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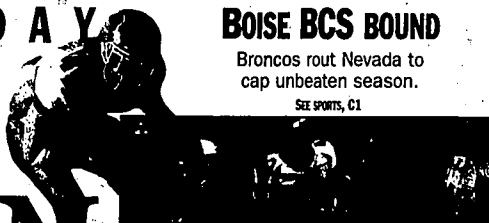
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## Love and LOSS



TOP: Taeli Higgins and Wes McClure look to the future on their wedding day. ABOVE: The intersection where Bob Barton Road curves into Clear Lakes Road is where the car skidded and flipped, killing Jennifer 'Nin' Hansen and injuring the bride and several other people.

### Tragedy tests couple's vows before wedding

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Guys were always asking Taeli Higgins out on dates. That was the effect she had, and she was the sort who intentionally believed in people's goodness until they gave her a reason not to.

Higgins spent several years out of state with her father. Two years ago, she returned to Idaho to live with her mom, and enricled again by old friends. It was in February that the 18-year-old met her future husband, Wes McClure, a mild-mannered 23-year-old construction worker.

She trusted her social charms and impressive charisma to his quiet sincerity — here was a guy who would not betray her trust. And McClure's eyes flickered when he looked at Higgins from that point forward.

Then on Aug. 19, their wedding day, tragedy nearly stole all that from them and threatened her four-month pregnancy.

#### The wedding

While McClure waited in his tuxedo at the Hagerman ranch where the wedding was to take place, four miles down the road his bride fought for her life.

The sport utility vehicle carrying her and her party to the wedding had skidded and flipped off the road at a bend called Shony's Corner. Higgins, two others and the ring bearer were severely

injured. Her best friend and maid of honor, Jennifer "Nin" Hansen, was killed.

McClure and the bride's mother, Maryann Doshier, were among the few early arrivals already at the creek-side ranch. The rest of the wedding party was caught in the



traffic jam caused by the accident. Finally, the phone rang at the ranch and a voice said, "Maryann, it's bad."

McClure went into hysterics. "He just started saying: 'Oh my God, oh my God, oh my God,'" said a litany of prayers, Doshier said. They raced to the accident scene.

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## Iraq war has outlasted WWII

By Tom Raam  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The war in Iraq has surpassed the length of World War II. Only three wars have lasted longer: U.S. participation War • Month Vietnam War 8 • 5 Revolutionary War 6 • 9 Afghanistan 5 • 1

As of Sunday, the conflict in Iraq has raged for three years and just over eight months. Only the Vietnam War (eight years, five months), the Revolutionary War (six years, nine months), and the Civil War (four years), have engaged America longer. Fighting in Afghanistan, which may or may not be a full-fledged war depending on who is keeping track, has gone on for five years, one month. It continues as the ousted Taliban resurges and the central government is challenged.

Bush says he still is undecided whether to start bringing U.S. troops home from

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Iraqis living with violent surge, See page A12

Iraq PM struggles before summit, See page A6

## HELP WANTED: Thrill-seekers, adventurers. Call the CIA.

By Katherine Strader  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The CIA has scrapped its ho-hum test that steered job applicants toward mysterious careers and devised one that's cloaked in jest. Invisiblity or ESP? Jet pack or amphibious sports car? Walk the Great Wall of China or sip champagne at a New York gala?

The results from the CIA's personality quiz are just a few clicks away, diagnosing test takers as daring thrill-seekers, thoughtful observers, curious adventurers, innovative planners or impressive masterminds.

The CIA wants to hire them all. The agency's online personality test is the equivalent of a help-wanted sign, posted on the closest thing the agency has to a front door — its Web site.

The frivolous quiz is designed to encourage job applicants while dispelling myths about the agency, some of them born of the James Bond stereotype.

- A sampling of the public's... where in which the CIA has... about... The Economist... The Korea Daily News in... The Korea Daily News in... The Economist... Laborable Monthly... Career and the Disabled... (Spectrum)

For instance, the CIA wants you to know that everyone who works there does not drive a sports car with machine guns in the tailpipes. Successful applicants will, in fact, see their family and friends again. Also, you don't have to know

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## Idaho Power's 20-year plan includes a nuclear plant by 2023

The company also wants to try other modes of power generation, including wind, natural gas and coal.

BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking public comment on a 20-year plan from Idaho Power Co., the state's largest utility, which envisions a nuclear power plant by 2023. The company estimates that its customer base will increase from the 455,000 customers it has now to about 680,000 customers by the end of 2025. The plan calls for an additional 1,300 megawatts of power to meet demands. One megawatt

can power about 650 houses for one year. In addition to its own nuclear facility, the plan says Idaho Power might also be able to acquire 250 megawatts from an anticipated nuclear plant at the Idaho National Laboratory in 2023. The company also wants to try other modes of power generation, with plans to add 100

megawatts of wind-generated power in 2007. An additional 170 megawatts could be added in 2008 by expanding the Damskin natural gas plant near Mountain Home. A coal-fired plant to be added in 2013 could generate an additional 250 megawatts.

The plan also calls for expansion of the Jim Bridger Plant in Rock Springs, Wyo., which is

one-third owned by Idaho Power. In 2017, the company could generate 250 megawatts with clean-coal technology called Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle. Pocatello and Soda Springs in southeastern Idaho are possible sites for such a plant. Transmission upgrades could add 285 megawatts,



Big tree hunters find champions in Idaho.

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according to the plan. In particular, Idaho Power is considering upgrades for the lines from McVary Dam near Umatilla, Ore. to Boise.

**TODAY'S FORECAST**

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Monday
Mostly cloudy, chance of a shower late	Lowering clouds and developing snow	Snow likely and colder
High 48	Low 32	39 / 22

**MINI-CASSIA**  
 Today: Mostly cloudy with a shower possible late. High's, middle 40s.  
 Tonight: Lowering and thickening clouds with snow developing. Lows over 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Colder with a good chance for snow. Highs mid 30s.

**Complete weather report: See page C8**

**TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**CHURCH EVENTS**

Liberty Quartet performance, 11 a.m., Hageman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E., Hageman, 837-6140.  
 Liberty Quartet performance, 6 p.m., Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, 734-2626.

**FESTIVALS**

Caring and Sharing Christmas Trees Festival, sponsored by the Mirindoka Health Care Foundation with decorated trees, wreaths, gift shop, food court, live entertainment and more (church child festival from noon to 4 p.m.), noon to 5 p.m., Civic Center, 505 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-7180.

**COMING THIS WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>HEAD HELP</b> A user's guide to sporting helmets. IMAGE	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>ANIMALS IN THE ATTIC</b> Tales of critter invasions. COUNTRY ROADS	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APPETIZING ENTERTAINING</b> Starters from local chefs. FOOD & HOME	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>LORD OF THE DANCE</b> "The Nutcracker" comes to Twin Falls and Burley. TNT	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>WILDERNESS ACCESS</b> Great outdoors challenges for disabled. OUTDOORS	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>ONLINE SACRILEGE</b> Buying holy relics online may be a crime. RELIGION	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>BIG BINGO</b> The people, the culture, the phenomenon. FAMILY LIFE	

**QUOTE TO CONSIDER**

"When it comes to personal responsibility, consumers increasingly support making people pay more for unhealthy behavior."  
 — From a new report in the Journal Health Affairs; 60 percent of about 1,500 people favored higher health insurance premiums for smokers; 30 percent felt the obese should pay more.

**IDAHO LOTTERY**

Saturday, Nov. 25  
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 Power Play #: 5

**CORRECTIONS**

**Couple owns one skydiving business**

Paul and Denise Jones own and operate only Skydown Sport Skydiving in Caldwell. The number of businesses they own was incorrect in Saturday's Times-News. The Times-News regrets the error.

**1 Cassia Health Care Foundation's 29th annual Festival of Trees**, with tree viewing, live entertainment, holiday kitchen and store, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Snake River Plaza, Burley, \$1 for adults and \$5.00 for children general admission, 679-4793.

**1 Meet the Artists reception and gallery openings**, with new works by Full Moon Gallery members, raffie for Janet Birler painting, holiday music by Lorraine Gibson and contemporary work of local artist Ben Browne in the Pequotina Gallery, 7 to 9 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, \$1 raffie ticket or can of non-perishable food, 734-ARTS.

**1 "First Friday Dinner"**, a buffet-style, traditional Basque meal sponsored by the Gooding Basque Association, 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Basque Cultural Center at the Intersection of Highways 26 and 46 in Gooding, general admission of \$14 (seniors eat for \$12), (208) 522-4266 or 308-5051.

**1,2 St. Jerome's Annual Bazaar** with vendors, artisans, bingo and door prizes; Friday's potato bar lunch and ham dinner and Saturday's soups, sandwiches and pies, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2, St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 2nd Ave. E., Jerome, \$ 2.75 for a bingo game, 324-2668.

**1,2 Buhl's Open House Shopping Gala**, 15 businesses with extended shopping hours and refreshments, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Buhl shopping district, 543-6436.

**1,2 The 11th annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show**, with local crafters, bakers and lunch, with refreshments, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, the Accelerated Learning Center, 906 Main Street in Gooding, free admission, 934-9475 or 934-5013.

**1,2 Leo Owsley Post #31 American Legion Auxiliary annual Christmas Craft Show**, 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec 1 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2, with a variety of vendors selling holiday items and a raffie, Hageman American Legion Hall, 281 N. State St., Hageman, free admission, food and drink for nominal cost, 837-4333.

**1,2 Community Buhl Crafts and Open Houses**, with more than a dozen craft shows and open houses displaying handmade items, quilting supplies and more, varying times, no admission fee, 543-4253.

**1,2 The Nehalem Holiday Arts, Pottery, Furnishes and More**, produced by several artisans, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1553 E. 4000 N., Buhl, free admission, 543-4253.

**1-3 "Magic Mud"**, the annual festival of southern Idaho Art Department's annual fundraiser including the decorative and functional works of students and professional potters, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Dec. 1-2) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Dec. 3), Student Union Building, C.S.I., Twin Falls, 732-6655.

**2 Children's Day at St. Luke's 2 Magic Valley Health Foundation's Festival of Trees**, with coolly decorating, North Pole hotline, story book characters, \$5 photos (from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.) and more, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., general admission 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., 100 E. Jerome, Aronson Lumber building, 960 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors (age 60 and over) and no cost for children age 12 and under, 737-2480.

**2 Foundation's 29th annual Festival of Trees**, with tree viewing, live entertainment, holiday kitchen and store, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Snake River Plaza, Burley, \$1 for adults and \$5.00 for children general admission, 679-4793.

**2 Railroaders Open House**, with Model trains, both HO and N scales running and refreshments, noon to 5 p.m., Railroad Building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, no cost, (208) 421-5151.

**3 Family Day at St. Luke's 3 Magic Valley Health Foundation's Festival of Trees**, with a variety of performers and fun, general admission 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., former Adams Lumber building, 960 Eastland

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So, to have an event listed in either our daily or monthly calendar of events, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline for the daily calendar is noon, four days in advance of the event, and for the January calendar is noon Friday, Dec. 22.

**For a list of regularly scheduled ongoing events, see page B5**

**3 C.S.I. Chamber Choir Concert**, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, free admission (\$5 donation suggested), 732-6766.

**4 TOPS Christmas Party**, with lunch and a gift exchange, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filer Avenue E., \$5 for lunch (bring \$5-\$10 wrapped gift), visitors welcome, 736-7237 or 736-9232.

**7 Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees gala and silent auction**, 7 to 9 p.m., Round Building of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 14th Avenue W., Gooding, 520, 934-4433.

**8 Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees**, with luncheon and style show (\$10 at 11:15 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.), Round Building of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 14th Avenue W., Gooding, 52, 934-4433.

**9 Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees**, with children's workshop and visit with Santa 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., entertainment 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and general admission 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Round Building of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 14th Avenue W., Gooding, 52, 934-4433.

**10 Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees**, with live entertainment and public viewing of trees, noon to 4 p.m., Round Building of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 14th Avenue W., Gooding, 52, 934-4433.

**6-9 "Inherit the Wind,"** presented by the C.S.I. Drama Department and directed by Tony Mammen, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$9 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens, 732-6768.

**7 Modern Woodmen and LINC Christmas Compassion Ice Cream Social**, 3 to 8 p.m., Cold

**10 "Rejoice in His Coming"** Christmas Cantata, performed by the Gooding Community Choral, 1 p.m., Festival of Trees, College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Avenue E., Gooding, free admission (free-will offering), 934-8227.

**13 Nutcracker**, with colorful sets, dazzling costumes and magical dancing, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$18 for adults and \$10 for children, 732-8288.

**15 Christmas Cantata**, performed by the Gooding Community Choral, 7 p.m., Walker Center Auditorium, 605 11th Avenue E., Gooding, free adm. (free-will offering), 934-8227.

**15, 16 The 3rd Annual Procrastinator Exhibit and Sale**, with featured guest artist Janis Mack, other professional artists and craftsmen, spinning demonstrations, food and refreshments, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, old Odd Fellows Building, 219 Main Street, Filer, free admission, 543-4650.

**15-17 The Singing Christmas Tree**, "Light of the World, A Christmas Musical," 7 p.m. (Dec. 15, 16) and 6 p.m. (Dec. 17), First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, bring unwrapped toy (Dec. 15), canned food and paper goods (Dec. 16) and unwrapped toy or toiletry (free adnc. 17), 733-5349.

**16 Christmas Cantata**, performed by the Gooding Community Choral, 7 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1225 Main St., Gooding, free admission (free-will offering), 934-8227.

**16-18 Christmas Carolers**, experience the Christmas season from beginning until the present, 7 p.m., Messersmith Building, Jerome County Fairgrounds, limited free tickets, 324-5371. Donors accepted for Red Cross of Idaho, sponsored by the Life Church of the Magic Valley.

**17 "Rejoice in His Coming"** Christmas Cantata, performed by the Gooding Community Choral, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 805 Main St., Gooding, free admission (free-will offering), 934-8227.

**17 Carols by Candle Light**, 17 traditional carols with the stories behind them, 6 p.m., Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene (west of the College of Southern Idaho), 1231 Washington St. N., no cost, 733-6610.

**22 A Magic Valley Christmas Celebration**, with the Christmas musical production "A Yule for Momms," accepted by the Kimberly Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 7 p.m., Royal Auditorium, Twin Falls, no cost, 316-2307.

**23 Sounds of the Season**, a musical variety evening to benefit the Wilson Theatre and music scholarships, 7:30 p.m., Wilson Theatre in Rupert, \$8 for students and \$5 for children, 431-8130.

**24 Christmas Eve Communion Service**, celebrating the meaning of Christmas and reflecting on the birth of Jesus, 10 p.m., Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene (west of the College of Southern Idaho), 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-6610.

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# Wedding

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The groom and Doshler watched the Lifelight helicopter prepare to lift off, but neither knew who was inside. A paramedic jumped in front of McClure. He was followed by the ring bearer's older brother, who told McClure what happened to Jennifer.

"Nin died," he told McClure. "All the thoughts of the helicopter ... I hit my knees right there," McClure said.

Doshler was a stone's throw away when she saw McClure fall, and she sensed that her daughter was dead, she said.

"We just dropped to his knees on the pavement and put his head in his hands and my heart just dropped right there," she said.

Doshler's son reached her just then, and said, "Nin is gone, mom. She didn't make it."

Higgins was flying toward St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in the helicopter with her brain bleeding and her arms stripped raw.

At St. Luke's, Higgins moved in and out of consciousness, at one point yelling: "I'm supposed to be getting married."

A nurse directed Higgins' attention to her groom and asked her to identify him.

"That's my fiancé. I love you," she blurted to the relief of the group.

Higgins was flown with her mom to St. Alphonsus in Boise.

An ultrasound showed the baby in her womb was OK.

Cautiously, as fragmented memories began to emerge, she asked her mom to tell her everything, which her mom did but without mentioning Nin's death.

"Did someone tell me that Nin is dead?" Higgins asked. Her mother realized she could no longer withhold that piece of news from her daughter, and she told her.

## The aftermath

The long road to Higgins' physical recovery began in the emergency room, but the full weight of Nin being gone had scarcely begun to bear down on the couple.

"It's going to be a long time (for her)," McClure said. "Sometimes in the middle of the night she'll wake up and start crying."

It hurt him, too. "Nin was the emotional support when Taell and I were having a fight," McClure said. "She was everybody's little psychiatrist."

McClure started to face how close he came to spending the



Bride Taell Higgins, 18, and Denise Beatz, her 18-year-old bridesmaid, hold a portrait of Jennifer "Nin" Hansen, the maid of honor who was killed Aug. 19 while driving with the bride to her wedding in Hagerman. Photo courtesy of the bride.

rest of his life without his bride.

"I play the whole thing over in my head and it blows me over because I know I was so close to losing her," McClure said.

"It just hurt that much more when I realized how close it was, that she actually could have died."

But she lived. And that has been the silver lining. Remembering how grouchy and depressed he was before he met her, McClure said, he redoubled his appreciation and care for his bride. And with more resolve than ever, they decided to try again to get married.

Higgins spent the night after the rehearsal dinner at the ranch so she would not have to drive the road on the day of the wedding.

The next morning, on Sept. 9, McClure arrived with the others.

There were fewer guests. The bride, who suffered severe whiplash, was in no mood for dancing so they nixed that. Long gloves hid the cuts on her arms.

Taell married Wes without her maid-of-honor standing next to her.

Instead, beside the bride stood a photo of Nin draped in the same fabric as the

bridesmaid dresses. They exchanged their vows, not as newlyweds awaiting

the strain of years to come, but as a pair whose commitment had already withstood a

great test.

And they hoped the worst lay behind them.

Afterward, one by one, guests approached the bride's mother to tell her "Every groom should look at their

bride the way Wes looked at Taell."

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**Iraq**

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Iraq or add to the 140,000 there now.

It is awaiting the conclusions of several top-to-bottom studies, including a military review by Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Expected soon, too, are recommendations from an outside blue-ribbon commission headed by former Secretary of State James Baker, a Republican close to the Bush family, and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, an independent Democrat who was one of the leaders of the Sept. 11 commission.

The Iraq war began on March 19, 2003, with the U.S. bombing of Baghdad. On May 1, 2003, Bush famously declared major combat operations over, the announcement coming in a speech aboard an aircraft carrier en route to a "Mission Accomplished" banner.

Yet the fighting has dragged on, and most of the 2,000-plus U.S. military deaths have occurred after Bush suggested an end to what he called the Iraq front in the global fight against terrorism.

Politicians in both parties blame the increasingly unpopular war for GOP losses on Capitol Hill in the November elections that handed control of the House and Senate to Democrats.

Twice before in the last half-century have presidents — Harry S. Truman in Korea and Lyndon B. Johnson in Vietnam — been crippled politically by prolonged and unpopular wars.

Bush last week visited Vietnam for the first time, attending a summit of Asian and Pacific Rim nations. Asked if the Vietnam War held any messages for U.S. policy in Iraq, Bush said it showed that "we'll succeed unless we quit."

John Mueller, an Ohio State University political scientist who wrote the book "War, Presidents and Public Opinion," said Americans soured on Iraq after "doing a rough cost-benefit analysis. They say: 'What's it worth to us

and how much is it costing us?'"

By that standard, Americans were willing to abandon the Iraq war long before they turned against the war in Vietnam, Mueller suggested. "So that, for example, when more than 2,000 Americans had died in Iraq, support lowered. It took 20,000 deaths in Vietnam to lower support for that war to the same level," he said.

In the casualty count, the Civil War was the most lethal, with military deaths of the North and South combined totaling at least 620,000. By

comparison, the total for World War II was roughly 406,000; Vietnam, 58,000; Korea, 37,000; World War I, 116,000.

The outgoing Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner of Virginia, a veteran of World War II and a former Navy secretary, noted solemnly at a recent hearing of his committee that Sunday would mark the day when U.S. was involved longer in the Iraq war than it had been in World War II.

Yet the October 2002 congressional resolution that authorized the Iraq war

"addressed the Iraq of Saddam Hussein, which is now gone, and no more a threat to us," Warner said.

While the United States is helping Iraq's current government to assume the full reins of sovereignty, "we need to revise (our) strategy to achieve that goal," Warner said.

U.S. involvement in the Iraq war has outlasted that of the Korean War (three years, one month); the War of 1812 (two years, six months); the U.S.-Mexican War (one year, 10 months); World War I (one year, seven months); the Spanish

American War (eight months); and the first Persian Gulf War (one and a half months).

Democrats and Republicans are divided about what to do next in Iraq.

Many Democrats and some lawmakers have called for a phased withdrawal. Some lawmakers, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a 2008 presidential hopeful, are urging that more U.S. troops be sent to help stabilize Iraq.

Sen. Carl Levin, the Michigan Democrat who will be the next chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, argues for

beginning to bring troops home soon. "We should put the responsibility for Iraq's future squarely where it belongs on the Iraqis," Levin said. "We cannot save the Iraqis from themselves."

Experts of various political stripes have suggested that the options are few.

"No mix of options for U.S. action can provide a convincing plan for 'victory' in Iraq," said Anthony Cordesman, an Iraq analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "The initiative has passed into Iraqi hands."

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**CIA**

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All that aside, the hiring push began almost immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and picked up steam in November 2004 when President Bush called for a 50 percent increase in the agency's ranks of operatives and analysts.

The president wanted twice as many scientists whose research combats terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction. The agency hopes to meet those goals by 2011.

One in seven of CIA's current employees joined the agency in the past year, and nearly 40 percent of its employees began working at the agency after the Sept. 11 attacks — statistics at once helpful and troubling.

"This is the youngest analytic work force in the history of the Central Intelligence Agency," Director Michael Hayden said at his confirmation hearings this year. "In more disappointing language, this is the least experienced analytic work force in the history of CIA."

The CIA had some stumbles as it stepped out of the shadows to recruit.

The agency started in 2002 with black-and-white ads. Last year, the agency's television ads during Washington Nationals baseball games were so quiet and unnoticeable that fans might have thought their cable went out for 30 seconds if they headed to the kitchen for a snack.

Officials in charge of hiring realized they needed a new plan. They hired an ad agency, TMP Worldwide, to help.

The "Bug Spot" was born. A snooping dragonfly zooms through the ad, showing how scientists at the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology develop their James Bond-esque devices — "technology so advanced, it's classified," the ad boasts.

The ad debuted on the Discovery Channel. The agency got 3,500 resumes shortly afterward from people who said they were applying after seeing the spot.

An ad for the National Clandestine Service, the agency's secret operatives, followed soon after.

Now, the CIA is redoing its Web site. It is buying space on airport billboards and in movie trailers. It is taking out ads in publications from the Locksmith Ledger to Women's Wear Daily to Arab Times, seeking scientists who can crack locks, create disguises and speak polished Arabic. It is reaching out to soon-to-be retired military officers.

The CIA also created its updated personality quiz, with a special disclaimer straight from the legal department: "The Myths Quiz is for educational entertainment purposes only. This quiz will not affect your ability to get a job with the CIA."

The lawyers are not the only ones who don't take the quiz lightly.

Some of the CIA's traditionalists fear the agency is tarnishing its proud, exclusive roots to meet the presidential directive. They worry that the CIA quiz and its advertisements during "MythBusters" and other cable shows with cult followings are too gimmicky.

In short, they worry that the agency is sacrificing quality to get quantity. Last year alone, the agency received 1.35,000 applications — a number that has more than doubled since Sept. 11, 2001.

Tom McCluskey, the CIA's chief hiring and employee development, heard the concerns firsthand at a recent gathering of the Florida chapter of the agency's retirees association.

"Some of the old-timers grumbled, 'Where's the mystery? Where is the aura of mystery? Where is the aura of what we do?'" McCluskey said in an interview. "The good news is that we are not seeking to hire those people."

Instead, he said, the CIA is after the generation that has grown up on the Web. "They were born with earbuds in their ears. They are ADD and it is contagious," he said, referring to attention deficit disorder. "We need that kind of talent here."

The CIA once had a test that steered applicants to one of the agency's three main divisions: the National Clandestine Service, the Directorate of

Science and Technology or the Directorate of Intelligence. But officials scrapped it after figuring out that it was often wrong.

A new test that could steer applicants to one of more than 200 jobs is now being devised for use during the screening process. But developing it is taking time.

Meanwhile, Congress is watching the agency's recruitment efforts. The incoming chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Sen.

Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., has said one of his priorities is investigating whether the CIA has the right people in the right jobs and ensuring the CIA has enough people who are fluent in crucial foreign languages.

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# Hospital procedures faulted for infections, studies say

By Christopher Lee  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Infections acquired in hospitals, which take a heavy toll on patients, arise mainly from poor hygiene in hospital procedures, not from how sick patients were when they were admitted, according to three new studies.

The studies, published Monday in the American Journal of Medical Quality, provide new evidence for experts who argue that hospitals could prevent many of the growing number of infections that afflict hospital patients nationwide, cost billions of dollars to treat and are responsible for thousands of deaths each year.

It's the process, not the patients, said David B. Nash, the journal's editor and chairman of the Department of Health Policy at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. "These three groups of hospitals found that despite hospitals' claim that in the sickest patients it's inevitable that someone is going to get a hospital-acquired infection, that's just not the case."

Rather than accepting some infections as unavoidable, Nash said, health professionals should do more to promote hand washing among medical staff, take greater care in donning gowns and other infection-preventing clothing during medical procedures, reduce traffic in and out of operating rooms and isolate patients when necessary and use antibiotics more selectively.

Government can do more to educate the public and encourage hospitals to report infection, Nash said. And patients should speak up more, even asking doctors and nurses, "Did you wash your hands" before being treated.

Hospital officials agree, said Nancy Foster, vice president for quality and patient safety at the American Hospital Association, which represents more than 4,800 hospitals and health care systems nationwide.

"The new wave of research is showing that our previous expectations around what was preventable underestimated what we could actually achieve," Foster said. "We can prevent more infections than we thought before. Lots of hospitals are striving to get to zero (infections)."

Preventing infections is a "delicate balancing act," she said, because simple measures such as greater antibiotic use would speed up the evolution of drug-resistant germs. "It's really the germs that are the bad guys here," she said.

Previous studies have shown that patients with hospital-acquired infections spend

many more days in the hospital, undergo more extensive procedures and are more likely to die than patients who do not contract them. The problem has been the subject of congressional hearings and reports by the federal Institute of Medicine.

Solid national estimates are not available. But in Pennsylvania, the first state to collect such data, 19,154

patients contracted an infection in hospitals last year, up from 11,668 patients in 2004, according to a survey released last week by the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. The council, a state agency, said some of the increase was because of better reporting by hospitals.

The average hospital stay in Pennsylvania was nearly 21 days for those with hospital-

acquired infections, and 5 days for patients without them. The average hospital charge was \$185,260 for those with infections, nearly six times the \$31,389 incurred by others. Twelve percent of patients who acquired infections died, compared with 2.3 percent of other patients.

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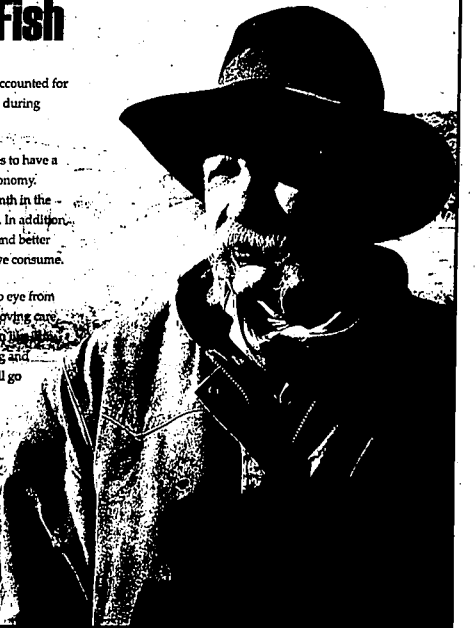
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ALASKA



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NEW YORK

Police fatally shoot groom on wedding day

NEWYORK—Police opened fire early Saturday on a car full of men driving away from a bachelor party at a strip club, killing the groom on his wedding day in a shooting that drew a furious outcry from family members but little immediate explanation from police.

The shooting, which also left two other men hospitalized, drew angry protests from family members and the Rev. Al Sharpton. The New York Police Department's chief spokesman, Paul Browne, declined to comment.

As many as eight officers may have been involved in the shooting near the Kalua Cabaret in Queens, said Sgt. Mike Wysokowski, another department spokesman. There were no reports that any officers were wounded. Officer Kathleen Price said.

Black Friday sales up 6 percent from 2006

The nation's retailers had a strong start to the holiday shopping season, according to results announced Saturday by a national research group that tracks sales at mall-based stores. One big exception was Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which expects to report same-store sales in November below its already lackluster forecast.

According to ShopperTrak RCT Corp., which tracks total sales at more than 45,000 mall-based retail outlets, total sales rose 6 percent to \$8.95 billion on Friday, the start of the holiday shopping season, compared to the same day a year ago.

"Although we anticipated a solid consumer turnout for Black Friday, this data shows an even larger increase than expected as consumers proved they were willing to spend," said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak, in a statement. Wal-Mart, however, estimated it will post a 0.1 percent decline in same-store sales, or sales at stores opened at least a year, in November. That's slightly below its original projections for flat sales for the month, compared to the year-ago period. The results cover the four-week period that ended through Friday. Same-store sales are considered a key indicator of a retailer's health.

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KENTUCKY

Pizza drivers picket Louisville Domino's

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — More than a dozen pizza delivery drivers who want their own union picketed a Domino's store Saturday.

Union organizers say a store employee was fired earlier this

year because he complained about a 10-cent wage cut for drivers. A Domino's spokesman said the driver was fired for being late to work.

About 15 people picketed the store for an hour, said Jim Pohle, president of the American Union of Pizza Delivery Drivers, which formed this summer. "They're seeking fair compensation for gas mileage," said Pohle, a delivery

driver from Pensacola, Fla. "Most people don't understand that the drivers do not get the (extra) delivery charge."

Several pizza chains, including stores owned by Domino's, Pizza Hut and Papa John's, have instituted a \$1 fee per delivery because of rising gas and labor costs. Pohle said those fees cut into the amount that drivers are tipped.

—The Associated Press

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## Pretty good reception

### Clear Channel sale not expected to disrupt three local stations

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Janice Degner learned the three local radio stations she manages were on the sale block, she wasn't too surprised. After all, some radio stations change owners every two or three years. Clear Channel has owned KEZI-FM, KOOL-FM and KLDX-AM for seven years, following a merger with Jacor Communications, which owned them for five or six years before that. So, Degner said, there haven't been any big changes for a dozen years.

"That's a long run," said Degner, who learned about the sale in a Clear Channel conference call.

Clear Channel Communications Inc., the nation's biggest radio station owner, announced Nov. 16 that it had agreed to be acquired for about \$18.7 billion by an investment group, the Associated Press reported. Clear Channel also said it planned to sell 448 of its radio stations, including the three local stations. The 448

### On the Net

Clear Channel Communications:  
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are all outside the top 100 markets.

For now, Degner said, business will go on as usual for the three local stations and their 16 employees.

"There are no changes we see in the near future," Degner said. "There is no reason for any changes to occur. We've got great radio stations, and we rank high in the market. We have great programs and a great staff."

Of course, there's no way to predict the future of country station KEZI, oldies station KOOL and conservative talk station KLDX.

"Any owner can come in and do anything, but we don't know that, so it's just business as usual," Degner said.

### Succession of owners

Kelly Klaas knows about changes. Klaas, a talk radio host on KLDX,



Kelly Klaas goes live Wednesday morning on his talk show 'Top Story' on KLDX-AM in Twin Falls. Klaas has seen half a dozen station owners since he began his radio career in 1969 as a disc jockey at a little AM top-40 station.

He began his radio career in 1969 as a disc jockey at a little AM top-40 station called KEET owned by the local Sierra Life Insurance Co. He'd been there only six months when it was bought by Inland Radio. In 1974, the station moved to a location on Park Avenue and became KEZI-FM.

Klaas took a break from broadcasting in 1978 to run the family farm. He returned to radio in 1986. He's seen a half-dozen owners during his career. Capps Broadcasting bought the stations from Inland and B and B Broadcasting bought them from Capps. Then Jacor came along, followed by Clear Channel.

If there were any changes when the

stations were sold, Klaas said, they'd be for the better.

"There was more money for upgrades and improvements, but the daily operations remained the same," Klaas said.

Working for a small station, Klaas has a variety of duties. In addition to hosting a talk show and reading the news, Klaas is also the engineer and, on occasion, the plumber.

"I'm a jack-of-all-trades and master of none," he said with a chuckle.

Like many other Clear Channel employees, Klaas got the news about the sale via e-mail.

But it wasn't something that came out of thin air.

"We had heard some rumblings

that something was in the offing," Klaas said.

Like Degner, Klaas doesn't foresee any big changes. He said he and his colleagues at the 447 other small radio stations on the sale block aren't likely to lose their jobs.

"They still need people to operate" the stations, Klaas said. "They still need that local help."

Clear Channel, founded in 1972, owns or operates 1,150 radio stations. It also owns a majority of Clear Channel Outdoor, a major operator of billboard and bus-stop ads.

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## Microsoft's focus shifting to Web

By Alan Sipress  
The Washington Post

REDMOND, Wash. — Gary Flake recalled scanning the faces of the three other senior Microsoft Corp. executives at a meeting last month and nothing that like him, they were new to the company.

They had all been key players in Internet services, a field that threatens the empire of desktop software that made Microsoft one of the world's most influential corporations. Before the meeting was over, he said, the executives agreed to complete this Internet coup — from the inside.

"We had this realization," Flake, a senior engineer, said after the meeting adjourned. "We came to Microsoft to change the world. But the only way we're going to change the world is we're going to change Microsoft."

Never before in its 30-year history has Microsoft faced a more pressing need to turn its innovative prowess inward and remake itself. The company that became synonymous with computing for hundreds of millions of users worldwide is confronting an onslaught by rivals bent on stripping away Microsoft's customers by providing cheaper — or free — software over the Web.

Microsoft faces a dilemma common to many major corporations, including telephone companies, newspapers and automakers, as they wrestle with how to break loose from their traditional business before it's too late. Many have been unable to cannibalize their core operations, remaining intoxicated by the high profits they still provide. But the burden of maintaining the businesses that made them titans can stifle companies of the investment and initiative they need to innovate.

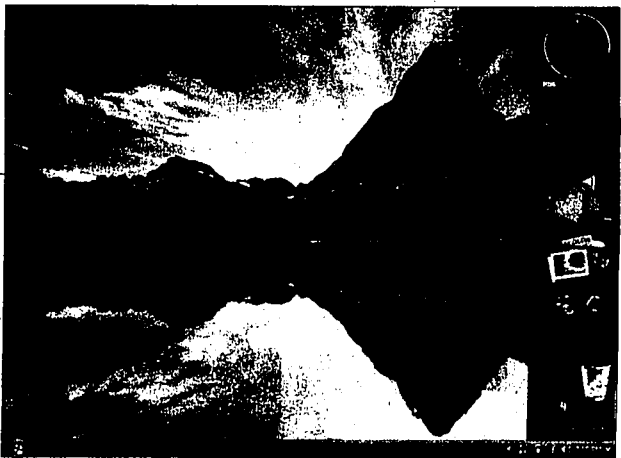
In the next several weeks, Microsoft plans to release new versions of the software responsible for its profitability and industry clout: a more sophisticated version of its Windows operating system called Vista and an updated

**GARY FLAKE** directs Microsoft's Live Labs, which develops technologies for the Internet. **YAHOO!**

**STEVE BERMAN**, senior vice president of the online services group, runs business development and marketing for MSN.com and Windows Live. **Ask.com**

**DEBRA CHAGNOFF**, corporate vice president of Windows Live operations, oversees infrastructure and global network related to Web-based services. **eXtreme FINANCIAL**

**RAY OZZIE**, chief software architect, is responsible with Chairman Bill Gates for all technical architecture and product oversight. **OO**



Windows Sleaker, one of the company's Vista launch programs, allows real-time Internet programs to run side-by-side on a user's desktop. Microsoft is releasing its first major event in years — Vista and Office 2007 — claiming the products will help customers run better businesses.

## Microsoft hopes new software lures lucrative business users

By Brian Bergstein  
Associated Press writer

REDMOND, Wash. — Bill Hartnett got accustomed to the screaming. As Microsoft Corp.'s manager of software sales to financial services companies, Hartnett used to get pelted with complaints about the security and reliability of Microsoft's products.

Hartnett speaks openly about those dark days because he's sure they're well past. He and his colleagues contend the company is about to give businesses compelling reasons to not just tolerate Microsoft, but to be thrilled with it.

The occasion is the launch of crucial upgrades to Microsoft's most widely used and most profitable products. All at once, Microsoft is releasing a new Windows operating system, known as Vista; an update of the Office "productivity" package, which includes Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint; and server software that handles behind-the-scenes functions.

The products will begin to be available for business users Nov. 30, with a consumer release of Windows and Office on Jan. 30.

Even in a less competitive world, the enormity of the launch would make this a crucial time for Microsoft. Vista has been delayed so long that

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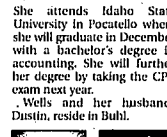
**Cheryl Owen, Denise Metcalf**

Real Estate Group is happy to announce the addition of Olivia Plew to the sales team. Plew is a lifelong resident of the Magic Valley and a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She earned scholarships and degrees in business and sign language studies and worked as a sign language interpreter for CSI. Before working in real estate, Plew was employed with her husband's family owned business Plew's Heating and Air Conditioning. She then owned a child care and preschool center while managing real estate properties. Plew and her husband, David, own a construction company and reside in Twin Falls with their three children.



**Plew**

She attends Idaho State University in Pocatello where she will graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She will further her degree by taking the CPA exam next year. Wells and her husband, Dustin, reside in Buhl.



**Tom Fiscus, Robyn O'Connor**

TWIN FALLS — Tom Fiscus and Robyn O'Connor are new associates at Coldwell Banker Curtis Realty, located at 308 Shoshone St. Fiscus was born in Jerome and raised in Hagerman for seven years before moving out of the area. His family returned to the Twin Falls area when he was 14 years old. He has worked as the food service director at the College of Southern Idaho for the past seven years. He completed the educational requirements at CSI and has received his Realtor's license. He is married with three children and six grandchildren. O'Connor has lived in the greater Twin Falls area most of her life, attending Twin Falls High School, and majoring in computer applications at CSI. She then began a career in the food service industry as a chef working for Thomas Management Cuisine before starting in the real estate field. She is married and they have eight children and four grandchildren.

## Laura Papke

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Liberty Care Services, a mental health clinic, announced the addition of Laura Papke to the staff. Papke is a professional mental health worker currently assigned to provide psychosocial services. These services are designed to provide support and education for the mentally ill who are living in the Twin Falls community and surrounding areas. Papke studied at the Idaho State University, as well as the College of Southern Idaho. She has an associates of arts degree and a bachelor of science degree in sociology, human resources, training and development.



**Papke**

## Juli Lee

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Realty announced the addition of Juli Lee as a new Realtor. Lee is a fourth generation Southern Idaho native and has extensive knowledge of the Magic Valley area. She received her real estate license through Pioneer Real Estate School in Boise.



**Lee**

## Stephanie D. Wells

BUIH — Deagle, Ames & Co. Certified Public Accountants announced the addition of Stephanie D. Wells as an accountant. Wells was raised in Jerome where she was involved in many sports and community activities.



**Wells**

## Olivia Plew

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## MILESTONES

### Precision Mountainwear opens store at mall

Deenie and Willie Dane of Twin Falls announce the opening of Precision Mountainwear in the Magic Valley Mall. The new location is the former Sam Goody store near Macy's. They specialize in quality winter outerwear at factory direct prices. They have a large inventory selection including waterproof jackets, pants, gloves and mittens. They also offer accessories including goggles, hats, beanies, and fleece neck gaiters.

### TAX HELP IS ON THE WAY



Jackson Hewitt Tax Service kicked off the tax season with a ribbon cutting. Located at 669 Blue Lakes N. in Twin Falls, the business offers professional financial advice and services on personal or business taxes. For more information, call 737-9200. Pictured, from left, are Marketing Director Ron Flores and Phil and Maureen Brown.

### Seven students picked for leadership classes

The Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation announced that seven Magic Valley students have been selected from agriculture and agribusiness organizations to participate in class sessions during the next four months. The LIA program is designed to enhance the leadership, personal development and awareness of agriculture for each participant. The students will hear over 60 different speakers, participate in tours, have speaking opportunities and experience personal growth situations which will better prepare them for leadership opportunities in the agriculture industry and rural communities. Students from the Magic Valley are Scott Breeding of Hazelton; Kall Van Leeuwen of Murtaugh; and Becky Dean, Desiree Haffiger, Daryn Harshberger, Tom Mikesell and Sue Switzer of Twin Falls.

### J-U-B ranked best place to work for in 2006

J-U-B Engineers Inc. has been recognized as one of the top 500 Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For in an annual competition sponsored by CE News. This is the first year that J-U-B has entered the competition, which distinguishes the top 50 firms that offer benefits, services, and programs that are competitive within the industry. The ranking is based on business practices data collected from all participating firms, including feedback solicited through an employee satisfaction survey. The data covers general information about the company, its culture and service offerings, as well as details related to compensation, benefits, professional development, performance and recognition, recruiting and retention and plans for improvement in each area. J-U-B ranked 37th overall nationwide and 13th in mid-sized firms (100-500 employees). This was out of hundreds of firms that entered as well as surveys of over 25,000 employees.

### Wells Fargo still nation's top small business lender

Wells Fargo extended \$18 billion in loans under \$100,000 to small business owners in 2005 and remains the nation's No. 1 small business lender, according to the latest government data. Small business loan growth remains strong according to the latest, most comprehensive government Act. In 2005, Wells Fargo increased its year-over-year small business lending by over 30 percent, extending \$18 billion to small business owners nationwide (in loans under \$100,000). Total small business growth for loans under \$100,000 increased 4 percent, from \$93 billion to just over \$96 billion, according to the 2005 Community Reinvestment Act data. CRA data provides the industry's most comprehensive set of small business lending figures. With 95 percent of all small businesses generating less than \$2 million in annual revenues, tracking loans under \$100,000 is an important measurement of how financial institutions are meeting the capital needs of small business owners. For the fourth year in a row, Wells Fargo leads this category, extending more than 680,000 loans nationwide with an average loan size of just

### COSTCO OPENS FOOD COURT



Costco Wholesale located at 731 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting to celebrate its new food court. It promises its customers the best service and products. For more information, call 736-1550. Pictured, from left, are Lindsay Hinkle, food court supervisor; Kelly Hansen, marketing; Jared Anderson, assistant wholesale manager; and Marlo Ward, marketing manager.

### DEALER DONATES DINNERS



Team Con Paulos and Mix 103 held its 6th Annual "60 Hours to Fight Hunger" November 16-18. A ribbon cutting celebrated the event at the Con Paulos Volkswagen-Mazda dealership at 1534 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls. More than 1,282 turkeys were donated. Turkeys and other donations will go to the South Central Community Action Partnership to provide Thanksgiving dinner to families all over southern Idaho. Pictured, from left, are Leanne Trapper, South Central Community Action Partnership; Con Paulos, Team Con Paulos; Ken Robinette, South Central Community Action Partnership; and Colleen Beltran, Mix 103.

over \$26,000. Wells Fargo was also the No. 1 lender to small businesses in low and moderate income neighborhoods (loans under \$100,000), with over 137,000 loans totaling more than 5.3 billion dollars with an average loan size of approximately \$27,000. There are approximately 25 million small businesses in the U.S., representing over 90 percent of U.S. employers and approximately half of the U.S. GDP (\$5 trillion). Wells Fargo ranked No. 1 for loans under \$100,000 in 19 states, including Idaho.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### BANK HELPS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Lawrence Barney, vice president with U.S. Bank in Southern Idaho, and Michael Rice, assistant vice president and relationship manager for U.S. Bank in Southern Idaho and president of the Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc. Board of Directors, presented a \$5,000 contribution to MVRIS. The donation from the U.S. Bancorp Foundation will be used to support training and employment programs MVRIS provides to people with disabilities. Through participation in MVRIS programs, people with disabilities learn skills that allow them to achieve maximum participation in employ-

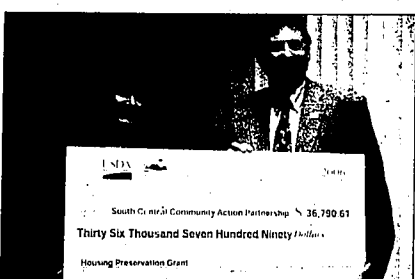


ment and community life. According to MVRIS Executive Director Jeff Crumrine, U.S. Bancorp has been a consistent donor since 1986. MVRIS is a private nonprofit organization that has been providing training, employment, personal development and psychosocial rehabilitation programs for

people with disabilities in south-central Idaho since 1973. Above, shown from left, are Jeff Crumrine, Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc.; Michael Rice, assistant vice president and relationship manager for U.S. Bank; and Lawrence Flournoy, vice-president of U.S. Bank.

### AGENCY FUNDS HOME REPAIRS

Becky Dean, area director for USDA Rural Development in Twin Falls recently presented a ceremonial check to Ken Robinette, executive director of South Central Community Action Partnership in Twin Falls. The check is for a USDA Rural Development Grant. The housing preservation grant in the amount of \$36,790.61 will be used to repair and rehabilitate homes that are owned by very low-income people. Funds are used to renovate and repair



existing homes by removing health and safety hazards, adding weatherization for better energy efficiency and making general repairs. Finding funds to add weatherization can be difficult for low-income families, especially for the elderly or those employed in areas that slow down in the winter.

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# Merger deals can benefit mutual funds directly or through a rising market

Investors observing the seemingly uninterrupted parade of corporate buyout announcements might wonder how much the deals and the attendant rise in stock prices might boost returns in their mutual funds. The answer lies in the type of funds they own.

## OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Tim Parada

Acquisition announcements often inject confidence into investor sentiment because the deals generally reflect a sense that the stock market is offering bargains on some desirable businesses. That notion can send stocks up in general, which of course benefits many mutual funds. And while a bevy of merger announcements has prompted questions about whether the market is overvaluing some properties, mutual funds returns for the year are likely to get a boost from all the dealmaking.

The value of announced acquisitions worldwide for the year now totals about \$3.46 trillion and has topped the previous record of \$3.33 trillion from 2000, according to Dealogic, a firm that tracks merger activity.

One way investors can benefit from an acquisition is in a fund they own fortuitously holds shares in a company being acquired. The fund's return can grow from the jump in a stock that often accompanies word of a buyout. Shares of the company doing the acquiring typically fall, though generally only temporarily, as Wall Street trends to frown upon the risk those companies are taking.

For Barry James, a portfolio manager at James Investment Research and president of the James Advantage Funds, the benefits of the buyouts are readily apparent, though he is

### Dow Jones Industrials

For the week ending Friday, Nov. 24

12,280.17  
Record High: 12,342.56  
March 24, 2000

### Nasdaq composite

For the week ending Friday, Nov. 24

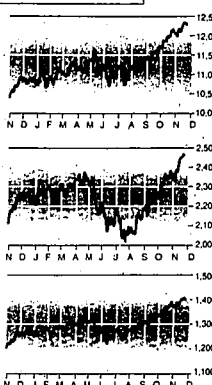
2,460.28  
Record High: 5,046.62  
March 10, 2000

### Standard & Poor's 500

For the week ending Friday, Nov. 24

1,400.95  
Record High: 1,527.46  
March 24, 2000

### THIS WEEK ON WALL STREET



quick to note potential pitfalls. The James Small Cap fund, which has assets of \$266 million and is up 13.2 percent for the year, has advanced as five of the companies held in the fund were acquired in the past couple months.

"Companies are awash in cash and they're just scratching their heads as to what do," he said of the rash of deals seen lately. But James noted that even funds with narrow investment parameters can stray from a disciplined investing strategy and put returns at risk if they focus too much on anticipating the next acquisition target.

"We hope all our companies are bought out. We don't mind that at all but we're not trying to target ones that are going to be purchased."

The inherent diversity of a mutual fund, however, can limit the degree to which a jump in the price of a single stock can help a fund's return. The James funds' stocks that

are being acquired generally, as the world's economies increase their ties to the possibilities only grow for funds that capitalize on the spreads between stock prices and acquisition prices.

Other funds seek to profit by buying shares of a company being acquired and, in a move known as shorting, bet the stock price of the acquiring company will fall. These arbitrage merger funds generally show little correlation to the overall direction of the stock market and instead benefit from an increase in acquisitions simply because that means there is a greater selection of deal from which to choose.

John Orrico, who runs the Arbitrage Fund, contends that as the world's economies increase their ties to the possibilities only grow for funds that capitalize on the spreads between stock prices and acquisition prices.

"We can cherry-pick

through deals from across the globe. Globalization is going to continue to be the fuel that feeds consolidation."

The Arbitrage Fund has assets of \$173 million and a year-to-date return of 5.4 percent. While the returns haven't matched those of other funds that have benefited from surging stock prices, he notes the fund has managed to show gains during down years in the stock market.

Orrico's fund focuses on finding deals that are most likely to close and have the fewest obstacles in the way of shareholder opposition, financing difficulties and antitrust concerns. In doing so, the funds are less likely to put make a bet on a deal that ultimately falls apart.

"Our approach is capital preservation while generating a return that exceeds the fixed income markets."

While many types of mutual funds can benefit from increased acquisition activity, the recently announced mergers haven't been concentrated in one sector, making it difficult to pinpoint what the next takeover target might be, said Todd Trubey, an analyst at Morningstar, which tracks funds.

"In any case, funds that buy stock in a company shortly before it is acquired can incur short-term capital gains taxes. Still, if the run-up in the stock is large enough, the deal would ultimately still prove beneficial for a fund's returns, Trubey noted.

While mutual fund holders might welcome an increase in merger activity, there is a risk that buyout prices could become inflated and cause other stock prices to move too high.

There's a lot of speculation driving share prices higher and people are looking at (buyout) valuations and applying those to companies that are not in deals," he said. "That's a risky business."

# Microsoft

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New release carries the baggage of the past because it must be compatible with all the software and hardware that ran on an earlier version.

Tens of thousands of engineering hours were spent on Vista, analysts said. It contains about 50 million lines of computer code, 40 percent more than the previous version of the operating system, Windows XP.

All that is hamstringing Microsoft's efforts at competing online. "When I came to the company, I could see some people really got it with respect to the shift in the industry," Ray Ozzie, a celebrated engineer who left Microsoft last year, said last week at an internet conference in San Francisco. But, he added, "some people were heads last quarter in Vista, working on Office."

This is not the first time Microsoft and its 70,000 employees have revised its internet strategy. But in the

five years since Windows XP was released, the success of Microsoft's online ventures has taken on new urgency as high-speed Internet access allowed software to be downloaded online and Web advertising spawned new media models.

The standard-bearer of the new Internet movement, Google Inc., has emerged as a prodigious rival to Microsoft's throne. It dominates Web search and has introduced other services, including online spreadsheets and word processing programs that compete with Excel and Word. Google is also making gains of its Web offerings, such as Google Maps, available to software developers so they can build their own products on top of them, much as an earlier generation engineered its software on top of Windows. Google's revenue last quarter increased nearly 10 percent over Microsoft's, and its stock price is soaring while Microsoft's is generally unchanged since early 2004.

# Vista

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last year five years since the last overhaul of the operating system, which runs 90 percent of the world's personal computers. Office last got refreshed in 2003.

But the stakes are particularly high now. Savvy competitors using the Internet are challenging Microsoft's status as computing's vital plumbing provider. Meanwhile, Microsoft is spending some of the vast fortune it has amassed in desktop software to branch out with expensive splashes in video games and music players.

Other words, this is no time for Microsoft to deliver a dud in the core of its franchise. Next Thursday's corporate launch of Vista, Office and server software is being called "A New Day For Business," meaning Microsoft's customers, but the phrase applies in Redmond just as well.

Microsoft executives claim that computer users who

upgrade to Vista or Office, but especially both together, will be amazed by how much more productive they can become. The company spent years studying how people use its most popular programs, and the user interface accordingly, trying to make it easier to find and use features.

It also worked to make its software sturdier than ever — less prone to crashes and less vulnerable to hackers. Because of that and new tools aimed at pleasing corporate technical staffs, Microsoft estimates the labor costs of supporting a machine running Vista will be \$507 per PC a year, down from \$542 with Windows XP.

Despite the improvements, many analysts do expect corporate technology buyers to rush to buy PCs with Vista or Office 2007 upgrades. Surveys have found that fewer than half plan to adopt Vista in its first year of release.

## FRIDAY'S CLOSING PRICES FOR MUTUAL FUNDS

Financial snapshot			
Friday, Nov. 24, 2006			
WEEK'S CLOSE	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	
Average rate paid on bank money-market accounts (Bank Rate Monitor)			
0.83%	0.83%	0.73%	
91-day Treasury Bill Yield			
5.05%	5.09%	3.96%	
10-year Treasury Note			
4.55%	4.60%	4.43%	
Commodities			
Research Bureau Index	395.42	390.31	330.38
DUIG Commodities Index	NA	166.68	NA
Stocks			
Industrial avg.	12,280.17	12,342.56	10,931.62
S&P 500	1,400.95	1,401.20	1,268.25
Withrise	5,000	14,136.25	14,098.12
(market value of 5,700 plus stocks)			

Name	Symbol	Price	Change
American Mutual	AMF	114.12	-0.10
BlackRock	BK	37.00	-0.05
Fidelity	F	23.12	-0.02
First Capital	FC	18.12	-0.01
First State	FS	15.12	-0.01
First Trust	FT	12.12	-0.01
Fund Services	FSV	10.12	-0.01
Global	G	8.12	-0.01
Investment	I	6.12	-0.01
Janus	J	4.12	-0.01
MetLife	M	2.12	-0.01
Mutual Shares	MS	1.12	-0.01
Putnam	P	0.12	-0.01
Raymond	R	0.12	-0.01
Sei	S	0.12	-0.01
State Street	SS	0.12	-0.01
T. Rowe Price	TRP	0.12	-0.01
Vanguard	V	0.12	-0.01
Wellpoint	W	0.12	-0.01
Windsor	W	0.12	-0.01
Yieldmax	Y	0.12	-0.01



# Homeowner surprised by decorations

MILWAUKEE (AP) — They were only spreading Christmas cheer, might be the thieves' excuse. But a Shelbygan homeowner didn't see it that way when he awoke Friday morning to a yard full of holiday decorations stolen from around Shelbygan County.

Dan Bogenschuetz, 49, said his fiancée noticed about 30 neatly

arranged reindeer, Christmas trees and other decorations outside his home about 60 miles north of Milwaukee.

"The funny thing is I probably could have won some contest for having all these decorations," Bogenschuetz said.

He said they noticed the display when his daughter stopped over to

drop off his grandson.

"When my fiancée opened the front door she said, 'Oh my god you better come out here and look at this,'" he said.

They first thought it was a joke because he hosted the family's Thanksgiving dinner Thursday night. But no family members came forward. Everything was plugged in that

needed to be, but the outlet wasn't powered on, Bogenschuetz said.

"They must have seen an upset," he said of the thieves.

Police Lt. Tom Ehrlich said the thieves stole only a few items from each yard. Items have already been returned to about four homes.

Police made no arrests and had no suspects as of Friday, Ehrlich said.

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EDITORIAL

### Ke'e's departure turns the page on local health care

The resignation of John Kee as CEO of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is the surest sign so far that health care has changed fundamentally in Twin Falls.

Kee, the most visible link to Twin Falls County-owned hospital that was absorbed by Boise-based St. Luke's Health Systems earlier this year, is taking a new job with St. Luke's that the company says will focus on bringing physicians and hospitals together to improve health-care delivery.

The Twin Falls hospital board of directors is putting together a search team to hire his replacement, but it's certain that St. Luke's Health Systems CEO Ed Dahlberg and the company's directors will have a lot to say about who is hired for what, at the moment, is probably the system's second-most important job.

**Our view:**  
John Kee's successor at the helm of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center must be a vocal — and public — advocate for Twin Falls health care.

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

Ke'e oversaw the transition, but there's still much to be accomplished before Magic Valley Regional is fully integrated into St. Luke's — and St. Luke's into the Twin Falls community.

The job will require strong interpersonal skills, an ability to work with Twin Falls doctors and Ke'e's deft touch for getting fractious groups to recognize a common interest and work toward it.

For the fact of the matter is, the merger — approved by Twin Falls County voters last May — might not have happened without Ke'e's political acumen.

By most objective criteria, Ke'e's tenure at Magic Valley Regional was a success (he spent 4 1/2 years as CEO, and before that, 10 months as senior vice president and a year as chief operating officer). In 2002, he inherited a hospital with \$58 million in total operating revenue; three years later, it was \$115 million. He shepherded the \$16.1 million purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and a hospital and the hospital's partnerships with physician groups in the area.

Most significantly, he helped sell Twin Falls County's commissioners — and eventually, its voters — on the idea that a private-sector partnership would make health care delivery better here than it would have been had the taxpayers continued to own the hospital.

Ke'e's successor will have to demonstrate — and quickly — a strong commitment to local control. It won't be enough to be St. Luke's chief representative in Twin Falls; he or she will have to be a vocal — and very public — advocate for Twin Falls in St. Luke's system.

For Ke'e's part, we wish him well. It's good to know that the leadership he showed — and the experience he gained — during his tenure at Magic Valley Regional will still be at work to make health care better in Twin Falls.

## Lost in the desert of Iraq war

Iraq now evokes that old Jimmy Durante song that goes, "Did you ever have the feeling that you wanted to go and still have the feeling that you wanted to stay?"

It's hard to remember when America has been so stuck. We can't win and we can't leave.

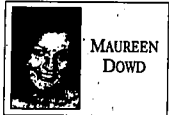
The good news is that the election finished what Katrina started. It dismantled the president's fake reality about Iraq, causing opinions to come gushing forth from all quarters about where to go from here.

The bad news is that no one, and I mean no one, really knows where to go from here.

The White House and the Pentagon are ready to shift to Plan B. But Plan B is their empty term for miraculous salvation.

(Dick Cheney and his woefully able staff, of course, are still babbling about total victory and completing the mission by raising the stakes and knocking off the mullahs in Tehran. His tombstone will probably read, "Here lies Dick Cheney, still winning.")

Even Henry Kissinger has defected from the Plan A gang.



MAUREEN DOWD

Once he thought the war could win, but now he thinks military victory is out of the question. When he turns against a war, you know the war is in trouble. He also believes leaving quickly would risk a civil war so big it could destabilize the Middle East.

Kofi Annan, who thought the war was crazy, now says that the United States is "trapped in Iraq" and can't leave until the Iraqis can create a "secure environment" — even though the Iraqis evince no the slightest interest in a secure environment. (The death squads even assassinated a popular comedian this week.)

The retired Gen. Anthony Zinni, who thought George W. Bush's crusade to depose Saddam Hussein was foolish and did not want to send any troops, now thinks we may have to send in more

troops so we can eventually get out.

Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, whose soldiers pulled Saddam out of his spider hole and who is returning to Iraq to take charge of the day-to-day fight, has given up talking about a Jeffersonian democracy and now wishes only for a government in Iraq that viewed as legitimate. He has gone from "can do" to "don't know." He talked to Thom Shanker of The New York Times about curtailed goals of reducing sectarian violence and restoring civil authority, acknowledging, "Will we attain those? I don't know."

At a Senate hearing last week, Gen. John Abizaid sounded like Goldilocks meets Guernica, asserting two propositions about the war that are logically at war with each other. He said we can't have fewer troops because the

Iraqis need us, but we can't have more because we don't want the Iraqis to become dependent on us.

He contended that increasing the number of our troops would make the Iraq government mad but also asserted that decreasing the number would intensify sectarian violence.

This is a poor menu of options.

As Peter Beinart wrote in The New York Times this week, "In a particularly cruel twist, the events of recent months, the events of recent months, have demolished the best arguments both for staying and for leaving." Nothing in the same magazine that "we are approaching a Saddam-like magnitude for the murder of innocents," Leon Wieseltier wrote that the problem may be deeper than the number of our troops; it may be Iraq itself. "After we invaded Iraq, Iraq invaded itself. We are at the mercy of Iraq, where there is no rule of law."

Kirk Semple, The New York Times' Baghdad correspondent, wrote about Capt. Stephanie Bagley, the daughter of a granddaughter of military policemen who served enthusiastically a year ago about

her job of building a new Iraq police force. But that was before the militias so inexorably began to infiltrate the police, presumably with the support of some leaders in Iraq's dysfunctional government. Now with the police begging the Americans not to make them patrol Baghdad's mean streets and showing her their shrapnel wounds, she just wants to get her unit home safely without losing another soldier. She said her orders were to train a local force to deal with crimes like theft and murder, not to teach them how to fight a counterinsurgency. Aside from telling Israel to be nicer to the Palestinians, as if there lies Iraq salvation, James Baker will mostly try to suggest that the United States talk to Iran and Syria. On Tuesday, after the Lebanese industry minister, Pierre Gemayel, an opponent of Syria, was assassinated in Beirut, Bush said he suspected that Iran and Syria were behind the murder.

Maybe Baker had better find Plan C.

The Pentagon is trying to decide whether we should Go Big, Go Long or Go Home. Go figure.

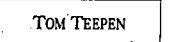
### Post-election making nice was lovely — while it lasted

So how did you enjoy the era of Good Feeling that began in Washington after Democrats swept this year's congressional elections? Don't tell me you went into the kitchen to make a sandwich and missed the whole thing.

So, too bad, because it was lovely while it lasted.

Democrats expressed confidence they could work with President Bush on several matters in ways more pragmatic than partisan — immigration, for instance, and the minimum wage. And President Bush in his post-election press conference averred, if sometimes with teeth rather than smiles, that he was keen to do business with the new majorities on the Hill.

It is too early to tell whether the Democrats meant it. They have been distracted by one another. Speaker Representative Nancy Pelosi debuted with a pratfall, rebuked by her caucus for pushing, as her No. 2, the ethically challenged John



TOM TEEPEN

Murtha to champion an agenda in which ethics legislation is prominently promised.

But it already turns out that Bush was just fannin' when he waxed on about making nice. The president has thrown down more gauntlets than he has hands.

Bush will renominate former Sen. Jesse Helms, holders whom Democrats already have made plain they wanted no part of. The nominees are a sorry lot.

One has been unanimously "unqualified" — a rare distinction — by the American Bar Association. Another, once an aide to North Carolina's really retrograde former Sen. Jesse Helms, has a record befitting that association. The class also includes a longtime lobbyist for timber and mining

interests and a Pentagon lawyer who had a hand in the administration's pro-torture policies.

There is no chance the nominees can clear a Democratic Senate. The only reasons to rebut them are to stir up the GOP's hard core conservatives and to send the party's right-wing talk radio claque hurrying to its bullhorns.

The president will also renominate United Nation's Ambassador John Bolton, now serving on surlace as an interim recess appointee. In practice, Bolton has not turned out to be the chinchashop bull many feared he would be, but again he remains anathema to most Democrats and to several Republicans and his renewal is another probably futile, and thus gratuitous, provocation.

Ditto Bush's nomination of a Christian anti-abortion pregnancy counseling service that regards contraceptives as "demeaning to women."

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which Bush kicked last year and which was emphatically rejected, especially by Democrats but by the public at large as well.

And as head of family planning at the Department of Health and Human Services, the White House has appointed the former medical director of a Christian anti-abortion pregnancy counseling service that regards contraceptives as "demeaning to women."

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## Golden advice: Start saving for retirement early — and don't stop

As my dad prepared to retire next month, we've had a lot of discussions about what my parents wish they did differently about retirement planning.

Mainly, they wish they'd saved more and spent less — and they're not alone. A survey of 2,500 pre-retirees, released Nov. 27 by Thrivent Financial for Americans, found that 71 percent worry they don't have enough money put away for their "golden years" and wish they'd started saving when they landed their first full-time job.

"There's a tinge of regret on the part of the boomers," said Pamela Mora, a baby boomer and executive vice president of



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marketing and products for Thrivent. Many started saving late, assuming that pension plans and Social Security would carry them through retirement and that former employers would pay for their health care. The new reality of self-funded retirement plans and consumer-driven health care caught them by surprise.

Care of people in my generation — Generation X — already are cynical about whether pensions and Social Security will be there when we need it. They'd agree with Mora, who thinks "it's probably going to be a very challenging retiring environment."

Thrivent's survey asked boomers to share retirement

advice for the younger generations. I know kids have a tendency to ignore their parents' advice, or in an act of rebellion, do the opposite of what they did. But in this case, rebellion could make you rich. So here are words from the recession-wise. Start saving ASAP: About 86 percent of respondents recommend we start saving today. Nearly half of the pre-retirees interviewed waited until they were 35 or older to start. 24 percent still haven't saved. "A lot of them felt they could just put it off . . . not realizing the

negative impact it has on their portfolios," said Tom Schmidt, 43, who manages 150 financial advisers for Thrivent.

I'll say. The average retirement portfolio was worth just \$58,000 at the end of last year, according to the Employee Benefits Research Institute.

Plan for the unexpected: 57 percent of respondents want us to have money saved for emergencies and insurance to cover tragedies. "Some of the biggest dealers of retirement are disability and loss of job," said Mora.

Try telling that to young people.

A survey by Aetna and the Financial Planning Association conducted this summer found

44 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds would give up their health insurance before their cell phones.

Seek professional help: One-third of the pre-retirees interviewed suggest young people meet with a financial adviser. Thrivent's Schmidt, an adviser himself, obviously agrees. But many young people think that's an option reserved for the wealthy. Others are ashamed by their lack of financial discipline and avoid advisers for fear of looking foolish, he said.

That's a valid concern. Nearly 60 percent of baby boomers haven't done any formal retirement planning — whether with an adviser or on

their own. Yet some still plan to travel both in and out of the United States and start new hobbies and activities. "They're not being real with themselves," Schmidt said.

Mind your spending: Schmidt thinks creating comforts are preventing young people from building wealth and suggests we be more conscious about how we spend money. He asks: Do we "really need a latte every day at \$4 a pop?"

Boomers? Which generation taught us to be such big spenders in the first place?

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OPINION

# Wherever iTurn, it's an iPod world

I guess it was the advertisement for the \$89 Lamp that sent me over the edge. "Turn the knob once to use the desk lamp," the promotional copy read. "Twice to hear tunes from your iPod or MP3 player through hi-fidelity speakers; three times to do both at once."

ALEX BEAM

And to think that my lamp only gives off light. How pre-2001.

It's an iPod world and we only live in it. Here is just a partial catalog of ludicrous accessories you can purchase for the hottest consumer product in memory: iBling, a bejeweled case for the iPod Shuffle; iSkin, a different brand of podcases; iGuy, a Gumby-like plastic toy that holds an iPod Nano; the iShade screen protector; all kinds of iStation speaker systems; and likewise a variety of iHome docking stations, including a travel alarm clock and a kitchen under-cabinet system suitable for musing with your iPod.

I'm not finished! It makes a remote controller for the ubiquitous music player. Earlier this week, four airlines announced they were installing their own iSeat cushions in real jets. iClear makes a pod cleaning kit, and it's increasingly common to see cars outfitted

with iTrip systems that sync up your iPod with your car radio. The iCarPlay wireless device accomplishes pretty much the same thing. Can the long-rumored iPhone be far behind?

For the sacrilegious, there is the iBelieve snap-on case that transforms the iPod Shuffle into the shape of a cross. For the sexually adventurous, there is a device for sale in Great Britain called the iBizz, about which I can say only that it doesn't cut hair. Nike now makes the iSneaker (real name: Nike Plus), a \$300 running pod-shoe system with an electronic voice that interrupts your music pleasure to tell you how your outing is going, e.g.: "Good grief, Alex. Could you possibly run any slower?"

If told you that many of these devices were available at theistore.com, you would respond: "Duh! I know that." Apple used to make a laptop computer called the iBook, but there is a different kind of iBook. Steven Levy's new tome "The Perfect Thing: How the iPod Shuffles Commerce, Culture, and Coolness." I'm a

presidential playlist, courtesy of the Washington University (in St. Louis) student newspaper: "Van Morrison's hit 'Brown Eyed Girl' raises crucial questions concerning Mr. Bush's relationship with his spouse," the student journalists write. "Morrison's nostalgic lyrics point to a general disillusionment with marriage and a lessening of the sex drive."


Really? Can't say that I'm convinced. The big news in iPod-nation is that the Empire is finally striking back. Bill Gates has taken a few minutes away from the demanding chore of saving the world to take a nip out of Apple's astonishing 90 percent market share for portable music players. It is hoping that Microsoft's Zune player, which allows users to swap music over a wireless connection, will capitalize on the Podpeople's persistent penchant for sharing performance, prante.

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## Tribes' gaming success breeds greed

MARK TRAHAN

One of the most unsettling things for me during this last election was a conversation with a local legislator who suggested Washington state should pressure tribes to share more of their gaming revenues.

Pressure, actually, is a mild, polite word. The discussion was more about ways the state could force, or even extort, tribes into coughing up extra cash. Then the word "pressure" isn't accurate either. It would be a lot more honest to admit that greed is a powerful motivator.

The Indians have done well financially — and you know what that means for an interesting contrast from when tribes were perceived to be poor, always demanding more from government (from taxpayers).

I was thinking about this exchange while attending the Global Gaming Expo earlier this month, a gambling industry trade show. Tribal gaming has become so huge — generating more than \$22 billion in revenues — that it is now seen as an essential part of an industry that once challenged its existence.

Most Americans — three-quarters of those surveyed in a recent poll — say that on balance tribal gaming has been a good development. Then a lot of folks have reached this conclusion from experience, some 22 million people have "first-hand" observations about tribal gaming facilities, says Eric Stevens Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association.

"We didn't wake up one day and this was a \$22 billion industry," he said. There was "no explosion, no accident," but the industry grew because Indian Country worked hard and built the business.

Already other governments are "sharing" this fortune. Stevens said 224 tribes in 28 states paid \$7.6 billion in federal taxes, another \$2.6 billion was distributed to states and \$100 million went to local governments in 2005.

Tribal gaming in this state has both a short history and a very long one.

The roots of gambling go back thousands of years because it is an activity that has been present in most tribal cultures. For example, the stick game, or hand game, is a guessing game where individuals and teams wager based on a hidden bone. This context, to me, is so important to the narrative because it's the "why" of tribal gaming.

The short history only goes back a decade or so. In addition to traditional gambling, tribes had bingo parties until a lawsuit against the state opened up the possibility of

casinos and slot machines. It was that development that launched the growth of tribal gaming in Washington and now the 20 casinos account for roughly 5 percent of that \$22 billion gaming universe, according to Ernest Stebbins, executive director of the Washington Indian Gaming Association.

Tribes are already contributing more than \$140 million to the state, Stebbins said, "and in a small state like Washington it's a significant factor."

But what's particularly appealing to me is that gambling is not the end goal — only one step toward a greater reward.

Indeed, unlike other casino operations, tribes use the profits from gambling for essential governmental services — paying for social service and health care.

Tribes in Washington are also using proceeds to spur economic development on their reservations, creating jobs, while investing in destina-

tion resorts and shopping centers. Tribes are also using more money to invest in other tribes' economic development.

Anthony Miranda, chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association, said it was difficult to attract investment dollars when tribal casinos were first built, because banks and Wall Street weren't that interested or were worried about the industry's viability. "But we found alternative ways to get investment dollars," Miranda said. This time around — and often with help from banks and Wall Street — tribes are loaning money to other tribes for economic development.

"Tribes are not just gaming," Miranda said.

And where do we go from here? "We'd better start wearing sunglasses because that's how bright the future is," Miranda said.

No wonder some legislators are getting greedy.

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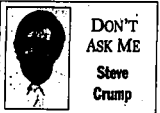
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Why can't women leaf well enough alone?

Which is more important to the development of a human being, heredity or environment? Nature or nurture?

In my wife's case, it's both: She's a geneticist by training. So I asked her the other day, after yet another pointed reminder, "What is it about women and rain gutters?"



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

"You're about to ask me to clean out the gutters, aren't you?" she replied.

"Not at all," I said. "But I've been married twice, and never has an autumn passed that gutters weren't the No. 2 priority in the household, right after getting my bait bucket out of the fridge. I think it's hard-wired into the X chromosome."

Rain-gutter hygiene is always inconvenient because it must be accomplished on weekends between Columbus Day and Christmas and thus conflicts with watching football. But apart from that, I believe women fundamentally misapprehend what's involved in whipping gutters into shape.

See, leaves don't just fall off the trees, slide down the roof into the gutters and liberate. They mold.

I read somewhere that a 50-gallon trash can full of maple leaves allowed to stand over the winter will produce 5 gallons of liquid.

Black liquid. That's what drips on your head while you're dislodging the leaves from the gutter.

And this is the chief reason why guys will do anything—even cleaning bathroom grout with a toothbrush—before they'll tackle gutters. My wife came out on the deck while I was cleaning gutters to find me soaking wet and my clothes a disgusting shade of charcoal. She was astonished that guttering was such a messy process.

But the very next weekend, she asked me when I was going to clean out the front gutters.

Victoria is persistent about my accomplishing household chores unless I have a demonstrated record of screwing them up. So I reminded her about what an um, unpleasant experience it was for both of us last year when I painted the deck and pointed out that after cleaning out the gutters last week, I tracked size 11 black footprints all over her new taupe-colored carpet.

She thought about that and reconsidered. I was this close to a clean getaway when Victoria remembered the high-powered leafblower she bought me earlier this fall.

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Honey Fork/Fish	75%	12%
Upper Snake Basin	52%	12%
Oakley	126%	17%
Salmon Falls	90%	13%

As of Nov. 25

\* A comparison of basin snowpack, on the day of a 30% spring average.

\*\* An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

## Helium shortage makes prices rise across nation

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A national helium shortage may leave holiday partygoers with a sinking feeling.

Maintenance work on two helium plants and a 425-mile pipeline between Texas and Kansas is pinching the nation's helium distribution chain, forcing some party supply stores across the nation to ground balloon business.

In the Magic Valley, however, consumers are floating high. Southern Idaho is in no danger of running out of helium, the second most-abundant element in the universe, industry experts say. But the

shortage is responsible for soaring prices, and consumers will likely pay a few pennies more for helium balloons this holiday season.

"You'll probably see the hit on a local level for things like party balloons," said Jim Ross, quality manager at Norco, a Boise-based distributor of helium in southern Idaho.

Ross said a handful of companies control most of the country's helium, and most of those companies are rationing their supplies. Norco is getting 20 percent less helium than normal, he said.

Most of the helium purchased in the United States is used in medical and research fields. For example, helium

cools magnets in MRI machines, and it's widely used in laboratories at Magic Valley food-processing plants.

Ross said Norco's health-care customers are served before balloon vendors.

Most balloon sellers in the Magic Valley are getting their helium, though at a higher price. Since mid-October, customers at Gem State Welders Supply are paying 10 percent more, said the company's president, Willie Watt.

"We're having to pay about 10 percent more for the helium, so we're having to pass that on to our customers," Watt said.

But not everyone is feeling the pinch. Judy Bettazza, owner of



Courtesy of Bureau of Land Management

Balloon Village in Filer, wasn't aware she is paying more for Gem State helium — or that there was even a shortage.

"No, we're not being affected by it at present," she said. "I guess I didn't look closely at our last bill."

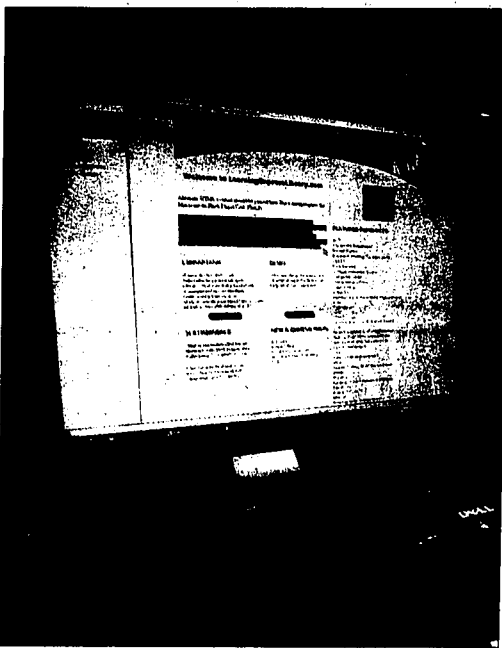
The famed balloons in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade made appearances without incident — parade

organizers secured their helium supply weeks before the shortage.

Industry experts expect the shortage to last about three more weeks.

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## LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS



LearningExpress, an interactive online practice test database, is one of two new online resources available to Twin Falls Public Library patrons for use either at home or at the library.

## New Web features boost power, value of library card

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Two new online resources are now available at the Twin Falls Public Library.

LearningExpress, an interactive online practice test database, and NetLibrary, a Web site that provides free audiobook downloads, are the latest upgrades for library users.

LearningExpress offers more than 300 practice tests with quick scoring and feedback on the answers.

"Whether in the library or from home, patrons will have free access to practice tests based on official exams," said Reference Librarian Jennifer Hills in a press release.

The tests include the AP ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB as well as practice exams to be a firefighter, police officer, paramedic, EMT Basic, U.S. citizen, postal worker, cosmetologist, real estate agent and broker.

"There are also practice tests for those who just want to improve their reading, writing, math, or computer skills," she said.

Even the librarians are practicing with the tests.

"I'm a history major and I took the AP history test and flunked it miserably," said Reference Librarian Beth Twichell. "It's certainly a necessary resource and handy to have available."

Test results also indicate areas in which patrons might need additional practice and

include recommendations for free online tutorial courses, Hills said. All that is needed is a library card; patrons can log in directly at <http://www.learningexpresslibrary.com> from the library or at home.

The other new service, NetLibrary, offers a database of downloadable audiobooks with more than 1,700 titles to pick from. Patrons need to sign up for an account at the Reference Desk at the Twin Falls Public Library.

"Patrons can browse NetLibrary's selection ... and download their favorites onto their home computers or MP3s," Hills said. "After this initial visit, they can browse, checkout and download from home."

Although Twichell said she prefers the old-fashioned type of books, even she has found a use for NetLibrary.

"I have used them a little bit," she said. "It has been handy for when I'm traveling to just pop one in and listen."

The Twin Falls Public Library is on a never-ending search for new programs and services to offer its users.

"We like to think about what the public would utilize," Twichell said. "We're currently looking at a few reader advice sites that would be free to use."

Candace Baltz-Smylie covers the Magic Valley. To suggest a story idea, contact her by e-mail at [CandaceBaltz@gmail.com](mailto:CandaceBaltz@gmail.com) or by phone at (208) 734-8250.

## Filer raises fees to pay for growth

By John E. Swagze  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Filer City Council resolved Tuesday to increase rezoning and annexation fees.

Approval of City Ordinance 577 increased rezoning charges from \$200 to \$500. And the charge for annexing real property into the city also was bumped up from \$200 to \$800.

In 2007, city sewer rates could increase from the current \$15.50 to \$40 per month. "You have to give notice that you'll be raising (the rates) more than 105 percent and as high as 40, but you just can't go any higher than that," Filer City Attorney Fritz Wondrich said.

In other business, J-U-B Engineer Mark Holtzen presented the council with some requested sewer and wastewater capacity fee calculations.

Idaho law allows municipalities to charge a capacity fee to customers

who establish new connections to a city water or wastewater system.

An inadequate sewer system and expanding residential development have forced Filer to consider adopting a capacity fee ordinance.

A water system capacity fee of \$2,087 and a \$1,818 wastewater system capacity fee would be charged for each new house built within the city limits. Money generated by capacity fees would be used to replace existing facilities and equipment.

"These figures should be updated or adjusted annually by keeping up-to-date on what your expenditures have been," Holtzen said.

A public hearing on the proposed sewer rate increase and capacity fees is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19 at Filer City Council Chambers.

Correspondent John E. Swagze can be reached at [swagzej@aol.com](mailto:swagzej@aol.com) or 326-7212.



Workmen recently uncovered this wall painting during renovation of the gallery at the Western Folklife Center in the historic Pioneer Hotel building in downtown Elko.

## Western mural revealed during gallery's renovation

By Jared DeBack  
For the Times-News

ELKO — Extensive remodeling in the Western Folklife Center's gallery section has uncovered an interesting slice of the Pioneer Bar's history.

About a month ago, WFC facility manager Lee Holmes said that while he was removing old Sheetrock from the gallery's west wall, something caught his eye. Behind one section he found the brightly painted corner of some sort of image.

"What have we got going here?" Holmes said he thought to himself.

As time went by, more of the image was exposed, finally revealing a small mural that measures about 4 feet wide and about 2 feet tall.

According to Holmes, construction on the Pioneer Building began in 1911 and was completed in 1913. Much of that room, which is where the old Pioneer Bar

was located, was remodeled in the 1970s. Only the section of wall the painting was on, and another on the east side of the room, remain intact from the period.

There is no signature on the painting. The painting is a scene depicting an old saloon with a stove in one corner and cowboys seated at a table playing cards. Nobody on staff at the WFC had any idea the mural was there. Even so, the plan is to cover the mural back up in accordance with the plans for the new gallery.

The renovated gallery — which was made possible by a \$500,000 grant from the Wiegand Foundation and matched funds from several donors — will be unveiled in time for the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering this winter, according to WFC Director Charlie Secmann.

The new gallery is being designed by Prescott Muir Architects in Salt Lake City.

**OBITUARIES**

**Ruth Anderson Walters**

BOISE — Ruth Anderson Walters was born on Feb. 21, 1917, in Booneville, Ark. She passed away on Nov. 23, 2006, of congestive heart failure after a short hospitalization. She is the second of eight children born to Edgar Anderson and Nettie Quinlity Anderson in Booneville, Ark.



Ruth was married to Charles W. Henderson in the 1940s and they resided in Alaska for 25 years. In the early 1970s, she married Marion "Walt" Walters. For many years, they owned and operated the Hillside Market and Liquor Store in Jackpot, Nev., and moved to Meridian, Idaho, in 1992, where, just one year after their retirement, Walt passed away.

Ruth is survived by her four daughters, Joyce (Paul) Heck, Diane (Bill) Ellis and Jeanie (Earl) Laster, together with 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Maxine Tait of Beaumont, Calif., and Thelma Harmon of Booneville, Ark., as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She has been the matriarch of her family and holds a special place in the hearts of not only her dear daughter and families, but of all her friends and the surviving members of her maternal family. She will be sorely missed by every member because she was very special to each in an individual way.

The family would like to thank the staff at Paramount Park Assisted Living facility, Life Care Center of Treasure Valley and especially Legacy Hospice for all the love and support shown to Ruth and her family in Ruth's final days.

A viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road, Boise, Idaho. A celebration of Ruth's life will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the hour of 2 p.m. at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road, Boise, Idaho. Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

However much we, who are left behind, may miss her, we rest assured she is in a new body in a new and wondrous place with her Savior, Jesus Christ, and we know that there was a great and joyful reunion with all her family who has passed on before her.

**Craig H. Neilsen**

LAS VEGAS — It is with great sorrow and loss that the family of Craig H. Neilsen announces his passing on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was chairman and chief executive officer of Ameristar Casinos, Inc., and owner of Neilsen & Company and founder of The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation.



Big Har Neilsen was born in 1941 in Logan, Utah, and moved with his family to Twin Falls, Idaho, as a child.

Following graduation from Twin Falls High School, he studied business and political science at Utah State University, then went on to complete his master's in business administration and law degrees at the University of Utah.

Shortly after that, he joined his father, Ray L. Neilsen, in his construction and real estate development firm in Twin Falls. Tragically, after only one year, Ray L. Neilsen passed away suddenly. At the time, Craig started Neilsen & Company, which soon became the region's largest and most successful construction and real estate development company. Neilsen & Company was responsible for the construction of many of Twin Falls' major buildings, as well as the renovation of the Lynnwood Shopping Center and creating the Breckenridge residential subdivision. Most recently, Neilsen & Company was involved with the upscale Canyon Park lifestyle center. Future development plans at Canyon Park include a hotel and convention center.

Through his father's estate, the family held one-third interest in Cactus Pines and The Horseshoe casinos. At first, the family was a passive investor; however, in the early 1980s, Craig became more involved in casino operations, and the entrepreneur in him entered the two properties, becoming major resorts. That vision started to become a reality shortly after Craig became president of Cactus Pines, Inc. in 1984.

In early November 1985, as Craig was driving back to Twin Falls from Jackpot, he was involved in a serious car accident that left him paralyzed. By mid-1986, he was back on the job — if possible, with more determination than ever. In 1993, he took the Company

public to help fuel his growth. Since that time, Ameristar has expanded outside of Nevada to five other properties in four additional states, and truly has established a reputation as a premier gaming entertainment company.

Another important part of Craig's legacy was his wonderful generosity and community spirit. He established the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation in 2003, and since then has contributed millions of dollars, primarily toward spinal cord injury research at the nation's leading institutions. In addition, he led the way for the Company's charitable giving programs, and supported its workplace giving program generously through matches both from the Company and his Foundation.

In 2002, he was honored as "Best Performing CEO" by the American Gaming Association, and in 2005, he was inducted into the American Gaming Association's Gaming Hall of Fame. In 2006, he was named Outstanding Business Leader by the Buioniconi Fund to Cure Paralysis. Craig also served on the board of directors of the American Gaming Association's Gaming Hall of Fame. In 2006, he was named Outstanding Business Leader by the Buioniconi Fund to Cure Paralysis.

Everyone who knew Craig respected him tremendously as a business leader with inexhaustible passion for Ameristar. He was an entrepreneur with incredible vision who took the Company public and who led its strong growth. Further, he inspired all of us with his courage, determination and dignity. He has also left a lasting impact on the lives of so many others through his generosity and community spirit.

Craig is the son of the late Ray Neilsen and Gwen Hart Neilsen Anderson. He is survived by his son, Ray (Nancy) Neilsen; and stepdaughters, Jaime, Sam, and Amanda (Howard) Byrd.

Visitation will be Nov. 28 from noon to 7 p.m. at Palm Mortuaries and Crematories, 6701 N. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas. On Nov. 29, there will be a public celebration of Craig's life and reception at 5 p.m. in the Mahadai Bay Convention Center, Ballroom E. Funeral and burial services will be private.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation, 550 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301-4033. Attn: Tributes or to the St. Alphonsus Foundation, 1070 N. Curtis Road, Suite 240,

**Truman Bradley**

BURLEY — Truman Bradley, an 84-year-old resident of Burley, passed away on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, in Draper, Utah.



Truman was born in Dill City, Okla., on June 3, 1922. His family moved to Burley in 1936, and he graduated from Burley High School in 1940. During World War II, he was a pilot and served as an instructor in B17s and B24s at various bases in the United States. He remained in the Reserves until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel after nearly 40 years in the Air Force.

Truman and his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Daven, were married in May 1944. They had one son, Dave. After nearly 53 years together, Liz passed away in 1997.

Truman was very active in the Burley community. He was a founder of Land Title and Escrow and enjoyed a long and successful career in the insurance and real estate business, among his many accomplishments, he was president of the Burley Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Burley City Council, a member of the city of Burley Planning and Zoning Commission, president of the Idaho Association of Realtors, and chairman of the Idaho Real Estate Commission. Truman's passion, besides golfing with friends, was his service and association with the Burley Lions Club for more than 50 years. He and Liz often shared their many Lions Club adventures, one of which was attending the International

Convention in Chicago, in the early 1960s.

Truman is survived by his son, Dave and his wife, Trudy. He was so proud of his grandchildren, Amanda and her husband, Josh Lewis, and Travis and his wife, Tawny. His two great-grandchildren, Justin and Brooklyn, will miss their "Grandpa Great." His brother and sister-in-law, Carroll E. and Helen Bradley live in Portland, Ore.; his sister-in-law, Thelma Bradley lives in Boise; and his brother-in-law, Graham Daven (a.k.a. Uncle Bub) lives in Issaquah, Wash. He is also loved and missed by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Nora Bell Stevenson Bradley; and one brother, Thurman Bradley. Hopefully the stories will not end with Truman's passing but will be reold many times by family and friends. Thanks to all of you who made his life so memorable.

In lieu of flowers, Truman would be pleased if you would donate your time and resources to enable the Burley Lions Club, P.O. Box 809, Burley, ID 83318, to continue their service to this great community which he loved.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with Newel A. Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans.

Please join our family and friends Sunday evening, Nov. 26, from 6 until 8 p.m. at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, to share memories and stories no matter how outrageous they are.

**Doris 'Maxine' Meyer**

JEROME — Doris "Maxine" Meyer was with her family at home when she went to bed with her lord. She passed on Nov. 23, 2006, after a long illness.

She was born to "A" son and Earl "Fish" on June 26, 1931, in Hagerman, Idaho.

She was raised with three brothers and two sisters in the Hagerman Valley. Later in life, she met and married Ernest Meyer on Dec. 31, 1947, in Elko, Nev. They raised five sons and one daughter.

Maxine enjoyed the outdoors, camping, hunting, and fishing. She liked traveling and learning to do many crafts. Some of her favorite times were working in her flower garden and going shopping with her daughter, Maxine had two dogs, Cotton and Buton, which kept her company when she was unable to get out as much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her twin sister, and a granddaughter.

Maxine is survived by her loving husband, Ernest, at the family home in Jerome; five sons, Michael (Kristen) of Buffalo, Wyo., Rex (Dolores) and Douglas (Tammy) of Kennewick, Wash., Gary (Greta) and Joseph (Donna), both of Jerome; and a daughter, Patricia of Wendell, Idaho. She is also survived by three brothers, Bill Fish of Preston, Idaho, David Fish of Hagerman, Idaho, and Frank Fish of Jerome; and a sister, Florence Kinny of Jerome.

Maxine was blessed with nine grandchildren, one grandson, four step-grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved, enjoyed being with and was very proud of.

Maxine will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

She will be cremated and her ashes spread in the mountains and Hagerman. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral

Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Gene Kissinger officiating. No viewing is planned.

The family wishes all donations to go to their first choice of Hospice.

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**THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MAGIC VALLEY - 999 FRONTIER RD., 736-7011**

**SERVICES**

Catherine Laughlin of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 156 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.  
 Rosa Elizabeth Nelson

Taylor, formerly of Burley, viewing for family and friends from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Mortuary Burley Chapel.  
 Marion Jensen Kyle of

Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the chapel.

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Volunteers** — Idaho Home Health and Hospice has planned extended training for volunteers. The training for new volunteers will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 6 and 8, and at 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at Idaho Home Health and Hospice. Volunteers can help in the home by visiting with patients, relieving the caregivers or running errands. Office assistance is also welcome. For information about the volunteer program or for a complete training schedule, call Susan or Grace at 734-4064 or stop by the office at 626 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

**Drivers** — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at the Office on Aging is looking for volunteers, age 55 and older, who are

willing to drive clients to doctor appointments and go grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the Burley-Rupert area. Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Kitty at 677-4872, ext. 2.

**Volunteers** — Volunteers are needed to help a family with shopping, running errands, cleaning or sitting with their loved one who has a life-limiting illness, so the caregivers can take a break. Call Flo at Hospice Visions at 735-0121.

**Lift chair** — An elderly lady is in need of a lift chair. Call Roberta at 544-7720.

**Carpenters** — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs volun-

teer carpenters to assist the builder in construction of ramps and other home modifications. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

**Driver** — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs a bilingual driver in the Twin Falls area to transport Spanish-speaking adults to doctor appointments. Must have own car, primary insurance and current driver's license. Call Carol at 733-6333.

**Volunteers** — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program will need people this winter who would remove snow from walkways and driveways for those who cannot do it themselves. Call at 733-6333.

**Drivers** — Interfaith Volunteer

Caregivers program needs drivers to provide transportation on the north side (Jerome, Wendell, Gooding and Shoshone). Must have own car, primary insurance and current driver's license. Call Carol at 733-6333.

**Respite** — Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly home-bound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Wendell area. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Retired and Senior Volunteer

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**Twin Falls Scout receives Eagle honor**

**TWIN FALLS** — Andrew Rainsdon, 15-year-old son of Gary and Lori Rainsdon of Twin Falls, received his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor on Nov. 5 in Hollister.

He is a member of Troop No. 99 and has earned 28 merit badges.



Rainsdon

For his Eagle project, he built a flagpole at the Hollister City Park. He was assisted by members of Troop 99 and pre-

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sented a flag to Mayor, Dixie Choate. He is a sophomore at Filer High School, where he plays football, wrestles and is active in FFA.

**Former Jerome student wins state award**

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — Katie M. Thibault, a 2003 graduate of Jerome High School, was named Student Major of the Year by the Washington Alliance of Health and Physical Education.

She is a senior at Gonzaga University, where she is majoring in health, fitness and physical education, along with an endorsement in kinesiology. She was also the recipient of the Roger C. Wiley Academic

Achievement Award and Scholarship presented by the alliance. She is the daughter of Greg and Alice Thibault of Jerome.

**Jerome student receives scholarship**

**JEROME** — The Utah/Idaho District of the Lutheran Layman's League announces the award of a \$1,000 scholarship to Hailey Moore of Jerome. Moore is a 2006 graduate of Jerome High School and a freshman attending Concordia University in Seward, Neb., where she is studying to become a director of Christian education.

The Utah/Idaho District of the Lutheran Layman's League

is part of the International Lutheran Layman's League, also known as the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**Hospice Visions Celebrates National Hospice Month!**



Tami Slatter, RN, BSN and Flo Slatt, RN (Co-founders of Hospice Visions Inc.) want to take this opportunity to personally thank all the dedicated employees, volunteers and board members of Hospice Visions. Our commitment to providing quality, compassionate end-of-life care is what sets Hospice Visions above the rest. Hospice Visions is proud to be the only free-standing not-for-profit hospice agency in the Magic Valley. Hospice Visions provides compassionate, quality end-of-life care regardless of ability to pay and does not discriminate because of race, color, sexual preference, creed, national origin, age, sex or handicap.

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**HAILEY** — Robert D. Riggen, 58, departed peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2006.

He was born to Robert and Moyra Riggen in Hailey on July 11, 1948. His mother was born in Perth, Australia, and his father was born in Ketchum to the pioneering McCoy family. Rob graduated from Hailey High School in 1967 and maintained close relationships with many of his classmates. He learned to appreciate the mountains from his youth and was an avid mountaineer. As a young boy, Rob was at his father's side learning the electrical trade and became a master electrician himself. He was talented far beyond this field and delighted in solving problems from simple construction to building unique, alternative energy systems. Rob loved woodworking and enjoyed creating beautiful things, as well as practical applications.



Rob married Mimi Armit in 1972 and they were blessed with two children, Darshan and Starr. He was delighted to be a father and loved his children unconditionally. He spent many years in Alaska, where his work took him. Rob was happiest when he returned to his favorite home of Idaho, where he could be close to his family, friends and beloved mountains. He was a friend to all and took delight in selfless

**Robert D. Riggen**

service, genuinely giving of himself, and it was in giving unselfishly that he truly excelled. Rob was very devoted spiritually, initiated by Kirpal Singh into Surat Shabd Yoga with a commitment to nonviolence. His heart was aligned with God and he radiated that love. He touched the hearts of many and continued to do so throughout his struggle with a fast developing cancer. With great grace, he accepted the fact that his bodily sojourn was ending. His spiritual understanding brought much peace to him and his family during this difficult process of sudden separation. Rob's gentle loving spirit will certainly be remembered.

He is survived by his son, Darshan of San Francisco; his daughter, Starr and her husband Joshua, and Rob's precious grandson, Merren of Madison, Wis.; his mother, Moyra of Hailey; his sister, Lynne of Fairfield and her daughter Heidi of San Diego; and his former wife and friend, Mimi of Ketchum. His father preceded him in death in March of 1970.

The family extends gratitude to all the kind friends who visited Rob in his last days and to the extraordinary Hospice of the Wood River Valley for their unending support. The family suggests any donations be made to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340.

A celebration of Rob's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey.

A reception of appreciation will follow in the hall. All are invited. Cremation took place under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Sharon R. McKee**

**GLENN'S FERRY** — Sharon R. McKee, 66, of Glenn's Ferry, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the FFWV Hall in Glenn's Ferry. Burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Rossi Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

**Mike Leonetti**

**TWIN FALLS** — Mike Leonetti, 55, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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# Big tree hunters find champions among the native and nonnative

By Keith Ridler  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho turned out to be fertile ground for big tree hunters.

Waves of immigrants brought cuttings and seeds to the state to plant trees that reminded them of home. A century later, some of those trees have found their way into the state record books along with native species. The state even has 11 national champions.

The most recent state champion is a nonnative giant sequoia on the grounds of St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

"About a year ago I was driving by and went, 'Whoa,'" said big tree hunter Tim Kennedy, of Boise, a forestry specialist with the Idaho Department of Lands who keeps his eyes open for possible champions.

The tree at St. Luke's is not especially tall at 89 feet, having lost its original top because of damage from Christmas decorations in the 1980s. But its base is 18 feet around, which helped it in the formula that determines champions.

Big tree hunters measure height, add in base circumference, and then measure tree's crown spread to come up with a total points score. When Kennedy measured the St. Luke's tree it scored 318 points, easily topping the former champion at the University of Idaho Arboretum in Moscow.

The tree at St. Luke's is a youngster in sequoia time at less than a century old. Some giant sequoias in California, where the species occurs naturally, are more than 2,000 years old.

Like many city trees, the St. Luke's sequoia has a known history. It was planted in 1912 in the yard of one of the doctors who worked at the hospital, said Holly Miller, internal communications coordinator for the hospital.

Boise has about 30 more giant sequoias scattered in city parks, said Terry Stalmsmith, the city forester.

"They grow anywhere from three to six feet a year," he said.

Ron Mahoney, a forestry professor at the University of Idaho and also director of Idaho's Big Tree Program, said sequoias do well in the state. So do many



This giant sequoia tree sits next to St. Luke's Hospital in downtown Boise on Wednesday. The tree, which is about 100 years old, is 89 feet tall and 18 feet around at its base. Boise has about 30 of the nonnative giant sequoia trees scattered around the city but this one is considered the biggest. The top of the tree was damaged in the 1980s from Christmas decorations.

other species of trees based on the variety found in many Idaho cities.

"A lot of people think that where we find things occurring naturally is where their best environment must be, and there's really not much basis for that," said Mahoney. "We've had a lot of natural disasters over the years: glaciers, volcanoes, floods — and species get moved around."

People, too. "Most of the people in Idaho came here from somewhere else, and they brought trees to bring a little bit of their home with them," Mahoney said. "An awful lot of them are the eastern deciduous species — the oaks, walnuts, and hickories."

But the largest tree in Idaho is a native, a massive western red cedar near the town of Elk River east of Moscow in northern Idaho. A state champion, it is 177 feet tall and 56 feet around at its base. In big tree hunter numbers, it scores 887 points.

The conservation group American Forests, based in Washington, D.C., tracks national champions with its National Register of Big Trees. All of Idaho's national champion trees are natives, Mahoney said.

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MONTHLY PLANNER

**(FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY)**  
 "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.  
**(FIRST THURSDAY)** The Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) District 6B meetings, jamming at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. and jamming afterward, meeting locations may vary, 735-1580.  
**(FIRST FRIDAY)** "First Fridays," a once-a-month event featuring live music with local artists, beverages sold by the glass, food tastings and more, Rudy's-A-Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-5477.  
**(FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY)**  
 Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 games), 934-4412.

**(FOURTH FRIDAY)** Weight Loss Surgery Support Group, for those who are preparing for surgery, have had the surgery or who have questions about it, 7 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, call 934-4412.  
**(THIRD SATURDAY)** An Evening of Ploatche, 7 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 Main N., Kimberly, no cost (bring your own treat), 422-4338.  
**(THIRD SATURDAY)** Magic Valley Model Railroaders group, public is invited to bring and run their trains (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., railroad building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filet, 404-2151.  
**(FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY)**  
 Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4, 734-5064.

WEEKLY PLANNER

**MONDAY TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 11:30 a.m., meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filer Avenue E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282.  
**TUESDAY** "Baby and Me" class, informative talks and activities for young mothers with their babies or infants, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.  
**WEDNESDAY** (through Dec. 20) "Fam Jam," a familybus production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 11:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 to \$4 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.famjam.org.  
**THURSDAY** Inquiry Classes for St. Edwards Catholic Church (RCIA), 7 to 9 p.m., parish hall, 152 7th Ave. E., Twin Falls, 734-7003.  
**FRIDAY** "Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, 32, 733-8720.

**MON/WED/FRI** College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Bury Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.  
**TUES/THURS** College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at Higerman High School Gym and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.  
**TUES/THURS** Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free fee for senior citizens, 737-5546.

Works by Amber Secon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, Tues. and Fri., 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wed. and Thurs., 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sat. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

**TUES/FRI** Faulkner Planetarium, "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students (under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

**SATURDAY** Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space

**TUES/THURS** Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS

Places" at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts

and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens,

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 Saturday, Dec. 2 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 3 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**Thursday • November 30**

10:30 A.M.	Immanuel Lutheran Pre-K	10:30 A.M.	Planet Cheer
12 NOON	Clover Trinity Lutheran	11 A.M.	Mauldins School of Dance
12:30 P.M.	Clover Trinity Lutheran	11:30 A.M.	Mauldins School of Dance
1 P.M.	Lincoln School Extended Day	12 NOON	Jerome High School Cantus Choir
1:30 P.M.	Immanuel Lutheran Pre-K	12:30 P.M.	Sanjuria International Martial Arts
2:30 P.M.	Immanuel Lutheran Childrens Choir & Handbells	1 P.M.	Klass Act Kids
4 P.M.	Magic Valley Little Theatre	1:30 P.M.	Magic Valley Eagles

**Friday • December 1**

10 A.M.	Kimberly Elementary Choir	2 P.M.	Willa Dean Nielsen Stargazers
10:30 A.M.	Kimberly Elementary Choir	2:30 P.M.	Willa Dean Nielsen Stargazers
11 A.M.	Twin Falls Christian Academy Elementary Choir	3 P.M.	Magic Valley School of Performing Arts featuring the Jubilant Dance Co.
12 NOON	Robert Stuart Bel Canto Choir	3:30 P.M.	Magic Valley School of Performing Arts featuring the Jubilant Dance Co.
1 P.M.	Poppetwell Elementary Honor Choir	4 P.M.	Double Time Dance Studio
1:30 P.M.	Magic Valley Christian School Choir	4:30 P.M.	Double Time Dance Studio
2 P.M.	Oregon-Trail Honor Choir	5 P.M.	Jennifer Tanner Vocal Soloist
2:30 P.M.	Alaina Davis Country Music Soloist	5:30 P.M.	Jump Company
3 P.M.	Morningside Elementary Honor Choir	6 P.M.	Elite Dance Company
3:30 P.M.	Melanie's TaVaCl School of Performing Arts	6:30 P.M.	Extreme Dance
4 P.M.	Melanie's TaVaCl School of Performing Arts	7 P.M.	Rocky Top Cloggers
4:30 P.M.	Melanie's TaVaCl School of Performing Arts	7:30 P.M.	Rocky Top Cloggers
5 P.M.	Perrino/Harrison Combined Choir	8 P.M.	Middle Eastern Dancers of the Magic Valley
5:30 P.M.	Top Hat Tappers & The Dance Centre	8:30 P.M.	Middle Eastern Dancers of the Magic Valley
6 P.M.	Top Hat Tappers & The Dance Centre		
6:30 P.M.	Willa Dean Nielsen Stargazers		
7 P.M.	Willa Dean Nielsen Stargazers		
7:30 P.M.	O'Leary Jazz Band		
8 P.M.	Julia Nolan Performers		
8:30 P.M.	Julia Nolan Performers		

**Saturday • December 2**

9:30 A.M.	Julies Jazzworks		
10 A.M.	Julies Jazzworks		

**Sunday • December 3**

11:30 A.M.	Evon Tide Twin Falls LDS Institute Performing Group		
1 P.M.	Hannah & Meg Wormsbaker & Weston Bennett Vocalist		
1:30 P.M.	Hot Country Fiddlers Featuring Lena & Gracie Stukenholz accompanied by Bill Butler		
2 P.M.	LDS 2nd Ward College Choir		
2:30 P.M.	LDS 2nd Ward College Choir		
3 P.M.	Rylie Baker Vocal Soloist		
3:30 P.M.	Marla Garrett Vocal Soloist		
4 P.M.	Lily Hackenbruch & Aurelia Mustata Romanian Vocalists		

**Crump**

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So I soon found myself on top of a stepladder out on the driveway, where she handed me the leafblower with instructions to zap the contents of the rain gutters — leaves and decaying leaf residue.

I worked pretty well until I shifted my weight to get better footing and brushed the leaf-blower's controls with my elbow.

Sec. It's a leaf vacuum too, and by suddenly reversing flow I doused myself with several gallons of leaf gunk!

On the one hand, it's a good thing that Victoria witnessed firsthand the true cost of having clean gutters.

On the other hand, I had to shower with a garden hose in the garage.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at [scrump@magicvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicvalley.com).

**AUCTION CALENDAR**

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**TWIN FALLS COUNTY**

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

**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS**

Larry J. Bower, 22, Buhl; one count provide false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, two days work activity; 12 months' probation; one count driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.  
 Fernando Cortezas, 29, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$87.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; one day work activity; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months' probation.  
 Sarah J. Cone, 28, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$82.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 60 days in jail with 60 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$265.27 restitution.  
 Ashley D. Burns, 18, Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$82.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation; no alcohol.

**MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS**

Jose A. Cervantes, 31, Buhl; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.  
 Hank B. Assunção, 21, Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.  
 Casey L. Nelson, 25, Fayetteville, Ark.; possession of a marijuana; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.  
**Felony Sentencings**  
 Ruben Quintana, 55, Buhl; three counts robbery and one count attempted robbery; pleaded guilty; ten years penitentiary, per count; two years determinate; eight years indeterminate; concurrent; \$97.50 costs; \$367.98 restitution.

Trent S. Elliott, 36, Salmon; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; \$420.63 restitution.  
 Victor J. Jimenez, 26, Buhl; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; six years penitentiary; two years determinate; four years indeterminate; \$49,255.50 restitution.  
 Abel Orantes-Barraza, 26, Jerome; one count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and one count aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer; pleaded

guilty; four years penitentiary, per count; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; concurrent; one count injury to jail; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; concurrent.  
 Joseph R. Jimenez, 40, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; three years penitentiary; two months determinate; 34 months indeterminate; \$112.50 costs; driving privileges suspended for 365 days.  
 Manuel F. Herrera-Arellano, 27; trafficking in methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; 96 months penitentiary; 16 months determinate; 80 months indeterminate; \$5,000 fine; \$107.50 costs.  
 John M. Barnes, 37, Twin Falls; one count unlawful possession of a firearm; pleaded guilty; three and one half years penitentiary; three and one half years determinate; \$1,250 fine; \$97.50 costs; one count misdemeanor resisting an obstructing an officer; \$72.50 costs; 360 days in jail, credit for time served; one felony count flee or attempt to elude a police officer; amended to misdemeanor; \$72.50 costs; 180 days in jail, credit for time served; concurrent.  
 Michael J. Corcoran Jr., Twin Falls; possession of a stolen vehicle; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; three years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; \$1,523.35 restitution.  
 Brian D. King, 27, Twin Falls; insufficient funds check; pleaded guilty; three years penitentiary; one year determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; no firearms; obtain mental health evaluation.

**CIVIL FILINGS**

LMAD Enterprises Inc., doing business as Cain's Home Furnishings vs. Patrick Jean Foster and Shelia Morrison. Seeking judgment against the defendants for special, general and consequential damages in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges that the defendants purchased furniture from their store and changed it to their credit card. Plaintiffs further allege that defendants changed their mind several times and after 47 days wanted a refund on said furniture and when they were refused they requested a charge-back from their credit card company for the purchase price of the furniture without returning the furniture.  
 Linda J. Rick, also known as Linda J. Schlittenhard vs. John R. Fuss and Debi Peters. Seeking judgment against the defendant for past medical expenses for \$32,948.54; future medical expenses; general damages for pain, suffering, lost wages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:  
 Martin G. Lopez-Tiana. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$199 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical

Insurance; \$5,407.38 for uncovered medical costs.  
 Brian K. Harris. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$142 monthly support plus 47 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,278 for public assistance and child support costs.

**DIVORCES FILED**

Jason T. Conroya vs. Rebecca A. Cordova.  
 Katie L. Hadley vs. Donald L. Hadley.  
 Marie E. Ligon vs. William B. Ligon.  
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**TWIN FALLS** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES**  
Michael J. Caron Jr., 25, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 141 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; one count provide false information to an officer; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; 180 days in jail with 141 suspended, credit for time served; 24 months' probation; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months' probation; one count provide false information to an officer; \$1,000 fine with \$900 suspended; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months' probation; concurrent; one count petit theft; dismissed by prosecutor.  
Matthew A. Farnworth, 23, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; pleaded guilty; costs uncollectible; 180 days in jail; driving privileges suspended for 365 days.  
Jeff J. Jansen, 28, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$800 fine with \$600 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation;

\$1,681.07 restitution.  
Esteban Archuleta, 25, Twin Falls; open container; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine; \$72.50 costs; 12 months' probation.  
Troy W. Frasier, 37, Filer; one count resisting or obstructing an officer; amended to disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs; 24 months' probation; no alcohol; one count petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$700 fine with \$500 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months' probation.  
Cynthia W. Faris, 23, Twin Falls; failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; amended to inattentive/careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation.  
Quinn J. Hall, 15, Twin Falls; resisted lawful investigation; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$72.50 costs.  
Robert A. Hunsaker II, 23, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation.  
Mark E. Winebarger, 52, Twin Falls; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$141 fine and costs; one count no insurance; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation.

Tony A. Hull, 58, Twin Falls; provide false information to an officer; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months' probation.  
Misty M. Read, 25, Jerome; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months' probation.  
Marie C. Gruner, 29, Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation.  
Nestor Juarez, 24, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, two days work detail; 12 months' probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.  
Teresa T. Shann, 50, Filer; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$72.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$254.34 restitution to Tuesday Morning.  
William T. Fishel, 25, Buhl; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended;

\$82.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with balance suspended; 24 months' probation; \$233.75 restitution; no alcohol; one count driving without privileges; 90 days in jail with balance suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; one count no insurance, second offense; \$300 fine; \$72.50 costs; 90 days in jail with balance suspended; 24 months' probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

**MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS**  
Candace Wood, 41, Twin Falls; resisting or obstructing an officer; dismissed by prosecutor.  
Robert T. Elkin, 34, Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.  
Bruce Griffiths, 51, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiated.  
Florio Elmo, 46, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor.

**NOV. 24 ABRAIGNMENTS**  
Sean E. Blue, 39; grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Friday; posted bond.  
Drew H. Parker, 34, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; no plea entered; hired private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 8; posted bond.  
Brenda G. Fisher, 45, Twin Falls; grand theft; no plea entered; hired private counsel; preliminary

hearing set for Dec. 15; no bond information available.  
Felipe A. Nunez Jr., 39, Jerome; disorderly conduct; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 12;

\$500 bond.  
Shawn M. Parker, 29, Filer; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 12; \$1,500 bond.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Historical society holds planning meeting**

**JEROME** — The Jerome County Historical Society will hold a Live History Days planning meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in the office at Hovey-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 Third Ave. E. The committee is seeking volunteers to give audio guides and help with old-fashioned projects such as candle-making, corn-shelling, weaving, a horsehoe-toss contest, weightlifting contest, showing farm animals and other activities pertaining to what life was like in the early 1900s in southern Idaho. Live History Days are held

the second weekend in June each year. For more information, call 324-5641 or 324-7694 or visit www.HistoricalJeromeCounty.com.

**Recovery program changes names**

**BURLEY** — Read 2 Recovered a Christ-centered 12-step program, is changing its name to Celebrate Recovery. Meetings will still be held at the Center of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St. On Friday, an optional dinner is served at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$3. At 7 p.m. is worship and teaching and 8 p.m. is small groups. For more information, call Paul or Mandi at 219-1664.

**Gooding Duplicate Bridge announces results**

**GOODING** — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for Nov. 17. First: (tie) Max Thompson and Henry Robinson and Susan Faulkner and Mary Siedel and third, Don and Lorna Bard. Duplicate Bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the

Gooding Senior Center, 306 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

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## Broncos BCS bound

### Boise State routs Nevada to finish season unbeaten

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — It's not official yet, but all those orange-clad fans flowing onto the Mackay Stadium turf told the story: Boise State is BCS bound.

Ian Johnson ran for 147 yards and three touchdowns and Jared Zabransky passed for 289 yards to lead Boise State to a 38-7 win over Nevada on Saturday, all but wrapping up a spot in the Bowl Championship Series for the unbeaten Broncos.

Zabransky completed 20-of-27 passes, including a 45-yard TD to Legedu Naanee for the Broncos (12-0, 3-0 in the Western Athletic Conference), who are 39-1 in the WAC since 2002 and have won at least a share of the league title five years in a row.

"This is the most dominant team in WAC history," WAC Commissioner Karl Benson told the Broncos after the game.

They entered the day 11th in the BCS standings and have to finish No. 12 or better to automatically qualify for one of the big-money bowls. They would become only the second team from a non-BCS league to play in the BCS after Utah reached the 2004 Fiesta Bowl out of the Mountain West Conference.

The BCS bids go out Dec. 3. Expect Boise State to get an invite to the Fiesta Bowl to face the Big 12 champion. Officials from the Fiesta and Orange bowls watched Saturday's game from the press box.

"This team is worthy of a BCS bowl," Fiesta Bowl president John Junker told the Broncos in the locker room afterward. "You'll have to wait a week, but we'll be getting ready for you in the Valley of the Sun."

About 4,000 orange-and-blue clad Broncos fans

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Fans rush onto the field and hoist Boise State running back Ian Johnson after Boise State defeated Nevada 38-7 in a football game Saturday in Reno, Nev.

## CSI women slide past Yakima

### Late run spurs Golden Eagles

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Thirty-five minutes of bricking, clinking, hacking futility in the paint led to one team-engulfing epiphany for the No. 13 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team: Maybe it's time for a perimeter shot.

Locked in a surprising 56-56 tie with previously undefeated Yakima Valley Community College (Wash.), the Golden Eagles reeled off a 16-6 run that included three consecutive 3-pointers in the game's final 4:33 to take a 72-62 victory over the Yaks on the final day of the 2006 Wolverton Challenge at the CSI gymnasium.

Up 60-58 after a Maria Moore offensive putback and an Ashley Thompson jumper from the corner, CSI worked the ball to Brittany Moore for an open 3-pointer that stretched the lead to five. A Chelsea Morrison turnover later, and Thompson found Amy Bratvold open beyond the elbow for a lead-stretching trifecta. One more Yakima Valley turnover and it was time to repeat the trick, as Thompson again found Bratvold open for a 3-pointer that put CSI up 69-58 and effectively iced the game.

"It's just the way it works sometimes," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said of CSI's burst from the perimeter. "You get to be subconscious that, 'We're going inside and we're going to get fouled or not get a layup, so let's go to the perimeter.'"

What preceded the burst was a struggle in all sense of the word for the 7-1 Golden Eagles. CSI managed to outshoot Yakima Valley 44.3 percent to 34.8, but couldn't find a way to connect from the inside. CSI missed on 11 shots in the paint as the Yaks kept in the game by pestering CSI into 30 turnovers, and sticking with the Golden Eagles in the rebounding department, grabbing 41 boards to CSI's 42.

"They came out and played hard," Brittany Moore said of Yakima Valley.



Brittany Moore drives past her defender Saturday night during the Golden Eagle's game against Yakima Valley Community College at CSI.

"But it's like Coach told us in the locker room, everybody comes out to play against us."

Moore was named the tournament's MVP after leading CSI with 21 points Saturday night. Freshman, All-American point guard Maria Moore also had a monster night, finishing with 19 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists.

Bratvold hit 6-of-7 field-goal attempts and a pair of free throws for 14 points. "I thought Ashley Thompson played some great defense on their big girl tonight, and Amy, she's been struggling a bit, but hit two big 3-pointers late," Rogers said.

Ashley Thompson and Whitney Thompson both played solid defense again at a Yaks attack that was set on getting the ball inside to post Tana Slickney. Slickney finished with a game-high 22 points on 10-of-18

shooting, while Lisa Bishop added 16 points from the perimeter. The Yaks fall to 4-1 on the season with their first loss.

"It's a good team, and what our kids have to realize right now is that teams are stepping up to play us," Rogers said. "It's CSI and our kids have to understand that they're coming to get us."

After Rogers spent the initial weeks of the season praising his freshmen for playing like sophomores, the CSI youngsters finally looked like first-year players Saturday night, as a few forced plays and mental misuses led to the Golden Eagles' ragged play.

"The thing is, a lot of the turnovers are just us trying to go too fast," Brittany Moore said. "We've got young kids trying to adjust to the speed of the game, but we're playing hard, and

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### 2006 Wolverton Challenge

At CSI gymnasium, Twin Falls Saturday's games

Treasure Valley CC 80, Phoenix College 71  
Eastern Utah 113, Western Wyoming 64  
No. 13 CSI women 72, Yakima Valley 62  
No. 12 CSI men 141, Chemeketa CC 88

Women's All-Tournament Team: Maria Moore, CSI; Amy Bratvold, CSI; Tana Slickney, Yakima Valley CC; Chelsea Morrison, Yakima Valley CC; Linda Ubbelgjo, Phoenix College.  
Women's Tournament MVP: Brittany Moore, CSI.

Men's All-Tournament Team: Adris DeLeon, CSI; Reggie Guyton, CSI; Corey Kaminka, Western Wyoming CC; Danny Derry, Chemeketa CC; Tyler McKay, Eastern Utah.  
Men's Tournament MVP: DeCarlos Riley, CSI.

## Vandals lose to Spartans in finale

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Patrick Perry rushed for just 64 yards but scored three times as he led San Jose State to a 28-13 win over Idaho on Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.

San Jose State (7-4, 4-3 Western Athletic Conference) all but locked up the win when Christopher Vedder intercepted Idaho quarterback Steve Wichman

at the Vandal 4-yard line. Perry scored his second touchdown two plays later to give the Spartans a 21-13 lead with just over 10 minutes left in the game.

The Spartans struck first when quarterback Adam Thraflis connected with John Brassard on a 50-yard touchdown pass with less than a minute left in the first quarter.

Idaho (4-8, 3-5 WAC) got on the board midway through the second quarter when Tino Amancio hit a 28-yard field goal. The Vandals then took a 10-7 lead just before the half when sophomore running back Jayson Bird scored from two yards out.

Perry caught a 10-play, 80-yard drive early in the second half with a 1-yard run to put San Jose State ahead 14-10.

The Spartans were forced to the air as Idaho held SJSU's top rusher, Yunus Davis, to just six yards. Thraflis completed 10 of 14 pass attempts for 179 yards. James Jones had six catches for 98 yards.

Bird finished with 68 yards on 15 carries for Idaho.

## Golden Eagles clobber Chemeketa

### Storm struggle to keep pace with CSI

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Chemeketa Community College may be in line for a new mascot name. Saturday night, the No. 12 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team downgraded the Storm, breezing by the team from Salem, Ore. with a 141-88 blowout with a hall of 3-pointers and a full-court press that cut Chemeketa's view downcourt like a thick fog.

The 6-0 Golden Eagles started the game with a 20-3 run, took a 64-39 lead on the half, and as they have all season, completely ran away from their exhausted opponents, outscoring Chemeketa 74-49 after the break. The only problem — if it can be called that — was keeping up the intensity through what was immediately

evident to be a blowout win. "You know, that was a tremendous run to start the game," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. That set the tone so quickly and so well that it's hard to top it the next 35 minutes of the game.

The Golden Eagles didn't top that mark of dominance, but they made sure everyone was reminded of it. After being out rebounded in the first half, CSI ramped up the effort on the boards to finish with a 49-35 rebounding edge for the game.

"That was a loud point of emphasis at halftime in the locker room," Peery said. "Then we came out and out rebounded them by about 20 in the second half."

Sophomore Kevin Ford led CSI's charge on the glass with a 12-point, 11-rebound double-double, while Brad Granger continued his torrid shooting for a game-high 26 points. Tournament MVP DeCarlos Riley scored 23 for CSI, while sophomore Kelvin Davis pumped in 22 points in only 11 minutes of play in the second half. Davis provided a huge spark with his offense in his

return from a two-game suspension.

"He has that ability," Peery said. "We're going to make him work for everything he gets, just like everyone else. Kelvin is a tremendous player and has a lot of ability."

Terry Fields finished with 18 in the rout, while Juan Pattillo contributed 15. The Storm was led by Landon Bouwer's 18 points, while Chris Russell and Danny Derry each finished with 13.

The Golden Eagles now have a week without games to prepare for their scenic West Athletic Conference opener on Dec. 8 at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. While the going has been easy this far, Peery made sure to remind his team that things are bound to get a lot tougher in the coming weeks.

"I'll get tougher. It'll get tougher," Peery said. "Two weeks from now, I just told the guys, the real stuff starts in two weeks. This has been fun and we've been very

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College of Southern Idaho guard Reggie Guyton drives into Mitchell Rice of Chemeketa on his way to score two points in the first half.

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TWIN FALLS SWIM TEAM



The 2006 Twin Falls High School swim team recently capped a successful season as the boys took 13th at the state meet, with the girls taking 18th. Pictured, from left, front row: Jessica Layton, Kaley Strode, Tracy Palmer, Rachel Traber, Nicole Eldredge, Lindsay Hanchey and Samuel Fitts; Second row: Corey Mason, Rachel Davis, Greg Holland, Roder Green, coach John Twiss, Dana Wright, Alyson Stoneberg, Echo Hoskins and Kori Milay; Back row: William Kerzelle, Tyler Elwell, Michael Shea O'Donnell, Michelle Fitts, Andy Harding, Pat Traber, Mason Malina, Jordan Kezile, Steve Burgess and Matthew Ashby.

Wendell girls beat Mountain Home in SLC

WENDELL — The Wendell High School girls basketball team took advantage of its chance to play at Energy Solutions Arena (formerly the Delta Center) in Salt Lake City Friday, downing Class 4A Mountain Home 43-35. The win was the second straight for the Trojans. Wendell's post players Jori Fleming, Erin O'Brien and Kristen Bransden took control in the second half combining to go 10-of-14 from the field. Fleming had 11 points, while O'Brien added 11 and Jaci

Lancaster had nine. The Trojans also went 10-for-12 for the game with Jaci Lancaster hitting 6-of-6. "They are working hard and starting to play good team defense," said Wendell coach Huse? "This was a wonderful experience for our team." More than 200 Wendell fans made the trip to Salt Lake City to cheer the Lady Trojans to their victory.



The Wendell girls basketball team poses on the court at the Energy Solutions Arena.

Wisconsin blasts Auburn; Duke wins big

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas — Kamron Taylor scored 16 points and No. 7 Wisconsin rebounded from its first loss of the season with a 77-63 victory over Auburn on Saturday in the third-place game in the South Padre Island Invitational. Alando Tucker added 15 points for Wisconsin (4-1), which lost 66-61 to Missouri State on Friday. DeWayne Reed led Auburn (4-2) with 17 points. The Badgers led by as many as 19 in the second half and shot 46 percent from the field for the game.



Duke's Brian Zoubek (55) gets a slam dunk against Davidson during the second half of a college basketball game in Durham, N.C., Saturday. Duke won 75-47.

No. 8 Alabama 74, Texas Southern 44 — Tuscaloosa, Ala. — Jeremiah Davidson had 16 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocks, and Richard Hendrix added 15 points and 12 rebounds for Alabama (5-0). The Crimson Tide played without pre-season All-America Ronnie Scott, sidelined by a knee sore. Sollic Norwood led the Tigers (1-4) with 16 points. No. 9 Duke 75, Davidson 47 — Durham, N.C. — Josh McRoberts and Jon Scheyer had 14 points apiece to help Duke bounce back from its first loss of the

points for Davidson (4-3). No. 17 Syracuse 81, Canisius 71 — BUFFALO, N.Y. — Eric Devendorf scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half, and Terrence Roberts led Syracuse with 20 points. Freshman Paul Harris, from Niagara Falls, added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Orange. 6-0 start for the first time in two years. Chuck Harris scored 24 for the Golden Griffins (1-3). No. 23 Boston College 86, Rhode Island 68 — BOSTON — Sean Marshall matched his career high with 23 points, scoring 13 in a row for Boston College. Jared Bradley added 14 points and 10 rebounds for Boston Coll. (3-2), and Tyrese Rice scored 19 points. V.J. Daniels scored 19 points for Rhode Island (3-3). No. 24 Wichita St. 57, No. 6 LSU 53 — BATON ROUGE, La. — Karon Bradley scored six of his 11 points in the final 12 minutes for Wichita State (4-0). Ryan Martin led the Shockers with 12 from Jeremy Lathan. The Golden Eagles shot 53.7 percent from the field, went up by 33 at the half, and piled it on for the big win. Western Wyoming was led by Casey Robinson's 12-point outing. The Mustangs were seriously hampered by 35 turnovers on the game. Eastern Utah 113, Western Wyoming 64 — The College of Eastern Utah breezed past Western Wyoming Community College 113-64 behind 24 points from Tyler Kepkay and 16 from Jeremy Lathan. The Golden Eagles shot 53.7 percent from the field, went up by 33 at the half, and piled it on for the big win. Western Wyoming was led by Casey Robinson's 12-point outing. The Mustangs were seriously hampered by 35 turnovers on the game.

Billups, Pistons have record day

WASHINGTON — Chauncey Billups scored 29 points and the Detroit Pistons set all sorts of season highs, beating the Washington Wizards 115-111 Saturday night to stretch their winning streak to six games. Five Pistons scored in double figures, including Tyshawn Prince with 21, and Richard Hamilton with 18. Billups went 10-for-19 on free throws (both career highs), scoring Detroit's final nine points at the line. Gilbert Arenas recovered from his worst game of the season with 20 points and 10 assists, but it wasn't nearly enough to prevent the Wizards from losing their fourth game in a row. Caron Butler scored 25 for Washington, and Antawn Jamison added 22.



Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups (11) drives against Washington Wizards center Brendan Haywood, back, and Antawn Jamison (4) Saturday in Washington.

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 25 points and 11 assists, and Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored a season-high 18 for the Cavaliers. Ilgauskas added 15 rebounds. He tied a team record with 12 offensive boards for Cleveland, which won its sixth straight at home. Allen Iverson scored 31 points on just 10-of-28 shooting to lead Philadelphia. Andre Iguodala added 17 and Willie Green 13 for the Sixers.

MINNEAPOLIS — Rookie Randy Foye scored 14 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter, rallying the Timberwolves to the win. Kevin Garnett added 25 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota, which trailed by as many as 16 in the third quarter thanks to a torrid start from former teammate Sam Cassell. Cassell scored 28 points in the first 36 minutes, but managed just three points and was overwhelmed by Foye in the final period.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dwyane Wade had 30 points and 12 assists to help the Heat snap a three-game losing streak. Alonzo Mourning, back in the city where he began his NBA career, added 16 points on 8-of-9 shooting as Miami coming in as the lowest-scoring team in the NBA, shot a season-high 55 percent. Adam Morrison matched a career high with 27 points for the Bobcats.

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 28 points and nine rebounds, and the Mavericks stretched their winning streak to nine games. Josh Howard added 15 points and seven rebounds, and Erick Dampier had 11 points for the Mavericks, who have won 18 straight over the Hornets dating to November 1999, when the franchise was in Charlotte. January Furgo scored 19 points and Chris Paul added 12 for the Hornets.

MAGIC 98, Hawks 79 — ORLANDO, Fla. — Carlos Arroyo scored 15 points. Dwight Howard had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and the Magic coasted to the victory. Orlando, which has won three straight and seven of its last eight, put six players in double figures. Hedo Turkoglu had 14 points, while Keith Bogans and Keyon Dooling had 13 apiece. Jerome Nelson finished with 11. Joe Johnson led the Hawks with 16 points.

HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 28 points, and Tracy McGrady matched a career high with 13 assists for the Rockets. McGrady also had 19 points. Yao and Chuck Hayes each grabbed eight rebounds for Houston, which avoided its recent habit of losing fourth-quarter leads to win for the fourth time in five games.

NEW YORK — Luol Deng scored 24 points, and Chicago stopped a six-game losing streak. In a game that featured two ejections and an ejection of Stephen Marbury, Deng scored 16 points on 7-of-12 shooting in the first half to give the Bulls a 56-34 lead. Shortly after that, Chicago coach Scott Skiles was ejected early in the third quarter after picking up a pair of technical

MILWAUKEE — Paul Pierce scored 34 points and the Celtics rallied to beat Bucks.

CSI women

Continued from page C1 that's all that matters." The Golden Eagles will look to continue playing hard on Dec. 8-9 when they open the scenic West Athletic Conference season in Coeur d'Alene against North Idaho College. Treasure Valley 60, Phoenix College 71 — Kylie Roberts scored 21 points and Ashlie Macfarlane added 20 as the Treasure Valley Community College (Tre) Chukars defeated Phoenix College (Ariz.) 80-71. Chukars point guard Kelly Howard finished with 10 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, just one dish shy of a triple-double. Linda Ubadigbo led Phoenix with 29 points, 14 rebounds and five assists, while Kandil Sims added eight points and 15 rebounds before fouling out. After struggling to control the ball against Yakima Valley Community College (Wash.) on Friday, the Chukars cut the turnovers down to 15 for the game, while forcing 19 Bears turnovers.

Table with columns for Team, Score, and Game Info. Includes entries for Treasure Valley vs Phoenix College, Treasure Valley vs Tre, and CSI 72, Yakima Valley vs Tre.

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Adris DeLawn of the Phoenix Hawks makes a play for the ball against Chemsaketa's Zach Burdon. The Eagles' full-court press took some of the wind from the Storm's offense Saturday in Twin Falls.



SPORTS

# What a finish

## BYU beats Utah with touchdown on last play

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Just beating Utah for the first time in five years would have been gratifying for No. 21 Brigham Young.

Winning the way the Cougars did made it a classic. John Beck scrambled away from trouble and threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Jonny Harline with no time remaining to rally BYU to a 33-31 win over Utah on Saturday.

"It was great to be able to be a part of that BYU magic," said Beck, who passed for four touchdowns in his first win over the rival Utes.

BYU hadn't beaten Utah since 2001 and appeared to be headed for a fifth straight loss after Utah's Brett Ratliff threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Brent Casteel with 1:19 left.

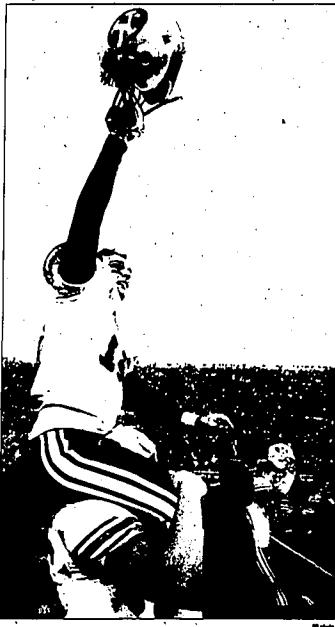
But that was still plenty of time for Beck, who used every second on the clock and a few more. With 3.2 seconds left, Beck rolled to his left and was still scrambling to find an open receiver well after time expired.

Beck reversed to his right, then threw a pass across his body to Harline, who cradled the ball while on his knees.

"It felt like that last play took forever," said Harline, who caught three of Beck's touchdown passes.

"The victory was vindicating for Beck, a senior who threw an interception on fourth down to end an overtime loss to the Utes in Provo last year.

"He's a great quarterback and will be measured with the rest of them here," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "The longer he held it, the better it felt because I know how difficult it is to cover for that long."



Brigham Young quarterback John Beck (12) is carried by a teammate after beating Utah Saturday in Salt Lake City. BYU beat Utah, 33-31.

The Cougars erupted in celebration and fans rushed the field after Harline's catch, but BYU still needed to take a knee on the point-after attempt to officially end the game. After four years of frustration, the party could wait just a few more moments.

"The feeling was just complete gratification for our captains, for our seniors and for this program that in two short years has answered a lot of critics," Mendenhall said.

The Cougars (10-2; 8-0) will

close the season in the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 21. Utah (7-5; 5-3) was still waiting for its bowl invitation.

Ratliff was 24-for-39 for 358 yards and three touchdowns for Utah (7-5; 5-3) and led the Utes to 24 straight points after they fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter.

"The feeling was just complete gratification for our captains, for our seniors and for this program that in two short years has answered a lot of critics," Mendenhall said. "This is a tough loss for the whole team, but we have

another game to play." After BYU dominated the first quarter, the Utes held the Cougars to minus-12 yards in the second and scored the next 24 points. The Cougars rallied from a 24-14 deficit and took advantage of two pass interference calls to retake the lead.

One of the penalties gave BYU a first down after a third-and-24 and the Cougars scored on a 5-yard pass to Harline with 13:15 left in the game. The Utes locked the extra point and led 24-20.

Another interference call on third-and-goal from the 10 led to Beck's 2-yard touchdown pass to Daniel Coons, putting BYU up 27-24 with 3:23 left.

Utah still had plenty of time and Ratliff led the Utes 83 yards for what looked like it would be the winning touchdown. Ratliff ran for six yards on fourth-and-2 from the Utah 25 with 2:20 left, then on first down found Casteel over the middle for a 37-yard gain.

From the BYU 19, Casteel caught a stunt pass over the middle and ran 322 yards up all the way to the end zone.

But the Cougars still had time and Beck went 6-for-9 on the final drive, not counting one play when he spiked the ball and another when Beck, who missed one game this season with injuries to both his ankles, was quick enough on his feet for the final score.

"The last play was just a long play," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "Their quarterback did a great job of staying alive until somebody was open."

Utah outgained BYU 474 yards to 429 despite gaining just 30 yards in the opening quarter.

Levie Sakoda had a 24-yard field goal and ran a fake punt 18 yards to set up Utah's first touchdown, an 18-yard pass from defensive back Eric Weddle to Casteel that cut the lead to 14-7 in the second quarter.

Ratliff added a 57-yard touchdown pass to Marquis Wilson and a 4-yard scoring pass to Coli Sampson in the third, giving Utah the 24-14 lead.

## I-AA PLAYOFFS



Montana wide receiver Craig Chambers (2) catches a touchdown pass as McNeese State's Ivan Stenson defends during a Division I-AA playoff game Saturday in Missoula, Mont. Montana won 31-6.

# Montana routs McNeese State

MISSOULA, Mont. — Josh Swogger passed for 259 yards and four touchdowns Saturday to lead second-ranked Montana to a 31-6 NCAA Division I-AA first round playoff victory over McNeese State.

NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. It was Montana State's first home playoff game since 1984, the year the Bobcats won the I-AA national championship.

No. 15 Montana State (8-4) had some key defensive plays in the second quarter in advancing to next Saturday's quarterfinals at top-ranked Appalachian State (11-1), a 45-20 winner over Tennessee Carolina.

Blake Bercegyay kicked first-half field goals of 42 and 38 yards for No. 22 McNeese State (7-5).

The Paladins scored on a 27-yard pass from Renaldo Gray to Cedrick Gilpin with 18 seconds left in the third quarter and on a 1-yard run by Jerome Felton with no time left on the clock. The extra point wasn't attempted.

Swogger's touchdown passes were a 50-yarder to Dan Beaudin, a 14-yarder to Eric Allen and third-quarter scoring passes of 8 and 11 yards to Craig Chambers.

Rolovich completed 18 of 33 passes and opened the scoring with a 51-yard touchdown pass to Donnell Wheaton with 12:28 left in the first quarter.

McNeese State went up 3-0 on Bercegyay's 42-yard field goal with 10:41 left in the first quarter, before Montana answered with the 50-yard TD pass from Swogger to Beaudin.

A fumble by Felton late in the first quarter was recovered by MSU's Marcus LeBlanc on the Furman 41. Seven plays later, Jeff Hastings kicked a 25-yard field goal to give the Bobcats a 10-0 lead with 11:58 left in the half.

Montana ran its two-minute drill to score on a 14-yard TD pass from Swogger to Allen with 13 seconds left in the half, taking a 17-6 lead.

Furman's next drive ended with a punt, which was blocked by MSU's Jesse Anderson. Teammate Brian Williams recovered the fumble and then fumbled the ball into the end zone, where Anderson recovered it for a touchdown.

Swogger had back-to-back touchdown passes to Chambers in the third quarter. Chambers caught the second one flat-footed in the back of the end zone.

Furman muffed the ensuing kickoff, with Williams forcing the fumble and Kory Austin recovering the ball at the Furman 26.

Swogger completed 18 of 26 passes while Thomas Brooks-Fletcher had 13 carries for 113 yards, including a 48-yard run that set up the first Swogger-to-Chambers touchdown pass.

On the next play, Rolovich hit Michael Jefferson on a 25-yard TD pass to give the Bobcats a 24-0 lead with 8:53 left in the half.

Swogger had back-to-back touchdowns for 59 yards while Chambers had four for 43 for the Grizzlies.

Holovich's 1-yard run with 10:03 left in the third gave MSU the 31-0 lead.

Derrick Fourous completed 12-of-20 passes for 116 yards for McNeese State, including six passes for 66 yards to Steven Whitehead. Chris Thomas had 10 carries for 56 yards.

A fumble by Isiah Taito, recovered by Austin Holmes of the Paladins, was the Paladins' first touchdown.

### Montana St. 31, Furman 13

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Jack Rolovich passed for 272 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 68 yards Saturday as Montana State upset Furman 31-13 in the first round of the

Donnell Wheaton had six catches for 99 yards, Michael Jefferson had five for 82 and Tyler Lulay had three catches for 68 yards. Lulay had four catches for 51 yards during the regular season. Taito finished with 17 carries for 69 yards.

Grey completed 13-of-28 passes for 139 yards. Patrick Sprague had 80 yards receiving.

— The Associated Press

## IDAHO VANDALS FOOTBALL



Mabely's Shea Munkita (91) knocks the ball loose from San Jose State running back Yonus Davis (34) during a football game in Moscow Saturday. Davis recovered the ball. San Jose State won 28-13. See page C1 for story.

## Broncos

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who made the trip from Boise rushed the field after the final gun, waving flags and banners and crowding around the team.

"This means everything on our pyramid of success," Johnson said. "We've had so many goals and we've knocked off every one."

Nevada (8-4; 5-3) entered the game leading the nation with a turnover margin of plus 15, but lost three fumbles in the first 24 minutes of the game — four on the game — and fell behind 17-0 at the half.

Nevada caught seven passes for 129 yards for the Broncos, who snapped Nevada's 10-game home winning streak and claimed their seventh consecutive victory over the Wolf Pack before a crowd of 25,506, the 10th largest in Mackay Stadium history.

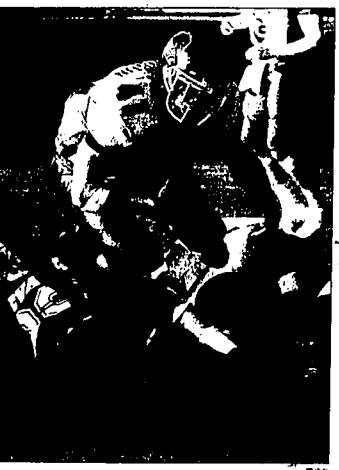
Nevada coach Chris Ault said he was "extremely disappointed" in his offense but that much of the credit went to the Broncos.

"My hat goes off to them. I hope they go to the Fiesta Bowl and I will be watching them," Ault said.

"Our defense played hard until the fourth quarter, there's only so much a defense can do. You just cannot ask to the defense to win the football game," he said.

Johnson, a sophomore who wore a flak jacket under his pads to protect a pair of cracked ribs, run-31 times and set the school single-season record with 1,613 yards rushing. He broke the old mark of 1,611 set by Brock Forster in 2002. He entered the day leading the nation in scoring, and now has TDs.

"I got out there and forgot about the ribs," Johnson said. "I've played with broken ribs before... I just wanted to play hard for the team."



Boise State's Ian Johnson breaks the Nevada defense for a touchdown Saturday in Reno, Nev. Boise State won 38-7.

Jeff Rowe was only 6-for-15 for 35 yards.

"The offense didn't score one point. The responsibility is on me," Rowe said. "They are a really good team and deserve everything they are going to get."

The Wolf Pack had only four first downs on the game — none until 6:13 was left in the first half.

"I don't think I've seen them dominate like they did today," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said about his defense. "Not in my wildest dreams did I think they would shut them down like that."

Bronco defensive tackle Andrew Browning had seven tackles, including three quarterback sacks and a fourth tackle for a loss, and line-

backer Kory Hall also had seven tackles.

"This is overwhelming," Hall said. "I couldn't have pictured myself in this situation five years ago. We're now 12-0 and about to go to the Fiesta Bowl."

Despite the loss, Nevada appears headed to one of the three bowls with WAC ties — the MPC Computers (at Boise, Dec. 31), Honolulu Hawaii Bowl (at Honolulu, Dec. 24) and New Mexico (at Albuquerque, Dec. 23).

Leading 17-0 at the half, Boise State opened the third quarter with an 80-yard touchdown drive, including 48 yards rushing on six carries by Johnson and wide receiver Vinny Furretta's 5-yard score off a direct snap from center.

"Not in my wildest dreams did I think they would shut them down like that."

— Boise State coach Chris Petersen on his defense

The Broncos fans broke into a chant of "BCS, BCS" as Anthony Montgomery converted the extra point for a 24-0 lead at 10:13. Four minutes later, Zahransky threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Naanee to push the lead to 31-0.

Nevada's only points came when Nick Hawthorne intercepted a screen pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown with 2:52 left in the third quarter to keep alive the Wolf Pack's streak of 316 games without being shutout, the longest in NCAA Division I.

The Broncos forced three Nevada fumbles in the first half and Johnson ended up scoring touchdowns after two of them enroute to a 17-0 half-time lead.

Zabransky opened the second quarter with a 72-yard scoring drive on 11 plays, including a 22-yard pass to Jerod Rabb, a successful quarterback sneak on fourth-and-1 to Nevada's 6 and Johnson's 6-yard touchdown run for a 10-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Austin Smith leveled kick returner Dwayne Sanders, forcing a fumble and recovering it at Nevada's 23. The Wolf Pack defense stiffened and held Boise even on another fourth-and-one to take possession at their own 14 but a scrambling Rowe fumbled and Kyle Gingg got the Broncos the ball back at the 40 to set Johnson on a 14-yard TD run 8:34 before the half.

# Trojans shred Irish, move closer to BCS title game

LOS ANGELES (AP) — No need for any last-second heroics to beat Notre Dame this year.

Southern California's John David Booty passed for 265 yards and three TDs to Dwayne Jarrett as USC whipped the sixth-ranked Fighting Irish 41-24 Saturday night and likely hoppedrogged Michigan in the race for the national championship.

No. 3 USC contained Brady Quinn, the Irish's Heisman Trophy contender, and put together a performance that should boost its Bowl Championship Series standing. The Trojans were a close third behind the Wolverines last week.

Should the Trojans (10-1) beat UCLA in the Rose Bowl next weekend, they'll probably face top-ranked Ohio State in the BCS title game Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz. USC has beaten its cross-town rivals seven straight times. And now the Trojans have won five straight against Notre Dame (10-2).

The Trojans played in the BCS title game the past two years — winning one and losing one — and earned a piece of the national championship three years ago after being bypassed for the title game.

Booty, who completed 17-of-28 pas-

ses and was intercepted twice, watched from the sideline when the Trojans beat the Irish 34-31 at Notre Dame last year on Matt Leinart's 1-yard sneak with three seconds remaining.

Jarrett, whose 61-yard reception on a fourth-and-9 play kept the final drive in South Bend alive, caught scoring passes of 9, 5 and 43 yards from Booty, who succeeded Leinart as USC's quarterback. The 43-yarder came with 8:21 remaining and gave the Trojans a 37-17 lead.

Jarrett finished with seven receptions for 132 yards and USC freshman C.J. Gable rushed for 107 yards on 20 carries. Quinn threw a 2-yard scoring pass to Jeff Samardzija with 3:39 left, but Brian Cushing returned the ensuing outside kickoff 42 yards to put an exclamation point on the victory.

Quinn, playing his final regular-season game, completed 22 of 45 passes for 274 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions. He also rushed for 74 yards — most of it on a 60-yard scramble in the second quarter.

Rhema McKnight caught six passes for 109 yards and one touchdown and Jeff Samardzija had six receptions for 79 yards and one TD.

The three Notre Dame stars — all sen-

iors — leave school having never beaten USC.

The win before a crowd of 91,800 at the Los Angeles Coliseum was the Trojans' 55th in their last 58 games. They're 20-0 in November games under coach Pete Carroll, and have won 33 straight home games.

The loss snapped an eight-game winning streak for Notre Dame, but the Irish still figure to play in a big-money bowl game.

The Trojans moved 65 yards with the second half kickoff, scoring on a 2-yard run by Chauncy Washington for a 28-10 lead. Washington's 5-yard run on fourth-and-1 from the Notre Dame 30 kept the drive alive, and Jarrett made a one-handed catch for a 19-yard gain on the next play.

The Irish drew within 11 points late in the third period on a 2-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight on fourth-and-goal. It was McKnight's 15th touchdown reception this season, tying the school record set by Samardzija last season.

The Trojans extended their lead to 31-17 on Mario Daneolo's 34-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

USC scored on its first three possessions and led 21-10 at halftime.



Southern California's Dwayne Jarrett, left, celebrates a touchdown catch against Notre Dame's Brad Walker during the first half in Los Angeles on Saturday.

# Florida beats FSU; West Virginia upset

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer sure knows how to win rivalry games.

Chris Leak threw for 283 yards and two touchdowns, Percy Harvin ran for a score and the fourth-ranked Gators beat struggling Florida State 21-14 on Saturday to stay in the national title hunt.

Florida (11-1) won its third straight against Florida State and improved to 6-0 against its three main rivals — Tennessee, Georgia and Florida State — in Meyer's two seasons.

The latest victory might not help much in the Bowl Championship Series standings. The Gators probably still need help to get to the title game.

The Gators won consecutive games in Tallahassee for the first time since 1986 and won three in a row against their in-state rivals for the first time since a six-game streak between 1981 and 1986.

Leak had a lot to do with the current streak.

He completed 21 of 34 passes and directed several long drives Saturday. The most impressive came when Florida needed it most. Leak was 7-of-8 for 81 yards on the game-winning drive early in the fourth quarter, capping it with a 25-yard TD pass to Dallas Baker. Erny Weatherford finished 16-of-37 for 181 yards with TD pass that tied the game in the fourth quarter for Florida State (6-6).



South Florida's Josh Julmide (91), Jerome Murphy (31), Eric Setzer (57) and Aaron Harris (38), from left, celebrate with fans, after their 24-19 upset win against seventh-ranked West Virginia Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.

## South Florida 24, No. 7 West Virginia 19

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Matt Grothe ran for a touchdown and passed for another and South Florida slowed down West Virginia's dominant running game for a surprising win that could end the Mountaineers' chances for a BCS bid.

South Florida (8-4, 4-3 Big East) scored on a fumble return and held Steve Slaton, the nation's No. 2 rusher, to his worst game as a starter. Slaton saw his streak of six straight 100-yard games snapped. He ran for his season-low 43 yards, 115 below his average. The Mountaineers (9-2, 4-2) lost at home for the first time in nine games.

Grothe, the redshirt freshman, finished 21-of-29 for 270 yards and helped keep the nation's second-best scoring offense off the field.

## No. 8 Louisville 47, Pittsburgh 24

PITTSBURGH — Brian Brohm threw for 337 yards and four touchdown passes and Louisville took another step toward a Big East title.

Louisville (10-1, 5-1 in Big East) defeats Connecticut next Saturday and No. 15 Rutgers loses at No. 7 West Virginia. The Cardinals will represent the Big East in a BCS bowl; Rutgers (10-1, 5-1) gets the bid if it wins, since the Scarlet Knights beat Louisville's only loss, 28-25, on Nov. 9.

Mario Urrutia caught seven passes for 144 yards and TD for Louisville.

Pitt (6-6, 2-5) lost its fifth in a row and, while bowl-eligible, likely won't find a bowl willing to take a team that hasn't won since Oct. 13.

## No. 13 Oklahoma 27, Oklahoma State 21

STILLWATER, Okla. — Allen Patrick ran for 163 yards and a touchdown to help Oklahoma survive another Bedlam scare and win the Big 12 South title.

Patrick went 65 yards for a touchdown on the opening play of the second-half but to the Sooners up 20-7.

The win clinched a berth in next week's Big 12 title game for the Sooners (10-2, 7-1), who won their last seven

TD runs, giving 266 points. Ray Rice ran for 107 yards and a touchdown and Jeremy Ho added a 32-yard field goal.

Syracuse finished its season 4-8 and 1-6 in the Big East.

## Georgia 15, No. 16 Georgia Tech 12

ATHENS, Ga. — Matthew Stafford threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Mohamed Massaquoi with 1:45 remaining, leading the Bulldogs to their sixth straight win against the Yellow Jackets.

Georgia Tech (9-3) already had clinched a spot in next Saturday's ACC championship game. But quarterback Reggie Ball had a miserable game, completing just 6-of-22 passes for 42 yards with two interceptions.

Ball had a fumble that Georgia (8-1) ran back for its first touchdown, a play that appeared over until linebacker Tony Taylor snatched the ball from a pile of players and took off the other way for 29 yards.

Tashard Choice rushed for 146 yards and a TD to put Georgia Tech ahead 13-12 with 8:50 remaining.

## No. 17 Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 0

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Sean Glennon threw a touchdown pass, George Bell ran for a score and Virginia Tech's defense made it stand as the Hokies ran their winning streak to six games.

The Hokies (10-2, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) deprived the Cavaliers (5-7, 4-4) of a bowl chance and beat their in-state rivals for the seventh time in eight meetings.

Virginia Tech's defense, ranked second in the nation coming in, posted its fourth shutout of the season. The Cavaliers finished with just 112 yards and managed only five first downs.

Glennon finished 12-for-18 for 146 yards.

## No. 19 Tennessee 17, Kentucky 12

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — LaMarcus Coker plucked 1 yard for a touchdown and No. 19 Tennessee held on to beat Kentucky for the 22nd consecutive time.

Erik Alinge was 19-of-33 for 240 yards

for the Vols (-3, 5-3, Southeastern Conference), and completed a 15-yard TD pass to Robert Meacham in the first quarter. Coker finished with 90 yards on 22 rushes.

The Wildcats (7-5, 4-4) marched inside the Vols' 10 late in the fourth quarter, but had a delay of game penalty on second-and-goal at the 3, and their possession ended with two consecutive incomplete passes.

Andre Woodson was 26-of-39 for 282 yards and a TD pass for Kentucky.

## No. 20 Wake Forest 38, Maryland 24

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Wake Forest completed the finest road performance in Atlantic Coast Conference history and clinched a spot in the league title game.

Wake Forest (10-2, 6-2) will be seeking its first ACC title since 1970 next Saturday against Georgia Tech in Jacksonville. The Demon Deacons handed Maryland (8-4, 5-3) its first home loss behind an offense that was virtually unstoppable.

Kenneth Moore ran for 165 yards and a touchdown. Kevin Harris scored twice, and freshman quarterback Riley Skinner went 10-for-13 for 125 yards and a touchdown for the Demon Deacons, who became the first ACC team in history to go 6-0 on the road.

## South Carolina 31, No. 24 Clemson 28

CLEMSON, S.C. — Mike Davis rushed for two second-half touchdowns and Ryan Saeupli hit a go-ahead 33-yard field goal as the Gamecocks snapped a four-game losing streak to their in-state rivals.

Jack Dean missed a 39-yard field goal left with 13 seconds remaining that would have tied the game for Clemson (8-4) and the Gamecocks (7-5) celebrated their first victory at Death Valley since 1996.

Cory Boyd ran for 106 yards and a touchdown for South Carolina. Sidney Hiee caught 8 passes for 103 yards, and Blake Mitchell was 23-of-36 for 268 yards.

Clemson's C.J. Spiller had an 80-yard touchdown run in the opening quarter and ran for 155 yards.

— The Associated Press

# College Scores

**FAR WEST**  
Arizona St. 28, Arizona 14  
BYU 33, Utah 31  
Boise St. 38, Nevada 7  
Montana St. 31, McNeese St. 6  
Montana St. 31, Furman 13  
New Mexico 41, San Diego St. 14  
New Mexico 42, Utah St. 20  
San Jose St. 28, Idaho 31  
Southern Cal 44, Notre Dame 24  
TCU 45, Colorado St. 14  
UC Davis 37, San Diego 27

**SOUTHWEST**  
Oklahoma 27, Oklahoma St. 21  
Rice 31, SMU 27

**SOUTH**  
Appalachian St. 45, Coastal Carolina 29  
East Carolina 21, N.C. State 16  
Florida 21, Florida St. 14  
Florida Atlantic 31, Fla. International 0

Georgia 15, Georgia Tech 12  
Louisiana-Lafayette 28, Arkansas St. 13  
Louisiana-Monroe 23, North Texas 3  
Mississippi 20, Mississippi St. 17  
New Hampshire 43, Hampton 38  
North Carolina 45, Duke 44  
South Carolina 31, Clemson 28  
Southern Miss. 42, Marshall 7  
Southern U. 21, Grambling St. 17  
Tennessee 17, Kentucky 12  
Troy 21, Middle Tennessee 20

USU 17, Western St. 17  
Virginia Tech 17, Virginia 0  
Wake Forest 38, Maryland 24

## MIDWEST

Capital 41, North Central 13  
Grand Valley St. 35, South Dakota 17  
Illinois St. 24, E. Illinois 13  
Missouri 42, Kansas 17  
Mount Union 35, Wheaton, Ill. 3  
NW Missouri St. 27

Western St. 30  
S. Illinois 36, Tenn-Marion 30  
Sioux Falls 37, Morningside 7  
Wis.-Whitewater 24  
Wis.-LaCrosse 21  
Youngstown St. 35  
James Madison 31

## EAST

Bloomsburg 21, West Chester 20  
Cincinnati 26, Connecticut 23  
Louisville 48, Pittsburgh 24  
Massachusetts 35, Lafayette 14  
Rutgers 38, Syracuse 7  
South Florida 24, West Virginia 19  
St. John Fisher 27, Springfield 21

# USU drops final game

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Chase Holbrook set two school records and New Mexico State snipped a 21-game losing streak against Division I-A schools by beating Utah State 42-20 on Saturday.

Holbrook threw for 287 yards and four touchdowns for New Mexico State (3-8, 1-6 Western Athletic Conference), which scored the first three tries it had all the ball.

NMSU's losing streak to Division I-A schools began with a 34-25 loss to Utah State on Nov. 20, 2004, in Logan.

USU (1-11, 1-7) ended its season with six consecutive losses and posted just one win in a season for the first time since 1994.

SPORTS

# Rams will try to plug holes against Gore

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Frank Gore, come on down.

The St. Louis Rams' beleaguered run defense is next-to-worst in the NFL allowing seven 100-yard games. Stars like LaDainian Tomlinson and Larry Johnson have found lots and lots of holes.

Gore's already in the not-so-exclusive 100 club after gaining 127 yards in Week 2, and after bursting to stardom with a franchise-record 212 yards last week, gets his second shot on Sunday. How he fares will no doubt factor into whether the San Francisco 49ers (5-5), who've won three in a row, can keep their midseason surge going or whether the Rams (4-6) can stop a five-game slide.

The Rams probably will be satisfied with limiting the damage, given their

track record. They beefed up the defense in the offseason after hiring offense-minded Scott Linehan as the head coach, so far to no avail.

Last week, the Panthers totaled 242 yards rushing and had seven plays of 10 or more yards.

"You can have a bad hole in golf and you still can have a good score," Linehan said. "In football, it might cost you the game. That's what we've got to eliminate."

Gore's pretty good at busting loose. He averaged 8.8 yards per carry last week, including gains of 51, 20, 23, 50 and 17 yards, and was second in the NFL with 1,043 yards, only two behind the Chiefs' Johnson heading into this week.

The former third-round pick, downturned because of a history of brittleness, had the Rams' attention

before Gore helped beat the Seahawks last week to raise his surprising team into contention in the NFC West.

"I think he's the second-best back we've faced behind LT," St. Louis defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy said. "The guy runs hard and he's getting better at making guys miss in the secondary."

"What makes him slightly better than LT is he'll run you over."

Gore's first game against St. Louis produced a career best for yards, which he's since topped three times. If he's expecting another big game, he's not letting on.

"I approach them the same as I would approach Chicago or Minnesota," Gore said. "Some games they come out and stop the run, but some games they don't."

"I always tell myself that I have to work hard, stay humble, try to be calm and try my best to do whatever it takes to get my team to win."

Seven Jackson just hopes he gets enough touches to make a difference. The Rams forgot all about the run last week, calling 41 passes and only eight runs in a 15-0 loss to the Panthers.

St. Louis' future looks well-secured after gaining a season-low 27 yards on seven carries. Linehan and offensive coordinator Greg Olson both admitted abandoning the run too early and vow it won't happen again.

Last year, in a situation like this Jackson might have demanded the ball. This year, he's more diplomatic.

"I'm never at peace," he said. "I always play with that edge and that competitiveness that makes me want to come out and play so aggressively."



San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore runs against the Seattle Seahawks Nov. 19. Gore will look for another big game today as the 49ers visit the St. Louis Rams.

# Favre's listing as 'questionable' for today's game gives Seahawks a laugh

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seahawks needed a good laugh following a debacle last week in San Francisco.

They got one on the Green Bay Packers' injury report.

It listed Brett Favre as "questionable" for Monday night's game in Seattle, meaning the NFL record holder for consecutive starts by a quarterback has a 50-50 chance of playing.

The Seahawks almost rolled across the dark blue carpets of their team headquarters, as if Dave Chappelle and Chris Rock had just adjourned a team meeting.

"I don't really know if Brett is human. No one really checks his blood, you ever notice that?" Shaun Alexander said, laughing.

The league MVP will play his second game Monday since returning from seven weeks out with a broken foot. Those were the first seven games Alexander missed in his seven NFL seasons.

He thinks Favre, the indestructible, three-time MVP may be a machine. Really.

"I think if we checked Brett's blood, we would realize that he is not human and that is why he keeps on playing," Alexander said.

The Seahawks coach, Mike Holmgren was the Green Bay coach who began Favre's incredible streak of 231 consecutive regular-season starts — plus another 20 in the postseason — in 1992 when both were first-year Packers.

"I won't be at the ranch he's going to play," Holmgren said after New England's Tedy Bruschi hit Favre on the throwing elbow with a cast last Sunday, causing Favre to leave a 35-0 Packers loss.

There are other aspects to Monday night's game. Ahman Green trying to get back his running form for the Packers (4-6) against a defense that allowed San Francisco 262 yards rushing last week. The NFC West-leading Seahawks (6-4) hoping Alexander will find his MVP skills despite running behind an unsettled offensive line.

Pro Bowl center Robbie Tobeck was in the hospital at week's end with an abscess in his hip, while right tackle Sean Locklear will likely be out, too, with a high ankle sprain.

Pro Bowl center (and Tobeck playing will be a game-time decision because of a hip injury).

And there's potent Seahawks receivers Darrell Jackson and Delon Branch testing cornerbacks Al Harris and Charles Woodson, who have been good enough for Holmgren to notice Green Bay is playing more man coverage than in previous seasons.

But the nation's eyes will be on Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck returning after four weeks of recuperation from a sprained knee. And on Favre being there — again.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy wasted some breath saying this week's practices would be the "key" to whether Favre can play. And Favre said midweek that he still didn't have feeling in two his fingers on his right hand.

Whatever.

"Brett's the toughest dude in the NFL," Packers safety Marquand Manuel said.

Holmgren insisted Favre to replace starter Don Majkowski, who got injured, on Sept. 27, 1992. Favre replaced Majkowski to a win over Cincinnati on a touchdown pass with 13 seconds left.

He's been in there ever since. Through a broken thumb on his passing hand, tendinitis in his throwing elbow, a coupling up blood on the sideline. Through a severely sprained ankle in 1995 that eventually required surgery — he still completed 70 percent of his passes with 21 touchdowns and two interceptions in seven subsequent games. That won him his first MVP award.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre (19) is sacked by New England Patriots' Tully Banta-Cain (95) Nov. 19 in Green Bay, Wis. Favre left the game and did not return. He is listed as questionable for today's game against the Seattle Seahawks.

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"He was on crutches. He was in a boot. He

had a size 13 shoe on the left foot by game time and a size 15 on the right foot," Hasselbeck said. "And he got out there and played and was unbelievable (23-for-36, 301 yards, two TDs in a win)."

"It was just typical Brett Favre stuff."

It's mind-boggling — unless you're Cal Ripken Jr., baseball's record holder with 2,632 consecutive starts from 1982-98. But Ripken didn't have 300-plus pound men trying to decapitate him every game.

"It is amazing. It blows your mind," Hasselbeck said. "You think about Cal Ripken Jr. and what he did. And this is like beyond that. I think it says a lot that his backup (Aaron Rodgers) gets in for a little bit (last week) and now he's out for the year."

So does the fact the Seahawks have started 12 quarterbacks since Favre began his stint. The Chicago Bears have started 20 in that span.

"It's unbelievable," Holmgren said. "It's one of the more remarkable things in sports history."

Favre has 13 touchdown passes and only seven interceptions this season and has also broken the league with 29 picks last season. He seems humbled by what even he called his "unbelievable" resilience.

# Sapp, Raiders gear up for dose of L.T., Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — LaDainian Tomlinson is playing so well that even the Oakland Raiders are saying nice things about him.

Maybe the guys in silver and black have become desensitized after losing so much to the AFC West-leading Chargers, who will be going for their seventh straight win against last-place Oakland on Sunday afternoon at Jack Ham Field. That's never been done by the Chargers (8-2) in a series that dates to the AFL's birth in 1960.

Or maybe they just can't help but be impressed by Tomlinson's MVP-like numbers.

"I think all of the defenses I've taken out wider than the last month and a half,"

Raiders defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "He's always been special, but when you're putting up those kind of touchdown numbers, it just defines you. He's done it like no other."

Tomlinson had another remarkable performance last Sunday night, scoring four more touchdowns to help the Raiders rally from a 17-point deficit to win 35-27 at Denver in a showdown for the division lead.

That gave him an NFL-record 19 touchdowns in six games and a Chargers single-season record of 22. He needs seven more in the last six games to break the NFL record of 26 set by Shaun Alexander during his MVP season of 2005.

That's what impresses Sapp, more so than Tomlinson's 1,037 yards rushing, good for third in the NFL, and his league-best 1,488 yards from scrimmage.

"Touchdowns. Points. That's what it's all about," Sapp said. "I've been on defenses where they've said, 'Just bend, bend, bend and then give them the field goal.' When you're talking about three to seven points, that's a big difference when you're talking about the outcome of a ballgame."

Touchdowns really mean a lot.

As much as Tomlinson has been finding the end zone, the Chargers have needed every one of his touchdowns during the last two weeks, as well as Philip Rivers' five touchdown passes.

Two weeks ago, San Diego was trailed by 21 points at Cincinnati before scoring 42 points in the second half to win 49-41. At Denver, the Chargers were down 24-7 in the third quarter before coming back.

The Raiders (2-8) have played better lately, particularly on defense. They led the Kansas City Chiefs late in last weekend's game before losing 17-13.

Now it's their turn to try to stop Tomlinson. The Raiders (2-8) have one touchdown in a season-opening 27-0 loss to Oakland.

"If you could tackle him to where he ain't breaking two to three tackles, then you'll be fine," Sapp said. "But once he's in your secondary and he's hobbling and weaving and you miss him, it's going to be trouble."

Tomlinson smiled when he heard Sapp's words. "I'm glad Warren likes me for one," Tomlinson said. "If he didn't like me, then I don't think he'd say good things about me. That guy, he's the ultimate competitor. He wants to win as bad as anybody out there."

Tomlinson usually plays well against the Raiders, having gained 1,345 yards with 10 touchdowns in 11 career games.

"Both of our children were born in Minnesota. All of my wife's family lives in St. Paul, every single one of them. They feel like I'm a very blessed man."

The three Vikings still around who played for Gore — quarterback Brad Johnson, center Matt Birk and tight end Jim Kleinsasser — were equally complimentary of their former coach.

"He gave me a chance," said Birk, a little-known sixth-round draft pick out of Harvard who blossomed into a Pro Bowl center under Green. "We won a lot of games together with him. I'll be forever grateful for him for doing something in me and believing in me."

The wins have been a little harder to come by for the Vikings since Green left. His only losing season was his last one, he went to the playoffs eight times and won at least 10 games five times.

# Green returns to Dome the way he left — under fire

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — It's been nearly five years since Dennis Green has coached a regular-season game in the Metrodome.

That's a lifetime in the NFL.

When Green brings the Arizona Cardinals into the dome on Sunday, only the Vikings who played for him during his 10-year run in Minnesota are still dressed in purple.

"It's not like it was in the old days," Green said. "Very few players don't change teams a lot, and very few coaches stay in the same spot either."

At least one thing hasn't changed from the time Green coached his last game at the dome for the Vikings — a 33-3 loss to Jacksonville on Dec. 23, 2001.

Green is still on the hot seat. The Cardinals (2-8) have struggled mightily to close out games this sea-



Arizona Cardinals head coach Dennis Green watches from the sidelines against the Detroit Lions Nov. 19 in Glendale, Ariz. Green leads his team against his former team, the Minnesota Vikings, today.

son, especially after a 41-0 loss to the Giants for the NFC championship after the 2000 season.

Green also earned enemies for his outspoken nature, including a book entitled, "No Room for Crybabes" that had a chapter in which he appears to threaten a lawsuit unless two of the team's owners agreed to sell him their shares.

Green said that was misinterpreted, but he also dealt with allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace and had a past affair also become public that drew the ire of the fans.

Despite all the negativity that surrounded his stay here, Green said he had fond memories of Minnesota and the fans, who "might have a little bit stronger bond in Minnesota than in other places."

"I met my wife in Minnesota," Green

faces questions about his job security.

"Those are things you don't worry about," Green said. "I'm not different than anybody else. It doesn't matter which coach it is. I don't know of a coach that worries about those types of things."

He certainly has experience facing those questions.

Green was a polarizing figure during his 10 years in Minnesota. He went 97-62 in the regular season, led his team to two NFC championship games and presided over one of the most profitable offenses the league has ever seen.

The Vikings rose to unprecedented levels of popularity in the region during Green's tenure, thanks in large part to his affinity for throwing the deep ball to Randy Moss.

But he also drew plenty of criticism for the Vikings' inability to win the "big





### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a shower possible late. Highs, upper 40s.  
 Tonight: Lowering and thickening clouds with snow developing. Lows lower 30s.  
 Tomorrow: Colder with a good chance for snow. Highs upper 30s.

### HURLEY RUPERT FORECAST

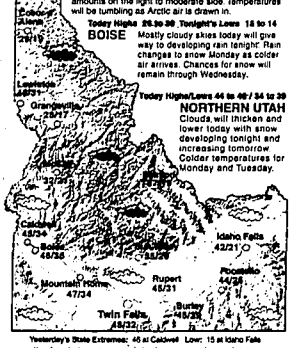
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### IDAHO'S FORECAST

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Snows will be increasing today and continuing through a good portion of the next few days. Look for snowfalls amounting on the light to moderate side. Temperatures will be tumbling as Arctic air is drawn in.

**BOISE** Mostly cloudy skies today will give way to developing fog tonight. Then changes to snow Monday as colder air arrives. Chances for snow will remain through Wednesday.

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Mostly cloudy, chance of a shower High 46	Lowering clouds and developing snow Low 32	Snow likely and colder 39/22	Slight chance of light snow 30/14	Decreasing clouds, but colder 25/19	Partly cloudy, a bit warmer 30/15

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today's High: 46 Today's Low: 32 Normal High: 43 Normal Low: 25	Today: 0.00" Month to Date: 0.08" Year to Date: 1.92"	Today: 68% Month to Date: 53% Year to Date: 30%	Today: 30.00" Month to Date: 30.00" Year to Date: 30.00"	Today: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:04 PM Moonset: 1:58 PM

### NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	61-70	63-71	Phoenix	54-62	63-69
Baltimore	58-66	63-71	Portland, ME	57-61	61-67
Boston	51-59	58-66	Rapid City	54-62	61-67
Chicago	40-48	33-41	San Francisco	53-61	60-66
Dallas	58-66	63-71	Seattle	50-58	57-65
Denver	39-47	32-40	Washington DC	43-51	49-55

### TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 8 p.m. today  
 High/Low: 54/46  
 Low: 54/46

### CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	1-8	-1-7	Edmonton	-1-2	-1-8
Halifax	1-8	-1-7	Montreal	1-8	-1-7
Manitoba	1-8	-1-7	Ottawa	1-8	-1-7
Regina	1-8	-1-7	Toronto	1-8	-1-7
Saskatoon	1-8	-1-7	Vancouver	1-8	-1-7
Winnipeg	1-8	-1-7	Victoria	1-8	-1-7

# REGIONAL COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Boise State falls at Washington State

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — Derrick Low scored 17 points and Daven Harmeling sank a pair of clutch 3-pointers late in the game to lead Washington State to a 65-63 win over Boise State on Saturday afternoon.

Kyle Weaver scored 12 points for Washington State (6-0), and Harmeling added 11.

Bobby Karl led Boise State (1-3) with 19 points, but also had six of BSU's 21 turnovers. Reggie Larry scored 12 for BSU.

Boise State nursed small leads almost all the way until Harmeling buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key on WSU ahead 58-57 with 3:27 left to play.

A Karl 3-pointer and a Larry dunk provided the Broncos with their last two leads before Larry fouled Harmeling on a 3-pointer with a minute to go. Harmeling converted the free throw for a four-point play that gave the Cougars a 64-62 lead.

Boise State nurseounded Washington State 40-27, but the Broncos had 10 more turnovers. Boise State, a team that relies heavily on 3-point

shooting, hit just 3 of 19 treys to end its season shooting percentage on 3-pointers to 25 percent.

**No. 11 Texas A&M 74, Idaho State 44**

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas** — Idaho State coach Joe O'Brien thought he had things planned pretty well for Saturday's game against Texas A&M. The Aggies' Josh Carter had other ideas.

Carter tied a school record with eight 3-pointers, leading No. 11 Texas A&M to a 74-44 victory.

Carter was 8-of-10 from 3-point range, and Acie Law added 22 points and nine assists for Texas A&M (5-0), which held Idaho State to 29 percent shooting.

"We didn't think they wanted to, or could shoot the 3 real well based on our scouting," O'Brien said. "I have a whole different opinion right now. We didn't want (Joseph) Jones or (Antwan) Kavallauskas to have their way down in the

paint, but Josh Carter was phenomenal, and Josh Carter was phenomenal.

Carter scored a career-high 26 points.

"Today I really focused on staying straight up and focusing on the rim," Carter said. "I knew open shots would come."

"As long as we run hard and set screens, you are going to get good looks no matter what the other team is running."

Carter's shooting helped off-

set a 3-2 zone defense Idaho State used hoping to take away the Aggies' inside game.

"I thought he did a great job," Texas A&M coach Billy Goble said. "He has started to shoot with more confidence lately."

David Schroeder led Idaho State (1-3) with 14 points. Akbar Abdul-Ahad and Matt Studd each had 13.

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## Youth find their Christmas spirit



Members of Paul LDS Youth groups work together Wednesday to sort and package sugar and dried beans for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, a group that helps needy families during the holidays. The council is in need of good winter clothing, toys, all sizes of quilts and blankets, toiletries or anything that would make a nice gift for someone of any age. Items that the council is short of include gifts for adults and teens, particularly teen boys. Donations will be accepted from 3 to 7 p. m. Tuesdays or from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Saturdays (except the Saturday after Thanksgiving) at the center's new location, 1256 Overland Ave. in Burley. Monetary contributions are welcomed and needed. Mail them to: Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, P.O. Box 332, Heyburn, ID 83336. For more information concerning the Christmas Council, call Verlee Frost at 878-7940.

Students in Sandy Tomlaga's third-grade class at Accepta Elementary School made ornaments and decorated a tree to donate to the Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival. The school has donated a tree decorated by the students for several years. The Caring and Sharing festival will continue through Monday at the Rupert Civic Center. Sunday will include performances by church choirs and religious music and will be open to public from noon to 5 p. m. Monday the festival is open to public from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. The Senior Social is from 1 to 3 p. m. and will include free refreshments for seniors.

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## Youth Action Council gears up for holiday shopping event

South Idaho Press

**BURLEY** — The Youth Action Council is preparing for its annual Shop with a YAC event.

Members of YAC will spend the morning of Dec. 9 shopping with children of needy families for holiday gifts, not only for themselves, but for each member of their family. The Youth Action Council is a branch of HealthNet.

The group consists of students in junior and senior high school in both Minidoka and Cassia counties who meet and take an active role in their community and give a youth voice to volunteerism.

The Council selects, plans, promotes, and participates in volunteer projects benefiting the community.

Past projects have included holding commodity drives for the Helping Hands Mission, raking leaves and other community service projects. The Shop with a YAC, however, is their biggest event.

Children who participate in the program are chosen based on referral from school counselors.

Families with small children who are not receiving holiday assistance elsewhere, such as from the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, are targeted for participation in the program.

Some of the families might not necessarily be low income, but might just be struggling this year due to a recent job loss, death or some might have a parent serving in Iraq.

"It's very heartwarming when the parents come to pick up their child and see the cart full of wrapped gifts," says Delinda Schwindeman, one of the organizers of the event.

"It confirms that you know what you're doing is the right thing."

Donations have been collected to help fund the event. Contributors include Cassia Regional Medical Center, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and Kiwanis Clubs in Burley and Rupert. Minidoka Memorial also has an employee campaign that the employees contribute to which will

also be donated to Shop with a YAC. Minico High School's YAC group has also contributed funds that were donated to their "Got Leaves" project.

A total of \$1,600 has been

pledged to the program. Schwindeman said, "Our community is so supportive and giving to provide the way to help people have a better Christmas. It's just heartwarming."

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# Speak English, fly Old Glory

## Nevada casino town split by English-only ordinance

By Kathleen Hennessey  
Associated Press writer

**PAHRUMP** New — Retiree Sam Jones wakes up each day and puts his graying hair in a ponytail, a .45-caliber automatic on his right hip and the U.S. Constitution in his back pocket.

"He's a man who knows how to make a statement."

So for Jones, and others like him in this desert outpost, it was a no-brainer when town leaders wanted to send a message to its growing immigrant community.

"This is America, and in America we speak English," Jones, 55, said of his interpretation of Pahrump's new "English Language and Patriot Reaffirmation" ordinance. "Old Glory has got to be flown on top."

By approving the new law this month, a town best known for its proximity to legal whorehouses thrust itself into the nation's immigration debate.

The burgeoning bedroom community, 60 miles down a two-lane road from Las Vegas made English its official language and barred residents from flying a foreign flag by itself.

"The new ordinance does little, if anything, to change business in Pahrump. But it has done much to reveal frustrations simmering beneath the surface of a town in transition."

"This isn't just about Hispanics, it's about anyone who is different, anyone who comes from a different community," said 23-year-old Henry Amaya, a Hispanic-American who recently moved to Pahrump from California. "People should be able to speak whatever language they want to."

Since the debate over federal immigration reform fired up last spring, several local governments have taken their own first steps. English is now the official language of Taneystown, a central Maryland town of 5,000, and Turner Branch, a Dallas suburb. Earlier this month, voters approved a measure making English the official language of Arizona.

Opponents liken the measures to Jim Crow laws, which were used in the South to segregate blacks.

"Language is linked to race and culture," said Anita Stevilla, an assistant professor of women's studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "This is a civil rights issue."

Supporters of Pahrump's new law say its intent is to encourage assimilation, although they acknowledge it's more symbolism than substance. The ordinance provides exceptions for any communication that the federal government requires to be translated, meaning few, if any, changes.

The county sheriff said he won't enforce the law.

"You've heard of a paper



Michael Miraglia, a Pahrump, Nev., town board member, speaks Nov. 18 about why he sponsored the 'English Language and Patriot Reaffirmation' ordinance in Pahrump.

tiger, this is paper kitten. You can't enforce it," said Nye County Sheriff Tony DeMeo. "The flag has been considered a statement of freedom of expression. If someone wants to fly one there's not too much you can do to tell them to take it down."

But it's the subtext that troubles the town's Hispanic community.

Media attention has some here confused and intimidated, said Carmen Ruiz, a local real estate agent. The phrase, "English only" has people wondering if they can speak Spanish on the streets, she said.

"The law doesn't bother me, but it's what people are saying about it. What bothers me is that people who don't speak the language, they feel threatened and afraid," she said. About 11 percent of Pahrump's 33,241 residents are Hispanic, according to state figures.

The number has been growing steadily, like the town, as retirees and young families cross the desert looking for a better life at a cheaper price. They come from Las Vegas and California. They find inexpensive homes and a quieter lifestyle.

Driven by the housing boom in Pahrump, Nye County was the sixth fastest-growing county in the nation last year.

"There are growing pains," DeMeo said.

Nye County had long clung to its dusty Western roots. Prostitution is still legal in what for years had been a farming and ranching outpost and a refuge for loners who disdained the city. It's not uncommon for some here to carry guns openly.

DeMeo, a New York trans-

plant, said county leaders are seeing a clash of old priorities with demands of new necessities.

"We're at a tipping point in the Pahrump Valley," he said. "The voices that were loudest for a long time, their voices are slowly being silenced by people who are interested in the well-being of the whole community, in schools and safe neighborhoods."

But DeMeo said it's a mistake to portray the new immigration ordinance as the work of a dying fringe group, as some have tried.

Three members of the board that voted for the measure were not elected, but appointed by a Republican governor to replace members who had retired, or in one case, stepped down after being convicted of shoplifting at the local Wal-Mart.

Michael Miraglia, the ordinance's chief backer, was one of those appointed. The 67-year-old retired Illinois state worker, said the idea for the measure had been percolating for years. Television images of Hispanic protesters carrying Mexican flags at May Day rallies caused him to boil.

He said he believes Hispanic immigrants are different from people coming from other countries, they seem to resist assimilating.

"I don't know why, maybe pride, maybe they don't want to give up their culture, maybe they don't want to become Americans," he said.

When he was appointed to the town board, Miraglia's first move was to search the Internet for models of other anti-illegal immigration ordinances. He proposed a measure prohibiting businesses from accepting foreign identification, offering housing, or loaning or giving money to undocumented immigrants. He submitted his first draft with supporting materials that linked illegal immigrants to sex crimes.

Miraglia said he had no idea the issue would spark controversy, but fellow board member Richard Billman, an opponent, said he had no illusions. "My first reaction? Well, it's probably not repeatable, certainly not printable," Billman said. "I knew the backup material ... would be something that would polarize the issue."

The measure was watered down after the business community objected. A section barring the city from providing social services to illegal immigrants, a moot point because the county provides nearly all such services, is the only mention of illegal immigration. The measure was dedicated to U.S. seroemen and women who lost their

lives in battle. But the tone lingered, Billman said.

The measure was approved at a contentious Nov. 14 meeting attended by only a few Hispanic residents. Some cried as the measure passed, 3-2.

"It's an approval for people to say vile and degrading things to Hispanics, it's one of those things that cannot be tolerated," said Fernando Romero, a political activist who attended the meeting.

The American Civil Liberties Union has called the section of the law dealing with flag etiquette a violation of the First Amendment and said it may sue.

Newly elected members of the town board who take

office next month said they plan to rewrite it.

"Whatever measures we take, they have to be something that means something, and certainly they have to be constitutional," board member-elect John McDonald said.

In the meantime, business people like Ruiz have found themselves in a new position of community leadership. She's trying to educate Hispanics about the ordinance, planning community meetings and encouraging people to report cases of discrimination or harassment.

"This is my town now. This is where I live, where I spend a lot of money. I'm not leaving, so I've got to do something about it," she said.

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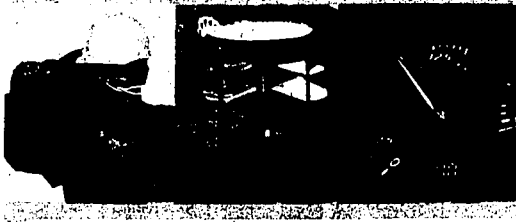
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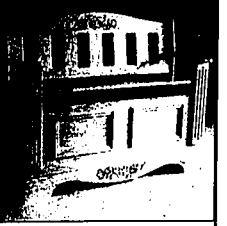
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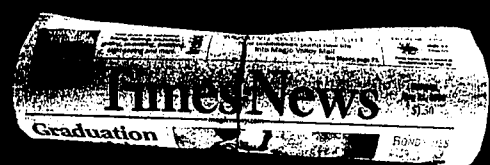
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**ACROSS**  
 1 First of a pair of stanzas of alternating form  
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 15 Robert and Alan  
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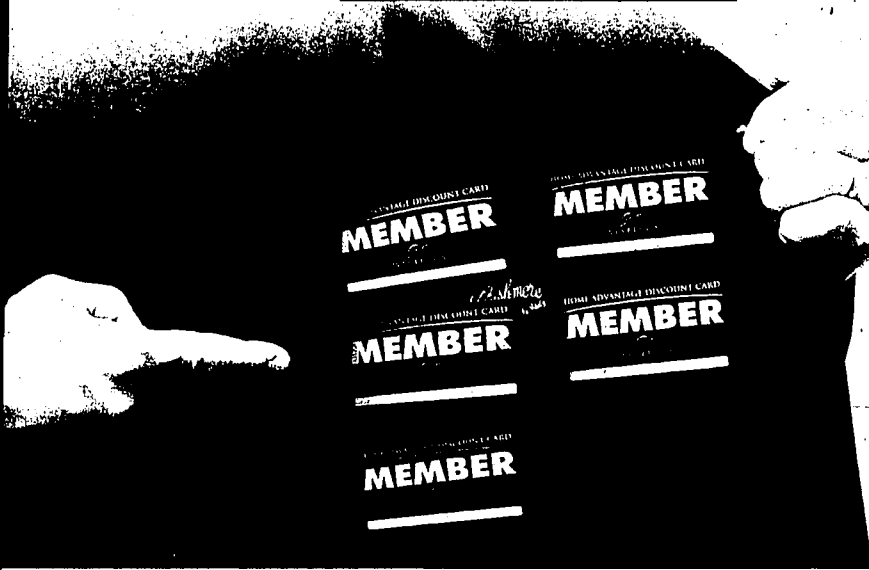
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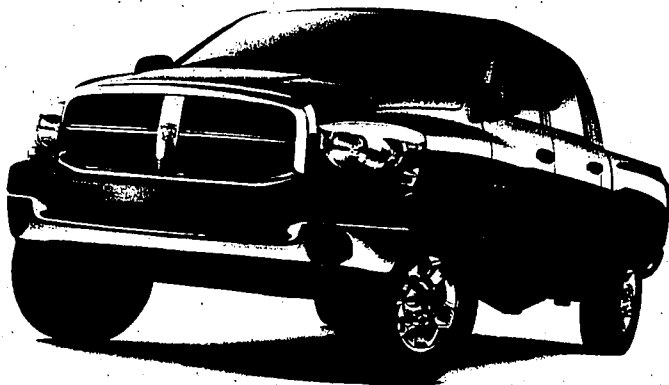
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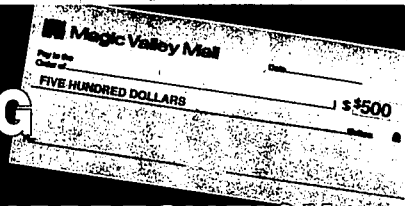


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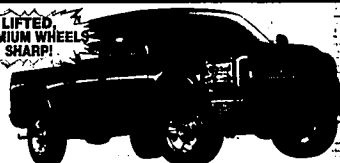


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# Pet memorials



Val Burke works on Courtney, a ceramic cat memorial sculpture that incorporates cremains. Burke started her Twin Falls-based business, Mud Kitten Pottery, after looking for a way to artistically honor a deceased pet using the ash remains following cremation.

## Artist immortalizes pets in ceramic

By Will Sitas  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — When artist Val Burke cremated one of her beloved cats, the remains sat in a small box on top of the mantle. That didn't seem like the proper memorial for Ernie, a Maine coon that was a big part of Burke's life and household.

So she went online for inspiration, a way to incorporate the cremains into a reverent, sacred form. She found nothing.

"I thought about doing something with the ashes," Burke said recently from her Twin Falls home and studio. "I decided to make a ceramic Ernie and put the ashes into the glaze." But the ashes from a cremated house cat are limited in quantity, not suitable for multiple tests. Ashes from someone else's pet would suffice for a prototype.

"I did test firings with ashes that I got from a vet," said Burke. After a few months of firings the process was tweaked into perfection. She would have her ceramic Ernie in the form of a smiling sun, complete with whiskers and deep orange eyes — and ashes.

Four more ceramic sculptures and six months later, Burke had her first client. Now, nearly three years later, a personal memorial to a passed pet has become a growing business.

Welcome to Mud Kitten Pottery, a business based solely on commissioned custom pet urns and pet memorials. Burke, who holds a master's degree in nursing and worked as a mental health practitioner, works closely with each client.

In a hurry to memorialize a pet? Forget it — the process can take a couple of months. Looking for something inexpensive? Keep the ashes in a box or devise a different plan of honor — you'll pay \$300 to \$500 for Burke's skill.

"I normally start with someone bringing in photos of their pet," said Burke, a California native with 10 years in Twin Falls. "The endeavor is mutual, but there is no guarantee how the final product will look."

Each ceramic work begins its journey as nothing more than a lump of wet clay. Clients bring in or ship their ashes, which remain in the artist's care until the process begins.

For memorial pieces, which incorporate the ashes, cremains are carefully worked into the clay. For urns, a hollow area is formed to allow placement of the ashes within the final product. After a series of drying periods and an initial 1,500-degree firing, glazes are applied and fired at 2,200 degrees.

"Handmade pottery can be tricky to work with, and you are never sure what the colors will look like," Burke said, while tweaking real whiskers on a memorial sculpture to a cat named Courtney. In this particular piece, flecks of the cat's ashes mix smoothly along the surface, definitely perceptible to the naked eye.

Burke is proud of her work, promising no deadlines or exact details. Her home is filled with a variety of ceramic works ranging from near-caricature to striking replicas of passed pets.

And Ernie? He still has his place on Burke's mantle. But he's forever out of the box, bringing joy as an eternal smiling sun.

For more information  
about ceramic pet  
memorials:

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Mud Kitten Pottery  
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Web site: <http://birsalo.boundlessgallery.com/>



Bert is a custom-made urn holding the ashes of one of Val Burke's cats.



Buddha Kitty was the first memorial Burke made for someone other than herself. Burke's mother, Florence Kander, commissioned it to memorialize Murphy, a 17-year-old tabby.



Val Burke's cat Ernie is memorialized in ceramic with a special place on the artist's mantle.

## We'll tell Santa what you want

Pat wants the James Dean DVD collection. Matt hopes for hiking gear. Virginia would be happy with new bathroom flooring and a quiet fan. For Steve? Anything but a necktie.

And you? The *Times-News* is delivering messages straight to Santa. We'll tell our readers — they include your nearest and dearest, after all — what you want to see under your Christmas tree.

Starting today, you can e-mail your Christmas wish list to [patin@magicvalley.com](mailto:patin@magicvalley.com), and we'll post it on our Web site. To see our other readers' lists, log on to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and look for the "Christmas wish list" link.

Include all your wishes in your e-mail — whether or not they're things that can be put in a box with a bow. But be warned: Your wish list won't be posted unless you include your first and last names, your age and the town you live in.

## SWANS swim on without regrets

By Susan Reimer  
The Baltimore Sun

Meet the SWANS — Strong Women Achievers, No Spouse.

SWANS are powerful, driven female professionals who live in urban areas and have advanced degrees and high-status jobs. The trouble with SWANS is, they aren't married, and some are afraid they never will be.

SWANS have been added to the lexicon of demographic acronyms by Christine Whelan, one of their own. She has an undergraduate degree from Princeton and a doctorate from Oxford University and is the author of "Why Smart Men Marry Smart Women" (Simon & Schuster, \$24).

She started writing the book after seeing wedding announcements in *The New York Times* for two guys she'd dumped and after being dumped herself by a guy who said he couldn't date her because she was "intellectually intimidating."

"I cried myself to sleep, terrified I'd be alone forever because no one wanted to date a dorky Ph.D."

In her book, Whelan examines the belief held by many people that smart, successful women are overqualified for marriage.

She found that in the 1970s, '80s and '90s, successful women were indeed less likely to marry. But, using 2005 census information and a national survey she commissioned — plus interviews with more than 100 men and women from nine cities — she concluded that the "success penalty" — the so-called price women pay for being smarter or richer than many men — is disappearing.

She found that successful, well-educated young women marry at the same rates as all other women — maybe just a little later — and that their income and

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# FAMILY LIFE

## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. Cost is \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### Menus

**Monday:** Beef stroganoff with noodles, vegetables, three-bean salad, apple cobbler  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, strawberries and bananas, cream puffs  
**Wednesday:** Chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, bread, peaches and cream  
**Thursday:** Barbecue pork on a bun

**Activities:**  
**Monday:** Monday bridge, 1 p.m.  
Quitting  
**Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday  
Blood pressure  
Exercise class  
**Wednesday:** Quitting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Elks Card Club  
**Thursday:** Pinochle

#### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

**Menus:**  
**Tuesday:** Mushroom pork chop dinner, 1 p.m.  
**Monday:** Soup and sandwiches  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fingers, fries, vegetables, green salad, fru. dessert  
**Wednesday:** Cook's choice  
**Thursday:** Fish dinner, scalloped potatoes, corn bread, green beans, fruit, dessert

#### Activities

**Today:** Buffet, 1 p.m.; \$4 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60 and \$3 for children 12 and under  
**Monday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Cards and dominoes, 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Exercise, 10 a.m.  
**Thursday:** Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
Foot clinic

#### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each mealtime.

#### Menus

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, fruit cocktail, bread, cobbler  
**Wednesday:** Smorgasbord  
**Thursday:** Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, green salad, applesauce, birthday cake, ice cream

#### Activities

**Monday:** Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, noon  
**Wednesday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Cards and games, 1 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Emergency preparedness, noon  
Bingo, 1 p.m.

#### Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.

#### Menus

**Monday:** Biscuits and gravy, sausage patty, pickled beets, fruit, cookies  
**Tuesday:** Pepper steak over potatoes, mixed vegetables, jello-O with fruit, cream puffs  
**Wednesday:** Turkey a la king over potatoes, carrots, apple salad, pudding  
**Thursday:** Lasagna, green beans, green salad, jell-O with fruit, apple chicken, garlic bread  
**Friday:** Chicken salad casserole, peas, fruit salad, garlic bread, Dutch apple pie

#### Activities

**Monday:** Fitness class, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo  
Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Silver Sneakers fitness class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Pinochle, 7 p.m.**  
**Thursday:** Bingo, 1:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Old Time Fiddlers Pinochle, 1 p.m.

#### Agesee Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Milk, coffee, juice and tea served.

#### Menus

**Monday:** Full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday  
**Wednesday and Friday:** take-out available; \$4 for seniors 60 and above, \$5 for people under 60, \$2.50 for children under 12  
**Monday:** Grilled tuna sandwich, potato salad, fruit cocktail, cake  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, apple cobbler  
**Friday:** Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, Harvard heels, sheet cake

#### Activities

**Monday:** Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
AA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
**Thursday:** NA meeting, 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
Gem Stone Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.

#### Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

#### Menus

**Monday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas and carrots, green salad, garlic bread, custard  
**Tuesday:** Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, dressing, cauliflower, jell-O, strawberry shortcake  
**Wednesday:** Sweet and sour pork, rice, Oriental vegetables, penny carrot salad, apricots, bread  
**Thursday:** Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, three-bean salad, cobbler, rolls  
**Friday:** Soup and sandwich

#### Activities

**Monday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.  
Wild One, 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.  
Bridge, 8:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Birthday party  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.

#### Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors; \$4 for other adults; and \$2 for children under 12. Thrift shop open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

#### Menus

**Monday:** Pork ribs, sauerkraut, vegetables, fruit, salad, bread, dessert  
**Wednesday:** Ham and scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, rolls, dessert  
**Friday:** Brunch buffet with eggs, hash browns, sausage, fruit, cinnamon rolls

#### Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days, and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bark bake days.

#### Menus

**Tuesday:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, fruit, cake, ice cream

**Thursday:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, fruit

#### Activities

**Wednesday:** Bake day  
Bingo, 7 p.m.

#### Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

#### Menus

**Monday:** Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, fruit, sugar cookies  
**Wednesday:** Roast beef sandwich, bean soup, carrot sticks, sweet potato pie  
**Friday:** Lasagna, green salad with dressing, five-way mixed vegetables, garlic sticks, fruit, brownies

#### Activities

**Monday:** Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quitting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Bingo, 2 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pinochle, 1 p.m.

#### Richfield Senior Center

Menus

**Monday:** Fruit juice, milk and coffee served daily.  
**Monday:** Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, buttered beets, homemade rolls, fruit, cookies  
**Tuesday:** Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, sweet potato pie

#### Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

#### Menus

**Tuesday:** Barbecue pork ribs, cheesy scalloped potatoes, green peas, sunshine salad, hot rolls, bread pudding  
**Wednesday:** Baked chicken with rice, hot biscuits, broccoli and carrots, cottage cheese with raisins, shert, cookie  
**Friday:** Pot roast with potatoes, onions, carrots and celery, coleslaw, green beans, curried mashed, chocolate cream pie

#### Activities

**Monday:** Shopping in Jerome, 10 a.m.  
**Tuesday:** Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Exercise, 1:15 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Decorating for the Festival of Trees at the Linelight Room (Sun Valley) Yoga, 5:30 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Massage by appointment, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Exercise at American Legion 1140 Ketchum, 1:30 p.m.  
Festival of Trees gala, 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** Board games, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Sing-a-long, 11:45 a.m.

#### Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

#### Meals served at noon

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:** beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2061. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for people under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

#### Menus

**Monday:** Lasagna, bread and carrots, tossed salad, bread  
**Tuesday:** Country beef macaroni, corn, roll, peach crisp  
**Thursday:** Pork chops with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, bread, peach crisp

#### Activities

**Tuesday:** Quitting, 1 p.m.

#### Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

#### Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. Suggested donation for the meal is \$4 for ages 10-59; \$3 for 60 and above and \$2 for children under 10.

#### Menus

**Tuesday:** Chinese stir-fry, salad, fruit, rolls, dessert  
**Wednesday:** Cheesburgers, potato salad, fruit, pudding

#### Activities

**Quitting:** pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos and visiting

available 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Wednesday:** Knitting class, 1 p.m.

**Thursday:** Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert

#### Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### Menus

**Monday:** Pork chops, potato casserole, vegetables, salad, roll, sherbet  
**Tuesday:** Biscuits and gravy, sausage, hash browns, salad, cheese cake  
**Wednesday:** Ham and beans, corn bread, coleslaw, fruit bowl  
**Thursday:** Enchiladas, beans, rice, salad, topocia pudding

#### Activities

**Monday:** Pool, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sidewalk seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.  
Strength training with institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**Thursday:** Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tax aid, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; call 436-9107 for appointment  
Suggested seniors on the bike trail, 10 a.m.  
SIIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwindeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 878-0727 for appointments  
Strength training with institute on Aging, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

#### Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

#### Menus

**Monday:** Spaghetti, green beans, french bread, fruit, apricot crisp  
**Tuesday:** Baked ham and cheese, potato soup, salad, brownies  
**Wednesday:** Oven-fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, carrots, jell-O, roll, better-than-sex cake  
**Thursday:** Party melts, hash browns, squash, salad, dessert  
**Friday:** Chili, carrots, assorted salad, pumpkin squares, cinnamon rolls

#### Activities

**Monday:** Pool  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Exercise  
**Tuesday:** Pool  
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.  
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.  
Exercise  
Community bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Exercise  
**Thursday:** Pool  
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.  
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.  
Exercise  
Community bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Pool  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Exercise  
**Thursday:** Pool  
Community puzzles, 6 p.m.  
**Friday:** Pool, 6 p.m.  
Exercise  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.

## Siberian cat may help avert allergic response

By Denise Flaim Newsway

### Wheeze. Sneeze. Sniffle.

Recent news reports have dubbed a strategically placed option for wannabe cat owners who are allergic to the bewhiskered, twitchy-tailed set. Just plunk down \$2,950 (plus a \$995 processing and transportation fee) for a hypoallergenic Allerca cat. (For an extra \$1,950 "premium placement" fee, you can jump the two-year waiting list and get one next spring.)

Or you can just buy a Siberian for about \$700.

"Siberian breeders have already bred a hypoallergenic cat, but people tend not to believe breeders," says cat geneticist Leslie Lyons of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California at Davis. "And now here comes a company that says the same thing. It all comes down to marketing."

San Diego-based Allerca has been on a quest to produce proprietary information levels of Fel d 1, a glycoprotein found in saliva and skin that is a major allergy trigger.

"Two years ago, the company announced it would use "silencing" technology to disable the protein-producing gene. But the settlement of a lawsuit alleging the usurping of proprietary information required Allerca to stop work on the genetic modification of its cats until June of this year.

During this unforeseen hiatus, Allerca tests on the silenced gene coincidentally revealed that a related group of its test cats carried a genetic mutation that rendered them naturally hypoallergenic.

"We tested the protein they produced, and it appeared that these cats produce it at a different molecular weight," says Allerca founder Simon Brodie, noting that the company plans to publish a scientific paper on its findings next year. "Our assumption is the immune system simply does not recognize it."

Brodie says there are "probably cats in every population" that carry the naturally occurring sneeze-free gene, which is dominant and so relatively easy to have expressed in offspring. But because Allerca has patented the marker test for the gene, no one can definitively identify carriers without its consent.

The company also has its share of restrictions for customers: Potential Allerca cat owners are required to take two home allergy tests. The 12-week-old kittens will be microchipped, spayed or neutered and outfitted with Soft Paws nail caps before arriving at their new homes via private jet.

Declining voids any warranties as well as the accompanying year of free pet health insurance. Allerca's Web site may say

its cats are the "scientifically proven" hypoallergenic cats, but "they are not the first — Siberians have been in the U.S. since the early 1990s," says breeder Lynda Nelson of Kravchenko Siberians in Daytona Beach, Fla., adding that "almost all my sales are for some kind of allergy."

Like Allerca, which advises against buying one of its cats if you have "extreme sensitivity to cat allergen," Nelson says she warns uber-snufflers that her cats might still prompt a reaction. She says she's noticed that owners who have pulmonary symptoms do better with the cats than those who have skin outbreaks.

Jay Collins of Transiberia Siberians in Portland, Ore., puts the breed's hypoallergenic status as "kinda sorta."

"My experience has been that 50 percent of allergic people are OK with them, and 50 percent are not," he says, adding that he wonders how much of the hypoallergenic effect is psychosomatic. "What I can kind of say is that I think it's diminished — there's not as much allergic reaction as it would be with a regular cat, but some people still react."

Brodie — who insists his mutant-gene cats are not from Siberian stock — says he has been inundated with e-mails from Siberian lovers who accuse Allerca of being a "high priced scam." "We've also heard from dozens of people who are allergic who have bought a Siberian purported to be hypoallergenic — and had to return it two days later," he says.

Pam DeLaBar, president of the Cat Fanciers' Association and a breeder of decidedly nonhypoallergenic Maine coon cats, like antibacterial soap, may lead to a slippery path: Studies show that exposing children to cats and dogs — and their attendant dander — during their first year of life makes them less susceptible to a wide spectrum of allergies.

Plus, she adds, there are already two other "fairly hypoallergenic" breeds: the Cornish Rex and Devon Rex. "Why go out and spend \$4,000 on an unknown?" she asks.

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"People see it and say, 'What is that?'" he says of the "unreal" felines. "In the end, he says Brodie, what Allerca offers is a sure thing. "If you're allergic to the extent that if you walk in a room with a cat you become full of wet and your skin is breaking out," he asks, "are you prepared to risk it?"

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Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
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Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
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## Wife dreads annual tension of holiday family gathering

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a problem with my in-laws. My brother-in-law will never invite his parents for Christmas, so my husband always insists we have a combined family Christmas with my parents so his parents are not alone.

The problem is my in-laws have bad-mouthed my parents in the past, and they treat my parents as if they are "less than." They also don't treat me all that great. I get into fights every year with my husband about this. This year I tried to compromise, saying I'd have the in-laws over for Christmas Eve, but my husband will not bend. He wants both families here, which means I'll be uncomfortable all day. It is my Christmas, too. I know it's only one day, but why should I have to compromise and be unhappy? Please help.

—DREADING CHRISTMAS IN HOWELL, MICH.

**DEAR DREADING CHRISTMAS:** You have to compromise because, when you married your wonderful husband, you blended your family with his. He is an obnoxious and pretentious as they may be. You compromise because marriage is compromise. Keep the spirits bright by keeping the atmosphere as light as possible — and your in-laws separate from your parents. And remember that the illusion of the "perfect family" is just that — an illusion.

**DEAR ABBY:** My parents divorced several years ago because my father had an affair. After a couple of years, he came crawling back to Mom, promising that he would never do it again. She took him back, and they were remarried a few years ago. My younger siblings and I were all so happy.

I am now married and living in the city, and I never visit. My parents were out of town, and I was taking care of my much-younger siblings. I was given access to my dad's computer to keep track of the



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Marie Luskas Phillips

kids' schedules, and quite accidentally I came across a love letter e-mailed from another woman. I couldn't help reading more of the letters that I found from her — and his responses. It's having another affair. I also found letters from yet another woman in his e-mail as well.

Now I don't know what to do. If I don't tell Mom, I will be tacitly enabling him to continue cheating on her. But if I do tell, I am terrified I'll rip my family apart all over again. I don't ever want to talk to my father again. His treatment of my mother makes me sick. Please help me.

—AMBIVALENT IN CHICAGO

**DEAR AMBIVALENT:** Your mother should be told what you found. She needs to be able to make an informed decision about whether this is the kind of marriage she wishes to continue. And she also needs to be checked for STDs, because it appears your father is sexually compulsive and is unable to change his ways.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was wondering if you could please advise me as to the three most important things in a relationship. I had a disagreement with a friend regarding this topic and hope you can enlighten me with your opinion on this serious subject. Thank you.

—SLEEPLESS IN ARIZONA  
DEAR SLEEPLESS: The answer to your question would probably vary depending on the values of the people involved in the relationship. However, to me, the most important qualities are trust, communication and a sense of humor.

## A beautiful ending for an expansive life

**I**m at a memorial service for someone I knew only slightly, an 80-year-old man whose cancer came quickly and spread quickly. He said he didn't want to bother with any medical intervention; he said it was time to just go on and die.

The kids came, the grandkids came, the colleagues, the students — plenty had time to come and say goodbye. I want to be him. No, I don't want to be dead. I want to have a deathbed like his. And when I die, I want to fill a cathedral just like this one. I want this, how do you get this?

The service is so packed that they ran out of fancy programs; the full-color band with a gold-braided tassel-dangling, but someone ran off and made photocopies, and so now they're handing out those. "Thank you," I say to the woman next to me, who passes the pile, sort of like exam books in school. That's fitting. He was a college professor; he taught 18th-century British literature; he had a full roster of students for the fall semester. But then he died.

Also fitting: We're gathered for this memorial service on his birthday. He almost made it to 81. Instead, he died. No one can believe he died. Why are we all so surprised? We just saw him. He was just talking to him. This is the way dying so often hits you: a bonk on the head. A reminder. Oh, that's right! Any of us could check out at any time for 80. He was one of



**PERSONAL FILE**  
Jeanne Marie Luskas

those people who was just always there. A rock. A fixture. Fitting. He was a man who belonged. Before I was born, he started teaching at the college where I now teach.

One school, one city, one job — for almost 50 years. I'm trying to get my arms around that one. I have some things I never got to say to him. A few weeks before he died, he sent me a poem. He had read something of mine that reminded him of something he thought I would like, so he sent it to me. I never got a chance to tell him how much I liked the poem, or how much I liked getting the poem from him. A man I knew only slightly. A colleague.

Listen, colleagues are not supposed to die. Colleagues are supposed to retire, get their watches, then fade off to Florida. Years later, you'll hear about one or the other dying, and you'll sigh, remember, give pause. But colleagues are not supposed to just get plucked out of your life on account of something so personal as ... death. For heaven's sake! Death does not belong in the workplace.

Around me, colleagues are not weeping. Colleagues are not

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supposed to weep. When colleagues cry, they cease to be people who simply work together; they become people who weep together; they become family. This is what I'm resisting. Must not get too close. Must separate work from family. Must keep the guard up, do a good job and go home. Maintain your inner circle, and keep the outer circle outer. Well, he sure didn't live that way. His circle was huge and ever-expanding. I sent a poem to me, a person he knew only slightly, in a thoroughly random act of kindness. I suppose if you live that sort of life, you get this: a cathedral full of people grieving.

After the service, we file outside, scatter all over the lawn, greet the harsh sun. In a half-hour, a group of undergrads from the film department will screen the documentary they started making about him last year: a class project about a cool old guy on campus, a fixture. In the meantime, we stand here and say the essential nothing you say after funerals. "It was a beautiful service; he would have loved it; and remember the time ..."

"That was really inspirational," a woman about my age says. We sort of know

each other. She teaches medieval literature or maybe postmodern something? "I just want to be him," she says.

"I was thinking the same thing," I say. "I'm sorry," she says. "What is your name again?" She says she doesn't really know too many people on campus. "I'm just really shy that way."

I tell her I'm shy, too. "I'm kind of in a bubble," I say. "Me, too," she says.

We allow for the possibility that shyness is an excuse. The sun ceases to be harsh, and our eyes adjust. I tell her about the poem. I tell her I never got a chance to thank him for it, and I feel like a louse.

"But didn't you just thank him in there?" she says, motioning toward the cathedral.

"Yeah, I did," I say. "Then he knows," she says, with a smile.

It's a big forgiveness, and not the kind you expect to come from a colleague. It is exactly what I needed and exactly what, as they say, he would have wanted.

Jeanne Marie Luskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

## Send us your seniors' Christmas wishes

The Times-News invites assisted living centers throughout Magic Valley to submit their residents' Christmas wish lists for publication. Then we'll wish our readers to play Santa by donating the

gifts on the list directly to the centers. Centers may submit their residents' Christmas wishes by e-mail to [suze.browne@lee.net](mailto:suze.browne@lee.net) before noon on Tuesday. We'll publish the list in Family Life on Dec. 3.

For information, call news clerk Suze Browne at 735-3278. We'll publish the list in Family Life on Dec. 3.

## SWANS

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The reason? Men are changing. Because their mothers probably worked outside the home, because their teachers or their professors or their pediatricians might have been women, men's ideas of success and family include a woman with a career.

In addition, many men are related to the sole breadwinner. They are looking for a partner — an equal — not household staff. Swans, Whelan writes, are "strong, graceful birds who sail alone for more than a third of their lives, but when they mate, as most do, they generally do so for life."

How did we get to a place where smart, accomplished women need so much reassuring? We can pinpoint the moment: June 1980. Newsweek magazine reported that college-educated women who are still single at 35 have only a 5 percent chance of getting married. And then, in an unfortunate choice of hyperbole that has haunted the magazine since, Newsweek said that a college-educated

40-year-old woman was more likely to be killed by a terrorist than to get married. In the two decades since then, Whelan points out, social research has demonstrated a steady shift in the attitudes and patterns of marriage, but Newsweek's goofy terrorist analogy — nothing more than a reporter's offhand remark — has stuck in the consciousness of women like popcorn in molars.

This summer, Newsweek revisited the subject and sort of apologized for its poor choice of words and reported the same sea change Whelan found: 30 percent of baby-boomer men and women either have married or will marry, a ratio that is in line with historical averages. Likewise, Newsweek affirmed Whelan's finding that, today, a college degree makes a woman more likely to marry,

not less. Dating and marriage are tough enough, Whelan concludes, without them making the excuse that they aren't successful at it because they are "too fabulous."

Whelan makes her best point about marriage in the very first pages of the book. In a letter she had written to herself as a teenager, addressed to "Christine at 25," from "Christine at 15," she wished

for herself: "I hope things work out for you and you learn to find the balance between heart and mind. Whelan is due to marry next summer, and one hopes that she has discovered in researching this book the truth that her 15-year-old self knew instinctively. That marriage might be the goal — a balanced life might be the goal.

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by Laura Fitzgerald  
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FAMILY LIFE

# She didn't want to face her father's impending death

## Talking about it with him helped them both

By Annie Greer  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It had been several decades since I closed down a bar. But two years ago, in a tile-floored dining room a few kilometers from the Tecate beer brewery in Baja California, I became so engrossed in conversation with a wise-stranger I failed to notice how desperately the staff wanted us gone.

While I listened raptly, Fran Prohman Zimmerman, an education consultant from Great Falls, Va., whom I'd just met, gave me a gift that would change my life.

"It is an honor and a privilege to help a parent die," she said simply.

The dozen words would become my road map and my mantra in the coming months. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

In an extravagant act of physical and spiritual renewal, I had gone to a Mexican spa called Rancho La Puerta to try to prepare emotionally and strategically for my father's imminent death. Franny went with me, emerging from the recent loss of her mother.

Two weeks earlier, with his aged head barely propping it, had driven Aron Greer to the emergency room and listened numbly as the doctors said he'd die within the hour without a pacemaker. After briefing my brother in Denver by phone, we agreed to surgery, mostly because this country, which had sacrificed much to raise us after our mother's death in 1958, really wanted to reach his 100th birthday six months hence.

His cardiac team and hospice nurses weren't sure he'd make it that long. I, however, was certain he would, based on his congenial optimism and optimism.

After he blew out the candles, then what I was bereft at the thought of losing the man who had nurtured Steve and me with an imperfect combination of love, discipline and archaic Old World notions of propriety. Worse yet, I had no real plan for getting to him at that Other Side, dignity intact.

I shared these jumbled emotions with Franny. She talked about leaving her kids, her husband and her job to return to her childhood home in Philadelphia and do everything necessary, for as long as necessary, for as long as she could. She took less than six weeks for pancreatic cancer to claim her 72-year-old mother.

Her precious words echoing in my ears, we shared an emotional embrace, and I left the dining room certain that helping my father die would, indeed, be an honor and a privilege.

For Aron, some days were better than others. The pacemaker turned my formerly docile, drowsy daddy into a combative insomniac requiring round-the-clock care. Fortunately a lifetime of being a and a profound fear of becoming a burden to his offspring inspired the longtime D.C. taxi driver to salt away



A photo from the late 1940s shows the author, right, with another Helen, brother Steve and father Aron. After Helen's death in 1958, Aron raised the children alone.

enough money to afford private-duty nurses for a year.

I was so lucky in this and other matters. He was in amazingly good health until nearly the end: he kept meticulous financial records, including an up-to-date will. He held all his assets jointly with me and Steve, for ease of inheritance, and had long ago given me durable power-of-attorney over matters medical and monetary. He even owned a cemetery plot. I paid his bills and saw him daily in the assisted-living facility next door to my Georgetown condo. When it had become clear he could no longer live alone in his Rockford, Ill., apartment, my chief locum criterion had been proximity. I was ever grateful for that.

I knew the more time I spent there, the better well both feel and, frankly, the better he'd be treated. The staff never knew when I'd show up, and I always tried to thank them for taking such good care of Aron. Steve called regularly, as did my cousin Joshua in Tel Aviv (Aron's African-born nurses had never heard anyone speak Yiddish before).

His world constricted as he grew ever more frail. He gave up newspapers, C-SPAN, chess. But he retained his characteristic sense of humor. Asked how he felt, he'd give his stock, jauntily reply in heavily accented English. Or write for a young man. And he loved to talk to his devoted caregivers about his Warsaw boyhood, his life in 1930s Paris, his arrival in segregated Washington with my mother in 1937, before Hitler wiped out nearly everyone in both their families.

After his big birthday, the hospice nurse — God love her — wanted that he could go at any time. I felt I had an obligation to help him exit this life as easily as possible. During a sleepless night of my own, I walked next door to hang out with him. We sat on the side of his bed, my arms around his bony shoulders, and I broached the topic I had been dancing around for months.

Was he ready to die?

He was not at all shy about discussing his demise. He made clear he had no regrets about the hard life he had dealt him. "I did what I had to do. I made a

living, took care of you both, saw you through college and marriage. Now the machine's wearing out."

The conversation was enormously comforting to me, as I think it was to him. It gave him a chance to deliver his own brief but eloquent eulogy, and to articulate his acceptance of the inevitable.

Because he seemed to appreciate the dialogue, I kept on questioning.

"Did he want to be cremated? I asked. Good thing I did. I had assumed the answer would be yes — despite ownership of a cemetery plot bought when my mother died. He was the consummate pragmatist who had led behind the Orthodoxy of his youth to become an Idealistic Socialist, and later, an ardent Democrat. He rarely went to shut."

I was wrong about his final wishes. Perhaps because some of his kin had been incinerated in the Holocaust, or because he had been widowed nearly a half-century, he very much wanted to be buried next to his beloved wife.

I returned home that night, grateful for our mutual willingness to discuss what for so many parents and adult children is difficult, if not impossible.

By early spring, Franny's "honor and privilege" paradigm was occasionally strained because Aron was genuinely suffering. Plus, he was ruminating through his once-substantial nest egg and what an alarming rate he would be broke by autumn.

Weeks before I began calling nursing homes that accepted Medicare patients, I found myself having frequent, gaily conversations with friends and colleagues who also had ailing parents. Like spies or adulterers, we discussed the unspeakable in hushed tones, wishing, hoping they would pass away peacefully because this was no way to live. I was secretly heartened by a flu vaccine shortage, which, alas, proved temporary. After Aron reached his 10th month of hospice care, I was terrified he would be dropped from this wonderful program because he wasn't sufficiently terminal.



Author Annie Greer writes of one of her last conversations with her father. It was enormously comforting to me, as I think it was to him. It gave him a chance to deliver his own brief but eloquent eulogy, and to articulate his acceptance of the inevitable. This photo was taken in Rockville, Md., in 2004.

# Broaching the subject of death

By Annie Greer  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Gerontologists and other health professionals who work with those facing death say end-of-life conversations generally are valuable to both the patient and family. They also concede such conversations are difficult and, sadly, rare. Here are some tips they offer to patients and their relatives on conducting such a talk.

• It's up to you whether your talk concerns just practical affairs or deeper emotions. The conversation can range from whether a dying parent wants a feeding tube or ventilator to the music he wants played at his funeral, or if he wants a funeral at all, says Capital Hospice chief executive Malene J. Davis, a former hospice nurse.

• There are several ways to broach the topic. To a receptive parent, an adult child might open with, "Mom, do you want to talk about this? You know what the doctors say?" suggests Arlington, Va., psychotherapist Robin McMahon. The parent could say, "I am dying. I would like to tell you what my life has meant to me."

Another option is to tell a story about someone else to start the conversation. Davis suggests, "You tell them you have a friend who is dying and I need to know about what you want, how you feel. If they close you out, don't give up, go back at another time."

A holiday family dinner offers an opportunity to raise the subject, Davis says. An adult child might begin by expressing thanks for the

gift he is about to share: explicit instructions regarding his own death. "Instead of starting with Dad or Mom, say, 'If I got hit by a truck tomorrow, this is what I would want ... And don't you dare dress me in pajamas in my coffin,'" Davis suggests. Have pen and paper at the table for note-taking.

• It's not always the parent who insists such a conversation. If kids are in denial, McMahon says, "a wise parent fills out an advance directive so the adult child has something."

• If parents are in denial, the children can give them a living will, durable power of attorney and other documents and say, "Here it is. Read it some time. It's here for when you need it." Parents reluctant to discuss this with their children, or to cede control of their assets, might want a lawyer or accountant to take over their finances or give a child limited control over a portion of their funds.

• An adult child might preface money discussions by talking about herself, explaining why in her family knows about her assets before asking her parents to reveal theirs. That question might be phrased, "If I needed to, where would I find your papers?" Davis says.

• Remind yourself that, as difficult as it is, an end-of-life conversation can bring peace of mind. Ask a parent to "reflect on the pluses of the last part of their life, to let you be a part of the journey," McMahon urges. "It's a very loving thing for parents to do, to leave that gift for their kids." She adds, "The worst part of not having this conversation is the child trying to figure out what a parent wants at a point when a parent can't decide."

Then, on Mother's Day weekend — a favorite family holiday — I invited my mother-in-law to the man I had dubbed "My Father, the Jewish Mother" — something snipped. Around 2 a.m. Sunday, he tried to attack his nurse with a chair and, in the confusion, he fell. (She had fainted sideways and was unhurt). I rushed over to his apartment, where Aron, demanded I call an ambulance. It would have taken him to the nearest hospital, Georgetown, a Catholic facility, at a time when the country was still reverberating from the Terry Schiavo debate. Seized by paranoia that he might become some sectarian stranger's end-of-life pawn, I instead drove him to Sibley, where they shot him up with morphine, put his arm in a sling and released him.

On the way home at dawn, a roaring argument ensued, just like those we had had more than 40 years earlier when we was a harried single parent and I an obnoxious, motherless teen-ager chafing under humiliating curfews and dress codes. In this latest round, he accused me of selling his little house in Silver Spring, Md., and

using the money to buy myself a pair of condos.

"Honey, the proceeds wouldn't buy two parking spaces in my building," I yelled back. "I can't tell you how happy I'll be when I don't have to depend on you for money anymore," he countered.

"You think I'm paying for your nurses and your apartment? Listen, you are 100 — years old and you are still self-supporting. I may write the checks, but it's your money," I shouted. (I couldn't help but recall, with a wry smile, that in the first time I had ever uttered the F-word, during an adolescent fight with my brother, Aron had slapped my face.)

He relaxed slightly, and I knew something important had just occurred: He understood he was not yet a burden. Later that day, he also realized his injury would make using his walker impossible. Being sent to a wheelchair triggered a series of angry rants interspersed with glibster, followed by an attempt to bite a favorite nurse and throw a book at her.

Seated in his big recliner in a momentary state of calm, he

uttered a plaintive lament: "Oh, oh, I have such turds, such trouble. I can't even zip my own fly."

I truly believe that was the moment he decided to die. One hospice nurse called it "pre-terminal rage." Another blamed lack of oxygen to the brain. I chose to think of Aron as a proud gladiator who wanted to go out roaring, not whimpering. Three days later, as I sat by his bed holding his hand, he died.

Since then, I have made it a point to reach out to friends whose parents are failing. We talk at midnight, at 6 a.m., mid-afternoon; whenever. They call from the intensive care unit, the nursing home, a hospice or the highway. I listen, I offer solace.

We talk about the unfairness of one sibling shouldering most of the work, and marvel at the ingenious solutions some families craft for care-sharing. We laugh. We cry. We reminisce. We curse.

And always, before we hang up, I repeat Franny's blessed words.

It is an honor and a privilege to help a parent die.

# Temporarily shove major initiatives, Sagittarius

IF NOV. 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: They say it's wish upon a star to have the sun shine and in your case you can make the most progress and receive the most blessings in the next several weeks. Through the end of January a little effort and having faith in whatever comes your way can result in deepened security and happy improvements. Accept offers at face value and advise with assurance for the best results. The plans you put into motion before the end of January should run smoothly and bring a smile to your face.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Put your feet up while you can. The week ahead could be fraught with deadlines and other responsibilities. Be as nice as possible to everyone and steer clear of arguments.

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** The very thing that you do when dealing with family members are probably the same attitudes that you possess.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** It is a good day for whimsical things. We sit on the side of his bed, my arms around his bony shoulders, and I broached the topic I had been dancing around for months.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** It might be a case of too much information. There is a tendency to let emotions rule your head. Put important decisions on the back burner this week.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Hold up a mirror. Is the image you see the real thing or is it a bit distorted?

even when you are being tough with yourself and unforgiving, others closely connected are willing to be compassionate.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Book smarts don't necessarily guarantee people skills. Conflicting emotions could interfere with discussions today. Put crucial decisions and major endeavors on hold.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make the most of this. There is intimate connection might be under the gun later in the week. It is a good idea to be cautious about frivolous spending patterns or credit card debt.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You might be held back by several loose ends. Make it a point to complete unfinished business this week. With both Mercury and Mars in your sign, you could be impatient.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Temporarily shove major initiatives. Don't start anything of importance during the week ahead. Unimportant chit-chat could waste time and energy.

**APRIL CORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Proving you are the best might be a hard task during the week ahead. By comparing yourself to others, you may only be aware of what you lack.

**ACTUS (Feb. 20-Feb. 18):** Only the talented Dr. Dolittle could deal with a situation that seems like a two-headed pushmi-pullyu. Put crucial decisions aside this week.

**FISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The way ahead isn't clear. Conversations and negotiations could leave the wrong impression. Vague fears and a lack of accuracy could cause problems if you launch a new project.

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Draya Atlantis Eppers, daughter of Blake and Autumn Eppers of Heyburn, was born Oct. 27, 2006.  
Zavid Xavier Rodriguez, son of Paul and Elisa Grace Rodriguez of Heyburn, was born Nov. 14, 2006.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Brian Guzman, son of Anayeli Hernandez and Alejandra Guzman of Halley, was born Nov. 2006.  
Christopher Grimaldo, son of Mariana Corona and Jesus Grimaldo of Halley, was born Nov. 2006.

Makazole Lee Nelson, daughter of Angela and Matthew Nelson of Halley, was born Nov. 2, 2006.  
Elijah Robert Edwards, son of Anna and Gregory Edwards of Halley, was born Nov. 3, 2006.  
Isoselyn Mosqueda-Camacho, daughter of Ana and Martin Mosqueda of Keetchum, was born Nov. 3, 2006.  
Ailsyn Cynthia Sims,

daughter of Malia Leonard and Scott Sims of Carey, was born Nov. 4, 2006.  
Luca Stephen Calcagno, son of Helen and Richard Calcagno Jr. of Halley, was born Nov. 6, 2006.  
Sebastian Alan Gaudreau, son of Traci and Travis Gaudreau of Halley, was born Nov. 9, 2006.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Tarissa Kay Plev, daughter of Amanda Ann and Scott Eugene Plev of Kimberly, was born Nov. 3, 2006.  
Neah Dean Cummings, son of Mallory Leah and Jeremy Edward Cummings of Murtaugh, was born Nov. 6, 2006.

Kyrene Perez-Maya, daughter of Dorey Mesa and Ignacio Perez of Jerome, was born Nov. 6, 2006.

Annabelle Kate Finney, daughter of Tiji Marie Finney of Buhl, was born Nov. 6, 2006.

Makakat Rolando Clayburn-Brock, son of Jodi Doumette Brock of Shoshone, was born Nov. 6, 2006.

Dhalyne Jeanne Koch, daughter of Jennifer Jeanne and Benjamin Allen Koch of Jerome, was born Nov. 6, 2006.

Delaine Marie Alves, daughter of Whitney Jo Gelling of Buhl, was born Nov. 8, 2006.

Inaydence Michelle Norwest, daughter of Michelle Lee Thornton of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 10, 2006.

Gabrielle Faith Wilcox, daughter of Jamie and Trenon Jarvis Wilcox of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 13, 2006.  
Elizabeth Marie Hornof, daughter of Jennifer Sue and Sean Robert Hornof of Jerome, was born Nov. 13, 2006.

Gabriella Taylor Reed, daughter of Stephanie Diane Webb and Robert Wayne Reed of Halley, was born Nov. 13, 2006.

Reayn Desi Daniel, son of Chandi Leigh Friedli and Joshua Charles Daniel of Jerome, was born Nov. 13, 2006.

Austen Roy Potter, son of Emily Christine and Christopher Roy Potter of Kimberly, was born Nov. 14, 2006.

Saige May Wickel, daughter of Brandt Lee and William Charles Wickel of Malta, was born Nov. 14, 2006.

Cornin Victoria Constable, daughter of Stephanie Lynn Constable and Ryan Eugene Cunningham of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 15, 2006.

Cleyton Michael Jolley, son of Tonya Lynn Jolley of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 15, 2006.

Britany Nikol Bell-Gonzalez, daughter of Michael Gonzalez-Garay and Xavier Antonio Bell-

Marinez of Buhl, was born Nov. 15, 2006.  
Alona Jayme Millican, daughter of Megan Roberta and Tobin Jay Millican of Jerome, was born Nov. 15, 2006.

Arie Raymond Pether, son of Dana Michelle and Robert John Pether of Buhl, was born Nov. 15, 2006.

Kasey Ray Worden, son of Vilinda Kathleen and Jeremy Ray Worden of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 15, 2006.

Jose Jaziel Villanueva, son of Isel Tarango Campos and Jose Gildardo Villanueva Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 16, 2006.

Gus T. Hooper, son of Heidi Jo and Timothy G. Hooper of Bliss, was born Nov. 16, 2006.

Cesar William Gavina Jr., son of Jennifer Christine and Cesar Gavina of Shoshone, was born Nov. 17, 2006.

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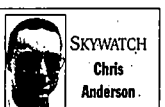
Zachary James Presba, son of Lindsay Jayk and William Briggs Presba of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 17, 2006.

Morning Star Carol Cloture Jean Dunn, daughter of Jessiah Ann Irene Alice and George Eral Dunn of Buhl, was born Nov. 18, 2006.

Noah Robert Fruchte, son of Laura Lee and Michael Allen Fruchte of Kimberly, was born Nov. 19, 2006.

Space's hottest hot and coldest cold

If you're looking for temperature extremes, space is a good place to start. Within our own solar system, temperatures span an enormous range.



SKYWATCH  
Chris Anderson.

water molecules damage your skin like microscopic bullets. The hottest place in the solar system is not the sun's 27 million-degree core, but Jupiter's magnetosphere. Yet spacecraft can fly unharmed through Jupiter's magnetosphere because the super hot atoms there are so sparse they pack very little punch.

At the other extreme is Neptune's largest moon, Triton. Its bright, icy surface efficiently reflects the meager sunlight it receives, allowing

Sky calendar through Saturday

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Mercury SSE, very low; Saturn: SSW; high. One hour after sunset: None visible.
- Moon: First quarter 11:29 p.m. Monday.

the temperature to fall to nearly 400 degrees below zero.

Since temperature is particularly crucial on a planet, you might expect the temperature of empty space to be absolute zero (minus 460 degrees Fahrenheit). But absolute zero doesn't exist in nature, because the "vacuum" of

space contains a few particles, as well as extremely low-energy heat radiation. A thermometer in deep space, inside a perfect vacuum chamber and shaded from all sunlight and starlight, would eventually reach 5 degrees above absolute zero. We know this because radio telescopes detect this ultra-cold radiation coming from every direction in space.

It's the leftover heat of the universe's fiery formation, cooled by the big bang's expansion over the last 13.7 billion years.

Next week: Discovering the celestial body's slow motion.

Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

On Craigslist, the search for misplaced items and rediscovered priorities

By Tamara Jones  
The Washington Post

Lost. The word itself seems there and then suddenly gone, abrupt yet forlorn, a sigh, an exclamation, a lament, a curse.

What we lose has long provided life its plot twists — its glass slippers and buried treasures. Scan the world's biggest free bulletin board, Craigslist.org, to see what is lost and found, and ponder the universal urge to impose order on our collective chaos, to restore, quite literally, our missing pieces.

There are obvious ironies, like the cellphone lost at the Maryland Renaissance Festival and untold tragedies, like the small prosthetic breast found in the District of Columbia or the expensive makeup a bride in Boston desperately needs back on her wedding day.

Adopted children are looking for birth mothers, and someone in Brazil is seeking the twin believed to have been given away at birth by an unscrupulous doctor. Tara Mullenaux expected her 38-year-old husband home in Las Vegas weeks ago after he left for a temporary job in Miami, but no one, she says, has responded to pleas she keeps posting, and she is alone now with four children under 3.

surfboard in San Diego, but a scuba diving lookbook in Chicago?

It seems only logical that it is San Francisco where a mermaid loses her shimmering turquoise tail at a restaurant, and an artist can't find her hand-carved wooden skeleton.

A burglary in Anchorage has an indignant homeowner hoping for the return of an 8 1/2-foot grizzly bear, presumably stuffed. Oh, and give back the two sets of caribou horns and the gold nugget necklace, too.

Outrage doesn't begin to describe the rant by a parent whose child's first pumpkin was stolen of the front porch before Halloween: "Maybe it's some nihilistic Philadelphia thing (is it a war on beauty)? You try and make the street, the neighborhood look nice, but this pathological Philly psyche will undermine you and strip away your soul and your humanity, not to mention your sense of right and wrong, until you're driving in bike lanes, throwing trash on the sidewalk, tipping off porches and stealing pumpkins."

It is quite, obvious cell-phones and gadgets are being sucked by the ton into the Earth core by some magnetic force — has anyone seen a lonely BlackBerry in Saskatchewan, or the camera in Hong Kong filled with images of a girl with pink hair?

No one lost or found a home in South Dakota.

Maybe it's the teeming anonymity of New York City that triggers such tender urgency in strangers trying to return things small and intimate: the crucifix on a deli's chain folder in a restaurant, the well-worn stuffed dog — or is it a lion? — picked up off a street in Brooklyn.

Someone's drunk girlfriend laid a purple shoe in Queens, plus a driver's license, credit card and debit card, "but the purple shoe is the big ticket item."

Chihuahuas seem to disappear more than any other dog, and why do so many lost cats have one eye or three legs? (The latter are almost always orange.)

One can only hope Nana the white Maltese, who slipped out an open door in Lorron, Va., doesn't encounter Yayo, a pit bull who is on the loose there, who is described as having two scars on his lower lip due to an accident with a chainsaw because he tries to bite "everything that makes loud sounds."

Be on the lookout for a

"schinuar with an overbite" in the Colorado Rockies, and a cocktail in need of medication in Hawaii.

Finders aren't always keepers, and sometimes they're surprisingly helpful. "Oh, I fixed the belt clip on it that was probably the reason you lost it in the first place," mentions the person trying to return a knife with a lock blade found in Arlington.

In the end, what emerges, in the void too many Chihuahuas left behind, is something like Joycean slim poetry.

Lost keys on a red ribbon. She can run for hours and has been seen darting across yards.

It was raining very hard. Have you seen my husband? Has red hair, a buzz military cut, we are missing him here. Saw a skiddish (sic) B&W cat walking low to the ground near the Dunkin Donuts on Main St. Nashua.

Found in cab coming home from Nightmar. Describe contents and claim.

Weekly deadline  
These items welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more).

To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by e-mail to mnews@twinfalls.com. If e-mailing, the photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

ENGAGEMENT

HOLLIFIELD-GUNTER

HANSEN — Terry and Carol Hollifield of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Margi Jean Hollifield, to Clint Warren Gunter, son of Mike and Karen Gunter of Sage.

Hollifield is a 1998 graduate of Hansen High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Idaho with a degree in marketing. She earned a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Washington University in 2004. She is the strategic initiatives manager at Northwest Farms Credit Services in Spokane.

Gunter is a 1994 graduate of Sandpoint High School and a 1998 graduate of the U of I.



Margi Hollifield and Clint Gunter

with a degree in business communication. He is self-employed at Sandpoint Furniture Co. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church. A reception will follow at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BAILYS

RUPERT — Jake and Ruth Baily of Rupert celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Nov. 18 with a family dinner hosted at their children's home.

The Bails were married Nov. 18, 1941, in Pocatello. They have lived in Rupert for 65 years, where he farmed on the Baily estate and later on the farm they bought southwest of Rupert. He is still involved with farming with his son. She worked as a homemaker and raised a large garden.

They have four children, Dianne (Bryan) Strate of Taylorsville, Utah; Sally (Russ)



Jake and Ruth Baily

Holland of Rupert; Ken (Sharon) Baily of Rupert; and Carol (Greg) Taylor of Denver. They have 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

THE EGBERTS

BURLEY — John and Jennie Egbert will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 30.

John Egbert of Lewiston, Wash., and D. Jennie Stephenson of Jennie, Newfoundland, were married Nov. 30, 1956, in Rochester, N.Y.

After a 20-year career in the Navy which took them from Okinawa to Argentina, Newfoundland and many points between, they settled in San Diego in 1968. They lived there for 27 years and then served in the Connecticut Hartford Mission. After their mission they moved to Burley, where they have resided for the past 10 years.

They have four children, Ann and Randy Alfred of Lale, Hawaii; John and Mary Egbert of Phoenix; Janet and Gordy Hansen of Burley; and Joe and Wendy Egbert of Las Vegas.



John and Jennie Egbert

They have 17 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

THE SHULTSES

BURLEY — Hob and Anna Shults of Burley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 23 with family.

They were married Nov. 23, 1956. They moved to Sacramento, Calif., a few years and then returned to Burley, where they have resided south of town for more than 40 years.

He has worked in the cattle business for many years including part ownership of the Burley Livestock Auction and the Burley Butte. They owned and operated farms in the surrounding areas including Acquia, Stanford and Declo. In 1988, they purchased the Package House in Burley and operated the business until retiring in 1997.

They have been active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have held callings including bishopric counselor, Relief Society president. Primary workers and Sunday school teachers.

They have three children, Tom Shults of American Fork, Utah; Diana Elder of Highland, Utah; and Nancy Winnill of Burley; 15 grand-



Hob and Anna Shults

children; and three great-grandchildren. Cards and phone calls are welcome.

Bridal Registry  
Emily Coats & Kristoffer Sperry  
December 16th  
Brenna Webb & Jacob Brown  
December 22nd  
Emilyn Johnson & Luke Coats  
January 6th  
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## So you want to be a DNA Analyst

By Amy Oradoff  
The Washington Post

To most kids Clue is just a board game. But for Monica Ammann, figuring out whodunit became her career.

"I loved the game Clue," Ammann said. "My sister hated it (because) I would always win."

In addition to playing Clue, Ammann says, she loved science and reading murder mysteries. In seventh grade she began researching how she could combine her two passions. She ended up with forensics.

"I was just fascinated by basically using science to figure out who committed the crime, and that is basically what forensics is: using science to really piece together what happened," Ammann said.

Ammann, now 33, is a forensic DNA analyst for the Prince George's County, Md., Police Department, which means she uses science to help police officers solve crimes.

DNA is like a tiny instruction manual inside the cells that tells how your body works and looks. Since half your DNA comes from your mom and half from your dad, you probably have features from both of them. Unless you have an identical twin, your DNA is unlike anyone else's.

"Much like a fingerprint, this is a way that we can identify who's been at a crime scene," Ammann said. "If you have left DNA, we know that you have been there because it is unique to you."

At a crime scene, police officers gather evidence that has DNA on it. Just about everything that comes out of a person's body, including blood, sweat and hair, carries DNA. Shirts, hats and even cigarette butts are good sources of DNA for an analyst.

When evidence comes into her lab in Landover, Md., Ammann first decides what might have useful DNA on it. She spends a lot of time talking to police officers about the evidence to decide what she will examine and then conducts tests to determine if there is any DNA on a piece of evidence.

Once she figures out what has useful DNA, Ammann uses a process called extraction to get the DNA out of the cells.

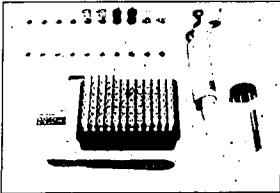
Police officers have a big computer database that contains the DNA information of criminals, suspects and unidentified people from crime scenes. Ammann puts the results of her tests into the database. When the evidence matches the DNA of a suspect, police officers often are able to figure out whom to arrest.

But Ammann doesn't spend every day in a lab. When DNA evidence is important to a case, she has to explain the results in court.

"That is what's so fun about this job; every day is something different," Ammann said. "One day I may be in solitude in my lab coat analyzing evidence, working with different tubes, but the next day I may be testifying in court. And the day after that I may be talking to detectives about what I need."

Whether she is in the lab or in court, Ammann said, "there is nothing like matching a profile found at a scene to a suspect's profile. It is the best thing; it is so exciting!"

Like beating your sister at Clue.



Tools of a DNA analyst include microcentrifuge tubes (in white and blue holders); a pipette (gray handle) for collecting DNA; a solution tube (blue cap); scalpel and alcohol swabs. A pipette is necessary for many of the tests because the analyst works with such small amounts of liquids.



Special goggles that protect her eyes and keep her face safe from fluids.

A pipette, in her right hand, is necessary for many of the tests Ammann performs because she is working with such small amounts of liquids.

A lab coat and gloves protect Ammann and prevent contamination of evidence.

The liquid Ammann is holding in the pipette will go into a microcentrifuge tube.

**About the Job**  
**\$9,800**  
That's the number of forensic science technicians in the United States. Most work for state and local governments.

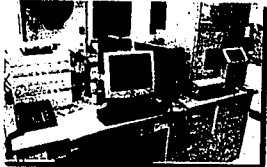
**20**  
That's the approximate number of colleges and universities that offer four-year programs in forensics. Knowing about chemistry, biology, math and the law is important.

**\$21**  
That's about what forensic technicians made an hour in 2004. The demand for forensic technicians is expected to grow very quickly between now and 2014, meaning there will be plenty of jobs and the pay will probably increase.

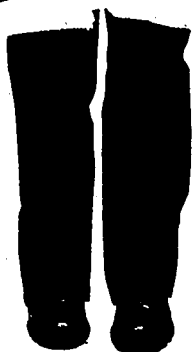
SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004



Contamination of evidence can lose a case, so tidiness at work is a must for successful DNA analysts. In addition to her lab work, Monica Ammann, of the Prince George's County, Md., Police Department, has to explain the results in court.



DNA analysts use a searchable database called Combined DNA Index System, or CODIS, to help solve crimes. CODIS contains DNA information about convicted criminals and is maintained by the FBI.



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### BOOK REVIEWS

## Two on 'Blue Moon'

The Washington Post

"Blizzard of the Blue Moon," by Mary Pope Osborne, for ages 7-9

"Journey to the Blue Moon," by Rebecca Rupp, for ages 10 and up

It's not often that two books by two beloved children's authors land in our office on

the same day. And when they both had "blue moon" in the title, we knew we had found something rare indeed.

"Blizzard of the Blue Moon" is Mary Pope Osborne's latest tale of mystery. This time Jack and Annie are in a location that might be familiar to many kids in New York—New York City's Central Park. But the appearance of a unicorn guarantees that this tale is as magical as all their other adventures.

"Journey to the Blue Moon" is by Rebecca Rupp, author of "The Waterstone" and "The Dragon of Lonely Island." Her cast of characters includes Alex, a boy who has lost his grandfather's pocket watch; scavenger cats that can fly a space-ship; and a mysterious old lady. By the way, the term "blue moon" refers to the second



full moon occurring in the same month—a rare event. There were no blue moons this year. The next one in the United States will be May 31, 2007.

## Talking with authors Susan Rubin and Ela Weissberger

By Eric Engleman and Olivia Fitzgerald  
Kidsday reporters, Newsday

We spoke with Susan Goldman Rubin and Ela Weissberger, authors of "The Cat With the Yellow Star" (Holiday House, \$16.95).

The book is based on Weissberger's experience of being sent to the Terezin concentration camp at age 11 with her family during the Holocaust. She said what helped her deal with the horrible situation was a children's opera called "Brundibar" that she and other prisoners performed at Terezin. She played the cat, and the opera is still performed to remind people about the Holocaust.

Question: Did you know what might happen to you while you were in Terezin?  
Weissberger: I had no idea. I would often ask my uncle; he was a smart man. He kept saying the end of the war will come. The first year passed, the second year, the third. It took 3 1/2 years until we were free.

Q: Do you feel you changed emotionally after being at Terezin?

Weissberger: I am the same person, but I have changed on the inside.

I always say, "You can forgive, but you can't forget." Q: How did you come up with the idea for the book?  
Rubin: I met Ela while I was writing another book. I wanted to know what happened in Room 28 (where Ela and about 28 other girls stayed while at Terezin) to help them survive. What helped was music and art.

Q: Did you ever feel safe in Room 28?  
Weissberger: A little ... at night I remember we would talk and tell stories. Sometimes we would even read books. One of my favorites was "Gone With the Wind."

Q: After working on your book, have your emotions changed about the Holocaust?  
Rubin: Yes, I'm angrier than ever. Tears come to my eyes when I think that (the Nazis) killed children.

### Jokes for kids

**Knock, knock.**  
Who's there?  
Aren't you?  
You arena lot of trouble!

**What can go up a chimney when it is down, but can't go down a chimney when it is up?**  
An umbrella.

**Why did the bunny cross the road?**  
He wanted to show his girlfriend that he could hip hop.

**What would the U.S. be called if everyone drove a pink car?**  
A pink carnation.

**What do you call a cat that just ate a whole duck?**  
A duck-filled fatty puss.

## Restore the spirit



The pristine shores of Coronado Island, in Mexico's Loreto Bay National Marine Park, is about an hour by boat from Loreto.

### Loreto offers a different Mexico than other Baja destinations

By Ann Brenoff  
Los Angeles Times

LORETO, Mexico — It's been said that Cabo feeds the flesh and Loreto feeds the spirit.

The two Mexican Baja cities are separated by 250 miles and several light-years — although that may not be the case for long. Thirty years ago, the Mexican government designated five areas for tourism development — Cabo San Lucas, Cancun, Hualtulo, Ixtapa and Loreto in Baja California Sur. The first four have flourished as tourist destinations. Development in Loreto is still in its infancy — but hurry, because as we know, babies grow up fast.

Loreto, with its calm waters on the Gulf of California, pristine white sand and friendly locals, is the Greek islands the way they used to be — but without the 15-hour plane ride to Athens.

Striving for a non-Cabo experience, Loreto has banned beach-side trinket peddlers and time-share hustlers from the airport.

So it was with a sense of urgency — to show my own "babies" (ages 8 and 5) that Mexico was more than five-star, all-inclusive resorts where everyone spoke English — that I decided to bring the family along on an assignment to Loreto for the Los Angeles Times' Real Estate section (unlike with most travel reviews, the hotel was



Local women stroll beneath manicured trees along the pedestrian walkway Avenida Sahatiera, which leads to the central square in the seaside Mexican town of Loreto.

aware I was a reporter).

What we found on a visit in late August delighted us. And what it did for us, restoratively, was nothing short of magic.

We booked a week's stay at the Inn at Loreto Bay, owned by the Loreto Bay Development Co., whose project I was touring. The hotel is just a five-minute drive from the airport and the center of town.

My daughter was the first to fall under Loreto's spell. Upon locating our room at the end of the horseshoe-shaped complex with its dead-on view of the clear blue Gulf of California — all 155 rooms at the three-story hotel face the sea — Sophie, 8, imme-

diately proclaimed this "our best family vacation ever!"

My husband, Vic, and son, Simon, soon hopped on her handwagon. A vacation where swim trunks and T-shirts were all he needed suited my "I-don't-own-a-tee" husband just fine. My son, at 5, loved that he could see hundreds of little fish while he stood ankle-deep in the sea — and a virtual aquarium if he ventured in to his knees.

I was a bit harder to sway. Persistent ants in the bathroom, a doorless shower that resulted in a daily flooding of the tile floor (attracting yet more ants), a balcony rail that registered unsafe on my Mommy-o-Meter. But even those concerns melted away by the end of the first day.

It wasn't that things were perfect. It's that there is something about Loreto that makes you not care about the imperfection. And most of the imperfection we found was with the hotel — a wall staff that tried to please but a kitchen that disappointed; a pool kept clean but with missing and loose tiles from deferred maintenance; a pool bar as the only non-buffet option for dinner — and the only option for lunch.

But who cared? Not us. We love the place and are planning to return.

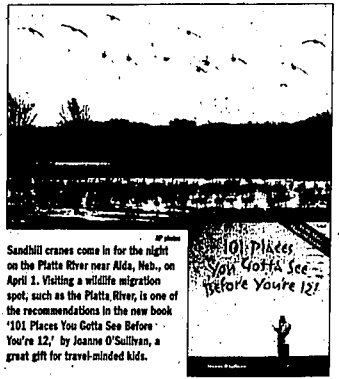
We had chosen the all-inclusive rate of \$800 a person, which combined our round-trip airfare on Alaska Airlines, seven nights at the hotel, all meals, Mexican alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, bottled water and unlimited use of non-motorized water-sports equipment — snorkeling gear and kayaks. We paid a car with manual transmission for about \$350 for the week, figuring our restless natures would make us want to explore the Baja peninsula.

But that's before we succumbed to Loreto's spell. We barely budgeted, except to go into town for a few dinners away from the hotel and to poke around.

It took the helpful concierge to shame us into taking an actual excursion: she said it would be unconscionable to come to Loreto and miss seeing Coronado Island. I resisted at first. A beach is a beach is a beach, right?

Wrong. Coronado is simply magnificent. It, with the other small islands around it, is part of Loreto Bay National Marine Park, accessible only by small private boats known as pangas.

Whole season isn't until winter and early spring, but Loreto Bay is home to 29 marine mammal species — said to be the most in all of Mexico. There are 15 species of whales,



Sandhill cranes come in for the night on the Platte River near Aida, Neb., on April 1. Visiting a wildlife migration spot, such as the Platte River, is one of the recommendations in the new book '101 Places You Gotta See Before You're 12' by Joanne O'Sullivan, a great gift for travel-minded kids.



## Gifts for all kinds of travelers

By Beth J. Harpaz  
AP Travel Editor

electronically and cancel if lost or stolen.

NEW YORK — Travel guides for iPods, a gadget that reads the night sky and announces the constellations, and toiletries in 3-ounce containers are a few of the new gift ideas for travelers this holiday season.

But, don't overlook basic options like books and bags. Here are some gift suggestions for various types of travelers, from teenagers taking their first trip overseas to frequent flyers.

### TEENAGERS

Today's teenagers aren't just taking class trips by bus to the state capital. High schools are offering everything from senior trips to Manhattan to week in Paris for French class. International programs are also a popular alternative to summer camp.

A duffel bag with wheels is a good luggage option for younger travelers. Beware of cheap models with thin fabric that easily rips away from the zipper if the bag is packed too full or thrown on an airport luggage carousel. Rolling Adventure Duffels from L.L. Bean — <http://www.llbean.com> or 800-221-4221 — are sturdy and come in a variety of colors and three sizes, \$79-\$99; they have a shoulder strap, cinch straps and a telescoping retractable handle.

For kids who want to phone home from overseas, an international calling card may be an easier, cheaper alternative than a cell phone. Sprint sells a \$10 international card; you can get it at Radio Shack.

Document holders worn around the neck are a safe, efficient way for teenagers — or any traveler — to organize passport, tickets and itinerary. They're often sold in the aisle where you find wallets. The travel supply company Magellan's — <http://www.magellans.com> or 800-982-4843 — sells a passport/ID holder for about \$10.

Both credit cards and cash have drawbacks for kids. It's best to budget yourself when using plastic because you don't know how much you've spent. And you can't use a credit card to buy a soda from a street vendor. But cash can't be replaced if lost or stolen, and it may be hard for kids on a group itinerary to get to a currency exchange office.

People to People Ambassadors — <http://www.studentambassadors.org> — sends 30,000 American students overseas each year and recommends two options.

Before the child leaves home, order foreign currency from Wells Fargo; and/or get the child a pre-loaded VisaBux debit card. You can monitor VisaBux expenses online while the child is traveling, add more funds

### GEARHEADS AND GADGETEERS

It's not just twentysomethings and geeks who stuff their bags with electronics. Don't leave home without it" now applies to digital cameras, laptops, cell phones, and iPods for travelers from nearly every demographic.

An MP3 player or digital camera makes a great gift for any traveler who doesn't have one. But if the travelers in your life are already outfitted with basic electronics, harness their gear with some supplies.

A battery recharger and a set of rechargeable batteries make a good gift for traveling photographers. A new line of rechargeable batteries called Hybrio are ready to use right out of the package instead of requiring initial charging; a charger and four AA batteries is \$20. Details at <http://www.hybridoc.com/>.

For overseas travelers, you can purchase adapters and converters so that electronics and appliances can be used around the world. Magellan's has a guide to what's needed, where, at <http://www.magellans.com> /electronic.

For iPod users, go to the iTunes store at <http://www.apple.com/itunes/store/> and search Audiobooks for the "Travel and Adventure" category. You'll find everything from Henry David Thoreau and Rick Stevens to Soundwalk tours of New York City and "Ten and Ten" golf tours of Scotland. Click on the title for a full description; an option pops up called "Gift This Audiobook."

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

For the person who needs some inspiration, there are three new books from Lonely Planet.

"The Perfect Day" (\$7.99) is a pocket guide with itineraries for spending a glorious day in 100 cities around the world; "Blue List" (\$19.99) is filled with suggestions of lists and recommendations from best local bars to most amazing natural phenomena to "tourist traps worth the crowds"; and "A Year of Adventures" suggests a half-dozen things to do for every week of the year, from bob-sledding in Lake Placid, N.Y., in January, to running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, in July.

"Travel + Leisure" magazine has just come out with a hardcover book called "100 Greatest Trips" (\$35) with itineraries around the world, from "Down East Coast" in Maine to learning to paint in Florence, Italy, to touring South Africa's wine country. An index offers details on where to stay, eat and shop.



A 1600s-era mission rises in the tiny mountain pueblo of San Javier, near Loreto in Mexico's Baja California Sur.

TRAVEL

FEARLESS TRAVELER

# Practicing the Lotus position, Latin-style

By Andrea Sachs  
The Washington Post

Q: Do you have any recommendations for a week-long yoga vacation in Latin America? Preferably something that combines yoga instruction with free time to explore.

A: Yoga vacations exercise the mind and the body, with an equal share of spirituality and sporty endeavors. A yoga retreat is good for anyone interested in nature, fitness, personal growth and spirituality," says Helen Tomei, founder of Sacred Earth Journeys (877-874-7922, www.sacredearthjourneys.ca), a Vancouver company that organizes yoga vacations. "It is an inner journey and an outer journey."

For a more meditative trip, consider an ashram, such as the Siddha Yoga ashrams in Mexico and Costa Rica (www.siddhayoga.org). The Art of Union (www.artofunion.com) organizes spiritual trips in Costa Rica. The groups

"revolutionary retreat" (Dec. 27-Jan. 10) takes guests from Mount Clear Resort (888-615-4580, www.mayatlun.com) on the Yucatán Peninsula, with all-inclusive rates for \$1,128 per person double. For other retreat centers worldwide: YogaFinder, www.yogafinder.com.

Q: Where can I find historic ships on the East Coast?

A: Historic ships are defined as "any warship or civilian ship made into a museum," says Jack Green of the Naval Historical Center in Washington. About 100 ships worldwide fall under that definition. Most of the vessels are in the water, but a few are dry-docked or exhibited inside museums.

The East Coast has a high concentration of historic ships from New Hampshire to Florida. In Washington D.C., the Naval Historical Center and its U.S. Navy Museum (202-433-4882, www.history.navy.mil) at the Washington Navy Yard covers

American naval history from the 18th century through the Korean War. (The museum requires reservations for all ship visits, bring photo identification.) The District also is home to six ships, including the Navy Yard's USS Barry, which participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War.

There are many historic ships in Virginia (Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News) and in South Carolina, including the USS Laffey, the only surviving U.S. World War II destroyer that saw action in the Atlantic.

Massachusetts has more than a dozen ships. The most famous is the USS Constitution, which is docked at the former Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston. About an hour south of Boston is Battleship Cove in Fall River, home of such vessels as the USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Finally, Green suggests the USS Slater in Albany, N.Y., which has been extensively restored. "It's like going aboard

a time machine to 1945," Green says. "There are uniforms in the locker and papers on the desk." For a statewide list of other historic ships: Historic Naval Ships Association, 757-356-9422, www.hnsa.org.

Q: Where is the best spot to watch a shuttle launch in Florida?

A: The best place to see a space shuttle launch is three miles from the launching pad on the Kennedy Space Center's NASA Causeway on Florida's east coast. The \$51 ticket includes a bus ride to the site, which has unobstructed views of the pad and the launch.

However, tickets go fast — the Dec. 7 flight is already sold out. Another option is to watch the launch from the center's Visitor Complex. Viewers gather in the Rocket Garden and can see the shuttle after it clears the trees. Tickets cost \$38; purchase in advance. Info: Kennedy Space Center, 321-449-4444, www.kennedyspacecenter.com.

Off-site, many people congregate along U.S. Route 1 in Titusville, on any of the Port Canaveral beaches: at Jetty Park; and on Cocoa Beach. The next launch is scheduled for March, so start scouting out a space soon.

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## Loreto

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17 species of marine birds and five species of turtles that frequent the area.

To the children's delight, our speedboat captain, Ramon, circled the island and brought us close to baby sea lions sunning themselves on the rocks before he deposited us on a breath-stilling pristine white sandy beach in a little alcove. The water was turquoise green and crystal clear.

While we played, Ramon napped under a palapa, joined by two other captains. Other than their passengers — a family from Italy and honeymooning New Zealanders — the beach was all ours.

We booked our island excursion through the hotel, paying about \$50 a person, including for the children. Ramon supplied the lunch — ham-and-cheese sandwiches, cold drinks and bags of snacks. We chose the convenience of having the boat come to us instead of driving into town and shopping for our own food, but had we been less lazy, there were captains at the Loreto marina willing to take the four of us for about \$100.

The city of Loreto is an interesting place to explore on foot. In the central plaza is El Museo de las Misiones (the Mission Museum), a small spot that, for the \$3 admission, is a fine place to meander for a half-hour or so. It details the his-

tory of Baja California's development, with much credit going to the Jesuits. Signs are in Spanish and English.

Down the street from the museum is El Caballo Blanco (the White Horse), a seafoods store run by Beto and Janine Perez, an American couple who retired to Loreto 18 months ago. The shop is a gathering spot for a growing expatriate community.

Janine directed us to Mediterraneo, a high-end seaside dinner spot that serves a killer paella. Listed on the menu as \$12 for two, it amply fed three of us. Simon had pizza with fresh tomatoes and some piping-hot homemade minestrone soup — my version of getting him to eat vegetables. New-Baja wines are pricey, and the one we ordered pushed our bill to \$85, but eating outdoors under ceiling fans and watching the full moon reflect on the ocean made it worth the price.

Another of Janine's suggestions brought us to lunch at Santa Lucia, where we enjoyed grilled chicken on freshly baked brioche. They were a bargain at \$6, made even more so when we followed our waiter's advice and shared one among all four of us; yes, they were that large.

But the August heat trumped the best efforts of the sea breezes and ceiling fans. The children became restless and eager to return to our hotel pool and beach.



Photo by BOB BRITTON/USA Today  
Thirteen-year-old Jacobo Davis belts out a song at Loreto's annual talent show, held in the quaint town's central plaza (adjacent to City Hall).

## Gifts

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For young armchair travelers, there's "101 Places You Gotta See Before You're 12," by Joanne O'Sullivan (Sterling/Lark Books, \$9.95). It lists everything from once-in-a-lifetime destinations to driving into town and shopping for our own food, but had we been less lazy, there were captains at the Loreto marina willing to take the four of us for about \$100.

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# Going walking to Washington, from Washington

By Leigh Lambert  
The Washington Post

On a lark, I decided to walk from Washington to Washington — or, more specifically, from my house in the District of Columbia to the Inn at Little Washington in Virginia's Rappahannock County. I paced out the 75 miles over three days, burning enough calories to justify an indulgent meal at the venerable restaurant.

The trip is not for everyone; some people are short on time, while others have weak ankles. But there is an alternative: Drive the route — because you never know what, or who, you might see along the way.

Start off at the Herb Cottage, a small gift store on the grounds of the Washington National Cathedral. Early-bird

holiday shoppers can choose from cards, soaps, herbs and garden accessories; non-shoppers can pass the time in the tranquil Bishop's Garden.

Hit the highway and head to Falls Church, Va., where you can pop into 11 Mart on Lee Highway (Route 29) and check out how bad a durian fruit really smells. The Korean market is the size of a Western supermarket and sells such edibles as roasted seaweed, live abalone, and all kinds of produce, in addition to beauty products and appliances. Or you can stock up on steins, then fill them with German brew, at the German Gourmet, also on Lee Highway.

For Falls Church nightlife, go to the State Theatre. The music venue opened as a movie house in 1936; closing in 1988 (the farewell show was "Die



Washington, Va., is 75 miles from Washington, D.C. — about 90 minutes by car. Stroll the gardens at the Inn at Little Washington, where a six-course meal can set you back \$168, or pick up some Inn-approved items at the gift shop.

Hard"). Traveling a little farther down Lee Highway, you can give your morning coffee a jolt with exotic beans — Ethiopian Longberry Harrar, Tanzanian

Penberry, — from Jamie's General Bean in Centerville.

In Warrenton, the star of the Vets Studio Glass and Gallery is resident artist Tom Vets, who creates exquisite bowls, vases, and roundels in lollipop colors. But A.J. the Devil Dog, a long-haired dachshund, gets equal attention. Despite his name, A.J. is as welcoming as Tom, who will show you his projects and explain the glassmaking process.

While in Warrenton, stop by the Old Jail Museum and pick up a map for a self-guided walking tour. Besides the jail, historical sights include the Fauquier County Courthouse (or Old Courthouse), where future chief justice John Marshall was first licensed to practice law, and Warrenton Cemetery, burial site of John S. Mosby, a.k.a. the Gray Ghost of the Confederacy.

You'll know you're in small-town Washington when you can find good conversation, artwork and video rentals under one roof. As if that weren't enough, the Packing Shed Gallery, a converted apple warehouse, contains a wood-working studio, where Andrew Smith hammers away on boats.

Locals refer to the Inn at Little Washington as "the Inn." Visitors know it as the place to drop up to \$168 per person on dinner. However, even those on an Applebee's budget won't go home hungry. The property's gift shop sells granola, bread and other sundries, so you can still brag that you've eaten at "the Inn."

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- 5 Chamber Lunch at 12 noon at Grandstands  
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Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 6 Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands  
Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands  
Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 8 Jim Jarret: Vincent (a story of artist, Vincent Van Gough)  
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West End Men's Association 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands  
Buhl's Old fashioned Christmas Celebration  
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Lighting of the Memory Trees 7 p.m. at Main & Bdwy.  
Parade — starts at 7:15 p.m.  
Cocoa and cookies at the Eighth St. center after the  
Parade Carolling: BHS Jazz and Select Chairs
- 11 City Council at City Hall at 7 p.m.  
Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 12 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 13 Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands  
Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands  
Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Moose Hall
- 15 West End Men's Association 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands

- 18 Bingo/Dominos at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 19 Chamber Lunch at 12 noon at Grandstands  
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- 20 West End Men's Association at Grandstands at 6:30 a.m.  
Christmas baskets  
Kiwanis at 12 noon at Grandstands  
Bingo at Moose Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands  
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- 22 West End Men's Association at Grandstands at 6:30 a.m.
- 25 Christmas  
26 Quilting at Senior Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
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