fitness followers' progress.

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# MONEY

## Make the most of meetings

By Hannah Cho  
The Balthore Sun

We have all been there. The boss calls yet another staff meeting, where your mind quickly wanders. You start to zone out. So you decide to keep busy. Even the clock seems to be ticking slower.

Employees love to hate meetings, which have developed a bad reputation in the workplace for eating up valuable time. That's no surprise given that most managers don't know how to run productive or useful meetings. Business and organizational experts say. When handled properly, however, meetings can be a way to motivate and include workers in decision-making, according to several business leaders.

"Most meetings are a waste of time because they're ill-structured," he said. "If done right, meetings can play a crucial role in the workplace by promoting communications skills, fostering common goals and helping managers make decisions, experts say."

"But managers love them because it's what they're supposed to do," he said. "If done right, meetings can play a crucial role in the workplace by promoting communications skills, fostering common goals and helping managers make decisions, experts say."

"Meetings are needed to share information and create social cohesion and camaraderie and resolve things," Rothberg said. "Sometimes, there are situations where it's much better to meet and talk about stuff, instead of e-mailing and telephoning. The problem is they don't know how to distinguish when they should be meeting face-to-face."

More than 11 million meetings occur in U.S. businesses every day and employees attend an average of 61.8 meetings a month, according to a study commissioned by telecommunications company MCI Inc. Of the 650 people in the study who kept a two-week diary to record their meeting behavior and attitudes, 91 percent admitted to daydreaming, while 39 percent said they dozed off.

Whether meeting in person, or via video or telephoning, an agenda is a must-have item because that means the manager calling the meeting thought about its purpose and intended outcomes, experts say.

It also helps to distribute the agenda a day or so before the gathering so that "everyone is on the same page," said Paul Heskitt, an associate professor of organizational behavior at Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park.

"That makes things run much more efficiently and cuts down on frustration," he said. "With that in mind, managers need to closely follow the agenda at a time limit. Designate a timekeeper and never run late, experts advise."

While there's no hard rule on meeting times, nowadays, sitting longer than two hours is pushing one's limits," said Scott Cohen, a leader of talent management at Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a global consulting company.

A well-run meeting, experts say, will leave employees feeling empowered about their role in the meeting's success. Equally important for managers is following up with meeting minutes and an evaluation.

Harry Bosk, who heads a public relations business in Towson, Md., says nothing is a worse waste of time than going to a pointless meeting. "We're here, but it's like when someone says, 'Let's have a meeting about the weather.'"

### Night is no end Magic Valley is alive after dark.

Read more an E! in today's Times-News.

## U.S., Mexico find common ground over cement shortage

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — The United States and Mexico on Thursday settled a 16-year-old dispute over cement that would guarantee more shipments of the building material from south of the border to ease U.S. shortages.

Under the pact, Washington will slash punitive tariffs on Mexican cement while Mexico would grant U.S. companies access to its domestic market, now dominated by a few companies that have built a reputation for gouging for cement in the work.

Thursday's deal appears to resolve a spat that dates back to 1991 when a group of 31 U.S.-based cement makers brought a successful anti-dumping case against Mexican producers that set cement prices far below what consumers paid in Mexico.

The agreement was hailed by Mexican officials as well as the U.S. construction industry, which has been clamoring for an end to punitive tariffs on Mexico to combat rising prices and shortages of cement, especially

in areas damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"It's a big step forward for the U.S. construction industry," said Ken Simonson, chief economist with the Associated General Contractors of America. "It's not going to solve the shortages all over the country, but it should make them less frequent in areas that are served by Mexico."

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## Retailers on guard against gift-card fraud

By Karen Robinson-Jacobs  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Now that holiday gift card gives have handed out billions in plastic presents, the U.S. construction industry, which has been clamoring for an end to punitive tariffs on Mexico to combat rising prices and shortages of cement, especially

Gift card fraud — be it a simple sleight of hand or elaborate techno-theft — is on the rise, experts say. As the use of gift cards grows, so does their attractiveness to crooks. Consumers bought an estimated \$18.5 billion in gift cards this holiday season, up 6.6 percent from 2004.

Retailers and restaurants are working with trade groups, prosecutors and law enforcement to spot and stop the latest scams without making the system too burdensome for legitimate consumers.

"Gift card fraud is a growing concern among retailers nationwide," said Joseph LaRooca, vice president of loss prevention for American Retail Federation, an industry trade group.

"Gift cards are being used as mainstream currency among retailers, from fast-food restaurants to department stores."

In fact, restaurants, although later to the gift card game than their retailing cousins, represent a rapidly growing group of gift card sellers.

Major retailers continue to dominate, with a 70 percent share of gift cards purchased. But restaurants accounted for 12 percent of gift cards purchased in 2005, more than double the 5 percent reported two years before, according to the ACF.

Since so many gift cards are given during the holidays, January and February become primary times for gift card redemption, by consumers and thieves.

Experts describe gift card fraud as a small part of the overall \$31 billion a year to retail "slight-of-hand." The catch-all term includes everything from employee theft to vendor fraud at retail stores, not

including restaurants.

"When you look at that number, the gift card fraud losses that I'm aware of are minuscule," LaRooca said.

He and others said they've not seen solid numbers that can quantify the problem.

"There isn't a lot of good data," said Richard Hollinger, a criminal justice professor at the University of Florida who produces the annual National Retail Security Survey. "Companies have private data on the extent to which they're having a problem."

But many of those companies, wary of tipping off thieves and scolding customers, are secretive about their fraud losses and prevention tactics. Several restaurant companies declined to comment for this article due to security concerns.

Experts said they see the problem as significant and growing — and the thieves as increasingly sophisticated. A mix of the various retail companies has investigative teams that are working on this, Hollinger said, adding that the gift card fraud evolved in various scenarios.

Gift card fraud can take various forms — and each presents challenges for the companies that get into the gift card game.

The easiest to pull off is the simple sleight of hand. The store clerk or restaurant server hands you a card that you think has \$50 on it. If it doesn't, then pocket the real card.

That fraud is harder for thieves at sit-down restaurants to implement because they have to steal the card leaves their sight.

Increasingly, Hollinger said, gift card fraud is led to organized shoplifting. "Thieves steal the card and bring it back to the store for a refund, sans receipt."

Many retailers now put refunds on gift cards, which can then be marketed via online advertising.

LaRooca called it "a fancy-fencing." That fraud affects retailers more than restaurants since consumers rarely return

Department figures, down from 40 million metric tons in the late 1980s.

Thursday's agreement, signed in Washington, requires the United States to slash punitive tariffs on Mexican cement to 0.3 metric tons from \$26 currently. Mexico will be allowed to sell 3 million metric tons annually in the U.S. market over the next three years.

If Mexico abides by the deal, its cement will be allowed to enter the U.S. market without duties or other restrictions beginning in 2009.

The pact should give an immediate boost to Mexican producers. Mexico's secretary of Economy released a statement calling the cement controversy "one of the most debated controversies between the Mexican and American administrations." The release praised the agreement and said that it would double exports of Mexican cement to the United States.

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## Chessbugs

But all industry segments are on the alert — and on the offensive.

To fight back, retailers, restaurants and the card processing industry are stepping up monitoring of gift card sales and redemptions, in some cases requiring a manager's approval for a sale.

Others create extensive databases that key in on unusual transactions or patterns involving the same person or amount.

"We track things, looking for strange activity," such as the frequency with which money is put onto a card and then taken off, said Adam de Mallignon, president of Paytronix Systems Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., which helps restaurants run their gift card programs.

"We try to find the people who are doing that the most," he said. "People are going to find a way to cheat, said Tamara Jones, vice president of business president of Plano, Texas-based Metromedia Restaurant Group, speaking at a recent restaurant technology conference.

"We're reporting it such that you can narrow it down to the server," she said.

Concerns about thievery have not been enough to keep growing numbers of restaurants and retailers out of the game.

"Most often, they have a big concern up front about fraud, but when they start making a profit, it more than outweighs any issue about fraud," said Adam de Mallignon, sales director for Gift Card Solutions, a St. Louis-based provider of electronic gift products and services.

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## Two major film studios acquire financial partners

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Two major Hollywood studios announced Thursday that an investment group is putting up \$600 million in film production money they can tap, part of a growing trend in which companies share profits with outsiders in exchange for a financial safety net against box office flops.

Under the deal with Beverly Hills financial consultant Relativity Media, Sony Pictures Entertainment's Columbia Pictures will receive \$400 million to co-finance 11 films.

Separately, Universal Pictures, part of NBC Universal, will get \$200 million to co-finance seven films.

The equity group will put up as much as half of the budget on each film they co-finance, with the studios retaining creative control and distribution rights. Deutsche Bank helped arrange the deal.

With box office receipts down, DVD growth flattening and the experience of job seekers tell me they run into is trying to follow up with potential employers after going through an in-person job interview.

The problem, even if they do manage to capture someone's attention for a few moments, is that too often they get only vague answers that tell them nothing about whether they'll get the job. They can't find out if someone else was hired — or even if no decision will be made for a while.

And just as often, they complain they can't talk to the hiring officers who always are "on another line" or "out of the office."

Worse still, they often get no response to their phone messages, letters or e-mails. No wonder they're frustrated. So what's a job seeker to do? Is it possible to get through this barbed wire barrier?

"Yes, it is possible, said Ford R. Myers, president of Career Potential, a career consulting firm in Hawthorn, Fla.

And there's where you begin: "You should ask about how to follow up at the end of the job interview — but most people don't even ask," said Myers, who has a master's degree in adult and organization development and has been in career management since 1983.

"You can't force the interviewers to tell you something they don't want to tell, but what I have found is that more than 50 percent of the time, if you ask you get an answer," Myers said.

But for many job seekers, trying to get that all-important information is daunting.

"It's something you should expect — it's part of the game," said the career consultant, who also runs the Executive Career Network, a local group that meets weekly and has 55 members.

"Remember the days when, after you applied for a job, you would receive a letter, phone call or e-mail to let you know you got the job or not, and people on the hiring side were polite and gracious? But the world has changed and all that is gone."

What's more, there are fewer job openings and companies no longer value the manpower or time to maintain this etiquette anymore. So don't take it personally."

Instead, there are some things you can do to position yourself to get a response, according to the career expert.

"Have a follow-up strategy before the interview — set the stage for an effective follow-up," said Myers. "Then, confirm the next steps before the interview is over. Next, follow up promptly, within 24 hours. Remember, every follow-up letter is a chance to build your value."

He says to "be persistent but not a pest. Call about once a week for one month."

If you still are getting no response, "leverage your outside resources," advised Myers. "If you know people outside of the company who know the executives of the company, ask them to put in a good word for you."

And if none of these works, don't be upset. "Accept rejection gracefully," said the career consultant. "You can't force the employer to hire you, but you can turn defeat into a potential victory and be the best back-up candidate they have."

"There's always a chance you might still get an offer," he said. "So even though you have a response to your question about the possibility of getting the job."

# 'MAD MONEY'

## Host turns financial show conventions on their heads

By Martin J. Moylan  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**NEW YORK** — Jim Cramer clomps around the set of his television show, "Mad Money," shouting the praises of the lace-up, knee-high brown Uggs boots outside feet.

He runs through a five-minute case for investing in Uggs-maker Deckers Outdoor Corp. Shares in the company sank too far after it missed profit targets, Cramer says, as he cues the sound of a walling baby.

"If he adds, pausing to create just enough suspense to make the audience slide to the edge of their seats, 'Deckers has got somebody better than Santa — better than Santal — on its side. They've got Oprah!' he yells, hitting a button that fills the CNBC studio with a chorus of hallucinations.

"Mad Money" ends, Cramer will have bitten the head of a foam bear to signal his bullishness, donned a doctor's coat to play psychiatrist to investors who live on a island, a segment called "Am I Nuts?" and convinced his followers that Oprah's mention of Uggs on her show will make Christmas gifts for investors rise as much as 25 percent from the time he recommended buying until he recommended selling five days before Christmas. And, as he does up his cowboy boots, he will throw a chair, simply because he feels like it.

So much for the staid tones, talking heads and platitudes of most financial shows.

Cramer, a 50-year-old balding, highly successful former hedge-fund manager whose company owns network radio. Eddie o Sam Kinison than to Louis Rukekeyer, may be business television's most historic face. "Mad Money," which started broadcasting in March, attracts 398,000 viewers daily. It is CNBC's most popular show among viewers 25 to 54 years old.

During a walk down Wall Street from the offices of TheStreet.com, his online financial-news venture, strangers shout "Booyah" and "Cramer's trademark, 'There's the man of the year,' one fan calls.

The show's success is the latest uptick in a life with as many people as the program. One of those stock charts Cramer loves to analyze. Born in Germantown, Pa., to Ken and Louise Cramer, a paper-cloth factory, and a sculptor, respectively, Jim Cramer soon moved with his family to Springfield Township, Pa.

"I could be a good over stock tables, memorizing prices and financial data as if they were sports scores.

"I was always ambitious and able to juggle multiple activities."

"Sometimes when kids are involved in a lot of things, it's like a pie that cuts into too many pieces, things start to crumble," says Bob Malchow, his track coach at Springfield Township High School. "Well, Jim never crumbled."

He was also obsessed with computers. After every run, he asked whether he had improved his time.

"If he didn't run better, he

## Investing according to Jim Cramer

Save for retirement early and often, especially through 401(k) and Individual Retirement Accounts. Invest heavily in stocks through your 30s, beginning to shift to bonds in your 40s. Divide your portfolio into retirement and discretionary accounts. Play it safe with your retirement money, but use the discretionary account to speculate on stocks or mutual funds you have researched.

Use the Dow Jones Industrial Stock Index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500, but think some fund managers can beat those averages. Like Will Danoff at Fidelity. Contradict, for example, his thesis buying individual stocks if they are at least \$2,500 in discretionary investing funds, and you are willing and would enjoy spending at least an hour a week researching stocks you own.

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was disappointed," Malchow said.

Cramer credits his coach with teaching him persistence. One day when he had a raging fever, he went to school, but his mother made him give Malchow a note saying he was too sick to run.

"Malchow struck that note to my chest and made me run," Cramer said. "He taught me never to quit."

He went to Harvard, where being a scholarship student surrounded by wealthy friends tarnished his ambition. He edited the Crimson, the student newspaper and got a job at a reporter for the Philadelphia Democrat, where he covered Ted Bundy.

His journalism career took him to the University of California, where, he said, someone broke into his apartment repeatedly, stole checks and wiped out his bank account. Too proud to ask his landlord for a new lock, he lived in his car for several months before moving back to New York, writing for American Lawyer and then attending Harvard Law School.

At law school, he kept following stocks, leaving investment recommendations on his answering machine. Martin Peretz, a Harvard lecturer and editor of the National Republic, started acting on those tips. He gave Cramer \$500,000 to manage for a year in \$150,000 returns.

That success led to a job as a broker at Goldman Sachs, but after three years, he left to start a hedge fund, which is largely unregulated investment partnership.

He averaged an admirable 24 percent return yearly over 14

years, surviving a near total meltdown in 1998 before restoring outside performance with the help of his wife, Kristin, whom he calls "the trading goddess." Even with the fund, Cramer Berkowitz, back on his feet, he was miserable. His wife wanted him to retire.

During a trip to Las Vegas in 2000, he ignored his father all day, tied to his traders and investors via phone. After the markets closed, his father pulled him aside. "When I looked at Jim, I said, 'This is a sure path to disaster, getting into the office at 3 or 3:30 in the morning. If you keep this up, I'm going to last longer than you do. Jim, you've accumulated enough,'" his father said recently.

And so, with what he says is \$50 million to \$100 million in net worth, Jim Cramer quit Cramer Berkowitz. "I was angry and mean," he said recently. A book by one of his former employees, Nicholas Meier, details how Cramer yelled at his staff and threw computers across the room.

But if today's Cramer is running in low gear, it is hard to tell. He tracks his performance in the very brief report since July 28, Cramer is up 7.31 percent, compared with 3.36 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index.

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— Jim Cramer

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Fans such as Paul Boyer of Leesburg, Va., eat up the madman. Boyer traveled to CNBC's New Jersey studios recently to watch the show, bringing a license plate that reads, "MAD MNY."

"He brings a lot of energy and libido to investing," Boyer said.

Mike McGovern, a former stock broker not affiliated with Cramer, runs a Web site, www.yourmoneywatch.com, that tracks his performance in the very brief report since July 28, Cramer is up 7.31 percent, compared with 3.36 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index.

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## Experts say cellphones won't become free-for-all

By Richard J. Dalton Jr.  
Newsday

1222. There is no deadline to register.

The online directory of cellular phone numbers would be created by Qsent Inc., which updates a person's identity, often for credit applications.

Qsent won't make the numbers available in a printed or electronic directory, and inclusion in the directory would be voluntary. Qsent spokesman David Eastman said. He said consumers could remove their cellular numbers at any time.

To prevent unauthorized access to the database, computers at companies that provide directory assistance would not access the listings, he said. Instead, Qsent would send the directory assistance company only the requested cellular number, which would be inaccurate if the user's phone number moves to the next screen, Eastman said.

Pierz said the telecommunications industry rejected a similar proposal because operators wouldn't give out the cell-phone number but would directly connect the caller to the mobile-phone customer.

But under the current plan for the directory, federal law and the industry's vigilance will protect access to the numbers. Qsent would hire an outside analyst for Forrester Research, a technology research company in Cambridge, Mass.

"Not only would you have the government looking over your shoulder to inhibit mischief, but also you would have the purveyors of the directory itself kind of taking that same process and making sure they otherwise the value proposition for what they're building starts to go down the toilet," he said.

The wireless industry says the directory would be useful for reaching cell-phone users in an emergency.

The majority of Americans — 53 percent — would allow their numbers to be listed in the scenario the industry has outlined, according to a survey by The Pierz Group.

The scenario also would make it easier to contact the 17 million U.S. cell phone users who have no landline phone, especially young people, some of whom have never had a wired phone, Pierz said. "There are people who want to have their phone number listed," he said. "It's their only phone."

"It's generated a lot of inquiries," Katz said. "I wish that there was some way to stop the dead in its tracks. It shows you the power of the Internet and the power of urban myths that circulate on the Internet."

But cell phone registrations have recently jumped on the do-not-call registry, which now lists 114 million phone numbers.

Consumer managing partner of The Pierz Group, telecommunications market research company based in Clarkson, Mich., said registrations are going to be interested. "But you can if you want to," she said.

Consumers can register their cellular numbers — and residential numbers — with the National Do Not Call Registry at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or 888-382-

## Emergency money plans

We've all heard the advice to sock away three, six or nine months of our income for emergencies. But it's not possible, for whatever reason. Emergency strikers, what do you do? The January Issue of Consumer Reports' Money Advisor has some suggestions in a pinch.

• **Pinch.** Most people have assorted gaudy, clothes, jewelry, antiques, and special equipment, etc. that they would probably be of use to someone else.

• **Ask family.** Relatives (usually) want to see you in firm footing, and would like to help out if they can. Request a loan, and make sure to write down how much you borrow and when you plan to repay it.

• **Charge it.** Some financial planners say it's wise to have a no-fee credit card to tap in extreme situations.

• **Home equity.** All the rage in recent years, home equity can be a fine source of emergency

**Around the water cooler**  
financing. And your interest may be tax-deductible.

**Muddled year likely ahead, professionals say**  
As 2005 was a bit of a muddled year for the U.S. economy, this year could be more of the same, according to a survey of finance professionals.

About half, 51 percent, said they expect the economy to grow modestly this year. About 47 percent said they expect business conditions to improve in 2006, while 41 percent said they expect the results to be about the same as last year. "The biggest concern? Increased costs. Almost all of the 663 financial pros — 95 percent — said they expect higher interest rates this year, and 82 percent predicted continuing hikes in energy costs." — compiled from news reports

## Speedier registered traveler programs to go national

By Martin J. Moylan  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — A new round of travel programs aimed at speeding people through airport security checks could debut at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport as early as June.

Those who enroll in the program, which likely will require a fee, would also get quicker passage through security checks at dozens of other major U.S. airports as they roll out their own programs.

The Transportation Security Administration is expected to announce standards for the registered traveler effort Friday. But it will leave it to individual airports to pick vendors that will screen travelers and set up and run their programs.

About 60 airports are part of a consortium that has been pushing the TSA to set standards, said Tim Anderson, deputy executive director for operations at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

"We want one program that we can live with and understand so the program will look the same from airport to airport," he said. "If you register here with whomever gets the

contract, you could use your card at any other airport, regardless of who the provider is."

In developing the standards for a national program, the TSA will draw on the experiences of other U.S. airports, including Denver, Las Vegas and Orlando, Fla., that conducted registered traveler trials in the past few years.

"They were deemed very successful by participating travelers and airlines, and that's why we have decided to take this national," said TSA spokeswoman Carrie Harmon.

Her goal over the next several months is to authorize private-sector partners to offer a nationwide registered traveler program that will both enhance security and offer some travel benefits to those travelers who wish to participate.

"The TSA also has been looking for ways to speed registered traveler program at the Orlando International Airport in Florida.

It was the nation to hire a private-sector firm to expedite security screenings for registered travelers. The contract to run the airport's program was awarded to one comprised of Verifit

Identify Pass Inc. and Lockheed Martin.

Friday, the TSA is slated to decide which biometric standard it wants used for identity cards, what the cards will look like and the information they will hold, and what benefits will be offered.

"The proof of the pudding will be what the benefits at the checkpoint," said Anderson, who is able to speed through faster if so, I think this will be a very well-received program.

By March, MSP's Anderson expects to start soliciting vendors who'll bid to run the airport's registered traveler program.

"The private sector believes they can make money at this, and we hope they do," said Anderson.

Participants will likely pay an annual fee, something in the range of \$40 to \$160, he said. Anderson said Terry Tippler, a travel expert with cheapstamps.com.

Frequent traveler Bruce Greenberg said he'd readily pay that — as long as the program consistently saves him 10 minutes or more clearing security.

"It'll be terrific," said Overmire, a psychology professor at the University of Minnesota. "I

would hope it would give me faster access."

Last year, Overmire racked up 118,000 miles on Northwest Airlines, much of it flying in his role as president of an international psychology association.

Overmire was one of some 2,200 Northwest frequent flier who took part in a registered traveler trial that ran from July 2004 until last November.

The upper-level program participants underwent a basic security screening, passing through a metal detector and putting carry-on bags through an X-ray machine. But registered travelers who had passed background checks and provided iris scans and fingerprints were exempt from random secondary screenings.

Overmire said the benefits of the local trial weren't that great. It only helped him get through security checks at the Twin Cities Airport, where the regular lines for security checks generally go pretty fast, he said.

The real benefit of an expanded program would be in getting through security checks at airports where lines tend to be long.

"I've never missed flights at airports because of a line," Overmire said. "I've never missed a flight at an airport because of a line."

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THE WORKPLACE Carol Kleiman

The challenge to run things can be so daunting that 21 percent of employees actually plied their bosses...

Best answer yet Daniel Kirkdorfer, a software engineer in Kirkland, Wash., has an excellent response to the question what do you see your self doing five years from now?

Poor performance Performance reviews are under review. Job evaluations strike fear in the hearts of employees and bosses alike...

Social contract On a day-to-day level, your social contract with your company goes something like this: I'll give you my time, energy, brainpower and all sweat...

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

- Misdemeanor arraignments:
Fani C. Garcia, 27; reckless driving; pretrial conference Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Eudasio Hernandez, 19; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Tinley L. Madelona, 28; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Leonardo Naranjo, 40; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

- Misdemeanor sentencing:
Juan L. Navarro, 25; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Adan Olmos-Medrano, 34; driving under the influence; open container; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Timmy B. Sanders, 34; driving without privileges (third offense); pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Charles Ivan Winkler, 20; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

- Misdemeanor sentencing:
Juan A. Hernandez-Garcia, 19; driving under the influence (under age 21) amended to driving under the influence (second offense); \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$87.50 court costs, \$100 public defender fee; two years supervised probation; 365 days in jail, 245 suspended, 100 days discretionary; 365-day driver's license suspension; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Guillermo Gayton-Maciel, 25; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$750 suspended; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 155 suspended, credit for 55 days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

- Misdemeanor sentencing:
Juan A. Hernandez-Garcia, 19; driving without privileges; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$87.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Kevin Stewart Blake, 43; petit theft; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; two years supervised probation; 365 days in jail, 231 suspended, credit for 74 days served; 60 days discretionary; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Jon Patrick Moudy, 25; battery — domestic violence; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$72.50 court costs; two years supervised probation; 365 days in jail, 360 discretionary; credit for five days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen, Samuel Hernandez, 21; inattentive/careless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$72.50 court costs; operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen, Samuel Hernandez, 21; inattentive/careless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$72.50 court costs; operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

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

- Misdemeanor arraignments:
Dennu Wade (Frumbsall, 41; driving under the influence; change of plea Jan. 25; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Anaotia Garcia-Lizandora, 23; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; sentencing Jan. 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Jose Gutierrez-Ambriz, 21; two one-time failures to fund funds check; pretrial conference Jan. 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Craig W. Frohnbridge, 23; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

- Misdemeanor sentencing:
Kris S. Denton, 32; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$141 fine, \$72.50 suspended, \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Luis Chavez, 21; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Timothy M. Plum, 19; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Eric E. Lopez, 18; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$87.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 120-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

- Misdemeanor dismissals:
Troy J. Weitzel, 26; reckless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.
Michelle K. Kimball, 45; fraud — indigent funds; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Felony arraignments:
Rodney Smith, no date of birth, listed, arraigned by receiving/possessing stolen property; preliminary hearing Jan. 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Civil:
First Resolution Investment vs. Cindy L. Bingham. Seeking \$3,911.06, plus interest; \$800 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.
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# GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

## Misdemeanor arraignments

Juan D. Diaz-Vargas; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.  
 Ryan Damon Donaldson; trespass; pretrial conference Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.  
 Cody W. James; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; sentencing Feb. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

## Misdemeanor sentences

Mark D. Sears; driving without privileges; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$87.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year suspended probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served; 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to appear for a misdemeanor citation; dismissed by prosecutor. Separate case: driving without privileges; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$87.50 court costs; one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Sandra Christine Snyder; dispensing alcohol to the underage; \$500 fine, \$250 suspended, \$72.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Kenneth Leo Thurman; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$87.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 18 months supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 118 suspended, credit for 62 days in jail; 180-day driver's license suspension; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Donald Ora Fritch; unlawful transport/possession of wildlife; \$200 fine, \$72.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Kallee Jo Roholt; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$72.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Jesus M. Urquiza-Nunez; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$87.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 149 suspended, credit for 31 days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Jose Valdemar Zuniga; criminal trespass; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$72.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; five days in jail, five suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Ben Lewis Humiston; reckless driving amended to exceeding the speed limit; \$75.50 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

## Misdemeanor dismissals

Ever Chavez Perez; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Louis W. Masson; violation of a no-contact order; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

## Civil

Action Collection Service vs. Lori K. Michals and Larry Michals. Seeking \$1,075.77, plus interest, 400 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

## Divorces

Christina Maria Warren vs. Joseph E. Warren

# TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

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

## Arraignments for Jan. 18 and 19

Arturo Nevarez Jr., 22; Jerome; delivery of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 18 and 19.

27; posted bond. Roberto Nevarez Jr., 23, Twin Falls; three counts delivery of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 27; \$25,000 bond. Kurt G. Eichler, 20, Twin Falls; aid and abet malicious injury to property; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 27; no bond information available.

David W. Mathis, 34, Twin Falls; two counts aggravated assault; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 27; no bond information available. Annette C. Cole, 43, Halley; attempt to obtain controlled substance by misrepresentation; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 28; no bond information available.

Alan C. Hanstedt, also known as Milo Hanstedt, 22, Twin Falls; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 27; no bond information available. Patricia Ortiz Reyes, 24, injury to a child; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 27; \$25,000 bond.

Eduardo Vargas, 29, Twin Falls; attempted strangulation; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 27; \$15,000 bond. Cody Lee Heffley, 15, 187 Polk St., Twin Falls; drive vehicle without owners consent; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 28; \$100 bond.

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# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Henri Arnold and Miles Argleton

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square to form six ordinary words.

Let's put it in the grid!

WHAT THE EXOTIC DANCER DID WHEN SHE LEARNED TO DRIVE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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Find the answers on page D-18

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HARD # 37

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 todays puzzle on page D-18.

Case No. CV2005-1444  
SECOND NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT

2020 PRODUCE SALES, INC.

JULIE LINDAUER DOUGHT and  
MARK RAYMOND DOUGHT  
wife and husband; JOHN DOES AND JANE DOES 1 - 10

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of an Order of the Court for a Writ of Attachment issued on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, out of and under the seal of the above entitled Court, I am commanded and required to provide notice of the attachment of the property described in said Writ of Attachment, that property being more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto.

MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND BOAT:  
(All believed to be located at 359 S. 350 E., Burley, Idaho)

- 2004 Ford F-350 truck, VIN#1FTWV39P64A8195
- 1999 Oldsmobile 4-c, VIN#4048792118571
- 1986 Oldsmobile 2 door, VIN#344878211839
- 1978 Pontiac Firebird, VIN#2G8186852 located at 1988 Chevrolet truck, VIN#320009 (last six) located at 1970 Volkswagon Bug, 2 Door, VIN#102414347
- 1985 Puro Truck (motorhome), VIN#1G8MP07V83237220
- 1998 Zim Flatbed Trailer (Snowmobile), VIN#2B29259
- 2000 Flatbed Trailer
- Red Utility Trailer
- Multiple axle homemade flatbed trailer located at 1987 Bayliner 18 foot boat w/outboard, VIN#1B1201X1H5146153

NOTICE OF SALE  
2000 Suzuki, VIN#1J8V1A8Y102772  
SNOWMOBILES:  
2005 Arctic Cat M6 163 Black, VIN#4UF055NW5T134054, purchased 2-25-05, Sheffield Financial ARC200504004 - phone number: 1-800-428-8882

2002 Arctic Cat 600 EFI, VIN#UFO238NW2T115308, purchased 3-15-04, Wolfe Fargo, APP#4757454 - phone number: 1-208-393-4242

1998 Yamaha, VIN#98602189  
2000 Yamaha 700 Mtn., VIN#8ED04516

2004 Polaris 500 Predator, VIN#4XAGJ50A742202594

REAL PROPERTY:  
Real Property located in Minidoka County, Idaho, in the name of John Lewis Lindauer and Julie Marie Lindauer commonly known as 240 B.S. Meridian, Rupert, Idaho and more particularly described as follows:

THE NW1/4 of Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, Bolea Meridian, Minidoka County, Idaho.

(a) Accounting taxes, levies and assessments;

(b) Easements of record, if any; and

(c) The right of Leonard Lindauer, and his wife, LaVerne Lindauer, to maintain their mobile home on the premises, as their dwelling place, until the death of the survivor of them, with the right of ingress and egress.

Real Property located in Cassia County, Idaho, commonly known as 375 South 350 East, Burley, Idaho, believed to be in the name of Julie Dought. Real Property located in Cassia County, Idaho commonly known as 358 South 350 East, Burley, Idaho and more particularly described as:

TOWNSHIP 12 S NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO

Section 12: A part of the NW1/4SW1/4, more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the NW1/4SW1/4 (Monumented by a 5/8 inch rebar) which shall be the True Point of Beginning;

Thence North 09°28'00" West (Recorded as north) for 527.00 feet along the West section line to a 1/2 inch rebar;

Thence North 89°00'45" East (Recorded as East) for 527.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar;

Thence South 09°28'00" West (Recorded as West) for 204.00 feet along the South line of the NW1/4SW1/4 to the True Point of Beginning;

Thence South 89°00'45" East (Recorded as East) for 527.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar;

Thence North 13°00' feet;

Thence East 150 feet;

Thence North 13°00' feet;

Thence East 150 feet TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

BANK ACCOUNTS  
All accounts whether savings, checking, or otherwise which are situated at First Federal Savings Bank which are believed to be in the sum of \$20,116.20, net including Account #R018459 which has been previously attached.

All accounts whether savings, check, or otherwise which are situated at DL Evans Bank which have not previously been attached.

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Yamaha gas-powered golf cart  
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All hand tools, including, but not limited to, Corwell tools.

CLERK OF THE COURT  
Diane Scott  
Barbara Garza  
Debra Galt  
PUBLISH: January 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2006.

## Legal

### LANDS FOR LEASE ACCEPTS BID FOR PASTURE LEASES

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is now accepting sealed bids until noon January 24, 2006 on various farm/pasture leases on the Fort Hall Reservation. Bid forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 208-229-2007.

PUBLISH: December 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, 2005, January 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, and 24, 2006

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Case No. CV-05-50  
A Petition to change the name of MYLISUZANNE LOPEZ, born 4/10/78 in Twin Falls, Idaho, residing at 2541 Joshua Way, Twin Falls, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Molly Suzanne Scott, because of divorce. The petitioner's father is living and the address is 220 Irene St., Kimberly, ID 83341. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 AM o'clock on February 9, 2006, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show good cause a good reason against the name change. Date: 1/20/06  
A/Bly Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: January 22, 29, February 5 and 12, 2006

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## THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I enjoy looking at the bridge hands each day and like "Bid With the Aces" very much. In a recent column West opened a club and South bid two hearts. Here is where I run into trouble: Isn't this a cuebid? How can North then work out to raise hearts naturally? There must be an explanation, but I can't find one in any of my books.

Spare Tyro, Grand Forks, N.D.

**ANSWER:** As I look at the hand, I realize I should have added a footnote to explain. After the opponents bid, say, one club - one heart, overcalls by you of either two clubs or two hearts should be natural. Double and two no-trump are for takeout, the latter promising more extreme distribution, the former more high cards. A one-no-trump call is strong and balanced. In almost every other position though, cuebids of the opponents' suits are indeed artificial.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Holding ♠ 10, ♥ A-Q-6-4-3-2, ♦ Q-10-9, ♣ Q-7-4, I felt I had too much for a weak-two, but did not fancy opening at the one-level. So I opened two hearts - and we passed out our opponents in two spades when game in hearts was playable our way.

Regenia Carbo, Pittsborough, Pa.

**ANSWER:** Your choice of opening bid is impeccable; with only one control card I prefer pre-empting to opening at the one-level. However, when the opponents bid two spades, you might have risked finding a reopening double. This shows a maximum with short spades, exactly what you have, though the call is not without some danger.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I see reports about you playing in the senior game from time to time. How strong are the fields relative to the regular games?

Elder Statesman, Charlottesville, Va.

**ANSWER:** Do not expect a walk in the park in the senior games!

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**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Holding ♠ K-10-4-3-2, ♥ A-9, ♦ 10-4-2, ♣ Q-4-3, would you overall an opening bid of a minor with one spade? And what about after an opening bid of one heart?

Calculated Aggression, Grand Junction, Colo.

**ANSWER:** Showcalls are designed to short offensive values (long suits and trick-taking potential) or to take up the opponents' space at minimum risk - ideal for a one-spade overall. Though I'd like more internal solidity in the spades (the nine and eight replacing two small cards), I would bid one spade over a minor at pairs, but not over a one-heart opening. That overall takes up no space; hence it should be made on a better hand.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I know Bob Hamman has several times touched on the fact that he is strongly against five-card majors and forcing no-trump. I can understand the dislike of the latter, but would you explain the merits of four-card majors as opposed to five-carders?

Inquiring Mtad, Bellingham, Wash.

**ANSWER:** Four-card majors are a quick and dirty system. You get your suits in faster, but may lose accuracy because partner does not have the safety net of knowing the shape opposite so well. The issue is sufficiently complex that everyone has strong feelings about it, but there is no clear-cut answer. Incidentally, I prefer a one-no-trump response to be semi-forcing, even in a five-card-major system, allowing opener to pass that call with a balanced minimum hand and no second suit.

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# As night falls

Story by Matt Christensen

Photos by Meagan Thompson

Life in Magic Valley doesn't stop with darkness

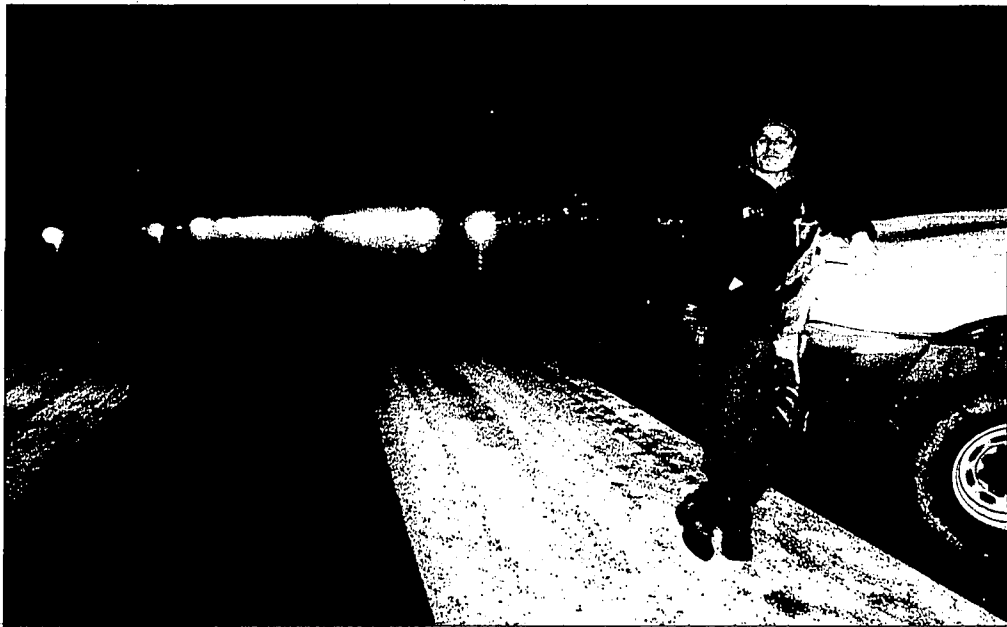
After you're tucked in and dreams have crept into your mind, some folks in Magic Valley are just beginning their days.

Rather, their nights.

Darkness doesn't always equal sleep.

The Times-News set out to discover what it takes to keep things going in Magic Valley through the night — maintaining airport runways, running a restaurant, picking up trash. We ventured out a couple of nights recently to find out what happens between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Here is a peak at what we found.



Matt Barnes, a nighttime maintenance worker at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, poses on the runway at 2 a.m. Wednesday. Barnes makes at least two trips nightly to check the runway at the Twin Falls airport, making sure weeds and other debris are cleared away.



### Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport

Tim Mounce has a 9 to 5 job — 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

He is the night director of airport operations, maintenance and security at the Twin Falls airport. And from about 10:15 — just after the last scheduled jet lands — until the

27-year-old gets off at 5, he is the only person, save a custodian, at the airport.

If a plane is redirected to Twin Falls, he helps it land. If a coyote sneaks onto the runway, he shoots it. If the wind picks up and blows twigs, or even pebbles, onto the runway, he is there to sweep them away.

At just after 10 on this night, Mounce radios FAA personnel to alert them he is entering the runway area for a safety check — just in case a jet happens to be on its way in. It isn't. Nevertheless, he clicks on the runway lights by pressing his radio switch and drives the mile-and-a-half stretch of concrete in search of debris. There isn't

any. Most nights, he says, are uneventful.

"I'm what you call a glorified garbage man and baby-sitter."

But he does have one companion to keep him company. "We've got the occasional ghost, but I don't bother him and he doesn't bother me."

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center, Jerome

Most nights, the emergency room at St. Benedicts is quiet — a place where Dr. Thomas Zepeda can catch a catnap in one of the empty rooms.

That isn't the case on this Wednesday night. Just after 11, when things usually quiet down, a woman with chest pains, a boy with an injured arm and a sick child keep him awake.

The doctor says to stop sending in patients, one nurse jokes. They're cutting into his sleep.

### Albertsons, Twin Falls

Brandon Sorenson, night manager at Albertsons, doesn't mind working after dark.

It's easier to get work done at night because less people come to shop," he says as he loads empty cardboard boxes into a crusher machine in the back room.

When he doesn't have to stay until 2 a.m. to supervise two-weekly deliveries, he gets off at about 12:30 a.m. Then Sorenson goes home to lie in bed and stare at the ceiling.

Falling asleep after a night shift isn't always easy. Your mind is ready for bed, he says, but your body wants to keep going. But even on the late nights, the 27-year-old says, it's a pretty boring job. "We mostly stock shelves. Nothing too exciting."

### Traveler's Oasis Truck Plaza, Eden

Richard McDonald, 61-year-old trucker, reads the paper and chats with the cafe waitress.

McDonald stops here three nights a week on his route to Boise, and he's usually the only customer in the restaurant. Tonight is no different. So what is it like to be a trucker

at night? He shrugs and pops another tot into his mouth. "It's not bad," he says, and returns to his paper.



Dr. Thomas Zepeda prepares to catch some sleep at 11:45 p.m., just after treating a patient on a recent Saturday night at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome. Zepeda, an emergency room doctor, works at least two 24-hour shifts a week.

### Police car, Hagerman

It's silent in Chief Loren Miller's patrol car — not even chatter on the dispatcher's radio. Then it happens: "Bad Boys," the COPS TV show theme song, blares from his cell phone.

A robbery? A murder? No, a bored teenager calling to see if Chief Miller wants to hang out. The chief knows most of the youngsters in town, and on slow nights, he sometimes meets up with teenagers who are out late. "Not tonight," he tells the kid. "But stay out of trouble. You know I can throw your butt in jail."

Besides sleep-deprived teens, the chief usually has a partner to keep him company: Nick, the department's German shepherd. But this is Nick's night off, and he is at home sleeping. Chief Miller is flying solo.

After patrolling a few unpaired roads — where the policeman uses a spotlight to check for prowlers who may be lurking in the dark — he heads to the fire station to steal (yes, steal) a Coca-Cola from the station's fridge. It takes a lot of caffeine to stay alert on a slow night in Hagerman.

### Idaho Highway 50 roadside, 9 miles south of the Snake River

A pair of hitchhikers.

Fighting the wind and freezing rain, try to thumb a ride. Cars whiz past at 60 mph. No takers. They keep walking.

### Traveler's Oasis Truck Plaza, Eden

The night waitress, Amber Fields, pulls the lettuce from the salad bar and carries it back to the kitchen. A former day-shifter, the 18-year-old is still adjusting to night work.

Sometimes it sucks because it feels like my life is turned upside down," she says. "It's not like a day job at all. I always feel drained."

### The Times-News press room, Twin Falls

The last of 24,148 newspapers rolls off the

presses. The newsprint is packed into bundles and stacked for 11 "bundle haulers" — folks who'll drive the papers from the press room to distribution points throughout Magic Valley.

### Wal-Mart, Jerome

It's lunch time for Carmen Bucklew, the night greeter. She heads back to the break room for her meal — rice, just like every other night.

A 40-year-old mother, Bucklew loves her job — away from the kids.

"It's a quiet time for me," she says. "I stand here and do nothing, being friendly and talking to people."

Most nights find Bucklew elbow-leaning on the hundreds of shopping carts packed just inside the front entrance. Now and then the hum of automatic doors snaps her from a day-curse.

"Hi. Welcome to Wal-Mart," she says as cheerfully as anyone can at 2 a.m. Most folks nod and keep walking.

Sometimes, though, a curious character catches her attention.

The strangest people come out at night, especially between 1 and 4, she says. "It's always interesting."

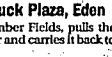
### Depot Grill, Twin Falls

Sandee Carlgren, night waitress at the Depot Grill, never has a boring night, she says as she fills a tray with tiny glass salt shakers.

"We get a lot of people coming in after the bars close, then people who come in early for breakfast. It's mostly nice people." But the 52-year-old waitress admits she puts up with a lot of lunacy, as well. She rolls her eyes toward a booth where three apparently drunken women munch sandwiches and spew curses.

Carlgren has been working the night shift for three years, and says she's mostly used to it by now.

"Just try to stay busy." When not serving the whims of diners — "Another Pepsi!" one of the women calls out — Please see NIGHT, Page E2



FAMILY LIFE

# 3-year-old's bed-wetting is no cause for concern

# Uninvited 'guest' frustrates hostess

**Q**uestions: Our 3-year-old son has been dry and night potty-trained for nearly a year. Several months ago, just after starting preschool, he wet the bed a couple of times. A friend with older children advised us to spank and one spanking started it. Then, however, he stopped to wake us up in the middle of the night saying he needed to use the potty. I told him to stop waking us up, and he stopped, but then he started wetting the bed again, and spanking seems to have no effect now.



**PARENTING**  
**John Rosemond**

Our 4-year-old nephew wets the bed every night, and his parents were told by a therapist that it was a way of controlling them. Could our son be wetting the bed as a way of controlling us? In any case, what's the best way to solve this problem?

**A:** Answer: The friend who told you to spank gave you very bad advice. And the therapist who told your nephew's parents that bed-wetting is a control issue is wrong. Your nephew may be in control of the parent-child relationship (most kids are these days), but bed-wetting is most certainly not one of his weapons.

Wetting the bed at age 3 is no cause for concern. The mere fact that your son was dry at night for nearly a year after he

was toilet-trained doesn't mean he can control his bed-wetting. No one knows why, but boys have more of a struggle with this than girls. For every 3-year-old girl who is still wetting the bed, there are four boys. Furthermore, it's not unusual for a child who's been dry at night for a significant period of time to suddenly and inexplicably begin wetting the bed.

Punishment will not correct this problem and may well make matters worse — much worse. In fact, Bed-wetting is linked to deep sleep. The best explanation is the child simply sleeps so deeply that he doesn't realize that his bladder is full. Consequently, instead of "holding" or getting up and using the bathroom, the child wets the bed. Furthermore, he may continue to sleep through the night

on sheets that are soaked. A change in routine often precedes the start of bed-wetting. My son Eric wet the bed for a short time after we moved from Illinois to North Carolina when he was 5. Your son started wetting bed coincidentally shortly after he started school. Being in school during the day may wear him out, causing him to sleep more deeply than before. Thus, he wets the bed.

If you concern yourself with more important things, and let time take its course, this little glitch will probably resolve itself within a year. On the other hand, if you want to help a solution along, you can purchase one of the several bedwetting alarm systems sold online through the Bedwetting Store, [www.bedwettingstore.com](http://www.bedwettingstore.com), or 800-214-9605.

These systems are not intrusive and the set-up is not complicated at all. In some cases, however, the manufacturer don't tell you that the child usually sleeps so deeply that he doesn't hear the alarm (signaling his wetting) at first. For a few nights at least, when the alarm goes off, the parents need to wake the child and "put him through the paces." Your pediatrician may also have access to a similar system which he'd rather you use, so check with him first.

One thing is certain: Frustration and anger on your part concerning this issue will only make matters worse.

Family psychologist John Rosemond answers parents' questions on his Web site at [www.rosemond.com](http://www.rosemond.com).

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have always made a priority to spend time with the people in our lives we care for. At this stage, our children are gone and our large home is ideal for gatherings, so we are frequent hosts to friends and family.

One of our close friends, "Gloria," has a roommate, "Ivy," who has taken it upon herself to show up at my child's birthday party without being invited. This has put Gloria in the uncomfortable position of being the "informant." In most cases, it would be a problem. However, Ivy has shown up at sit-down dinners with limited seating. She never offers to bring anything or calls to make sure she's welcome. Sometimes she shows up earlier than when our guests have been told to arrive. This has caused some awkward situations for me, to put it mildly.



**DEAR ABBY**  
**Jeanne Phillips**

Not only that, but Ivy is a very demanding guest. On a few occasions she has tried to boss me around. She expects me to wait on her hand and foot. How can we tactfully tell this woman she needs to call before showing up to make sure she's welcome?

**HGHESTSS WITH THE DEAR HOSTESS:** You have described a boor who knows no boundaries. Please do not "tactful," because it won't work. The next time Ivy shows up uninvited, tell her exactly what you have written to me and do not admit her. Period.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have struggled with my weight ever since the death of my child several years ago. This year for Christmas, a family member — who despises me — drew my name. Her gift to me was a glass pie dish containing spook-making ingredients, plus a pastry cutter and two basting brushes.

She knows I always send thank-you cards. What kind of thank-you should I send her? She reads your column. Maybe I can just send her your reply?

**RICHLAND, WASH. DEAR STUMPED:** Do not clip and send the woman my reply. That would be bad manners. Instead, copy it on stationery in your own handwriting. Here's what to tell her.

"How kind of you to remember me with the goodie-bagging. I have always felt that the thought and planning that go into selecting a gift are what makes it — and the sender — so special. Your generosity will not soon be forgotten!"

I think that will express what you would like to say in a way that will leave you above reproach.

**DEAR ABBY:** I need to know if my husband's relationship with his ex-wife should be tolerated. They talk to each other on the phone every month or so, and send each other cards on special occasions. Their closeness caused a former girlfriend to break off their relationship before we met.

**HE IS DETERMINED TO STAY CLOSE** and sees nothing wrong with it. There were no children from the marriage, Abby, so that is not the reason.

**WHY DO PEOPLE?** who remain this close get divorced? I'm wrong to feel hurt and threatened, because I'm ready to just walk away from this warped, on-dependent relationship. Please let me know your thoughts.

**READY TO QUIT IN ARIZONA:** DEAR READY TO QUIT: Your husband's first marriage failed for good reason. However, he and his ex may "cling" because they invested so much of themselves in the relationship that they can't completely detach. Before you throw in the towel, please consider marriage counseling. Your husband may not understand how deeply his ongoing relationship with his ex hurts you. A neutral third party might be able to get through to him what you cannot.

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**THE BOND**  
**Marty Becker**

But his destiny "to thrive and not just survive" need a lot more and a lot less (stress) according to veterinarian Dr. Tony Higgins, founder of cat rescue doors at Initiative, whose goal is to enrich the lives of indoor cats.

The Initiative's Web site ([www.innovet.org/](http://www.innovet.org/)) provides the uniqueness of the feline. The fact is that cats, unlike dogs, are not pack animals who hunt in groups in pursuit of large prey. Cats are solitary hunters of small prey like rodents and small birds. In studying the uniqueness of cats, their hereditary fingerprint if you will, we now have a greater understand-

ing of cat behavior and have a proven knowledge of steps you can take to improve the environment of indoor cats.

Here are several things you can do for your cat's environment which are proven to decrease your cat's stress and improve their overall health:

**Be a friend —** A cat shouldn't be treated like a fur-covered statue. Cats like social interaction but, unlike dogs, often don't initiate it. Set aside 15 minutes per day for whichever of the following activities your cat prefers: playtime, grooming

### Coming next week in Family Life

### Pets primer

A special package of stories about you and your furry friends.

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a rumbling clothes dryer). Get your cat high — Cats like to have their own space, and many prefer to sleep and rest in high places. For example, my ham cat climb to the highest hay bales in the loft. For indoor cats, get them off the floor with window perches, shelves, tables, any place where your cat can get high, lay claim and watch people and other animals (birds, squirrels, dogs, etc.).

A hunting we will go — Only cats in cartoons find real mice in houses, and that darned glass keeps getting in between kitty's claws and the birds snacking at the feeder. So, provide toys that look like mice, birds, bugs — cats' natural prey. In the old days, cats had to detect, stalk and apprehend their dinner. Now, we shove a bowl under their face: not much of a hunt. To mimic the hunt, try

hiding cat food within trays or around the house so your cat can imitate hunting and catching dinner.

**Cat scratch fever —** Provide a sturdy scratching post of the material your cat prefers. Don't toss it away when it gets ratty, as that's the condition cats prefer.

**Take on water —** Far too many cats suffer health problems from not drinking enough water. Ever watched how cats like to drink from running water like dripping faucets? So why use water dishes that simulate stale puddles? Invest in one of the new aerated pet fountains, make sure each cat has its own water and food bowls, add water to dry cat food or use canned food.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is co-author of "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul."

## Night

**Continued from E1**  
Carligen vipers down bats, fills salt and pepper shakers and rings up tickets.  
But Carligen's nights on the graveyard shift may be numbered. Someday, she says, she'll open a floral shop.  
It'll be quieter.



### Les Schwab Tire Center, Twin Falls

A sweeper truck captained by PC Maintenance driver Scott Bowman maneuvers through the parking lot. The gentle hum of the vacuuming truck is the only sound on this stretch of Blue Lanes Boulevard, and the engine chokes a bit when a piece of trash is sucked into the truck's storage compartment.

It takes about 15 minutes to finish the lot, then Bowman is off to the next stop on his route.



### PSI Waste Systems, Twin Falls

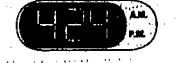
Driver Cesar Solis fires up the engine on his front-loading waste removal truck. In a few minutes he'll start his route picking up trash from Twin Falls businesses. Solis takes two loads of waste each night to a dump facility in Burley. His first load weighs about 15 tons.

The 45-year-old has been driving for almost 15 years, and he enjoys working at night. "Nobody bothers you, and there is no traffic." He smiles, then punches his time card. Trash awaits.



### Motel 6, Twin Falls

Marcia Hoffman checks tomorrow's reservations on the computer. She is a little more than a quarter through the night, and it's quiet. Just the gentle hum and piercing light from a handful of fluorescent fixtures keep her company.

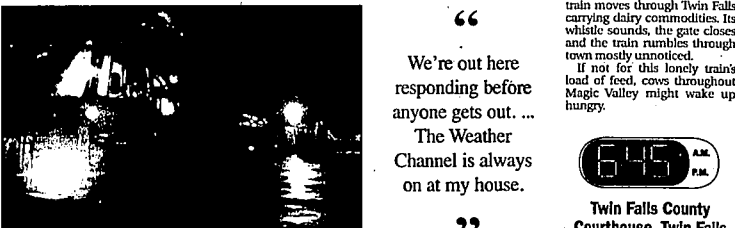


### Pole Line Road and Blue Lanes Boulevard, Twin Falls

In 10 minutes, seven vehicles



At 1:30 a.m., nighttime maintenance worker Matt Barnes walks the perimeter of the Twin Falls airport's main building looking for garbage or loose wood blown in by the wind. Barnes took over Tim Mounce's position recently after Mounce moved on.



**“** We're out here responding before anyone gets out. ... The Weather Channel is always on at my house. **”**

— James Gose-Eells, Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Director

Green has a crew that tracks the person down. But don't be misled by the TV shows, he says. Many times catching a fugitive is as simple as calling his mother's house, then the police.

"It's not as glamorous as you might think."

**Train tracks, Twin Falls**  
It's usually about this time that the Eastern Idaho Railroad

train moves through Twin Falls spreading dairy commodities. Its whistle sounds, the gate closes and the train rumbles through town mostly unnoticed.

If not for this lonely train's low feet, cows throughout Magic Valley might wake up hungry.

**6:45 A.M.**

### Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls

The faintest glow melts onto the horizon as Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways director James Gose-Eells watches his crew de-ice the parking lot.

Four men steer walk-behind spreaders packed with de-icer over slippery concrete.

Later, the 35-year-old five-man crew will check slopes at the county's canyon parks.

"We're out here responding before anyone gets out," says Gose-Eells, whose day can start as early as 3 a.m. when it snows. The Weather Channel is always on at my house."

**Gose-Eells' day** starts early so you can start well. Times-News features writer Marc Christiansen can be reached at 755-3276 or [marc.christiansen@einet.net](mailto:marc.christiansen@einet.net).

## Definitely worth waiting for

Being a sensitive person can sometimes be frustrating. I've already talked about how embarrassing it is to start crying in the wrong place at the wrong time. But to be honest, I realize that, in part, I choose to be the way I am.

I choose not to become jaded from working in the news business. Some of my co-workers wonder how I can get so upset over news stories about people I've never met, who don't affect my life. But some of them understand. Some are kind and try to protect me from the worst that is out there, knowing I have trouble handling it. When my friend tells me not to read a certain story or look at a certain page, I believe him. I think it's sweet that some people watch out for me like that.



**MAMA TALK**  
Suzanne DeSelms

So I wasn't too surprised when my editor called me just before my last column was published to warn me that it was running next to a story about miscarriage. Though I was quiet about it at the time, most people in the newsroom eventually heard that I had miscarried two babies before I became pregnant with Ben. The editor was concerned that the story might upset me, especially if I took me by surprise.

I thanked her for thinking of me but in truth was worried more for other people who have suffered such a great loss. I thought my column would be more upsetting to them than their stories would be to me.

When I lost my first baby, I grieved for awhile, then put all my energy into thinking happy baby thoughts for the future.

I'd read all the material. I knew that miscarriage is common and almost never the mother's fault. But when it happened again, I felt like I was falling. We were having dinner with friends the next day, and I was trying to hold it together. But when my friend's sister stopped by with her four kids, I knew I wouldn't last. The older children were comforting and distracting, but she also had a 19-month-old.

I sat on the couch with my lip quivering only for a minute or two before I rushed to the bathroom. The goal was to stay in there until I was done crying, but eventually I realized that was unrealistic. How could I ever be done crying for my dead children? I mourned not only the loss of those babies, but the possibility that I was doing something wrong with me and I would never have a child of my own.

(Rational thought gets you only so far when dealing with a sensitive issue.)

You're supposed to wait three months after a miscarriage to start trying again, in order to give your body a chance to heal. So, when I was late again the very next month, I tried not to think about it. Finally, after two weeks, I decided I'd better take a pregnancy test. It turned positive, but as I went to tell my husband, I saw blood. By the time I talked to him, I was already crying. He decided to call his father, who is a doctor, though I was sure he would only confirm what I already knew. I was losing the baby and there was nothing we could do.

Indeed, that is what he told us, but he added something: Our only chance would be if the blood stopped that same day. I went in to a clinic to work, plopped onto the couch and started praying as hard as I knew how. Please, God, please let me keep this baby. I just want to have a healthy baby. Please let my baby be OK.

As it turned out, I did stop bleeding. I, of course, was terrified anyway. I didn't announce I was pregnant until I was 12 weeks along and out of that scary first trimester. Even then, I knew I was lucky. All I can do is try to offer some hope to other women who've lost a baby to miscarriage. Sometimes things do work out OK in the end. I feel like I'm able to appreciate my baby more because of all I went through in getting him here.

New mama Suzanne DeSelms plans to return to the office in late February. Until then, she can be reached at [suzanne\\_deselms@hotmail.com](mailto:suzanne_deselms@hotmail.com).

# Gamers grow up



Dan Hill, 27, right, plays the video game 'Quake 3' with Mark Eacker, 33, as 19-month-old Keshlyn Greaves peeks into Mark and Cindy Greaves' garage in Twin Falls, where gamers set up their equipment on a recent Friday for an all-nighter.

## Age, responsibilities don't hamper game time for enthusiasts

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It's late. Mark Greaves' neighbors have turned off their lights and gone to bed. The street is quiet.

But inside the Greaves home the lights are still on, and machine gun fire is coming from somewhere in his garage.

"tat-tat-tat ... rat-tat-tat. 'Look out!' he shouts to his wife, Cindy. But she just sits there — frozen, her eyes glazed, face expressionless. She's dead.

"Well, not really. 'Red Lightning' is dead. It's her pseudonym.

Mark and Cindy are hosting a 24-hour gaming party in their Twin Falls garage for about 20 computer game players — all of whom are in their 20s, 30s or 40s. They're not your stereotypical gamers: Most here are married, many have children. One of them, Cindy's mom, is a grandmother. Many of these adults are gaming pioneers. They blistered their thumbs on Atari and Nintendo in the early and mid-'80s. These self-described nerds refused to drop the joysticks many associate with adolescence, even as they matured, got jobs, married and had children.

In fact, some of them swear they're playing more now than they did as teens.

It is possible, they say, for gaming and responsibility to coexist. According to the Entertainment Software Association, the average gamer in 2005 was 30 years old, had been gaming for 12 years and devoted 6.8 hours a week to video games — less than a third of the amount of time spent either exercising, volunteering, doing cultural activities or reading.

Twin Falls 27-year-old Nick Beem, who was at the Greaveses' party, says he spends about 14 hours a week gaming and still has plenty of time to nurture his marriage. His wife, Lonna, gets him during the day, the computer has him at night. After his wife goes to bed, Nick sneaks off to his computer for an hour — or four — of "Battlefield 2," his game of choice.

After a year and a half of marriage, Lonna is tired of the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde routine. "She doesn't like it that much," Nick confesses. "Besides, she thinks it's nerdy."

Nevertheless, the older he gets the more Nick games. As a teenager, he spent less than half the time gaming that he does now.

Nick grew up on a farm, and he didn't have time to stare at a computer screen. That changed when he moved off the farm, got a job and gained some independence.

"I was either at the bar or on the computer," he says. Then he got married. Lonna and a day he had



Cindy Greaves, 25, holds her son Jarren, 4, as he cries after being taken away from playing the computer game 'Quake 3' at their home in Twin Falls. Greaves says she allows Jarren to fly the airplanes on the game, but when it comes to the gory parts she draws the line. "I don't like to let him watch the people explode," Greaves says.



Gamers gather to play computer games all night long in Mark and Cindy Greaves' garage on a recent Friday afternoon in Twin Falls.

replaced the farm, but the games remain.

However, he says, that may soon change. The Beems have a newborn on the way, and Nick expects the new child to cut into his game time.

"I'll have to take care of the house, a wife, a baby and a job," he says. "I don't think I'll ever stop gaming — but I'll slow down."

Two children haven't done much to impede the Greaveses' gaming. Like Nick, Mark says he is actually playing more than he did as a teen — though, at first, balancing his habit and the kids took some adjusting.

"Cindy would let me know when I wasn't paying enough attention to the kids," he says. "Gaming started cutting into family stuff, and we

had arguments."

Cindy stepped in and laid down the law: No gaming until after dinner; the house had to be picked up; and the kids' needs always came first. Mark took it one step further.

Now, he'll take the kids so Cindy has time for her photography and scrapbooking hobbies.

"If I get time to play, I've got to give her time to do her things," Mark says. The couple calls it "mutual consent."

But as Mark and Nick know, gaming is highly addictive. Just a taste can get you hooked. Recently, the habit snared Cindy.

"He said, 'Just try it this once,'" Cindy recalls. "At first I didn't like the shooting, the gore. I thought it polluted your mind." But then she shot a

character and felt the surge of victory in her veins.

Now, the Greaveses game together. At the 24-hour party, their 4-year-old son, Jarren, had to be pulled from a computer kicking and screaming. It was an adults-only game.

When the family plays together, they play games where the kids fly planes or drive cars — nothing bloody. Gaming, they say, brings them closer.

"It's not too hard being an adult gamer," Mark says. "Now I play the games with the kids, so it's not hard to juggle."

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” — Mark Greaves, on being a video game player with a family

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Center**  
530 Shoshone St. W.  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Country sausage, gravy, homemade biscuits, fried potato, vegetables, salad, bowl of fruit.  
Tuesday: Baked potato bar  
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, mixed bean salad, bread, fruit salad, cake, ice cream  
Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, vegetables, green salad, cinnamon roll  
Friday: Lasagna, Italian vegetables, french bread, tossed salad, fruit crisp

**Activities:**  
Monday: Quilting  
Monday: Bridge  
Tuesday: Exercise  
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday  
Blood pressure  
Medicare D assistance  
Wednesday: Quilting  
Elks Cards Club  
Exercise class  
Music  
Thursday: Medicare D assistance  
Center pinochle  
Friday: Blood pressure  
Lunch bingo  
Exercise  
Quilting  
Saturday: Super Bingo

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl

**Menu:**  
Today: Pork chop dinner, 1 p.m.  
Monday: Soup and sandwich  
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas, salad, fruit, dessert  
Wednesday: Ham, baked potato, winter blend, three-bean salad, fruit, cabbage  
Thursday: Bread, cornbread spare ribs, tuatin potatoes, peas and onions, tropical fruit salad, bread, cookies

**Activities:**  
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.: \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under age 60 and \$3 for those age 12 and younger  
Monday: Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.  
Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Thursday: Foot clinic

**Filer Senior Haven**  
222 Main St.  
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, beef patties, butter, spinach, apple salad, sliced bread, fruit sauce  
Wednesday: Goulash, sliced carrots, colelaw salad, sliced bread, cookies  
Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, string beans, tossed salad, hot roll, ice cream, cake  
**Activities:**  
Monday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Pace class, 1:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Pace class, 1:30 p.m.

Study ties bed-wetting to developmental delays

By Sandra G. Boodman  
The Washington Post

Bed-wetting is a common problem among children, especially boys; most outgrow it before they enter elementary school. But in some cases, report Canadian researchers, frequent bed-wetting might indicate a delay in the development of a child's central nervous system — and warrant a look by a pediatrician.

To test a hypothesis suggested by previous studies — that lack of nocturnal bladder control, a key developmental milestone, may be linked to other delays — researchers studied 1,666 young children, nearly all of them white. Mothers were interviewed when the children were 23, 41

and 53 months old; doctors from Montreal's Hopital du Sacre-coeur examined data about each child's motor skills, speech, behavior and growth patterns.

**Developmental lags** — Ten percent of the group were wetting their beds most nights at age 4 1/2, researchers found. These children, 68 percent of them boys, were less likely to have reached widely accepted developmental milestones than those who had stopped wetting

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Hash brown casserole with ham, peas, fruit, cookies  
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit, broccolis  
Wednesday: Chicken alfredo over noodles, creamed corn, fruit salad, lemon cake  
Thursday: Polish sausage, scalloped potatoes, sauerkraut, green salad, fruit, pudding  
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, Jell-O with fruit, cake and ice cream

**Activities:**  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
Early Bird, 6:45 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Saturday: Pool tournament

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Potato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, Jell-O with fruit, macaroni cookie  
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, collard, bread, pudding, juice  
Friday: Turkey roast, potatoes and gravy, salad, corn, upside down cake

**Activities:**  
Monday: AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens**  
308 Senior Ave.  
All diners are at noon. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Meatballs, noodles, creamy mushroom gravy, bro-

ccoli, Jell-O, cottage cheese, spice cake, bread

Tuesday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O with cobler, bread  
Wednesday: Crab Newburg, rice, carrots, fruit, cookies, bread  
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, mushroom gravy, cauliflower, three-bean salad, peach cobbler, rolls  
Friday: Leftovers

**Activities:**  
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Wild one, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
Wild one, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
TOPS, 4 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 6 p.m.

**Hagaman Senior Center**  
140 E. Lake  
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Salmon, green beans, green salad, fruit, rolls, apple pie  
Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, bread, dessert  
Friday: Baked potatoes, chili, vegetable, salad, fruit, bread, dessert

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**  
Eden

Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Lasagna, green beans, colelaw, fruit, dessert  
Thursday: Italian sausage, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert

**Activities:**  
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

**Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.**  
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Sauerkraut, Wieners, mashed potatoes, Cauliflower mix vegetables, green salad, hot dinner rolls, sugar cookies, peas  
Wednesday: Tuna sandwich, split pea soup, carrot sticks, banana cream pie  
Friday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, birthday cake, ice cream

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffees, 5:30 a.m.  
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
Early bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Richfield Senior Center**  
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green salad, garlic sticks, rice custard  
Thursday: Chili hot dogs, bean soup, peach pie

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
721 21st Ave. S., Halley

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Lasagna, garlic cheese bread, winter blend vegetables, pineapple salad, peanut butter cookies  
Wednesday: Salmon steak, baked potato, green salad, cornbread, baked apples, chocolate pudding parfait  
Friday: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, copper carrots, hot rolls, colelaw, apple pie with ice cream

**Activities:**  
Monday: Shopping trip, 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.  
Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

**Three Island Senior Center**  
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Salads are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, potatoes, Harvard beets, bread  
Tuesday: Chicken casserole, broccoli, tossed salad, fruit crisp, bread  
Thursday: Pork chops, mushroom gravy, potatoes, winter mix vegetables, peach crisp, bread

**Activities:**  
Monday: Tax aide, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Thursday: Call to schedule Medicare D  
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.  
Saturday: Tax aide, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Gamas County Senior Center**  
127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Cost of the meal is \$3.50; children

under 10 pay \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Pizza, vegetables, fruit, salad, dessert  
Wednesday: Shepherd's pie, vegetables, fruit, dessert  
Friday: Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, fruit, birthday cake, ice cream

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Tuesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Thursday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.  
Friday: Exercise class, 7 to 8 a.m.

**Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center**  
702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with

**Menu:**  
Monday: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, assorted salad, pie  
Tuesday: Chef salad, Texas toast, fruit salad, cake  
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner  
Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, pudding  
Friday: Smorgasbord

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Pool, 1 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon  
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
SHIBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.

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**"Real Estate Corner"**  
CONCERNED ABOUT SPACE?  
by Laura Fitzgerald  
RE/MAX American Dream Realty

Space is an important dwelling consideration, so get it right before you buy. Like beauty, square footage can be in the eye of the beholder. Has the living room been measured inside or outside wall? Are the garage and deck considered part of the overall square footage? How about the unfinished basement? Is the seller candidly revealing how much living space is within the house or providing only the larger outside dimensions? If you want to make sure your grand piano or antique bedroom set will fit in your new abode, put it on tape before you inch your way to a signature. ☐

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| SYMPTOM              | SINUSITIS           | COLD                   |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Facial pressure/pain | Yes                 | Sometimes              |
| Duration of illness  | Over 10-14 days     | Under 10 days          |
| Nasal Discharge      | Thick, yellow-green | Thick, whitish or thin |
| Fever                | Sometimes           | Sometimes              |
| Headache             | Sometimes           | Sometimes              |
| Pain in upper teeth  | Sometimes           | No                     |
| Bad Breath           | Sometimes           | No                     |
| Coughing             | Sometimes           | Yes                    |
| Nasal Congestion     | Yes                 | Yes                    |

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# Leo - the more the merrier

**IF JAN. 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** YOU HAVE BEEN A VERY special person for several weeks and may have landed a new job, earned a promotion or otherwise reached an important milestone in your life. But now it is time to come down from the clouds and think about responsibility and obligations. Whatever ground you have recently won can only be retained by hard work and dedication in March and May. Plan your vacation so you won't be away during those times. If you stick to keeping what you have and don't try anything new you will earn your wings and be able to fly gracefully through the following months. Look for a permanent improvement in some important facet of your life close to the new year.

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Eat your fill. Take advantage of the feast on the table where your social life is concerned. Reconcile flits smoothly today, but the week ahead may require some careful strategizing.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Look for physical Get away from the ice rink or lob a few balls at an indoor court. The more active you are, the better you will feel. Stretch muscles now in case your arms are stuck behind a desk all week.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Write down your ideas. You are able to say what you mean today and make a convincing presentation. Put inspirations down on paper in case you are distracted later in the week.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** To everything there is a season. Today the celestial weather signals, together with you, make your move. Later in the week there might be time for romantic hours or exercise.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The more the merrier. Football tossing in the backyard or chess by the roadside requires at least one other person. Be sociable while the planets smile, as the week ahead may involve some solitary moments.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone is waiting in the wings. There is no reason to do a little job on your own when a special person would love to be by your side. The week to come might not offer time for pleasure.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make hay while the sun shines. Flirtations are possible. The week to come may bring extra work and responsibility, so actively focus on spending quality time with loved ones today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Focus on friendly competitions. Partners may be enthusiastic about stretching a few muscles, so go along for the exercise. Social matters may take second place in the week ahead.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Money may run through your fingers like a sieve. Make those extra pennies work for you. The stars are perfect for bowling or other sports so you may relax before the workweek begins.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Shake off the cobwebs. Harmony loving Venus is paired with Mars, so pursue social activities or competitive games. Get relationships in shape to withstand the pressures of the week to come.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Keep the home fires burning. Be enthusiastic about games, sports, or drop in visitors. Make the week to come a time with loved ones as the burdens of the week ahead could keep you apart.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Social activities are hopping. Don't put off the fun you can have today until tomorrow. Play hard or just enjoy sports on TV. The week to come may not contain time for pleasant get-togethers.

# A report from the front lines of astronomical research

The last American Astronomical Society meeting attended was in 1988, when the ink was barely dry on my master's thesis. So when I went to the 207th meeting of the AAS earlier this month in Washington, D.C., it was a great opportunity to see how things had changed in the world of professional astronomy in the past two decades.

One of the first things I noticed was the balance between men and women. In 1988, professional astronomy was very much a "men's club," with young women still a relative rarity. While it's still not 50-50, it was gratifying to see that efforts to encourage young women considering an astronomy career were starting to bear fruit. Sadly, ethnic minorities are still badly underrepresented in astronomy's ranks.

Also evident was the competition among big science projects, both existing and proposed. Huge ground-based telescopes and advanced space missions put their best feet forward in glittery booths reminiscent of a home garden show for astronomy



SKY WATCHER Chris Anderson

## Sky calendar through Saturday

• Planets:  
One hour before sunrise:  
Jupiter: ESE, very low  
Venus: S, mid-high  
Saturn: WNW, very low  
One hour after sunset:  
Mars: SSE, very high  
Saturn: ENE, very low  
• Moon: Third quarter 8:14 a.m. today. Close to Jupiter on Monday morning.

professionals. I walked away with quite a "swag bag" of posters, bookmarks and DVDs designed to sway astronomical researchers into using this or that telescope or space probe to further their research goals. A relatively new form of astronomical research is "data

mining." Modern telescopes and detectors collect images and spectra not only on intended targets, but also on their surroundings. Utilizing data archives, researchers need not endure the competitive process of requesting and gaining approval for telescope or spacecraft time. They only need the patience to sift through the mountains of collected information to glean good science. Finally, while it was a bit humbling for this 40-something to be schooled by fresh-faced 20-somethings about the research they were so proudly presenting in the huge poster sessions, it was also encouraging. In their hands, the latest telescopes and space-based super sensors will coax the universe to reveal its secrets at an unprecedented pace in the years to come.

Next week: An accurate sundial.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## KELLEY-RAUSCH

**TWIN FALLS** — Susan and Ed Harbke of Twin Falls and Caryn and Richard Kelley of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Gourley Kelley, to Brian Michael Rausch, son of Paula Reed of Eagle. Kelley is a graduate of the University of Idaho. She is employed at Weyerhaeuser in Boise. Rausch is also a graduate of the U of I. He is employed at Stapley Engineering in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 18, in Boise.



Brian Rausch and Robin Kelley

## HEDBERG-HIETALA

**TWIN FALLS** — Marvin and Lynn Hedberg of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nicole Hedberg, to Ryan Michael Hietala, son of Larry and Marcia Hietala of Thonon, Ariz. Hedberg is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2005 graduate of Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in health science studies. She is enrolled in graduate school at Idaho State University, Boise, for speech-language pathology. Hietala is a 1998 graduate of the University of Texas El Paso with a degree in criminal justice. He is pursuing a professional golf



Ryan Hietala and Jennifer Hedberg career on the PGA Tour. He has played professional golf since 1997. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 24, at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

# Authors help others learn how to live alone after losses

By Jane Glenn Haas The Orange County Register

I filled my holiday time with lots of activities: family visits, dinners, luncheons, even some theater. Busywork. Protective walls around my fear of aloneness.

Don't be alone, I warned myself. Being alone means opening the mental boobybox. Releasing the ghosts of Christmas past.

This was the first Christmas since my husband died in June. Bob loved Christmas. I dragged out most of our Santa Claus ornaments and decorated the house alone. No tears.

And I would be sharing two weeks with the widow and children of my own, who died in January. Just keeping up with the kids — three boys, 5, 7 and 11 — leaves little time for self-reflection.

There'll be no mistletoe, called me on his cell phone — which one belonged to his dad. The face of my cell phone said "Bob" and I was calling "How" with he could, I held the phone

tight. I couldn't answer. Coming home Christmas Eve, I passed a neighborhood house with a fire department panorama stickers parked out front and an ambulance. I burst into tears. The scene triggered Bob's several ambulance trips to hospitals before he died. My heart ached for those inside. My heart ached for me.

Life isn't fair. I don't want to be alone. If he had taken care of himself, he would still be alive. Oh, how long does this mental misery go on?

There are triggers that will exploit wounds forever. Dr. Harold H. Bloomfield tells me. He's the author, with Melba Colgrove and Peter McWilliams, of "How to Survive the Loss of a Loved One," published 30 years ago, this self-help book has sold 4 million copies.

Bloomfield tells me its OK to let your mourning do your grief work, just don't allow that to completely dominate your experience for weeks afterwards.

I tell him I am angry with Bob for letting himself die. Bloom-

field tells me anger is normal and natural, a part of grief. It's OK to express that," he says. "Don't be afraid to feel all your feelings."

He tells me to make sure I develop support groups, that memories will lessen with time. However, you need to expect that 10 years later it will still come up for you.

I ask Laurie-Ann Weis how she has learned to cope, seven years after her husband's death. Weis is an educational therapist who works with students who exhibit learning disabilities.

When her husband died, she launched a Web site for survivors and has turned her attention to grievers. Her book, "The After Journey," chronicles the messages from hundreds of widows and widowers sharing the emotions of walking their first year alone. ("The After Journey" is available from the publisher, Trafford Publishing, (888) 232-4444 or through the

Web site, www.laurieannweis.com).

"I had no idea there are two kinds of grief" — physical and emotional, Weis tells me. "If I had known, I would have had a more peaceful journey the first year. I had stomachaches, stabbing heart pains, as well as the emotional grief of sadness and hopelessness."

I tell her of my physical pain, all related to recovery from a knee surgery. A recovery that is taking far too long to accomplish.

She says physical pain is something you must move through and acknowledge. Move slowly."

Four more things Weis says she wished she knew the first year of grieving: Wait 48 hours before making a big financial decision; reinvent your social life completely as couples go back into their own social circles; avoid transitional dating relationships where you bring

too much emotional baggage to make the situation work; make joy a goal.

"A lot of what we mourn for is a broken dream," she says. "We have to form a scab over our hearts and every once in awhile, it breaks and we bleed all over the bedsheet. It's OK to cry. But reaching out to help others helps the scab get thicker."

In so many ways, this was my merriest Christmas. But my family was there to support me, and my friends included me in festivities. I avoided my great fear of being left alone.

And yet, I am alone. And learning to live with aloneness is my challenge for the new year.

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# 'Boomero Uno' may not have been first Boomer

By Bill Smith St. Louis Post-Dispatch

For Jim Slicker, it's a simple question of Boomer... or bust. Ten years ago, the Navy veteran and longtime aircraft machinist from rural New Melle, Mo., first learned from a Kansas City journalist that he likely was America's first Baby Boomer. Born at Missouri Baptist Hospital just a half second past midnight on Jan. 1, 1946, Slicker eventually would be dubbed "Boomero Uno," the first of an estimated 78 million boomers to arrive kicking and screaming into the first new year of a post World War II America.

An Associated Press story at the time of his birth called the little Slicker the "apparent national winner" of that year's baby derby and, by later inference, the first of the historic Baby Boomer generation, a generation born between the first day of 1946 and the final day of 1964.

In 1996, shortly after Slicker's 50th birthday, newspaperman Charles Osgood crowned him "the very first baby boomer."

"Jim Slicker, you son-of-a-gun, look what you started," Osgood told his radio listeners. Slicker's photo and story appeared in the National Enquirer, again calling him the nation's first boomer.

But with Slicker and the rest of the nation's oldest boomers celebrating their six-tio this winter, there is a fly in the

Boomer ointment.

Her name is Kathleen Casey Kirschling. In a story in Smithsonian Magazine's researcher and writer Landon Y. Jones, who has written extensively on the Boomer phenomenon, again gave the first-boomer nod to the New Jersey woman, Jones who first wrote about Kirschling years earlier in Money Magazine, apparently based his decision on the fact that Kirschling was the first child born in the nation's Eastern time zone, an hour ahead of St. Louis and the Midwest.

Even though her birth was a full second after midnight, and thus a half second after young Slicker's birth, the time difference meant that the true head of the generation was a little queen, not a king.

The Smithsonian article, and several others leading to the generation's 60th birthday, never even mention Slicker.

"Does it matter?" Slicker said from the living room of his home at the end of Slicker Lane. "Not really." Slicker said another born seconds after midnight has a birth certificate that reads 12:01 a.m.

"As far as I'm concerned, anyone born anywhere in the country, is the first boomer. "I'll tell you this, there aren't very many of us."



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## Diabetes education program earns recognition

**The Times-News**  
**GOODING** — The Diabetes Education Program at Gooding County Memorial Hospital has been awarded continued recognition from the American Diabetes Association. The program was originally recognized in February of 2000. This program offers high-quality education services to the patients it serves. Self-management education is an essential component of diabetes treatment. The consequence of compliance with the National Stan-

dards is the greater consistency in the quality and quantity of education offered to people with diabetes. The participant in an ADA recognized program will be taught, as needed, self-care skills that will promote better management of his or her diabetes treatment regimen. All approved education programs cover the following topics as needed: diabetes disease process; nutritional management; physical activity; medications; monitoring; preventing, detecting and treating acute complications; preventing, de-

tecting and treating chronic complications through risk reduction; foot setting and problem solving; psychological adjustment; and preconception care, management during pregnancy and gestational management. Assuring high-quality education for patient self-care is one of the primary goals of the Education Recognition program. Through the support of the health care team and increased knowledge and awareness of diabetes, the patient can assume a major part of the responsibility

for diabetes management. Unnecessary hospital admission and some of the acute and chronic complications of diabetes may be prevented through self-management education. "The process gives professionals a national standard by which to measure the quality of the services they provide," said Sue Ormond, program coordinator. "And of course, it helps consumers to identify these quality programs." For more information, call the GCMH Diabetes Program at 934-4433, ext. 148.

## Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

**Taylor Marie Sullivant**, daughter of Janyce Elizabeth Tucker of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 6, 2006.  
**Emmanuel Hernandez**, son of Alma Veronice Torrecilla of Shoshone, was born Friday, Jan. 6, 2006.  
**Jovanny Gutierrez**, son of Eugenio Bernal of Gooding, was born Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006.  
**Charlotte Elizabeth Lorain Rollin**, daughter of Shantell Rollin and Charles Lee Rollis of Filer, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.  
**Gabrielle Johanna Mlze**, daughter of Linda Beth and Fred Dean Mlze of Filer, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006.  
**Lucy Quinn Moore**, daughter of Stephan Ann Moore of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.  
**Cade William Page**, son of Lori Lynn and Michael William Page of Gooding, was born Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.  
**Anna Grace Akella**, daughter of Kim Cheri Wiggins and Thomas Benjamin Aiello of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.  
**Alana Joanne White**, daughter of Tracy Joanne and Devon Alan White of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006.  
**Sara Katelyn Patterson**, daughter of Amber Dawn and Darcy Daniel Patterson of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 13, 2006.  
**Sarah Jane Coleman**, daughter of Michele and David A. Coleman of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.  
**Taylor Lynn McGrath**, daughter of Iriline Ann McGrath of Eden, was born Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.  
**Xavier Jason Smith**, son of Jennifer Lynn and Jason Kale Smith of Jerome, was born Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.  
**Caleb Kent Whitaker**, son of Cassandra Dawn and Chad Kyle Whitaker of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.  
**Paxton Max Twiss**, son of Megan Kay and Mitchell Max Twiss of Paul, was born Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.  
**Elijah Everett Beckstead**, son of Lanie Michelle and Kenton

Abrams Beckstead of Buhl, was born Sunday, Jan. 15, 2006.  
**Kami Mia Martene Boyle**, daughter of April Christina and Samuel Scott Boyle of Gooding, was born Monday, Jan. 16, 2006.  
**Annika Marie Koyle**, daughter of Sierra Ann and Shane Otis Koyle of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 16, 2006.  
**St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center**  
**Katherine Perry Gardner**, daughter of Nina and Woodward Gardner of Ketchum, was born Friday, Dec. 19, 2005.  
**Mariana Gomez**, daughter of Brianna Paulan and Juan Gomez of Bellevue, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.  
**Tyrese Nathaniel Tews**, son of Lisa and Joel Tews of Fairfield, was born Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.  
**Brian Jesus Virgen**, son of Celia Galvez of Halley, was born Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005.  
**Conor James Stasz**, son of Meagan and Mark Stasz of Garnett, was born Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005.  
**Mary Makayla Bruno**, daughter of Jacquiel Udy of Challis, was born Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005.  
**Alisa Naomi Ruiz**, daughter of Violeta Ruiz of Halley, was born Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005.  
**Kyzer Von Stroebel-Haft**, son of Amy and Zeban Stroebel-Haft of Halley, was born Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005.  
**Monserat Ambriz**, daughter of Herminia Artega and Eduardo Ambriz of Bellevue, was born Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005.  
**Kyl Helen Stowell**, daughter of Sarah and Gregory Stowell of Halley, was born Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006.  
**Ruben Rodriguez-Rojas**, son of Elena Rojas and Raymundo Rodriguez, was born Monday, Jan. 2, 2006.  
**Esquiel Marquez Rocha**, son of Anacel Marquez of Halley, was born Friday, Jan. 6, 2006.  
**Dylan Samuel Smith**, son of Mindy and Jason Smith of Halley, was born Friday, Jan. 6, 2006.  
**Acaia Grace LePard**, daughter of Tiffany and David LePard of Halley, was born Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006.

## STORK REPORT

## SERVICE NEWS

## JEROME WARD GIVES TO NEEDY

### Jerome man graduates from Navy course

**Navy Constructionman Recruit Lawrence J. McFarling**, son of Jeanette and David L. McFarling of Jerome, has graduated from the U.S. Navy Equipment Operator Course. During the 90-day course at the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., McFarling learned basic operating techniques of common construction and automotive equipment and basic combat skills. McFarling is a 2005 graduate of Jerome High School.

### Local seaman completes basic training in Illinois

**Navy Seaman Katrina M. Mueller**, daughter of Arlis and Lynn Mueller of Twin Falls, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., with honors. Mueller completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, and aircraft firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. Mueller is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

### Kreymeyer graduates in basic infantry training

**Army Pvt. Danny A. Kreymeyer** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in rifle and carbine weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiential use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman. He is the son of Cynthia Kreymeyer of Twin Falls and grandson of Florence Kreymeyer of Buhl.



According to Nyia Burash, project chairperson, Jerome 3rd Ward Relief Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints members donated 15 large quilts, 53 twin-size quilts, 143 baby quilts, small and large blankets, 342 school kits, 288 newborn kits, dresses, children's clothing and more to those in need. The collection was taken to Desert Industries in Twin Falls and then to Salt Lake City for worldwide distribution.

## RESPIRATORY THERAPY WEEK



The respiratory therapy staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center recently recognized Respiratory Therapy Week by donating \$500 to the Cassia Health Care Foundation in memory of their colleague, Aaron Cohen. Respiratory Therapy recognized the staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center for help in playing the money. From left are Jay Wight, Jeff Critchfield, Shauna Reiter, Maria Dells, Brian Hickenlooper, Elaso Cohen and Joyce Lusk.

## Peay graduates from basic Air Force training

**Air Force Airman Jason G. Peay** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremonial marches; and received

physical training, rifle marksmanship, rifle training exercises and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Juren and Beverly Peay of Twin Falls. Peay is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### M.V. Military Support Group meets Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Wendell City Hall, located two blocks east of the Maverick station, 20 S. Idaho. For more information, call Sharla at 536-6159 or Sharon at 536-6111.

### Hansen man celebrates 80th birthday

**HANSEN** — Richard Vawser will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 at 414 First W. Vawser was born Jan. 26, 1926, in Colome, S.D. He married E. L. and Betty Praveck in 1948. He has worked in ranching, farming and the Kimberly School as a janitor. He is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls and enjoys fishing, gardening and word search puzzles. He has five children, Diane

(Jon) Hoyer of Jerome, Dan (Sharon) Vawser of Boise, Cathy (Glenn) Humphries of Twin Falls, Dick (Donna) Vawser and Chuck (Carol) Vawser, both of Kimberly. He has 15 grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. His children are hosting the event. Cards can be sent to Box 299, Hansen, ID 83354.

### Mini-Cassia Center offers dog seminar class

**BURLEY** — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center has added a dog seminar to the spring schedule. The seminar on showmanship and obedience will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the center. Pre-registration is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and must be received by Friday. Registration at the door will be held from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and is \$20 per person and \$30 per couple. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Reading dog's body language, the variety of ways dogs can compete, obedience, conformation and showmanship classes will be held. The afternoon will include an obstacle course and showmanship. Dogs need not be formally trained but must be under control and

leash trained. Participants will need to bring their dog, water dish, favorite treats and if the dog retrieves, bring their favorite retrieval item. A crate or kennel is suggested for pet comfort. For more information or to register with a credit card, call 678-1400.

### Buddy Night takes place for military kids

**GARDEN CITY** — Teenagers, age 12 to 18, from Idaho's National Guard and Reserve families are welcome to join others from the Mountain Home Air Force Base and Idaho's 4-H Clubs at a Bowling Buddy Night Saturday at the Moseley Center Boys & Girls Club in Garden City. The event will start at 2 p.m. at a local bowling alley and concludes at 10 p.m. A \$5 fee covers bowling lanes, dinner and all activities. Fee-waiver scholarships are available. Participants can bring their own buddy — military, civilian or 4-H — to this "Speak Out for Military Kids" event. Activities include bowling, scrapbooking, skits, an open computer lab and an ice cream sundae bar. Participants can engage in various challenge and

initiating games and compete for prizes in tournaments of pool, football, four square and board games.

Pre-registration deadline is Monday. For more information regarding registration and transportation, call Sue Philleary at 454-6556 or spPhillery@uidaho.edu.

### North Side Center offers variety of courses

**GOODING** — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E., is offering a variety of courses this spring. "Standard First Aid" will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the center. The cost is \$40 plus the book. Students will learn to respond to injuries and sudden illness and upon successful completion of the course, they will receive an American Red Cross Universal Certificate in Standard First Aid valid for three years and an Adult CPR certificate valid for one year. "Adult CPR" will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday at the center. The cost is \$50 plus the book. Students will learn to provide basic care for breathing and cardiac emergencies until advanced medical personnel

arrive. Students will be awarded with an American Red Cross Universal Certificate valid for one year, upon successful completion of the course.

"Winter Oven Cooking" will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Students will learn about seasoning, how to cook with clean and store Dutch ovens, pork loin, braided bread, vegetable and dessert will be made. The cost is \$15. Students should bring a non-alcoholic beverage.

"Drawing 1" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, starting Jan. 23 through May 8. Students will learn freehand drawing in various media with emphasis on proportion, perspective, light, shade and composition. The cost is \$190 plus supplies. Senior citizens age 60 and older may take the class for free and the course may be audited by those not interested in earning credit. For registration information, call 934-9878.

### Castledorf Men's Club holds fundraising auction

**CASTLEFORD** — The Castledorf Men's Club is holding its 33rd annual fundraising auction at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Castledorf School Cafeteria, 500

W. Main. The fundraiser will support youth and community activities. The club sponsors the quick response unit, scholarships to Castledorf graduates, youth sports programs and more.

For more information, call Todd Wells at 537-9157, Scott Twerdy at 543-9889, Don Gray-bell at 537-6477, Reagan Hatch at 543-4401 or Roger Wells at 537-6972.

### CSI offers art workshop to children ages 7 to 11

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., is offering "Rough Arts and Crafts" to local 7- to 11-year-olds. The class will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 28 to March 18, in the Art Building, Room 112, on the CSI Campus. The cost is \$80. The class combines art projects in painting, drawing and collage with craft projects in mask-making, sculpture, puppets, face painting and more. Class size is limited so early registration is recommended. Art supplies are included in the cost of the class. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.