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Can a robot be your friend?

Scientists aim to help them 'understand people as people'

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — George the robot is playing hide-and-seek with scientist Alan Schultz. George whirs and hides behind a post until he's found.

Then a bit later, he hunts for and finds Schultz hiding.

If that sounds childish, consider that Schultz is working his way up to teaching the robot to play Capture the Flag.

What's so impressive about robots playing children's games?

For a robot to actually find a place to hide, and then hunt for its human playmate is a new level of human interaction. The machine must take cues from people and behave accordingly.

This is the beginning of a real robot revolution: giving robots some humanity.

"Robots in the human environment, to me that's the final frontier," said Cynthia Brezner, robotic life group director at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "The human environment is as complex as it gets; it pushes the envelope."

Robotics is moving from software and gears operating remotely — Mars, the bottom of the ocean or assembly lines — to finally working with, beside and even on people.

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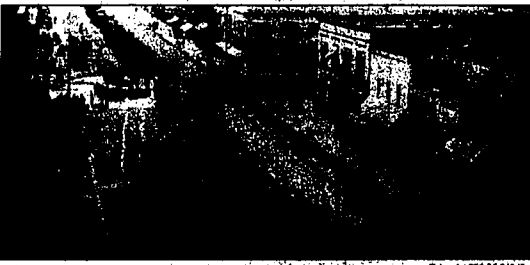
This image released by NASA shows Robonaut, a space-walking prototype robot, performing a mock weld, while Ames Research Center's R10 robot, background, assists two unidentified spacewalkers as they simulate the inspection of a previously welded seam at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

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AFTER-THANKSGIVING SHOPPING IT'S CHANGED



Main Street in downtown Twin Falls looking west, about 1920. (Photographer unknown)

Shopping bustle shifts from downtown to box stores, mall

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you are one of thousands of shoppers battling for bargains today, good luck.

Prepare to be elbowed, pushed, run over, cut off, crunched and kicked. Prepare to sprint across a store at 5 a.m. to save \$10 on a blender.

Shopping the day after Thanksgiving, now-days called Black Friday, didn't used to be like this. It wasn't always so... black. Bargain mall, box stores on Blue Lakes and big-bargain sales there was downtown.

Still it, though today you won't have any trouble finding a parking space on Main Avenue.

Decades ago, however, this was shopping central, and customers did it with style.

Men wore ties, women dresses. They said hello and thank you, and no one pushed. It was a simpler time, perhaps.

"Downtown used to be the place to go," said Bob Brown, who with his family runs Brown's Furniture, one of the oldest downtown businesses.

"But that was before TV and the mall." Brown started working at his grandfather's store in the 1950s, sweeping floors and running errands. He doesn't remember ever opening at 5 a.m. on the day after Thanksgiving.

But still the people came. Silhouetted by neon signs, shoppers strolled downtown streets in their Sunday best. Cars lined Main Avenue, and when the spaces were filled, people parked in the middle of the street. Children watched Bugs Bunny cartoons at the Orpheum while their parents window-shopped under Christmas lights.



Main Street downtown Twin Falls on Christmas night in 1957. The photo was taken by Albert Sturten, in front of the school district building looking toward East Five Points.

"Before those box stores were here, the downtown stores would pull people in," Brown said.

"Not anymore. He expects it to be slow today. It's a satiny-me-now, competitive attitude that makes the Black Friday frenzy, Brown said. But most downtown businesses, he said, just don't buy into that mentality."

No super sales. No one-day-only deals.

That's the way it was — and still is — for downtown businesses. Though the majority of people come around November, he said, still does business the way his grandfather did. The store will open and close at its usual time, and there won't be any special sales.

That's what sets downtown businesses apart from the rest, he said. They're consistent, simple — places where money is exchanged with a handshake and a smile.

It's that attitude that lures shoppers in after the big, uptown shopping night, said Ryan Horsley of Red's Trading Post — another family-run downtown business.

Ten years ago, Horsley was working at the mall and remembers waking early and guzzling coffee to prepare for Black Friday.

Not anymore, now that he's in the family business.

Horsley said Black Friday isn't even Red's busiest day of the year, and that's OK with him.

"People will come," he said. "We just have to be patient."

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TWIN FALLS FIRE



Twin Falls firefighters work a fire Thanksgiving Day at 861 3rd Ave. West after a fireplace in a rear bedroom set off a smoke alarm in the home. The homeowner said she was about to sit down to a holiday meal when the alarm went off. Firefighters Josh King, left, Capt. Alan Stronberg, center, and Sean Burgess responded to the 1:45 p.m. fire at the corner of 3rd Avenue West and Witt Street.

Wounded in Iraq, Idaho soldiers ready for winter sports

By Betsy Russell
Spokane-Review

SUN VALLEY — Winter always meant snowboarding for Chad Brumpton, when he looked eagerly to the hills for signs of snow and a chance to ride.

But when the Boise man was serving as a tank commander in Iraq, his tank ran over an improvised explosive device that destroyed the tank and seriously injured the Marines on board, including Brumpton.

Both legs were shattered from the knees down, but doctors rebuilt them with rods, pins, screws and plates. One severely damaged leg may still have to be amputated. But last winter, just a few months after he had been released from the hospital, Brumpton was on the slopes of Sun Valley, using adaptive equipment to try snowboarding again.

"I can't ride like I used to," he said. "I don't have the muscle functions or anything to do that, so they helped me figure out how to ride again."

Sun Valley Adaptive Sports is preparing for another set of severely wounded service members who will arrive in January for an all-expenses-paid snow-sports camp — a type of therapy that taps into the rush of extreme sports to help young, strong, but severely injured service members recover. People with missing limbs, blindness and other traumatic injuries will get help to ski, snowboard, hike, play hockey and more.

"I don't like sitting around," Brumpton said. "I'm a very active person — hunting, snowboarding, motorcycles, stuff like that. I still do all that stuff."

Tom Iselin, executive director of Sun Valley Adaptive Sports, said, "That's just the mentality of a service member — they're going to go for it. They want to go big."

The Sun Valley program is part of a growing

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CSI's new sign is finished, and a star has quietly moved

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A star changed its location after almost two decades and no one seemed to notice.

The College of Southern Idaho completed the finishing touches on a new sign that stands like a monument at the school's main entrance. About three weeks ago the college switched on the amber-colored lights that illuminate the school's name and logo, and the sign began its tenure as a symbol of CSI's permanence.

But even amid the flurry of crit-

cism over changes to the University of Idaho logo last week, no one seemed to notice that the star — the only symbol in the CSI logo — had been moved.

The star no longer dots the 'I' according to the new sign at the main entrance.

But don't expect an outcry like the student demonstrations held at U of I.

"Really, they moved the star — I thought the star was always there," said Carley Larson, who drives around the sign three days a week to drop her daughter off at the

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The new sign at the main entrance at CSI is illuminated Wednesday as the sun sets.

Warriors CSI

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trend toward sports as rehab for badly injured veterans. The U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs is partnering with the Sun Valley group to rotate service members to its "Higher Ground" program, and other organizations around the country, including Disabled Sports USA and the Wounded Warrior Project, are focusing on sports and recreation to help wounded veterans recover.

Jeff Schrade, communications director for the Senate committee, said the panel's outgoing chairman, Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, was struck by how many wounded vets he visited in the hospital wanted to be active again right away.

"They're young, they're strong, they've been active, and for a lot of them, they want to continue doing that," Schrade said.

Iselin said: "The government knows if you can build someone's confidence and self-esteem ... then they can have belief in themselves and hope. You can handle the challenges of your rehab better, and you can better cope with the combat-related stress that you have."

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Randy Dill, physical plant director at CSI, said the college approved the design based on the way it represents the college.

"We wanted something that properly identifies the college at the main entrance," Dill said. "They (Lytle) came to us with a design where the star didn't dot the T, but we thought it was the best one and the only request that we had was to make it bigger."

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Larson said the design was fitting for CSI because it had a "no-nonsense" look.

"You don't see a lot of frilly things on campus," she said. "Everything is simple and no-nonsense, or what others would probably call boring."

The college hopes the design appeals to the public because it plans to build two signs with a similar look at the main entrance on Falls Avenue. The signs will be installed after construction is completed on the

redesigned entryway connecting to Falls Avenue. CSI hopes to begin construction in spring 2008.

The two signs, as well as any in the future, will share the same features as the new sign

at the main entrance, which means the star will no longer dot the 'T'.

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Troops celebrate Thanksgiving in Iraq



U.S. soldiers serve food to fellow soldiers as they celebrate Thanksgiving Day at a U.S. military camp in the fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, Thursday.

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — It was before sunrise on Thanksgiving morning and a U.S. Marine sat on a frigid concrete curb, reflecting on a holiday spent in his violent patch of western Iraq.

From the Middle East to Central Asia and beyond, U.S. service members like Staff Sgt. Dominco Washington passed a day meant to celebrate American bounty in far-flung deployments, longing for home while focusing on their missions.

"There are times when you think it would be nice to be home, nice to be with the ones you love," Washington, of the 3rd Reconnaissance Military Transition Team, said while waiting in the dark along a wind-swept Fallujah street for a company of Marines searching houses.

"But you can't think too much about yourself, get too down and be a disruption to the other guys," said the 30-year-old, who hails from Norfolk, Va., but lives with his wife and 10-year-old daughter on a U.S. military base in Okinawa, Japan.

From their positions across Iraq's dangerous and insurgent-dominated Anbar province, more than 20,000 Marines quickly and quietly marked Thanksgiving amid their work, while trying to bring some homestyle traditions to Iraq.

There was a flag football tournament on fields of hard-packed sand that became blanketed by blinding dust whenever medical evacuation helicopters took off or landed nearby.

"Thanksgiving is food and football. That's what we do every year. It's America, even if we're in Iraq," said Capt. Daniel J. English, a native of Antwerp, Ohio, in the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.

A television lounge at Camp Fallujah planned to show NFL games live, even though they didn't start here until the middle of the night. Cardboard turkeys, pumpkins and pilgrims in bell-tucked hats were plastered around many buildings.

Inside, the bases' two sprawling mess halls, three-foot turkey sculptures fashioned out of butter greeted the troops, who piled their trays high with roast turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cornbread as well as pumpkin and four other varieties of pie. The menu also included prime rib, crab legs, shrimp cocktail, fried chicken and collard greens.

"It's the most important day of the year for us," said Raymond Yung, director of one of the food service crews at Camp Fallujah.

Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter arrived in Iraq on Wednesday and visited the camp while touring several Anbar locations.

"The morale seems very good. Yes, they have thoughts of home as everybody does, but I think that they recognize the importance of their mission and many have told me that very directly and without prompting," Winter said in a lunchtime interview. "The sense that the sailors and the Marines have is that they are making progress." In the former Soviet republic

of Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia, there was no lack of thought for families back home among U.S. personnel at Manas Air Base.

"My wife and 5-month-old daughter, Emily, are waiting for me at home," said Air Force Capt. Karl Recksick of Cheyenne, Wyo. "I have four

months left to serve, and I'll do my best to make my relatives proud."

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Hit-and-run suspect can stand trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An SUV driver accused of running down 19 people in a deadly spree through streets and sidewalks was found competent to stand trial after his medication was changed.

Police arrested Omeed Aziz Popal on Aug. 29 after surrounding his sport utility vehicle with squad cars. By then,

victims had been hit at more than a dozen locations in Fremont and San Francisco, and a 54-year-old man had been killed in Fremont.

Popal, 29, was found competent Wednesday to stand trial in San Francisco on 18 counts of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

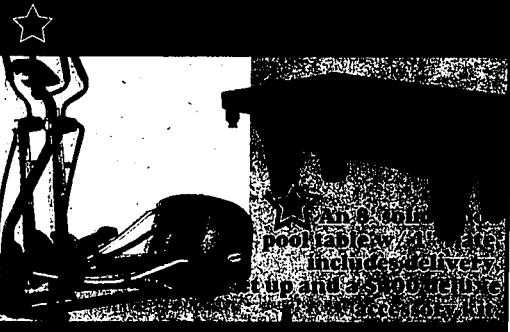
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Robots

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"Robots have to understand people as people," Brezael said. "Right now, the average robot understands people like a chair: It's something to go around."

The researchers who are injecting humanity into robotics are creating robots that can connect with humans in a more "thoughtful" way. They are building robot receptionists and robot physical therapists. They are finishing work on Huggable, a teddy bear robot line that will help monitor the mental and physical health of sick children for only a few thousand dollars apiece. Robots are coaxing autistic kids out of their shells. And there's a cute penguin robot, Mel, that makes eye contact with people and nods when they talk.

The places we will first see these robots are in the most human-oriented fields—those that require special care in dealing with the elderly, young and disabled.

That's why George's game is important. As a machine, George is not a breakthrough. He's an off-the-shelf robot reprogrammed at the Navy Center for Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence, which Schultz directs.

George moves with a bulky red wheel base and binoculars that gaze around the room before a computer screen with an animated face—complete with blinking blue eyes. What's different is the way he interacts with people.

"George go hide," Schultz orders the robot in a cluttered room at the naval research lab. George's "head" rotates around several times. Computer codes zip by on the monitor as George is thinking.

Finally, George announces in a mechanical, definitely non-human voice: "I will hide now." He ducks behind some boxes: "I made it to the goal."

Schultz finds George easily. George has a hard time spotting Schultz, but eventually succeeds. For a child, this is nothing, but for a robot this should lead to a lot.

"We have only scratched the surface," said Sebastian Thrun, the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab director who won the Defense Department's Grand Challenge for a self-driving robot car through the desert last year. He predicted that 10 years from now robots will roam the health care system and that in our homes, multi-armed robots will be doing the cleaning. "There will be a lot of personalized devices," he says.

That's a big switch. The latest commercial home robots—the \$280 vacuuming iRobot Roomba, with more than 2 million of the disc-shaped devices sold, and its floor-cleaning cousins—are designed to work best when people leave the room. But the promise of robots for scientists is represented by Rosie, the vacuuming robot of "The Jetsons" cartoon series, who dutifully works as Jane bithely walks by.

"If Rosie is going to be around and in your face, it would be good if the interaction is natural and easy," says Rod Brooks, director of MIT's artificial intelligence lab.

So after spending decades tinkering with wiring, some roboticists—a usually male and techno-geek-heavy field—did the unthinkable. They put aside their hardware and software, and studied how humans think work together and communicate so they could apply that to robots.

The new field of human-robot interaction was born. Unlike the rest of robotics, many of its leaders are women. It has social scientists, language specialists, medical doctors and even ethicists who wonder if putting robots into places like nursing homes is

the right thing to do.

That's a big change from 50 years ago, when the field of artificial intelligence was created at a forum at Dartmouth University. The experts focused on puzzles and chess and skipped over concepts such as perception, a sense of where you are, what's around you and how to interact.

"They all thought perception

was easy—a 2-year-old could do that—but smart people play chess," said Brooks, co-founder of Robot Corp. "They all missed it and Hollywood missed it. The stuff a 2-year-old could do, that's the hard stuff."

One preschooler-type skill, the ability to take someone else's perspective, "turned out to be a very important capability that we needed on our robots

so that they could really work consistently with humans," said Schultz.

Thus, Schultz hopes in the next year or so to have a robot that could, like an old-time movie detective working a case, tell a person walking through the naval research lab campus unseen.

Similarly, researchers are working on teaching language-

reasoning—not just dumping a dictionary in the robot's database—gestures and eye contact so robots can understand the many ways people communicate. At NASA, astronauts are working with Schultz and a spacewalking-prototype called Robonaut to make machines understand when an astronaut points to something and says "there."

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EDITORIAL

South Hills' popularity creates heavy impact

Recreation enthusiasts of the Magic Valley are blessed to have such a varied and accessible playground in the South Hills backyard. But the adage of an area being "loved to death" holds true for some of the spectacular canyons, corridors, streams and campgrounds located just south of Hansen, and within an hour's drive of most population centers in the valley.

Managed by the Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest, the area has, fortunately, been greatly used by the public, which is the intent of public lands. But, unfortunately, it also has been abused by the same public.

A more heavy-handed recreation management is in order, according to those primarily responsible for the area, and we agree wholeheartedly. The proposed changes will affect the Lower Rock Creek area, from the Third Fork trailhead, downstream to the forest's boundary.

As described in a recent *Times-News* story, the proposals are intended to mitigate sedimentation in Rock Creek, which studies show has suffered a two-fold increase in sediment levels between 2004 and 2006. Those increases can be traced to erosion caused by Road traffic and camping along the creek, officials say.

Thus, the Forest Service's recommendations include closing some campgrounds, converting others to day use, as well as closing some of the motorized travel areas, specifically Magpie Basin. At the same time, additional camp sites will be established to help keep pace with the high demand.

The Forest Service is encouraging public comments on its proposals, according to Scott Nannenga, Minidoka district ranger. "We are very sincere in asking for people's ideas and suggestions on how to fix this problem," he said in a recent press release. "We don't have all the answers. We cannot allow this kind of deterioration to continue."

While the public comment period, which runs through the end of the year, will be helpful in shaping management policy, we offer additional advice to all users of our cherished public lands: abide by the use rules that are prominently posted throughout public areas.

Don't recklessly damage areas by creating your own trails or roads; be mindful of campfire regulations; be respectful (quiet, not noisy) of your fellow recreationists; leave an area better than you found it. We'll all benefit in the long run.

Our view:
Recreational use of the South Hills will require greater management controls by the Forest Service.

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

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LETTERS

Past coming back to haunt Clinton

I imagine some people still remember the intense conversation between Chris Wallace and former President Bill Clinton. Wallace asked Clinton, "Why did you not keep your promise to the American people to capture Osama bin Laden?" As you may remember, Clinton "flew off the handle," being very upset! The questions arises, why was he so troubled? I think the answer is very obvious.

If we study a little history, the answer is apparent. Bin Laden was in Egypt, busy with his crusade to liquidate all non-Muslims. Egypt "got sick" of him and offered bin Laden to President Clinton. The facts are, Clinton refused to take him, thus Wallace touched a very tender bone that brought a furious reaction.

"Our sins will find us out."
DONALD R. NIENHUIS
Twin Falls

See through the criticism of Wal-Mart

Hmmmm Wal-Mart protesters feared that the lights would detract from the College of Southern Idaho's Planetarium. Are the protesters from the proposed new hospital and high school less bright? Hmmmm.

Protesters also feared the traffic from Wal-Mart would disrupt the peace of

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The single homeowners between Pole Line and the canyon and south of Pole Line, too. Will everyone walk quietly (to and from the new high school) and new hospital... no life flight helicopters, no ambulances, no teenage drivers — what a concept?

Rest easy — the powers that be have pushed back Wal-Mart's coming to Twin until January 2006. Have the new hospital and new high school been put on hold for that long, too? It does seem less wasteful to use the newly remediated old hospital before building a new one. I hope the good of boys care more about our students and teachers.

Also, the tax dollars generated by sales at Wal-Mart sure would help ease the load on the individual taxpayers. I guess Twin doesn't need the extra income. After all, our streets are well lit, hail! No potholes, hail! Our teachers, firemen and policemen are compensated so well that they're the envy of all — hail! Guess you got my drift.
ROBERTA GIBSON
Twin Falls



Hillary vs. Rudy: A dream race

MICHAEL GOODWIN

In a conversation last spring, Sen. Hillary Clinton was responding to my request to scope out the likely GOP candidates for the 2008 presidential election. She had already declined to say whether she would seek her party's nomination, but she was paying attention to the other team.

We agreed Arizona Sen. John McCain would run, and then she came to Rudy Giuliani. "I'm not sure what Rudy is going to do," she said. I shook my head and said she was definitely running. And I told her that "I have long believed that 2008 will come down to Rudy against you for the White House."

With that, she broke into a broad smile, stepped the tabletop in front of her with an open palm and said, eyes twinkling, "Well then, we would finish what we started."

Bingo. In that high-spirited and candid moment, Clinton revealed that she, too, was intrigued by the second chance for a face-off with Giuliani. Their 2000 Senate race was aborted when Giuliani developed prostate cancer and dropped out. Six years later, it is likely that our longing for a rematch, this time to the finish, is about to be satisfied.

The report that Giuliani has launched an exploratory committee to test the White House

waters means the Rudy versus Hillary Showdown is beginning. It was no surprise, given that both of these titans are the front-runners in their respective parties. Each must survive the primary meat grinder, but they will because they deserve each other as the most worthy opponents in politics today. They are, in large measure, the personification of their parties, their politics and cultures. Male vs. Female, the Daddy party vs. the Mommy party, is a big part of the dynamics.

In our conversation in a Manhattan restaurant, Clinton wasn't committing to her own run — notice her conditional tense of "we would finish," not "we will finish." But there was no doubt what she was thinking, and perhaps relishing.

Who can blame her? She's at the top of her game, and now her party is triumphant. Giuliani's launching comes two days after it was reported she has kept her Senate campaign team and office intact, a sign that her next race has already begun. So all the pieces are coming together right on schedule. Never mind that we just finished an election. Let's get this one on. Clinton may not be tanned

and rested, but she is surely ready. She walloped her GOP Senate opponent last week, getting 67 percent of the vote. She spent \$29 million running up the score in a game where she made few mistakes. Even her ducking the question that had potential to scare off voters — would she promise to serve all six years? — didn't hurt. Her race response, a version of which she gave in a debate, they should factor that into their decision in November.

That answer typified her cruise-control approach. Thanks to the money and a sacrificial GOP lamb, she had the luxury of choosing her time and topic. She helped raise money for Democrats across the country while refusing to be drawn into any crazy New York liberal stances that would hurt her nationally. She famously wore a Christian cross around her neck, which was the equivalent of a flashing neon light that shouted "CENTRIST."

Not to put too fine a point on it, but right now, God might be a Democrat. The party's sweep of Congress, and huge gains in statehouses across America, were a smackdown of Bush and the GOP, especially over the mess in Iraq. Dems will hold 28 governorships, a huge advan-

tage in a presidential election. In addition to that structural hurdle, Giuliani and other Republican candidates will bear the burden of a presidency haunted by charges of incompetence. The minute they propose a solution to Islamic terror, Iran, North Korea or Social Security, they will be compared to Bush's positions. That won't be helpful.

Giuliani will have his own burdens, too. Besides his pro-gun, pro-contract, pro-gay rights stances being a tough sell in some GOP primaries, the former mayor hasn't run a full campaign since he was re-elected in 1997. Although he has stumped the country for Republicans in the last three cycles, he has mostly been building an impressive business empire, giving speeches for up to \$150,000 per and enjoying a busy social life with this third wife, Judith Nathan. "There's a little rust here," one insider confided Monday about a political campaign.

That's OK. We're a patient people. After all, we've waited six years for this one.

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The next conservative revolution

If Republicans don't embrace their conservative side, they may lose more seats and the presidency in 2008.

BRIAN DARLING

Electon Day was all of the following for Republicans: a pounding, a thumping, a butt-whupping, a stomping, a drubbing, a shelling, a flogging, a spanking and an embarrassing beat-down. But the election wasn't a loss for the conservative ideals of low taxes, traditional values and limited government.

The election was a loss on the issues of congressional ethics and Iraq policy, as well as an indication of general dissatisfaction with President Bush. Republicans have hit a fork in the road.

They need to decide whether they want to go down the tried-and-true road of the conservatism that brought them a huge victory in 1994 or the liberal road containing more federal spending on education, amnesty for illegal immigrants and increasing unemployment generated by raising the minimum wage. If Republicans don't embrace their conservative side, they may lose more seats and the presidency in 2008, thus relegating themselves to minority party status for years to come.

One thing the GOP lacked in this election was a positive message for the future. It's not so much that Republicans lost these elections; polling in key states indicates that the lack of progress in the war in Iraq caused the American people to fire Republican candidates

and fraud in these entitlement programs as a first step toward capping expenses that are on pace to bankrupt the American taxpayer.

Tax simplification is another issue conservatives should be discussing. It's time to put forth aggressive ideas, such as a flat tax or other means to scrap the complicated tax code. Conservatives should push the popular idea of traditional marriage and other ideas that the average American family can embrace and support. Furthermore, part of the new conservative revolution should be to embrace our long history of legal immigration and fight any efforts to grant amnesty to the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants living in our nation today.

On the defensive side, conservatives need to fight any effort to create a socialized health-care system, which is one of the potential agenda items of the new majority. Health care consumes approximately \$2 billion of economy. Market-based initiatives, including health savings accounts, should be part of any plan to lower the cost of health care for the average American family.

Finally, there is a new era of government monitoring of potential terrorist activities. Conservatives need to promote initiatives that protect civil liberties of Americans while making us free of a post-Sept. 11 world.

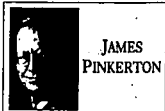
Back in 1979, Ronald Reagan announced that, "A troubled and afflicted mankind looks to us, pleading with us to keep our rendezvous with destiny; that we will uphold the principles of self-reliance, self-discipline, morality and, above all, responsible liberty for every individual that we will beage that shining city on a hill."

All that remains true today. The world looks to the United States for leadership, and Americans are looking to conservatives for the ideas that will guide us through the troubled years ahead. When the dust settles, the 2006 election will be seen as a big loss for Republicans, but a big win for conservatives.

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In the forefront or behind the scenes, Kissinger returns yet again

Inside the mind of Henry Kissinger. There's the headline, in big font, all capital letters, bright red, atop The Drudge Report, all day Sunday and even into Monday morning: "KISSINGER: IRAQ MILITARY WIN IMPOSSIBLE."



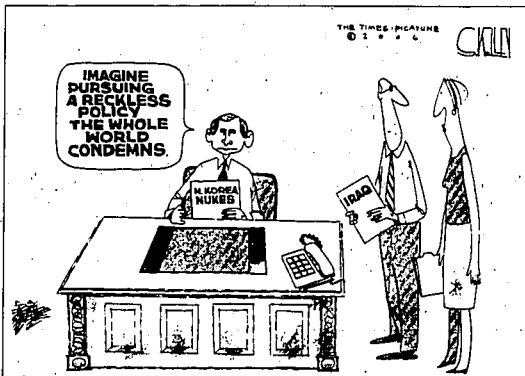
JAMES PINKERTON

At my age, 83, I'm too old really to appreciate the Internet, but I always know a good headline when I see one. And so I know I'm still a big player in international politics, three decades after I left government.

The Drudge headline refers to an interview I gave to the BBC's "Sunday AM" show, in which I was asked if America can achieve military victory in Iraq. I answered, "If you mean by 'military victory' an Iraqi government that can be established... that gets the civil war under control and sectarian violence under control in a time period that the political processes of the democracies will support, I don't believe that is possible." It was a complicated quote, full of subordinate clauses, but headline writers were right to sum it up as they did.

Some observers might note I am changing my tone and they would be correct. In September, Bob Woodward's big book, "State of Denial," revealed that I was a "powerful, largely invisible influence on Bush's Iraq policy." What was I telling the White House? My line then was, "Victory is the only meaningful exit strategy."

Did I believe what I was saying then? Not really. But it's what George W. Bush and my old pal Dick Cheney



wanted to hear. My words made them happy, getting me back in the White House, where I am happy a win-win! And my influence was "invisible," of course, until it became visible in Woodward's book. Gee, I wonder how that happened? Chalk up more billings for Kissinger-McLarty Associates: Big clients want to be assured that I'm still wired into Washington power.

Back in the good-old days, I was more than wired. I was "Super K," constantly on front pages and magazine covers. From 1969 to 1977, I was the White House national security adviser and/or the 56th secretary of state, running U.S. foreign policy oh, wait, I can't completely forget my then-boss, Dick Nixon, can I? A smart but

deeply flawed fellow, wasn't he? But it was I who won the Nobel Peace Prize, not he.

Since the '70s, I have had to struggle to maintain my prominence. It hasn't always been easy. Don Rumsfeld, for example, never liked me, too bad about him, eh? And sometimes my power gambits didn't work out: Paul Bremer, the would-be democratic transformer of Iraq, was a protégé of mine, although I now prefer to think of him as "Paul Who?" Also a failure was my bid to co-chair the 9/11 Commission back in 2002; I had too many conflicts of interest, they said. And for the same reason, they say, I wasn't invited to join the Baker-Hamilton Iraq Study Group.

And this Jim Baker, who is he but a wannabe version of

What was I telling the White House? My line then was, "Victory (in Iraq) is the only meaningful exit strategy."

me? What's his big idea? He wants Uncle Sam to look beyond Iraq, to negotiate with Iran and Syria. Well, of course that's a good idea, to go over the heads of the enemy because I thought of it first!

Thirty-five years ago, when Baker was a tennis-playing lawyer in Houston, I traveled to Moscow and Beijing to work out a public "peace with honor" for the Vietnam conflict although, privately, to be sure, I called it a "decent interval" until we lost. And I had the same idea when I told the BBC that we had to "redefine the course" in Iraq, short of victory. Now Baker has the same

kind of decent interval in mind! I guess he wants a Nobel, too. Can't blame him for that. But first, I have to get myself back in the middle of the Iraq debate. Which I have now done, thank you very much.

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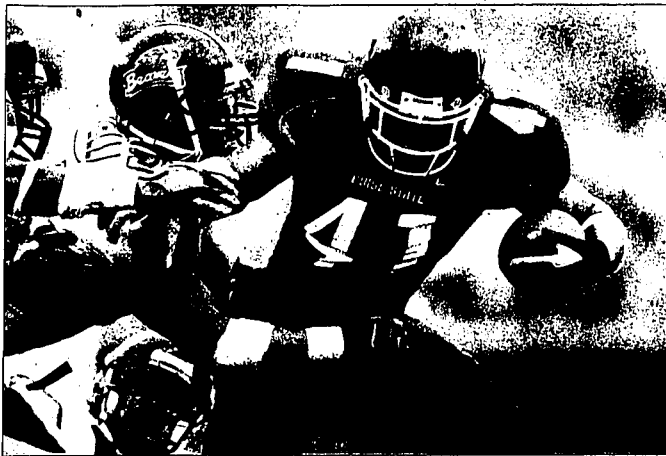
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BOISE STATE FOOTBALL: QUEST FOR THE BCS



Boise State running back Ian Johnson tries to break away from Oregon State defenders during Boise State's 42-14 victory in Boise in this Sept. 7 file photo.

Carrying the load

Johnson carries Boise State to cusp of a BCS berth

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Ian Johnson has a knack for finding the end zone and a talent for crochet.

Before this season, Johnson was better known at Boise State for his hobby and than his running.

Not anymore.

With a breakout sophomore season, Johnson has become a Heisman Trophy contender, leading the nation in touchdowns as the 12th-ranked Broncos try to bust into the

Bowl Championship Series.

"I hope Ian doesn't start feeling the walls closing in on him, and he starts buying into the hype," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said.

"We want everyone else to buy into it, but not him and not this team."

With a victory over Western Athletic Conference rival Nevada on Saturday, the Broncos (11-0) will remain on track to become the second team from a non-BCS confer-

ence to land a berth in one of the big-money bowls. Utah from the Mountain West Conference was the first in 2004.

Boise State needs to finish in the top 12 of the final BCS standings to gain an automatic berth. They were 11th last week, right behind LSU and ahead of Texas and Auburn.

"If you look at the guys on this team, their hearts are bigger than anyone else out there," said Johnson, who is third in the country at 146 yards rushing per game. "That's something that sometimes those bigger name guys, those guys who have been given everything,

don't have. If you're good, you'll find your way onto the field."

Johnson himself was a find, a talented high school back from California who got some notice from the Pac-10 but no firm offers. Boise State promised nothing, other than a chance to get onto the field.

He was a redshirt his first year with the Broncos, but his unusual hobby — at least among football players — made him a target for teasing by teammates.

Johnson's mother taught him to crochet as a teenager, when he wanted a new scarf. Instead of buying one, he made his own. Eventually, he started selling his handcrafted



BCS bowl on the line for No. 12 BSU

By Scott Sasser
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Boise State is a win away from becoming only the second non-BCS school ever to crash the big boys party in the Bowl Championship Series.

So it's understandable that coach Chris Petersen doesn't want to talk much about the way his 12th-ranked Broncos (11-0, 7-0 in the Western Athletic Conference) have manhandled Saturday's opponent the last three mismatches against Nevada by a combined score of 149-17.

"I love it at each year completely different. Teams really do change tremendously from year to year. So we haven't focused any on that," Petersen said about the WAC finale at Nevada beginning at 1:15 p.m. on ESPN2.

"I just look at Nevada right now and know they are playing as good as anybody out there," he said. "It will be quite a challenge."

Nevada coach Chris Ault, on the other hand, is ban talking about nothing else as he tries to ready his team (8-3, 5-2) for a shot at its ninth win in the last 10 games and another huge step in the third year of his latest campaign to rebuild a program he first led to the top of Division I-AA in the 1980s.

"Last year we had won three straight and went up there (to Boise) and got embarrassed," Ault said about the 49-7 setback.

"We played as bad, as we could. We coached very poorly and we deserved to get whipped. If you don't learn from your lessons, you don't belong in this business," he said.

"I learned a great deal. Our staff did, too. We'll remind our



Boise State coach Chris Petersen yells instructions to his offense during the third quarter of Saturday's game against Utah State in Boise. Boise State defeated Utah State 49-10.

kids exactly what they learned from Boise State," And Ault said he will tell them how they have a chance to play one of the only two undefeated teams in the nation.

The Broncos, who are 38-1 in the WAC since 2002 and gunning for their second undefeated season overall in three years, already have captured a share of the league title. They win it outright with a win at Nevada.

Boise State is 11th in the BCS standings and must finish No. 12 or better to automatically

qualify for one of the big-money bowls. If it does, Boise State would be only the second team from a non-BCS conference to achieve that goal. Utah did it in 2004.

"They'll get a boost with the return of running back Ian Johnson, who is averaging nearly 150 yards a game with 21 touchdowns. He plans to wear a fad jacket to protect two cracked ribs after sliding out last week while recovering from a partially collapsed lung. Favored by a field goal, Boise State comes in as the highest

ranked team ever to play at Mackay Stadium.

Nevada is riding an 11-game home winning streak and is 15-2 there since Ault — the school's all-time winningest coach — stepped down as athletic director and returned to the sidelines for the third time in 2004. The streak includes a 38-35 victory over then 16th-ranked Fresno State in the season finale a year ago that helped knock the Bulldogs out of the BCS picture and a 31-21 win over Northwestern in September, Nevada's first ever over a Big Ten school.

"I just know this is a good football team we're going to play on Saturday," said Petersen, a longtime Bronco assistant in his first year as head coach after Dan Hawkins left for Colorado.

"I know they are playing good defense. And coach Ault has always done a good job with that offense. They move up and down the field and hold onto the ball forever," he said.

Nevada, which leads the nation with a turnover margin of plus 15, is coming off consecutive 42-0 shutouts against Louisiana Tech and Utah State and appears headed to its second consecutive bowl game after going the previous five years without a winning season.

Ault points to Boise State as the model for the program he wants to build. He said the Broncos are "as good of team as I've seen in WAC football."

"They seem to be getting stronger as they go through the year," he said. "Their national ranking comes with a lot of hard work. They have found a way to win games and win them big. They have found a way when they don't play well, to win games. That is the mark

Yaks best Bears

CSI opens play today

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Former Wendell High School standout Halle Kelsey and the Yakima Valley Community College (Yak) started the 2006 Wolverton Challenge on the right foot, defeating the Phoenix College (Ariz.) Bears 63-64 Thursday night at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.



The Yaks were led by freshman point guard Andrea Blodgett's 17 points, while Whitney Horn added 16 points and eight rebounds. Kelsey came off the bench to total six points, two rebounds and an assist for the 4-0 Yaks, who opened up a 47-36 halftime lead and held together through the Bears' second-half rally for the win.

Phoenix College was led by sophomore forward Linda Ubadillo's 17 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, while Trivern Jaks added 12 points, five rebounds and six assists. The Bears were able to keep the game close, but were hurt by 22 turnovers on the night.

Kandi Sims added 10 points for Phoenix College. The No. 13 CSI women play Phoenix College tonight at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting of the No. 12 CSI men and Western Wyoming Community College.

Second-day action of the Wolverton Challenge begins at 2 p.m. today at the Yakima Valley women take on Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.).

2006 Wolverton Challenge At CSI Gymnasium, Twin Falls

Thursday's game
Yakima Valley CC vs. Phoenix College 64

Friday's games
Treasure Valley CC vs. Yakima Valley CC women, 2 p.m.
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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (8) and receiver Terry Glenn (83) celebrate after Glenn's touchdown reception during Thursday's game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Irving, Texas.

Romo throws five touchdowns in win

The Associated Press.

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo tied a Dallas Cowboys record with five touchdown passes Thursday in a 38-10 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

It was the ninth time it's happened in team history and the first time on Thanksgiving. More impressive: Terry Alkanon never did it in regulation and Roger Staubach never did it at all.

As wild as it seems to mention Romo with those Hall of Famers — especially because this was only his fifth start — he's certainly proving worthy.

After spending the first 3 1/2 years of his career on the bench, Romo won NFC offensive player of the week honors and outplayed Peyton Manning in his previous two starts.

Dallas has won three straight for the first time this season and is 4-1 since Romo took over for Drew Bledsoe. Now 7-4, the Cowboys go into the weekend with a half-game lead over the New York Giants in the NFC East and are second only to Chicago in the conference.

Terry Glenn caught the first two TD passes, of 30 and 20 yards. Marlon Barber III caught the next two, giving him an NFC-best 11 touchdowns. The record-tying fifth touchdown went to Terrell Owens.

Tampa Bay (8-8) drove 80 yards for a touchdown on the first drive of the game, but got only a 16-yard field goal the rest of the way. Rookie Bruce Gradkowski threw two interceptions, both of which resulted in Dallas touchdowns.

Romo was 22-of-29 for 306 yards. He completed 13 straight passes in one stretch and was 8-of-8 in the second half; he's 28-of-30 after halftime over his last three games.

Dolphins 27, Lions 10

DETROIT — Joey Harrington threw three touchdown passes in his return to Detroit, helping Miami erase a 10-point deficit and roll to a victory.

The quarterback was drafted third overall in 2002 by the

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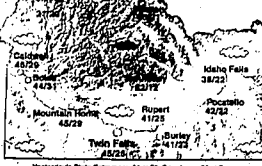
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 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow showers. Highs near 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 A developing storm system across the West will cross the area as we make our way into the weekend. Higher mountain areas could see some significant snows by Sunday.

BOISE
 Today will be partly cloudy and mainly dry with a cold front passing through later. The weekend will be cloudier with a slight chance for rain and snow showers.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Skies will be partly cloudy through tonight. The weekend will cloud up with a chance for rain and snow showers moving in.



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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Today's Low: 25	0.00 in	Yesterday's Maximum: 82%	6 pm barometer: 30.23 in
Record High: 84 on 2002	Year to Date: 0.00 in	Today's Maximum: 37%	Yearly 2006: 30.23 in
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Moons Phases

Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 20
Full Moon	New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	35-45	30-40	25-35
Idaho Falls	32-42	28-38	23-33
Pocatello	30-40	26-36	21-31
Twin Falls	28-38	24-34	19-29
Walla Walla	30-40	26-36	21-31
Yellowstone	28-38	24-34	19-29

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	55-65	50-60
Chicago	45-55	40-50
Denver	35-45	30-40
Los Angeles	65-75	60-70
New York	45-55	40-50
San Francisco	55-65	50-60
Seattle	45-55	40-50
Washington	45-55	40-50

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	45-55	40-50
Paris	45-55	40-50
Tokyo	55-65	50-60
Sydney	65-75	60-70
Mumbai	75-85	70-80
Sao Paulo	65-75	60-70
Los Angeles	65-75	60-70

Sunrise and Sunset

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:41 AM	5:08 PM
Monday	7:42 AM	5:07 PM
Tuesday	7:43 AM	5:06 PM

U.V. INDEX

Low Moderate High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

GREG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "Every adversity, every failure, every heartache carries with it the seed of an equal or greater benefit."
 -Napoleon Hill (1899) Author of Think and Grow Rich

Montana schools ready for 1-AA playoffs

MISSOULA, Mont. — The University of Montana puts its 10-game winning streak on the line Saturday in a first-round NCAA Division I-AA football playoff game against McNeese State.

No. 2 Montana (10-1) went unbeaten in Big Sky Conference play to capture the league title and its automatic berth in the playoffs. No. 22 McNeese State (7-4), of Lake Charles, La., rallied from a 1-3 start and a coaching change to win its past five games and the Southland Conference crown.

Saturday's game kicks off at 12:05 p.m. Mountain at Washington Grizzly Stadium. The forecast is for temperatures in the 30s to low 40s with a 50 percent chance of rain or snow.

Montana has won or shared the Big Sky Conference title the past nine seasons and is making a record 14th consecutive playoff appearance. This is the eighth straight year Montana has had a home game in the playoffs.

"I think the players' understand the history of Montana football and the tradition of

how good Montana's been. And how tough Montana is to play in the playoffs, especially in Missoula," said McNeese State coach Matt Vliet.

McNeese is led by redshirt freshman quarterback Derri Fouroux, who is averaging 125 yards passing per game and has thrown for 10 touchdowns. He averages another 34 yards rushing and has run for five more scores.

Jamie Leonard averages 60 yards rushing and has scored five TDs for the Cowboys. Steve Whitehead averages nearly 50 yards receiving per game and has three touchdowns catches. Carlese Franklin averages 37 yards receiving, but has caught six TD passes this season.

McNeese holds a 3-2 edge in games against Montana, with the home team winning each time.

"We know they have knocked the Grizzlies out of the playoffs the last two times the teams have met on the field," said Montana coach Bobby Hauck.

Allen Nelson has 106 tackles this season while Bryan Smith

has 22 tackles for a loss, including a school record 12.5 sacks. Jamelle Janna has four interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

The Cowboys average 176 yards rushing and 156 yards passing, while Montana's defense allows 58 yards rushing and 167 passing.

Hauck said McNeese State, which just moved in to the top 25 this week, could be a tougher challenge than many of the higher-ranked opponents the Grizzlies have faced this season.

"Besides Iowa, this could be the best team we've played this year," Hauck said after watching some of McNeese State's game film. "I like their team."

Montana is led by senior quarterback Josh Swogger, who averages 203 yards passing and has thrown for 11 touchdowns.

1984 — the year the Bobcats won the NCAA Division I-AA championship.

Fans are plotting to wear as much gold clothing as possible and hoping the cold weather and high altitude will hinder Furman, their opponents from Greenville, S.C.

"Hosting a game for the first time in 22 years is exciting and energizing," said MSU coach

Mike Kramer.

The 15th-ranked Bobcats (7-4) play host to No. 7 Furman (8-3) on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Mountain. The schools have never played each other.

Both teams are limping into the playoffs.

Furman quarterback Renaldo Gray has missed two games and fullback Jerome Felton missed one. But both

had time to recover because the Paladins didn't have a game last weekend.

Furman beat Georgia Southern on Nov. 11 and practiced just twice last week.

Felton, who Lamb calls the team's workhorse, averages 61 yards rushing per game and leads Division I-AA with 122 touchdowns.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gooding Festival of Trees runs from Dec. 7 to 10

GOODING — The annual Gooding Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees will be from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 7 to 10 at the Round Building on 14th Avenue West. Proceeds go to scholarships, tuition assistance for students entering the medical field and to enhance hospital services.

by the cost of supplies that are furnished.

A children's workshop and visit with Santa will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 9. Live entertainment is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inspirational entertainment will be featured from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 10.

Libraries have new public access computer for patrons

Thanks to the Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation, the Hansen Community Library and Buhl Public Library have

new computers for its patrons' use.

The Hansen computer includes a 19-inch flat panel monitor, CD-ROM drive and Microsoft Office Pro Small Business Edition. For more information, call Linda at 423-4122.

The Buhl Public Library grant, totaling \$7,500, was awarded to replace the Gates computers originally received in 2000. The Buhl library purchased five new computers, one configured in Spanish.

Center names honor students for first block

GOODING — The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center released its first block grades.

All As: Tiffany Gutierrez, Ashley Hubben, Cory Huntsman and Kerry McDaniel.

All As and Bs: Clayton Barnhill, Kayla Christopherson, Brandi Dugan, Jenny Fraser, Luis Garcia, Shandra Hall, Katherine Harper, Katal Mason, Frisco Merrill and Amanda Stachowicz.

All Bs: Dacharie Fitzgerald, Joshua Fitzgerald, Cesar Hernandez, Keegan Hurd, Richie Putman and Juan Valdez.

Perfect attendance: Olivia Bicuvaris, Bliss Wolverine, Kayla Carter, Katie Davis, Kelly Davis, Jenny Fraser, Cory Huntsman, Shane Knight, Synthia Longden, Kerry McDaniel and Daniel Ritter.

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GREAT PLAYERS



Public meeting of DELIBERATIONS

Gooding High School honor music students participated in the District IV Honor Clinic on Nov. 1 to 2 at the Twin Falls Roper Auditorium. Students are chosen by their music director based on a performance tryout. District IV is made up of 21 schools. Representing Gooding High School were Ashley Madera, Melissa Lockwood, Cami Bigler, Kyle Lamm, Jacob Bow, Alisa Reed, Chris Macfee, Sam Pearson, Katie Randall, John Patterson, Omar Lalla, Rance Woffs and David VanNeeck. Gooding High Honor choir members were Isaac Mootgower, Kendra Colquhoun, Mikela Kojima, Marika Taylor, Danielle Evin, Kyle Bryant, Calvin Walker and Joe Paul.

American Falls gets a new police chief

AMERICAN FALLS (AP) — A veteran Utah police officer looking for a quiet place to raise his family has been hired as the new police chief in this southern Idaho community on the Snake River.

Brandon Wilkinson will take over as police chief Dec. 4, filling a spot that's been vacant since the midsummer retirement of former Chief Jerry Hubbs.

Wilkinson, currently a detective with the West Jordan Police Department in Utah, said he took the job to be closer to family in nearby Rockland, where his wife was raised.

"We are just looking for a quiet place to raise our family," he said. "I am looking forward to being able to meet the officers and the staff."

Streets

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5:30 p.m. start of Monday's Ketchum City Council meeting, pleaded with city officials to leave East Avenue as East Avenue. Then, he left to cook at the restaurant.

East Avenue was one of four streets recommended for change by the Downtown Improvement Task Force, a group appointed by the city to act on consultant Tom Hudson's plan to rename a few streets in downtown Ketchum to improve "way-finding" for visitors.

The other proposals were: Change 1st Avenue to Griffin Butte Avenue.

Change 2nd Avenue to Ketchum Avenue.

Change 4th Avenue to Bird Drive throughout city.

Vicky Graves, a resident since the 1950s, said she saw no advantage in new street names.

"They are going to require all new voter rolls for elections, new driver's licenses, new maps, new deeds, new property titles and alterations in computer systems for emergency services," Graves said. "My big question is, 'Why?' When I go to another town, I don't say, 'Oh, that's Oak, the next should be Elm.' I go to a city, open a map and find the street."

The Downtown Improvement Task Force met Mondays at noon for more than two months before agreeing on which streets needed new names and creating districts, or "quarters" for the city. Southeast Ketchum would be known as the Trail Creek District, Southwest Ketchum as the Heritage Park District, Northwest Ketchum as the Hemingway District, and Northeast Ketchum as the Harriman District.

These names also came under fire.

Robin Reiners, owner of Gallery DeNovo on First

Avenue, said the Hemingway District makes no sense to her. "As a tourist, I don't know where Hemingway School is. If that's what the district is named after," Reiners said. "If you have East Avenue, you should have West Avenue and Griffin Butte Avenue — I've never even heard of Griffin Butte and I've been here six years."

Anne Zauner, a member of the Ketchum-Sun Valley Historical Society, said she preferred Ore Wagon District to Harriman District. "I'm not sure how much Harriman really had to do with Ketchum," Zauner said. "Sun Valley, sure."

Karen Reinheimer said she thought more problems came from the actual signs on streets, rather than the names. She noted tourists in New York City managed to find their way around, no matter what street comes next.

"If people can get around New York, they can get around Ketchum," Reinheimer said. Maurice Charlat, a member of the Downtown Improvement Task Force encouraged City Council to take the leadership role in deciding whether to accept the recommendations or make changes. Council agreed to plan a series of public hearings to allow more residents, especially business owners on affected streets, to speak out.

"This is a process," said Mayor Randy Hall. "Tom Hudson said some of the street names we had didn't make a lot of sense, so we're taking the first step to look into that."

Council Member Baird Gourlay suggested Hemingway Avenue made more sense for East Avenue, and West Ketchum should be the district around Hemingway School. Gourlay pointed out 700 residents in Warm Springs agreed to

change Lloyd Drive to Ploaso Street.

"Honestly, it's not that difficult," Gourlay said.

Council did not set any dates for public hearings on new street names. Hall said the council would review the Downtown Improvement Task Force recommendations with Hudson. In the next few months.

Susan Bailey writes for The Wood River Journal in Halley. She can be reached at (208)-788-3444.

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WORLD

Bombing onslaught kills 161 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Sunni Muslim insurgents blew up five car bombs and fired mortars into Baghdad's largest Shiite district Thursday, killing at least 161 people and wounding 257 in a dramatic attack that sent the U.S. ambassador racing to meet with Iraqi leaders in an effort to contain the growing sectarian war.

Shiite mortar teams quickly retaliated, firing 10 shells at Sunni Islam's most important shrine in Baghdad, badly damaging the Abu Hanifa mosque and killing one person. Eight mortar rounds slammed down near the offices of the Association of Muslim Scholars, the top Sunni Muslim organization in Iraq, setting several houses on fire.

Two other mortar barrages on Sunni neighborhoods in west Baghdad killed nine and wounded 21, police said late Thursday.

The bloodshed underlined the impotence of the Iraqi army and police to quell determined sectarian extremists at a time when the Bush administration appears to be considering a move to accelerate the hand-over of security responsibilities. President Bush plans to visit the region next week to discuss the security situation with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

"We condemn such acts of senseless violence that are clearly aimed at undermining the Iraqi people's hopes for a peaceful and stable Iraq," said Katie Murno, a White House spokeswoman.

Iraq's government imposed a curfew in the capital and also closed the international airport. The transport ministry then took the highly unusual step of closing the airport and docks in the southern city of Basra, the country's main outlet to the vital shipping lanes in the Persian Gulf.

Leaders from Iraq's Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish communities issued a televised appeal for

calm after a hastily organized meeting with U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad. The U.S. Embassy said it had nothing to report about the session.

Al-Maliki, al-Sadr, also went on state TV and blamed Sunni radicals and followers of Saddam Hussein for the attacks on Sadr City.

The coordinated car bombings — three by suicide drivers and two of parked cars — bit-looded black smoke up into clouds hanging low over blood-smeared streets jammed with twisted and charred cars and buses.

Hospital corridors and waiting rooms were awash in blood and mangled survivors of bombs that struck at 15-minute intervals in the sprawling Shiite suburb, which is a stronghold of the Mahdi Army militia of radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a key al-Maliki backer.

The militia-associated death squads are believed responsible for the slayings of hundreds of Sunnis since suspected al-Qaida in Iraq militants bombed a revered Shiite shrine in the city of Samarra last February.

That attack set off a surge of retaliatory killings between Shiites and Sunnis that have raged all year.

Al-Sadr associates, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the information, said the cleric feared that the Sadr City bombings would make it impossible for him to hold back his heavily armed fighters from a furious round of revenge attacks.

In a television statement read by an aide, al-Sadr urged unity, among his followers that he said is causing Iraq's strife.

Al-Sadr said the attacks coincided with the seventh anniversary of the assassination of his father, Mohammed Sadiq al-Sadr, a revered Shiite

religious leader. The anniversary reckoning was by the Islamic calendar.

"Had the late al-Sadr been among you he would have said preserve your unity," the state-

ment said. "Don't carry out any act before you ask the High Council (Shiite seminary in Najaf). Be the ones who are unjustly treated and not the ones who treat others unjustly."

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64-year-old female suicide bomber attacks Israeli troops

JERBALYA, Gaza Strip (AP) — A 64-year-old Palestinian grandmother blew herself up near Israeli troops sweeping through northern Gaza on Thursday and eight other Palestinians were killed in a day of clashes and rocket fire.

The militant Hamas, which is in charge of the Palestinian government, claimed responsibility for the suicide attack and identified the bomber as Fatma Omar An-Najar. Her relatives said she was 64 — by far the oldest of the more than 100 Palestinian suicide bombers who have targeted Israelis over the past six years.

Israeli forces were moving through the Jebalya refugee camp in northern Gaza on the second day of an operation to stem rocket fire from the coastal strip into southern Israel.

insurgingly, the military said. Soldiers threw a stun grenade, a weapon that makes a loud noise but causes no damage. The woman then set off explosives she was carrying, killing herself and slightly wounding two soldiers.

At the compound where her extended family lives near Jebalya camp, her oldest daughter Fatma explained the bomber's motives.

"They (Israelis) destroyed her house, they killed her grandson — my son. Another grandson is in a wheelchair with an amputated leg," she said.

Female suicide bombers were a rarity during the first several years of the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but that has gradually changed. The last suicide bombing, on Nov. 6, was also carried out by a woman in northern Gaza.

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WORLD

Poisoned Russian spy dies in hospital

LONDON (AP) — A former Russian spy who said he had been poisoned died Thursday night at a London hospital, following a mysterious and rapid decline that left doctors unable to pinpoint the cause of death, officials said.

Alexander Litvinenko, a fierce critic of the Russian government, had suffered heart failure and was heavily sedated as medical staff struggled to determine what had made the 43-year-old critically ill.

The matter is being investigated as an unexplained death, London Metropolitan police said in a statement.

The former spy said he believed he had been poisoned on Nov. 1, while investigating the slaying of another Kremlin detractor — investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya. His hair fell out, his throat became swollen and his immune and nervous systems were severely damaged, he said.

Just hours before he lost consciousness, Litvinenko said in an interview with The Times newspaper of London that he had been silenced.

"I want to survive, just to show them," he said in the interview, which was published in Friday's edition of the paper, copies of which were available late Thursday. They "got me, but they won't get everybody."

Doctors at London's University College Hospital said tests had virtually ruled out poisoning by thallium and radiation — toxins once considered possible culprits behind the poisoning.

"The medical team at the hospital did everything possible to save his life," hospital spokesman Jim Down said, confirming the Russian's death Thursday.

"Every avenue was explored to establish the cause of his condition, and the matter is now an ongoing investigation being dealt with by detectives," he said.

Dr. Geoff Bellingan, the hospital's director of critical care, said extensive tests had failed to uncover what had caused Litvinenko to fall ill.

Earlier in the day, hospital officials said Litvinenko was deteriorating rapidly and fam-

ily members and friends rushed to his bedside.

Family friend, Alex Goldfarb, joined Litvinenko's wife Marina, his son Anatoli and the former agent's father at the hospital.

"He went into a cardiac failure overnight and the hospital put him on artificial heart support," Goldfarb said. "It's on the ventilator, he's getting artificial resuscitation."

Anti-terrorist police were investigating the poisoning, which friends and dissidents allege was carried out at the behest of the Russian government. Litvinenko sought asylum in Britain in 2000, and has been a relentless critic of the Kremlin and the Russian security services ever since.

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No survivors in Poland mine explosion

RUDA SLASKA, Poland (AP) — Rescuers on Thursday recovered the bodies of all 17 men missing after a mine accident in southern Poland, bringing the final death toll to 23.

The men were killed by an explosion Tuesday more than 3,000 feet below ground at the Halemba mine in southern Poland.

"This brings to an end this very sad day," Zbigniew Madej, spokesman for the state-run Coal Co., said at the scene.

"Nobody has a sense of relief, but rather a great weight on their heart."

Six of the bodies were recovered shortly after the explosion and the remaining ones were located after rescue efforts resumed in the night, Madej said.

The search had to be put on hold for most of the day Wednesday when teams encountered high concentrations of methane gas that they feared could cause a second explosion.

It resumed shortly before midnight and the rescue teams found the bodies after digging through hundreds of feet of rubble for more than three hours, Madej said.

The methane gas explosion also would have produced temperatures of up to 1,800 degrees, Madej said.

It may take some time to determine whether the miners were killed in the initial blast, by the cave-ins, or whether they died afterward, rescue officials said.

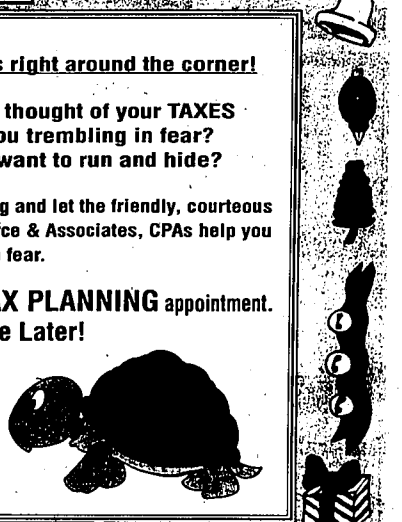
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Horse racing returns to New Orleans

Longtime tradition returns to track

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — They hauled off soil tainted by Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters and rebuilt a grandstand roof ripped free by the storm's winds.

After more than a year of renovations, costing about \$16 million, a Thanksgiving tradition — horse racing — returned to New Orleans on Thursday. And a record crowd of 6,732 people turned out to welcome it.

The annual winter meet has started on Thanksgiving Day in all but a few years since 1934. Until last year, when Katrina forced the Fair Grounds to move its season to Louisiana Downs near Shreveport, people like 16-year-old Joe Talamo had spent nearly every Thanksgiving in memory at the venerable New Orleans track, where live oak trees, hundreds of years old, grace the infield.

Talamo, who grew up in suburban Metairie and is now an apprentice jockey, won the first, post-Katrina race under a clear blue sky and in front of a swelling crowd.

He was aboard Clouds on the Walk, who went at odds of a little more than 2-1. Talamo broke with the front three horses and pulled away at end of the mile, 40-yard race.

"Ooh, when I knew I won the race, I mean, man, it was indescribable, you know?" Talamo said, his voice cracking with emotion.

"We've been coming here ever since I was a little kid on Thanksgiving Day, and to win the opening race, it feels really good."

The winning trainer, 73-year-old Larry Robitcaux Jr., also is a Louisiana native. He has been running horses at the Fair Grounds since 1960. He last won an opening race in 1968.

"You never forget those ... and to come back and win the first race here since Katrina, that's really special," he said. "Absolutely, I wanted to win

the first race back. I've raced around the country and it's more meaningful to win a race here than any other race track I've been to."

Much as with the New Orleans Saints' return to the Louisiana Superdome in late September, thousands flocked to the track simply to be part of the rebirth of what had long ago become a quintessential New Orleans experience.

"I used to come here as a child. We always came Thanksgiving Day, and we come as a family," said Patsy Blok, who had 13 impeccably dressed grandchildren and several other relatives feasting with her. "We're just thrilled to be back. I'm looking forward to seeing all my friends. It looks great."

when they became available Nov. 6.

Thousands more spectators — from hard-core types, losing themselves in the racing form, to gatherings of sharply dressed socialites sipping Bloody Marys — meandered from the grandstand to the flower-laden paddock. The smell of fried turkey, a Louisiana holiday tradition, wafted in the air.



Clouds on the Walk, with 16-year-old apprentice rider Joe Talamo aboard, races toward the finish as he passes a packed grandstand in the first race of the 2006-07 season Thursday in New Orleans.

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Officials look for way to remove material

CHICAGO (AP) — A physics teacher was taking inventory of chemicals in a storage room at 70-City High School when she noticed a container that looked a little strange.

She peered closer and worried that it was radioactive. It turns out, it was.

"She was very alert about realizing that it could be a hazard," said Randy Dwyer, principal of the central Illinois school.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency launched a program this month to help schools safely dispose of radioactive materials that are used in teaching physics and chemistry. Agency officials collect the materials and send them to a radioactive waste disposal facility.

Illinois' program is one of several around the country — such as Connecticut, Colorado, and Vermont — that have sprung up since the federal government, following the 2001 terrorist attacks, recommended hunting down radioactive materials in schools, businesses and medical facilities.

Nationally, the U.S. Department of Energy has collected radioactive materials from more than 10,000 sites, mostly in schools and businesses, since 1999.

School labs have used low-level radioactive materials safely for decades; experts say they're critical in teaching physics and chemistry. Sealed samples — often leftovers from past experiments — frequently are saved in closets and storerooms.

But as teachers retire and containers get shoved aside to make way for new samples, it's easy for schools to lose track of what they've got, or to store them incorrectly, said Dr. Sandra West, an associate biology professor at Southwest State University in San Marcos.

At 70-City in Buffalo, Dwyer turned to IEMA for help with the strange containers at his school. IEMA officials removed three containers of radioactive material earlier this month.

"It wasn't something where we had a biological hazard, but any is beyond the level of safety for a school," Dwyer said.

"Why have something laying around that could become a prank? We don't want to be the headline of the national news."

Schools' radioactive discoveries aren't limited to science labs.

In what one state official called a "classic example," a Colorado high school kept a chunk of ore from a field trip in a display case for years.

The rock turned out to be radioactive, said Kerri Niswonger, chief chemist at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which has collected materials from schools since 1999.

"The ore was quite hot," Niswonger said. "Everyone who walked by got quite a high

dose (of radiation) over 20 or 30 years."

In one extreme case, Texas officials found three radiological devices at high schools in San Antonio last year, West said.

The barrel-shaped, lead-shielded machines, called "gammators," were used in the

1960s and 1970s to teach students about radiation exposure to plants and seeds. Inside each 1,850-pound gammator was a rod of cesium-137, a radioactive isotope widely used in businesses and medical research.

In the wrong hands, the

cesium-137 could be used to make a dirty bomb, West said.

Still, most people overreact when they hear the word "radiation," which comes from manmade and natural sources — like the sun and earth — and is safe if stored correctly, said Kevin Roark, spokesman for the Santa Fe, N.M.-based Los Alamos National Laboratory.



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Alleged attack on crime-tipster sparks allegations

By Andrew Welsh-Hogges
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joe Mammama, who is known for providing reward money to help get high-profile criminal cases solved, has found himself in the middle of an unsolved crime.

The head of the Columbus crime stoppers group suing Mammama says he became a crime victim himself after being beaten up by a baseball bat-wielding attacker who told him to drop the lawsuit.

Mammama, who owns a Pennsylvania egg farm, said he had nothing to do with the attack on Kevin Miles, president of Central Ohio Crime Stoppers.

Columbus police say they are investigating but have yet to release any details of the attack. They also refused to say anything about possible suspects.

But Mammama has done little to make himself a sympathetic figure. He mocked Miles' allegation, ridiculed his weight and suggested the beating was deserved.

"If he was able to talk, it wasn't me," Mammama said in an interview this week with The Associated Press. "Where was he at Wendy?" "I don't know anything about it, but I'm sure if he's lying about me like he's lied about everybody else, he deserved it," Mammama said. "I'm not saying I'm perfect, but I hope somebody there is looking at this and saying, 'You know what, something ain't right here.'"

Miles said he was walking his dog in an alley behind his house about 8 a.m. Sunday when a car pulled up behind him. A man got out with a baseball bat and started attacking him, he said.

"The arm, the leg, the back — I was hit all over," Miles said.

Miles said he pulled out his handgun but was not able to fire because of his injuries. The man eventually stopped hitting him and left. Miles called a detective who works with the crime stoppers group, then spent seven hours being treated at a hospital.

Miles' attorney, Kinsley Nyce, said the attacker told Miles to drop the lawsuit. Miles won't comment on exactly what was said during the encounter.

Miles, 49, said he's not scared. "I'm going forward with my life and hopefully they'll be able to find out who did it and bring the persons to justice," he said.

Central Ohio Crime Stoppers sued Mammama Nov. 15 seeking up to \$131,000 the group said Mammama had pledged. Mammama said Crime Stoppers knew he pays reward money only when an arrest results in a conviction. He also said the group forged his name on a contract.

Mammama has offered reward money various high-profile crime cases in several states as well as in the disappearance of Alabama teenager Natalie Holloway in Aruba last year.

Last year, Mammama co-sponsored a gun buyback program in Philadelphia. The commission overseeing the Philadelphia school district this month honored Mammama for his philanthropic work.

"You can't have vigilante justice, so the best thing is money, and the reward money seems to work," Mammama said.

"When you throw a big amount of money at something, all of a sudden people come out of the woodwork with information."

But Richard Carter, executive director of Crime Stoppers International, warns against offering large rewards since they can spark multiple

requests for payment, second thoughts by donors and allegations that prosecutors are paying for testimony, which can hurt chances of a conviction.

Mammama often pledges help to the Citizens Crime Commission of Delaware Valley in Philadelphia, and recently paid about \$10,000 for information that helped solve a rape case, said Santo Montecalvo, the group's vice president.

"I don't know where they're coming off in Ohio bad-mouthing the guy," Montecalvo said.

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Rain, wind keep balloons low

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Strong gusts and intermittent rain swirled over Manhattan early Thursday but Big Bird and Snoopy stayed on track — albeit a slightly lower one — to please fans in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Officials waited until right before the 9 a.m. start to decide whether it was safe for

the event's famous balloons to float through Midtown despite the wet and wind. The balloons will be kept closer to the ground than usual.

"It means a better view," Sarah Barker, 9, said as she waited for the parade to pass.

City officials said they based the decision on information from the National Weather Service, wind-measuring instruments along the

route, and their own judgment.

"You don't want to ground the balloons and all of a sudden have the wind die," said Jared Bernstein, spokesman for the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

The helium-filled balloons have been grounded just once in the parade's 80-year history, in 1973.

Trumping 'Black Friday'

Some retailers begin shopping season 1 day early

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A traditional day of feasting with family turned into a day of early holiday shopping for some, as retailers offered more options — both online and in stores — than ever this Thanksgiving.

For the first time, BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. and CompUSA Inc. opened their doors on Thanksgiving, while online retailer Amazon.com offered special holiday discounts.

In the past, grocery retailers and 24-hour convenience stores like 7-Eleven Inc. were the only shopping options on Thanksgiving. Holiday gift shoppers turned to the Web or saved their efforts for the next day. "Black Friday," considered the official kickoff to the shopping season.

Some retailers are trying to find a way to take advantage of the fact that once dinner is over, many families are looking for some kind of entertainment," said Ellen Davis, spokeswoman at National Retail Federation, a trade group.

BJ's opened from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., while electronics retailer CompUSA Inc. opened from 9 p.m. to midnight, where state



Shoppers wait outside a Kmart store for a 7 a.m. Thanksgiving Day sale in Nashville, Tenn., Thursday. While most retailers start their big Christmas sales the day after Thanksgiving, some, like Kmart, also have early sales Thanksgiving Day.

laws permitted stores to be open on the holiday.

"People start kicking off their holiday shopping early," said BJ's spokeswoman Stephanie LaCroix, who expected good sales of consumer electronics such as LCD televisions, computers and iPods.

Almost 1,400 Kmart stores, owned by Sears Holdings Corp., were open at 7 a.m. offering buy-one-get-one free deals on board games and a Polaroid digital camera for less than \$100, among other deals, said spokeswoman Gail Lavette.

Twin Falls' Kmart was open until 9 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Nichelle Thompson, 36, of Los Angeles and her 14-year old son Justin arrived just before the opening of a Los Angeles Kmart to take advantage of a

one-day sale and pick up a \$54 combination DVD player and VCR.

Thompson said she decided to start her Thanksgiving with a trip to the store after seeing the player advertised in a newspaper ad. The machine is a family gift.

"Tomorrow they'll have a whole new ad. Now I have to go through and circle all the things that I want to buy tomorrow and send my husband out."

More than 2,000 24-hour Wal-Mart supercenters were open on the holiday.

"I don't have to do all the cooking, or I would not here," said Ruth Redman, 42, a stay-at-home mother of five as she browsed for bargain clothing at a Supercenter in Gates, a suburb of Rochester, N.Y.

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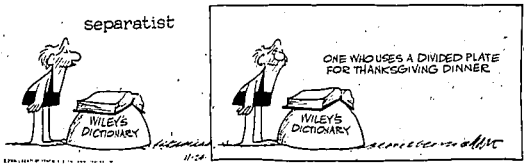
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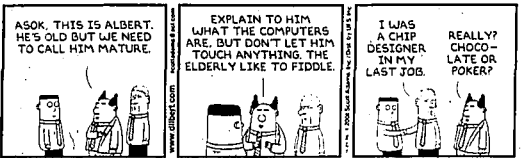
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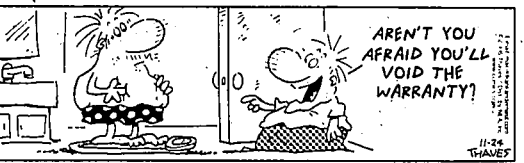
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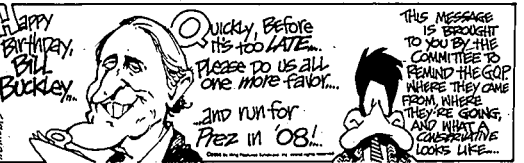
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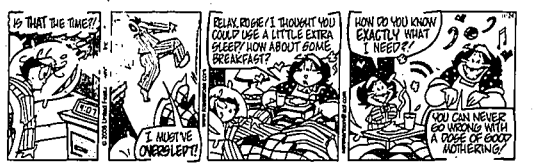
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Leo, flirtations must be contained

IF NOV. 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Between now and the first of the year, the world is your oyster. Because you are optimistic and cooperative, you can make valuable contacts with people who have both the ways and the means to assist you in achieving your highest aspirations. Since you are a wee bit wiser than usual, you can formulate plans and begin projects that have a much better than average chance of success. Don't waste opportunities that come to you now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you are married, you could be vividly reminded of that wedding ceremony phrase, "forsaking all others." To maintain harmony, honor previous commitments even if doing so is not a barrel of laughs.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Get down to brass tacks. Find ways of bringing order to chaos. Employ personal discipline to practice the piano, straighten out the drawers or put the finishing touches on a much-needed hobby project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Find ways to acceptably express physical exuberance within social situations. You could get a gang of friends together for a night at the

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Jeraline Saunders

bowling alley or organize a pickup basketball game.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your roving eye might hit a solid brick wall. Warmth and kindness mix well — but as long as it goes no further. Clip a few coupons and be proud of your well-honed ability to economize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Flirtations must be contained. It is a good time to work with members of the opposite sex, but it is wise to maintain decorum. Inappropriate advances could provoke a definite chill.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pinch a few pennies. Find inexpensive ways to entertain your friends or amuse your guests. A little elbow grease will cut costs. For instance, make your own popcorn and watch a classic film on TV.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is a good time to mix business with pleasure. Tact and diplomacy are your strongest points. You possess a fine eye for detail and will be satisfied with nothing less than perfection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Navigate the mystery of mixed signals. Your significant other could keep you firmly at arm's length while beckoning invitingly with the other hand. Love falls in place tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Practice makes perfect. Going over the minute details in a pain-staking manner might feel alien to your breezy Sagittarian self, but that's the best way to create beautiful results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Anything worth doing is worth doing well. Put some spit and polish on your latest project or fine-tune your performance. Your very sense of humor makes you a popular addition to parties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Reach a healthy state of equilibrium. Like Goldilocks, you won't be satisfied with anything too big or too small, but you find something "just right."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Singles who bump into an alluring new hookup might have to pass up the chance for romance due to previous commitments. Cash might be burning a hole in your pocket when thrift is called for.

Non Sequitur

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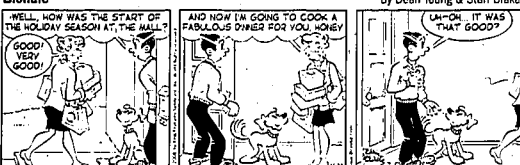
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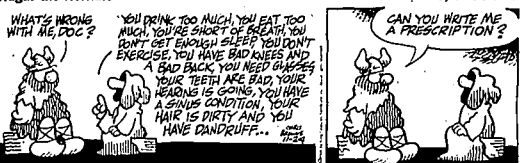
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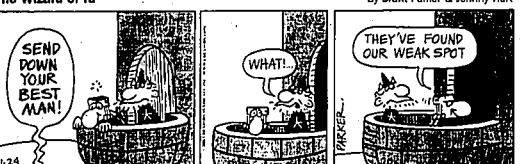
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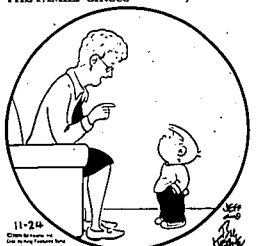
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Son's botched joy ride creates a family fued

DEAR ABBY: My 19-year-old son, "Clay," took his grandmother's car while she was sleeping to run around to his friend's house around the corner. He doesn't have a driver's license, and ended up wrecking her car, which is completely totaled.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

However, more recently, people have come to recognize that the birth of every child should be celebrated. It can be a surprise for the new mother, or not.

However, a shower is a gift — and for your friend to have expected one or solicited one is wrong. I recommend that you tell her in plain English what you are prepared to do and what you cannot. The food or the cake should be more than enough.

His uncle and I want our mom to press charges against him, but she doesn't want to. Clay is my son and I love him, but I think he needs to step up, act like an adult and take responsibility. Should we make her press charges?

pregnant. She has a stepson and another child with her husband. Last week, I received an e-mail from her giving me her sister-in-law's contact information. In it, she said that she's lending it up to "us" to "work out the details" of the shower!

—DISGUSTED IN GALVESTON, TEXAS
DEAR DISGUSTED: At 19, your son is no longer a child. How is he going to learn about consequences if he isn't forced to take responsibility for his actions? Although I'm not sure you can force your mother to press charges, if your son is living at home, you can insist that he somehow make restitution for the damage he caused.

I was stunned because I wasn't aware that I was expected to help plan the shower or to contribute to it financially. I provided the cake and half the food for her first one, and I was happy to do it. I didn't know I was "expected" to do it again without being asked.

As it stands, this young man has already broken two laws — driving without a license and car theft. If wonder if he was also under the influence when he totaled the car.

It is the norm to have a second baby shower? And isn't a baby shower supposed to be a surprise for the new mom? Am I wrong for feeling that her attitude is presumptuous? I don't mind preparing food or the cake, but how do I tactfully tell her and her sister-in-law that I cannot contribute financially to this?

Perhaps you, your son and your mother can agree on an amount and a schedule of repayment.

—"RATTLED" IN ILLINOIS
DEAR "RATTLED": Years ago, there was a rule of etiquette that one baby shower and a customer was enough.

DEAR ABBY: A friend recently announced that she's

DEAR READERS: If someone you know aspires to a career in news reporting, and you're wondering what would be a perfect holiday gift for him or her, a copy of Helen Thomas' new book, "Watchdogs of Democracy?" would be an excellent choice.

Helen (a.k.a. "The Lady in Red") is a trailblazing journalist who has covered the White House beat through nine presidencies and has much to say in this readable little volume.

One of the most fascinating conversations I know, Helen Thomas' comments about what it takes to be a responsible journalist should be read not only by anyone who wants to be one, but also anyone who looks to the news as a way of staying informed.

Published by Scribner, the book is available in bookstores and on amazon.com.

'Spartacus' and other celebrities help feed homeless

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Spartacus" star Kirk Douglas, who turns 90 next month, joined 100 volunteers on Thanksgiving eve to dish up turkey feasts to thousands of street stragglers outside the Los Angeles Mission.

Jason Ritter, Judy Tenuta and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa were among those on hand Wednesday to help Douglas and his wife, Anne, deliver holiday cheer to the homeless and the less fortunate.

steps away from being homeless," Driver said as she helped dish out food.

Tony Danza, Minnie Driver, Kevin Nealon, Sally Kirkland,

Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and pumpkin pie were on the menu for the event held in the heart of downtown's Skid Row. More than 3,000 people were expected to be served.

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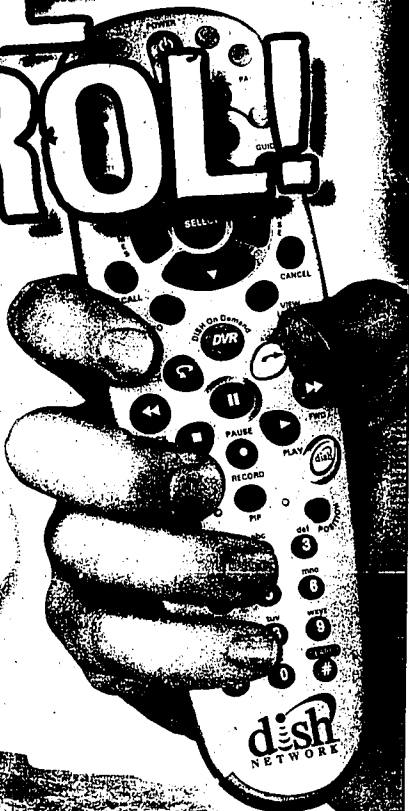
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2007 TOYOTA CAMRY HYBRID

Family-sized sophistication

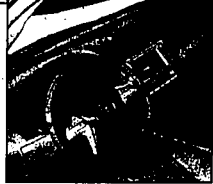
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Based on the recently introduced all-new sixth-generation 2007 Camry sedan, the new Camry Hybrid sedan is setting a new standard for performance/fuel efficiency balance. Boasting a new, athletic exterior design, fashion does not take a back seat to function. The new front-drive hybrid features a new version of Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive, joining the Prius and Highlander Hybrid as the third hybrid vehicle in the automaker's lineup. Its Hybrid Synergy Drive System produces a combined 187 horsepower — nearly the same as a 2006 Camry equipped with a 3.0L V6 gasoline engine. The new hybrid system varies power between gas and electric, or combines both, as needed.

The first half of Hybrid Synergy Drive consists of a 147-horsepower, 2.4L, four-cylinder Atkinson-cycle engine coupled to an electronic continuously-variable transmission (CVT). The second half combines a small, high-torque electric motor, an ultra-small inverter with a specially designed compact battery, and a transaxle to seamlessly combine power from the electric and gasoline engines.

By design, there are driving situations in which the gas engine in a Toyota hybrid completely shuts down and, as a result, the air conditioning and power steering systems are driven electronically, rather than by the gasoline engine. In addition, an "ECO" button limits energy consumption by the climate control system and under certain conditions can help improve fuel economy.

On the road, the Camry Hybrid delivers a solid performance at speed. Handling and control are quick and assuring. Control hardware for the Camry Hybrid is managed by the



The 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid — handling and control are quick and assuring

2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid by the Numbers

WHEELBASE: 109.3; overall length: 189.2; width: 71.7; height: 57.5 — measurements in inches.

ENGINE: 2.4L, four-cylinder Atkinson-cycle engine — 147 hp at 6,000 rpm and 138 lb-ft of torque at 6,000 rpm; permanent magnet synchronous motor — 850 volts, maximum voltage; 40 hp, maximum horsepower and 199 lb-ft of torque at zero to 1,500 rpm.

TRANSMISSION: electronically controlled continuously variable transmission.

Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) system, helping control vehicle traction and stability through throttle control, brake application on indi-

Price: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid sedan starts from \$25,900. Destination charges add \$580.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY: 40 city/38 hwy.

CARGO CAPACITY: 10.6 cu. ft.

SAFETY FEATURES: Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, head curtain side-impact airbags, driver's knee airbag, engine immobilizer, tire pressure monitor, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, brake assist, daytime running lights, automatic headlamp control, smart key

with push button start and remote keyless entry. Optional safety equipment includes first aid kit, emergency equipment kit, vehicle stability control, security system, navigation system and rear parking sensors.

WARRANTY: Basic: 3-year/36,000-mile, bumper-to-bumper. Hybrid components: 5-year/100,000-mile. Powertrain: 5-year/80,000-mile. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited.

vidual wheels and even minor steering correction if circumstances require.

Inside the cabin, the Camry Hybrid features an open, airy interior design

that is larger in several key areas. Offering a standard equipment roster, similar to the top-of-the-line XLE model, the Camry Hybrid adds a standard Smart

Entry and Smart Start system. This is a push-button start system that allows drivers to lock, unlock, or start the car just by carrying the Smart Key on his/her person.

Displays, controls and switchgear are extremely user friendly and the rear windows go all the way down. The cabin design also features a fair amount of nooks and crannies for storage throughout. In addition, a fully automatic dual-zone climate control includes a PlasmaCluster ion generator that produces positive and negative ion clusters whenever the air conditioner is on. The ions reduce airborne germs, mold spores and odors inside the car.

Electric windows after the fact?

Q. My dad just bought a 2002 Honda Accord but it doesn't have power windows. Can they be installed after the car is built?

—Dat Nguyen, San Jose



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. Yes, with several caveats. Retrofitting the Accord with original equipment window parts is the best way to do this, but the cost would be prohibitive.

Your car uses a sophisticated multiplex control system to operate its body accessories. Adding the necessary electronic control module upgrades to the considerable door hardware list would put the price tag beyond reason.

After-market power window kits are available, and are a viable option, as long as the installation carefully avoids conflicts with the Accord's body electronics.

SPAL, a European manufacturer that makes parts for automakers and the aftermarket, produces a universal power window kit that converts nearly any crank type window to power.

Rather than replacing the Accord's window regulator assemblies with a powered version, the SPAL motor kit drives the existing unit. Other than a plastic cap covering the spot the window crank occupied, all parts fit entirely within the door cavity, retaining original door panel appearance.

A Web site, www.commandocaralarms.com, offers a deluxe SPAL window kit (two windows) for about \$125 and switches for an additional \$40 to \$100. Installation of the door hardware is pretty straightforward, but safely connecting and routing the necessary wiring to all the needed locations requires top-notch skills.

I would only consider this option if you can locate an auto electric shop that is familiar with this upgrade and willing to tackle it. I estimate two hours labor per door for hardware installation and an additional two or more hours for wiring, bringing the cost to \$600 to \$1,000.

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CITY OF TWIN FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006, 8:00 P.M. TWIN FALLS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 305 THIRD AVENUE EAST, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

For the Purpose of Hearing Public Comments Regarding the Proposed Fee of Electrical Permit Fees Beyond the Limits Prescribed by Idaho Code Section 63-131A The Proposed Fees Exceed 105% of the Fees Last Collected

Table with columns: FEE, Current Fee, Proposed Fee, % Increase. Includes Temporary Construction Services, Residential, Multi-family Dwellings, Duplex Multifamily, Existing Residential, Modular/Manufactured Homes, Domestic Water Pumps, Modular/Manufactured Homes, Electrically Driven Irrigation Machines, Other types, Electric Signs and Outline Lighting, and Temporary Amusement/Industry Installations.

The revenue is necessary to offset the costs of providing this new service. At said hearing all interested persons may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed increases should not be adopted.

OTHER INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL: Wiring cost \$2,000 or less: \$40 + (0.025) of total wiring cost. Wiring cost \$2,001 thru \$10,000: \$100 + (0.01) total wiring cost. Wiring cost \$10,001 and greater: \$160 + (0.005) of the portion of wiring costs greater than \$10,000.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-605 that Oregon Trail Storage, 471 South Park Avenue West, Twin Falls, will repossess the contents of the following units: Russwell Bogen, Unit #4-29, last known address is 2097 4th Ave East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301...

PUBLIC NOTICE Actions planned against your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. 2006-2560 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the matter of the Estate of IRENE LAURETTA DENOVAN, Decedant.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IRENE LAURETTA DENOVAN, Decedant. Notice is hereby given that Patricia Febloh has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent or Decedent's estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF ROADWAYS, ALLEYWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT has received a petition to vacate a roadway located in the Twin Falls Heights Subdivision and being from grid numbers 3143 E to 3143 E and more specifically described as follows:

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"There are few things more disturbing than to find, in somebody you esteem, a moral quality which seems to us demonstrably superior to anything we ourselves possess." — Pamela Hansford Johnson

On today's deal, from the Bill Keohane North American Swiss Teams at Denver last year, here is Pam Granovetter at work. She was in the hot seat, declaring three no-trump. West, who had preempted in clubs, led off with the diamond jack. You can test your declarer play by covering up the East and West cards.

Pam took dummy's diamond ace and decided that West was likely to have a distribution such as 2-2-3-6 with semisolid clubs. If that were so, she would need to take four spade tricks without letting East on lead. So she passed the spade eight — and it held.

She repeated the spade finesse, and when the suit split 4-2, she had 11 tricks. Note that if she plays a spade to her jack on the first round of the suit, she can recover if she is wrong and guesses the ending well. She must catch the ace and king of spades next, then take both top hearts. Next, she plays three more rounds of diamonds to endplay West, who has to lead clubs around to her king for her ninth trick. This line would fail if East had 4-4-4-1 shape, though.

Incidentally, in the other room a club lead from West and declarer could win, cash the heart ace, then cross to the spade ace, lead a heart to the king, and now take the spade finesse for nine tricks.)

NORTH 11-24-A
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ AK J 7 3
 ♦ A 5
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

WEST ♠ 6 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ J 10 8 4
 ♣ A Q J 10 8 2 3

EAST ♠ Q 10 7 5
 ♥ Q 10 9 6 2
 ♦ 9 7 3
 ♣ A K J 9 2

SOUTH ♠ 5
 ♥ K Q 6 2
 ♦ K 5

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: East

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

Opening lead: Diamond jack

BID WITH THE ACES

11-24-B

South: **East**
 ♠ A K J 9 2
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ K Q 6 2
 ♣ K 5

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Your partner's two-heart call, the fourth suit, suggests he has heart length, but is unsuitable for bidding no-trump. Your best move is to bid three clubs, showing club support as well as a forcing hand. If you had only an invitational hand, you would have bid three clubs on the previous round.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@middlekauff.com
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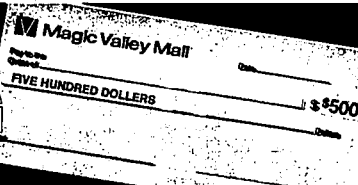
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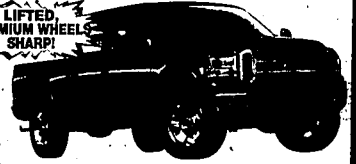
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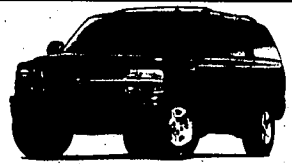


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