

# ONCE A FOOTBALL PLAYER

A middle-aged guy aims to get back in the game.

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# NO LONGER SECOND BEST

After years of frustration, Jimmie Johnson is the NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion.

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## Bliss man killed in shooting

Police arrest  
Twin Falls man

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Bliss man was fatally shot at 1:54 a.m. Sunday in the parking lot of Phat Eddy's restaurant and bar, 213 Fifth Ave. S. Luis C. Ramirez, 21, was pronounced dead in the emergency room of St. Luke's Magic

Valley Regional Medical Center.

He had been shot once in the head at close range with a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol in a grassy area in front of the parking lot. Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebis said. Police arrested 23-year-old



James M. Steel

James M. Steel and recommended the prosecutor charge him with voluntary manslaughter. He was arraigned at 1 p.m. today, Loebis said.

An investigation by police led from Phat Eddy's parking lot to Apartment 2 of a Heyburn Street complex where police say Steel lived with his girlfriend. The apartment was being treated as a closed crime scene throughout the day. "There was a disagreement," Loebis said.

Whether it was a fight or simply an argument remains unclear, he said.

There is also some dispute over what the alleged shooter's intention was when the handgun fired a single bullet at close range. No other arrests were made although both Steel and the victim appear to have been accompanied by friends.

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Bar tender Amy Whitmore serves a beer Sunday in Brasserie at Woody's in Twin Falls. Whitmore said she has a lot of requests for liquor on Sundays, but bars and restaurants can only serve beer and wine on that day.

## Money for nothing



Construction workers build the new elementary and middle school in Jerome Thursday morning. Small school districts such as Hansen are having difficulty finding contractors to work on their schools.

## Small school districts willing to pay, but few companies willing to build

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

HANSEN — It was a slap in the face, said Tom Standley. As the principal of Hansen Elementary School, he had worked with members of the Hansen School District, as well as the community, to pass a school bond election by more than 86 percent — the highest approval of an Idaho school bond in more than a decade. But when the district began seeking bids for expansion of the elementary school, things suddenly took a turn for the worse. Less than 30 bids were submitted from qualified construction companies, and all were far higher than the district had estimated.

The district's construction manager estimated the cost to be about \$150 per square foot, but the lowest bid was more than \$200 per square foot. Multiply the unexpected markup by more than 12,500 square feet, and the district was left with a construction bill that was more than \$500,000 higher than expected. The bidding period ended without a construction contract, and the elementary school continued to put more students into already cramped classrooms. The unexpected markup had nothing to do with price fixing or poor estimates. The problem is being shared by school districts statewide due to a boom in school facility construction and a shortage of qualified builders.

Ultimately, the smaller school districts are lower on the priority list because projects for larger districts are more lucrative.

### High demand and high prices

"Our construction person thinks it's one thing that caused the high bids," Standley said. "And that's the fact that these companies are all busy and don't need the work, so because of that there is no competition to drive the prices down." Outside the Magic Valley, districts such as Meridian and Nampa are building about one school every six years. Within the valley, Jerome, Twin Falls and Bliss

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## No more sober Sundays?

Businessman wants to sell liquor seven days a week

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Champagne is the quintessential New Year's Eve beverage — but what if it were the only one at your party this year? In Twin Falls County, bars might be empty and partygoers empty-handed because the holiday falls on a Sunday and Idaho law prohibits liquor sales on Sundays. Local businesses can lobby city and county officials to override the state ban — permanently or at least a one-day exemption — and a presentation to the Twin Falls City Council tonight by a local businessman will be the first formal opportunity to do so. Steve Soran, co-owner of the Depot Grill and the Tux Club, will ask the council to lift the ban permanently — and before Dec. 31 — primarily for financial reasons. He said liquor is taxed at a

much higher rate than beer or wine, and businesses lose substantial revenue during the 52 Sundays each year, and that lifting the ban would help eliminate "leakage," which occurs if a city resident buys liquor elsewhere. "We pay a lot for those licenses," he said. "It's not like we're reinventing the wheel here ... we thought it would be more fair to make it a little more equitable." In the Magic Valley, Gooding, Blaine, Carnas, Cassia and Lincoln counties allow Sunday liquor sales, according to county offices. Twin Falls, Minidoka and Jerome counties do not, but some cities in Jerome County, including Jerome, have lifted the state ban. Soran, who is also a member of Historic Downtown Twin Falls, will make the presentation at 5 p.m. Though Soran declined to provide details, he said that most of the city's 26 liquor license owners support him. Reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

## Times-News joining national online jobs network with Yahoo

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On the Net

TWIN FALLS — Companies in the Magic Valley could soon post help-wanted ads in the Times-News and hire employees from a nationwide pool of applicants because of an agreement with Yahoo. Lee Enterprises Inc., parent company of the Times-News and 55 other daily newspapers, announced Sunday it has joined the alliance with Yahoo. The agreement's first phase will include a recruitment advertising program combining online job listings from more than 150 newspapers with the Yahoo HotJobs platform. The newspapers and Yahoo also plan to provide new search, content and local applications across the newspaper Web sites, including www.magicvalley.com. "Already, our newspapers and their online sites are independent powerhouses in providing deep local content that delivers new and growing audiences to advertisers," Mary Junkc, Lee chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement.

The consortium of newspaper companies and Yahoo have scheduled an audio-visual Web cast presentation for 11 a.m. today to discuss the alliance. Live and replay access is available at www.lee.net. "This new network will expand our strength across a wider stage and will add a multitude of state-of-the-art tools and user-friendly features and functionality," said "Right away, through our new recruitment advertising platform, both job seekers and employers will be able to target their searches locally, regionally and nationally with more satisfying results." Other newspaper groups joining the partnership include MediaNews Group, Hearst Newspapers, Belo Corp., The E.W. Scripps Co., Journal Register Co. and Cox Newspapers Inc. "We'll begin rolling out this service within the next 60 days," said Greg Schermer, vice president of Interactive Media.

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## Resort thinks Hemingway, Harriman could help lost tourists find their way

KETCHUM (AP) — Ernest Hemingway got to know his way around this central Idaho resort town pretty well during two decades of visits starting in the 1930s. His Sun Valley Lodge dwelling was suite 206, an easy find. So were drinking haunts, the Alpine and Casino clubs. And before he killed himself in 1961 in the house he'd just bought off Warm Springs

Road, Hemingway became increasingly familiar with roads including Trail Creek where locals remember his solitary figure striding out on the gravel. But if "Papa" wasn't particularly flustered by Ketchum's layout, economic development officials say town sections and boulevards here are counterintuitive and increasingly a burden for directionally

challenged tourists. As a result, they're pushing a plan to rename them after common geographical features and historical characters that boosters have never been shy about leveraging to lure in more tourist dollars. One district in the small city would be awarded the famous writer's moniker. See KETCHUM, Page A3

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Tuesday



Mostly cloudy, breezy and mostly dry  
High 57



Mostly cloudy, widely scattered showers  
Low 38



Mostly cloudy with a few showers  
55 / 35

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy with an increasing chance of showers. Highs in the middle 50s.  
Tonight: Scattered showers and cloudy skies. Lows in the middle 30s.  
Tomorrow: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and widely scattered showers. Highs in the middle 50s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

GOVERNMENT

**Twin Falls County commissioners**, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.  
**Jeanette County commissioners**, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.  
**Cassia County commissioners**, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7302.  
**Twin Falls City Council**, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.  
**College of Southern Idaho Board**, 5:30 p.m., Student Union Room 248, Taylor Administration building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 732-6261.  
**Ketchum City Council**, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841.  
**Utility Planning and Zoning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-5570.  
**Gooding City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5669.  
**Hansen School Board**, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main, 423-5158.  
**Milholda County School Board**, 7 p.m., district office, 633 Fremont, Rupert, 531-4101.  
**Bliss School Board**, 7:30 p.m., school/library, 601 E. Highway 30, 352-4445.

HEALTH

**Prism Weight Loss Program** introductory class, 6:30 p.m., Gooding Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., Gooding, no cost, 934-8508.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 11:30 a.m., meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Center of Christ, 2005 Flier Avenue E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282.  
**College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit** program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

List your event

To list events (including on-going ones) in December's monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Nov. 24 to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, [suzanne@magicvalley.com](mailto:suzanne@magicvalley.com), by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

IN TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

ONCE A FOOTBALL PLAYER

Chris Baldus has gained 100 pounds since his last college football game 16 years ago, and he's periously close to being a spectator in his kids' lives rather than a player. So he's set his sights on signing the insurance waiver and playing in the annual alumni game next fall at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. To get ready, he'll do 40-yard sprints, bear crawls, burpees and whatever other drills will make his legs wobble and his chest ache.



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COMING THIS WEEK

FALL SORTING

Ranchers take their cattle from summer range. TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS



AROUND THE TABLE

A dinner/dance discussion on thanksgiving. WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME



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Drill team reaches out to all ages

**TWIN FALLS** — A drill team was on a way to bring Becca Gomske's passion to life. Not only does she love helping kids build their self-esteem, she loves performing for the community, too. Twin Falls Magic, formerly the Twin Falls Twister's Drill Team, is made up of about 10 girls of all ages who love to dance. "If any girls have ever dreamed of dancing and never had the opportunity that is what this team is for," Gomske said. Confidence, it seems, goes with the territory. SEE PAGE A4

Cracks in Hailey's airport runway plan

**HAILEY** — There aren't any cracks in the Freidman Memorial Airport runway yet, but there is a rift in the planned spring 2007 reconstruction. Despite concerns, funding from the FAA will not be available in time for the tentative April 24 start date. However, the Airport Authority Board is going ahead with the plan, largely due to concerns about what will happen to the runway if reconstruction is postponed until spring 2008. SEE PAGE A4

Woman remembered for bringing joy to others

**BUHL** — Evelyn Assendrup, a woman whose special smile and pleasant personality seemed to bring out the goodness in others, died Nov. 6. She was 91. "It didn't matter what was going on in her own life, she always greeted everyone with a smile," said Wayne Bauer, her brother. Indeed many people did love Evelyn and her husband, Ralph. Despite the hard life of working, they sang, taught and called square dances up to six nights a week throughout southern Idaho for many years. SEE PAGE A4

Man murdered outside bar Sunday morning

**TWIN FALLS** — A Bliss man was fatally shot at 1:54 a.m. Sunday in the parking lot of Phat Eddie's restaurant and bar on Fifth Avenue. Luis C. Ramirez, 21, was pronounced dead in the emergency room of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. SEE PAGE A1

Will Sunday liquor law spoil New Year's Eve?

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Schools get bond funds, can't find contractors

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OBITUARIES

Calvin Roy Jensen, 79  
Lyn Lopez Nava Jr, 83  
Rose Marie Russell, 84  
Anna Mae Thornton, 86  
Donald Eugene Tracy, 70  
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NATION/WORLD



Dollar coins to begin featuring presidents

**WASHINGTON** — Can George Washington and Thomas Jefferson succeed where Susan B. Anthony and Sacajawea failed? The U.S. Mint is hoping America's presidents will win acceptance, finally, for the maligned dollar coin. The public will get the chance to decide starting in February when the first of the new coins, bearing the image of the first president, is introduced. SEE PAGE B4

Kissing: Military win not possible in Iraq

**LONDON** — Military victory is no longer possible in Iraq, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in a television interview broadcast Sunday. Kissinger pre- SEE PAGE B4

THIS WEEK AT CSI

**Today**  
Filer High School technical students program review, 9 a.m., Taylor 276 and 277.  
CSI Golden Eagle Boosters weekly luncheon and meeting, noon, Taylor 277.  
CSI Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Student Union 248.  
SueLin Buhidar and Sarah Klesig piano and violin student recital, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Recital Hall 159.  
St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center monthly board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 276.

**Tuesday**  
Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Idaho State Nurses Association monthly meeting, 1 p.m., Aspen 195.  
CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 104.  
"Jazz at Java," CSI Jazz Club performance, 5 to 7 p.m., Java at 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. (free and open to the public).  
"Hinge in the Jungle" repite revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest gallery (free and open to the public).  
Herrett Family Night, 6:15 p.m., Herrett Center  
Centennial Observatory (\$1 per person telescope viewing).  
"Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.  
CSI Anime Club weekly meeting, 7:05 p.m., Shields 210.  
CSI Chi Alpha weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union Building.

**Wednesday**  
Thanksgiving break begins for students (no classes scheduled).  
Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

**Thursday**  
Campus closed for Thanksgiving.

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presented a bleak vision of Iraq, saying the U.S. government must enter into dialogue with Iraq's regional neighbors — including Iran — if progress is to be made in the region. SEE PAGE A8

Rep. Rangel hopes to reinstate draft

**WASHINGTON** — Americans would have to sign up for a new military draft after turning 18 under a bill the incoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee says he will introduce next year. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said Sunday he sees his idea as a way to deter politicians from launching wars. SEE PAGE B4

Some Fox affiliates will not air O.J. interview

**NEW YORK** — Several Fox affiliates have chosen not to broadcast "If I Did It," the two-part special where O.J. Simpson talks in hypothetical terms about his role in the 1994 killing of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. Lin Broadcasting and Pappas Broadcasting, which own a combined nine Fox affiliates, have said they won't air it. Fox has scheduled the Simpson interview for Nov. 27 and 29. SEE PAGE B4

SPORTS



Johnson caps dream season with cup title

**HOMESTEAD, Fla.** — Jimmie Johnson just couldn't give another Nextel Cup championship away. Johnson completed his dream season by cruising over every speed bump in his path, overcoming debris in his grill, a missing roll of tape, a loose lug nut, treacherous traffic and his own nerves to finally win the NASCAR championship. SEE PAGE B1

Wolverines narrowly retain No. 2 ranking

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Michigan-Ohio State II could get canceled by Southern California. Michigan was impressive enough in a 42-39 loss to the Buckeyes to retain second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday. But the Wolverines' margin is so slim that it'll be tough for them to get another shot at Ohio State in the national title game if the Trojans keep winning. Michigan's BCS average was 926. The Trojans, who have two games left, were at 919. SEE PAGE B1

Gore and 49ers blow past Seahawks, 20-14

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Frank Gore ran circles around Shaun Alexander, and then the San Francisco 49ers' defense finished off another surprising victory for a long-suffering club that's finally on the rise. Gore rushed for a franchise-record 212 yards, and San Francisco's maligned defense stopped the Seattle Seahawks in the final 4½ minutes of the 49ers' third straight victory, 20-14 Sunday. SEE PAGE B1



Cowboys break Colts' perfect season, 21-14

**IRVING, Texas** — The Indianapolis Colts are perfect no more. And as flawed as the Dallas Cowboys are, they're starting to look like contenders again. Tony Romo managed an efficient game in his first career start at home, Marion Barber III ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns, and the Cowboys handed Peyton Manning and the Colts their first loss of the season. SEE PAGE B2

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# California to impose sweeping limits on ocean fishing

By Terence Ciba  
Associated Press writer

MONTEREY, Calif. — Flying over California's rugged Central Coast, Mike Sutdon pointed to kelp forests and rocky reefs just below the water's surface that will soon be off-limits to fishing under one of the nation's most ambitious plans to protect marine life.

"We're trying to make sure our oceans are protected as our land," said Sutdon, a marine expert at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Despite intense opposition from many fishermen, California wildlife regulators are creating the nation's most extensive network of "marine protected areas" — stretches of ocean where fishing will be banned or severely restricted.

The first chain of refuges, covering some 200 square miles and stretching from Santa Barbara to Half Moon Bay, just south of San Francisco, is due to take effect early next year. The state plans similar protected zones along the more intensely fished coasts of northern and southern California.

Conservationists say such networks are a new approach to saving the oceans from over-fishing. They believe California's plan could serve as a model for other states and countries.

"It's the beginning of a historic shift in how we restore, protect and manage our oceans," said Warner Chabot, vice president of the Ocean Conservancy. "We're doing something that's as historic for

the oceans as what Teddy Roosevelt did 100 years ago when he created national parks and forests."

However, the planned restricted areas overlap with some of California's most productive fishing grounds, and commercial and recreational fishermen question whether they're even necessary given the existing array of state and federal regulations.

"We're duplicating conservation efforts unnecessarily," said Vern Goehring, manager of the California Fisheries Coalition. "There are significant actions already under way to prevent overfishing in California."

Fishermen say the no-fishing zones will put more pressure on areas outside the reserves and could lead to increased seafood imports from countries with fewer marine protections.

"We've mismanaged the oceans from abundance into scarcity," said Karen Garrison, an ocean expert at the Natural Resources Defense Council. "We can't protect our oceans without setting aside safe havens where fish can grow big and the whole food web can thrive."

The protected areas will include marine reserves where all fishing will be banned, as well as marine parks and observation areas that will allow some forms of sport fishing.

All the restricted zones are designed to harbor rockfish, abalone, shellfish and other species that stay in one area, rather than migratory fish such as salmon and tuna. Sea otters and other marine mammals are expected to benefit from the increased food supply.



## Construction

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school districts have passed multi-million dollar bond issues in the past year to expand or create new facilities. Twin Falls passed the third-largest school bond in state history at \$49.7 million.

And school construction shows no signs of slowing down.

Shoshone and Kimberly school districts plan to ask voters to support school bond issues sometime after February.

Both have expressed concern about the rising construction costs.

"We built our high school in 1999 for about \$77 per square foot," said John Gunnar, superintendent of the Kimberly School District. "And at that time there wasn't a lot of construction going on, but we still had problems getting some of the materials we needed."

Gunner said the district's construction manager had to "cajole" a steel provider into selling them the materials they needed. The district's order was small compared to those of larger districts and other commercial projects, so many material sellers were reluctant to work with the district.

It's the same challenge that faced Hansen, as it placed its \$1.77 million project up for bid around the time when the Twin Falls School District announced that voters approved a \$49.7 million bond.

**Growing and shrinking.**

Two new subdivisions were approved by the city of Hansen last year, and Standley said the district estimates between one and two children per new household based on previous year's records.

The Shoshone School District has more than 540 students enrolled in a school building that was designed for 500. And the Kimberly School District is holding its breath as homes spring up in two new subdivisions that are almost twice the size of subdivisions approved by the city two years ago.

School administrators say two things are driving the need for expanding school facilities: population growth and increasing demands on school facilities due to federal requirements.

"Obviously, Idaho has been discovered, and many of the people coming here are seeking smaller communities with more personalized schools."

Gunner said. "We really are a bedroom community for Twin Falls), so a lot of people coming here may work in Twin Falls, but their children are enrolling in our schools."

But population growth is not the only factor driving enrollment increases in Magic Valley schools.

In the early 1980s, the federal government passed the Americans With Disabilities Act, which requires schools to provide services for student who were previously turned away.

Schools then began converting general classrooms into special-education classrooms and resource rooms into changing rooms for students with severe disabilities.

Then during the 1990s, federal and state governments also added more testing and academic programs, which required the use of computer labs and media centers.

In 2003, the U.S. Department of Education estimated that most schools under the federal No Child Left Behind Act had converted 10 to 15 percent of instructional areas into areas for special needs or other accommodations for new federal requirements.

**Fewer bids for more schools**

There are few problems in states where the majority of school facility construction is paid for through state general funds, but in Idaho the local school districts struggle to receive 66 percent voter approval for school bond issues to pay for construction. But now that small school districts are finally receiving

voter approval on school bonds, they are finding that few construction companies are willing to compete in the bidding process.

"We've heard of districts receiving 48-hour bids," Standley said. "It's simply because the cost of fuel and other materials rises daily and because the construction companies are already so busy that they don't need to haggle with material prices."

Time of year does not appear to be a factor.

For example, the Bliss School District received a bid for as little as \$140 per square foot less than two months before Hansen began requesting bids. However, the Hansen School District's lowest bid was for more than \$200.

The Hansen School District will again seek bids in January on its \$17.7 million expansion of the elementary school. It is not clear if the bids will be lower this time around, but even if the district does not receive lower bids, it can use money from the district's general fund to make up additional costs.

But with more small school districts fighting to expand their facilities while large districts seek to build new facilities, it is unlikely that demand will decline anytime soon. So unless the supply of qualified construction companies increases, small school districts will struggle to find ones willing to work for them.

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## Ketchum

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"People like many of us are highly confused for the lack of wayfinding downtown," said economic development consultant Tom Hudson. "There's very limited directional signage. The street and avenue naming is counter-logical. It's very fair to say that for the vast majority of retail- and office-related businesses in the downtown, the current level of business is inadequate. We want and we need more."

For instance, avenues like Spruce and Walnut would logically be followed by another tree name, such as Ash or Aspen. Not so; the next is East Avenue.

A couple of blocks away is Leadville, but it's snuggled up against Main, not some other thoroughfare whose name signifies the region's and the West's mining history.

Renaming some of the avenues, better directional signs and creating identity in the core's quarters could be part of the solution, said Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall and others.

"The idea was to make wayfinding easier," said Carol Waller, the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber & Visitors Bureau director. "The intent is to make it better for all of the city and not to make it negatively impact anyone."

In some of the initial work, planners have suggested East Avenue become Knob Hill Avenue after the landmark visible from this location. First Avenue would become Griffin

Butte Avenue, for the same reason.

Meanwhile, downtown quarters could become Trail Creek, Heritage Park, and Harriman, after W. Averell Harriman, the chairman of the Union Pacific Railroad whose search for a European-style resort location in the West in the mid-1930s led him to found Sun Valley in a bid to boost rider numbers on his trains.



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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Legion auxiliary offers craft show

HAGERMAN — The annual Christmas Craft Show sponsored by the Len Oswley Post 31 American Legion Auxiliary will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 1 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the American Legion Hall, 291 N. State St.

Food and drinks will also be available. A raffle to raise funds to send a delegate to Girl's State will be held. Admission is free. For more information, call Peggy Erwin at 837-4433.

### Little Flower Church holds annual bazaar

BURLEY — The women of Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., will hold their annual bazaar from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

There will be a craft booth, homemade candy, baked goods, raffles and a white elephant Christmas booth. Lunch will be served all day.

### American Red Cross blood drive this week

TWIN FALLS — An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 847 Eastland Drive N. Call Jordan Majors at 735-5124 to make an appointment.

### Senior center seeks vendors for craft show

HELOME — The third annual craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E.

Vendor space is available. Cost is \$10 per table. For more information, call 524-5642.

### Fitness center offers Thanksgiving workout

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Fitness Center will host its 10th annual Turkey Day Workout Thursday for the public, which is asked to bring a non-perishable food item.

The center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with an aerobic workout from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and spinning workout from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call 734-7447 to reserve a spot at the spinning class.

### Flag Ship Liberty fundraiser is for restoration

BURLEY — A fundraiser has been organized to restore the "Flag Ship Liberty," a community display of the United States flag and flags from all 50 states.

A 2007 Flag Ship Liberty calendar will feature advertisements. Funds will go toward upkeep, maintenance, flags and flag poles. Modern Woodmen of America Camp 15634 has pledged to match money raised by the calendar fundraiser up to \$2,500.

For more information or to donate, call Steve Thompson at 531-7143 (5324) or send contributions to: American Flag City, P.O. Box 711, Burley, ID 83318.

## Snowpack Levels

| Station            | % of Avg. | Peak |
|--------------------|-----------|------|
| Waterloo           | 74%       | 11%  |
| Salmes             | 74%       | 10%  |
| Big Wood           | 69%       | 11%  |
| Little Wood        | 88%       | 10%  |
| Big Lost           | 71%       | 6%   |
| Little Lost        | 57%       | 8%   |
| Henry's Fork/Feton | 93%       | 13%  |
| Upper Snake Basin  | 93%       | 13%  |
| Oakley             | 184%      | 17%  |
| Salmes Point       | 122%      | 13%  |

\* comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average  
\*\* indicator of basin snowpack for the entire season, which peaks in the Spring

# Woman brought out goodness in others

By Jani Whitel  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Evelyn Assendrup, a woman whose special smile and pleasant personality seemed to bring out the goodness in others, died Nov. 6. She was 91.

"It didn't matter what was going on in her own life, she always greeted everyone with a smile," said Wayne Bauer, her brother. "She was an exceptionally good person who loved doing things for people ... I don't ever remember a time in her life she wasn't like that."

Indeed many people did love Evelyn and her husband, Ralph. Despite the hard life of farm work, they sang, taught and called square dances up to six nights a week throughout southern Idaho for many years.

One waltz drill they choreographed even garnered Grande ladies an award at a national convention.

The Assendrups were often the highlight of a square dance. The husband-wife team led the dance with humorous songs and improvised lines to splice up the evenings. As their daughter, Karen Hay said, they looked at everything with a sense of humor.

"They just loved it ... They could just out tell midnight and up first thing in the morning," she said. "They farmed all the time and they were gone almost every evening, but they always found time for us."


When Ralph decided to become a realtor after years of farming, they opened an office in Buhl. Evelyn, who was always a strongly supportive wife and mother, became his

**remembered** **Evelyn Assendrup**

Born: Sept. 13, 1915  
Died: Nov. 6, 2006

Survivors: Children, Joanne (Larry) McClung of Longview, Texas; Karen (Bob) Hay of Vancouver, Wash., and Bill (Carmen) Assendrup of Buhl; 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Wayne Bauer of Twin Falls.

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secretary. "Everything they did they were hand in hand," said Bill Assendrup, their son. "It's hard to talk about one without bringing in the other one."

Besides being involved in church and civic affairs, they were also active in the community they loved.

"They touched so many people. You couldn't help walking in the room and walk-

ing out with a smile," Karen said.

Not only was Evelyn's genuine love and care for others a unique trait, but it was also a quality that Bill said made her a "lady of ladies."

"Somebody could do something really harmful to her and they would be forgiven the next day," he said. "She never complained (and) she always worried about the

next person."

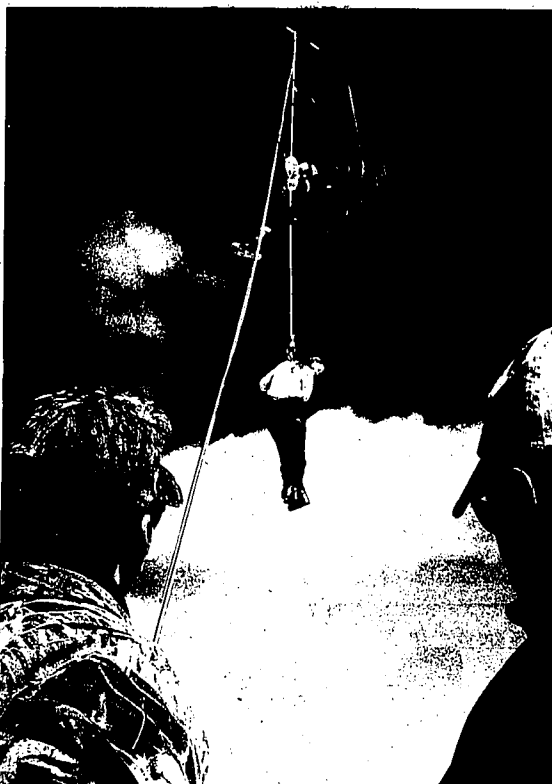
Wayne echoed that statement, saying his sister had unconditional love.

"She would try to fill the needs of anyone she could," he said. "Whoever they were, she was going to love them regardless of what they'd done or were doing. She may not have liked what was going on, but she was going to love them anyway."

It was with that love and genuine care that Evelyn greeted all who came her way. Even her children's punishment came with a lesson of love and ended with a smile. As kids being sent to their rooms for misbehaving, Karen said they were told to come out when they could have a smile on their faces.

As her mom put it, "Smile and the world smiles with you. Cry and you cry alone."

## JUST IN CASE



Samanta Breeding, 13, is lowered Saturday from a chair lift by Stan White, left, and Kent Holyoak, right, at the Magic Mountain ski area south of Twin Falls. Magic Mountain employees conducted a mock chair lift evacuation Saturday in preparation for the ski season. The ski area is expected to open in the coming weeks.

## Despite concerns, runway repairs to Haley's airport still slotted for this spring

HAILEY — There aren't any cracks in the Friedman Memorial Airport runway yet, but there is a rift in the planned spring 2007 reconstruction.

Despite concerns, funding from the FAA will not be available in time for the tentative April 24 start date. However, the Airport Authority Board is going ahead with the plan, largely due to concerns about what will happen to the runway if reconstruction is postponed until spring 2008.

"If (the runway) does what we think it's going to do in the spring, we might not have a runway," Rick Baird, airport manager, said.

The authority also determined at a recent meeting that full reconstruction using the Cement Recycled Asphalt Base Stabilization process was the best method for the project.

The process involves removing several inches of existing pavement, pulverizing the pavement found underneath, mixing it with cement and then repaving.

Baird said the airport has come a long way in the last 60-90 days preparing for reconstruction.

It all began, Baird said, back at the beginning of May when airport staff conducted pavement coring, confirming that reconstruction was necessary.

On Sept. 5, the board discussed a tentative schedule for the project for this spring, based on input from the public and others dependent upon air traffic. The result was the proposed closure dates from April 24-May 23, with room for any necessary adjustments.

The board also initially chose a partial reconstruction method for the project.

On Sept. 20, the airport was closed and staff conducted additional testing of the current run-

way base course and subgrade, determining that these were inadequate for partial reconstruction.

On Oct. 17 and 18, Baird and Sundby discussed the project with FAA officials, who said there was a 70-80 percent chance grant money would not be available by the planned project date.

The FAA asked if the project could be rescheduled for September 2007, but Baird said that is not an option because that's the second busiest month for the airport area.

Due to the delicate infrastructure of the current runway, the board decided the risk associated with planning for 2008 was too high and that it was better to be hopeful about the 2007 plan and change to 2008 only if grant money does not come through.

Based on the new priority level, the FAA now believes that funding may be in place by June.

# For the fun of it

## New drill team group reaches out to all ages

By Jani Whitel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A drill team was a way to bring Reda Gomske's passion to life. Not only does she love helping kids build their self-esteem, she loves performing for the community, too.

Twin Falls Magic, formerly the Twin Falls Twister's Drill Team, is made up of about 10 girls of all ages who love to dance.

"If any girls have ever dreamed of dancing and never had the opportunity, that is what this team is for," Gomske said. "If they still feel intimidated, as they watch, they gain more confidence."

Confidence, it seems, goes with the territory. "This builds a lot of self-esteem," Gomske said. "Once it clicks you feel so good about yourself because you accomplished it."

While there aren't any definite plans yet, Gomske hopes to find places to perform around the community — including parades.

Gomske teaches a variety of skills, including marching, jazz walk and point toes and also focuses on the importance of stretching and disciplining the body, which she says contributes to order in one's life.

"If you can discipline your body you have control over a lot of things in your life," she said.

One of the main contributing factors to Twin Falls Magic is Briyana Latham, Gomske's choreographer.

"She's great. She's really good at what she does," Gomske said. "She gets down to business. People can't believe she's only 14 because she's so talented."

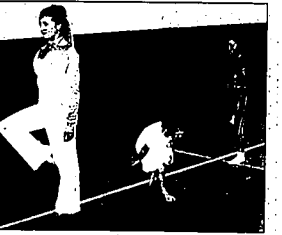
Wendy Maughan of Twin Falls brought her girls, Felicia, 5, and Miranda, 7, to their second drill team class. She said her girls had always wanted to take dance and this was a good opportunity for them.

It seems they agreed. "They can't wait, every day they ask if it's dance day," Maughan said smiling. "It's like Christmas. We're early every week."

Among other things, Maughan likes the nice and friendly atmosphere. "I like it because of the age difference. They look up to each other," she added.

That's something Gomske strives on in her team. Aside from having high standards and having the girls try to reach it, she simply enjoys getting her team together.

"It doesn't matter if you're the 'best dancer,'" she said. "It's fun to watch the community get together and dance."



From left, Brandie Runyan, 14, helps Felicia, 5, and her sister, Miranda Maughan, 7, in a practice routine.

**Want to try it?**

Reda Gomske's drill team meets from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Oregon Trail Elementary School gymnasium. The cost is \$6 and runs through March. The team will be doing fundraisers to help with costs of uniforms. For more information or to make donations, call Gomske at 404-9304.

OBITUARIES

Donald Tracy

BURLEY — Donald Eugene Tracy, age 70, died peacefully at home on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006.

He was born on May 16, 1936, in Hawthorn, Mont., to Mildred and Eugene Tracy. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Betty Sweeney of Boyd, Mont., and is survived by brothers, Vincent Tracy of Billings, Mont., Raymond Tracy of Aurora, Colo., and sister, Clarice Flanagan of Fort Shaw, Mont.

He graduated from Montana State College in electrical engineering and worked briefly for the FAA and as a civilian for the Air Force. He then began a 30-year career with the Bureau of Reclamation starting in Hungry Horse, Mont., followed by a move to Juneau, Alaska, then to Bismarck, N.D., and Burley, Idaho. In 1991, he retired after six years as Project Manager from Grand Coulee Dam, Washington, after which his "real career" began — retirement.

Don began retirement by building an experimental aircraft after which he fulfilled his lifelong dream of living in Campbell River, British Columbia. He captained many successful fishing expeditions on his boat, the Miss B. Having, in which he logged more than 10,000 hours. He continued to fish and travel throughout the years, but his greatest enjoyment came from showing people

the beauty of Campbell River. During the non-fishing months he and his wife, Sandy, traveled extensively. Specifically, they enjoyed going to Hawaii, and also to Bronson, Mont., where he included some of his passions, country music.

From childhood on, Don had been an avid hunter and fisherman and, at age 18, received his pilot's license. During the course of his career and began a love affair with airplanes that lasted his whole life. Don loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing and he combined these activities with his passion for flying by sojourning to remote locations throughout Montana, Alaska, Idaho, and Canada, with various friends and relatives.

He was survived by his wife of 49 years, Sandy, his daughter, Denise Tracy, and her husband, Neil Stevens from Las Vegas, Nev.; his sons, Dean and Marie, who lived in Twin Falls from Boise. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Mackenzie, Dylan, Ian, Jordan, Kate, Sydney and Maia.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., followed by a celebration of Don's life at Sweetheart Manor, 217 S. Hwy. 27, Burley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, 1400 Jackson Street, Denver, CO 80206.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

C. Roy Jensen

RUPERT — Calvin Roy Jensen returned to the company of his Heavenly Father at his home on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, as he was surrounded by his wife and family. He was 79-years-old.

Roy made many friends and acquaintances as he spent 45 years installing carpet and linoleum in the Mini-Cassia area.

Roy is survived by his wife, Carole, of Rupert; his children, Jay and Darla Jensen, Jackie Nichols, Linda and Bryan Kennedy, Paula Jensen and Casey-Cutler, and Doyle and the Jensen; his sister, Maxine Jensen; 17 grandchildren; and

15 great-grandchildren. Roy was preceded in death by his parents, John and Vera Jensen; and two brothers, Broyl and Don Jensen.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Rupert Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th St., with Bishop Sweeney Camp officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, with military rites accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Rupter Second Ward Missionary Fund for Elder Kacy Nichols in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Dorothy Lucille Berry Johnson of Burley, rosary service at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2486 Addison Blvd., E. in Twin Falls; funeral Mass at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Edna May Jones of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Roy Lee Galther of Filer, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Pler 2nd Ward LDS Church; burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park. Family will greet friends one hour before the service at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Keith Richards of Twin Falls, military service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2486 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; viewing from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Benjamin Dean Lancaster of Idaho Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge in Idaho Falls; friends may call one hour before the funeral Wednesday at the mortuary.

Wayne B. Fagg of Pocatello and formerly of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Rupert Methodist Church, 605 H St.; viewing one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Byron L. Jones of Cordova, Alaska, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ynes Lopez Nava Jr.

TWIN FALLS — Ynes Lopez Nava Jr., 81, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Ynes was born July 25, 1925, in Ynes, Texas to Ynes and Susanna Lopez Nava. He married Tomasa "Tome" Espinoza in Lubbock, Texas. They lived in Texas before moving to Rupert in 1972. In 1991, they moved to Burley and then to Twin Falls in 1999, where he has since resided. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1945 as a mechanic. Ynes enjoyed helping others as a mechanic and working on his own vehicles. He was a hard



Ynes Lopez Nava Jr. passed away Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Anna Mae Thornton

HANSEN — Anna Mae Thornton, 86, of Hansen passed away Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at SunBridge Care & Rehab in Twin Falls.

Anna was born on Jan. 9, 1920 in Hazelton, Idaho, the daughter of ILEE and Irlina Perkins Buschhorn. She attended school in Hazelton and graduated from Hazelton High School.

On Sept. 22, 1939 she married Charles Raymond Thornton in Burley, Idaho. They lived in the Hazelton area where they farmed for over 20 years. Anna was a great cook and home-maker, making sure her family was always being taken care of.

Anna is survived by her two children, Shana (Clark)



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May Tanner

RUPERT — May Meacham Tanner, 97, of Burley, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Tracy King officiating. Burial will be in Oakley Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

Judy Morgan

BURLEY — Judy Morgan, 62, of Burley, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Darcey Gritzmacher officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., and from noon until 12:40 p.m. Saturday at the church.

A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

Mildred Coleman

RUPERT — Eva Mildred Coleman, 89, of Rupert, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The funeral will be held at noon Friday, Nov. 24, at the Rupert First Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 806 G Street, with Bishop Paul Duncan officiating. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10 until 11:40 a.m. Friday at the church prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

A complete obituary will appear in a future edition.

Helen M. Rogers

TWIN FALLS — Helen M. Rogers, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at SunBridge Care &

work and lived cars, especially Buicks. He was a good man and very easy going.

Ynes is survived by his children, Juan Nava of Boise, Gloria Veta of Twin Falls, Eddie Nava of Cypress, Calif., Jerry Nava of Boise and Carlos Nava of Nampa; 10 grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and sisters Susana Romeo of Robstown, Texas, Maria Lopez and Alicia Carranza of Taylor, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and five brothers.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service at the mortuary.

Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Bill Morgan

JEROME — Bill Morgan, 79, of Jerome, died Nov. 18, 2006 at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Death Notices

Mary M. Bryant

JEROME — Mary M. Bryant, 84, of Jerome, died Nov. 19, 2006 at her home. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Farnsworth Mortuary

Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome. A visitation will be held Tuesday evening, also at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. and again on Wednesday one hour prior to the service.

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Rose Marie Russell

TWIN FALLS — Rose Marie Russell went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006.

Rose was born Dec. 17, 1937, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Rose graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1976. She married the love of her life, Joe Russell, on Feb. 21, 1977. Rose's love for the Lord and love for her family were central in her life.

Rose owned and operated Russell Property Management Inc., where she managed properties she and her husband developed and/or worked on during their marriage. Rose was admired, in that role, for her firm but compassionate nature. Rose was a gracious, vibrant lady of faith with a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor.

She touched and affected many lives in a positive manner. Rose's passions included spending time at the family cabin in the Sawtooth Mountains with family and close friends, gardening, going to the movies, and lively music. Rose was an excellent artist, and she loved traveling to collect art, especially to San Francisco and to her favorite city, Florence, Italy.

Rose is survived by her husband, Joe Russell; two daughters, Jamie Michelle (Jim) Anderson and Megan Danielle Russell; and one son, Justin Charles Russell. She is also survived by her parents, Bob and Alice Inman; two sisters, Shirley (Carl) Johnson and Teresa (Walter) German; and grandmother, Ruby Inman.

A celebration of Rose's life

will be held at the First Assembly of God Church, located at Lucust Street and Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls; on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 1 p.m.

Donations may be made to the College of Southern Idaho Foundation, FBO the School of Nursing or the Lighthouse Christian School. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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Albert Page "Bert" Moulton of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3850 W. 8500 E. in Kimberly; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Fern Jensen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Dennis Edward Messenger of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Mary Weber Knopp of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Crossroads Bible Church (formerly Congregational Bible Church), 1550 Burke Ave.; friends may call from 1 to 1:40 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Steven Todd Gibbs of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; viewing for family and friends one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary.

James Edward Flanagan of Burley, gathering for family and

OTHER VIEWS

Eco groups refuse to dump Idaho bills

(Idaho Press Tribune (Nampa))

A pair of Idaho groups that worked with Republicans to craft two wilderness protection plans pending in Congress deserve praise for sticking with those proposals despite suggestions from other conservationists to hold out for better bills under new Democratic leadership.

The Wilderness Society and the Idaho Conservation League support H.R. 3603 from U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, to create new wilderness in central Idaho's Boulder and White Clouds mountains, and S.3794 from U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, to designate new wilderness in southwestern Idaho's Owyhee canyonlands.

But a coalition of 80 other environmental organizations have asked the two groups to withdraw their support for the two bills now that Democrats have won control of both the Senate and House. Saying the bills include too many exemptions and trade-offs in return for too little protection.

These other organizations fail to realize how much work, consideration and compromise went into these measures. In addition, Idaho's leadership speaks for all Idahoans — not just Republicans or Democrats.

"I would ask my colleagues to reflect back on the last time Democrats were in charge," Rick Johnson, director of the Idaho Conservation League, said Monday in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C. "Remember, nothing happened with Idaho wilderness then, either."

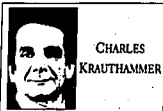
With a pair of fair bills in hand, waiting for Democrats to take control with the hope of further refining the bills would do nothing more than waste time by delaying the measures.

And for what? So Democratic members of Congress not from Idaho can have more say in how Idaho lands are managed?

The Wilderness Society and Idaho Conservation League seem to know a good deal for Idaho when they see one — and to have respect for plans spawned by much thoughtful compromise.

**Their view: This guest editorial by the Idaho Press Tribune of Nampa says conservative leaders have shown class by sticking with wilderness deals. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

"A republic, if you can keep it." — Benjamin Franklin, upon leaving the Constitutional Convention.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

In answer to "What have we got?"

We have given the Iraqis a republic and they do not appear able to keep it.

Americans flatter themselves that they are the root of all planetary evil. Nukes in North Korea? Poverty in Bolivia? Sectarian violence in Iraq?

Breasts are beaten and fingers pointed as we try to somehow locate the root cause in America.

Our discourse on Iraq has followed the same pattern. Where did we go wrong? Too few troops? Not enough an occupation? Or too soft? Take your pick.

I have my own theories. In retrospect, I think we made several serious mistakes — not shooting looters, not installing an Iraqi exile government right away, and not taking out Moqtada al-Sadr and his Mahdi Army in its infancy in 2004 — that greatly compromised the occupation. Nonetheless, the root problem lies with Iraqis and their political culture.

Our objectives in Iraq were twofold and always simple: depose Saddam and replace his murderous regime with a self-sustaining, democratic government.

This was relatively easy. But Iraq's first truly democratic government turned out to be hopelessly feeble and fractured, little more than a collection of militias handed over to various parties, militias and strongmen.

The problem is not, as we endlessly argue about, the number of American troops. Or of Iraqi troops. The problem is the allegiance of the Iraqi troops. Some serve the



abstraction called Iraq. But many swear fealty to political parties, religious sects or militia leaders.

Are the Arabs intrinsically incapable of democracy, as the "realists" imply? True, there are political, historical, even religious reasons why Arabs are less prepared for democracy than, say, East Asians and Latin Americans who successfully democratized over the last several decades. But the problem here is Iraq's particular political culture, raped and ruined by 30 years of Saddam's totalitarianism.

What was left in its wake was a social desert, a dearth of the trust and good will and sheer human capital required for democratic governance.

All that was left for the individual Iraqi to attach himself to was the mosque or clan or militia. At this earliest stage of democratic development, Iraq's national consciousness is as yet too weak and the culture of compromise too undeveloped to produce an effective government enjoying broad allegiances.

Last month, American soldiers captured a Mahdi Army death squad leader in Baghdad — only to be forced to let him loose on order of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Two weeks

ago, we were ordered, again by Maliki, to take down the barricades we had established around Sadr City in search of another notorious death squad leader and a missing American soldier.

This is no way to conduct a war. The Maliki government is a failure. It is beholden to a coalition dominated by two Shiite religious parties, each armed and ambitious, at odds with each other and with the ultimate aim of a stable, modern, democratic regime.

Is this America's fault? No. It is a result of Iraq's first democratic election. The U.S. was not going to replace Saddam with another tyrant. We were trying to plant democracy in the heart of the Middle East as the one conceivable antidote to extremism and terror

— and, in a country that is nearly two-thirds Shiite, that inevitably means Shiite domination. It was never certain whether the long-oppressed Shites would have enough sense of nation and sense of compromise to govern rather than rule. The answer is now clear: United in a dominating coalition, they do not.

Fortunately, however, the Shiite militias do not have most of the cohesion. Just last month, two of the major

Shiite religious parties that underpin the Maliki government engaged in savage combat against each other in Amara.

There is a glimmer of hope in this breakdown of the Shiite front. The unitary Shiite government having been proved such a failure, we should be encouraging the full breakup of the Shiite front in pursuit of a new coalition based on cross-sectarian alliances: the more moderate Shiite elements (secular and religious but excluding the poisonous Sadr), the Kurds, and those Sunnis who recognize their minority status but are willing to accept an important, generously offered place at the table.

Such a coalition was almost created after the latest Iraqi elections.

It needs to be attempted again. One can tinker with American tactics or troop levels, but today we face a doomsday. But unless the Iraqis can put together a government of unitary purpose and resolute action, the simple objective of this war — to create a self-sustaining democratic government — is not attainable.

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LETTERS

Veterans dinner a great social gathering

I had the privilege of going with my husband and our neighbor to the veterans dinner at the Golden Corral.

As we drove in and saw the huge number of cars and long line of people, we almost decided to go somewhere else. However, we were just amazed how soon we were in, seated at a table, surrounded by hundreds of servicemen and women, young and old, colored and white, visiting everyone, shaking hands, laughing and enjoying huge plates of delicious food.

As I looked around, I thought the patriotic speeches, bands, flags and parades are impressive and great, but this is the American way of getting together. Thanks to the very efficient, friendly manager and help, we had a real relaxing, enjoyable evening.

LOIS LYLE Kimberly

Helmet-less bikers not using their heads

Responding to your "Lack of helmet law" story (Nov. 16, Page A1):

You know, it might be argued that those people who motorcycle not wearing helmets have no brains to protect (grin).

KYLE HARSHBARGER Twin Falls

Propaganda poses threat to democracy

We all know that our democracy was designed by the genius of our forefathers, Jefferson and others. But, that genius came to a great extent from their knowledge of history. Democracy was invented

by the Greeks over 2,000 years ago, especially in the area of Athens. It was based on control of society by the citizens. But "citizen" was defined as those who were responsible, that is, educated and informed.

Over time, the group considered to be citizens increased; however, the art of propaganda also developed. Especially in the Greek theaters, and democracy finally failed. Our democracy is much improved over the Athenian version, but the virus of propaganda has become much stronger.

What are the basic techniques of modern propaganda? They are labeling, spin and outright lies. Label an idea as good, and in our minds it is good, thus it is the most effective propaganda tool used in advertising and politics. Spin is changing a fact in such a way that it seems to mean the opposite or something different than the true meaning.

No explanation is needed for our current outrage of political advertising. It is clear that we all must become "citizens" and be responsible for finding accurate information and use that information in examining opposing viewpoints rather than succumbing to propaganda. It's a tough job since our mass media can essentially ignore us in bought and paid for propaganda. Newspapers are still a fair source of good information if you read the inner pages and ignore the political ads. Public radio and television also does a fair job.

I have sincere hope that the quality of our citizenship improves and that our democracy does not eventually fail. We can succeed if we learn the lessons that ancient Athens taught us.

CHARLES PARKER Buhl

Here's to you, conservatives

MICHAEL MOORE

I would like to extend an olive branch to you who consider yourselves conservative and usually vote Republican and not a very good couple of weeks. Trust me, I know how you feel.

In fact, those of us on the other side of the fence don't really know what it's like to win, so if we seem a bit awkward right now (were we surprised to vote for the majority leader the speaker said to vote for, or stick to our promise to the other guy?), forgive us.

I know you are dismayed at the results of last week's election. You've got to be freaking out about what this bunch of tree-hugging, latte-sipping, men-kissing-men advocates will do now that the country is in our hands. I don't blame you. We'd never admit it, but we secretly admire you because you know how to chop down trees. We liberals have been in your coffee black and enjoy watching women kissing women. Good on you!

What I don't want is for you to drop into the deep tank we liberals have been in for two-plus decades. Yes, your Republican revolution is over, but hang in there. And do not despair. 1. and the millions who voted for Democrats have no interest in revenge for the last 12 years. In fact, let me make 12 promises as to how we will treat you, the minority, in the coming years. 2. Thus, here is "A Liberal's Pledge to Disheartened Conservatives": 1) We will always respect

you. We will never, ever, call you "unpatriotic" simply because you disagree with us. In fact, we encourage you to dissent and disagree with us.

2) We will let you marry whomever you want (even though some among us consider your Republican behavior to be "different" or "immoral"). Who you marry is none of our business.

Love, and be in love — it's a wonderful gift you.

3) We will not spend your grandchild's money on our personal whims or to enrich our friends. It's your checkbook too, and we will balance it for you.

4) When we soon bring our sons and daughters home from Iraq, we will bring your sons and daughters home too. We promise never to send your kids off to war based on some amateur Power Point presentation cooked up by men who have never been to war.

5) When we make America the last Western democracy to have universal health coverage, and all Americans are able to get help when they fall ill, we promise that you too will be able to see a doctor, regardless of your ability to pay. And when stem cell research delivers treatments and cures for diseases that affect you and your loved ones, we'll make sure those advances are available to you and your family too. 6) When we clean up our

air and water, you too will be able to breathe the clean air and drink the pure water. When we put an end to global warming, you will no longer have to think about buying oceanfront property in Yuma.

7) Since a man murderer ever kill 3,000 people on our soil, we will devote every single resource to bringing him down and tracking him to justice. Immediately. We will protect you.

8) We will never stick our nose in your bedroom or your womb. What you do with your consenting adults is your business. We will continue to count your age from the moment you were born, not the moment you were conceived.

9) We will not take away your hunting guns. If you need an automatic weapon or a handgun to kill a bird or a deer, then you really aren't much of a hunter and you should perhaps take up another sport. In the meantime, we will arm the deer to make it a fairer fight.

10) When we raise the minimum wage, we will raise it for your employees too. They will use that money to buy more things, which means you will get the money back! And when women are finally paid what men make, we will pay conservative women that wage too.

11) We will respect your religious beliefs, even when you do practice those beliefs. In fact, we will actively seek to promote your most radical religious

beliefs. "Blessed are the peacemakers." "Love your enemies." "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God" and "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters, you did for me." We will let people in other countries know that God doesn't just bless America, he blesses everyone. We will discourage religious intolerance and fanaticism — starting here at home.

12) We will not tolerate politicians who are corrupt and break the law. And we promise you we will get after the corrupt politicians on our side first. If we fail to do this, we need you to call us on it. Simply because we are in power does not give us the right to turn away from the other way when our party goes astray. Please perform this important duty as the loyal opposition.

We promise all of the above to you because this is your country too. You are every bit as American as we are. We are all in this together. We sink or swim as one.

Thank you for your years of service to this country and for giving us the opportunity to see if we can make things a bit better for our 300 million fellow Americans — and for the rest of the world.

Now pull yourself together and let's go have a Frappuccino.

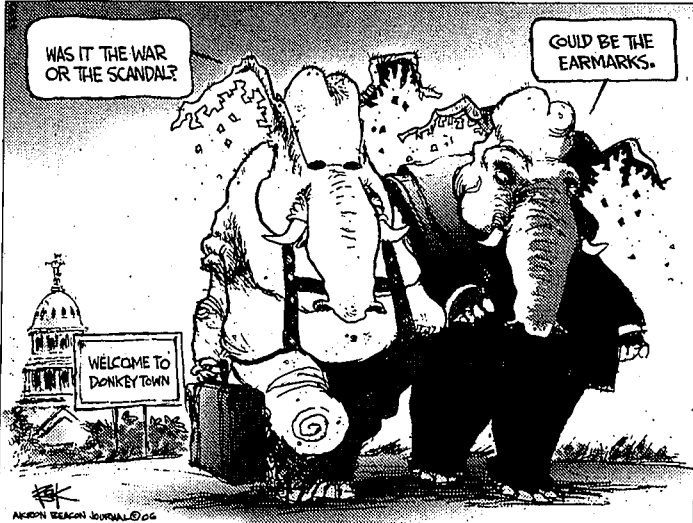
Michael Moore directed the Oscar-winning documentary "Bowling for Columbine" and "Fahrenheit 9/11."

# Bush may find Democrats easier than his own party

By nature, Bush is probably incapable of seeing himself as the instrument of the Republican defeat. But, in a small way, he is the beneficiary. He is relieved of the burden of an old agenda.

perative embedded in the White House staff, it should be filled by someone who can work with the Democrats. Someone who can take calls from the left as well as the right, and who is not beholden to a failed strategy. Ask yourself why the president was smiling at his press

conference.  
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## LLEWELLYN KING

In a famous exchange during World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Winston Churchill why he was visiting a visit by Charles De Gaulle on the U.S. president. Churchill replied that he had "borne the Cross of Lorraine long enough."

Watching President Bush's even-tempered news conference after the Republican debacle in the midterm elections, I got the feeling that maybe Bush had suffered his allies too long and, at some level, he was not sorry to be rid of the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

Bush was more composed and less strident than in recent news conferences. The man was going with the flow. By nature, Bush is probably incapable of seeing himself as the instrument of the Republican defeat. But, in a small way, he is the beneficiary. He is relieved of the burden of an old agenda.

Without a majority on Capitol Hill, Bush can press ahead with a guest-worker program and reverse himself in areas where he had had to stand firm. In one week, Bush went from supporting Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, a darling of the Republican right in the House, to sacking him.

Now, the president may feel that he has more latitude for a real change in Iraq. He can, if he so chooses, begin to remove troops from Iraq, to the approbation of the new House and most of the Senate. All he needs is a little push from the Baker-Hamilton Commission, and Bush can revise his broader Middle East policy without a chorus of contempt.

Those worthies of the right who, in the past, have sought to check Bush by threatening electoral defeat through their point-man in the White House, Karl Rove, are silenced.

agenda, not the agenda of his political bankers. But in order to continue to move forward, Bush needs to continue to clean house. It is time for Karl Rove to leave the White House, to abandon his role as the conduit of the political views that have been rejected by the electorate. If that job is to be filled at all (and there is some question whether it is in any way correct to have a political

No more does it matter whether the Reverends Dobson, Falwell and Robertson disapprove. The public has voted them out, just as surely as it voted out the Republican House. For the first time in his presidency, Bush is a free man — free to wheel and deal, and even to redeem his legacy. Classically, he is a lame-duck but peculiarly, he is in a position to fly. And Bush likes to fly. He enjoys the auteur presidency. Most political leaders learn that it is easier to deal with the opposition than it is with those who believe that they, and they alone, are responsible for your ascent to power, and must therefore be indulged throughout your tenure. Easier, by far, to trade with your opposition, woo them, cajole them and, if all else fails, blame them. Bill Clinton liked treading with Newt Gingrich. Churchill revered the benches in front of him in the House of Commons, telling a young Conservative member, who described them as the enemy, that they were the loyal opposition. The enemy he removed was, in his mind, Churchill, alias, never had the opportunity afforded by the presidential system of holding his opponents close. Bush can cultivate Nancy Pelosi with humor and charm — the way he ingratiated himself with the owners of major league baseball.

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## AROUND THE WORLD

### IRAQ Kissinger says military victory no longer possible

**LONDON** — Military victory is no longer possible in Iraq, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in a captioned interview broadcast Sunday.

Kissinger presented a bleak vision of Iraq, saying the U.S. government must enter into dialogue with Iraq's neighbors — including Iran — if progress is to be made in the region.

"If you mean by military victory," an Iraqi government that can be established and whose writ runs across the whole country, that gets the civil war under control and sectarian violence under control in a time period that the political processes of the democracies will support, I don't believe that is possible," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.

But Kissinger, an architect of the Vietnam war who has advised President Bush about Iraq, warned against a rapid withdrawal of coalition troops, saying it could destabilize Iraq's neighbors and cause a long-lasting conflict.

### Syrian foreign minister calls for U.S. withdrawal

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Syria's foreign minister called Sunday for a timetable for the withdrawal of American forces to help end Iraq's sectarian bloodbath. In a groundbreaking diplomatic mission to Iraq that comes amid increasing calls for the U.S. to seek cooperation from Syria and Iran, at least 112 people were killed nationwide, following a week that had already seen hundreds of deaths.

Wafiq Moallem, the highest level Syrian official to visit since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein, denounced terrorism in Iraq even as Washington mullied its own posture to Damascus for help in ending Iraq's violence.

Syria and Iraq share a long and porous desert border and both Baghdad and Washington have accused Damascus of not doing enough to stop the flow of foreign Arab fighters.

Moallem spoke at the end of a day that saw suspected Sunni Muslim bombers kill at least 33 Shiites and the kidnapping of a deputy health minister — believed the senior-most government official abducted in Iraq.

### GAZA STRIP Protesters force Israel to call off airstrikes

**BETH LAHAI, Gaza Strip** — Hundreds of Palestinians serving as human shields guarded the homes of two top militants Sunday, a new tactic that forced Israel to call off missile strikes on the buildings and re-evaluate a majority of its aerial campaign in Gaza.

In recent months, the Israeli air force has repeatedly struck the homes of militants after warning residents by phone to clear out. Israeli military officials said they did not know how to respond to the human shield tactic, but pressed ahead with other airstrikes Sunday.

In Gaza City, an aircraft fired a missile at a car, killing one man and wounding nine, including two Hamas militants. Four of the wounded were children, ages 5 to 16, who suffered shrapnel injuries.

hospital officials said. The military said the target of the strike was a vehicle carrying senior members of the Hamas rocket launching operation.

The standoff over the homes of the militants began late Saturday when Mohammed Baroud, local leader of the Popular Resistance Committees, was informed by the army

that his house would be hit. Instead of fleeing, though, the two decided to stay in their homes and called in reinforcements. They were quickly joined by crowds of supporters.

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# Second no longer

## Johnson caps dream season with Nextel Cup championship

By Anna Fryer  
Associated Press writer

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Hard though he tried, Jimmie Johnson just couldn't give another Nextel Cup championship away.

Johnson completed his dream season by cruising over every speed bump in his path, overcoming debris in his grill, a missing roll of tape, a loose lug nut, treacherous traffic and his own nerves to finally win the NASCAR championship that had taunted him the past two years.

On Sunday, the little things that used to sink him turned out to be nothing more than mere annoyances.

Johnson, the perpetual points leader for the past three regular seasons who always found a way to collapse in the Chase, finally put it all together, wrapping up his title with a 9th-place finish at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He finished with a 56-point lead over Matt Kenseth.

"It's going to take a little bit of time for this to soak in. Just to think what this year has accomplished and the year we've had," Johnson said. "Being a champion, it's the only thing I ever wanted to be."

Greg Biffle won the Ford 400 for the third straight season, beating rookies Martin Truex Jr. and Denny Hamlin to the finish line. Kasey Kahne was fourth and Kevin Harvick rounded out the top five. Kenseth was sixth.

Juan Pablo Montoya, making the first Nextel Cup start of his budding NASCAR career, ran as high as 13th, but his race ended in a fiery wreck 15 laps from the finish.

The race was delayed nearly eight minutes to clean the track, briefly postponing Johnson's long-awaited celebration. No matter for Johnson, who finished lower than second for the first time in six races.

But he didn't need to be flawless to win this one. He started the day with a cushy margin that required him to only stay out of trouble and finish 12th or better to wrap up the title.

"Unfortunately for Johnson, nothing is ever that easy."

His troubles started a mere 15 laps into the race, when flying debris punched a gaping hole in the grill of the No. 48 Chevrolet. When he went in for repairs, his crew couldn't find any tape to patch it.

Later, he nearly pulled away from a pit stop with a loose lug nut. Then he had to avoid Robby Gordon's spinning car.



2006 Nextel Cup Series Champion Jimmie Johnson celebrates following the season finale Ford 400 auto race at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla., Sunday. Greg Biffle won the race and Johnson won the championship.

"We've been ducking them all day," crew chief Chad Knaus sighed after Johnson scooted by Gordon. But he still had heavy traffic to deal with and, of course, his own nerves. When caution came out with 62 laps to go, Knaus wanted to, change all four tires and stretch it to the end. But Johnson wasn't convinced, and demanded his crew copy whatever Kenseth did.

With his spotter keeping a close eye

on Kenseth, who took only two tires, Knaus quickly adjusted and ordered the same service. It put Johnson in ninth place on the restart with 58 laps to go, but a stack of traffic behind him on four fresh tires.

"Drive it like you stole it, homie," Knaus encouraged him. Johnson held his position, then copied Kenseth again on a final round of pit stops. Kenseth was in fifth and Johnson was in sixth on the

re-start with 16 laps to go, and it would take only a catastrophe at that point to deny Johnson the title. But two late cautions — Montoya's wreck, followed by good buddy Casey Mears blowing an engine — again prolonged the celebration.

"It was such a long day to get here," he said in Victory Lane. "There were times when we were down, and out and in the back and had to come back through. This just means the world to me, it's the most amazing day of my life."

## Michigan still No. 2

By Ralph D. Russo  
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Michigan-Ohio State II could get canceled by Southern California.

Michigan was impressive enough in a 42-39 loss to the Buckeyes to retain second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday. But the Wolverines' margin is so slim that it'll be tough for them to get another shot at Ohio State in the national title game if the Trojans keep winning.

Michigan's BCS average was .926. The Trojans, who have two games left, were at .919.

"I'm not surprised," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said of Michigan retaining second place. "The pollsters had to be impressed with the way (Michigan) has played."

"It's interesting to see how it comes out," he told Fox television.

The No. 1 Buckeyes locked up a spot in the BCS title game Jan. 8 in Arizona with their victory over the Wolverines on Saturday, their 19th straight overall. They also became the first team to have a perfect score (1,000) under the BCS formula introduced in 2004. Ohio State is a unanimous No. 1 in the polls and the best team in the country according to the BCS computer ratings.

Michigan's regular season is complete, so the Wolverines can do nothing but watch what happens to USC and the other contenders over the next two weeks.

The Trojans, who beat Cal 23-10 on Saturday to jump up the Pac-10's automatic BCS bid, passed Michigan and moved up to No. 2 in both the coaches' poll and the Harris poll. The polls count for two-thirds of a team's BCS average. Michigan remained second in the computer ratings that account for the other third of the BCS average.

USC is third in the computers, a mark that should get a boost if the Trojans can knock off a highly rated Notre Dame team and crossstown rival UCLA the following week.

Unbeaten Boise State moved up to 11th place. With one more victory in their season finale at WAC rival Nevada, the Broncos will become the second team from a conference without an automatic bid to reach the BCS. Boise State would likely be headed for the Fiesta Bowl to play the Big 12 champ.



San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson (21) slips by Denver Broncos safety Nick Fargason on a 3-yard touchdown run during the third quarter of Sunday's game in Denver. It was Tomlinson's 100th NFL touchdown.

## Chargers zap Broncos

By Arnie Stapleton  
Associated Press writer

DENVER — For once, LaDainian Tomlinson was relevant in the Mile High City.

San Diego's remarkable, running back scored four times and reached 100 touchdowns faster than any player in NFL history Sunday night, leading the Chargers past the Denver Broncos 35-27.

Tomlinson, who has scored an NFL-record 19 touchdowns in his last six games, reached 100 TDs in his 89th game, four fewer than it took Hall of Famer Jim Brown and Emmitt Smith. He now has 102 TDs and also topped 1,000 yards rushing for the sixth

straight season. It was his first win in six trips to Invesco Field and vaulted the Chargers, who rallied from a 24-7 deficit, into first place in the AFC West at 8-2, a game ahead of Denver.

"After Tomlinson scored his first three TDs, Phillip Rivers found Vincent Jackson in the back of the end zone to give San Diego a 28-27 lead with 6:45 left.

The Chargers iced it when cornerback Droyton Flenore picked off Jake Plummer's pass deep in Broncos' territory with three minutes left, leading to Tomlinson's fourth, a 1-yard touchdown run with 1:14 remaining.

## 49ers run through Seahawks

By Greg Benham  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Frank Gore ran circles around Shaun Alexander, and then the San Francisco 49ers' defense finished off another surprising victory for a long-suffering club that's finally on the rise.

Gore rushed for a franchise-record 212 yards, and San Francisco's maligned defense stopped the Seattle Seahawks three times in the final 4 1/2 minutes of the 49ers' third straight victory, 20-14 Sunday.

Alex Smith passed for 163 yards, threw a TD pass and rushed for another score for the 49ers (5-5), who went scoreless in the second half. But they still hung on to snap a six-game losing streak against their NFC West rivals, the defending conference champions.

Armaz Buttie caught a TD pass and Smith rushed for a score as San Francisco jumped to a 20-0 halftime lead. But the Niners' first three-game winning streak since 2002 wasn't secure until his defense — which has given up just 30 points in its last 3 1/2 games — stopped Seattle's final three drives with a fourth-down tackle, an interception and the clock running out.

Gore broke Charlie Garner's team record of 201 yards on a



San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore (21) is chased by Seattle Seahawks Bryce Fisher, left, LaRoy Hill, second from left, and Jordan Babineaux, right, in the first half of Sunday's game in San Francisco.

17-yard romp in the final seconds, but only after he fumbled to give Seattle (6-4) its second last-minute chance.

Seneca Wallace passed for 239 yards and hit Delon Branch and Darrell Jackson for long second-half touchdowns, but he threw three interceptions. And the Seahawks got little boost from having Alexander and Matt Hasselbeck in uniform.

Alexander, the reigning league MVP who hadn't played in two months, managed just 37 yards on 17 carries in his first

game back from a broken foot. Hasselbeck, who hurt his knee last month, "dressed" but didn't play behind Wallace, who threw the interceptions but was mostly solid.

Gore, the second-year pro from Miami whose injury history scared off other teams in last year's draft, passed the 1,000-yard mark in his breakout season, gashing the Seattle defense for repeated long gains. The Seahawks' tackling was atrocious, prompting several furious sideline tirades by coach Mike Holmgren.

SPORTS

Tommy Romo's woods upped Manning's Colts, 21-14

IRVING, Texas — The Manning Colts are perfect no more.

Tommy Romo managed an efficient game in his first career start at home.

Marion Barber III ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns and the Cowboys handed Peyton Manning and the Colts their first loss of the season, 21-14.

Sunday. A week after becoming the first team to start 9-0 in consecutive seasons, Indianapolis fell shy in its bid to match last year's 13-

0 run, much less the perfect season by the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

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coach Bill Parcells' four seasons. Dallas (6-4) is two games over .500 for the first time all season.

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Titans 31, Eagles 13

PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles lost Donovan McNabb for the rest of the season with a knee ligament in the loss.

Ravens 24, Falcons 10

BALTIMORE — B.J. Sams proved to be more elusive than Michael Vick — and far more productive.

Patriots 35, Packers 0

GREEN BAY, Wis. — New England freed Brett Favre of the game, then snapped its first losing streak in nearly four years.

Chiefs 17, Raiders 13

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Trent Green, in his first action since suffering a severe concussion 10 weeks ago, directed an 80-yard touchdown drive in the final minutes.

Bengals 31, Saints 16

NEW ORLEANS — The Carson Palmer-to-Chad Johnson connection was clicking again, for touchdowns of 41, 60 and 4 yards as the Bengals snapped a three-game losing streak.

Bucs 24, Texans 21

TAMPA, Fla. — Jason Campbell looked poised and confident in his debut. He was not, as the Redskins' second-quarter quarterback no longer had Carmel 'Caddie' Williams behind him to make his job easier.

Buccaners 20, Redskins 17

WASHINGTON — The Redskins' first quarter was a disaster as they were outscored 13-0 by Tampa Bay.

Cardinals 17, Lions 10

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Panthers 15, Rams 0

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Panthers' first quarter was a disaster as they were outscored 13-0 by Carolina.

Steelers 24, Browns 20

CLEVELAND — Ben Roethlisberger showed a 40-yard touchdown pass to Willie Parker with 32 seconds left, rallying the Steelers over the Browns.







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♠ 10 5  
♥ K 9 8 7 4  
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♣ J 7 5  
♠ A

**WEST**  
♠ 10 5  
♥ Q 10 7  
♦ K 10 3 2  
♣ Q J 10 6

**EAST**  
♠ Q J 3 2  
♥ A 9 6 4  
♦ A 9 8 3  
♣ 9 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 8 3  
♥ Q 8  
♦ K 7 5 4 2

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
3♥ Pass 3♥ Pass  
4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club queen

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South holds:

♠ J 9  
♥ A K J  
♦ J 7 5 3  
♣ K Q 4 2

South West North East  
1 NT Pass 3 NT 4♠  
Pass Pass Dbl. All pass

**ANSWER:** Lead the spade jack. On auctions like this, when your side has the balance of high cards and dummy will be weak, declarer's only chance is to ruff in dummy if he is two-suited. To reduce that chance, lead a trump at once.

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To commemorate the Fall Nationals, which are running this week in Hawaii, all this week's deals come from last year's Fall Nationals at Denver. The very first deal of a compact knockout (played at 11 on Thanksgiving morning) generated a nice point of declarer play.

On a hypothetical diamond lead and continuation, declarer, in four hearts, simply loses two diamonds and a trump, ruffing one club in dummy and pitching two on the spade king and diamond jack.

West led a club, however. Declarer won in dummy and unblocked his spade ace, ruffed a club, and cashed the spade king to pitch a diamond from hand.

Declarer then crossed to his heart ace and ruffed another club; he had now taken the first six tricks.

But when South led a diamond from the board, East won the ace and played a spade, ruffed with the heart eight and overruffed by West with the trump 10. A club return allowed East to ruff and lead his last spade, promoting West's heart queen to the setting trick.

In the ending described, declarer could have survived by ruffing the third round of spades with the heart ace and exiting with a heart. Far better, though, would have been to lead dummy's spade nine, discarding the diamond queen when East follows! East might be able to lead his last spade and get a ruff, then ruff a club coming back, but declarer is now absolutely sure to regain the lead, draw the remaining trump, and claim the rest.

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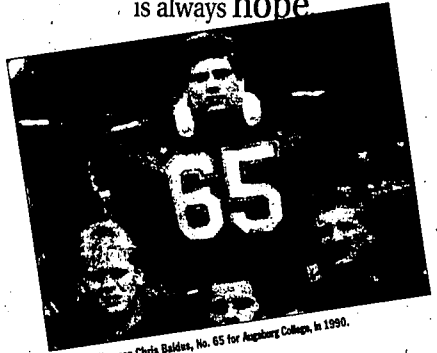
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Chris Baldus, right, tries to muscle his way past KMYT player Matt Hargrave during a Saturday football scrimmage between the Times-News and KMYT staffs. Baldus, a former college football player, is working to get back into shape so he can participate in an alumni game next year at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

## In football, there is always hope



Offensive lineman Chris Baldus, No. 65 for Augsburg College, in 1990.

### Step 1: off-season conditioning

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, I'll be doing drills primarily at Twin Falls' Harry Barry Park. It has a wide, open field and a playground for the kids to play on when they're not joining in. We'll start with a warm-up run (10 minutes at least) followed by two or three of the following exercises:

- 40-yard sprints
- Burpees: From a standing position, fall to a crouch. Then kick your feet out so you're in pushup position before curling up and jumping back to a standing position.
- 380s: Sprint around the border of a football field. Rest. Repeat.
- Fumble drill or football chase with three 5-year-olds and a 3-year-old: It's the team I have. They're pretty good at this.

### My starting stats

Weight: 292 pounds (My college playing weight was between 200 and 215.)  
Height: 5 feet 11 inches (But with a helmet I'm at least 6 feet.)  
Cholesterol: 193 (My doctor's office tells me they like to see this number below 200.)  
HDL: 36.1 (This is the "good" cholesterol, and my doctor says he'd like to see this rise a little.)  
LDL: 127 ("Bad" cholesterol)  
Blood pressure: 118/86

### Setting a goal

My doctor gave me a booklet called "Sensible Weight Loss" by Dr. Robert Hamby. A lot of what's in it I heard before and will try again, but what seems most pertinent to my situation is a part called "Motivation for Success." That's where I have failed before. "Start by making a firm decision to change how you care for your body," he wrote. "Think of your personal reasons for changing and write them down. Then look ahead. Come up with some reasonable goals. My goal is to get in good enough condition to play in an alumni scrimmage next fall. What's yours? Join me in this effort: e-mail me your goals and how you're going to achieve them (cbaldus@magicvalley.com). We'll post them at [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) along with a big ol' my progress. Also, we'll update you on this project monthly in Image. Ready, break.

# Rebuilding a player

## Ex-athlete seeks to shed weight, play in annual college alumni game next year

By Chris Baldus  
Times-News writer

**T**WIN FALLS — I could feel the beats in my neck, but my heaving gasps for breath made them impossible to count. You see, when you do a 360 — a sprint around the four corners of a football field — you're supposed to stop and take your pulse. It should

be racing between 70 and 90 percent of your maximum heart rate, depending on your goal — weight loss requires around 70 percent, says my doctor. It's a football drill, one that made my stomach deflate every time a coach called for it. But I've ballooned by 100 pounds since my last college game 16 years ago, and I'm perilously close to being a spectator in my

kids' lives rather than a player. So, I've set my sights on signing the insurance waiver and playing in the annual alumni game next fall at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. To get ready, I'm going to do 40-yard sprints, bear crawls, burpees and whatever other drills will make my legs wobble and my chest ache. Why don't I just join a gym or jog or walk or something? Well, I've tried other things. More grown-up things. But I've lost interest and failed with each of those. Football has something more that I need. Let me try to explain with a memory from

the first college I played for, Iowa Wesleyan. There were about 30 of us shoulder pad to shoulder pad in the shed behind the stadium. Kicker was minutes away when the coach and his assistants stepped in through the mock barn door carrying large cardboard boxes. Coach put down his box. "We're asking the impossible of you," he said evenly, matter-of-factly. It was a small shed; he didn't have to be loud. "You're going to be outnumbered every game this year." Coach had spent much of the college football recruiting season in the hospital. So, we were a small squad. "We're going to ask things of some of you that we'd never have imagined before, that no one expects you to be able to do.... Take Baldus, he should be playing tuba, but he's starting on our line." (I really love that part.) "When I was growing up, there was a mild-mannered man who routinely stepped up to face the impossible. He inspired me. He can inspire you. Take off your shoulder pads." The coaches opened their boxes and

threw blue T-shirts our way. They had the Superman "S" emblazoned on them. "This season, you need to be Superman!" So, 30 young men with Superman's symbol on their chests sprinted out of the shed into the glow of an Iowan college stadium on a Saturday night. And they lost. And then they lost again and again and again. It was a kryptonite kind of season. And in the end, there were about 20 of us left standing. That's pretty much how my entire collegiate football career went. Every week, mine was the team picking itself up off the turf to try again next week, next year. But we did it. "Football is a lifestyle built on motivation and picking yourself up. So why go back to the puffing and the pain? Because in football, there is always hope." Times-News News Editor Chris Baldus can be reached at 735-3259 or [cbaldus@magicvalley.com](mailto:cbaldus@magicvalley.com).

## The look: flashy sneakers

By Suzanne D'Amato  
The Washington Post

"People have a range of reactions to them." Nathan Shimek of Falls Church, Va., says, referring to the Elmo-red kicks he bought two months ago. "Strangers come up to me and say, 'Those look good!' Then some of my friends have said, 'Those look horrible!'" The haters haven't stopped Shimek from sporting his Nike Air Max 90 trainers day in, day out — often with skintight, ankle-hugging jeans. "I'm into the indie rock thing," he says. Shimek, 22, may be style-conscious, but he has little interest in sneaker collecting. No dead-stock Adidas Korsikas for him, thank you very much. "I have five or six pairs" of shoes, he says. "I'm a college kid. I'd rather eat real food than eat ramen and buy sneakers, you know?"



Tip for the well-heeled sneaker collector: From top, Puma Levitation GT sneakers (\$120 at [www.nordstrom.com](http://www.nordstrom.com)) and Gola Harrier sneaks sneakers (\$75 at [www.golasa.com](http://www.golasa.com)).

## For colds, stock up on sneakers

By Rob Stein  
The Washington Post

Could exercise be the cure for the common cold? Well, not quite. But a new study suggests that one of the many benefits of regular exercise could be reducing the chances of getting the sniffles. Researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle studied 115 sedentary, post-menopausal women who were overweight or obese. Half were asked to Please see COLDS, Page D4

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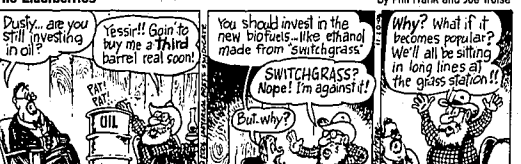
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## New frontiers beckon for romantic Aries

**IF NOV. 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** A new goal, a brainstorm, or a passion might consume your energies in the year to come. Between January and June, because you feel invincible, you will be able to overcome any opposition or obstacle and achieve your dreams. Look for opportunities to improve your financial standing especially in March and April. Don't take a vacation or make crucial changes, such as starting a new job, in August when you could be called upon to work harder than ever. During those few weeks in August, others may take a more critical attitude toward you or you could make a serious mistake.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Head 'em up, move 'em out. New frontiers beckon for the romantically inclined. There could be a tendency to do away with ordinary routines if you are in a committed relationship.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Taking a vacation might be a tall order to fill. Resistance to change or authority can limit your options. Be as cooperative as possible to reach the greatest potential in a relationship.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You are wiser than your years. If called upon to offer an expert

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opinion or assistance do so, as this could place you in a flattering light. Don't make changes; strive to make improvements.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Emotional security is paramount to happiness. Treat the things that give you joy. Today's new moon could give you a chance to focus on creative endeavors or hobbies for a few weeks.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Is the new person you just met Mr. or Ms. Right, or just Mr. or Ms. Right Now? Only time will tell the relationship can make it to the finish line, so don't dump one budding romance for another.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Use your practical know-how in all of the ordinary ways. This might be a good time to rearrange finances, open a savings account, or pool resources with a partner. Love gets spicy tonight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Money is power. Cast a critical eye on your piggy bank and decide whether you are financially able to accomplish your most cherished plans.

Romantic interludes get a big thumbs-up this evening.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Sift through the chaff to get to the kernels of truth. The new moon in your sign might mean a fresh start in some area of your life. You can choose the things essential to your happiness.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You needn't look far to find reasons to feel grateful. But what might be surprising is that others are grateful to have you. Notice how much you are appreciated and loved.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Maintain a healthy respect for having money in the bank. If your finances are in good shape this isn't the time to make a change or an investment. In love, stick with the sure thing.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The power to attract can't control who or what is attracted. You hold a dynamic fascination for people lurking on the outside of your special circle. Someone new might only be a fling.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Preserve an illusion. Sort out secrets and longstanding mysteries that have baffled your sensitive mind. An existing love relationship can move to new heights of ecstasy or understanding.

**Beetle Bailey**

By Mort Walker



**Blondie**

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



**The Born Loser**

By Art Sansom & Chip



**Garfield**

By Jim Davis



**Hagar the Horrible**

By Chris Browne



**Hi and Lois**

By Chance Browne



**Classie Peanuts**

By Charles M. Schulz



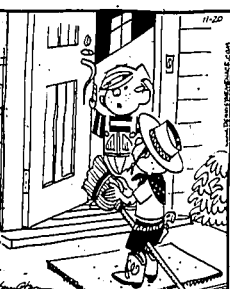
**The Wizard of Id**

By Grant Parker & Johnny Hart



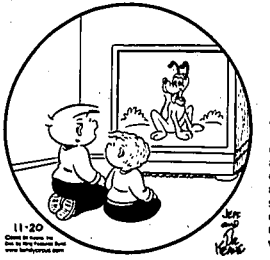
**Dennis the Menace**

By Hank Ketchum



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bill Keane



"Daddy said Pluto doesn't care if he's not a planet. He's already a star."

# Tech support works better if customers are prepared

**DEAR ABBY:** This may seem like a trivial matter, but as the holidays approach, I know printing this letter will help people in the fast-growing technical support industry, as well as the people depending on them.

When folks purchase large appliances and electronics this holiday season and need to call for help getting them set up or repaired, it's important that they remember to have a few things handy to make the process go faster for all concerned.

Always have the model number, serial number and sales slip handy. Also, please remember that the people on the other end of the line are doing everything they can to get things working. Loud language, raised voices and threats against tech support won't get anything done faster.

So before calling, take a deep breath, be certain that you're calm enough to deal with someone on the other end of the line, and make sure to follow his or her directions. And remember, sometimes the solutions take time. Tech support professionals have to follow company policies, just like everyone else.

—DOING ALL SHE CAN IN WATERTOWN, N.Y.  
**DEAR DOING ALL SHE CAN:** Those all are sensible suggestions. I know firsthand that having the model number, serial number and sales slip handy. Also, please remember that the people on the other end of the line are doing everything they can to get things working. Loud language, raised voices and threats against tech support won't get anything done faster.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

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We have no public space in our home we can move the computer into. What, if anything, should we do?

—WORRIED MOM IN PITTSBURGH

**DEAR WORRIED MOM:** Most houses and apartments have a living room or eating area. Put an end to your boys using the computer while locked in their room. The computer should be moved out into the open. If that's not possible, then insist that the door be kept open, and remove the lock if they refuse to comply.

Also, it's time you and your husband checked into evening classes for adults at your local high school so you can learn the basics about computers. They have become far easier to use than in years past, and you should at least be able to check the computer "history" to see where your young explorers have been spending their time. It's a matter of asserting your parental authority, so please start doing it now. It's really no different than knowing what they're doing at the mall.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been together for six years, and the only problem I have with him is that he lies about meeting other women on sex sites. The problem with this is that he is looking for someone in our hometown for discreet sex. I have confronted him and told him how it makes me feel, but he still does it and finds other sites to go on. What am I to do?

—SAD IN SALISBURY, MD.

**DEAR SAD:** End the romance. Your "boyfriends" actions indicate that he is untruthful or unable to remain faithful to you. It's time to find a man who wants what you want out of a relationship.

The origin of toilet paper has been traced back to China in the late 1300s.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factimagers@mingo-barrett.com.

## A whale sank the Essex on this day in 1820

This day in history: On Nov. 20, 1820, a really wanted whaling ship attacked the Essex, a whaling ship from Nantucket, Mass., sinking it. The 20 crew members escaped in small white boats and attempted to sail and row more than 3,000 miles to land. When they were rescued after four months, all but five had died or been killed and been eaten in a desperate bid for survival. The incident later inspired Herman Melville to write his most famous work, Moby-Dick.

What has a "blight," "shaft," "barrel" and "point"? From back to front, they're the parts of a dart.



The holes in Swiss cheese come from Propionibacterium shermanii bacteria that give off a lot of carbon dioxide bubbles while eating milk's lactic acid.

The smartest president? Possibly James Garfield. A former college professor in ancient languages and literature, Garfield published a mathematical proof of the Pythagorean theorem. Best of all, he could simultaneously write something in Greek with one hand and Latin with the other.

Next time you order a keg, take note: a hole on the top of keg is called a "top hole." A hole on the side is called a "bung hole."

In the mostly rural days of America, Congress picked early November as election day since it fell between the end of harvesting and the heavy snows of winter. It's also always "the Tuesday after the first Monday" to avoid All Saints Day, which is on November 1.

The United States has a hundred million fewer people than the European Union countries. Yet here's a sobering fact: The United States locks up more people for drug violations alone than the European Union imprisons for all crimes combined.

Atak hangs out on branches or tall grass. When it senses a potential host, it stands up on its back legs and waves its arms, hoping to catch on something. If it doesn't succeed, though, no wonder a tick can go six months to a year without food.

Virginia Woolf wrote all of her novels while standing at an artist's desk.

Despite having become

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### Does your current financial professional often neglect to review your investment strategy with you?

If you answered "yes" to this question, your current investment course may not correspond accurately with your current personal circumstances. One way to determine this is to have a complete and objective analysis done on your situation or help reassure you that you're still on the right course to pursue your goals.

### Keep on the look out for the next Question.

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# Class discusses healthy holiday eating

The Diabetes Support Group will reach Rhea Lanting, University of Idaho family and consumer sciences professor, to lead a discussion titled, "Eat Your Cake and Eat It Too! My Pyramid and Discretionary Calories" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. To attend, use the building's north entrance.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Call Susie Beem at 737-5946.

## Brain injury support

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Rehab 550 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Sun Valley Adaptive Sports representatives will discuss sporting and recreational activities for people with disabilities.

The support group is for people who have had a brain injury and for their family, friends or caregivers. The meeting is free. Call 737-2126.

## '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 topic is beginning discipline.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. Call 324-7262.

## About childbirth

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

The topic will be labor, including the starting of labor, timing and comfort measures. Bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people.

The suggested fee is \$5 per person.

## To do for you

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

## About C-sections

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

Topics include cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors. The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

## Celiac support

Celiac Support Group of Magic Valley will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 in the doctors' meeting room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Lynda Walker of Halley will give a gluten-free cooking demonstration. Anyone is welcome. Call Pat at 731-9079.

## Prepare for childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 28 through Dec. 26, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with 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.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148 or go online at [www.mvmrc.org](http://www.mvmrc.org).

## Breast-feeding 101

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Breast-feeding 101 from 7 to 9

p.m. Nov. 29 at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 W. Fifth St., Jerome.

The class is for expectant mothers, fathers, grandparents and other support people; first-time parents; mothers who haven't breast-fed their babies; and other parents as a refresher course.

A registered lactation consultant will teach the class. Organizers encourage parents to attend within two months of the baby's due date. The class is free. To register, call 324-4301, ext. 3361.

## Learn CPR

A Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 29 in the Sage Room at St. Luke's 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.

## About diabetes

Bayer Diabetes Care is sponsoring a diabetes education program, "Know Your Resistance," at 6 p.m. Dec. 7 at Kurt's Pharmacy, 1203 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Maxine Schroeder, registered dietitian from St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will present the program. Participants will receive a free blood glucose meter.

The program is free. Reservations are encouraged; call 1-800-800-9566, ext. 9493. For information, call Kurt's Pharmacy at 734-8177.

## About weight control

A new program, "Ending the

Diet Roller Coaster," will begin in January with discussion on how to make peace with food, end chronic and yo-yo dieting, enhance body image and manage weight naturally.

The group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 8 and continuing for 10 weeks, in the conference room at the old Times-News building, 184 Gooding St. W.

Megan Osborne, licensed professional counselor and national board certified counselor, will instruct.

Cost is \$20 per week including all materials. Space is limited. To register, call Osborne at 734-0022 or e-mail [megan@peacewithfood.com](mailto:megan@peacewithfood.com). The deadline to sign up is Jan. 5.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

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Keep the community safe and healthy. Thank you!

## Colds

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do 45 minutes of moderate exercise, such as brisk walking, five days a week. The other half were asked just to stretch for 45 minutes once a week.

All the women filled out questionnaires every three months recording the number of allergy attacks, colds, bouts of the flu and other infections they had.

Over the course of a year, the exercisers caught fewer colds; in fact, the stretchers had about three times the risk of getting a cold compared with the exercisers.

These findings... add a new facet to the growing literature on the health benefits of moderate exercise," wrote Cornelia M. Ulrich and her colleagues in a paper published in the American Journal of Medicine.

Previous research has indicated that regular exercise may

boost the immune system, which could explain the findings, they noted.

"Our trial is the first to report on the effects of a year-long, moderate-to-intensity exercise training program on the incidence of upper respiratory tract infections," the researchers wrote.

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### When Prudence Dictates

QUESTION: When is it wise to probate a deceased spouse's estate?

Good reasons for probating a deceased spouse's estate are: forcing resolution of creditor claims; vesting title to property in a rightful owner; implementing trust provisions of a will; distributing assets to charities or beneficiaries other than the surviving spouse; winding up business affairs; and assuring the title insurance company that property can be legitimately conveyed.

Needs and circumstances vary from one estate to the next. An informed decision on whether to probate a deceased spouse's estate must take into account the type and amount of property and debt involved; whether there was a will and what it said; and whether other parties than the surviving spouse might gain financial advantage in the absence of a probate proceeding.

As with other of life's more important decisions, a careful assessment of relevant circumstances makes the best answer fairly obvious.

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