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Suspect faces second-degree murder charge in shooting

Twin Falls man's bond set at \$250,000

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What police called voluntary manslaughter Sunday, prosecutors boosted to second-degree murder Monday.

The leap from the police's account to the prosecutor's charge hinges on whether the fatal shooting of 21-year-old Luis Carlos Ramirez early Sunday morning was the result of malice. The significance to James M. Steel, measurably engraved on his face at his arraignment Monday afternoon, could be a possible life sentence.

At 4 p.m. Monday in Courtroom 5, Twin Falls Prosecuting Attorney Janice Kroeger charged James M. Steel, 23, with maliciously shooting Ramirez. When probed by the judge about how she derived a separate verdict from the same evidence used by police, she said her conclusion was "based on the facts."

Services
Funeral arrangements for Luis Carlos Ramirez are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Hoodlum.

Judge Randy Stoker set Steel's bond at \$250,000.

At 1:54 a.m. Sunday, Ramirez, who had been shot below his chin at close range with a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol, lay dying on his back in a grassy area beside the parking lot of Phat Eddy's dance club, according to an affidavit signed by Twin Falls Police Det. Bill Hanchey.

As medics rushed Ramirez to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, police traced leads across town to James M. Steel's Heyburn Avenue apartment. Negotiations trailed on through the night with Steel armed on his balcony and barricaded inside his apartment, threatening to kill himself and warning he would die if sent to prison. At one point, officers heard a gunshot in the apartment. But ultimately, Steel surrendered and was arrested, the affidavit states.

Police interviewed several witnesses, who gave various versions of what happened that night. Alex Williams, a bouncer at Phat Eddy's, and Daniel Malberg, who said he was accompanying Steel, both told police they saw a handgun tucked into the front of Steel's pants. Malberg said Steel was heavily intoxicated. The bouncer told Steel to put the gun in



James M. Steel passes before his arraignment Monday in a Twin Falls County courtroom. Steel is accused of second-degree murder in the shooting of Luis Carlos Ramirez on Sunday morning in Twin Falls.

his car before entering the bar, Williams said.

Malberg said he walked with Steel into the parking lot, where Steel had "a verbal confrontation, which became heated, with several Hispanic males."

Steel would later tell police "he felt threatened (and) nervous about these Hispanic males due to an earlier incident at Kruezer's Bar."

Eric Tellez told police the interaction began when two guys (one later identified as Steel) approached him and Ramirez,

the victim, in the parking lot asking "where the girls were."

When Steel pulled a handgun, Malberg said he told Steel to leave the area with him. Instead, Steel held the weapon up close to an Hispanic male's face, Malberg said.

Tellez told police: "(Steel) pulled out a black handgun from his waistband, Mr. Ramirez grabbed the handgun or Mr. Steel's wrist, pulled it under his chin and

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Rats are visible as commissioners from Cassia County and Twin Falls County, along with congressional representatives, tour the Magpie Basin camping area last summer in the Sawtooth National Forest. Because of heavy recreation use, sediment and other debris is flowing into Rock Creek.

Unhappy campers?

Big changes may be in store for Sawtooth National Forest

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

HANSEN — When a tree falls in the Sawtooth National Forest, chances are that people will hear it.

In the past 20 years, population growth in the Magic Valley has flooded the forest with campers, sight-seers and hunters.

Problem is, those visitors are desecrating pristine wildlife areas and contaminating streams that provide

habitat for fledgling species such as the cutthroat trout.

Now, the forest service is stepping in to stop the damage by proposing management changes for the Lower Rock Creek area south of Hansen.

The forest service expects the changes will generate a few unhappy campers, but Scott Nannenga, Minidoka district ranger, said it's time for the service to intervene. "This is something we've been looking at for several years," Nannenga said. "And it's gotten bad enough now we need to make a few changes."

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Proposed changes

The Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest is proposing changes for the management of Lower Rock Creek from the Third Fork Trailhead north to the forest boundary. These changes include:

- Closing the Magpie Basin to all motorized travel.
- Removing the footbridge at Schipper Campground.
- Establishing and designating campsites in the Schipper and Steer Basin camp-

grounds.

- Converting the Birch Glen Campground to day use.
- Designating dispersed campsites with Three-Thirty Springs and Big Bluff campgrounds.
- Using a portion of the Harrington Fork Picnic Area for within-designated, dispersed camping.
- Establishing designated, dispersed campsites within the Third Fork and Rim View trailheads.

O.J. Simpson book and TV special canceled

By Hilke Itale
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — O.J. Simpson's book and TV special were canceled Monday, an astonishing end to an imaginary confession that had sickened the public as the very worst kind of tabloid sensation.

"I and senior management agree with the American public that this was an ill-considered project," said Rupert Murdoch,

whose News Corp. owns both Fox Broadcasting and publisher HarperCollins. "We are sorry for any pain that this has caused the families of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson."

"If I Did It," in which Simpson was to have described how he would have killed his ex-wife, had been scheduled to air as a two-part interview Nov. 27 and Nov. 29 on Fox. The book was to have followed on Nov. 30.

HarperCollins spokeswoman Erin Crum said some copies had already been shipped to stores but would be recalled, and all copies would be destroyed.

During an appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live," Fred Goldman, Ron's father, expressed appreciation to anyone who voiced their opposition to the book and interview.

"We want to say thank you, thank you for everyone in this

country who raised their voice and stood up for the right thing," Goldman said.

Earlier, his lawyer Jonathan Polak told The Associated Press: "I think News Corp. finally stepped up, admitted they made a mistake and did the right thing. This is everything we have been asking News Corp. to do for the past two weeks. We want to thank the American people for helping make this happen."

Costa Rican authorities catch homemade submarine carrying three tons of cocaine

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Tipped off by three plastic mines mysteriously skimming the ocean's surface, authorities seized a homemade submarine packed with 3 tons of cocaine off Costa Rica's Pacific coast.

Four men traveled inside the 50-foot wood and fiberglass craft, breathing through the pipes. The craft sailed along at about 7 mph, just six feet

beneath the surface. Security Minister Fernando Berozal said Sunday.

The submarine was spotted Friday 103 miles off the coast near Cabo Blanco National Park on the Nicoya peninsula.

U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents, FBI and Colombian officials aided Costa Rican authorities in the operation. Berozal said. Two Colombians, a Guatemalan and a Sri Lankan

were arrested and taken to the United States, since they were captured in international waters, Berozal said.

Officials took the submarine to a Costa Rican Coast Guard station and were trying to determine its origins, the Security Ministry said. It was found with several tanks of gas, but Costa Rican authorities said the vessel, which had a ballast to keep up water, probably did not travel far.

Death of Ameristar Casinos CEO, local developer a shock

Craig H. Neilsen died at 65

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — His paralyzed body might have been confined to a wheelchair, but Craig H. Neilsen's mind could take him anywhere he wanted to go.

Those who knew him, those who worked with him, called Neilsen a "visionary," a man who could see things long before others could even begin to imagine them. Like an expansion of a hotel and casino in

the northern Nevada desert. Or an upscale resort on the Snake River Canyon rim. And most recently in the works, a future hotel and convention center overlooking the canyon.

And that vision, that ability to look into the future and see something no one else could, is what made Neilsen's projects such a success, said Ken Edmunds, a local developer who had worked on a number of Neilsen projects.

"He had a vision that I've never found in any other person," Edmunds said. "He could visualize and move toward an objective even when no one else could understand what he was doing. That's how he created Ameristar Casinos. He could conceptualize and envision a project when no one else

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Forecast table for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, and Wednesday weather conditions and temperatures.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and widely scattered showers. High in the mid to upper 50s.

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EXHIBITS

'Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American Indian Art Portfolio, Interpretations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition...'

FAMILY

'Baby and Me' class, exploring the topic 'Beginning Discipline' for young mothers with their babies or toddlers.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training.

HOBBIES

Magic Valley Singles Squares Dance and Potluck, 7 p.m., El Sombbrero Restaurant, 153 West Main, Jerome.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, 'Far Out Space Places,' 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

List your event

To be included in our ongoing ones in the December monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number.

COMING TOMORROW

WHY WE GIVE THANKS

The Times-News asks four people from different walks of life to discuss the meaning of Thanksgiving.

CORRECTIONS

Crumrine open house to be Saturday: TWIN FALLS — Edith Crumrine will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Valley Christian church, 1708 Hyburn Ave.

YOUR MORNING BREEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Fall sorting brings cattlemen together

JACKPOT, Nev. — Mounted and alert, Bull farmer Larry Wright gestured across a mountainous horizon, tracing the annual route of grazing cattle through the Granite Range, Bell Canyon, Gollister Mountains.

Ameristar Casinos chief Craig Nielsen dies

TWIN FALLS — Craig H. Nielsen, chairman and chief executive officer of Ameristar Casinos and owner of Nielsen and Company, a local real estate development and construction firm, died unexpectedly in his sleep Sunday at his home in Las Vegas.

Man faces murder charge in shooting

TWIN FALLS — What police called voluntary manslaughter Sunday, prosecutors boosted to second-degree murder Monday.

Changes may be in store for South Hills area

LIANSEN — The forest service is proposing management changes for the Lower Rock Creek area south of Liansen that may make some campers unhappy.

Liquor on Sunday?

TWIN FALLS — On Sunday afternoon, just a handful of customers were sipping beers at Woody's. But come December, the local watering hole on Sundays might be a little more crowded and slightly noisier with the clinking of glasses — full of liquor.

CSI ponders growth

Growth in Twin Falls is prompting CSI officials to look at how they manage legal issues regarding the purchase or sale of college property.

Rupert rescue dog shows promise

RUPERT — Tristan is in training, and hopes are high. The one-year-old German shepherd mix looks to be a natural at rescuing people.

IDAHO/WEST



Micron CEO adds road race champ to resume

BOISE — Steve Appleton, CEO of U.S. chip maker Micron Technology, added desert road race champion to his moonlighting resume of airplane pilot and motocross racer.

Spud farmers see another profitable year

POCATELLO — Idaho's potato farmers are enjoying their second straight year of profitable returns, in large part due to supply management provided by the United Potato Growers of Idaho, said the cooperative's chief executive and president.

State Democrats won't rule out another try

BOISE — Most of the Idaho Democrats who lost statewide elections earlier this month say they plan to run again or wouldn't rule out another try, though some said they might consider a change in strategy or trying for a different office.

Bald eagles begin arriving in N. Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE — The eagles of Lake Coeur d'Alene have landed. Bald eagles have begun trickling in their annual journey from as far north as Alberta, Canada, to fatten up on the kokanee salmon spawning in the northern Idaho lake.

NATION/WORLD



Three students die as bus falls off overpass

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A bus carrying high school students smashed through a guardrail along an overpass Monday and crashed nose-first 30 feet below, killing three teenage girls and injuring at least 30 other people, several critically, authorities said.

Iran asks Syria, Iraq to weekend summit

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In an apparent bid to counter U.S. influence in the region, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad invited his Iraqi and Syrian counterparts to a weekend summit in Tehran to tackle the chaos in Iraq, Iraqi lawmakers said Monday.

At least eight dead in Indian train bombing

CALCUTTA, India — A bomb exploded and tore through two cars of a passenger train Monday in a remote area of eastern India, killing at least eight people and wounding about 60 others, officials and Indian media said.

Doctors perform five-year kidney transplant

BALTIMORE — It took 12 surgeons, six operating rooms and five donors to pull it off, but five desperate strangers simultaneously received new organs in what a hospital official Monday described as the first-ever quintuple kidney transplant.

SPORTS



Broncos' Johnson to play against Nevada

BOISE — Boise State running back Ian Johnson says he will play against Nevada in the Broncos' final regular season game on Saturday, but will wear an armored jacket to protect two cracked ribs. "I feel great," Johnson told a Monday news conference.



BSU players, coach talking bowl game

BOISE — Boise State players and coaches have broken taboo and started talking about the prospect of playing in a Bowl Championship Series game. "It's on the line now," said Broncos coach Chris Petersen, discarding his long-standing custom of declining to address BCS possibilities.

Bengals sack football coaching staff

POCATELLO — To say Monday brought home a shock would be an understatement, but not for the reasons many may think.

Three CSI players sign with D1 programs

TWIN FALLS — Come Feb. 8 when the College of Southern Idaho baseball team first takes the field for the 2007 season, sophomores Grant Swolder, Jordan Latham and James Wallace are sure to impress college scouts.

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Sawtooth

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Those changes include closing motor vehicle access to Magpie Basin, a popular recreation spot. In July, Nannenga led Twin Falls and Cassia County commissioners and congressional representatives on a tour of the basin, where he showed them damaged areas where visitors had forged their own roads through grassy areas.

Another major proposed change is to convert the Birch Glen Campground to day use.

The goal, Nannenga said, is to slow increased sedimentation in Rock Creek. Recent data collected by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality show an almost two-fold increase in the creek's sediment levels between 2004 and 2006.

Neilsen

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could see what was there.

Neilsen, chairman and chief executive officer of Ameristar Casinos and owner of Neilsen and Company, a local real estate development and construction firm, died unexpectedly in his sleep Sunday at his home in Las Vegas. He was 65 years old. He is survived by his son, Ray, and stepdaughters Jaline and Amanda.

"I am deeply saddened by my dear friend and business partner, Neilsen, Ameristar board chair and vice president of operations and special projects, in a news release.

"He has left a lasting impact on the lives of so many others through his generosity and community spirit. I can't begin to express the great personal loss to me and my family, as well as to the entire Ameristar family."

Edmunds first met Neilsen in 1981 and worked on a number of projects with him, including the Big Wood development in Ketchikan, a resort complex in Salt Lake City, the renovation of the Lynwood Shopping Center, the Breckenridge residential subdivision, and the expansion of Cactus Pines that added a new tower and meeting facilities. They also worked together on the Canyon Park development, now home to a retail center and a number of restaurants.

Future development plans include a hotel and convention center.

Edmunds said he sometimes shook his head when Neilsen started talking about some future project he saw in his head.

"He would often do things that would drive other people crazy because you couldn't understand," Edmunds said.

But, Edmunds admitted, "He was always right."

Local developer and project engineer Gerald Martens provided engineering on a number of Neilsen's projects. Martens, who first worked with Neilsen in 1976, said he's not only lost a colleague, but a friend.

"I knew him very well," Martens said. "I was always impressed with his vision and perseverance — his ability to envision the highest and best

Bo heard

The U.S. Forest Service welcomes comments concerning management changes to Lower Rock Creek until the end of this year.

Contact: District Ranger, Minidoka Canger District, 3650 S. Owyband Ave., Burley, ID 83318

Or e-mail your comments to: comments_interim_sawtooth_minidoka@fs.fed.us

"The concerns at Rock Creek are sediment and bacteria," said Doug Howard with the DEQ.

The forest service suspects much of that increase can be traced to erosion caused by road traffic and camping along the creek.

After a public-input period and impact studies, the changes will likely be implemented in April or May, though Nannenga said several proposed changes not warranting an impact study may happen sooner.

The forest service welcomes comments from the public until the end of this year.

"We are very sincere in asking for people's ideas and suggestions on how to fix this problem," Nannenga said in a press release. "We don't have all the answers. We cannot allow this kind of deterioration to continue."

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Shooting

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said to Mr. Steel something like, 'What are you trying to prove,' then Mr. Steel pulled the trigger and shot Mr. Ramirez 'in the face,' the affidavit states.

Malberg to police: 'Mr. Malberg said he saw the Hispanic male grab the weapon. Mr. Malberg said at that point he turned his head and as he did so he heard a 'pop,' the affidavit states.

The pop also was heard by the bouncer, who said five minutes before he heard it, he had watched Steel and another white male walk toward a group of males.

The judge set Steel's preliminary hearing for Dec. 1.

Attorney Jeff Stoker (no relation to the judge), who represented the defendant in court Monday, suggested his client's family that other attorneys be hired for future hearings. When appealing for a lower bond, he also told the court the defendant's family lacked many resources.

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use of his properties, like his vision for the Canyon Park project — for upscale retail on the property and the current plan to realize a vision for the canyon rim hotel and trail development, with a convention center."

Martens said plans for the Canyon Park hotel and convention center were submitted last week to Twin Falls city planners for a design review. He expects the project will break ground sometime next year.

Martens said he last talked to Neilsen a week ago Thursday and that his death was a shock.

"We've had conference calls every week for 20 years," Martens said. "It was totally unexpected. He'd been working diligently on numerous projects and I felt he was as healthy and strong as he's been for many years. There was no indication he was having any problems."

Neilsen was born in 1941 to Ray and Gvnen Neilsen in Logan, Utah. The family later moved to Twin Falls, where Neilsen graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1959. He went on to the University of Utah, where he earned a master's degree in business administration and a law degree. Neilsen led the privately held casino hotel organization consisting of Cactus Pines Resort Casino and The Horseshoe, and in 1993, became chief executive officer of the newly created Ameristar. Under Neilsen's guidance, the privately held casino hotel organization grew to seven properties in Nevada, Mississippi, Iowa, Missouri and Colorado.

In November 1985, Neilsen's life was forever changed on the road from Jackson to Twin Falls when he was paralyzed in a wreck and confined to a wheelchair. A foundation was later established in his name that funds programs focusing on spinal cord injury research and rehabilitation, including programs at the University of Utah. Neilsen's national charity golf tournament, now in its second year, has raised more than \$1.7 million for The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis.

Mayor Lance Clow stopped in at Neilsen's Las Vegas home

about a year and a half ago to talk to him about the convention center project. Clow said they visited for an hour and a half on his last visit for the project for maybe 10 minutes. They spent the rest of the time talking about the 'Twin Falls High School Bruins, the College of Southern Idaho and other things happening in the Twin Falls community.

"I've told people that it's one of those encounters in your life you'll never forget," said Clow. "I'm doing research in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., when the Times-News reached him on his cell phone. 'I went there feeling I'd be intimidated, but he made me feel so warm and welcome. I think we built a friendship and I was so sad to hear we'd lost him.'"

Shawn Barigar, president and chief executive officer of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, said he also was shocked to hear of Neilsen's death.

Craig's companies Logan and Cactus Park and Cactus Pines — have been active members of our chamber for many years," Barigar said. "It's shocking and unexpected. I think Craig always had a warm place in his heart for his Twin Falls roots."

John M. Boushy will succeed Neilsen as chief executive officer of Ameristar. Gordon Kanofsky and Ray Neilsen will serve as co-chairmen of the Ameristar board.

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NATION

Three students killed in bus crash

By Desiree Hunter
Associated Press writer

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A bus carrying high school students smashed through a guardrail along an overpass Monday and crashed nose-first 30 feet below, killing three teenage girls and injuring at least 30 other people, several critically, authorities said.

Students on the school bus, which had no seat belts, were screaming when rescue workers arrived. "They were thrown all over the bus," said Huntsville Fire Chief Dusty Underwood. Some had to be pulled from the crushed front of the bus.

Two teenage girls died at the scene, and a third died at a hospital, police said.

Police Chief Ilex Reynolds said officers were looking for

a small car that apparently came close to or struck the bus, causing it to veer off the elevated section of Interstate 565. More than 30 students and the driver were taken to the hospital, he said.

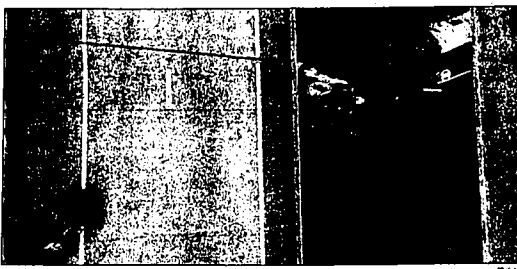
Some parents, seen on WJBF-TV their children called them from cell phones as soon as the bus hit the ground, and they rushed to the crash site. The bus was taking students from Huntsville's Lee

High School to the Center for Technology, where students can receive special science and math credits.

Authorities identified the dead as Christina Collier, 18, Nicole Ford, 17, and Tanesha Hill, whose age was not immediately available.

The police chief said hospital personnel were able to speak with the driver.

Hours after the wreck, a damaged red compact car remained on the interstate near where the bus plunged over the side. But it was not immediately clear if it was the vehicle mentioned by the police chief.



A school bus sits below the I-565 overpass, Monday, in Huntsville, Ala. The school bus, carrying more than 30 high school students, plunged 30 feet off an interstate Monday and overturned, killing three and injuring at least 30, seven of them critically, authorities said.



Defense attorney Bill Wilkinson, left, talks with Tom Noe after Noe's sentencing in the Lucas County Courthouse Monday, in Toledo, Ohio. Noe, a politically connected coin dealer, was sentenced to 18 years in state prison Monday for embezzling millions from a state investment in rare coins.

GOP fundraiser involved in Ohio rare-coin scandal gets 18 years in prison

By John Seewer
Associated Press writer

TOLEDO, Ohio — A GOP fundraiser who embezzled from a state investment in rare coins was sentenced Monday to 18 years in prison in a scandal that helped bring down Ohio's ruling Republican Party on Election Day.

Tom Noe, 52, was also fined \$139,000.

Noe spent money as if he had "a bottomless cup of wealth and luxury" at his disposal, "when in fact it was at the state's expense," Common Pleas Judge Thomas Osowik said.

The sentence handed out to the politically connected coin dealer will be on top of the more than two years he was ordered to serve after pleading guilty earlier this year to illegally funneling \$45,000 to President Bush's re-election campaign.

Noe was the central figure in a scandal that dogged the Ohio Republican Party for more than a year. On Election

Day, the Democrats won the governor's office, a Senate seat and other major offices after 12 years of GOP rule.

Up until Monday, prosecutors did not say whether Noe used any of the money to make campaign contributions. But after the sentencing, Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said, "You can make those inferences."

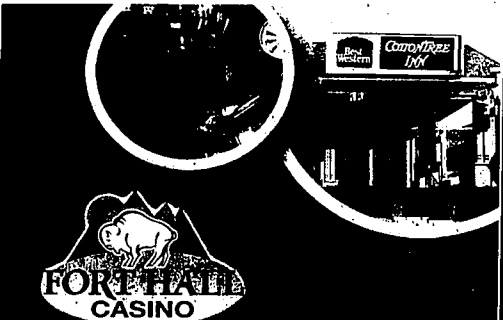
Also for the first time, prosecutors calculated that Noe stole \$13.7 million in all.

Noe was hired by the state workers' compensation agency and given \$50 million to invest in an unorthodox and risky attempt by a state government to make money buying and selling rare coins. A furor erupted when the rare-coin investment became public and when it was learned that millions of dollars were missing.

Democrats charged that Noe got the job because of his GOP ties. He was a top fundraiser who gave more than \$105,000 to Republicans, including Bush and Gov. Robert Taft in 2004.

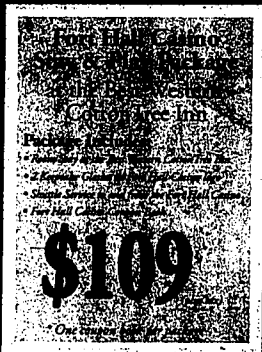
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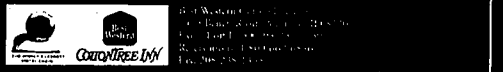
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12 surgeons, 10 hours, 10 patients: Johns Hopkins does first five-way kidney transplant

By Alex Dominguez
Associated Press writer

BALTIMORE — It took 12 surgeons, six operating rooms and five donors to pull it off, but five desperate strangers simultaneously received new organs in what hospital officials Monday described as the first-ever quintuple kidney transplant.

All five recipients — three men and two women — were doing fine, as were the five organ donors, all women, said Eric Vohr, a spokesman at the Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Transplant Center. The 10 participants came from Canada, Maine, Maryland, West Virginia, Florida and California.

Several triple transplants have been done at Johns Hopkins, but hospital officials said the five simultaneous transplants performed last Tuesday were a first.

Four of the sick patients had approached Johns Hopkins with a relative who was willing to donate a kidney but was an incompatible donor. The fifth patient had been on a waiting list for a kidney from a dead person.

Together, those nine people and an "altruistic donor" — someone willing to give a kidney to anyone who needed it — had enough matched kidneys among them to pull off a complex, five-way swap.

Once the swap was agreed to, the transplants were done all at the same time to prevent anyone from backing out later or in case someone fell ill.

Dr. Robert Montgomery, director of Hopkins' transplant center and head of the transplant team, pronounced the interlocking deal "a demonstration to the rest of the country that this is what's possible when people work together." Shella Thornton, 62, of Edgewood, said she felt "just joy, joy, it's almost inexplicable," after she learned she would receive a kidney from Sandra Loevner, 63, of Sarasota, Fla., whom she had never met.

"That really hit home,"

Elderly driver who killed 10 in accident sentenced

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — An 89-year-old man whose car hurtled through a farmers market, killing 10 people, was let off on probation Monday by a judge who said he believed the defendant deserved to go prison but was too ill.

George Russell Weller was convicted Oct. 20 of 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence in a case that renewed debate over whether elderly people should lose their driver's licenses.

Weller, confined to a sickbed, was not in court for his sentencing.

Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson said he agreed completely with the jury and called Weller's actions callous and showing "an enormous indifference to human life."

Weller was behind his 1992 Buick Le Sabre plowed at 192-foot speed into the crowded farmers market on July 16, 2003. In addition to the 10 killed, more than 70 people were injured.

Weller could have received up to 10 years in prison, but the judge said Weller's health problems, including severe heart disease, would make him a burden on prison authorities and taxpayers, and that imprisonment would most likely kill Weller.

Defense attorneys argued that Weller was a victim of "total control" in which he panicked and mistook the car's accelerator for the brake. Prosecutors said he was careless to the point of criminal negligence.

The judge noted that Weller had enough control of his vehicle to avoid cars and trucks within the farmers market.

Thornton said of receiving a lifesaving gift from a stranger. "How do you thank somebody?"

The altruistic donor, Honore Rothstein of Martinsburg, W.Va., decided to donate a kidney after losing her husband to a brain hemorrhage and her daughter to an overdose. She

did not know any of the donors or recipients.

"I'm thrilled I'm giving to somebody," Rothstein said, sitting next to Kristine Jantz, 40, of Bangor, Maine, who received her kidney. "Her mom couldn't give to her, and I couldn't save my daughter."

The operations involved six

operating rooms, 12 surgeons, 11 anesthesiologists, and 10 nurses, and took place over 10 hours. The removal of the donor organs began at 7:15 a.m. and was completed by 11 a.m. The kidneys were implanted in operations that began at 1 p.m. and were finished at 5:15 p.m.



Transplant surgeon Dr. Robert Montgomery is interviewed Monday, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. It took 12 surgeons, six operating rooms and five donors to pull it off, but five desperate strangers simultaneously received new organs in what hospital officials Monday described as the first-ever quintuple kidney transplant.

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EDITORIAL

North Rim Park already a hot local commodity

Anyone who's even faintly familiar with the geography of Magic Valley knows the territory due north of the Snake River Canyon holds unlimited potential.

Therein lies the solution for officials working to develop the land as North Rim Park. Rather than worry about the tourists and passers-by who don't know its value, officials should cater amenities and plans to those who are already in on the secret.

Our view:
Plans for North Rim Park wisely focus more on traditional users than potential tourists.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

For many years southern Idaho's regional tourism industry has studied long and hard on how to capture more visitors to the region. From Sun Valley to Shoshone Falls, or from Balanced Rock to Craters of the Moon, the attractions are many. But the central focus for that one promising draw can be elusive.

And so many Twin Falls officials have accepted the hard reality that the city is an attractive highway stopover in the high desert, but not the sexiest destination point on the map.

Perhaps that wisdom is carrying over into development of the North Rim Park. Rather than spend much time and effort on studying ways to attract visitors into the region with the land, officials are involving those who already use it.

Motorized users, hikers and pedestrians, and equestrian groups, all agree that the land owned by the Bureau of Land Management, but now leased to Jerome County, must be preserved with access for all — and tolerance of illegal dumping for none.

Traditionally all of those groups have been able to use the north rim to their liking, with limited regulation or management. But rampant abuse of the land, with littering and dumping, has been too difficult to stop.

So rather than reinvent this land, local officials have chosen to involve traditional users in the planning process, as has been done in a recent series of meetings. Going outside that circle would only give users the perception of that it was being locked up.

In the meantime, the key agencies groups involved in this development — Southern Idaho Tourism, Jerome County, BLM, and Idaho State Parks and Recreation — can always be mindful of ways to attract newcomers to the park. But that emphasis can probably be secondary to concentrating on current users.

The same process is valid with the city of Twin Falls as it continues developing the Auger Falls project. City parks officials have sought public feedback on what uses they should emphasize, and how access can be widened to all users.

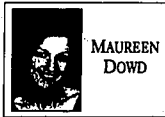
Both North Rim Park and Auger Falls represent park projects that may require decades of work and planning. As they now exist, both plots of land probably have little aesthetic value to a traveler traveling through the Magic Valley.

But to those who already live here, the possibilities are exciting and will certainly enhance the way of life in southern Idaho. Once that happens, the entire region — not just its tourism attractions — won't be a secret at all.



Idiocy crosses party lines in D.C.

Ted Olson, the former solicitor general and eloquent Republican lawyer who argued the Bush v. Gore case before the Supreme Court, was warming up the rabidly conservative Federalist Society crowd for John McCain with a few sexist cracks about Bofo.



MAUREEN DOWD

"The new Congress could amuse itself, he said, by 'searching for any sign of movement in Speaker Pelosi's forehead.' The Senate, he added, would be entertained by 'the expressionless, Pelosi-like forehead of Sen. Clinton.'

It reminded you of just how idiotic Republicans can act sometimes.

The only thing worse than hearing the first female speaker of the House flitted in such a lame way was seeing the first female speaker of the House flail around in her first big week in such a lame way.

It reminded you of just how idiotic Democrats can act sometimes.

Nancy Pelosi's first move, after the Democratic triumph, was to throw like a girl. Women get criticized in office for acting on relationships and past slights rather than strategy, so Madame Speaker wasted no time making her first move based on relationships and past slights rather than strategy.

Instead of counting votes behind closed doors or even

just choosing the best person for majority leader, Pelosi offered an argument along the lines of John Murtha's of yore. He's been nice to me. I don't like Steny. He did something a long time ago that was really, really bad that I'm never, ever going to tell you. And I'm the boss of you. So vote for John.

As the adage goes, if you shoot at the king, you'd better kill him. And if you're the queen and you shoot at your knight, you'd better kill him too, or you end up looking like a weak sister.

Democratic lawmakers, who should have been basking, were left baffled as Nancy, spanked by her flock, strained to make nice with Steny.

"I just wish Mom and Dad would get along so I don't have to split my weekends," moaned one.

Everyone in Washington was perplexed at Pelosi's ham-handed effort to sabotage not only Hoyer but her former friend and fellow Californian, Jane Harman. In what looks like another self-

defeating personality clash, she has been maneuvering to bypass the senior member of the House Intelligence Committee and give the chairmanship either to the ethically challenged Alcee Hastings of Florida or a compromise candidate, Silvestre Reyes of Texas.

Jane was very aggressive about going on TV, she was on TV so much she could have gotten a SAG card," said one top Democrat who knows both women. "Nancy resented that and felt Jane was lecturing attention away from her leadership role. That had a lot to do with poisoning the relationship."

Even Pelosi supporters pointed out that she was squandering her power, and hurting the image of the Democrats by making them look like Democrats. "The better way to do it is to just let your rival go ahead and win and then stir them of everything," said one. "All of a sudden their office is moved and their wires are disconnected and there's a PlaySkool phone on their desk, so that it's not even worth having the job anymore."

Even as the speaker was acting girlishly childish, John McCain was masochistically mauling the machismo president. In two speeches Thursday, he wooed the Republican base. "He's trying to be the leader of a party that hates his guts,"

said Bahm Emanuel, the new chairman of the House Democratic caucus.

McCain told a GOPAG dinner audience that he wants more troops in Iraq than even W. is willing to send.

"It is not fair or easy to look a soldier in the eye and tell him he must shoulder a rifle again and risk his life in a third tour in Iraq," he said. "But ask it we must. If, and I emphasize it, we have the will to win."

McCain is right that the deteriorating situation on the ground calls for more boots, and if troops start to withdraw, further chaos will ensue. But even many of the generals and hawks in his own party now believe that a lasting military victory is impossible, no matter how many troops America sends. The best that can be hoped for by the Republicans and McCain — who will have trouble running a cheer-leader for war in a nation sick of war and heart-sick at so many deaths — is that James Baker can fling a dignified exit.

Madame Speaker made the mistake of speaking out before she had counted her troops. The Arizona senator knows the body count in Iraq and is still calling for more troops.

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U.S.-Mexican border wall? What U.S.-Mexican border wall?

Remember the congressional vote to build a wall across part of the U.S.-Mexico border? Maybe it was all a con.

In September, the House of Representatives voted 283-138, and the Senate 80-19 to authorize about 700 miles of fencing. Mission accomplished for border security? Not quite. For one thing, the wall covered only a third of the U.S.-Mexico frontier. And, second, Congress only authorized the wall — it didn't fund it. (The cost is estimated as between \$4 billion and \$8 billion.) Those who spearheaded the September wall vote, including Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., were perfectly sincere. But come 2007, Tancredo & Co. will no longer be in charge. The chairmanship of the Homeland Security Committee, for example, will shift from Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., an immigration hawk, to Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., an immigration dove.

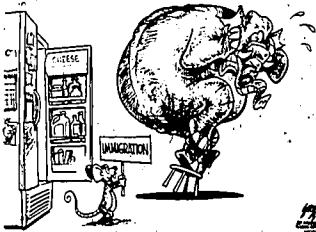
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Congress who voted against the wall two months ago. And on Monday he told United Press International that he was planning to "revisit" the wall issue, adding that he was more inclined toward a "virtual wall" — monitors, cameras and other surveillance systems. The question, of course, is whether Thompson's concepts of "revisitation" and "virtualization" are just dry code words for "elimination." Of course, Thompson is not operating in isolation. He is part of a substantial body of thought among hawk, to wit, Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., an immigration dove.

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reasons: First, words and phrases such as "multiculturalism" and "diversity is our strength" are written into the party's DNA. Second, the Democrats have concluded, not without reason, that new Hispanic immigrants are likely to vote Democratic. Over time, to be sure, Hispanics have a way of becoming more Republican. But, if so, that's a great argument for Democrats to keep the gates open for new folks.

And, third, plenty of Democrats adhere to a sort of United Nations-European Union approach to world affairs, believing that individual countries and their borders should be relegated to the dustbin of history.

So, by this reckoning, a "Great Wall" is simply an obstacle to the multiculturalization, Democratization, and denationalization of America.

Meanwhile, incoming

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and incoming Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. — both of whom, like Thompson, voted "nay" on the wall — are now loudly advocating "comprehensive" immigration reform.

"Comprehensive," of course, is one of those Washington buzzwords aimed at making the listener think that the "comprehensive" solution has covered all the angles.

In fact, it has: "Comprehensive" immigration reform is designed to be so complex and involuted — with a new category of "guest workers" and different paths to citizenship — that no ordinary American will be able to figure out what's really going on.

One might think that the Republican Party — the party that speaks of peace through strength, that pledges fidelity to traditional values, that sticks up for America's special role in the world — would have nothing to do with such a mad plan for weakening and transforming

America through unattended borders and warrant multiculturalism. Indeed, most grass-roots Republicans, joined by many Democrats, are alarmed by these globalist ideas.

But the Republican Party is top-down. And at the top sit President Bush, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and now Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., whom Bush named to the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee. All three are solidly pro-immigration. This trio even support a "guest workers" program, which would ensnare exactly the sort of two-tier labor system that Republicans fought against in the Civil War.

At his first post-election news conference, Bush said of "comprehensive" immigration reform, "It's an important issue and I hope we can get something done on it." So the fix is in. The wall is out. Get ready for a new America.

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And now, the other Milton Friedman

The death last week of Milton Friedman, the grandmaster of free-market economic theory, as *The New York Times* accurately labeled him, ended a great life. But there was another Milton Friedman many obituary writers overlooked, or mentioned only in passing, that may offer him an even greater legacy than his economic theories about limited government.



CAL THOMAS

In the last 10 years of his 94-year life, Friedman and his wife, Rose, dedicated themselves to school choice.

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Won't school choice hurt public schools by depriving them of needed funds? No, says Friedman. "Public schools pay attention when school choice is on the table." He cites Florida as an example, noting that after a school choice program began, "schools identified as failing are already publicizing their efforts to improve by hiring more teachers, increasing funds for at-school tutoring and lowering class sizes. One superintendent, Earl Lennard, even vowed to take a 5 percent pay cut if his county's schools received a failing grade." In other words, competition works in free markets and in school choice.

In Florida, Cleveland and Milwaukee, public schools have received more aid from the state and federal government for their public schools since voucher programs were implemented.

School choice works for the benefit of students, who ought to be the focus of education. Research shows that prior to receiving a voucher, the majority of participating students score well below the national average on standardized tests.

Statisticians and educational researchers from Harvard and the University of Houston conducted a re-analysis of the raw data compiled in an earlier study of the Milwaukee school choice program. They found that choice students benefit academically from the program, showing significant gains in both reading and mathematics by their fourth year of participation. And, according to John F. Witte, Troy D. Stier and Christopher A. Thorn, who conducted the initial Milwaukee study, "the parents of 'choice' kids are virtually unanimous in their opinion of the program: they love it. Parents are not only far more satisfied with their freely chosen private schools than they were with their former public schools, they participate more actively in their children's education now that they've made the move."

If school choice becomes the norm in America, it will be Milton Friedman's real legacy and every poor child who is liberated from a failed government school will owe him a lasting debt of gratitude.

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Confirm John Bolton

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Even as President Bush and Democrats cheerfully chatted about "working together" after last week's power-shifting election, an old fight was resuming over Senate confirmation of U.N. Ambassador John Bolton.

Bolton has been in the job for 15 months, but he has been working under a recess appointment made by President Bush while Congress was out of session. Bush took that path after Democrats blocked a floor vote on Bolton's confirmation. A majority of the Senate appeared ready to support Bolton, but there weren't quite 60 votes to end a Democratic filibuster.

In the interim, Bolton has proved he doesn't have horns. In fact, he has answered any question about whether he has the right temperament and diplomatic skills for the job. He has worked to build consensus on the world's response to North Korea's nuclear test, Iran's nuclear program, the Middle East conflict and genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

He also has won over a key Sen. George Voinovich, an Ohio Republican who voted against Bolton in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced in July that he would support the nomination now.

But Bolton looks like he will be a casualty of the coming Democratic takeover of the

Senate. His recess appointment expires when the next Congress convenes in January. President Bush has resubmitted Bolton's nomination, hoping for a vote this week. But Democrats won't budge. "I think we should go to the things that we can work together on," Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Sunday.

In other words, the "bipartisanship" rhetoric didn't even survive a week.

Bolton has played the role of a proper diplomat, but he has also been blunt about the tremendous need for U.N. reform in the wake of the oil-for-food scandal and the world body's continued coddling of police states on agencies such as the Commission on Human Rights.

Bolton should be blunt about U.N. reform, a message the body doesn't like to hear. Such distinguished past ambassadors as Democratic Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Republican Jeanne Kirkpatrick also were criticized for tough talk on occasion, even when their position proved to be right on point.

It is a bad time to have uncertainty about U.S. leadership at the United Nations, with matters such as Iran and North Korea before the body. If Democrats want to put some heat behind their post-election rhetoric about working with the White House, they will recognize that Bolton has proved himself in the job. And they will allow the Senate to vote on his confirmation.

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P165/70R-14BW	52.29	P185/70R-14BW	54.40	215/55R-13BW	96.89
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L1725/70R-15	E 94.39	L1745/70R-16	C 136.77	225/70R-16	E 106.53
285/70R-15	E 108.90	L1745/70R-16	E 151.59	245/70R-16	E 109.46
215/70R-18	E 113.70	L1755/70R-16	E 145.85	255/70R-16	E 122.45
225/70R-16	E 104.90	L1755/70R-16	E 153.18	285/70R-17	E 129.71
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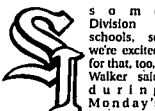
Three CSI players sign with D1 programs

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Come Feb. 8 when the College of Southern Idaho baseball team first takes the field for the 2007 season, sophomores Grant Kveder, Jordan Latham and James Wallace are sure to impress college scouts. They just won't have to.

Golden Eagles head coach Boomer Walker announced Monday that the trio of players recently signed national letters-of-intent to play for NCAA Division I programs during the 2008 season.

"We're real excited with what these guys are doing and we'll have a couple more guys with opportunities to go to



Division schools. So we're excited for that, too," Walker said during Monday's booster luncheon.

Kveder, a steady third baseman from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, will join the Gonzaga University Bulldogs in Spokane, Wash., after his sophomore season at CSI. As a freshman, Kveder hit .301 with 18 RBIs and 32 runs scored as one of the major lynchpins in the top of the CSI batting order. He also stole eight bases on as many attempts. He will join a Bulldogs team that fin-

ished 29-24 during the 2006 season.

Latham will head to Arizona State University, where he will bolster the Sun Devils' bullpen. The right-handed pitcher from Boise earned his spot as the Golden Eagles' top reliever in 2006, finishing with a 2-2 record with a 2.17 ERA and seven saves in 37 1/3 innings pitched. He struck out 33 batters and held opposing hitters to a .212 batting average.

Latham will join a Sun Devils team coming off a 37-21 season that ended with a 7-2 loss to Baylor University (Texas) in the Houston Regional of the 2006 NCAA Tournament. Head coach Pat Murphy's team is a perennial

contender in the Pac-10 conference.

Wallace will join the University of New Mexico in 2008. The Lobos finished 30-29 and 15-15 in the Mountain West Conference last season. Wallace split time between the CSI bullpen and starting rotation in 2006, compiling a 3-2 record in 15 appearances. He finished with a 2.35 ERA in 30 2/3 innings pitched and struck out 46 batters as a CSI freshman.

The Golden Eagles finished the 2006 season with a 41-19 record and a runner-up finish in the Region 1B Tournament. CSI opens the season at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at Phoenix College in Phoenix, Ariz.

Esteban plans to return

Also Monday, CSI head volleyball coach Hilt Carlister announced that freshman libero Chancelle Esteban plans to return for her sophomore season with the Golden Eagles. The fan-favorite libero led CSI with 415 digs as a freshman, good enough for a 3.88 digs per game average. The native of Hawaii Kai, Hawaii, helped the Golden Eagles to a 29-14 record and second-place finish in the Pacific West Athletic Conference standings.

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Idaho State sacks Lewis

By Mark Lipink
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — To say Monday brought home a shock would be an understatement, but not for the reasons many may think.

At an afternoon press conference, Idaho State University Athletic Director Paul Bubb announced that head football coach Larry Lewis and his entire staff had been fired after the Bengals' 2-9 season.

What made the move surprising was the fact that Lewis has two years remaining on his contract and it's assumed that the university will have to compensate the coach for them. With contract down and finances somewhat tight, coming up with the money for the remaining years is an interesting subplot to the move.

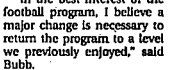
"In the best interest of the football program, I believe a major change is necessary to return the program to how we previously enjoyed," said Bubb.

Bubb also added that the visitation with new university president Art Brinkley had supported the decision. The search for the new coach will begin immediately.

The bottom line according to Bubb, when everything was said and done, it was a performance, which has slipped significantly over the past three seasons.

"Decisions like this are never easy, but this was certainly true in this case," he said. "While I respect a number of things Coach Lewis and his staff have accomplished, the recent records have not met expectations and I believe a change at this time is the best way to correct this situation."

This is the second major coaching change that Bubb has made in his first 100 days on the job. Last season he replaced men's basketball coach Doug Oliver, who resigned and was replaced by Joe O'Brien, a three-time national champion and third most by a head coach in program history. His 2002 team shared the Big Sky Conference title with Montana and Montana State and then his 2003 club went out and won another eight games.



Since then however, things went south. The last three years ISU had a combined win-loss record of 1-10 in 10 games to some of the worst teams in the conference. Attendance was down, and fans started voicing their disapproval on the call in show on local radio. This year local media criticism picked up, with columnist advocating the firing of the offensive and defensive coordinator and lamenting over the lack of local recruiting.

Expectations were very high coming into this season as University of Michigan transfer Matt Gutierrez was under contract for his first year. An explosive offense was coming back. But the season began to slip away as costly mistakes, injuries and an unimpressive defense began to get shredded

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Bowling, anyone?



Boise State receiver Jerard Rabh pulls in a touchdown pass during the first half of Saturday's game against Utah State in Boise.

Boise State players, coach talking about a bowl game

By Keith Riddler
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Boise State players and coaches have broken taboo and started talking about the prospect of playing in a Bowl Championship Series game.

"It's on the line now," said Broncos coach Chris Petersen, discarding his longstanding custom of declining to address BCS possibilities. "This has been a goal from way back when."

All season the Broncos have simply said "one game at a time." After routing Utah State 49-10 Saturday, that's what it's come down to.

The Broncos (11-0, 7-0 Western Athletic Conference) captured at least a share of the league title with the win over the Aggies (1-10, 1-6). Boise State could claim the title outright and their second undefeated regular season in

three years if they win at Nevada (6-3, 5-2) on Saturday.

"The main thing for us is to not overlook Nevada," said line-backer Corey Hall. "If they beat us our BCS dreams are pretty much down the drain. Everybody on our team — that's in the front of everybody's mind. Without that game we're not going anywhere."

Rather than a high-profile BCS game, the Broncos would likely return to Bronco Stadium for the MPC Computers Bowl, where they were last season 27-21 to Boston College. That was the last time Boise State lost a game and is one of two losses for the Broncos in their last 53 games on the distinctive blue turf.

The Broncos moved up one spot to No. 12 in The Associated Press poll on

Sunday and one spot to No. 11 in the BCS standings.

They have to finish No. 12 or better in the BCS standings to automatically qualify for one of the big-money bowl games. They would become only the second team from a non-BCS conference to achieve that goal, following the 2004 Utah team.

"We've been saying all year we'd go to take it one game at a time," said wide receiver Jerard Rabh. "Now it's finally here."

Boise State is one of two undefeated Division I-A teams remaining, the other being Ohio State, No. 1 in both the AP poll and the BCS standings.

But the Broncos play in a mid-major conference and have had a relatively favorable schedule this season. Their biggest wins have been

at home against Oregon State of the Pac-10 Conference and WAC foe Hawaii, No. 25 in the AP.

Even WAC Commissioner Karl Benson has said a national title game is not realistic for a WAC team.

But those were hardly considerations on Saturday when the Broncos were penalized twice for excessive celebrations after touchdowns, the first when Legedu Nancee threw the football into the stands after catching a touchdown pass, and the second when Quinton Jones jumped into the stands after running for a score.

"We know what's on the line" said quarterback Jared Zabransky, who is 31-5 as a starter, about Saturday's game against Nevada. "We said every week we're zero and zero and this is our season. But truly, this is our season."

Howard wins National League MVP award

NL MVP Votes

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Ryan Howard, PHI	20	12	1	33
Albert Pujols, STL	12	49	1	347
Lance Berkman, HO			21	230
Carlos Beltran, N.Y.	1	5	212	218
Miguel Cabrera, DET		2	170	172
Carlos Soriano, WAS			1	106
Jose Reyes, N.Y.			1	98
Chase Utley, PHI			1	98
David Wright, N.Y.			1	70
Trevor Hoffman, SD			48	48
Albert Pujols, STL			20	20
Carlos Delgado, N.Y.			23	23
Nomar Garciaparra, LA			18	18
Rafael Furcal, LA			11	11
Bartolo Colon, CO			10	10
Matt Holliday, CO			10	10
Aramis Ramirez, CH			5	5
Freddy Sanchez, PIT			4	4
Chris Carpenter, STL			3	3
Clayton Kershaw, L.A.			3	3
Johnny Damon, BOS			2	2
Jeffrey Loria, CIN			2	2
Bronson Arroyo, PHI			1	1
Jason Bay, PIT			1	1

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

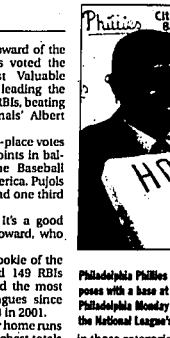
NEW YORK — Ryan Howard of the Philadelphia Phillies was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player on Monday after leading the majors in home runs and RBIs, beating out the St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols for the honor.

Howard received 20 first-place votes and 12 seconds for 388 points in balloting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Pujols got 12 firsts, 19 seconds and one third for 347 points.

"It's definitely a relief. It's a good birthday present," said Howard, who turned 27 Sunday.

Howard, the 2005 NL Rookie of the Year, had 58 homers and 149 RBIs while batting .313. He had the most homers in the major leagues since Barry Bonds hit a record 73 in 2001.

He set Phillies records for home runs and RBIs, producing the highest totals



for a second-year player. Twenty-three of Howard's homers put the Phillies ahead in tied games, and the Phillies went 32-18 in games in which he homered.

Howard didn't make it up to the major leagues for good until July 1, 2005, when Jim Thome went on the disabled list.

"It's been a fun ride," he said. "You can't really just sit there and kind of dwell on what's gone on in the past and all that kind of stuff and what's going to happen as far as being traded or what. My future was with the Phillies. The only thing I could have done was just go out and play and let everything else just kind of sort itself out."

Howard may have been helped by Philadelphia's surprising second-half push. He hit .355 with 30 homers and 78 RBIs in second half of the Philadelphia fell three wins short of the NL wildcard berth.

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Market Watch

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Nasdaq composite	+8.96
2,452.72	
Standard & Poor's 500	-0.70
1,400.50	
Russell 2000	+2.15
790.62	

Stocks of local interest

Company	close	change
Con Agr	24.98	▼ .24
Cell Inc.	24.55	▼ .22
Geopac	39.75	▼ .33
Lithia Mo.	26.95	▲ .10
Micron	14.48	▲ .09
Supervalu	34.03	▲ .02

Commodities

Commodity	close	change
Dec. Oil	58.80	▼ .17
(light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	87.42	▼ .1
Nov. gold	621.2	▼ .3

For more, see page B5

Medical assistants group to meet tonight

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Medical Assistants will meet at 6 tonight, in Room 176 of the Aspen Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Bill Southwick, director of behavioral at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will speak on conflict management and communications.

Nominations sought for chamber board

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for four seats on its chamber board of directors.

The three-year terms will begin in January. Any employee of a chamber member business in good standing is eligible to run for election. Directors are responsible for the supervision of the chamber and the direction of its work and policymaking. The board controls the chamber's property and is responsible for the organization's finances and direction of the chamber's affairs, according to the chamber's newsletter. The board meets monthly and directors also attend selected chamber functions, committee meetings and activities as needed.

Those interested in running for one of the seats should e-mail chamber President and Chief Executive Officer Shawn Barigar at shawn@twinfallschamber.com. Please include your name, business name and contact information. Self-nominations are allowed and nominations are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 1. Proxy ballots will be mailed in mid-December to chamber members for the election. Members will vote at the chamber's annual meeting in January.

Class about eBay offered

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering "Buying and Selling Online on eBay" from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 30 through Dec. 14, in Evergreen C33 at CSI.

Students will learn how to get into the e-Bay community step-by-lands-on-step. In addition to registration and the checkout process, they will learn why they need to be successful, must-have equipment, shipping and handling costs, setting up an online electronic pay program and restrictions involved with the service. Participants will actually list an item they own on e-Bay. For more information or to register, call 732-6442 or visit www.ccsi.edu/communityed.

— Staff reports

Spud farmers see another profitable year

By Scott Kraus
For the Times-News

POCATELLO — Idaho's potato farmers are enjoying their second straight year of profitable returns. In large part due to supply management provided by the United Potato Growers of Idaho, said the cooperative's chief executive and president.

"When in your lifetime have you had two successful potato years in a row?" Jerry Wright asked about 100 people at United's annual meeting Nov. 15 in Pocatello. "You created this."

Grower returns the last two years have been above the production cost of \$6 to \$6.50 per hundredweight, which includes debt-financing costs, he said.

Grower returns on the industry-standard Russet Burbanks since Nov. 1 this year are at \$6.36 per hundredweight, he said. And there's potential for that price to go higher, once the last of large Norkotah potatoes weighing on the market are cleared out. In 2005, grower returns on Burbanks averaged \$6.67 a sack.

Those numbers are up from 2004, when they averaged \$2.52 a sack, he said. That year, many farmers had to drain equity from their land and equipment to stay in business. Poor returns that year spurred the formation of United, which is based in Idaho Falls, in November 2004. It's made a difference, he said.

"You changed the game rules," Wright said. "Once you controlled what you planted, markets began to reach equilibrium."

To maintain that balance in 2007, the cooperative has asked its large-acreage members to cut plantings by 15 percent from the state's 2004 fresh-potato base of about 165,000 acres. That comes to around 21,750 acres.

That is the same amount the cooperative cut for this year. It originally planned to cut 10 percent, but increased it when it saw the 10 percent reduction wasn't enough, he said.

Likewise, the 15 percent cut for 2007 will help the cooperative's 325 members — who operate about 80 percent of fresh acres, 95 percent of seed acres and 70 percent of process acres

"When in your lifetime have you had two successful potato years in a row?"

— Jerry Wright,
United Potato Growers
of Idaho's CEO

in Idaho — prevent an oversupply that would crash prices, he said.

The reduction will offset slightly higher yields — 371 sacks per acre this year compared to a projected 374 sacks an acre next year — and rapidly declining at-home consumption of potatoes.

United chapters in most other major potato-growing states, and all Canadian growers, have also agreed to cut acreage by 15 percent from their 2004 base, Wright said.

Individual growers, however, can plant more land if they agree to pay \$50 per acre on their 2004 fresh-potato base acreage, Wright said. United

will use that money to buy out land elsewhere to keep the overall reduction at 15 percent.

And the cooperative's small-acreage members, who grow up to 400 acres, would not have to cut by 15 percent, since a minimum acre is needed to cover fixed costs. Instead, they'd just need to plant no more land than they did last year, he said.

In other news, Idaho has increased its share of the fresh-potato market by close to half a share point, even as other states saw their share of the fresh-market drop, Wright said. That's because Idaho's identity for its potatoes has proved itself now that the oversupply has been eliminated.

"Idaho's got a very strong brand, and they've got an exceptional quality image throughout the United States," he said.

Further, companies that make dehydrated potato products may need to contract for acreage in 2007 to ensure they've got enough potatoes, Wright said.

And farmers who contract to grow spuds for french-fry makers have already benefited, said

Dan Hargraves, executive director of the Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative. Hargraves, who attended the meeting, said contract-prices negotiated by SIFCO have risen about 80 cents per hundredweight in the last couple of years, which is unusual. But it's because french fry companies can no longer rely on an oversupply of spuds from the fresh market to help meet their needs.

For many farmers, United has made a big difference, said Bill Loughmiller, who grows spuds near Heyburn. And he hopes it maintains its focus on improving grower prices.

"I just want them to keep doing what they've been doing," he said.

The higher prices that United helped bring about can maintain the existing generation of potato farmers and open opportunities for the next generation, said Carl Taylor.

The unifying effect of United has given most growers more hope," said Taylor, who farms spuds near Idaho Falls. "And if we all pull together, we should be able to maintain profitability."

FAST CHIP MAKER



In this photograph provided by Micron Technology Inc., Steve Appleton, CEO of Boise-based chip maker Micron Technology exits his race vehicle on Friday in La Paz, Mexico, after winning the Baja Challenge class of the SCORE Teateca Baja 1000 race.

Micron CEO wins class in Baja 1000, plans return

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press Writer

BOISE — Steve Appleton, CEO of U.S. chip maker Micron Technology, has added desert road race champion to his moonlighting resume of stunt-plane pilot and motocross racer, winning his vehicle class in a grueling 1,000-mile off-road race down Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

Appleton won the 20-car Baja Challenge Class of the SCORE Teateca Baja 1000, completing the 1,047-mile run from Ensenada to La Paz late Friday in 25 hours and 25 minutes, 30 minutes ahead of his nearest competitor.

"No mechanicals, no flats, and never got lost," said Appleton, who alternated driving and navigating with his brother, Chris, in the identically prepared Subaru-powered Baja touring cars that comprise the entry-level class of desert racing's premier event.

"Our intercom didn't work," he said. "We didn't have one argument. We didn't talk to each other the whole time. Hand signals. That's it."

Appleton's car was one of four driven in the race by executives of Boise-based Micron, the largest U.S. manufacturer of DRAM memory chips for personal computers. Micron team vehicles were equipped with on-board digital image sensors to capture the entire race on a series of 8-gigabyte flash memory cards. Sensors on each car recorded both a cockpit view and a forward-looking race course view.

Three of the four Micron vehicles were among the 234 official finishers of the race, which includes classes for professional racers, pickup trucks, motorcycles and ATVs. A race-record 431 vehicles started the race Thursday, but nearly 200 did not finish due to mechanical failures and other problems.

Micron spokesman Dan Francisco said Monday the company was still analyzing the integrity of the video captured during the race, but said clips from the car cameras were being provided to NBC Sports for inclusion in the scheduled Dec. 10 national television broadcast of the

SCORE Baja 1000.

Appleton originally considered equipping professional racers' cars with the Micron on-board video recorders, but then decided to have the company's own executives drive the vehicles to field-test the endurance of solid-state chips manufactured for digital cameras, cell-phone cameras and automotive back-up video systems.

Appleton, who was injured in a July 2004 crash while performing a loop in one of his stunt planes, began the Baja Challenge class as the 16th starter, then advanced to 3rd place at San Felipe and moved into 1st place at Bahia de Los Angeles. After finishing, he said he was tired of sitting in the same seat for 24 hours and wanted "to go ride my motorcycle for a while."

But he added he's considering a return Baja 1000 run in a tougher class.

"When you get a Trophy Truck running by you, you wish you had one of those," Appleton said. "That will be our campaign next year, probably, or a Class 1. We probably will."

Stocks close mixed amid merger news

By Tim Paradz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street was mixed in an erratic session Monday after a flurry of merger news failed to erase investors' concerns that a recent run-up has left stocks overbought.

Monday's merger agreements, including a deal by Freeport-McMoan Copper & Gold Inc. to acquire Phelps Dodge Corp. for \$26 billion, totaled more than \$50 billion in activity. While the deals indicate companies are optimistic about the future, investors appear unconvinced about the health of the economy and were more cautious than usual given the spate of merger announcements. The buyout news battled with a sense that stocks were due for a pullback after the major indexes rose more than 1 percent last week.

Matthew Smith, vice president and portfolio manager at Smith Affiliated Capital, contends investors could be wary of sending stocks much higher and in many cases will simply try to hold their gains until the end of the year.

"I just don't think right now it's warranted to take more risk on given the moves we've had. We might see trending sideways," he said.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was down 26.02, or 0.21 percent, at 12,316.54. Earlier in the session the Dow hit another trading high of 12,355.23.

Broadest stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed down 0.70, or 0.05 percent, at 1,400.50, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 8.86, or 0.28 percent, to 2,452.72.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.60 percent from 4.61 percent late Friday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Light, sweet crude fell 17 cents to \$58.80 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

An overall drop in oil prices has helped lift investor sentiment about the ability of the economy to pull off a soft landing. That notion helped the Dow achieve four straight record closes last week and helped push the S&P to close at a six-year high Friday.

TRADITION INTACT



Nineteen-week-old turkeys are shown on the Clayton Stragham farm near Turkey, N.C., Wednesday. The new Butterball LLC, formed when Cosgrove Foods Inc. sold the iconic brand to privately held Coolidge Turkey in October, claims consumers won't notice the change this Thanksgiving. Even the famous Turkey Talk-Line will retain its personality. But what was once the nation's fourth-largest turkey producer suddenly is No. 1, and it no longer has to worry about developing a brand name as it expands its consumer base.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

OK, CHILDREN... WHAT IS THE REAL PURPOSE OF SCHOOL BUSING?
 YES, JOHNNY?
 IT'S THE MOBILE CLASSROOM FROM WHICH WE LEARN THE FACTS OF LIFE.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

AND WHEN I CAME AROUND THE CORNER, I ALMOST FELL INTO A TRIPWIRE...
 THAT'S RIGHT, A THIRD-GRADER!!
 I GUESS YOU HAD TO BE THERE...
 HAVE YOU FEEL A THIRD-GRADER LATELY? THEY'RE MUGGY!

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

OLD TYME UN' I DON'T GET THE VIBE BEEN HERE. NO GOT CLASS PICTURES 'N' OXIDATION...
 OK, OK, OK. WHILE I'M INTERESTING EVERYTHING'S GOING DOWN...
 SO, YOU WANT YOUR PETS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF YOUR HOOD OR THE RIGHT?
 ARE YOU STUPID?
 IS SERVOUS AS I COME WITH I RED NOSE AND I GOTTY FEET!

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

FOR THE LAST TIME MEGAN, SHE WON A BLUE RIBBON AT THE IMPERIAL VALLEY FAIR...
 HEARD HER LEGS ARE TIED HERE.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

DOES MARKETING HAVE ANY DATA ON CUSTOMER PREFERENCES?
 ERRR GRUNT!
 THIS IS DISTURBING ON SO MANY LEVELS.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

BOOK OF SEVEN, ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT IT'D BE A MISTAKE IF SOMEONE WOULD BRING WITH LIMITED OFFERS...
 THE MILITARY IS FOR VOLUNTEERS, YOU KNOW. PEOPLE WITH LIMITED OFFERS...
 AND DON'T HAVE A TUBER ON THAT...
 THIS IS AN ETHICS CLASS!
 IN MY PANTS, I'M A LITTLE BIT...
 HEY! YOU'RE IN THE PANTS!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Treios

TRY IT NOW!
 HERE GOES!
 VROOM!
 HEY! IT'S RUNNING!
 WHAT WAS IT?
 Short in distributor is purring now like a cat, yes?
 A less-than-perfect runner's wife, but she's a whiz with engines.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

AT FIRST I THOUGHT HE WASN'T AS GOOD AS LET ME GO...
 I SCREAMED FOR HELP...
 BUT ONE OF MY FRIENDS...
 HE KNOWS ANYBODY WHO COULD HELP ME...
 HE'S SO EASY ON ME...
 HE PUNISHED HIM TO THE GROUND!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WE ONLY GO AROUND ONCE... AND I DON'T CORNER WORTH A DARN.

Luann By Greg Evans

THE 4 STAGES OF PLANNING: STAGE 1: WHO'S DRINKING? STAGE 2: GIMME LOTS OF EVERYTHING! STAGE 3: I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING! STAGE 4: WHEN'S THE BEST TIME TO START?

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

I'M DRAWN TWO WEEKS AHEAD AND DIDN'T REALIZE THAT NOVEMBER 11 HAD PASSED ME BY...
 BUT THAT'S NOT GONNA STOP ME...
 BECAUSE WHEN YOU REALIZE TO WHOM WE OWE OUR FREEDOM...
 EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY.
 Thanks, Dad, AND EVERY VETERAN!

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

DAD, HOW DID YOU KNOW WHEN YOU FIRST LOVED MOM?
 Eet was beautiful! Eet was Full moon. We set by lake and watch beautiful Swans swim by.
 DID YOU KISS HER?
 No. She too busy killing swans.
 HOW ROMANTIC!
 Eet was love at first death fall.

Pickles By Brian Crane

A NEW PAINTING?
 YES, I'M EXPERIMENTING WITH ALTERNATIVE PIGMENTS.
 I'M HOPEING IT WILL HELP ME LOOSE UP AS AN ARTIST.
 WHAT'S IN THAT GLASS?
 PRUNE JUICE.
 DO YOU MIND?
 NO, NOT AT ALL.
 OOH, NICE! I'M A MUCH LOSER.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Bracken

WILL GET YOU NEVER EXPECTED YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW TO GET A MOTOR HOME, HOW, JIMBO?
 IT'S A BEAUTY!
 WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A TEST DRIVE?
 OF COURSE!
 I FIND THAT IT RUNS BETTER ON A FULL TANK JIMBO! I'LL PUT IT UP WITH THESE!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

WHAT'S IN THE BOX, JEREMY?
 I GOT A NEW PAIR OF SHOES.
 CAN I SEE THEM?
 SURE.
 LET ME GO GET THE OTHER ONE.
 ON A RELATED SUBJECT, OUR GROSSERY BILL DOUBLED AGAIN THIS MONTH.

Birthday today? Lady Luck smiles on you

IF NOV. 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Lady Luck is smiling in your direction right now so take advantage of opportunities, accept offers and don't be afraid to ask for favors. The people who are rooting on your side of the playing field are close by to champion your cause and the opposition can't get a foot in the door. Anything you launch now has a good chance of being a stunning success. Between the end of August and the end of September, play fair and refrain from starting anything important.

GEMINI (March 21-April 19): A friend in need is a friend indeed. Perform some good deeds. A new connection formed under these stars could turn out to be a lifelong buddy whom you can count on through thick or thin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Super-size your requests or actions. There is no reason to be timid or to scale down your wants and needs. The only way you will ever achieve success is by asking for it — and for the moon, too!

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21):

Non Sequiter By Wiley

I ALWAYS WONDERED HOW YOU GUYS WENT INTO HIBERNATION

Strange Brew By John Deering

I DON'T FEEL WELL.

HOROSCOPE
 Jeraldine Saunders

model among those you admire and find out what makes him or her tick.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be a savvy shopper. If thoughts of home and family are filling your heart, why not think about some early Christmas shopping? This is the time to create a shopping list and plan your spending.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Crush feuds and disputes like a soda can. The "big" guy who remains impervious to doubts — and is faithful and sincere — can afford to be generous. Follow your heart for the best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): To thine own self be true. You owe it to yourself to gather all the facts and learn as much as you can. Stop trying to please all the others in your life when your piggy bank is at stake.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Extend a hand in sincere friendship. All are brothers and sisters under the skin, no matter the surface differences. You could hook up with someone who proves to be a true peach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

nothing wrong with being suspicious of an offer that seems too good to be true. But when opportunity knocks, you had best run to the door because it won't knock twice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Good advice seems to grow on trees and is ripe for picking. Your loyal friends and trusted companions might give you the benefit of their experience and objective reasoning powers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take your commitments to heart. Get hardheaded when it comes to money and responsibility. The lure of the once-in-a-lifetime deal might look less appealing under shrewd scrutiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Be your own best friend. You may experience a conflict between the desire to be in a relationship and the need to prove you can stand on your own two feet as an independent person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let the inner artist take control. You can start on a blank canvas or embellish an existing situation. Make your life a masterpiece by exercising good taste and making wise decisions.

Battle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

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



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



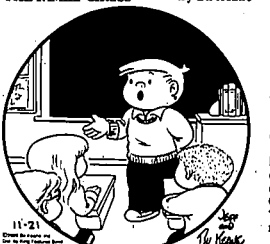
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Hosts stand firm with guests who ignore RSVP

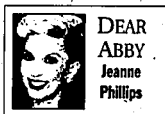
DEAR ABBY: I could only sympathize after reading the letter from "Fired in Kentucky" (10/9). The mother of the bride who was having trouble with the RSVPs.

At my daughter's wedding we had the same problem. In the end, we had 14 no-shows out of a planned attendance of 79, which at \$57 a head for dinner, drinks, champagne toast and appetizers was a lot of money spent for nothing.

I was particularly offended because some of their excuses were poor—for example, they decided at the last minute to do something better. People apparently don't realize that you have to give a number to the caterer at least a week ahead. You then need to pay for that number of guests whether they show up or not.

I think I have found the answer, though. My next catered party, I'm going to call a week ahead, and if they don't know if they're coming or not, I'm telling them I'll take that as a no. I have learned that the minute you take something away, they want it. Maybe I can train my guests this way. If not, I'll eliminate them from future guest lists.

DEAR MARY: That letter touched a nerve with a lot of readers. It appears that a large segment of the population either never learned good



DEAR ABBY Jeane Phillips

people showing up to eat. The doorman also added to the formality of the occasion.

—MELINDA IN GEORGIA

DEAR ABBY: Here's my solution. It serves me well and always works. I hit upon it when my kids were little, and we never knew whether to expect 10 or 30 for a party.

I send out invitations for the occasion with the date—but not the time. For a wedding, I would give the date and time, but color the location and add the word "only" on the invitations to those who are not encouraged to bring a guest. I also note, "We'll miss you if you cannot RSVP by (1) To anyone too busy to call within the two weeks I give them, we extend our sincere and heartfelt regrets if they do call late.

This may seem a bit harsh, I know, but it is done with a bit of humor, and no one to date has fussed. They all know they should respond within a given time, and we have wonderful turnouts to all our parties and such.

Thanks, Abby. You and I have coffee together every morning, and I have learned so much from you and your readers!

—SHALIMAR IN SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

DEAR SHALIMAR: How sweet! So have I.

manners in the first place, or has chosen to ignore them. Your solution to the problem is a clever one. Read on for some other solutions to the RSVP problem:

DEAR ABBY: We attended a wedding where the name of each guest who had responded by the given date was put on a list. After the ceremony, there was a closed reception in an upscale ballroom. The doorman had a final list—and the guests had to sign in before entering the room. If you weren't on the list, you didn't attend the reception.

The doorman was the person giving out the bad news. You couldn't even see the bride and groom. It was done very politely and respectfully to those who had to be turned away, but it was clear that they weren't allowed to enter because they had failed to respond by the date.

I thought it was a nice way to handle the situation. The bride and groom weren't put on the spot and weren't blindsided by an "overcount" of

Mae West was also a playwright

This day in history: On Nov. 21, 1980, Louisiana's Lake Peigneur suddenly disappeared into a huge crater. A Texaco crane drilling for oil on the lake's bottom had struck a salt mine a half-mile down. In three hours, a whirlpool sucked the entire 1,300-acre lake into the ground along with five houses, nine barges, eight tugboats, two oil rigs, and a mobile home. Luckily, there was no serious injury or loss of life, but more than 200 mineworkers lost their jobs.

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Forget T. Rex and the Megasauros—the largest animal that has ever lived on Earth is the blue whale. When fully grown, it measures up to



RANDOM KINDS OF FITNESS Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

100 feet long.

Chicle, used in chewing gum, is the dried sap of the sapodilla tree.

The screw goes back to the 20th century B.C. Philosopher and mathematician Archimedes of Tarentum is often credited for "inventing" the wooden screws used for exerting pressure in wine and olive oil presses. Metal screws and bolts didn't appear for nearly 2,000 years. In the 15th century, people finally figured out how to mass-produce them.

Screw head shapes come in rather interesting names: countersunk, cheese head, button head, pan head, and mirror head, to name a few. Do we all look like Barbie

yet? According to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, the top 10 procedures were, in order, botulinum injections ("Botox"), microdermabrasion, laser lipolysis, laser hair removal, chemical peel, liposuction, vein removal, breast augmentation, changes to eyelids and rhinoplasty (nose) and facelift. If you can beat 'em, join 'em anyway! After Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana successfully wiped out the defenders at the Alamo, he fell out of favor with the Mexican government and went into exile in New York City.

In 1906, Frank Fleer invented the first bubble gum, but the only way to get the ultra-sticky stuff off skin was by vigorous scrubbing with turpentine, so it never made it to market.

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'Kramer' spews racial slurs during routine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Richards stunned a comedy club audience, shouting racial epithets at people who heckled him during a stand-up routine.

The 57-year-old actor-comedian, best known for playing Jerry Seinfeld's eccentric neighbor Kramer on the hit TV show "Seinfeld," was performing at the Laugh Factory in West Hollywood Friday night when he went into the verbal rampage.

A video posted on TMZ.com shows that the tirade apparently began after two black audience members started shouting at him that he wasn't funny.

Richards retorted: "Shut up! Fifty years ago we'd have you upside down with a fork up your a—"

He then paced across the stage naming the men for interrupting his show, peppered his speech with racial slurs and profanities.

"You can talk, you can talk, you're brave now mother—! Throw his a— out. He's a n—!" Richards shouts before repeating the racial epithet over and over again.

While there is some chuckling in the audience throughout the outburst, TMZ.com can be heard gasping "Oh my God" and various people "ooh" after Richards uses the n-word.

Eventually someone says: "It's not funny. That's why you're a reject, never had no shows, never had no movies. 'Seinfeld,' that's it." Richards performed the



Michael Richards arrives to celebrate the release of the first three seasons of 'Seinfeld' on DVD on Nov. 17, 2004, in New York.

next night at the Laugh Factory without incident.

Calls to Richards' representatives were not returned Monday.

He refused to comment on camera when reached by CNN, but the network reported that he said off-camera he felt sorry for what had happened and had made amends.

Seinfeld issued a statement saying he was "sick over this." "I'm sure Michael is also sick over this horrible, horrible mistake. It is so extremely

offensive. I feel terrible for all the people who have been hurt," Seinfeld said.

Comic Paul Rodriguez, who was at the club, said he thought Richards' remarks crossed the line.

"Once the word comes out of your mouth and you don't happen to be African-American, then you have a whole lot of explaining to do," Seinfeld said. "Freedom of speech has its limitations and I think Michael Richards found those limitations."

It's a good thing we don't pay roaming charges on Dennis.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mild with plenty of clouds and a few afternoon showers. Highs in the middle 50s.
Tonight: Partially clearing skies and mostly dry. Lows in the middle to upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy and still warmer than normal. Highs in the middle 50s.

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s.
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Lows in the mid to upper 30s.
Tomorrow: A low degree cooler but still mild and mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s, lows lower 30s.

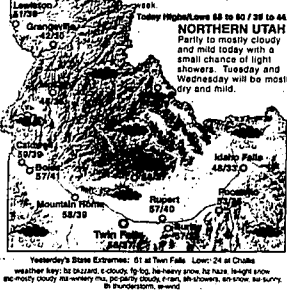
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Valley rain and snow showers are likely for today and tonight with all snow in the mountains. A low to several inches of new snow could fall in the mountains by late Tuesday.
Today Highs: 58 to 47
Tonight's Lows: 28 to 27
BOISE: Scattered rain showers can be expected for today and tonight and snow showers possibly today with a small chance of light showers. Tuesday and Wednesday will be mostly dry and mild.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	City	Hi	Lo	Prep
High 56	Low 37	55/34	45/29	46/27	42/25	Boise	58	42	0.00

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	58	42	0.00
Idaho Falls	55	41	0.00
Meridian	58	43	0.00
Shoshone	57	41	0.00
Twin Falls	53	37	0.00
Lewiston	47	29	0.00
Malta	47	29	0.00
Power	47	29	0.00
Rupert	47	29	0.00
St. Anthony	47	29	0.00
Stratton	47	29	0.00

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 61 Today's High: 56 Record High: 83 in 1900	Yesterday's Low: 37 Today's Low: 37 Record Low: 8 in 1900	Yesterday's Humidity: 37% Today's Humidity: 37%	Yesterday's Pressure: 30.16 Today's Pressure: 30.16	Yesterday's Sunrise: 7:38 AM Yesterday's Sunset: 5:13 PM

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

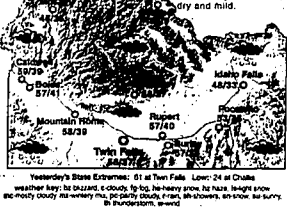
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:11 AM	6:51 AM	7:40 AM	8:40 AM	9:48 AM	10:59 AM

WORLD FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
London	55	45	0.00
New York	45	35	0.00
Los Angeles	70	60	0.00

NORTHERN UTAH

Partly to mostly cloudy and mild today with a small chance of light showers. Tuesday and Wednesday will be mostly dry and mild.



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	58	42	0.00
Idaho Falls	55	41	0.00
Meridian	58	43	0.00

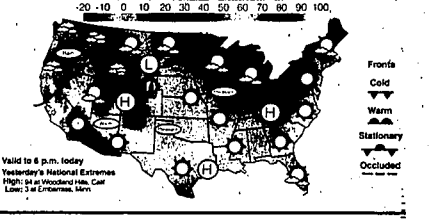
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	58	42	0.00
Idaho Falls	55	41	0.00
Meridian	58	43	0.00

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Location	Index
Boise	Low
Idaho Falls	Moderate

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Jay is how the universe reminds you that you're alive."
 Greg Mittlekauff, author of *The Book of Now and Other True Stories*

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Ottawa	4	-2	0.00
Toronto	4	-2	0.00

Soriano agrees to Cubs deal

Reds, Mets busy with new signings



NEW YORK (AP) — Alfonso Soriano is the latest beneficiary of the Chicago Cubs' spending splurge.
 Soriano and the Cubs agreed Monday to a \$136 million, eight-year contract.
 "We're here to win and win quickly," said general manager Jim Hendry, acting aggressively following a 66-96 season.
 "Over a week weekend following the annual GM meetings:
 • First baseman Nomar Garciaparra agreed to a \$18.5 million, two-year contract to stay with the Los Angeles Dodgers.
 • Outfielder Moises Alou and the New York Mets closed in on a one-year contract worth about \$8 million to \$9 million, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been finalized.
 • Cincinnati agreed to a \$14 million, three-year contract with shortstop Alex Gonzalez and a \$5.5 million, two-year deal with left-hander Mike Stanton, then sent catcher Jason LaRue to Kansas City for a player to be named.
 • Outfielder Frank Catalanotto and Texas reached a preliminary agreement on a \$13 million, three-year deal, a Rangers official said.
 • Right-handed reliever Justin Speier agreed to a four-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels, a deal worth about \$18 million and contingent on the 33-year-old passing a physical.
 On Monday, the Mets had to inform Tom Glavine when they will exercise his \$14 million option — the team has said it will be declined, allowing the left-hander to choose between New York and a return to the Braves. If he goes to Atlanta, the Mets are likely to try to sign Barry Zito.
 Also, the Boston Red Sox are expected to discuss possible trades involving Manny Ramirez, owed \$36 million over the final two guaranteed years of his contract. The Angels are a possible trading partner, but Ramirez can't be dealt without his consent.
 Soriano, a former second baseman, could play center field and give the Cubs an outfield hitter with a combination of speed and power. He had 46 homers and 41 stolen bases last season with the Washington Nationals, batting .277 with 95 RBIs and 41 doubles.
 "It's like to say a contract like that simply doesn't fit in with trying to build a team from where we are," Nationals president Stan Kasten said. "We wish Alfonso well. We have been expecting it, and we're ready to move on."
 In total dollars, Soriano would trail only Alex Rodriguez (\$252 million for 10 years), Derek Jeter (\$189 million for 10 years), Ramirez (\$160 million for eight years) and Todd Helton (\$141.5 million for 11 years).
 After hiring Lou Piniella as its new manager, Chicago re-signed third baseman Aramis Ramirez to a \$75 million, five-year deal, added second baseman Mark DeRosa (\$13 million over three years), acquired left-hander Neal Cotts from the White Sox and re-signed pitcher Kenny Wood (\$1.75 million) and Wade Miller (\$1.5 million), and backup catcher Henry Blanco (\$5.25 million over two years). All this activity comes as the team's parent company, Tribune Co., is weighing options to sell all or some of its holdings.

Alfonso Soriano arrives at the Chicago Cubs' Wrigley Field for a visit Monday in Chicago. Soriano, the fourth player in major league history to reach 40 homers and 40 stolen bases in a season agreed Monday to an eight-year contract with the Chicago Cubs worth about \$136 million.

"In that ballpark and in that city, they should be very excited," said former White Sox manager Jerry Manuel, currently the New York Mets' bench coach. "Because of the lack of pitching in our industry, if there is a lack in this area you have to load up on the other side and people are going to lead up on offense. He's a tremendous player."

The 33-year-old Garciaparra won the NL comeback player of the year award last season, shifting to first base with the Dodgers. A former shortstop and third baseman, Garciaparra had a .303 batting average and hit 20 homers, matching I.L. Drew for the team lead. He was slowed late in the season by quadriceps and oblique muscle injuries.

Alou hit 301 this year with 22 homers and 74 RBIs in 945 at-bats for the Giants. The 40-year-old, a six-time All-Star with .301 career average in 15 major league seasons, figures to replace Cliff Floyd, hobbled by an Achilles' tendon problem for much of the year.

With Alou in left, Carlos Beltran in center and Shawn Green in right, the Mets could move to trade Lastings Millidge, who had a difficult rookie season and appeared to be at odds with some teammates.

The 39-year-old Stanton played for Washington and San Francisco last season, making 82 appearances that proved he hadn't lost his knack for pitching often. Gonzalez hit 255 with nine homers for Boston last season.

Speier went 2-0 with a 2.98 ERA in 58 appearances for Toronto last season, mostly in relief roles. He struck out 55 and walked 13 in 51 1/3 innings and held opposing batters to a 2.35 average.

Catalanotto was acquired by the Rangers in a November 1999 trade that sent two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez to Detroit. Catalanotto spent three seasons in Texas, but was offered a contract after being limited to 68 games because of injury in 2002. He hit .300 with seven homers and 56 RBIs for the Blue Jays this year.

Nuclear waste disposal company buys naming rights to Jazz arena

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Jazz's arena has a new name which is sure to get some notice.
 EnergySolutions, a nuclear waste services company based in Salt Lake City, has bought the naming rights to the downtown arena that has been known as the Delta Center, since it opened 15 years ago.
 Jazz owner Larry Miller said Monday that negotiations with Delta Air Lines to keep the original naming rights in place stalled.
 Miller said he was apprehensive at first when approached by EnergySolutions, which runs a

radioactive waste disposal facility 75 miles west of Salt Lake City.
 "I really think that this is something that does not need to be a controversial topic if people understand what it's about before they just panic and throw their hands in the air when the word nuclear is first used," Miller said after a brief news conference. "As I was able to spend time learning about it, I got much more comfortable with it."
 Giant banners with the EnergySolutions logo were hanging outside the arena Monday afternoon. Miller and EnergySolutions chief execu-

tive Steve Creamer unveiled a new logo on the basketball court, which reads "EnergySolutions Arena."
 Creamer wants people to look past the stigma associated with nuclear waste. He said joining more recognizable companies with their names "big and bold" outside arenas and stadiums throughout the country is a good start.
 "We looked at lots of different ideas and when this came available we felt like it was a great opportunity," Creamer said. "We think it's a great way for us to help people feel more comfortable and help our education efforts."

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Sorting and shipping



Sorted and corralled, cattle wait to be loaded.



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Wendell Johnson of Richfield helps move cattle inside the north-end corrals of the Salmon River Cattlemen's Association, just south of Jackpot, Nev. Johnson rides for association shareholder Steve Demele of Mountain Home during fall sorting, as he has for years. "We're further along now than we've ever been," Johnson said on Oct. 31, after a snowstorm the previous week helped drive cattle down from the mountains. "We've been really roaring along."

Fall tasks bring cattlemen together

JACKPOT, Nev. — Mounted and alert, Buhl farmer Larry Wright gestured across a mountainous horizon, tracing the annual route of grazing cattle through the Granite Range, Bell Canyon, Golliter Mountains.

"We figured out these cows probably travel 80 miles as the crow flies," said Wright, holding herd on the chilly but windless morning of Oct. 31.



WEST WIND
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Each fall, the cattle end that trip here on flatter land — just south of Jackpot — where Wright and fellow shareholders of the Salmon River Cattlemen's Association round them up and sort them out for hauling to each rancher's winter pastures.

That's no simple task. About 40 shareholders run about 5,500 cattle and their calves this year on the association's summer range, ranch manager Quentin Kelley said.

About 10 people work for the ranch — which stretches 31 miles south from the Idaho-Nevada line, on both sides of U.S. Highway 93, with 68,000 deeded acres and grazing rights on 324,000 more — but fall sorting requires the shareholders' combined skills. They bring camp trailers, share a bunkhouse or haul their horses daily from their Magic Valley homes.

Larry Shark of Buhl is one of the later. I followed his truck and trailer from Highway 93 to corrals in the wide desert.

While others gathered strays from the mountains or shipped cattle from the corrals, I watched 13 riders in the open sort cattle gathered that morning. At the fringes of the action, three small groups of cattle slowly grew as riders cut out cows and calves belonging to three member ranches. Wright held herd for one of them, Shewmaker Brothers Inc. of Jerome, but didn't have to act often.

These cows have been down



Nevada brand inspector Cathy Lowe waits to check the next pen of cattle being loaded into a truck at the Salmon River Cattlemen's Association ranch for shipment across the Mado line.

here for a lot of years, so they're pretty easy to hold," said Wright, riding an old ranch horse named Acc.

But when Debbie Shewmaker began cutting out weaned calves, without mothers to follow, she asked Wright to move the cluster of her family's cattle closer to the main herd.

"Some of these calves are having a hard time spotting it," Shewmaker said.

In their new position, the Shewmaker cattle grew restless, and Wright's rest ended.

"They've been good long enough," he said.

Shewmaker and her horse chased one big calf at a run. The calf veered away and rejoined the main herd. With help, Shewmaker

cut it out again.

"You always get 'em one way or another," she said with a grin.

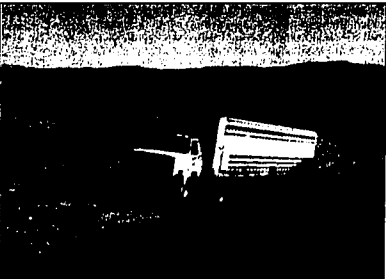
'Ride and see some country'

Wright runs cattle on the Salmon River association's land from mid-April to mid-November — this year, about 100 cow-calf pairs — while he grows seed beans, hay, sweet corn. Coors barley and peas in Buhl. It's nice, he said, not to worry about his cows getting into the neighbor's cornfield.

He helped move cattle on the Nevada ranch three or four times this summer, and in October he was back for sorting, sharing a bunkhouse with two men from Malta and Mountain Home.



Sharna Fuller, who lives south of Twin Falls, keeps track of the numbers of cows and calves needed to properly load a truck. Like many other shareholders in the cattlemen's association, Fuller brings a camp trailer to the northern Nevada ranch during fall sorting. "My dearest friends are here," she says.



This Oct. 31 scene is a familiar sight just south of Jackpot, Nev., in the fall: truckloads of cattle leaving the Salmon River Cattlemen's Association summer range for winter quarters elsewhere.

It's work, certainly. But it's congenial society in an extraordinary setting, too.

The ranch's rolling bench lands and steep mountain slopes and ridges range in elevation from 5,200 feet to 8,636 feet. Headquarters are the old San Jacinto Ranch, formerly the base of livestock operations for the sprawling Utah Construction Co., at the base of Middlestacks Peak.

It's gorgeous country, and rough. "You've got to be pretty well mounted," Shark said. "It's not for old horses."

Riding for Shewmaker, Kaitly Church intended to stay at the ranch for four days, in her horse trailer's living quarters. She readied her quarter horse Burke at 5:30 that morning, breakfast

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COUNTRY ROADS

Ranch

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6, then helped gather cattle for sorting, with dogs to move the cows through low-hanging willows.

"It's a good change for me to come down here and do something different," said Church, who raises dairy calves in Jerome. "It's good for Burke, too — relieved from the pressure of arena roping and heeling. He just gets to be a real horse," Church said. Breaking from sorting, Burke stood with head down, relaxed.

After the pair rejoined the action, the stillness of the range carried Shewmaker's distant voice praising Church's "Got him. Excellent work."

Brook Holtman — a Malta farmer and rancher whose skills on horseback have the admiration of fellow Salmon River ranchers — spent most of a month at the Nevada ranch this fall.

"It's kind of nice to get away — just ride and see some country," Holtman said. And spend evenings talking cattle, playing cards or gambling in Jackpot. And kid around with longtime friends. About what? "A heck-of-a always good," Holtman said.

'The cowboy culture'

I spotted one black eye in the corral later that day as Wendell Johnson of Richfield helped association shareholder Steve Damele of Mountain Home separate cows and calves for brand inspection and loading.

"Well, I got off on my head," Johnson explained, blaming a green horse. "He was right off a racetrack. Stephen kept telling me not to ride him."

But ride he did. Then endured the ribbing.

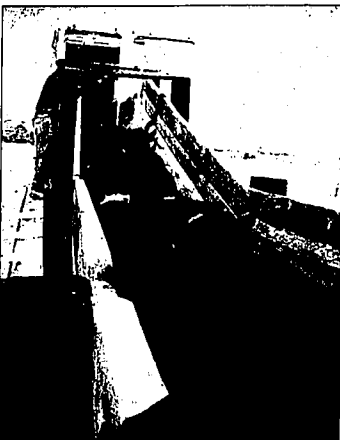
"They really gave me a hard time the first day," Johnson said. "It's just part of the cowboy culture. If it don't kill you, it's funny."

I got another taste of culture inside the tattered boxcar that serves as a lunch room. "I'm just part of the cowboy culture. If it don't kill you, it's funny."

"Ours sorted really well today," said Karel Satterwhite of Point Ranch, just over the Idaho border. "It's having a hard time," he added, referring to a Jackpot-area ranch. But Shawna "Blondie" Fuller of Twin Falls poked a little fun at Shewmaker ("She is one of a kind. Anybody that would wear an Elmer Fudd hat is one of a kind") and explained the nicknames



Debbie Shewmaker of Jerome jokes with other Salmon River shareholders as they take turns breaking for lunch during sorting and loading on Oct. 31. Lunch was a huge pot of spaghetti brought from ranch headquarters to an old boxcar warmed by a wood stove. 'They're all a bunch of good chaps,' Shewmaker says of fellow ranchers.



Cattle owned by association shareholder Steve Damele of Mountain Home (not pictured) and his two sisters leave corrals at the summer range for a truck ride to Damele's winter pastures.



This aging boxcar — with many of its windows shot out and boarded up — serves as a lunch shack near corrals on the Salmon River. Cattlemen's Association ranch.

around the table. "We can't nickname the brand inspector," Fuller said, gesturing to Cathy Lowe. Got to keep on her good side.

After lunch, Fuller returned to her horse to help load Damele's cows and calves into the back of a semi-truck. She consulted the driver for loading instructions — so many cows for this section of the truck, then so many calves for that — and noted them in a small notebook.

"My husband's supposed to be here doing this, but he's home thrashing beans," Fuller said during a lull.

That's no problem, she quickly explained. "I'd rather be doing this than almost anything else."

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How plants enhance property's value

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — While many home buyers have home inspectors, even the savviest often overlook the benefit of assessing the landscape. Ground isn't always as malleable as you might think. There are some elements that can be more difficult to change on a property than on the house, such as which way the water flows and the steepness of your slopes.

But with less pressure these days to make snap decisions about whether to buy a particular house, you have time to look over the entire grounds. Consider the landscape of your prospective home in terms of what the property can do for you. Mature plantings can add value. Sun will offer an extra bonus for a patio, flowers, vegetables, herbs and lawn. Will there be room for recreation and outdoor relaxation, vistas, visual barriers, storage and trees? Did you look at possible erosion, puddling or whether the grade of the yard runs toward the wall of the house?

According to real estate appraisers, landscape design is one of the main reasons homes sell, and beautiful plantings can increase property value 15 percent. Plants are a valuable addition to a home, especially trees. They increase in value as they mature.

Here are some ways to assess the landscape of a home:

- **Inventory the plants.** You're buying the landscape, too. You might discover a rare plant or two that can add to your enjoyment of the property.
- **Appraise the health and size of trees.** Full canopies on maturing shade trees, such as oaks, red maples, beeches and hickories, should stand above the property, with their lower limbs elevated to permit passage underneath with no

dead branches. Large trees are the slowest to establish but add the greatest value to property.

• **Assess shrubs.** Large shrubs can be valuable, but you might not recognize them if they're overgrown or planted in the wrong location. Pruning at the correct time or transplanting if necessary can rejuvenate most. Ask your cooperative extension service or local garden center for guidelines.

• **Review perennials.** If the owner has a perennial garden, ask to see photographs of plants during their showiest seasons. An avid gardener or smart home seller will have pictures.

• **Look at the grounds, not just plants.** Orientation to the sun, soil type, land contour, drainage, property lines, lighting, pedestrian circulation, paving and irrigation are also important to your buying decision. The most pleasant orientation to the sun for relaxing in the yard is southeastern. Shade trees should be planted at least 25 feet from the house.

• **Check the lay of the land.** Contours add interest to a property. Two concerns with residential topography are drainage and frost pockets. If a grade doesn't take water off the property, you will have puddling, and maybe a wet basement if the contour sends rain flowing against the house's wall.

Water must be directed away from structures. • **Find the boundaries.** A survey can confirm if the property stakes are in place. If boundary lines aren't marked, you might have to pay for a complete survey. Finding the lines also tells you if the neighbors respect the property by staying within their boundaries and not using part of your lot for their shed.

• **After you move in,** live with your landscape for a minimum of a year to watch how the plants perform and to learn about what you are looking at. You might find a hidden treasure.



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Perennial plants can look good in snow

By Anne Farrow
The Hartford Courant

What looks good in snow? Many perennials have what gardeners identify as "winter interest" because their stems are "lovely" or their dried head dries on the stem and stays. Some plants need to be cut back so that future growth is protected, but these "winter interest" candidates are not harmed by carrying that interesting dried pod or leaf into cold weather.

"Grasses!" says Dawn Pettinelli when asked for winter garden recommendations. Among favorites mentioned by Pettinelli, the extension educator at the University of Connecticut Home and Garden Education Center, are varieties of *Nassella*, which, especially "flame grass," which has pinkish plumes and reddish stems. "Morning Light" also has reddish plumes and wheat-colored stems that wave gracefully in the winter winds. And then there's "zebra grass," 8 feet tall, with stripes of a buff yellow.

Other perennials that weather the winter in handsome fashion are Sedum "Autumn Joy," whose magenta, broccoli-like flowers and fleshy green stems turns a soft, rusty color and will hang on in the garden through at least a snowfall or two. The leaves and stems of *Platycodon*, better known as "balloon flower," turn a brilliant yellow, and purple cone-flower may lose its petals, its green stems turn a rich brown, and the seed head, as bristly as a seal, will last until the snowflakes come.

• **Check for signs of pest damage.** Some of the classic herbs for drying, has silvery seedpods

Robert Frost wrote that "nothing gold can stay," but in the depth of winter, the sight of a seedpod will remind the gardener of spring, and that, too, is gold.

and is beautiful in a snowy garden, as are members of the *Rudbeckia* family, the daisy group that includes the black-eyed Susan. They'll keep their button-like black seed heads well into winter.

Pettinelli is especially fond of a perennial flower called bonaset, or, less commonly, Eupatorium. In Colonial times, it was believed to have medicinal uses and has a grayish-white flower and leaves, dries easily and smells good — "like acorns and grass," she says.

She's also partial to *Asclepias incarnata*, a member of the

milkwed family that's smaller than the familiar, milkweed that grows wild in fields. Well into winter, she says, *Asclepias* "keeps its seedpods, which look like upside-down canaries."

Whether you run out of time and don't get your garden tidied up or simply prefer seeing the last cycle of plantings that will return in the spring, there are environmental advantages to letting some flowers dry on their stems. Uncut garden plants provide cover and food for birds during harsh weather.

Pettinelli recommends try-

ing and cutting back plants in the early spring before they begin making their new growth — "as soon as the snow is off the ground, and you can get out there without sinking down in the mud," she says.

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No blooming limit to Endless Summer's virtues

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

In the past four decades, Michael Dirr has gone through untold numbers of size 13 hiking shoes in his treks through graveyards, mountain trails, college campuses and urban parks, to name a few of his haunts.

Along the way, the 62-year-old horticulture professor has amassed an encyclopedic knowledge of the vegetation that forms our living environment. Trees and shrubs may barely register in our daily lives, but Dirr is scanning them all: native, exotic, beautiful, ugly, healthy, diseased, rare, vulgar. All these traits race through his mind, but one is uppermost: Does a viburnum or dogwood or crape myrtle exhibit a quality not seen in other individuals, and can that be exploited?

Dirr, you see, thinks that a lot of garden plants are dogs. Why not find better ones? This credo has defined his career, first as the author of a standard textbook on trees and shrubs used in the landscape, "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants," now in its fifth edition, and later as a lecturer and a plant-breeding director at the University of Georgia. A big guy who talks up a storm, his following extends beyond academia into the realm of popular gardening. His slide lectures, and tours are usually fully subscribed.

So his reputation would have been secure enough even if he had not happened to be in St. Paul, Minn., one September day in 1998, when he paid a visit to the trial garden of a major wholesale grower named Bailey Nurseries and discovered what may turn out to be the Holy Grail of horticulture: the foolproof hydrangea.

In a forgotten corner of the nursery, Dirr chanced upon a row of *Hydrangea macrophylla* with their distinctive pink mopheads. In Minnesota in late summer that could mean

Where to find them

These sources sell by mail order or give retail sources for new hydrangea varieties, but check that plants are in stock before visiting:

- Endless Summer, www.endlesssummerblooms.com.
 - Lady in Red Hydrangea, www.ladyinredhydrangea.com.
 - McCorkle Nurseries, www.mccorklenurseries.com.
 - Botany Shop Garden Center, 988-855-3300, www.botanishop.com.
- For more information, see the Center for Applied Nursery Research, www.carn.org, and hydrangea enthusiast Judith King's site, www.hydrangeashydrangeas.com.

only one thing: The shrubs were flowering on wood that had grown that very year. Bigleaf hydrangeas aren't supposed to do this; they normally bloom from buds developed the previous year.

To Dirr, the importance of the discovery was immediately apparent. If this oddity could be developed as a garden plant, the major fallings of mophead hydrangeas would be a thing of the past. Gardeners in cold winter climates would still have blooms, and gardeners in warmer states, who often see new growth zapped by a late frost, would still get blooms. And the common misstep of pruning hydrangeas to the ground in late winter would no longer deny the errant gardener a season of mopheads.

Dirr turned to his guide and said, "Do you know what you have got?" The answer was no. Peggy Anne Montgomery, a spokeswoman for Bailey Nurseries, said the plant's potential had failed to catch the notice of growers who were focused on mass-producing trees, not breeding



Endless Summer, a hydrangea breakthrough, introduced to consumers in 2004. It has sold 3.5 million plants so far.

shrubs. The original plant had been found by nursery employee Vern Black growing in the garden of a neighbor, Dennis Bostrom. Bostrom, a retired teacher who works seasonally at the nursery, was happy to let Black take some cuttings.

Dirr took his own cuttings back to the greenhouses at the University of Georgia's horticulture department in Athens. Hydrangeas initiate flowering buds for the following year in late summer into fall, spurred by shorter days and cooler temperatures. Dirr's team subjected the cuttings to the opposite conditions: constant artificial light and nighttime temperatures a balmy 70 degrees. "We had flower buds fully expressed, and we knew we had it then."

The nursery received a plant patent and agreed to give the University of Georgia 10 cents for each plant sold. Dirr gave it a name: Endless Summer. Introduced to consumers in 2004, it has sold 3.5 million plants so far, said Montgomery, making it "the biggest woody plant introduction in American history." Its success has been

bolstered by a slick marketing campaign, but in this case, Dirr says, the plant more than matches the hype.

Apart from its re-blooming quality, the shrub is resistant to powdery mildew, the bane of hydrangeas, and grows to a standard four feet high and five feet across. As with other mophead hydrangeas, the bloom color is linked to soil chemistry and will flower pink, blue or shades in between.

Another key attribute, said Paul Meyer, director of the Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia, is that while most bigleaf hydrangeas produce one long-lasting floral effect, Endless Summer re-blooms continuously until frost, bolstering its value in high summer. Montgomery said you can cut fresh flowers for the table and still get blooms in the garden.

Dirr sees Endless Summer's value beyond its own ornamental and as bloodstock for other re-blooming hydrangeas. Certainly its success has flushed out some other re-bloomers. Small towns in America are full of



Blushing Bride, the latest in a new line of foolproof hydrangeas. Two million of the shrubs are due for release next spring.

Things to know about hydrangeas

Location, location, location

Correct siting is the key to a happy hydrangea. Hydrangeas need water but not waterlogging. They thrive in deep, organically rich soil that drains and, preferably, a site with light shade in the afternoon. Placement in a bed facing north or east will minimize spring frost damage.

Pruning

Bigleaf hydrangeas should not be pruned hard in the spring, however messy they look. This is a major cause of flower loss. Faded flowerheads can be trimmed, and old canes can be removed to thin out a shrub, but a wholesale cutting will mean little or no blooming. Re-blooming varieties overcome this problem, but blooming is still delayed by removal of last year's growth.

Watering

Hydrangeas are among the first plants to signal dryness, but they respond quickly to a good soaking. Try to avoid wetting the leaves to minimize a leaf spot disease. Mulch lightly with screened compost to conserve moisture.

Bloom colors

Bigleaf hydrangeas have mophead or lacecap blooms that, if not white, change color based on the amount of available aluminum in the soil. The more acidic the soil, the more aluminum is taken up and the bluer the flower. Plants in neutral to alkaline soils are pink. Soil can be made more acidic by adding aluminum sulfate. Alternatively, an annual mulching with a pH of peat, compost and shredded leaves will tend to lower the pH.

locally unique and quirky hydrangeas that are shared in the community as cuttings, said Gary Knox, a professor of horticulture at the University of Florida. "There's one here (in Quincy, Fla.) that's favored and passed around person to person," he said. "If it ever had a name it's been lost to time, and it's just known as Mrs. Blackburn's hydrangea." Dirr has promoted re-bloomers named Penny Mac, Oak Hill and Decatur Blue.

Breeders working under Dirr's direction (he is semi-retired from the university and lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.) have developed Blushing Bride, a cross between Endless Summer and a lacecap variety. The result is a mophead type, light cream in color, a slight pink or blue tint, and double flowers. Bailey Nurseries produced about 200,000 plants this year, with a full release of 2 million planned for next spring.

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Idaho's housekeeper



Tim Fuller, an environmental protection specialist with the Bureau of Land Management, demonstrates how to wear a respirator Monday at the agency's office in Shoshone.

Longtime BLM man fights to keep environment clean

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — In a tiny room at the Bureau of Land Management's Shoshone field office sits Idaho's housekeeper.

He's a small man with neatly combed gray hair, thick glasses and sharp wit. Surrounded by dozens of three-ring binders, the BLM veteran of 29 years and Magic Valley native prepares to pass his knowledge to Idaho's — and the region's — next generation of hazardous materials specialists.

His name is Tim Fuller, and he is team leader of the Idaho HazMat Technical Response Team. In short, Fuller helps clean up Idaho's nastiest, non-emergency messes.

"I'm not sure if they pay us enough to handle some of this stuff," he joked earlier this week.

Fuller, who's captained the

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a slice from local life hazmat team since 1984, said he spends much of his time doing risk assessment at old mines and evaluating sites where hazardous material may be hurting the environment.

But every once in a while, illegal dumpers throw him a curve, and that, he said, is when it gets exciting.

Two summers ago, he responded to a road south of Twin Falls that was slathered in a black, bubbling, oozy substance that barely covered a trail of dead mice. It turned out to be a sugar-based agricultural feed supplement that someone had dumped on the road.

"We were just lucky it was-

ty oil," he said. Other calls are even stickier — and more dangerous. Unexploded dynamite, 30-gallon drums of arsenic, 5-gallon buckets of laquer.

Once, Fuller and colleagues discovered belts of 50-caliber machine gun ammunition in the desert. Fuller said it probably was dropped by accident out of planes between Pocatello and Mountain Home during World War II.

The ammunition was blown up using C-4 explosive, sending dust dozens of feet in the air.

"I think we could have charged admission to that one," he said.

Nowadays, Fuller spends most of his time training employees from several Idaho and regional state agencies. He also teaches classes at a national BLM training facility in Phoenix.

And, of course, he's still in the field cleaning up. At the

top of Fuller's list are wire burn sites where people rock plastic insulation off of copper wiring. Fuller said the illegal burners turn in the scrap metal — which is often stolen in the first place — for money that is spent on drugs.

"Problem is, when you burn that insulation, you have an instant hazmat site," he said, and in the past few years, the burn sites are turning up everywhere.

Whether it's old environmental problems such as dumped pesticides or the newer problems like wire burning, Fuller is on the job — and he's having fun doing it.

"Oh yeah," he said sarcastically. "We've got a regular traveling roadshow."

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Liquor on Sundays?

Council asks for public input

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On Sunday afternoon, just a handful of customers were sipping beers at Woody's.

But come December, the local watering hole on Sundays might be a little more crowded and slightly noisier with the clinking of glasses — full of liquor.

The Twin Falls City Council on Monday scheduled a public hearing for Dec. 4 on whether to lift the state ban on Sunday liquor-by-the-drink sales. The pending ordinance likely will be approved because no one on the council opposed it.

"I've been out talking to people and feel like the general population I've talked to would think it's time to move on," Councilman David Johnson said. "It's time to take Twin Falls to the same standards that surrounding communities have."

In a presentation to the council, Steve Soran, co-owner of the Depot Grill and the Turf Club, said the ban not only hurts local businesses financially, but is also irrelevant because the amount of alcohol in a beer or glass of wine is the same as a drink of liquor.

"It's not increasing consumption," Soran said. "It's simply offering a choice to the customer."

With an ordinance, the council can override the state ban, but since one was not written by Monday's meeting, a vote could not take effect until an ordinance passed — which would at the earliest be the next meeting — and is published by the Times-News.

City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said.

Council members supported lifting the ban, but they generally agreed a public hearing is necessary and the ordinance needed to be written before a vote.

"It doesn't matter what the issue is," council member Trip Craig said. "Without an ordinance, I don't know how you vote on it."

Mayor Lance Clov, who is in Washington, D.C., and did not attend the meeting, said he was undecided.

"I'm kind of watching closely before I make a final decision," he said. "I'm a little more willing to say, 'Maybe we need to make an exception on holidays than lift (it) permanently,' is where I'm leaning towards."

Soran — who submitted a petition signed by nearly a dozen local businesses — said revenue is lost from the 52 Sundays because liquor is taxed at a higher rate than beer or wine and residents simply buy liquor elsewhere.

In the Magic Valley, Gooding, Blaine, Capas, 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.

The issue has received additional attention because New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year.

"If liquor is not allowed on New Year's Eve, what you may potentially have is dozens or maybe more than dozens of little private parties all over town," Dave Wordhead, who owns Woody's, told the council. "The polling of that is bigger than if those parties were to take place at the usual haunts."

Room to grow

CSI weighs acreage options

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It began as a couple of buildings surrounded by open fields.

Now, 40 years later, the College of Southern Idaho is surrounded by homes, offices and other businesses.

Growth in Twin Falls is prompting CSI officials to look at how they manage legal issues regarding the purchase or sale of college property during an executive session Monday evening. CSI President Jerry Beck, and the college's board of trustees discussed how the college would handle such a situation.

While CSI is not planning to sell property, but he is aware that some people want to buy it.

CSI owns more than 400 acres in the Twin Falls area, and an additional 120 acres in Jerome County. About 80 undeveloped acres — north of the main campus — are situated in an area where commercial and residential housing is booming.

Although CSI said it is not selling property, the tentative location is still drawing offers from developers.

"We've had some offers in the past," said Mike Mason, vice president of administration at CSI. "But it's pretty hard for us to give up property because the college and all the property belong to the taxpayers, so you have to be pretty careful about the decisions you make."

The college has not sold property in more than a decade; rather, it has sought to buy or

From land to labs

Beginning in 1994, the College of Southern Idaho realized its growth potential and began buying property near the main campus in Twin Falls. Since that time, the college has acquired — either through purchase or donation — more than 200 acres in Twin Falls and Jerome.

The following are some of the college's recent acquisitions:

1994: The Northview Apartments on Washington Street North and North College Road. CSI earns some revenue from renting the apartments.

1995: The college bought the main campus of the Twin Falls campus. The college has the option of selling this property to developers.

1998: 70 acres north of the Twin Falls campus. This property is donated only for academic use.

1998: About 128 acres at the intersection of Highway 93 and Interstate 84 were donated to the college.

trade land. More than 120 acres at the intersection of Highway 93 and Interstate 84 were donated to CSI in 1998, but the college wants to trade that land with the Bureau of Land Management for a more suitable piece of real estate that the college can use.

Even in its effort to expand services, CSI has relied on local bargains to house the services.

For example, in 1988, CSI leased the former Burley High School for \$1. And when the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind moved out of an outdated building, CSI moved in.

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Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% Season Peak**
Salmon	72%	10%
Big Wood	88%	12%
Little Wood	90%	11%
Big Lost	72%	9%
Little Lost	57%	9%
Horns Fork/Teton	90%	13%
Upper Snake Basin	98%	15%
Oakley	171%	17%
Salmon Falls	116%	13%

* A comparison to basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



Group seeks funds for search efforts

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Tristan is in training, and hopes are high.

The 1-year-old German shepherd mix looks to be a natural at rescuing people.

As Tristan made his way through exercises at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, Don Griffiths and Lynn Porter of Big River Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team explained that they expect he will soon be ready to perform live searches for lost and missing people.

"We've only been doing this for six weeks," said Porter, a full-time student of anthropology and criminal justice. Though Porter acknowledges Tristan "has

For information or to make a donation, call REACT at (208) 312-4010.



Tristan and his trainer get a workout at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

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Faraway facilities

In addition to the 300-acre campus in Twin Falls, the College of Southern Idaho also has four satellite campuses:

Blaine County Center: The 12.212-square-foot facility is housed inside the former Wood River High School. The college shares the facility with other community groups.

Mini-Cassia Center: Housed inside the former Burley High School, the college leased the building in 1998 for \$1, but according to an agreement it will receive a clear title to the building in 2018.

North-Side Center: Located in former facilities for the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, the college does not pay rent, but it does pay for most of the maintenance costs.

Microton Center: This is the only CSI facility that is privately owned. Located on the Microton campus in Boise, the classrooms assist in training for Microton employees.

OBITUARIES

Mary Melvina Bryant

JEROME — Mary Melvina Bryant, 84, of Jerome, passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2006, at her family home.

She was born Sept. 21, 1922, in Comp. N., Ark., the daughter of James William Bartlett and Effie May Phillips Bartlett. She married Arthur Buddy Bryant on Dec. 25, 1939. They started their life together in Arkansas and settled in Jerome, Idaho, in 1954. Mary's passion in life was her family. She enjoyed embroidery, gardening and cooking family dinners. She especially loved making quilts for her children and grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her nine children: Helen (John) Roberts, Johnny (Shirley) Bryant, Jeff (Toni) Bryant, Doye (Marge) Bryant, all of Twin Falls, Ira (Mary) Bryant of Filer, Charles (Dorothy)

Bryant, Richard (Patty) Bryant, Glenda (Lohn) Sherbenou and Ramona Larson, all of Jerome. She is also survived by her brother, Jim (Helen) Bartlett of Iowa, and her sister, Pat (Pik) Jones of Jerome; 23 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased in death by her parents, her husband of 38 years, two sisters and five brothers.

Mary will be remembered as a wonderful mother and grandmother who was loved and will be dearly missed.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. 2000 Oakley Ave., with Pastor Gene Kissinger officiating. A visitation will be held this evening, also at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. and again one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Mildred Coleman

RUPERT — Eva Mildred Rogers Coleman, an 89-year-old resident of Rupert, passed away Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, surrounded by family and loved ones.

She was born April 16, 1917, in Durango, Colo., to Adolph Hosen and Eva Bell Hunt Rogers. She was the oldest of 10 children. She married Ira W. Coleman on Sept. 3, 1935, and they were later sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He predeceased her in death on Nov. 9, 2001.

Mildred was active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, working in the Primary and Relief Society. Ira and Mildred were blessed with five children. Farm life sustained them most of their life.

She is survived by her children, Barbara (Larry) Morrison of Bountiful, Utah, Shirley (Ardele) Coleman of Orem,

Utah, William Darrell (Loni) Coleman of Lake Vaux, Fla., and Ronald Lynn Coleman of Hansen; her brothers, Elwin Rogers and Bobbie (Carol) Rogers of Gooding, Norman Rogers of Richfield, Willis (Debra) Rogers of Emmet and Hal (Kathleen) Rogers of Wendell; one sister, Darlene Bartomeo of Salt Lake City, Utah; 25 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Ira, she was predeceased in death by her parents; two brothers; one sister; a daughter, Carol Jean one granddaughter; one great-grandson; and a great-grandson.

The funeral will be held at noon Friday, Nov. 24, at the Rupert 1st Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 806 G St., with Bishop Paul Duncan officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held prior to the service at the church from 10 until 11:40 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Roy Lee Gaither

FILER — Roy Lee Gaither, 88, of Filer, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Roy was born Nov. 10, 1918, in Petersburg, Mich., the son of William and Eunice Hoyt. Roy served in the U.S. Army during World War I. He spent most of his life as a photographer, but he was a jack of all trades doing such work as a truck driver, baker and cook. Roy was one of the men who helped build Idaho in the 1930's and 1940's, from laying roads to setting telephone poles to roofing houses. Much of his sweat and blood is in

the roots of Burley, Rupert and Paul. Roy married Cleoma Stephens in 1937 in Burley, and she predeceased him in death in April of 1994.

Roy is survived by his five children, Georgia Ehlers of Scottsdale, Va., Laurence Boyne of Reno, Nev., Sheryl May of Sparks, Nev., and David Gaither of Mountain View, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Filer 2nd Ward LDS Church. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Sunset Memorial Park. Family will greet friends 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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 Orange, Texas, to Ynes and Sana Lopez Nava. He married Tomasina "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

worker and liked cars, especially Buicks. He was a good man and very easy going.

Ynes is survived by his children, Juan Nava of Boise; Gloria Vela of Twin Falls, Eddie Nava of Cypress, Calif., Jerry Nava of Boise and Carlos Nava of Nampa; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Juanita Roman of Robstown, Texas, and Maria Lopez and Alicia Carranza, both of Taylor, Texas. He was predeceased in death by his wife, parents and five brothers.

The funerals will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

Judy Morgan

BURLEY — God received Judy Morgan into his Heavenly Kingdom on Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, after a thankfully short battle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 31, 1944, in Rupert, Idaho, and moved to Ruth and Harold Haskin and two brothers, Gene and Larry. Judy remained the youngest of the Haskin family. Judy attended Rupert schools and Minico High School. She married Boyd Morgan on May 22, 1964, and she traveled widely. Boyd was in the military along with two children, Teri Lynne and James Warren, Judy, Boyd and Jim (youngest of the two children) moved to 2004 Idaho in November of 1985. Judy worked for King's until 1989; after that, she was a caregiver for a child and adult development center. For the past four years of Judy's life, she worked for home care and provided day care.

Judy was an active member in the Burley United Methodist Church. She was the director of the Jubilee Hand Bell Choir, from 12 until 2004. She was a member of the church's Education Committee for the church, a member of the nurturing committee, a member of the church choir; a Sunday school teacher, and director of Vacation Bible School. She

also wholeheartedly participated in her community in Burley. She volunteered at the library during stay-at-home, was an avid bowler, fisherman and a participant of the Red Hat Society, Relay for Life in Burley was a cause very dear to Judy's heart. She was a lead organizer for the Burley United Methodist Church for the past seven years.

Judy Morgan was predeceased in death by her parents, Ruth and Harold Haskin; and her son, James Morgan. She left behind her best friend and love, Boyd Morgan of Burley; her daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Greg White of Wisconsin; three beautiful grandchildren, Andrew Morgan of Burley and Taylor and Amanda White of Wisconsin; and two brothers, Gene Haskin of Rupert and Larry Haskin of Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Doreen Gritzmacher officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., from 12 until 2:40 p.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to BUMC Assistance Fund, in care of Burley United Methodist Church.

Sheelagh Webb-Snyder

ROGERSON — Sheelagh Webb-Snyder passed away in her home early Saturday morning, Nov. 18, 2006, from complications due to chronic illness.

She was born March 25, 1950, in Burley, the daughter of Donald Archie Bates Webb. Those who knew and loved Sheelagh would most definitely remember her by her sense of humor and her ability to bring fun and zest to the lives of everyone around her. She was a colorful person, both in personality and outward appearance. You'd recognize her by her bright, cheery clothing, her red hair and playful blue eyes.

She loved animals and children, and most would say that she, herself, was a child at heart. Her passions were her dogs, Mattie and Sara; drawing, painting, collecting all kinds of rings to perfectly match her various outfits and listening to music, particularly the Doors who she loved; and also the groups, Heart and Matchbox 20. She especially enjoyed playing with her grandchildren, her nieces and

nephews and basically any kid she encountered. When you were around Sheelagh, you knew everything was going to work out. She was everybody's mom and everybody's rock. She will be missed by all her friends and family, especially those she worked with in Jackpot, where she had worked for more than 25 years in the office at Barton's Club 93.

Sheelagh is survived her husband, Rodney Snyder; and daughter, Devin Snyder of Rogerson; her stepchildren, Tonya Herrera of Spokane, Wash., and Shawn Snyder of Memphis, Tenn.; her mother, Verne Webb of Rogerson; and two brothers, Rick Webb of Filer and Steven Webb of Meridian; nieces, Christy, Cassie Hannah, Doree, Joanne, Lyndi, Astley and Melissa, Mike and Brady. She is joined in death by her father, Donald Webb.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. at Paul's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 22, 2006. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be sent to the Magic Valley Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

"We love you, Sis. You're in our hearts and prayers."

Andre Waters, former NFL player, dies at 44

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Andre Waters, a defensive back who spent most of his 12 seasons with the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound early Monday. He was 44.

His body was found at 1:30 a.m. at his Tampa home, the medical examiner's office said. He had no other self in the home. Toxicology reports were ordered, and results will be available in four to six weeks, the office said.

DEATH NOTICES

Jose P. Beltran

BURLEY — Jose Paiz Beltran, 49, of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Clifford V. Harris

WENDELL — Clifford V. Harris, 77, of Wendell, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at his residence in Wendell. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Luis C. Ramirez

GOODING — Luis Carlos Ramirez, 21, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements pending at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Truman P. Bradley

BURLEY — Truman P. Bradley, 84, of Burley, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, in Draper, Utah.

Services are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Edna May Jones of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Rose Marie Russell of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, located at Locust Street North and Addison Avenue East (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Dorothy Lucille Berry Johnson of Buhl, funeral Mass at 2:30 p.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Calvin Roy Jensen of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert LDS State Center, 324 E. 18th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10:40 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Keith Richards of Twin Falls, military service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 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 Haven Cemetery, 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).

Anna Mae Thornton of Hansen, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Donald Eugene Tracy of Burley, memorial service at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 2100 Burton Ave., followed by a celebration of life at the Sweetheart Manor, 217 S. Highway 27 in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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

May Tanner

BURLEY — After a long and productive life, our dear mother, May Mecham Tanner, passed away Monday, November 13, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Mom was born Feb. 9, 1909, at Cedar Creek, Utah, to Annie Miller and John Hyrum Mecham. She was the second child in the family of six brothers and one sister. When she was old enough to go to school, the family moved to Park Valley, Utah. She attended school there through the ninth grade and finished her education in Logan, Utah. As a young girl, she loved to dance and act in plays. It seems she always had that little spark for theater. Mom loved everyone's lives along with her own. She enjoyed composing and reciting poetry. She composed many poems for her family and friends.

Mom married our father, Elden Tanner in Burley in 1928. They lived in Declo for a short time and then moved to Burley, where they resided the rest of their lives. They were a family in the Logan LDS Temple in 1935. In January of 2003, they celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary before Dad passed away in June of 2004.

She was fond of camping and fishing and at times outfished our dad. She always went along on the hunting trips, bagging a deer or two but mostly rook for our dad. Mom was an excellent seamstress and worked for many years at the Style Shop. She bought the Holiz Tailor Shop and did alterations for the department stores at that time, the general public. She retired in 1971.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served in many callings, including Primary Teacher, Relief Society, stake Beehive leader and a counselor in the Relief Society. She was a faithful visiting teacher for many years. She loved people and found joy in serving them. She was a devoted mother and a son survive her, Ada Mae-Knocke Anderson and her husband L.D. of Bountiful, Utah, and Missoula, Mont.

Valoy Henderson of Caldwell, niece Arlyn Tanner and his wife, Vonda of Paul. She is also survived by one brother, Richard and his wife, Florence of Shelley; a sister, LaDene Reppel of Garland, Utah; two sisters-in-law, Helen Tanner of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Sybil Tanner of Yerrington, Nev.; as well as nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren. Mother claimed as her third daughter her dear neighbor, Kathleen Heebgen, and we wish to include her as part of our family. Mom was predeceased in death by her parents; husband; sons-in-law, Louis C. Knocke and George Henderson; brothers, Leo, Bill, Don, Ches and Lester; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Tracy King officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., and from 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Idaho and Paul (Ranel), the Primary Children's Medical Center, to a charity of choice in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed online every day. To view or submit notices online, or to place a message in our individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open house held for woman's 95th birthday

BUHL — Irene Stigall will celebrate her 95th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at L.I. Courts.

The event is hosted by her daughters, Connie



Stigall

Hill of Twin Falls and Marleen Hamilton of Buhl. The family requests no gifts.

Area restaurants serving free Thanksgiving dinners

RUPERT — Alaska's Best, 702 E. St. in Rupert, will host its annual free Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner is free of charge to all those who wish to attend.

The Wild Flour Cafe, at 1824 Overland Ave. in Burley, will host its annual free Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner is free but donations will be accepted.

Woman to celebrate 90th birthday with open house

TWIN FALLS — Edith Crumrine will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday at the Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. Crumrine was born Nov. 25, 1916, in Erie, Kansas. She married Raymond Crumrine in 1937, owned the Hazelton Variety Store and moved to Twin Falls in 1998. The event is hosted by her children Carol (Jim) Davis of Hemet, Calif.; Larry (Lella) Crumrine of Alamogordo, New Mexico; and Kathy (Ron-deceased) Clark, Eden. She has 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Santa arrives at his house this weekend

BURLEY — Santa Claus will arrive at his house at noon Saturday at Centennial Park in front of the Cassia County Court House. Santa will give a free movie ticket to children age 10 and under for a holiday show at 1 and 3 p.m. that day. Tickets for everyone is are \$3.

CSI

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And officials in communities such as Burley and Gooding say they don't mind the college reusing older facilities.

"CSI is certainly not a cost to us," said Duke Morton, the

mayor of Gooding. "In fact, it's a real benefit to us because they hold classes here in the evenings for people who can't travel to Twin Falls every day."

But students who do attend classes on the main campus

might see some changes soon. If Governor-elect Butch Otter approves \$21.1 million to build a new health-sciences center at CSI, then the college will begin expanding its campus upon the 80-acre on the north side of North College

Road. CSI also is surveying large sections of its property to add recreation and athletic facilities, such as the new softball field that will be completed by 2008.

"I think for us, at least in the-

ory, you can never have enough property," Mason said.

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Tristan

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Though Porter acknowledges Tristan "has a lot of maturing to do," she says he is a natural.

His ability showed in training exercises, as he quickly found samples in a variety of settings, ranging from a cinderblock course to a compost heap.

Tristan was especially adept at what Porter and Griffiths called a "runaway" drill — a kind of hide-and-seek exercise in which he establishes visual contact with a person, then finds that person and reports back to the human seeker.

The central test is whether the dog can find a person without following tracks. Despite several attempts to confuse his trail, the hider's spot was no

"A dog's sense of smell is about 600 times stronger than a human's."

— Big River Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team's Don Griffiths

match for Tristan's ability to pick up airborne scents.

"A dog's sense of smell is about 600 times stronger than a human's," Griffiths said.

Porter said that up to 200,000 skin cells per minute flake off the human body, and these cells can be carried on the wind, leaving a trail in the air. Despite Tristan's talent, he will have to prove that he can handle the demands of a REACT search before he can see time in the field.

Because REACT is a federal nonprofit, the team is able to

conduct searches that Civil Air Patrol and other search and rescue teams can't. For example, REACT can continue searching for humans who are known or presumed to be dead.

"These so-called 'cold cases' can be more than 100 years old."

"The price of finding somebody or providing closure for a family — that's priceless," Porter said.

Part of REACT's designation prohibits it from compensating its volunteers or charging

money for its services. The group relies solely on donations.

As part of a donation drive, Griffiths and Porter will set up a booth Friday next to Santa's House on Rupert Square. They will serve cookies, hot chocolate and coffee, for which they only ask donations.

"I'm making 1,500 cookies, so I hope to God somebody shows," Porter said.

Griffiths noted that in addition to donations, REACT is looking for volunteers, both human and canine.

"We're forming a team that can do a little bit of everything," he said. "This is the only dog we have right now. Eventually, we'd like to have more. We'd like to have more people too."

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Because diabetes reduces the body's resistance to infection, the gums are among the tissues that are affected. Periodontal disease are infections of the gum and bone that support your teeth. This dental disease is often linked to the control of diabetes.

Xerostomia, or dry mouth, is a common complaint of diabetic patients. Constant dryness irritates the soft tissues in the mouth which results in inflammation and pain. Using sugarless gum, sugarless mints, taking frequent sips of water are some things to help alleviate a dry mouth.

Oral candidiasis, a fungal infection in the mouth, appears to occur more frequently with diabetic patients including those who wear dentures.

Regular dental checkups and periodontal screenings are important for maintaining overall dental health and for treating dental problems in their early stages. If you see diabetic signs to help your dentist know you have been diagnosed with diabetes, it is better controlled or not. Watch for signs and symptoms of diabetes and consult the dental office immediately. By

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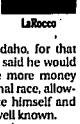
Brady done, but other Idaho Democrats might run again

BOISE (AP) — Most of the Idaho Democrats who lost statewide elections earlier this month say they plan to run again or wouldn't rule out another try, though some said they might consider a change in strategy or vying for a different office.



Brady

"I'm not discouraged one bit," said Larry LaRocca, who lost vice lieutenant governor, race to Republican Gov. Jim Risch. "Except for the outcome, it was a great experience."



LaRocca

He said he might run for legislature. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, for that seat in 2008. He said he would be able to raise more money for a congressional race, allowing him to make himself and his ideas more well known.

Until then, he plans to continue working as president of Neo Kinetics, a software com-

pany in Coeur d'Alene. Not running again is Jerry Brady, the president of the Post Co., a publishing company in Idaho Falls. He lost to Republican C.L. "Buck" Oter in the election for governor.

"I've done my best," Brady, 70, told the Idaho Statesman. "Twice is enough." He said he might go back to nonprofit work in the Third World.

Larry Grant said he will likely try again for the 1st District House seat. The former Micron executive lost to Republican Bill Sall.

"Folks keep asking, 'What did we do wrong?' And I tell them we didn't do anything wrong, we did everything right," Grant said. "We started with an unknown candidate in a tough district and got 45 percent of the vote."

Jim Hansen lost to Republican Mike Simpson in the election for the 2nd District House seat, getting 34 percent of the vote to Simpson's 62 percent. He said he might run for the seat again.

"I'll never rule out the possibility of running many more times," Hansen said. "We've got to own the elections. The people have to own the elections."

United Vision of Idaho in Boise and is working on campaign finance reform.

Jana Jones, who narrowly lost to Republican Tom Luna for superintendent of public instruction, said she might run again in four years. Her job as deputy to Democratic state schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard ends in January when Luna takes office.

"It was a great opportunity, and I believe in what I was doing," she said. "I believe in the public education system of Idaho. I've learned you never say never because it comes back to bite you every time."

Jackie Groves Twiggear, who lost to Donna Jones 59 percent to 41 percent for state controller, said she might run for an office where a Democrat might have a better chance, such as in Boise where Democrats defeated the Republican incumbents in the Legislature.

"I'm also not crazy, and I

have no desire to waste my time and waste people's money, and you have to look at where the Democrats were successful," she said.

Bob Wallace, who lost in the race for attorney general, said his plans are to try and build up the system for getting Democrats elected.

"I don't like to use the word machine, but that's what the Republicans have and that's what we don't have," said Wallace.

Howard Faux, 79, said he plans to run again for treasurer in 2010.

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Eagles flock to northern lake for fish feast

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The eagles of Lake Coeur d'Alene have landed.

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Only about six birds, had landed as of late last week, according to Scott Robinson, wildlife biologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Coeur d'Alene, conducted the most recent count.

But Robinson said the numbers will increase steadily every week for the next month until early January, when the birds will leave to head further south.

Researchers first began tracking the bald eagles' trips to Lake Coeur d'Alene in 1974. The first count found 59 birds in the Wolf Lodge Bay area. Their numbers jumped in 2000, and the eagles set a record in 2004, when 156 came to feast on the smorgasbord of breeding fish in the lake.

When the fish die off, the eagles move on, likely south near Boise and then further on to near Salt Lake City, researchers believe.

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Bush mulls next step on troops in Iraq



President Bush, left, speaks during a joint press conference Monday as Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono looks on in Bogor Palace, outside of Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Associated Press

BOGOR, Indonesia — President Bush said Monday he isn't ready to decide between rival calls to increase or scale back U.S. troops in Iraq. Unruffled by street protests against his policy, he said they were a healthy sign of democracy in this Muslim nation. Facing growing disapproval at home for the Iraq war, Bush heard no criticism or demands for troop cuts from Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The Indonesian leader said the "global community must be also responsible in solving the problems in Iraq" along with the U.S.

Awaiting the results of a Pentagon review and recom-

mendations from a special commission exploring Iraq options, Bush refused to tip his hand about any change in the level of American forces in Iraq, now at more than 140,000.

Back in the U.S., the Republican chairman of the House Armed Services Committee said more Iraqi troops should be pushed to the front lines. "We need to saddle those up and deploy them to the fight," primarily in Baghdad, said Rep. Duncan Hunter of California.

Prominent Democrats have called for a timetable for troop withdrawals. Some Republicans — notably potential Republican presidential candidate John McCain — are urging a heavy buildup of forces to

quell the violence in Baghdad.

"I haven't made any decisions about troop increases or troop decreases, and won't until I hear from a variety of sources," Bush said, standing alongside Yudhoyono at a news conference in the presidential palace.

Asked specifically whether there were any risks in increasing U.S. troops, Bush said, "There's no need to comment on something that may not happen. But if it were to happen, I will tell you the upsides and downside."

A study of options is under way by a Pentagon group for Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Those options include sending more U.S. troops, reducing the

force but staying longer or simply pulling out. The *Washington Post* reported Monday.

Indonesia was the last foreign stop on Bush's eight-day, post-election journey that also taken him to Singapore and Vietnam. He met in Hanoi with world leaders to seek a common strategy for talks aimed at encouraging North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

Concerns for Bush's safety in Indonesia were heightened after police warned of an increased risk of attack by al-Qaida-linked militants. Bush is believed to be in Singapore and Vietnam because of strong U.S. support for Israel and because of the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Chief Italian spy loses job over CIA case

By Maria Samuilovich Associated Press writer

ROME — The government on Monday replaced the head of Italy's military intelligence agency, who was under investigation for the alleged CIA abduction of an Egyptian cleric and links to a fake dossier that purported to show Iraq tried to buy uranium ahead of the U.S.-led invasion.

In a major sweep, Nicola Pollari was replaced as the head of the military intelligence agency SISMI, and the chiefs of the civilian secret service agencies were also removed. The leaders of the two other services were not named in the scandals, and the government insisted the changes were part of a broader overhaul of intelligence agencies.

"After a few years these positions of delicate responsibility must find their natural rotation," Premier Romano Prodi told the Apcom news agency. "This had been waiting to happen for months," said Aldo Pigoli, an intelligence and international relations analyst in Milan. "In the past few months the agreement had formed that ... without too much noise there was a need for a replacement."

After he leaves SISMI, Pollari will receive "an important special assignment," reporting directly to Prodi, the premier's office said. The change takes effect Dec. 16.

Pollari had long resisted calls for his resignation. A bomb exploded and tore through the leftists daily *La Repubblica* alleged he knowingly passed forged documents to the United States suggesting Saddam Hussein had been using uranium in Africa — information used to bolster the case for the invasion of Iraq.

Pollari denied SISMI had any hand in disseminating the fake dossier, which in October a fictitious Iraqi deal to buy 500 tons of yellowcake uranium from Niger.

Calls for his resignation intensified after he became the highest-ranking Italian official named in the investigation into a Muslim cleric's kidnapping, and was questioned by prosecutors in July.

Prosecutors in Milan recently renewed their request for Italy to ask Washington to extradite 26 Americans — all but one believed to be CIA agents — in the alleged 2003 abduction of Osama Mustafa, Hassan Nasir, also known as Abu Omar.

He was supposedly snatched as he walked down a Milan street as part of a CIA "extrajudicial rendition" program in which terrorism suspects are transferred to third countries, where some allegedly are tortured.

The cleric was reportedly flown out of northern Italy from a military base in Catania, and, according to the prosecutors, eventually taken to Egypt, where he says he was tortured.

Prosecutors allege that Pollari and other top officials of SISMI worked with the Americans to abduct the cleric.



Iraquis react Monday as they collect bodies of their relatives at the Yarmouk hospital in Baghdad, Iraq.

As Iraqis continue to die, Syria reopens diplomatic relations

By Thomas Wagner Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After nearly a quarter-century of severed ties, Iraq said Monday it will resume diplomatic relations with neighboring Syria — a move seen as a possible step toward stemming some of the unrelenting violence, which claimed another 100 lives.

The Iraqi and Syrian presidents also received invitations from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to a weekend summit in Tehran to tackle the chaos in Iraq, Iraqi lawmakers said. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani's spokesman said his boss would attend but that Syrian President Bashar Assad would not. The invitation was thought to be an attempt by Iran to counter U.S. influence in the region.

The announcement of restored Iraqi-Syrian ties came during a groundbreaking visit to Baghdad by Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem, who was challenged over Damascus' role in supporting the Sunni insurgency.

"We object to any neighboring country that allows itself to be a base or a transit point for the terrorist groups that harm Iraq," Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said after meeting with the Syrian envoy. Al-Maliki told Moallem that Damascus should not let its disputes with the United States be played out in Iraq, where the chaos and bloodshed has become "a danger that threatens all, not Iraq only."

Asked about the Syrian's visit, State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said "the problem is not what they say but what they do."

"Certainly what we would like to see the Syrians do is take actions to, among other things, prevent foreign fighters from coming across the border into Iraq, and again, to back up the positive words that they have with some real concrete steps," Casey said.

Moallem arrived in Iraq on Sunday in the first such high-level visit by a Syrian official since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003. He was expected to return to Damascus on Tuesday.

"Diplomatic relations will be restored between the two countries during the visit," Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said.

Syria broke diplomatic ties with Iraq in 1962, accusing Iraq of inciting riots by the banned Muslim Brotherhood in Syria. Damascus also sided with Iran in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. Trade ties were restored in 1997.

More recently, Syria is widely believed to have done little to stop foreign fighters and al-Qaida recruits from crossing its border to join Sunni insurgents in Iraq. It also has provided refuge for many top members of Saddam's former leadership and political corps, which is thought to have organized arms and funding for the insurgents. The Sunni insurgency, since it sprang to life in the late summer of 2003, has been responsible for the vast majority of U.S. deaths in Iraq.

A U.S. soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad on Saturday night and a U.S. Marine died during combat in Anbar province on Sunday, the military said, raising to at least 2,865 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the beginning of the Iraq war.

London hospital moves ex-Russian spy to intensive care as condition worsens

By Tariq Panja Associated Press writer

LONDON — His sandy hair has fallen out, and his skin is sallow from the toxin that has attacked his organs and his central nervous system.

Col. Alexander Litvinenko, a former KGB and Federal Security Bureau agent, was under armed guard at a London hospital as authorities investigated

the poisoning that has all the hallmarks of a Cold War thriller.

Prominent Russian exiles c l a i m e d Litvinenko, now in intensive care, was poisoned at the behest of the Kremlin; Russian authorities denied any link to the attack. Police counterterrorism officials have taken charge of the inquiry.

Doctors said Litvinenko was seriously ill after being given the deadly poison thallium — a toxic metal found in some types of rat poison that can cause damage to the nervous system and organ failure. Such poison has been outlawed in Britain since the 1970s, making it highly unlikely any could have gotten into his food by accident.

Photographs released by the hospital on Monday showed a wan Litvinenko in a green hospital gown, his bald head propped up by pillows, his arm hooked to an IV drip. Thallium causes hair loss and interferes with the cardiovascular and nervous systems, attacking the vital organs.

Litvinenko's white cell count is down to nearly zero, said Dr. John Henry, a clinical toxicologist treating him. "It shows his bone marrow has been attacked and that he is susceptible to infection," Henry said.

Litvinenko, who has been a thorn in the Russian government's side since the late 1990s, fell ill after a meal with a contact, who claimed to have details about the slaying of another Kremlin critic — Anna

Politkovskaya, the Russian investigative journalist who was gunned down Oct. 7 in her Moscow apartment building.

Litvinenko blamed her killing on Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Somebody has asked me directly, who is guilty of Anna's death? And I can directly answer you: it is Mr. Putin, president of the Russian Federation," he said at a meeting at a media club in London in October.

Other Russian dissidents in Britain also blamed the Kremlin for Litvinenko's condition.

"Permission to assassinate abroad can only be given from the top," Oleg Gordievsky, former deputy head of the KGB at the Soviet Embassy in London told *The Associated Press*. "Can it not be state-sponsored?"

"He was for five years attacking Putin and the head of the (secret services) week in, week out. He was deliberately irritating the leadership of the Russian establishment, particularly Putin."

In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov dismissed suggestions that Litvinenko and his secret services were involved as "nothing but sheer nonsense."

But exiled Russian dissident Boris Berezovsky was adamant that Putin, a former spy himself, was not only aware of the operation, but gave the orders.

"There's no doubt Putin gave the command to kill him," said the multimillionaire, who claimed that Litvinenko had also been targeted a year ago, when a grenade was thrown into his home.

Alexander Goldfarb, who helped Litvinenko seek asylum in Britain in 2000, Police said the man was lying beside a knife, two rifles with sawed-off barrels and pipe bombs.

It was unclear, authorities said, whether the man shot himself or died when he detonated an explosive. Bomb experts spent hours removing weapons and explosives from around his body, fearing they might be booby-trapped. But the only thing that appeared in court Tuesday on gun-related charges.

Bomb on passenger train in eastern India kills eight

The Associated Press

CALCUTTA, India — A bomb exploded and tore through two cars of a passenger train Monday in a remote area of eastern India, killing at least eight people and wounding about 60, officials and Indian media said.

Suspicion for the blast in West Bengal state quickly fell on two groups: communist rebels active in wide swaths of rural India or militants fighting for an independent homeland in the neighboring state of Assam.

A spokesman for Northeastern Railways, T. Babha, told *The Associated Press* that the bomb had been planted in one of train's cars and exploded

about 6:20 p.m. near the Belachoba station, about 345 miles north of Calcutta.

The blast was so powerful it blew away the side and roof of one of the cars, the Press Trust of India reported.

At least six passengers died at the scene and 53 were wounded, Babha said, adding that the death toll could rise because some of the injured were in serious condition. PTI, citing railway police official Tushar Bhatnagary, later reported that the death toll had climbed to eight with about 60 wounded.

Witnesses said there was a flash followed by a deafening explosion. There were two small explosions immediately afterward, PTI reported.

Masked man shoots students, kills himself

By Jeffrey Fleishman Los Angeles Times

BERLIN — An 18-year-old loner wearing an explosives belt and firing guns stormed his old junior high school Monday in western Germany, shooting four students and a janitor before killing himself as police surrounded the building.

The man, identified only as Sebastian B., rushed the Geschwister-Scholl school in Eschdetten about 9:30 a.m. with smoke canisters, pistols and rifles. Police say he lightly wounded four students and critically injured a janitor, shooting him in the stomach.

A teacher, five pupils and 16 police officers were treated for smoke inhalation. Authorities said the assailant posted a farewell letter on his Web site and a picture of him-



Special police force members walk in front of a school Monday in Eschdetten, western Germany.

self dressed in fatigues, his face smeared with camouflage paint. "The only thing I learned intensively at school was that I'm a loser," Sebastian

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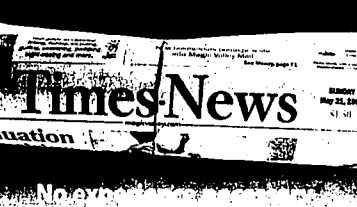
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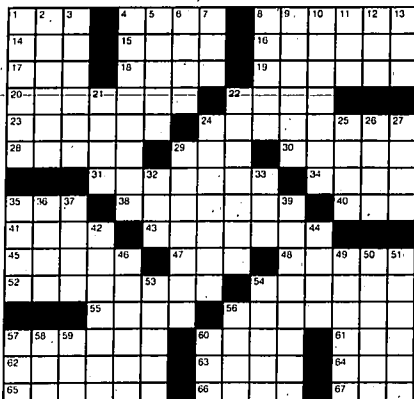
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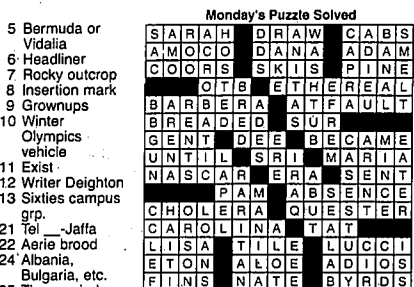
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20 baroque artist
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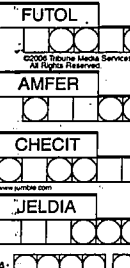
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2 Large tropical lizard
3 Wobble
4 Blind alley
5 Bermuda or
6 Headliner
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10 Winter Olympics
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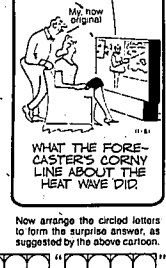
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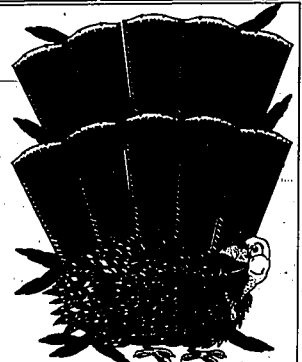
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NORTH 11-21-A
A 10 8 6 4 3
9 7 2
8 6 3

WEST EAST
A 7 4 2 K Q J 6 3
K Q 10 8 6 4 A J
Q 10 2 A K 9 7 4

SOUTH
Q J 9 7 5 2
10 9 8
5 3
♦ 3

Many years ago — or so I'm told — at the Boston Chess Club a bridge player named Resnick played a slam with a side-suit loser and a trump suit of six to the queen opposite six to the ace. When he led the trump queen and his bid opponent showed out, he resignedly ducked in dummy, losing to the bare king. From that point on, Resnick's rule was formulated: with 12 trumps, play for the drop!

No doubt this is a sound rule, but Dennis Dawson and Clement Jackson were able to introduce a variation in their Senior Knockout Teams from the Fall Nationals at Denver, while playing on the Barbour team.

Of course East-West can make a grand slam, but it is almost impossible to get there against aggressive competition. In fact, at both tables South pre-empted, and the sacrifice in six spades was reached.

At one table, the Barbour team's North-South pair were doubled in six spades and went down 800. At the other table, South was also in six spades. Dawson led the diamond king, and Jackson overtook with the ace. He cashed the heart king, then the club king, on which Dawson gave count to show an odd number. Jackson cashed the club ace, then led the diamond king. Dawson overtook with the queen and played a third round of diamonds, allowing Jackson to ruff with the spade king, thereby scoring a trump trick for his side with their only trump. Down 1100 — take that, Resnick!

The bidding:

South West North East
3 A Dbl. 6 A Dbl.
All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
K Q J 6 3
A J A K 9 7 4

West North East
1 Pass 1 Pass
3 Pass 3 Pass

ANSWER: Your partner's three-heart club shows some heart support, but does not promise a good hand or anything more than a doubleton heart. So cubbid four diamonds, but be prepared to give up in four hearts if partner cannot advance any further.

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