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Bill has oxygen users, suppliers concerned

Deficit Reduction Act could change how Medicare pays for home oxygen service

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Eldon Kimball, 77, worked hard all of his life, ever since he went to work on a farm when he was just 14. After giving the U.S. Army seven years, he came home and went to work at the mine, and later, as a delivery truck driver. He retired at age 72.

Kimball put plenty of money into the tax coffers over the years, and now that he needs the government's help, he says they're trying to take it away from him. "I think it's the pits," Kimball said.

Nestled deep within the 700 pages of Senate Bill 1932 — better known as the Deficit Reduction Act — are a few paragraphs that have oxygen users like Kimball — as well as their oxygen suppliers and respiratory therapists — very concerned. The bill has already been

passed by the House and the Senate. The Senate tweaked it a bit, so it's back in the House where it's scheduled for a final vote Wednesday.

Currently, Medicare pays 80 percent for home oxygen services — about \$225 a month per Medicare patient — which covers the costs of oxygen equipment, portable oxygen system refills, home delivery, billing, oxygen supplies, 24-hour emergency service, and maintenance repair and replacement, according to Norco Inc., a Northwest-based medical equipment supplier with a Twin Falls store.

"When a person comes on board, a trained person goes out and sets them up on equipment, and shows them how to use the oxygen as prescribed and how to maintain that equipment," said Robbie Roberts, Norco's compliance officer in Boise. "We go out on a quarterly

basis at a minimum to provide ongoing maintenance. We check the purity of the machine. We change the filters and make sure they have the appropriate amount of supplies. Then we provide ongoing preventative maintenance. All that is included in the rate."

Norco also provides a 24-hour emergency service.

"It's about being there for the patient," Roberts said. "Anything at all, we respond."

Senate Bill 1932 would change all that, making oxygen a rent-to-purchase product. After 36 months, the client would own the equipment and Medicare would continue to cover oxygen, Roberts said. And, according to the legislation, Medicare would continue to cover maintenance and servicing "if the secretary (of Health and Human Services) determines such payments are reasonable

and necessary." But there is nothing in the legislation that says Medicare would continue to reimburse equipment suppliers such as Norco for extras like regular delivery service, home visits, 24-hour emergency service and regular maintenance.

So will they?

Because the deficit reduction act hasn't been passed, we're not in a position to interpret it as law," said Michael Marchand, director of public affairs for the regional office of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The bill is expected to pass in the House and will then go to the Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees Medicare, which would establish fees for ongoing oxygen services.

"It could be very costly to anyone using oxygen," said Tyrell Scatle, medical

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Hunting convicts



Probation and parole officers with the state of Montana, Annette Carter and Michael A. Touchette, log in a hunting rifle recently confiscated from a convicted felon, on Friday in Helena. Hundreds of felons on parole or probation are getting hunting licenses in Montana with no questions asked, despite rules banning them from having guns, an Associated Press investigation has found.

Felons and parolees banned from guns still get hunting tags in Montana and many other states

By Matt Gouras
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — Hundreds of people banned from having guns because they are felons on parole or probation are still able to get hunting licenses in Montana with no questions asked, an Associated Press investigation found.

Montana may not be alone. While nearly all states ban felons from possessing guns, only a handful — including Rhode Island and Maine — keep them from receiving hunting permits, and just a few others — such as Illinois and Massachusetts — require hunters to show both a hunting license and a firearms license.

... In Idaho ... you could theoretically be a convicted cannibal and still have a hunting license, but if you are a convicted cannibal, you cannot legally own a bent BB gun in the state of Idaho."

— Ed Mitchell, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Boise

"Our license dealers have no way of checking," said Lt. Rich Mann, with the enforcement program for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "If someone wants to play with the system and

beat you at it, they will."

The AP examination of Montana hunting and corrections records shows at least 660 felons on parole or probation received tags in 2005.

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Trimming the fat

America's disgust over corruption could cut into pork-barrel projects

By Dairde Shesgroun
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — Pork is a favorite food in the nation's capital, providing sustenance to lawmakers and lobbyists alike.

But in the wake of two corruption and bribery scandals, members of Congress are talking about weaning themselves from the federal fat — or at least going on a diet.

At issue are so-called "earmarks," specially tagged funds that lawmakers insert into the annual spending bills to direct federal dollars to special projects or businesses in their home states. Fiscal conservatives and government watchdog groups see the scandals as the perfect moment to push for new curbs on earmarks. Many Democrats have joined the chorus, too, after having been shut out in recent years of crucial closed-door legislative negotiations, only to learn later about sweetheart pro-

"The unsavory practice of inserting such provisions at the last minute stifles debate and empowers well-heeled lobbyists at the expense of those who cannot afford access to power."

— John McCain

visions stuck in to key bills in the dead of night.

Disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff once called the appropriations committees "earmark factories."

Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., called earmarks "the currency of corruption" in a Jan. 23 letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., urging reform.

Earmarks were one avenue that ex-Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., used to repay defense contractors who showered him with cash and expensive gifts, including a Rolls Royce and a yacht. Cunningham, who resigned in November after admitting he accepted bribes, put special earmarks into spending bills benefiting the defense companies.

"There are a lot of folks who are paid to be in Washington to try and get things for their clients ... and many times that comes through the earmarking process," said Rep. John Shimkus, R-Mo.

Indeed, lobbyists have developed a niche in appropriations practices, bringing clients with the pitch that they can snag federal funding for everything from a special research project for a university to a coveted greenway for a city.

Lawmakers have happily obliged. Whether the plea has come from a home-state constituent or a Washington lobbyist, Congress has engaged in an all-out feeding frenzy in recent years, going on millions of dollars in pork-barrel projects tucked into the annual appropriations bills.

The number of earmarks in appropriations bills has ballooned from about 4,126 in 1994 to more than 16,000 last year, according to the Congressional Research Service.

"There's nothing a member of Congress loves more than to boast about bringing home the bacon. Take this sampling from the billzard of news releases Missouri and Illinois lawmakers tucked into the annual appropriations bill for 2006 spending bill:

"Senate Approves More Than \$195 Million For Illinois Projects," blares a headline from Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

"Congressman Blunt Delivers \$27.17 Million for Southwest Missouri Research Projects," boasts a release from Republican Rep. Roy Blunt.

And a missive from Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent, R-Mo., listed more than a dozen projects, totaling more than \$140 million, for the state.

But the public attitude toward federal largesse may be shifting.

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Injuries to ABC's Woodruff, Vogt illustrate dangers to journalists

By David Bauder
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The serious injuries suffered by ABC "World News Tonight" anchor Bob Woodruff and a television cameraman Sunday were a reminder of the danger hundreds of journalists work through every day as they tell the story of the Iraq war.

Woodruff and Doug Vogt were riding in an Iraqi military vehicle Sunday so they could better understand the war from the perspective of the Iraqi forces when an improvised explosive device blew up near their convoy of U.S. and Iraqi troops north of Baghdad.

Both men were wearing body armor and helmets, but they suffered serious head injuries and were in stable condition following surgery at a U.S. military hospital. Woodruff also has broken bones. They were being evacuated to medical facilities in Germany, ABC News President David Westin said Sunday night.

us a taste of what so many military families are going through every day."

Dozens of journalists have been injured, killed or kidnapped in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.

David Bloom of NBC News was covering the war on April 6, 2003, when he died from an apparent blood clot while traveling south of Baghdad. His family and the Woodruffs were known to be close, and when NBC News executives had to tell Bloom's widow that her husband had died, they made sure Woodruff's wife, Lee, was there to offer support.

When Woodruff and Vogt's convoy was attacked the two were standing in the hatch of an Iraqi mechanized vehicle. Experts say the Iraqi vehicles aren't as secure as U.S. military vehicles, and Iraqi security forces have been frequent targets of insurgents during the war — a danger colleagues, said Woodruff and Vogt understood.

"He wanted to get out and report the story and not be locked in and taking information from someone else who was experiencing it," said ABC senior producer Kate Felsen, who had been working with Woodruff for the past two weeks.

Journalists are stable after surgery

ABC News co-anchor Bob Woodruff and cameraman Doug Vogt were in stable condition after surgery from serious injuries they sustained when the Iraqi armored vehicle they were in was attacked on Sunday.



SOURCE: ESRI

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy skies with rain showers likely. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: A few mild showers early, then showers tapering off. Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with snow showers returning late. Highs in the upper 30s.

BURLEW/ROBERTS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with periods of rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: A few rain showers mixing with or changing to snow at times. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with rain and snow showers late. Highs in the upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A series of weather disturbances will affect the area this week bringing periods of clouds and snow showers almost daily. Snow accumulations will be light.

BOISE
Blizzies will be cloudy to mostly cloudy this week. Rain and snow showers will be fairly frequent daily this week as Pacific low pressure systems move through the area.

NORTHERN UTAH
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Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

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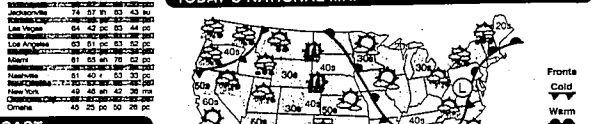
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Oxygen

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Medicare at the local Norco store. Right now, Medicare covers services and deliveries, but after 36 months, we're not sure what will happen.

Fat

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"Earmarks, more than anything, represent a breakdown in the budget process," said Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., who has gone further than other Democrats by proposing that all earmarks be posted on the Internet for 72 hours before being voted on.

Hunting

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With millions of hunters in the U.S. - nearly 27,000 in Montana alone - authorities in many states say it simply would not be too difficult to check if felons are getting hunting tags.

Department of Fish and Game in Boise

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NATION/WORLD

Christian targets bombed in Iraq amid warnings of reprisals

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Car bombs exploded in quick succession Sunday near four Christian churches and the office of the Vatican envoy, killing three people and raising new concerns about sectarian tensions. At least 17 other people were killed in other violence around the country.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombings, which occurred within a half hour near two churches in Baghdad and two in Kirkuk, 180 miles to the north. The fifth bomb exploded about 50 yards from the Vatican mission in the capital.

Suspicion fell on Islamic extremists such as al-Qaida in Iraq — led by Jordanian-born terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi — that have been responsible for massive car bombings and suicide attacks against Shiites in Iraq since 2003.

Meanwhile, ABC News co-an-

chor Bob Woodruff and cameraman Douglas were severely injured Sunday when the Iraqi army vehicle they were traveling in was hit by a roadside bomb and small-arms fire near Taji, about 12 miles north of Baghdad.

Both suffered serious head injuries and underwent surgery at a U.S. military hospital in Balad, ABC News said.

The U.S. military announced the death of an American soldier in a roadside bomb blast in Baghdad on Saturday. At least 2,241 U.S. military personnel have died since the war began, according to an Associated Press count.

The attacks on Christian sites came at a time of rising sectarian tensions, including reprisal killings and raids, that threaten to complicate efforts to form a broad-based government following the Dec. 15

parliamentary elections.

This was a reaction from the al-Zarqawi people against Christians who they believe support the U.S. military in Iraq, senior Shiite lawmaker Ali al-Addebi said. "Such acts are rejected by Shiites and Sunnis alike who have been living together with our Christian brothers in Iraq throughout history."

A prominent Sunni Arab politician, Naseer al-Ani, called the bombings "terrorist acts."

Three people died in the bombing at the Church of the Virgin in Kirkuk, police said. At least nine people were injured in the bombings, which caused little damage to the Christian buildings.

Despite the relatively low casualty toll, the bombings are expected to raise fears among the country's small Christian minority — about 3 percent of Iraq's 27 million people.

Rice rules out U.S. aid for new Hamas government

LONDON (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Sunday ruled out any American financial aid to a Hamas government in the Palestinian territories and said Washington wants Arab nations and others to cut off money as well.

Humanitarian aid to the Palestinians, many of whom are poor and unemployed, is likely on a "case-by-case basis," Rice said. She indicated that the Bush administration would follow through on aid promised to the current, U.S.-backed Palestinian government led by President Mahmoud Abbas.

"The United States is not prepared to fund an organization that advocates the destruction of Israel, that advocates violence and that refuses its obligations," under an international framework for eventual

Mideast peace, Rice said.

Hamas, or the Islamic Resistance Movement, won a decisive majority in last week's Palestinian legislative elections. The group, which has political and militant wings, will now take a large role in governing the Palestinians. The makeup of the new government is not clear.

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Bush expected to focus on modest goals in State of the Union address

By Ron Hutcheson
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush has been pushing big, bold ideas since he took office, but don't expect more of the same when he goes before Congress Tuesday night for this year's State of the Union address.

With plenty on his plate already, Bush isn't looking to bite off more. Instead of promoting new ideas for sweeping change, the president is expected to focus on relatively small, achievable goals. He'll also spend a good bit of time trying to shore up support for the work in progress, especially the war in Iraq.

White House advisers hope the nationally televised speech, a preview of the themes that Republicans plan to highlight in the November elections, will give Bush a fresh start after a tough year. For the first time since he took office, Bush will

deliver his speech to a national audience that, polls show, disapproves of his job performance.

Bush began the year claiming an infusion of political capital from his re-election, but problems in Iraq, high gas prices and the government's slow response to Hurricane Katrina drained his account and sent his poll numbers to the lowest point of his presidency. A Gallup Poll earlier this month put his approval rating at 43 percent, up marginally from a November low of 37 percent.

His top domestic priority for 2005, a far-reaching plan to reinvigorate Social Security, never got off the ground. His ambitious plan to overhaul immigration laws, a holdover from 2004, remained stalled, primarily because of opposition from the president's fellow Republicans.

New Bush's latest big idea, a proposal to revamp the federal income tax system, has been quietly shelved. After creating a

bipartisan advisory panel on tax reform last year, he paid almost no attention to its final report in November.

"I think it has gotten lost," former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., the panel's co-chairman, joked at a recent forum hosted by the American Enterprise Institute, conservative think tank. "I'm going to send them a note and say, 'I think it's in the library on the second floor... Please pick it up and do something with it.'"

White House aides say Bush remains committed to a Social Security overhaul and tax simplification, but no one expects much action on either issue this year. Action on his immigration proposal, which includes a temporary worker program, also seems unlikely.


"It's clearly scaling back," said Bruce Josten, executive vice president for government affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, an organization with strong ties to the White House.

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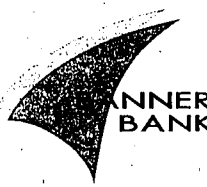
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Don't Be a "Groundhog Day" Investor

This week, the spotlight is on Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous groundhog. As the folklore goes, if Phil sees his shadow, he anticipates six more weeks of bad weather, and he retreats underground. If the day is cloudy, he thinks it's spring and he stays above ground. Of course, many of us would say that Phil is never right. If you live on the East Coast, or in the Midwest or the Great Plains states, you probably don't view the weather as "springlike" in early February, or six weeks later, either. But Phil is not alone in reliving his errors. Many investors also keep making the same mistakes, year after year.

How can you avoid being a "Groundhog Day" investor? Here are a few suggestions:

- **Don't chase after "hot stocks."** You can find "hot stocks" featured in financial magazines and touted by "experts" on television. Even your next-door neighbor may have a "can't miss" tip for you. But you're probably better off by turning the pages, flipping off the television, and redirecting your neighbor to a different subject. In the first place, by the time you even hear about a hot stock - much less buy one - it may already be cooling off. And, more importantly, it just may not be appropriate for your needs. For example, if you already have several stocks quite similar to the "hot" one, you may find that adding it to your portfolio may not boost your diversification - which is essential to investment success.
- **Don't "buy and sell" too frequently.** If you don't hold stocks for at least a year before selling them, your profits (if there are any) will be based on your current income tax rate, rather than the capital gains rate, which is likely to be more favorable. You're much better off buying high-quality investments and holding them for the long term, until either your needs, or the investments themselves, have changed.
- **Don't load up on company stock.** If you have confidence in your employer, you might be tempted to put a good percentage of your 401(k) dollars in company stock - but this move could be a big mistake. To look at an extreme example, nearly 58 percent of Enron employees' 401(k) assets were invested in Enron stock as it fell 98.8 percent in value during 2001, according to the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). But even after the fall of Enron, many employees have maintained even larger percentages of their 401(k) assets in their company stock. Don't make that mistake. Instead, diversify your 401(k) dollars among your various investment choices in a way that reflects your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon.
- **Don't stop investing when the market goes down.** The financial markets will always go through "ups" and "downs." Some people bail out when the going gets tough, preferring to wait until things turn around. But the most successful investors continue to invest through good times and bad - and, if they choose good investments, and hold them for the long term, they are frequently rewarded.

By following these tips, you can avoid making those repetitive investment mistakes that can prove so costly. And even if it's cloudy this Groundhog Day, your financial future can look sunny indeed.

Questions:
1. True or False — You should wait until you have met all your short term goals before you start saving for retirement. 2. True or False — CDs are good short term investments.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Library expansion vote is next week

TWIN FALLS — Residents of Twin Falls will get a chance to support or oppose the \$5.2 million City Library expansion during a special election Feb. 7. If approved, the expansion would add an additional 20,000 square feet to the existing structure. According to Susan Ash, Twin Falls city library director, construction on the remodel would begin in May and would take about one year to complete. Voting will be conducted at the normal polling places throughout the city. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at City Hall until Feb. 1.

Symphony announces Youth Soloist contest

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Symphony will sponsor its 2006 Youth Soloist Competition this year. Winners receive scholarships and may be invited to perform with the Symphony in October. Contestants will audition in June, performing a piece of a standard concerto or concert piece with orchestra accompaniment, 10 to 12 minutes in length. Vocalists may present a similar aria or song. Any music student who has not reached age 21 as of the audition and with a connection to the Magic Valley is qualified to compete. May 19 is the application deadline. Information and forms can be obtained from Dr. George Halsek at 732-6767 or ghalsek@cs.edu.

Arts council to hold fundraiser in March

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council will sponsor a "Who's Behind the Mask" fundraising dinner on March 4 at the Ballroom. Entertainment for the 7 p.m. event will be provided by the Brian Farnon Orchestra with a surprise guest-artist performance.

Tickets to the event are \$50 and can be purchased at the office of the Magic Valley Arts Council at 132 Main Ave. S., or by calling 734-ARCS. Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$10 each for a chance to win either a case of wine, a day spa package and bottle of vintage champagne or jewelry from Jensen Ringmakers. The winners need not be present to win the raffle drawing.

Studebaker to receive humanities award

TWIN FALLS — Local poet, *Times-News* columnist and retired College of Southern Idaho professor Bill Studebaker will receive the 2005 Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Award from the Idaho Humanities Council.

The award recognizes individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions that promote greater public awareness, appreciation and understanding of the humanities in Idaho. Studebaker retired from CSI in 2005 after more than 30 years of teaching English and eventually directing the Outdoor Program.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Ballroom Community Room of the Heritage Center for Arts and Science. Free refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Big Wood	126%	75%
Salmon	142%	67%
Little Wood	142%	63%
Big Lost	135%	77%
Little Lost	109%	63%
Henry Fork/Teton	130%	79%
Upper Snake Basin	123%	74%
Lower Snake	156%	87%
Salmon Falls	142%	68%

As of Jan. 29

An indication of basin snowpack, on Feb. 10, with a 20-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack, on Feb. 10, with a 20-year average.

GOING, GOING, SOLD!



Auctioneer Lyle Masters, center, and his crew rally off items from the auction block. Masters has donated his services during the auction for over 20 years.

Castleford Men's Club auction is 33 and going strong for a good cause

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — People don't come to the Castleford Men's Club Benefit Auction for bargains, said lifelong Castleford resident Hank Gandiaga. He shelled out 50 bucks for a set of screwdrivers. Even slippery roads and bright, blinding snow couldn't keep hundreds of people from congregating in the Castleford School gymnasium Saturday morning for the excitement that comes from out-bidding your neighbors on a 5-pound bag of sugar.

"Lots of homemade horseshish were going for \$26 a pop, but those buying everything from Christmas decor to bags of pinto beans didn't seem fazed by sticker-price shock. "One year I think I spent about \$20 on a lot of onions," said Linda Voss, of Buhl. "But it is worth it. I love the gathering of community and the support the club gives back."

Voss has attended the auction, celebrating 33 years, for a long time.

"I think that participating in the event is important and enjoys 'the spirit of donation.' Last year the club raised about \$40,000 during the auction, which uses the funds for scholarships, the Castleford Quick Response Unit, youth athletic groups and more."

Todd Wells, Castleford Men's Club president, said that the auction grows every year and event dinners come from all over the

Magic Valley. "The money raised always goes right back to the community — especially to its youth," Wells said. "The big project that we would like to see come about would be a community event center."

Right now, the activity building is just an idea but Wells said, "It is something that we are trying to work towards."

The yearly event is a family affair for the Kramer family. "I am a club member, even though I live in Twin Falls," said Kevin Kramer. "My brother, Terry, is over in the silent auction area and Mom is in the kitchen helping to cook. I even have knives here volunteered."

Kramer said he looks forward to scoping out the year's goods and that there is always "something for everyone."

Terry explained that some of the big-ticket items of the auction block were a salmon fishing trip off the Oregon coast and bread-dairy hellers.

"The dairy industry is a really big supporter of our club," Kevin said. Also during the day's events, Castleford resident Carolyn Kointopp was awarded a plaque for a lifetime of outstanding community service.

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_206@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Man leaves family with memories of community service

By Jami Whitford
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "He was the kind of man you look up to and be proud you look up to," said Brenda Olsen, describing her father, Claude Rogers.

At just 16, Rogers hitchhiked his way to Idaho from Mountain Home, Ark. His service to the Eden community spanned far from the agricultural work he began with in Idaho. At 82, he died Jan. 21.

While in Hazelton one day, he was smitten with a young lady on horseback. He and Leona were married Nov. 11, 1942. Shortly after their marriage, he was drafted into the Army during World War II.

While fighting against the Germans, Rogers' company was cut off and surrounded. "I asked him, 'Dad, why didn't you just retreat and get out of there?'" said Greg Rogers, Rogers' son. "He said, 'Well, we were Americans and we didn't know how to lose.'"

In October of 1944, shrapnel from a land mine nearby destroyed Rogers' right foot and hand and damaged his right thigh.

"(The damage) didn't slow him down at all," Olsen said. "Dad worked like gangbusters all his life."

Returning home, he worked for several years for Morgan-Walchouse Warehouse in Eden. His success at designing and improving existing equipment became so well-known that a company in Canada flew him there to calibrate a machine.

While his hard work ethic was widely recognized, it may be his compassion for others that will be remembered most.

Olsen said their door was always open to others, including classmates, church members and the needy.

For several years the family lived next to a church and people in need would come to their door looking for the priest; they found Rogers instead.

"...they never left anyone away. People passing through that were hungry and needed

a life remembered



Claude Rogers
Claude A. Rogers was born Dec. 16, 1923, and died Jan. 21, 2006. His wife, Leona; children, Brenda (Tom) Olsen and Gregory (Peggy) Rogers; three grandsons, five granddaughters and numerous great-grandchildren survive him. His son, James, preceded him in death.

food and diapers for the baby," Olsen recalled. "Dad getting up in the middle of the night to get things for them. That was the kind of man my dad was ..."

Seeing a need for a more constructive way for youth to spend their time, Rogers started a Little League baseball team and pony league. He was an assistant Scoutmaster and, Olsen said, was very active in supporting the troop's programs.

"I felt it was important for young men to be involved in community activities ... that taught them a lot of important things in business, teamwork and sportsmanship," Greg said.

The City of Eden also benefited from Rogers' services. He was mayor for several terms, was a city councilman and also a member of the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission.

He heavily campaigned for a sewage system, Olsen said. He was also instrumental in putting

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City to consider survey results at meeting tonight

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to prioritizing city projects, all begin with asking taxpayers what they think is most important.

"It's the first step of our strategic planning process," said City Manager Tom Courtney said tonight's City Council meeting. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

The council made the survey to 3,500 registered voters and 21 percent of them responded, Courtney said. The survey asks voters to evaluate a number of city services, including:

- Library
- Airport
- Water and sewer
- Street maintenance
- Voters were also asked to comment on street lighting, the golf course, animal control, traffic signals, park maintenance, garbage collection, planning and zoning and economic development.

The city considers the results when doing strategic planning, which will begin in March, Courtney said.

Also on tonight's agenda, the council will hear the findings of fact and conclusions of law on the Basero preliminary plat appeal. Found the 7-acre Subdivision's final plan. Council members will also consider a request for a liquor license from Nielsen and Co.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Aiming at home-building careers

Carey academy gives students skills, experience

By Jamoy Colter
Times-News correspondent

CAREY — For millions of Americans, the American Dream is realized by home ownership. But homes don't build themselves, and with the economy steadily growing, there is more and more demand for home builders.

Armed with that knowledge, Blaine County School Board officials decided to institute a new field of study at Carey High School to replicate agriculture.

"I think up and was just obsolete," said Carey High School technology teacher Greg Carlson.

So in place of agriculture, officials instituted a technology



Carey High School students enjoy the ocean off Florida while attending the National Association of Home Builders show in Orlando.

class, in which the class learns drafting, robotics, electronics, computers, as well as home building. But school officials wanted the class to remain hands-on as the age classes have been, so the focus was switched from technology to home construction.

Very few places have seen the amount of home construction that Blaine County has seen in the past few years — and Jim Woodyard was right in the thick

of it. Please see ACADAMY, Page A5

Sawtooth NRA proposes whitebark pine regeneration project

Disease, beetles, other species are threats to the tree

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (NRA) is proposing treatments to restore whitebark pine stands in the Smoky and White Cloud Mountains in the upper Salmon River drainage.

Whitebark pine is an important species in the subalpine community, helping regulate runoff, reducing soil erosion and providing food for birds

and small mammals. It is a pioneer species that can grow on harsh, high-elevation sites. But whitebark pine forests in many parts of the Sawtooth NRA are in decline due to encroachment by other conifer species, from blister rust disease and from mountain pine beetles.

The project, if approved, would identify eight areas, ranging in size from 850 to 5,000 acres, in which small to medium-sized openings of 1-20 acres would be created using fire or mechanical means.

According to SNRA Wildlife Biologist Robin Garwood, black nutcrackers choose these small patches for caching whitebark pine seeds they intend to eat later. Often

forgotten, these seed caches are how most whitebark pine trees are planted. The project areas are located where subalpine pine trees are crowding out whitebark and in areas where whitebark pine forests are being killed by mountain pine beetles.

"It is important to understand that not every acre within a defined project area is intended to be treated. On average, less than 50 percent of each project area will be treated by prescribed fire or mechanical treatments," Garwood said.

"Prescribed fire" is the preferred method for creating openings but is not always feasible, so mechanical treatments may be used in some areas. This method would involve hand-

cutting of subalpine pine to create small openings of up to one acre size. Larger patches of several hundred acres could also be created with fire.

Work on the project would occur during the summer and fall over the next 5-10 years depending on funding and weather conditions for burning.

Prior to making any decisions regarding the project, the Forest Service will complete an analysis of the project areas. "It is important that our analysis focus on issues of importance to people and the resources," said Garwood. "To ensure that no issues important to the public are overlooked, we are offering an opportunity for the public to provide us with

their thoughts on this proposed project."

Additional information including maps showing the project areas may be obtained by contacting Robin Garwood at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters, 5 North Ford of Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340, or by phone at (208) 727-5000.

Comments on this proposal should be sent to Sawtooth National Recreation Area Attn: Whitebark Pine Project, 5 North Ford of Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340; phone (208) 727-5000; FAX (208) 727-5023; or mailed electronically to comments@nrm-sawtooth-nra.fs.fed.us.

Comments will be most helpful if received before Feb. 10.

SERVICES

Amanda Francis Brooks Climer of Arco, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln. In Jerome, family and friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Kalleen June Brackett of Caldwell and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Dakam Funeral Chapel in Caldwell; friends and family may gather after the service at the home of Tom and Robin Lynch, 1404 Burnett Drive in Nampa.

Mary Daugherty of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home; vigil service with rosary at 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Ellis Perry of Burley funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1001 Oakley Ave. in Burley; vigil service with rosary at 7 p.m. today at the church; friends may call from 6 p.m. until time of rosary today and from 10 a.m. until time of the funeral Mass Tuesday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Jermy Takashi Hirai of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Vivian L. Peters of Twin Falls and formerly of Wendell, fu-

neral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Jerry Klimes of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Home LDS 1st and 3rd Ward chapel, 823 E. Ave. B; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ava Louise Owen Flinn Haddelson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Joe V. Ross of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist

Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls; graveside service at 9 a.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave.

Mary Pauline Ellis of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

David Don Ivie of Harpers, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Camas County High School gymnasium (Blackmer Funeral Home in Grandville).

DEATH NOTICES

Robert L. Bingham

JEROME — Robert L. Bingham, 63, of Jerome died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Laver Mitten

PAUL — Otto Lavar Mitten, an 83-year-old resident of Paul, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at

the Paul Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 W. Ellis St. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Lucie Elizabeth James

TWIN FALLS — Lucie Elizabeth James, 90, of Twin Falls died Sunday morning, Jan. 29, 2006, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 232.
CSI Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

Tuesday
Idaho State Insurance Fund supervisor training for workplace ergonomics, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 277.

Wednesday
CSI Chalky Club weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Shields 106.
CSI weekly jazz workshop, 5 to 7 p.m., Student Union, Fireside Lounge (free and open to the public).

Thursday
CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Taylor 232.
Students Assessment Abilities weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Student Union 248.

Friday
CSI Alliance weekly meeting, 5 p.m., Student Union 247.
FRIDE: foster and adoptive pre-service training, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.

Saturday
Twin Falls Centennial Dance Band weekly rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license exams, 8:30 a.m., Taylor 276.

South Magic Valley Ag Teachers monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Evergreen A31.
Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Charmac Trailers dealer seminar, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Idaho Office on Aging weekly office hours, 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Office on Aging annex.

CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Taylor 232.
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Friday
Charmac Trailers dealer seminar, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
University of Idaho crop advisor testing, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Student Union 247.

CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. College of Eastern Utah, 5:30 p.m., gym.

Mysteries From the Depths of Space, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
Monthly astronomy talk, "The Universe in 3-D", 7:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, Rick Allen Community Room; telescope viewing afterward (admission is \$2 per person).

CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. College of Eastern Utah, 7:30 p.m., gym.

Saturday
CSI Dental Assistants "Give a Kid a Smile Day", 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aspen 181 and 182.

Highway 30, Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 W. Main.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.

Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse,

Otter, Brady plan to buy Simplot land

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is running into opposition to his plan to set aside \$2 million to buy a horse stable, clubhouse and two rental homes on 35 acres next to the hilltop governor's mansion that was donated by potato baron J.R. Simplot.

Two candidates to succeed Kempthorne next year, U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho, and Democrat Jerry Brady, oppose spending taxpayer money for the acreage, which the billionaire's company split off from the donated mansion.

And J.R. Simplot Co. would prefer a swap for state grazing or mining land that could aid its business, said company spokesman Fred Zerza. In fact, Simplot, which has discussed a trade with the state Department of Lands, was surprised by Kempthorne's Jan. 9 announcement that he wanted to use part of Idaho's \$214 million budget surplus to buy the parcel.

"The company is not really interested in selling that land to the state, or anybody else," Zerza said. "Our preference has always been, we would look favorably upon some sort of a trade for land elsewhere that might be more consistent with our business."

Kempthorne aides will introduce his proposal to legislative budget writers Thursday.

The governor's chief of staff, Brian Whitlock, said private donors could be enlisted to help buy the acreage.

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Today
College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., Room 258, Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Ave., Burley.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third St.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse,

425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday
Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wednesday
Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old

Highway 30, Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 W. Main.

Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse,

425 Shoshone St. N., Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.

Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Academy

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Woodward, a developer and builder, and a trustee of the Home Builders Institute who lived in the Ketchum and Sun Valley area, was inspired to take his skills to schools in and around his hometown. But just as Woodward's dream was beginning to flourish, he was tragically and inexplicably killed in late November 2003, when his single-engine plane crashed en route to the Hatley Airport. It seemed as though the home-building education may pass with him, but heroically Jim's wife, Sue Woodward, took up the charge. In order to see Jim's dream of better education in the field of building come true, Sue, with the help of school officials launched the Jim Woodward Residential Construction Academy. The academy in Carey is made up of juniors and seniors at Carey High School, and they do the building but parents would require to build a home. They actually do the building. But they didn't start out with homes like everyone else —

they had to walk before they could run.

"We started by building storage sheds; we built a lot of storage sheds," said Carlson. But the goal was to not only build homes for tools and equipment, the goal was to build homes for people. So Carey school officials went to the school district for a little help.

The first home we built was at the school, but after spending the money to move it we decided building on site was a way better plan," Carlson stated. As with many things, the first home they built weighed its way into their blood, and soon they were building homes every year, or every other year, depending on how fast it took them to complete a home.

"Generally it takes about two school years, but this year we are hoping to have this home completed by the end of the school year," Carlson noted.

So in order to make the art of building a home more of a reality, school officials opted to expose their students to a higher

scale of builders.

The National Association of Home Builders boasts about 300,000 members and it held its annual convention in Builders Show in Orlando this year. The show hosts 1,700 vendors, competitions, and some of the most renowned builders in the industry.

"We were the only high school from Idaho that attended," said Greg Carlson.

"There were a few other high schools that actually competed in the competitions, but they are generally more directed towards the paperwork part of the home building — such as estimating, planning, scheduling and financing," Carlson added.

And although authorities in Carey plan to instill more of the paperwork-side of the projects, they still want to keep to the actual hands-on approach of home construction. Therefore, they didn't compete in the competitions.

The week of the show opened with keynote speaker Colin L. Powell, who spoke on the theme of this year's show, "Building

Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World."

"We had no idea we were even going to get to see Colin Powell," Carlson said.

But at the last minute, Sue Woodward and friend, Dave Wilson, approached the academy with tickets to the opening ceremonies. They had to wait for the second-row seats. Needless to say, the class was in awe.

"The kids' jaws were in their laps the whole time," said Carlson.

"Colin Powell was so entertaining, funny, and personable; seeing the kids' faces after he spoke will be my fondest memory about this trip," said Carlson. And for the students, there will be other memories, too.

"We went to Cocoa Beach which we were there. I had never swam in an ocean before; I couldn't believe how loud it was, or how big the waves were," said Carey High School senior and academy member Todd Green.

Jarney Colter lives in Carey and can be reached by e-mail at colterj@evsbyjan.net.

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Kindergarten in Utah has seven sets of twins

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) — Nobody seems to be able to nail down the mystery at Hayden Peak Elementary School. After years of just having a couple of twins enrolled in the school, this year kindergarten teachers are tutoring seven sets of twins.

Some joke there was something in the water that year. The school nurse suggests it was a long cold winter, and the principal said it could be because there are just more children at Hayden than other elementary schools.

Nonetheless teachers say it's a lot of fun and only a little challenging so far.

"They are just so delightful — every one of them — and even though they are twins, they all have their own unique personalities," said kindergarten teacher Pat Drake.

The sets aren't too hard to spot. They are often holding hands or cuddling, and they never stray too far apart.

"I like to be twins because I like to love my brother," said 5-year-old David Broadhead, giving his brother Ethan a hug. "I like my twin because we made a snowball that was really big."

The twins' consensus was that the best thing about twinhood is always having their best friend with them, always having someone to play with.

For the children, having a twin is no novelty — it's as simple and normal as anything else.

We just got born like that on the same day," said Kari Ellett, 5, who said she wants to stay in her sister's class forever.

Kambrea and Kayden Zaragoza are the only twins at the school who are boy/girl, and Kambrea thinks that's funny.

"It's a boy and we're twins," she said. "That's just silly."

At the beginning of the year, the school actually had 10 sets of twins in kindergarten. Three families moved away, and one set is off-track now, since the school is on a year-round schedule. But Drake teaches three of the sets this year, all identical twins, two sets in the morning, one in the afternoon. The other two are spread among two other classes.

"I really have to focus, lots of times I focus in on what they are wearing when they come in the door in the morning, and that way I can tell them apart," Drake said.

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Rogers

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ing new mercury halogen lights into the Eden stadium, Greg added.

Rogers cared about the community and making sure it wasn't forgotten. The youth were equally important, but nothing was more important than his children. Whether it was in his work clothes or just for a few minutes, he supported his children in all of their events throughout all the years. He only missed a single football game where Greg made a touchdown.

After retiring in Hazelton, Rogers spent time hunting, fishing and being with his family, who fondly remembers his sense of humor.

Greg laughed as he recalled being 12 years old and getting buck fever at the sight of a 5-point deer. After the clouds of dust had settled, Rogers looked at his son and joked, "The last time I saw shooting that bad was when I saw the Italian army in action."

Greg remembered his dad's lesson and the twins at home, brought down a buck with one shot. Rogers, who was there for all of Greg's milestones, told him to remember that moment, it would come again.

"It was not rich and powerful, but he made a difference. He didn't leave us love and fortune, he left us fame and laughter," Greg passed away and when you can do that, you're a rich person indeed."

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What's really up with trans fat?

"Bad-boy" trans fats have been forced out of hiding this month now that the Food and Drug Administration requires all packaged foods to list grams of trans fatty acids on the label.



ALIVE & WELL
Jan Mitteldecker

Manufacturers have been scrambling to reconstruct food products from crackers to commercially fried foods in an effort to eliminate or lower the artery-clogging sludge. Selecting "trans free" foods is undoubtedly "in" at the moment; however, the mandatory labeling may not be quite what it claims to be.

Sounds confusing ... so here are the "quick and dirty" trans facts:

What are trans fats?

When you take a vegetable oil, heat it up and add hydrogen in a process called hydrogenation, that oil solidifies into a trans fat that extends shelf life and delays rancidity in food products. Essentially, it makes foods — commercially fried, bakery products, crackers or snack foods — moist, flaky and flavorful.

How terrible are trans?

Trans fats pack a double health whammy. First, they lower good cholesterol, increase bad cholesterol and make arteries more rigid. And if that is not enough, they clog the arteries.

The side effects from consuming trans fat sink into other disease processes beyond the heart, as well. New research has shown links to Alzheimer's disease, macular degeneration and gallstone disease, according to nutrition specialist Kerry Neville.

When 'trans free' isn't really

In an effort to find trans-free alternatives to meet the new labeling regulations that went into effect Jan. 1, many companies are pulling the "saturated switcheroo," simply switching saturated fats in place of partially hydrogenated fats.

Many manufacturers now use palm oil or palm fruit oil which, interestingly enough, was used before the fear of saturated fats led to the use of partially hydrogenated oils. The good news is that palm oil seems to be less harmful than others, in palm kernel oil, coconut or animal sources. The jury is still out on this one.

Here is the second glitch: Products that list "0" trans on nutrition labels are often not really 100 percent free of trans fats. Why? The FDA allows products with less than 0.5 gram of trans fat per serving to be labeled "trans free" or "trans free." While less than 0.5 gram does not sound like a lot, it adds up fast, according to Neville, especially if you eat a lot of products that actually contain 0.4 gram per serving.

Minimizing the 'bad-boy' fat

The prestigious Institute of Medicine recommends keeping trans fat intake as low as possible — under 2 to 4 grams a day, depending on the label. Commercially labeled "trans free" may not be enough if you are trying to eat a heart-healthy diet. Here's what else you can do:

- If you are a label reader, scan the ingredient list for partially hydrogenated fats. If any are listed, the food contains at least some trans fat even if it is not printed on the label.
- Watch your portion sizes for foods with hydrogenated oils, particularly cookies, chips and crackers. You actually get more trans fat than what is listed on the label.
- Substituting foods high in saturated fats for those high in trans fat defers your efforts to make healthy dietary choices.

Health educator Jan Mitteldecker is coordinator of the Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.



Elmora Jennings models a pair of rattlesnake earrings that she made herself. The Twin Falls County woman says she 'feels naked without her earrings' and can't leave the house without wearing a pair.



Passion for pairs

Woman doesn't leave home without 'em

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News writer

It's all in the details.

Elmora Jennings doesn't leave the house without making sure she's covered all her bases. Matching top and pants, fully appropriate for the occasion — be it gardening or putting in time at the local museum. Just the right shoes, combining comfort and practicality with color and style. Her hair is done. Her makeup is on, and she's found the right bracelets and necklace to crown the outfit.

But perhaps her final detail is the most important. Earrings. She's found just the right pair — matching color and motif with the rest of the ensemble. One pair of the nearly 1,000 pairs in her collection.

"When I was working every day, I'd try to wear a different pair every day," Jennings said.

Jennings got her ears pierced in 1944 when she was 24 years old. Since then, she has collected earrings. Some are store-bought; others, gifts. And to great many others she made — from earrings she made until they were numb, then ran a needle and knotted thread through each lobe.

There's a pair of rattlesnake rattles. For one side, she killed the original owner. The other snake was killed by a friend. She added a necklace when someone else gave her a third rattle.

There are the bear claws — trophies from one of her father's hunting trips. And various rocks she polished. Even the small, square keys of an adding machine — reminiscent of 27 years spent working at Idaho Bank and Trust.

When a piece of office equipment was no longer useable, she grabbed the keys and made earrings and a matching necklace. They still compress at the touch.

There are tiny pine cones and two sets of old-fashioned flashlights — one blue, one white.

"They go with anything," Jennings said.

Her earrings are neatly organized in boxes stacked on her dresser, separated by color or metal. She can generally find what she's looking for in a matter of moments.

"Every day I ran the knot through and used an eye cup to soak it in rubbing alcohol," Jennings recounted. "I wouldn't want the girls to do it nowadays."

Two or three weeks later, that friend gave her a set of earrings. The rest, as they say, is history.

The most common themes in the collection are nature and western heritage — two things important to Jennings. The Twin Falls County woman was raised on a farm and married a horseman — developing a love of the outdoors and a work ethic that won't quit.

She's up first thing — no loyallying about in a bathrobe. Up and ready for the day and anything it might bring. She keeps up her house and yard and volunteers at the local senior center, the county museum or the visitor center each day of the week.

"I don't want to rust out sitting in a chair; I'd rather wear out being busy," Jennings said.

She has four bedrooms and four closets full of clothes, she said, but isn't into fashion.

"Heavens no. This outfit's older than you," she said. "I wouldn't see any sense in buy-



Above, Elmora Jennings holds a pair of earrings that she says she used to wear all the time. Jennings has so many earrings that choosing the right pair to wear can be a daunting endeavor. Left, earrings are laid out on a table in Jennings' home in Twin Falls County. Some earrings were given to Jennings as gifts over the years, and some she hand-crafted. The blue earrings at center are bulbs from old camera flashes that Jennings affixed to earring clasps. Jennings had 903 sets of earrings at last count last month, though she says more have been given to her since then.

Earrings provide finishing touch

BUHL — "In real estate you say location, location, location; in fashion we say accessorize, accessorize, accessorize," said Jenny Chambliss of Black Rock Clothiers in Buhl. "It can truly make or break whatever outfit you have on."

Earrings, like those of Elmora Jennings' collection, go back centuries. According to the book "Earrings: From Antiquity to the Present" by Daniela Mascetti and Amanda Thosd (http://www.earrings-earrings.com/), some experts date the accessories to 3000 B.C. And although fashion trends have changed through the years, one thing remains constant.

"We've always adorned ourselves," Chambliss said.

For most women, she said, earrings are part of the persona — the final touch to make them feel complete.

"It's sort of emotional," Chambliss said. "You fall in love with a color or style. It's just part of your signature."

For more information: "Earrings: From Antiquity to the Present" by Daniela Mascetti and Amanda Thosd (http://www.earrings-earrings.com/). — Karma M. Fitzgerald

ing these new clothes." Jennings just wears what's right for the occasion — something she's comfortable in — and tries to

coordinate it all for a clean and polished look. Never forget the final detail. "I'm just not dressed unless I've got earrings on."

IMAGE

Reports on mobile music and hearing loss may not be cause for alarm

By Gregory Mott
The Washington Post

If recent reports are to be believed, those sleek iPod earbuds may carry risks beyond making wearers as mugged-bait.

As if to rain on Apple's marketing parade — the company reported sales of 14 million iPods in the last quarter of 2005, bringing total sales for the product to more than 42 million — audiologists and other hearing experts have been issuing warnings in recent weeks that improper use of iPods and other personal stereo systems can dramatically heighten risk of hearing loss, particularly in young people.

In this just a case of advocacy groups seizing upon a teachable moment to fly their banners — or is there really a chance that being able to hold iPods in your hand or your palm can come at the cost of your hearing? Time for a reality check.

Audiology experts agree that hearing loss is increasing in the United States. According to widely cited figures from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), the number of Americans age 3 and older with some form of auditory disorder has more than doubled since 1990, from 12 million to about 30 million today. Of those, one-third are said to be people with noise-induced hearing loss.

The trend clearly predates the iPod; in fact, it traces its roots to the dawn of the industrial age, according to Paul Mason, ASHA's director of research and professional practice. These new devices merely add to a daily din of environmental noise that includes traffic, construction, jets, nightclubs, leaf blowers and surround sound home theater systems.

"A certain percentage of people are going to experience hearing loss because of noise predisposition, and by age 65 about a third of the population will experience some age-related hearing loss," he says.

Said Brenda Lonsbury-Martin, ASHA's director of research and science, "Old-age hearing is an accumulation of exposure to loud noise over the years, expo-

sure to ototoxic drugs (more than 130 medications, including some commonly used drugs, can cause or contribute to hearing loss, according to ASHA), smoking and a number of things that accumulate over time. Once this loss starts to occur, if you continue to add noise insult, you're more at risk.

Hearing damage occurs when loud sound destroys tiny hair cells in the inner ear. These cells are responsible for converting sound waves into electrical impulses, which are then sent to the brain. Once 25 to 30 percent of these cells disappear, Lonsbury-Martin said, you begin to experience hearing loss.

Researchers looking at users of personal cassette players and Walkman-type portable compact disc players have found increased risk of hearing loss among people who listen to loud music through headphones for extended periods of time. And there are anecdotal reports of hearing damage complaints associated with newer devices.

But essentially, iPods are too new, and noise-induced hearing loss too gradual, to be reflected in the latest statistics.

Noise-induced hearing loss is something that develops slowly and insidiously... Even in those people who are rather susceptible it would be unexpected for them to develop any significant hearing loss for a while, meaning years and maybe a decade," said Brian J. Fligor, director of diagnostic audiology at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Many recent warnings about hearing loss and personal music devices cite Fligor's research on portable CD players. In the case of one brand of player matched with a particular brand of headphones, he found that listeners could get a sound level as high as 120 decibels. This is comparable to the sound level at a loud rock concert or sandblasting, it could lead to risk of hearing damage after 7.5 minutes of exposure.

Preliminary data on iPods and similar devices have found lower maximum levels — above 100

Listen to the facts

- Mobile digital music players are too new a phenomenon, and hearing damage too slow a process, to say that the devices are causing hearing loss.
- Volume and length of exposure both contribute to hearing damage. Some experts say to limit portable listening to an hour a day at no more than 60 percent of maximum volume, but ambient noise may make it difficult to keep volume down.
- Upgraded headphones or earbuds, which cost more than standard versions, permit listening at lower volumes.
- Other things being equal, headphones are less likely to do damage than earbuds.
- Officials at Apple, maker of the iPod, will not comment on the hearing damage controversy.
- Two tests suggested by experts: Your music is too loud if (1) someone three feet away in an elevator can hear your music; or (2) you have to turn your music down to hear someone talking directly to you.

A hearing pre-test

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According to the professional audiology group, more than two "yes" answers is a signal to have your hearing tested. For information, visit ASHA's Web site or call 800-638-8255. Some of the test questions:

decibels (the noise volume of a chainsaw; risk of hearing damage after two hours), but not higher than 115 decibels (a football game in a loud stadium; risk of hearing damage after 15 minutes), Fligor said. "To fully understand the potential impact of these devices, it is important to know that the sound is traveling a tiny distance from your earbud to your eardrum rather than being difficult to hear in a football stadium or concert arena."

Apple declined to provide information on the maximum output level of its devices, and noted that the federal government does not require manufacturers to provide such information to consumers.

Of course, some criticism of

- Do you have a problem hearing over the telephone?
- Do you hear better in one ear than the other when you are on the telephone?
- Do you have trouble following the conversation when two or more people are talking at the same time?
- Do people complain that you turn the TV volume up too high?
- Do you have trouble hearing in restaurants?
- Do you find yourself asking people to repeat themselves?
- Do many people you talk to seem to mumble?
- Do people get annoyed because you misunderstand what they say?

these newer devices stems from the very technological advances that have helped to make them so popular. Digital technology has made it possible to play music in these devices at loud volumes without the signal distortion produced by, say, a transistor radio. And Apple touts its newest iPods as being capable of holding up to 15,000 songs and being able to play for 50 to 70 hours on a fully charged battery. Therein lies potential for trouble.

"If you use them at high volume for eight hours there's no concern about hearing loss," he says. "You could have steel cars and you would still have some damage," Lonsbury-Martin said. "There's a point where even resistant cars will break down."

Parents try to help kids establish healthy eating habits

By Pat Burson
Newday

Susan Satz cringed at Thanksgiving when her daughter, Amanda Marx, barely touched her turkey but reached for more stuffing and mashed potatoes.

Satz, a tax accountant from Bayville, N.Y., says she's trying to help her 9-year-old make wise food choices. That can be a challenge, she says, because neither of you likes to eat breakfast and your child's favorite foods are pizza, pasta and macaroni and cheese.

Amanda is an active child — she likes to hoola hoop, roller skate, walk with her mother on the beach and spend afternoons at the local swimming pool and Girls Club. Even so, her mother's concerns stem, in part, from her own experience. "I grew into a fat kid who grew into a fat adult," says Satz, 50, who in 1989 shed 93 pounds in Weight Watchers — and has kept most of it off.

"I'm not worried about it affecting her in the short term, but I am concerned about the long term," she says. "I think parents have to do more. Years ago, they didn't know where, but now we do know better."

With medical professionals sounding the alarm about rising rates of childhood obesity, Satz is one of many parents more worried than ever about their kids establishing healthier eating habits and getting more physical activity.

They have reason for concern: According to the latest statistics from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 16 percent of American children and adolescents ages 6 to 19 are overweight. Another 15 percent are at risk of becoming overweight. Experts say a child who is overweight is at greater risk of becoming an overweight or obese adult.

Parents can teach children and teens about good health and nutrition without browbeating them or obsessing about every morsel they ingest, or turning the holidays — and every day — into a horror, pediatricians, dietitians, fitness trainers, psychologists and others agree.

"For starters, don't deprive yourself — or your child — of those foods that make holidays

special," says Robyn Flipse, a registered dietitian in New Jersey. "It's so important not to look at the holidays as a time to start policing behavior or doing anything different," she says.

There are 340-odd days where we should be practicing good eating habits and getting regular physical activity. Nobody got fat because of Thanksgiving or Halloween or Valentine's Day."

In fact, depending on several factors, including your child's age, gender, body type, height and family history, a few extra pounds may not be cause for alarm.

But if you are concerned that your child is overweight or obese or heading in that direction, consult your pediatrician or family doctor, suggests Dr. Marc S. Jacobson, a professor of pediatrics at the Center for Atherosclerosis Prevention at Schneider Children's Hospital in New Hyde Park on Long Island.

"In the last 10 years, the number of kids who are overweight has grown dramatically... and it's getting worse," Jacobson says. "It's not just a cosmetic problem. It's a medical and health problem."

Parents should educate themselves about obesity and

establish good habits now that will stick, Flipse says. Be sure, she says, that your child gets a good night's sleep; he breakfast every morning has time for active play; and eats dinner with the family, as often as possible, away from the television and distractions. Kitchen time, where kids help their parents prepare meals, also helps them learn about different foods and not feel they have to rely on fast food or commercially prepared food, she says.

"The people who feel comfortable in the kitchen tend to be more adventurous eaters," Flipse says. "They tend to try new things. If you don't get to see how foods are put together or flavors arise from the handling of foods, you are suspicious of everything."

If parents are worried that their child eating too many sugary or fattening snacks, says Farley, a pediatrician and professor of public health in the Department of Community Health Sciences at Tulane University, encourages them to turn their homes into junk-food-free zones. "Rather than tell your kids, 'Don't eat this; if you don't eat this junk food and bring it into your home, they won't eat it,'" says Farley, author

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Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, this week through March 7, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. No class will be held Feb. 14. The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding, and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Baby and Me

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

The class is free. For information, call 324-7262.

About C-sections

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

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Topics will include Cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

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

About childbirth

The fifth class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Topics will include labor rehearsal, postpartum care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$5 per class or \$30 for the series (six classes).

To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

To do for you

Learn CPR

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

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

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

Big Kids class

Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class is designed to help prepare siblings for a new baby.

Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

About back injuries

Back School, a course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 550 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on basic spine anatomy, common injuries and diseases that lead to back pain, along with instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury. The class is offered on-site at local businesses, if desired.

Cost is \$25. To register, call 737-2126.

Caregiver support

The Caregivers Support Group will meet from 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Office on Aging Annex building, on the College of Southern Idaho campus, 990 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

William Dobson, psychologist and licensed professional counselor at Positive Connections, will be the guest speaker. The program will be "How to Avoid Caregiver Burnout" and

will include information on recognizing and coping with depression, hostility and guilt. The support group is for those who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends.

For information, call Sherry Cann at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, ext. 308.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 7 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

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

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7 through March 14, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The six sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize

preparation for labor and birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses. Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$30 for the class series or \$5 per class.

To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361, and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, doctor's name, due date and the month of the class. Registration also can be com-

pleted by mailing the same information to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Attention: Anita, 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

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Second, have her apply for what is known as the "circuit breaker exemption." It is available to low-income aged and disabled homeowners. Sign up by April 15. In very low-income circumstances it can result in complete property tax relief. Those eligible include but are not limited to low-income individuals who are disabled, age 65 or older, former POWs, blind, or widowed without regard to age. Annual applications are required to verify income eligibility, but the effort is worthwhile and assistance in preparation and filing is available to needy individuals.

As in the case of a homeowner's exemption, those purchasing a home after April 15 from a seller who qualified for the circuit breaker exemption will have the benefit of the exemption for that year unless the seller "moves" the circuit breaker exemption to another residence. Money in the bank is no bar to eligibility although interest earnings factor into a determination of income eligibility. Various deductions from taxable income are made in determining eligibility. There is a sliding scale of relief so that the lower the income the greater the reduction.

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OTHER VIEWS

The Patriot Act awaits and a fix isn't so tough

Dallas Morning News

The clock is ticking toward a Feb. 3 deadline for Congress to renew the Patriot Act.

If this sounds familiar, it should. The same clock ticked a month ago toward a Dec. 31 deadline before Congress punted the decision. And lawmakers may very well punt again, contending that there are too many other priorities — including the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court — for there to be changes between the House and Senate versions.

Folks, wise up. Put aside the political posturing. It doesn't take much to fix the Patriot Act — just the willingness to make simple changes.

Take, for instance, the current Patriot Act provision that allows the government to conduct sneak-and-peek searches of homes and businesses without giving notice of the search. The differences in the House and Senate legislation are minuscule, and neither gives advance warning.

The House leadership and the president would delay notification within 30 days of the search. The Sen-

ate would delay notification not more than seven days unless the government can provide a legitimate law-enforcement reason for a longer delay. So if all sides agree, as we do, that eventual notification is necessary, then why can't they compromise on the time limit?

Now let's take another contentious point, the provision that permits the government to use a secret court order to obtain copies of private medical, financial, educational and other records without connecting a person to terrorism. From our perspective, it is not too much to require the government to show how a person is tied to terrorism. And the same standard should apply to National Security Letters, which have turned into an all-too-easy way for the government to skirt the checks and balances that go to a court provides. And finally, lawmakers must jettison provisions that have little to do with terrorism, such as new anti-drug policies and other changes to death penalty law, that are stuffed in the House-passed proposal.

Civil liberties aren't absolute, either in peace or war. Nor are government powers.

Alito deserves better

The Indianapolis Star

His legal qualifications have never been seriously questioned. His judicial temperament is sound. His ethics, after thorough investigation by political enemies and supporters alike, are admirable.

Samuel Alito is far from an extremist, as his more partisan detractors have asserted. He's served well for 15 years as a judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He's recently qualified to join the U.S. Supreme Court.

So why is Alito expected to get only a bare majority on the Senate floor?

The courts in recent decades have become something of a super-legislature, asked to resolve sensitive questions better left for elected leaders to decide.

Abortion. Gay marriage. Public expressions of religion. If one side or the other on such hot-button issues can't win through the electoral process, it turns to the courts, hoping to push through agendas with the help of friendly judges.

Because the stakes have become so high, special-interest groups and the elected leaders who do their bidding, have trashed nominees whose only true guilt was holding the "wrong" legal and philosophical views.

In Alito's case, Democrats on the Judiciary Committee knowingly distorted his record and trashed his reputation. It was a shameful display that should draw a rebuke from any fair-minded American.

Discrimination exists at all levels in society

Hispanics, whites, Mormons, Lutherans, Christians and Catholics — what's the difference?

It does not matter where you go in the world, you will always and someone who is racist. I am a student at Valley High School and although I am only 16 years old, I have seen enough racism to last me until the day I die.

It bugs me that Hispanics in my school treat the Caucasians with little or no respect. I do not know why. I know that sometimes Caucasians can be cruel to the Hispanics; sometimes it is just joking. You know they do not mean anything. For example, in my English class, several students make jokes about the Hispanics. The Hispanics just laugh it off. If they are bothered by it, they do not show it.

Also, the Lutherans, Christians, Catholics and Mormons in my school are discriminating against each other. The Mormons are not that bad, but other people in other religions are very discriminating. I have seen a senior (who is not Mormon) wearing a shirt that says, "I can't, I'm Mormon." Why doesn't he get into trouble for it? It is insulting to the Mormons at my school — at least that's how we care.

People who do not have a religion discriminate against them because they do not understand the religion. I do not have a religion, but still bugs me because I have two Christian friends and quite a few Catholic and Mormon friends. I do not hate them for who they are or what they believe in.

I ask the readers: What is the point of this? Why do people discriminate against other people because of their race or religion? I know that there are people among you readers who discriminate against other people for these reasons and for others.

Honestly, I do not see why people are so cruel to each other and why they think they are better because of their race or their religion. It is pointless. Inside, we are all the same. It doesn't matter if someone is brown, white, black, Mormon, Lutheran, Christian or Catholic. The only thing that really matters is what is on the inside and where we are all headed. On the inside can lie the beauty, but inside we are all identical.

So why make fun of people because their skin is different or their religion is different or their race? What good will come of it?
KARA TEEPLE
Hazelton

Leaders should come clean on Sempra donations

To the Jerome County commissioners:

Are you yet or will you in the near future personally and/or individually be accepting money from Sempra in order for it to build its coal-fired plant in Jerome County or anywhere else in Idaho? This is the only explanation I can surmise for anyone agreeing to allow someone to build a coal plant.

As a citizen and resident of Idaho, I feel it is my responsibility and right to ask such a question. Likewise, as public officials who are supposed to be responsible for making "intelligent" decisions on behalf of your residents, it is your responsibility and obligation to answer such question.

I await your answer and any explanation in response.
BES MAXWELL
Llano

Library expansion fits with Twin Falls' future

Although our Twin Falls Public Library is amazing in its service and collections already, its plans for the future are wonderfully accommodating. I look forward to the new book sale in place of the rush of the once-a-year event and the expansion of the community meeting room. Of the many cultural programs I have attended, the current room was always full or overflowing, leaving the speaker or demonstrators with props too little space. As the popularity for these educational events grows, it is certainly with good reason that the expansion situation will be impossible.

Many of us don't see the lack of space for our young adults

LETTERS



Election letters deadline

Voters in Twin Falls and Jerome will head to the polls on Tuesday, Feb. 7 to weigh in on two local projects. Twin Falls residents will vote on a city library expansion. Jerome voters will vote on a wastewater treatment expansion.

The Times-News welcomes letters

and comments on these issues. All letters must be submitted by 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1. You can submit a letter • by e-mail to letters@magivalley.com • by fax to 734-5538 • or by delivery to our offices at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls.

Our library is a place we can go and do research. We have the best kids collection in our state, and we have the Bible photographs that are on glass. We need to support the library so that these collections can be better utilized when the expansion occurs. Books are being put out at a faster rate than they used to be. To keep up with the printings, we need to increase our library space.

I have lived in Twin Falls for more than 40 years and have seen all the changes that have occurred. It is time we expand again so that our future generations can continue to enjoy that which they have enjoyed. Remember, the library started out in a cart pulled by a pony. We have come a long way since then, but Twin Falls is growing and so should our library.

Join me in voting yes on Feb. 7 in favor of the library expansion.
PATI D. PATTERSON
Twin Falls

T.F. library expansion a worthy project

Before moving to Twin Falls from the Fiji Islands last year, my family went online to learn all we could about the city we would be living in. One of the first items we saw was the beautiful photograph of the Twin Falls Library. After living so much of my life in a developing nation where few families had access to books, the Twin Falls Library looked like a little piece of heaven, and I couldn't wait to get here.

My mom took my sister and I to the library within 48 hours of moving into our new home. I was not disappointed. As homeschooling students, we have found Twin Falls Library a home away from home, and I am privileged to serve on the library advisory board for the library.

I wonder if the citizens of Twin Falls realize the importance our library plays in our lives. Not just to those who like to check out a good book, but as a means of encouraging responsible research and access to information to those who may not have it. The library expansion means expansion for all of us. With all the talk of alienated families, what better remedy is there than a dad spending an afternoon helping his son research a report for school or a mom teaching her daughter responsible Internet use on one of the library's free computers?

Little kids are not forgotten, nor will they be if you vote yes on the library issue. Story times and crafts and activities are all a part of the big picture as are additional programs for teens and college students. Story times are included and so are families. The cost of this expansion is so small that it kind of makes one wonder why anyone would vote yes. As a teacher, I wrote this letter asking you to vote yes for the library expansion. The cost is minimal, and you won't even feel it and the

benefits? Well, just take a look at any kid who is engrossed in a good book.

We don't spend our time spraying graffiti on public property or vandalizing city parks or hanging out in the alleys smoking pot. We are reading, learning and growing in wisdom and community awareness! So in the end, voting yes would probably actually save you money.
HOSANNA KABAKORO
Twin Falls

Abortion semantics cloud the picture of life

I found your "choice" to run a picture of "pro-choice" signs very interesting. The article said there were twice as many people who stand up for the lives of the most helpless of us as people who stand for their death. It seemed very misleading. The wording of the article was also disturbing to me. If you are going to call people who demand abortion "rights" "pro-choice," why do you call people who believe the opposite "anti-abortion" instead of "pro-life"? If they are "anti-abortion," shouldn't the opposite be "anti-life"?

I can understand the "pro-choice" dilemma. It is getting harder to convince people that a baby is just a blob of flesh. The time to make a "choice" is before you have sex, not after a new life is created. Since the baby has different DNA, the argument that it is "their" (the mother's) body and no one else should make a "choice" for "their" body doesn't hold up.

After seeing a premature baby fight for its life, I think I know what the baby's "choice" would be. If you find yourself in this situation, one of your "choices" is life.
LISA SAMUELSON
Twin Falls

Aliens may want you to hit the brakes

I've uncovered evidence of a plot to bring Twin Falls to a standstill.

My suspicions began when I've been stuck at side street stop signs waiting to get into the flow of traffic on Blue Lakes, Anderson and Washington streets.

I was puzzled. My business is important, but how can all these drivers be so slow? It's equally important to do? Where are they coming from? Where are they going?

Then it finally dawned on me: Aliens are being taken care of by aliens from outer space or somewhere. Their strategy is to drive aimlessly around town from 7 in the morning 'til 7 at night. Eventually, their slow pace to a complete stop and they will take over.

I questioned my conclusions until I recently drove to Filer and back several times. The slow drivers were in the fast lane driving below the speed limit. The drivers following or exceeding the speed limit had to pass them on the slow inside lane. I concluded that this was the alien training ground for the alien takeover. I will enter the rotation cycle in Twin Falls.

If you doubt me, pay attention to those driving past you on our main arteries as you futilely attempt to get into the flow of traffic. They appear like you and I, but notice their dazed looks as they communicate on their cell phones with their masters.
ART SELIN
Twin Falls

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinhack, Steve Crump, Traci Biles, Bill Bittenburg, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.

LETTERS

JIVE company creates enjoyable evening

What an amazing performance the Twin Falls High School JIVE puts out on for the Magic Valley on Saturday, Jan. 21.

As a mom to one of the members, I was especially proud knowing how much work went into the performance. As a community person looking for quality Twin Falls entertainment, I could not have asked for a more enjoyable evening.

I would like to thank all of the individuals responsible for making the JIVE Winter Showcase a success, including Mr. Caspersen and Nielsen's School of Dance. Thank you, JIVE members, for creating a show that our community can be proud of.
GINGER NUKAVA
Twin Falls

Community success depends on thriving library

A thriving culture is measured by its library.

Write to us

The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. Letters may be brought to our Twin Falls or Burley offices: 132 Fairfield St., Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; faxed to (209) 734-5538; or e-mailed to letters@magivalley.com.

Feb. 7, citizens will vote on the library expansion bond taking Twin Falls' library into the next 10 to 15 years of growth and development. This bond will replace, not add to, the library's previous bond.

Feb. 7, Twin Falls citizens support our library expansion will be an enduring legacy in continuing the literacy opportunities of our community.

Now is the time for all good voters to vote "yes" for their community library.

CATHERINE TALKINGTON
Twin Falls
(Editorial Note: Catherine Talkington is a member of the Twin Falls Public Library Board.)

SCHOOL NEWS

Buhl Parent/Guardian Access starts up

BUHL — Beginning today, parents and guardians of students attending Buhl schools will have access to their children's grades and attendance in PowerSchool via the Web. The PowerSchool link can be found on the Buhl School District Web site at www.d412.k12.id.us.

Kimberly organizations will hold chill supper

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Parent-Teacher-Student Organization and WACO chill supper will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Kimberly High School commons area during the boys basketball game. Tickets are \$4 for adults or \$16 for a family. The menu includes a bowl of chili, baked potato with toppings and cinnamon roll. There also will be a raffle drawing with a top prize of \$50. All proceeds go to support programs in the Kimberly School District.

Workshop aims to launch new charter schools

BOISE — Groups interested in starting a new charter school are invited to a workshop detailing the process of creating and submitting a petition to a local school board or the state. The State Department of Education, office of the State Board of Education and the Idaho Charter School Network will hold the annual Idaho Charter School Petitioners' workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel, 1109 Main St. Registration will include elements of a petition and sufficiency review, developing a relationship with the authorizing entity before the petition is submitted, special education requirements, and more. The workshop is free. Register by contacting Stephanie Clark at (208) 332-6902 or sklark@se.idaho.gov.

Murtaugh schools list semester honor students

MURTAUGH — Murtaugh High School/Middle School announced honor students for the first semester. High honor roll 3.5 to 4.0 GPA: Druce Tolman, Tanya Randolph, Jorge Leon, Kristen Egbert, Gerald Dillman, Eli Andersen, Kendra Collins, Chantree Randolph, Jaime Delgado, Danielle Cummings, Bryant Bischoff, Michael Adams, Izack Williamson, Michelle Roseborough, Rand Lovelace, Delanie Edwards, Selene Delgado, Corbin VanLeeuwen, Taylor Titcomb, Daniel Hepworth, Zach Cummings, Brittany Berry, Cassie Hoff, Kelsie Jones, Delanie Adams, Guadalupe Gomez, Isaac Hutzler and Humberto Pacheco. Honor roll 3.0 to 3.49 GPA: Brandon Olverson, Fernando Martinez, Vincent Kessler, Amanda Craig, Maria Arguiano, Jo Anna Randolph, Arien Blisoff, LaNelle Simmons, Trey Perkins, Raul Hurtado, Erick VanLeeuwen, Julia Ruiz, Filiberto Martinez, Josh Olverson, Erica Gil, Humberto Chavez and Guadalupe Ceja.

ISU discusses children's mental health issues

KEETCHUM — The Idaho State University Institute of Kessler, Better Tomorrow's training on mental health for school-age children from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Best Western Kentwood Lodge, 480 S. Main St. The program discusses warning signs for depression, anxiety, trauma and other disorders, as well as suicide risk factors. Unreated, these illnesses can result in behavioral problems at school, difficulty learning, low self-esteem, poor school attendance and grades, impaired social development, difficulties with law enforcement and even death, coordinators say. Free ISU Continuing Education credit is offered to dual workers, nurses and licensed counselors. ISU issues certificates of completion for other disciplines. Pre-registration is required. Call to make an arrangement for a special training session. For more information or to pre-register, contact Donna Parker at (208) 373-1769 or

Declo HS business students qualify for state competition

The Declo High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) participated in regional competition at Shoshone High School on Jan. 16.

HORNET HAPPENINGS

Chad Allen

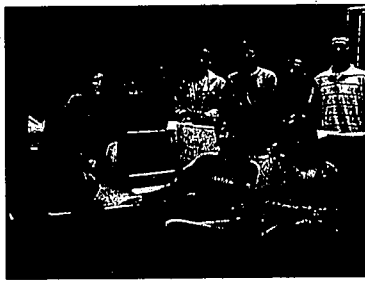


Photo courtesy of CHAD ALLEN

Declo BPA Club members, from left, front row: Heidi Goedhart, Rebekah Christianson and Ashley Hamilton; back row: Heather Dayley, Jenni Garrard, Jason Turner, Braden Turner, David Turner and Chad Allen. Not pictured are Aleasha Zollinger and Kylee Montgomery.

ment and marketing test; David Turner, first, small business management team; Kylee Montgomery, third, desktop publishing; Aleasha Zollinger, first, keyboarding production, and second, desktop publishing.

The BPA Club thanks advisers Jan Kidd and Janet Cole for their help in preparing them for competition.

Chad Allen is a senior at Declo High School.

Stars shine at Magic Valley HS

Magic Valley High School sparked with superstars, as names crowded Dionne Davidson's bulletin board. Hannah Jones and Chelsea Walker were identified by Michelle Hutchinson as weekly stars, as were Veronica Banyal and Curt Weeks by Kelleen Chapman. In Kim Har's class, Ben Lindsay, Yesenia Canute, Ray Banyal and Sierra Musick were recognized for their pirate research presentations.

Kristy Kalbaleisch and Alecia Dana Turchi won Fall High School drama on stage this week as part of its Dessert Theatre. The girls reached the semi-finals at State Drama in



MVHS MOMENTS
Jennifer Miller

the ensemble and solo pantomime categories and will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 and Feb. 4 in the Howard Miller Memorial Theatre (room D5). The cost is \$5 and includes dessert.

MVHS concluded its winter Idaho Standards Achievement Testing this week. In order to

gauge students' progress, Para educator Susan Webb reported great growth from the fall scores.

Registration for night school is under way, with classes beginning Feb. 6. Call 733-8823 for more information.

This block's All-School Write asked students to reflect on their educational experience and offer suggestions for improvement at MVHS. Students responded with terrific proposals and outstanding essayists will be announced in next week's article.

Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Magic Valley.

IN HONOR OF VETERANS



Photo courtesy of KYLEEN CHAPMAN

Third-graders at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley perform a Veterans Day program for the public. Standing behind the students is Josh Aston, of Bravo Company, in his Army fatigues.

Bulldog BPA members earn honors

The month of January has flown by at Kimberly High School.

At regionals on Jan. 16 at Central High School, Kimberly Business Professionals of America members qualified for the State Leadership Conference on March 9-11 in Boise. Congratulations to Jaysa Crist who won the Jeopardy Game and Maryanne Barrot and McKay Nield, who earned their DigiMax award accounting, first, basic office systems and procedures, second, financial math and analysis, and sixth, information technology concepts.

Kristina Egbert, first, keyboarding, first, economic research project — individual, and second, management/mar-



BULLDOG BUSINESS
Lacey Haye

keting concepts. Jaysa Crist, first, financial math and analysis, first, parliamentary procedure concepts, and third, extemp.

Sara Shawver, first, fundamental word processing. Megan Stredley, first, administrative support concepts, and first, human resources management.

McKay Nield, first, interview skills, first, extemp, second, administrative support concepts and fourth, management/marketing concepts.

Maryanne Barrot, first, entrepreneurship.

Donald Vawser, first, management/marketing concepts. Tucker Kellen, second, fundamental accounting.

Kelsey Nebeker, second, basic office system and procedures, sixth, management/market concepts, and ninth, parliamentary procedure concepts.

Pierce Reynolds, third, economic research project — individual, and third, human resources management.

Marla Onalinda, third and 10th, management/marketing concepts.

Tucker Lierman, fourth, fundamental word processing. Danielle Molise, sixth, parliamentary procedure concepts, and 10th management/marketing concepts.

Lacey Haye is Kimberly High School student body president.

Castleford School staff excited at reading scores

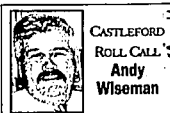
We are excited about our winter Idaho Reading Indicator scores and the students' progress so far this school year. Kindergarten scores revealed 74 percent at or above grade level. (The state spring requirement is 60 percent.) First-graders scores revealed 94 percent at or above grade level. (The state spring requirement is 70 percent.) Second-graders scores showed 70 percent at or above grade level. (The state spring requirement is 80 percent.) Third-graders scores showed 62 percent at or above grade level. (The state spring requirement is 65 percent.)

We are proud of the progress made since fall.

The Castleford Men's Club was recognized by the Idaho Association of School Administrators as the recipient of the LIFE (Leadership in Idaho by Friends of Education) award. The award is presented annually to individuals or organization that supports students and education in Idaho.

The BPA Club thanks advisers Jan Kidd and Janet Cole for their help in preparing them for competition.

Chad Allen is a senior at Declo High School.



CASTLEFORD
ROLL CALL
Andy Wiseman

Roger Wells, FFA adviser, announced that four juniors completed the requirements to earn the State FFA Degree. They are David Wiseman, Megan Durham, Anna Lopez and Jessica Elmer. The degree will be presented at the State FFA Leadership Convention in April.

We remind parents that the after-school 4-H program is held Monday through Wednesday at the Red Barrel. We also have a student-led tutoring program from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the school. Both programs are open to all students.

Andy Wiseman is Castleford School principal.

Filer High School speech team shines in tourney

Filer High School's stellar speech team competed in Reburg on Jan. 19 and 20 at Madison High School's Speech/Debate Tournament. There was a lot of competition, but the speech team was able to qualify some of its members in the final round. Kelsey and Kayla Richards earned second in duo interpretation. Brady Moore received second for retold story, and the other finalists included Adam Russell in retold story and Will Nussbaum in panel discussion.

On Tuesday, the advanced placement government class will travel to Boise to compete in the "We the People" event.

Allison Ko is Filer High School student body president.



WILDCAT
WORD
Allison Ko

The class has been preparing for this event for more than a month now, and is excited to present its research on various pieces of our government and constitutional rights.

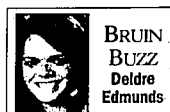
Twin Falls HS is busy with events, contests, activities

Students at Twin Falls High School are staying busy with new contests, performances and activities.

Thanks to all those who supported the recent Bruin basketball team at its crab feed. It was a huge success!

Congratulations to the winners of the NCTE Writing contest. Lisa Harris, Cora VanDyk and Sean Rivers will represent our school in the national contest. Gavin Savage, Amanda Yardley and Katrina Holcomb were runners-up. Thanks to all of the juniors who participated in the preliminary. Kudos to Garin Savage, Andrea Tomlinson, Christopher Blay and Elizabeth Ha for participating in the 2006 Idaho All-State Honor Burlesque.

Also congratulations to Marc Allan, Rachel Ashby, Katelyn Brown, Whitney Browning, Risa Casperson, Luke Chandler, Kristi Decker, Susan Decker, Cody Hafer, Annmarie Hawkes, Heather Hedden, Scott Hyatt, Kris Irish, Jesse Jensen, Ashley Naylor, Caitlyn Nichols, Nicole Ridgeway, LeAnn Snow, Jordan Stanley, Jonathan Sweet and Amanda Yardley for being selected by audition and participating in the 2006 Idaho



BRUIN BUZZ
Deldre Edmunds

All-State Honor choir.

Clubs at THS are getting in the Valentine's Day spirit. Key Club is once again putting together Date Match so you can find your perfect Valentine. Also, HOSA Club is selling Valentine's flowers and candy grams.

THS Drama Department proudly presents "Desert Theatre," a collection of dramatic and technical competition selections. Dessert Theatre will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1 to 4 in Theater D-5. Admission is \$5 and includes menu and grandma's homemade desserts. Seating is limited so come early. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through a drama student.

Hope to see you all at one of our upcoming events!

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

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

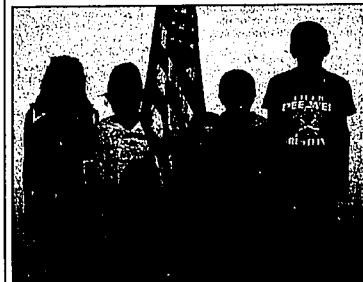


Photo courtesy of Hillister Elementary School

Hillister Elementary School announced its December Students of the Month: from left, top row: Alexis Verdugo (fourth grade), Marla J. North (second grade), Flavio Gomez (third grade) and Charles Washby (fifth grade); bottom row: Shelby Hansen (first grade) and Tiana Williams (kindergarten).

NATION

Tennessee's driver certificates lure illegal immigrants

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's driving certificate for illegal immigrants isn't valid as a form of ID, but people are paying hundreds of dollars on the black market and traveling hundreds of miles to get one.

Tennessee has issued more than 51,000 certificates since it became the first state to offer them in July 2004, but not every certificate has gone to someone living there.

Two major federal arrests in recent months exposed shuttles bringing South and Central American immigrants from as far away as New Jersey to state licensing centers in Knoxville, where the immigrants got certificates using fake residency papers.

Last week, a third sweep revealed an alleged conspiracy in which prosecutors say state license examiners in Murfreesboro, outside Nashville, accepted bribes to provide illegal immigrants with driver's

licenses and certificates without testing.

"We have seen individuals coming to Tennessee to take advantage of the driver's certificate program because they are easy to obtain," said acting U.S. Attorney Russ Dedrick.

The disclosures come as Tennessee's certificate system is being studied as a possible model for handling "non-conforming drivers" under the Real ID program recently enacted by Congress that will set a national standard for driver's licenses by 2008.

Although the words "not valid for identification" appear in bold red letters on the face of the wallet-size certificates, Dedrick said banks accept them as legal ID and they "can easily be passed off for other types of identification documents."

Lawyer Mike Whalen, who represents a woman accused of bringing as many as 100 immi-

grants from New Jersey to Knoxville for certificates, said the government is making too much of the problem. His client represented workers, not terrorists, he said.

"Somebody went through the roof and said, 'Remember 9/11, every one had driver's licenses,'" he said. "Well, none of these Mexican immigrants are in flight school anywhere. There is a difference."

That argument carries little weight in law enforcement circles.

The certificate law "just kind of opened up a flood gate of everyone wanting to come here to get some sort of identification," said Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison, whose officers discovered that 58 illegal immigrants used the same Knoxville address to get certificates.

Applicants must provide two documents, such as utility bills or a lease, to show they live in

Tennessee, and a Social Security number — or a sworn affidavit if there is none. They also must pass an eye exam, a driving rules test and a road test.

"What we tried to do in Tennessee was to recognize that there are people who may be legally here but they are not completely documented," Gov. Phil Bredesen said.

Tennessee had started licensing illegal immigrants without a Social Security number requirement, in early 2001. More than 180,000 obtained licenses before 9/11 fears set in. The driving certificates were created in 2004 to satisfy homeland security concerns while allowing illegal immigrants to drive with certified proficiency.

Some say the problem isn't the law, it's the enforcement.

Joan Friedland, an immigration policy attorney with the National Immigration Law Center in Washington, said the

key is "irrefragant proof of state residence."

Hutchison's officers searched the Internet to determine that immigrants were using fake residences, and then spent months monitoring the suspects' movements before they were arrested.

"I would hope that the state would pick up on it sooner," the sheriff said. "But I am not sure that they are actually geared to do that."

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SPORTS

Lebron erupts for 44 in win

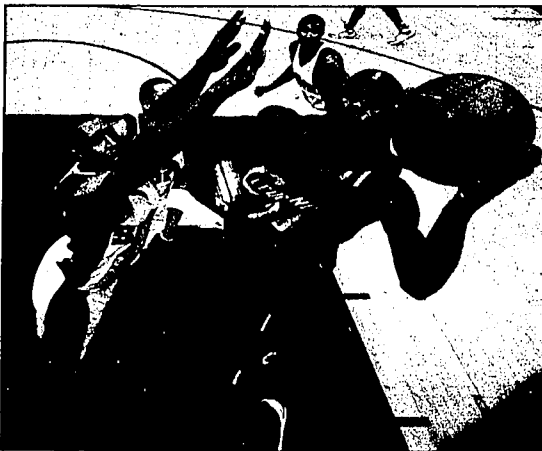
CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 32 of his 44 points in the second half, bringing Cleveland back almost by himself as the Cavaliers rallied for their fifth straight win, 113-106 over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday.

James added 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Cavaliers, who were trailing by 17 midway through the third quarter when their third-year superstar took control of the game.

He scored 16 points in the third and added another 16 in the fourth when Cleveland's defense held the Suns' highest-scoring team to 19. During the Cavs' winning streak, James is averaging 37.2 points, 7.8 rebounds and 7.6 assists.

Steve Nash scored 24 points and Shawn Marion 22 to lead the Suns, who shot 86 percent from the field in the first half but went only 6-of-20 in the fourth quarter.

Donyell Marshall had 15 points, Sasha Pavlovich 14 and reserve Anderson Varejao six with seven rebounds in a season-high 19 minutes for Cleveland.



Cleveland Cavaliers guard LeBron James (23) shoots against Phoenix Suns forward Boris Dajc during the first quarter of the Cavs' Sunday win in Cleveland.

Heat 101, Rockets 95
HOUSTON — Dwyane Wade had 32 points and nine assists and Shaquille O'Neal added 24 points and 14 rebounds for Miami.

O'Neal also hit a season-high 12 free throws, but he missed five of his last six attempts.

Tracy McGrady had 37 points, 12 rebounds and six assists for the Rockets. Rafer Alston added 26 points, but had only 10 points after a 12-point second quarter.

Pistons 102, Lakers 93
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rashad Wallace scored 24 points and Detroit won its 11th straight game.

The Pistons improved to an NBA-best 37-5 and tied the fourth-best record through 42 games in NBA history.

Richard Hamilton had 20 points and Thyshaun Prince added five for the Pistons, whose entire starting lineup scored in double figures.

Kobe Bryant had 39 points on 12-of-28 shooting for Los Angeles,

but finished with 21 points for Milwaukee.

Wally Szczerbiak finished with 20 points for Boston and Paul Pierce added 18, but finished with two straight and five of its previous seven games.

76ers 89, Magic 81
ORLANDO, Fla. — Chris Webber scored 18 points and John Salmons added 17 to lead Philadelphia to the win.

Webber had two key jumpers during a key 8-0 run late in the game. Samuel Dalembert added 15 points and eight rebounds for the 76ers, who've won five of their last six.

Steve Francis had a triple-double for the Magic with 22 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

The 76ers played without Allen Iverson, who missed his second straight game with a sprained left ankle.

Raptors 123, Kings 124
TORONTO — Jalen Rose's jumper with 0.4 seconds left overcame game the Raptors the victory.

Mike Bibby had 42 points and Ron Artest had 24 in his second game with Sacramento.

Mike James drove toward the basket in the waning seconds of overtime and passed to Rose, who took a couple of dribbles before making his 19-foot jumper.

Bibby missed a jumper at the buzzer for the Kings.

Toronto's Morris Peterson scored 23 points, James had 22 and Chris Bosh 21.

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Tar Heel women down No. 2 Duke

DURIHAM, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina led no doubt about who's No. 1 — for now.

Eriana Larkins had 17 of her season-high 23 points in the week end. Lora Latta added 17 points and a steady influence down the stretch and the third-ranked Tar Heels rallied to beat No. 2 Duke 74-70 Sunday night.

Since the Blue Devils knocked off No. 1 Tennessee earlier in the week and the Lady Vols tied again a few days later — the winner in the renewal of this Tobacco Road rivalry was all but assured of moving to the top spot when The Associated Press poll is released Monday.

It would be the first time North Carolina has been No. 1, and denying Duke (207) Atlantic Coast Conference) the same honor likely will feel just as good.

The Tar Heels (20-0, 7-0) also remained the only unbeaten team in Division I with their fourth straight victory over the Blue Devils.

Mistie Williams led the Blue Devils with 16 points.

No. 6 Maryland 79, Wake Forest 70, OT
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Crystal Langhorne scored a career-high 34 points, including 10 in overtime for the Terps.

Langhorne — whose previous career best was 33 points, set Feb. 28, 2005, against Northern Colorado — also had 14 rebounds to help the Terps (19-2, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) win their fifth straight game.

No. 7 Ohio State 75, Illinois 49
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Marsellina Packer made five 3-pointers to complement center Jessica Davenport's 19 points, leading Ohio State.

Packer marked the Buckeyes' eighth consecutive win and kept the defending co-champions a game behind front-running Purdue in the Big Ten.

No. 8 Purdue 71, Northwestern 63
WEST LAFAVETTE, Ind. — Andrea Torres scored 19 points and No. 8 Purdue survived an error-filled first half.

Katie Granger also scored 17 for the Boilermakers (17-2, 9-0 Big Ten).

Stanford 76, No. 10 Washington 67, OT
STANFORD, Calif. — Chris Hernandez made three free throws with two assists of a second left in regulation to send the game into overtime and hit four more in the extra period, lifting Stanford.

The Cardinal (10-7, 6-3 Pac-10) won their third straight to extend their home winning streak to eight games. It was the 15th straight win over the Huskies at Maples Pavilion, where students charged the court after the final buzzer sounded.

Hernandez finished with 15 points with two assists after sitting the final 12:16 of the first half in foul trouble, and Matt Harysz posted his fifth straight 20-point game with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Indiana (12-5, 4-3) entered last week leading the nation in 3-point shooting percentage (46 percent) and second in overall field goal percentage (51).

Marco Killingsworth led Indiana with 15 points.

No. 15 N.C. State 94, Clemson 85, 2OT
CLEMSON, S.C. — Ilián Eterovic scored 11 of his season-high 22 points in the two overtime periods to lead North Carolina State.

While the Wolfpack (16-4, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) were on the verge of following an embarrassing 83-65 home loss to Seton Hall this past Wednesday with another defeat when Cliff Hammonds stepped to the foul line with the Tigers ahead 71-69 with 9.9 seconds to go.

But Hammonds went only 1-of-2, and North Carolina State took advantage with Cameron Bennerman hitting a 3-pointer from the right side to tie things at 72-all with 2.4 seconds left in regulation.

Federer

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huge upset since I don't know when Federer said, "The whole thing was building up and waiting all day for the night session — that is nerve-racking on top of it. It was really tough for me mentally."

At 11-game winning streak from 5-5 in the second set eased Federer's nerves and took the match away from Baghdatis, who said his problems started when he began to think a huge upset was within reach.

"Baghdatis' mucous fans, who grew in number as he ousted me at No. 2," Andre and Kentucky, their first losing streak since the 1996-97 season.

Men
No. 9 West Virginia 66, St. John's 61
NEW YORK — West Virginia made just one field goal in the

aggressive ... not to give Federer time to play his game," Baghdatis said. "Maybe I was a bit scared of him. Maybe I didn't really believe it. Things were happening so fast."

Federer acknowledged being concerned about a massive upset after falling a set and a break behind.

"I was struggling so much to hold my serve ... I was sweating like crazy," he said. "I thought, 'Well, if this is going to continue, I'll probably lose and (only) a miracle is going to save me.'"

Baghdatis had three game points at 5-6 to force a tiebreak in the second, but Federer rallied to break on a Baghdatis forehand that was ruled just long.

Federer then lifted his level of play, winning 27 of the 37 points in the third set to take control.

Baghdatis had camps in his

left calf in the fourth set, and treatment didn't help. He later said they probably were due to nerves.

Federer set up match point with a forehand crosscourt, his 50th winner, and sealed the 2-75-hour victory when Baghdatis netted backhand.

Federer's next career goal is a French Open title. A win at Roland Garros would give him four consecutive majors across two seasons and hold him halfway to a proper Grand Slam — last accomplished by Laver in 1969.

"Absolutely, there's some pressure there. I feel it already," Federer said.

Laver twice won all four majors in one season — the first time before turning pro in 1927.

Federer's seven major titles tie him with eight other players

Warriors

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covered quickly and moved Flores back to the ropes.

"That's my problem," said Flores, 29. "I sit on the ropes. It doesn't bother me, but that scores points. I'm on the ropes and he's throwing, throwing."

Earlier in the evening, Ivin Fiala's Jerry Garcia, 17, defeated Twin Falls' Adon Luz by third-round stoppage in a non-championship match bout.

Garcia, fighting stoppage, spent the first 30 seconds measuring distance and timing against his less-experienced opponent before scoring neatly at will with hard straight lefts to the head, the first of which sent Luz to the canvas.

"I just tried to learn his moves," said Garcia, who recorded three knockdowns, two in the third round, "and said, 'Just took it from there. I figured I was getting him with the left so I was just sticking with that.'"

Garcia will compete at regional amateur garnering an uncontested berth to the tournament.

In one of the most exciting



Tiger Woods tears up the turf as he hits a low knockdown shot into the first hole during the final round of the Buick Invitational golf tournament on Sunday.

Tiger tames Buick field

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods made an 8-foot birdie on the 18th hole Sunday to get into a three-way playoff, then won the Buick Invitational with simple pars as Australian rookie Nathan Green and two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal made crucial mistakes.

Olazabal, playing a splendid bunker shot on the par-3 16th, missed a 4-foot par putt on the second extra hole to hand Woods a victory that was only easy at the end.

For Woods, it was the fourth time in 10 years that he won in his first PGA Tour event of the year, and he became the first four-time winner at the Buick Invitational, played on the west coast for the first time as a kid.

It was a somber way to end a dynamic afternoon along the bluffs of the Pacific Ocean, where 12 players had a shot of the lead in one hole, and there was an eight-way tie with six holes to play.

Woods, who three-putted three times in his final round of even-par 72, finally made the one that mattered on the final hole of regulation en route to his 47th tour victory. Green, eliminated on the first playoff hole, also closed with a 72, and Olazabal shot a 69 to match Woods at 10 under.

Jonathan Kaye (69), John Ringer (69) and Lucas Glover (71) and Arjun Atwal (71) finished a stroke out of the playoff, and Phil Mickelson (73) and Sergio Garcia (75) followed at 8 under.

Henrik Stenson takes Qatar Masters title

DOHA, Qatar — Sweden's Henrik Stenson birdied three of the last four holes for a 4-under 68 to win his two-stroke victory in the Qatar Masters.

Stenson finished the tournament at 15-under 273.

England's Paul Broadhurst shot a 70 to finish second, South Africa's Darren Fichard (68) was third at 11 under.

Stenson, who started the day with one stroke lead, had two birdies on the front nine at the Doha Golf Club. He bogeyed the 14th hole, then made his final surge en route to his third career PGA European Tour title.

Ernie Els, the 2005 winner, shot a 72 to finish 10 strokes back.

Loren Roberts is tops at Turtle Bay

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Loren Roberts completed a flawless Hawaiian sweep, holing a 9-foot eagle putt on the final hole for an even-par 72 and a two-stroke victory over Scott Simpson in the Turtle Bay Championship.

The 50-year-old Roberts, the first Champions Tour player to win his first two starts of a season since Larry Nelson in 2001, finished his wire-to-wire win with a 12-under 204 total. Last week, Roberts had a record-setting, one-stroke victory in the season-opening MasterCard Championship on the

Isenhour negotiates Panama Championship

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Tripp Isenhour completed a three-victory victory in the closing week of this season-opening Panama Championship, closing with a 1-under 69 for a three-stroke victory over three players.

Isenhour, a three-time winner on the developmental tour, had an 11-under 269 total on the Panama Golf Club course. The former Georgia Tech player earned \$59,000.

Roberts

Woods' 70 - 1996, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006
 Els' 72 - 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006
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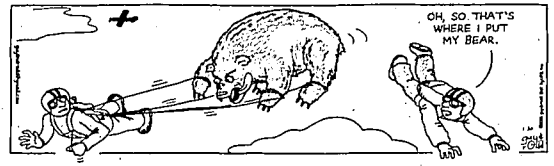
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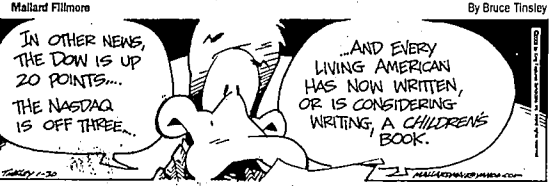
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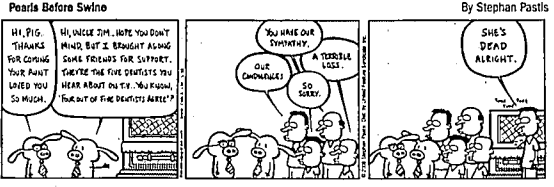
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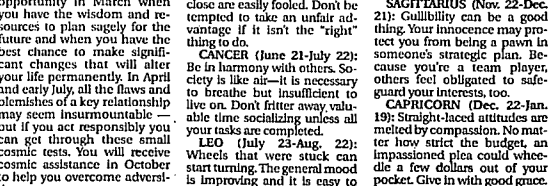
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Taurus: Steer away from the noise

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF JAN. 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The truth is that one cannot enjoy freedom without responsibility may be brought home to you in the year ahead. Independence may be your battle cry — but before you can win that way, you must face obligations that you have the wisdom and resources to plan sagely for the future and when you have the best chance to make significant changes that will alter your life permanently. In April and early July, all the flaws and blemishes of a key relationship may seem insurmountable — but if you act responsibly you can get through these small cosmic tests. You will receive cosmic assistance in October to help you overcome adversities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a time out for fun and fantasy. TV reality shows may bore you to tears. Enjoy a relaxing escape from mundane existence by finding a classic novel to read or diving into the pool at the Y.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Insulate yourself from noise and confusion. Success comes to those who get things done efficiently, but team members may waste your time. You may need privacy to get finished on

fed while making a mark in the career field as well. Don't risk the paycheck on a "sure thing" deal. Ward off the blues by doing a good deed. There is always someone less fortunate than you. Learn to appreciate the wonderful things you have been blessed with no matter how small.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gullibility can be a good thing. Your innocence may protect you from being a pawn in someone's strategic plan. Because you're a team player, others feel obligated to safeguard your interests, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Straight-laced attitudes are melted by inaction. No matter how strict the budget, an impassioned plea could wheedle a few dollars out of your pocket. Give in with good grace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can save the world. Be in your sign churning up fertile ground for humanitarian efforts. Adopt a stray dog, give a pint of blood or just drop some money in the donation jar.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are too good for this world. A big-hearted, generous attitude may earn you the feeling of a job well done even if appreciation from others is lacking. Good deeds are their own reward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The mixer of your sign is Mercury, which sometimes is pictured as the trickster. Those close are easily fooled. Don't be tempted to take an unfair advantage. If it isn't the "right" thing to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be in harmony with others. Society is like air — it is necessary to breathe but insufficient to live on. Don't fritter away valuable time socializing unless all your tasks are completed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wheels that were stuck can start turning. The general mood is improving and it is easy to face problems that stymied you previously. You may go overboard trying to make up for a mistake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are convincing. Be sure to act in accordance with high-minded convictions. Those in close association may go along with your ideas and proposals like lambs to the slaughter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mix business with pleasure. You possess the juggler's skill at keeping home and family satis-

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

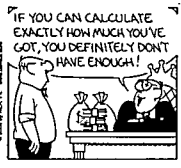


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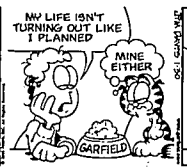
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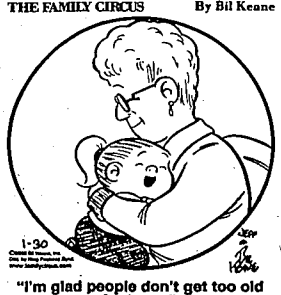
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Woman goes looking for Mr. Right the wrong way

DEAR READERS: A successful, single career woman wrote me recently wondering if she should "start" her professional success, financial wherewithal and IQ* in order to land a husband. She asked, on behalf of herself and her unmarried friends, "How to find true happiness while being true to themselves." Fascinating mail from readers poured in. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is my reaction to that woman's comment about taking a job as an "administrator" so that she won't appear to be smart. I assume by "administrator," she means the administrative assistant positions that are vital to the smooth running of almost every business and organization.

Perhaps her elitist attitude is what's causing her to be single, and not her job or financial status. Please inform "Miss Thing" that not only are most successful assistants highly intelligent, but many of us know something she doesn't — how to deal with



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

people! Some of us went to college just like she did, but ended up in administrative positions through downsizing, necessity — or maybe some of us really like our jobs.

You were right to advise her not to step down the ladder in the corporate world. With her superior attitude, she'd never make it "down here at the bottom."

ASSISTANT WITH AN MBA DEAR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: I understand why you might have been offended by the writer's comment, but please understand that people experiencing a painful life crisis aren't always politically correct.

DEAR ABBY: Successful

single women with high IQs might scrutinize their criteria for "Mr. Right." Must he have a "certain income," perfect looks, the right connections? Can he have children, a limp, a bald head, be poorer than she is? Are they looking for love without judgment, as they would wish to be evaluated?

Regardless of their achieved status, they must realize that what's on the inside means more. Do they wear contacts, makeup, padded bra, color their hair? Do they?

Life isn't "Sex and the City" or any other media-produced 60-minute "life." You can't put yourself on your own pedestal. I found love — twice — with "country boys" who ended up having more smarts and giving me more love than I ever hoped for.

If those women stop looking, love will find them when they least expect it.

— BETSY IN PLANO, TEXAS

READERS: More on this subject tomorrow.

How many noodles in a can of chicken soup? About 216 of them

There are about 216 noodles in each can of Campbell's chicken soup. If you don't believe us, count them yourself.

This day in history: Jan. 30, 1958, saw the opening of the first two-way moving sidewalk.

The quarter-mile passenger conveyor allowed the pilots of Love Field Air Terminal in Dallas to reduce their exposure to the dangers of aerobic exercise.

The longest ear hair registered by the Guinness Book of World Records is 5.2 inches.

Who drinks the most beer? Not the Germans, even though they consume nearly twice the amount, Americans per capita consumption of 22 gallons a year; it's the residents of Australia's Northern Territory, where the average person guzzles an annual 62.4 gallons.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACINOSA
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Last year, a record high 15.6 million documents were classified as secret by the federal government. Besides reducing accountability to their employees (we, the people), the government charges taxpayers dearly for being kept in the dark. The cost of classifying new documents and reclassifying old documents to make them off-limits to nosy citizens costs \$7.2 billion a year.

Twelve is the age when the

average boy finally gets as tall as the average girl.

Being a poet has never paid that well. Remember the classic poem, "Casey at the Bat"? The writer, Ernest Thayer, got the princely sum of \$5 for it.

About half of the people on Norfolk Island and nearly all on Picaia Island are direct descendants of the Bounty mutineers who sought refuge there and eventually married local women. The Picaia population speaks a dialect that is a combination of Tahitian and 18th-century English, and all, including mayor Steve Christian, bear the surnames of mutineers.

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Woman faces embarrassment charge

By Rick Wadell
For The Times-News
BURLEY — A Burley woman is facing 10 counts of grand theft by deception in an embezzlement scheme that her former employers say cost them more than \$600,000.

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

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

Skating after dark in Buhl
By Eric Larsen
Times-News correspondent
BUHL — Skating after dark is now an option in Buhl. The city has extended the curfew at Centennial Skate Park.

Versatile Talbott leads Pirates
By Nathaniel Garbrandt
Times-News writer
HAGERMAN — Slipping an opponent's star player is supposed to be a good thing. Most of the time.
Trying to shut down Hagerman senior post Skylar Talbott usually comes with a price.

AND SATURDAY IN SPORTS ...
Eagles women face hungry Bruins
CHI looks to avenge non-conference loss to SLOC
By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — With a 56-83 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.
Win the one that matters.
The Bruins' non-conference victory over the Eagles during December's Dixie State College Las Vegas Classic may be a feather in SLOC's cap, but it's nothing compared to a Pacific West Athletic Conference win. With the 14-3 Eagles in the conference lead at 5-0, all the Bruins really want is to capture the go-between themselves and the conference's top spot.
"The pressure's definitely on them. It's not on us," CHI head coach Randy Rogers said. "We'd love to win, because that would put us in the driver's seat. But they need to win. They've come up here twice, so I think they'll be under a little bit of pressure."

For these stories and more, check out tomorrow's The Times-News.

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WORLD

Man survives Polish roof collapse only to learn that his son did not

KATOWICE, Poland (AP) — Tadeusz Dlugosz and his son were taking in separate exhibits at a racing pigeon fair when there was a loud crack and the roof tumbled down.

Dlugosz clambered out from among the twisted steel beams and corrugated metal sheets, and then began the long wait for his son to join him.

Hours came and went until his wife reached him on his cell phone: The body of his 26-year-old son had been found.

Sixty-six people were confirmed dead and 160 were injured in the Saturday afternoon collapse. On Sunday evening, officials gave up hope of finding any more survivors in the mangled, freezing wreckage.

Dlugosz waited outside the collapsed exhibition hall Sunday for someone to tell him where his son's body had been taken.

"My son died," he said in stammered English. The two had traveled 150 miles from the southeastern city of Rzeszow to attend the show devoted to pigeon racing, a sport popular in Europe in which haming pigeons are released and race home using their sharp sense of direction.

"It was his idea to come to the fair. It was his decision, and he had his grave there. I don't know which morgue he's in," Dlugosz said. "I would like to see him and take him as quickly as possible." The "Pigeon 2006" fair had more than 200 exhibitors, including groups from Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Ukraine and Poland, according to the fair's Web site.

The last person rescued alive from the building was pulled out at about 10 p.m. Saturday — five hours after the cave-in, as extreme cold of 1 degree set in overnight.

Another survivor, Jozef Watroba, said he was visiting the exhibition with his daughter



Rescue workers walk in front of the ruins of the International Fair building in the southern city of Katowice, Poland, Sunday. A roof collapsed in the building during a pigeon show Saturday, trapping hundreds of spectators and exhibitors. At least 66 people were killed.

and two sons-in-law. He said he exorcised himself from the debris after three hours and his daughter was rescued, but had yet to track down the two men.

"I have no information about them," said Watroba.

A day after the roof caved in, authorities turned their attention to demolishing the rest of the structure, built in 2000.

"The rescue operation is over," said Krzysztof Mejer, a spokesman for the government

Transport Minister Jerzy Polack told TVN24 television that the roof was covered with more than 18 inches of dry snow, which police blamed for the collapse.

However, the president of the Katowice company that organized the fair, Bruce Robinson, said that "the reasons are not clear" and that the firm was working with authorities to help determine them. Grzegorz Sliwzyk, a lawyer for the building's owners, said snow had been cleared regularly from the roof.

Crumpled bird cages were scattered inside the building near the entrance, and white and brown pigeons perched on the twisted rafters. People who escaped have said two emergency exits were open, but other exits were locked, and that they saw people struggling to break windows to escape.

Polish authorities said 51 of the victims had been identified by Sunday afternoon, including seven foreigners: two Slovaks, two Czechs and one victim each from the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. The Foreign Ministry in Berlin said two Germans were killed.

President Lech Kaczynski declared a national period of mourning until Wednesday. Visiting the scene, he called it "the greatest tragedy" to hit post-communist Poland.

In a similar accident Jan. 2 in Germany, 15 people were killed when a skating rink collapsed. Pope Benedict XVI prayed for the victims, speaking in Polish in the Vatican.

Thousands, including Prime Minister Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, packed Katowice's Cathedral of Christ the King for a Mass honoring the victims.

Associated Press writers Vanessa Gera in Katowice, Karol Janicki in Warsaw and Monika Scislovska in Biaska Barzanska contributed to this report.

Chaos breaks out at Saddam's trial under new, tougher judge

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A new judge cracked down Sunday in a chaotic session of Saddam Hussein's trial, ordering a co-defendant and a lawyer expelled from the courtroom. The entire defense team left in protest and Saddam was escorted out after a shouting match in which he yelled, "Down with America!"

Despite the turmoil, chief judge Raouf Raheed Abdel-Rahman pushed ahead, replacing the defense lawyers with court-appointed attorneys and hearing three prosecution witnesses before adjourning the trial until after the week.

It was Abdel-Rahman's first session at the helm, replacing a judge who stepped down amid criticism that he was not doing enough to stop Saddam and his half brother, co-defendant Barzan Ibrahim, from dominating the trial with frequent outbursts and disruptions. Defense lawyers criticized the tough approach, saying it was preventing Saddam and his seven co-defendants from getting a fair trial. The judge could face death by hanging if convicted in the killing of at least 140 Shites after a July 1982 attempt on Saddam's life in the town of Dulaija north of Baghdad.

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who is part of Saddam's defense team but did not attend Sunday's session, decried the court as "lawless" and repeated calls for it to be moved out of Iraq.

"Now the court is seated without the defendants' consent of choice. This is wrong," Clark said, speaking from New York.

Abdel-Rahman wasted little time in distinguishing himself from his predecessor, Hagar Mohammed Amin, telling the court at the start of the proceedings that anyone who broke the rules would be thrown out.

The session, which was the first since Dec. 22, rapidly de-

generated into chaos. Ibrahim called the court "the daughter of a whore" and refused to sit down. Abdel-Rahman ordered him removed, and Ibrahim scuffled with two guards before they dragged him out of the courtroom.

Then defense lawyer Salih al-Arnaut, a Jordanian, was forcibly removed from the court for yelling at Abdel-Rahman.

"The entire defense team walked out in protest. 'This is unjust and illegitimate court,' Khalil al-Dulaimi, Saddam's chief lawyer, told the judge on the way out.

Protesting Ibrahim's expulsion and shouting "down with traitors" and "down with America," Saddam got into a heated argument with the judge, rejecting court-appointed lawyers and demanding to leave.

When the judge ordered guards to remove him, Saddam — holding a Quran under his arm — became indignant, saying he was choosing to go and referring to his time in power.

"For 35 years I led you, and you say, 'Effect him!' Saddam asked.

"I am a judge and you are a defendant," Abdel-Rahman replied. "And you have violated order in the court. I am implementing the law."

After two more defendants asked to leave, the trial continued — with only four defendants present and none of their original lawyers.

The court-appointed lawyers declined opportunities to cross-examine the three witnesses, who all spoke of mass detentions and torture after the attempt on Saddam's life.



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