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Council OKs first phase of impact fee study

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council, Monday, unanimously approved payment for the first part of a two-phase study of impact fees, which are costs assessed to developers to cover the cost of new infrastructure like roads, water lines and schools.

With little discussion, the six council members — one was absent — voted to allocate

\$7,500 to pay for the initial phase with its goal being to determine whether impact fees are the best option for the city to pay for expansion.

"I don't know if impact fees are the end-all, be-all solution," Councilman Shawn Barigar said. "I have some concerns. I'm concerned about how they will add on to the costs of homes and development here."

Other options include raising taxes, passing bonds or having developers and cities make

special negotiations, like building parks, which is currently the case in Twin Falls and most of the country.

"It's going to be fair to everyone concerned," Councilman David E. Johnson said. "Fair to the citizens that are here now, the taxpayers here; the developers out creating jobs and opportunities and those who will come occupy homes and pay taxes."

Impact fees by law are used to maintain city services in new

developing areas and cannot be used to repair or replace city services or facilities. They also can sometimes be used for "betterment," such as improving services.

The study will be administered by Thomas Pippin of BBC Research & Consulting in Denver; Anne Westcott of Galena Consulting in Boise; and JoAnn C. Butler of the Boise law firm Spink Butler.

Money for the study was not set aside in the current budget

and it will be paid for out of the capital improvement fund or the city's reserve funds.

The second phase would start only if the group finds impact fees to be the best choice. It costs at least \$5,000 for each study plus \$8,000 for each impact fee program studied. Twin Falls would study several programs. For instance, a sewer impact fee would be an example of one program; streets another.

Property taxes normally

cover expansion costs but often fall short when growth is rapid. Experts have said impact fees — which are designed to align with population growth — are beneficial in the long run because they generate money while increasing the amount of land for building, help developers predict costs and promote job growth.

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Increasing aid to increase access

State to propose more financial aid for Idaho students

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho has a lot to offer its younger residents, but financial aid for education is not one of them.

Idaho spends about \$17 per student on needs-based financial aid, while Washington spends more than \$500. The national average is \$307 per student.

Within the past five years, colleges and universities in states like Utah, Oregon, Washington and Montana have begun aggressive marketing campaigns, that target the brightest students in Idaho.

And their biggest incentive to attract them is financial aid.

The Idaho State Board of Education is working on a proposal to increase needs-based financial aid for Idaho students. As opposed to merit-based aid, which is awarded to students based on academic achievement, needs-based aid is awarded based on the student's financial need to pursue

By the numbers

Total federal and state funding for student aid at CSI*

2000-01: \$8,026,360

2001-02: \$10,194,824

2002-03: \$12,472,632

2003-04: \$14,065,837

2004-05: \$14,178,354

2005-06: \$12,217,787

*Totals reflect both need- and merit-based aid. The average annual cost of full-time enrollment — including living expenses — is estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$13,000.

Total number of CSI students receiving financial aid

2000-01: 2,027

2001-02: 2,240

2002-03: 2,585

2003-04: 2,739

2004-05: 2,723

2005-06: 2,455

Source: The College of Southern Idaho, Financial Aid Department

a certificate or diploma. The proposal known as I-CAN (Idaho Commits to Access Now) will go before the Legislature in January after the board discusses it with Governor Butch Otter.

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More aid or new prices?

Financial aid is money that ends up in the hands of colleges and universities. Even though the money may be a loan from federal or state governments, it is nonetheless paid to institutions based on tuition and fees.

But some wonder why the state should increase financial aid when some universities charge twice the price for the same credit hour. For example, one "credit" hour of English at Boise State University costs more than \$100 more than the same credit hour offered at the College of Southern Idaho.

During an interim Committee on Community Colleges meeting earlier this month, where lawmakers discussed ways to make education more accessible to students, Sen. Joe Stagner, R-Lewiston, said that

increasing financial aid would not make education more affordable for students.

"I'm really concerned about the direction of this committee," he said.

"We are supporting ways to increase student aid, but it seems to me that we are not doing what we set out to do, which is to increase the affordability of a professional/technical education."

After the same meeting, Jerry Beck, president of CSI, said the question about tuition rates should be why they are inequitable to begin with. "If the state has to come in and find a way to make those fees equitable," he said, "then I think a good question would be why they are inequitable and where is the money going?"

Wonderland of white



Horses weather the storm Monday morning as they graze in a field on Golf Course Road near Jerome.

Photo by JIMMY BROWN/PhotoNews

Snow is frosty treat for some, a real pain for others

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At 12:30 p.m. Monday, it's snowing like crazy.

Cars rolling down Locust Street pass a teenage boy riding his bike with his head down. Watching him through tumbling snowflakes and because of his crumpled posture, drivers could not see he was faintly smiling.

At 17, Alex Burton is happy riding his bike to the store through 28-degree snowy weather. But one suspects after looking at the town around him that Burton is an anomalous creature caught between two opposite species: the young and the old.

Compare the two extremes. On Blue Lakes Boulevard North, there's a line of five cars waiting in the driveway of the Walgreens pharmacy. The heat's on, talk radio's blaring, wipers bat flakes of white from windshields — as the snow poses a moderate inconvenience that, thanks to modern technology, can be almost completely avoided.

Over on Addison Avenue, the manager of a new business hopes to attract the snow-avoiding crowd with her store's design.



The work must go on even in a snowstorm. Jason Sollars of Alet's Electric Inc. prepares the ground Monday morning in Jerome at the site of the new elementary school to install a transformer. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley calls for a chance of snow with a high of 25.

T's Beverage and Grocery Barn is a drive-thru that sells — among other items — beer, cigarettes, coffee and pop under the shelter of a renovated red barn.

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Gov. Risch heads to Washington, D.C. to tout roadless plan

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Jim Risch plans to present his petition to manage Idaho's 9.3 million acres of roadless U.S. Forest Service land on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

The plan has been praised by the timber industry as sensible even as environmentalists say it would open great swaths of pristine forest to destructive development.

Risch planned to defend his 69-page plan before the Roadless Area Conservation

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— Chris Hunt, spokesman for Trout Unlimited

National Advisory Committee that advises Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns on such petitions. Johanns oversees the Forest Service.

The governor aims to ban road-building on about 3 million acres, while allowing some development on the rest,

including roads for timber harvests aimed at removing beetle-killed trees some fear boost the danger of big wildfires.

Groups, including Trout Unlimited, a fishing and hunting organization, fear Risch's petition — should it win favor — will adversely affect impor-

tant wildlife habitat. Trout Unlimited members planned to testify Wednesday against the petition.

"It doesn't really do Idaho's sportsmen any favors," said spokesman Chris Hunt. "What's important to most hunters and anglers in Idaho is

we can boast the most unspoiled, untrashed backcountry in the West, outside of Alaska. Under Gov. Risch's plan, we can't make that claim any more."

Others including Coeur d'Alene-based Intermountain Forest Association, whose members include the Potlatch Corp. forest products company, support Risch's plan. Serena Howarth, an association spokeswoman, didn't immediately return phone

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High 29, Low 15).

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Partly cloudy with light rain. High 29.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with light rain. Low 15.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with light rain. High 31.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EXHIBITS

'Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American' at the Missoula Art Museum's traveling exhibit.

FAMILY

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

GOVERNMENT

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St., 934-4433.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Snosone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH

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

HOME AND GARDEN

The Twin Falls Farmers Market post-season potluck celebration, for vendors, interested vendors, and customers.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, 'The Christmas Star' at 7 p.m. and 'Steamrolling' at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

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Please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne.

TODAY'S FEATURE



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Super starters from local chefs.



IN FOOD & HOME

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

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Man hits cop, faces penalty

TWIN FALLS — A man who hit a Twin Falls police officer now awaits sentencing for the crime.

Twin Falls City Council OKs fee study

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Idaho falls short in student aid

TWIN FALLS — Idaho has a lot to offer its younger residents, but financial aid for education is not one of them.

Council to hear school annexation request

TWIN FALLS — Tonight the Twin Falls School District will ask the city to annex the site of the new high school.

Gooding man burned in wreck

JEROME — A Gooding man suffered severe burns to his legs Saturday night after his car collided with an oncoming vehicle and then burst into flames.

Dangers of black ice recounted

TWIN FALLS — Black ice. It's the stuff of winter legend, but it is indeed a very real threat to drivers.



Black Friday is a mixed bag for local retailers

TWIN FALLS — By the time the sun's first rays reached the horizon Friday thousands of shoppers had already arrived to many local shops around Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

Lula Mae Freeborn
Kathleen M. Wortman, 59

CORRECTIONS

Christmas Through the Ages is Dec. 8-10
A calendar item Sunday and in the Magic of the Season section on Nov. 19.

IDAHO/WEST



Kustra tours BSU's connection to Boise

BOISE — Bob Kustra's speech on the eve of the school year lasted less than half an hour but the politician-turned-Boise State University president repeated the phrase 'metropolitan university' 18 times.

Cancer patients to get choice of treatments

COEUR D'ALENE — The Kootenai Medical Center's North Idaho Cancer Center will begin offering some patients the option of taking part in trials of experimental cancer drugs.

U of I professor seeks to improve solar cell

LEWISTON — A University of Idaho professor is devising a new form of solar cell she says could lead to a breakthrough that would make solar energy commercially viable.

Coroner focuses on two police shootings

BOISE — Rather than having public coroner inquest hearings, Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg says he plans to work with special prosecutors from outside the county and a police task force to release a public report on two fatal shootings by police officers this fall.

Jail inmates knit for kids around the world

LOGAN — Jail inmates are spending hours knitting caps, blankets and booties for children around the world.

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NATION/WORLD



10 killed in group home fire in Missouri

ANDERSON, Mo. — An early morning fire broke out in a group home for the elderly and mentally ill Monday, killing 10 people and injuring two dozen others in a blaze that the governor said was being treated as a crime.

AIDS set to be one of top causes of death

LONDON — Within the next 25 years, AIDS is set to join heart disease and stroke as the top three causes of death worldwide, according to a study published online Monday.

Heart implant may help prevent strokes

WASHINGTON — At least 120,000 Americans a year suffer strokes because of a common irregular heart rhythm — one that can rise, hard to treat and can shoot deadly blood clots straight to the brain.

Justice Department to review domestic spying

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has begun an internal investigation into its handling of information gathered in the government's domestic spying program.

Pamela Anderson, Kid Rock file for divorce

LOS ANGELES — Pamela Anderson and Kid Rock each filed divorce papers Monday seeking to end their marriage of less than four months.

SPORTS



Holding court

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins, with their superior size and savvy ran to a 24-2 record and the Class 5A state boys basketball championship during the 2005-06 season.

The Cutler Era officially begins

DENVER — Jay Cutler's been the Denver Broncos' starting quarterback all of one practice and he's already started. Coach Mike Shanahan ended the speculation Monday by elevating the rookie to starting quarterback for the rest of the year.

McGwire, Ripken, Gynn on Hall ballot

NEW YORK — Mark McGwire, Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. headline the first three initial candidates on the 2007 baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot.

Alabama fires Shula after 6-6 season

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama coach Mike Shula was fired after a 6-6 season that ended with three straight losses, including a defeat by state rival Auburn.

Shula, a former Alabama quarterback, led the Crimson Tide to a 10-2 season last year and a Cotton Bowl victory. But his teams were winless in four tries against Arkansas. The Tigers beat the Crimson Tide 22-15 on Nov. 18.

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Democrats to give student loans new scrutiny

By Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — One lucrative corner of the banking community has been so well-connected in the Republican-controlled Congress that a powerful committee chairman once assured its members that the industry's interests were in "two trusted hands."

Now that Democrats are about to take control of Congress, that industry — the bankers and financiers who make college student loans — will have to contend with a lawmaker who has compared it to the greedy usurers Jesus drove

from the temple of Jerusalem.

"It's time to throw the money-changers out of the college higher education," thundered Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who is in line to become chairman of the Senate committee that oversees education programs.

Within the student-loan industry, the impending transfer of party control is producing waves of anxiety — in part because Democrats have promised that one of their first acts will be to cut interest rates on student loans.

Having worked hard over the last decade to make Republican friends in high

places, bankers are moving quickly to open wider avenues of communication with ascendant Democrats, such as Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., incoming chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee, who got a last-minute, post-election invitation to address a student-loan debate meeting this week.

Democrats want to cut the rate that students pay on federally backed loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent. The idea was part of a six-item agenda Democrats ran on in the midterm elections. But the cost to the Treasury would be substantial: an estimated \$18 bil-

lion or more over five years.

The interest-rate cut could be made without touching the subsidies the government pays to companies for lending money to college students. But those subsidies are a possible target, nonetheless. Some Democratic lawmakers see them as excessive.

"Lenders are obviously concerned, because when you say something is going to cost \$18 billion, the next question is 'How are you going to pay for it?'" said John Dean, a lawyer for the Consumer Bankers Association.

Thomas Kiley, a spokesman for Miller, said: "We plan to

examine lenders' profitability to determine whether there are excessive profits that should be put to better use helping students and parents pay for college."

About 8.5 million students and parents pay for college with federal student loans every year. The \$67 billion borrowed in 2005-06, which includes both direct loans from the government and federally backed loans through private lenders, is the largest source of federal financial aid for college.

A senior House Democratic leadership aide said the cost of the plan probably would be whittled to \$2.6 billion by

authorizing only a one-year reduction.

Whatever the cost, the loan-rate bill will be an early test of another Democratic campaign promise: to reinstate budget rules that would require new spending to be offset by cuts in other programs, or by revenue increases. Democratic aides say it is not yet clear how the cost of the rate cut would be offset.

Republicans argue that cutting interest rates is a misplaced priority, because it would not affect what they believe is a more fundamental problem: the rising cost of college.

Aid

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Colin Randolph, the director of financial aid at CSI and a member of the committee that created the proposal, said the aid is sorely needed to help students afford higher education.

"The overall feeling is that Idaho has to do something," Randolph said. "We do a really good job of graduating students from high school, but we're doing a lousy job of attracting them to our four-year schools or technical colleges."

Randolph said some out-of-state colleges and universities are actually more affordable for students because they offer more financial assistance.

Most states have increased state funds to match federal

grants and loans for student aid. But in Idaho, where tuition at colleges and universities has risen more than 111 percent in 10 years, state funding has remained stagnant.

"CAN would request \$10 million initially to begin the program, and it would be fully implemented in 2010."

Under the program, students would receive financial assistance based on their financial need, and any additional assistance would be awarded based on academic performance.

Dwight Johnson, executive director of the State Board of Education, said the proposal "is in sync" with the recommendations made by the Interim Committee on Community Colleges. The committee, which convened

earlier this month, also recommended that the Legislature increase funding for student aid.

"It basically increases our current merit-based program and creates a new needs-based scholarship program," he said. "Although we are still working out the details, this is in sync with the committee's recommendations."

To afford college, most students at CSI work full- or part-time jobs in addition to receiving financial aid.

"How can you be a full-time student while doing that?" Randolph said.

"Really, you can't, so most students either go on a six-year plan or they don't go at all."

Last year, more than 5,700 students requested some form of financial aid at CSI, but only

2,966 actually received it.

Randolph also said the volume of student loan requests is rising across the nation as students carry out their education over a longer period of time.

But the greatest concern among college officials and lawmakers alike is the exodus of students who are enrolling in colleges and universities outside of Idaho.

"Idaho needs to be competitive whether we like it or not," Randolph said. "We have to be teaching students to work in competitive fields, and that's going to cost citizenry money."

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India claims successful missile interception test

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India on Monday carried out its first successful test interception of a ballistic missile, using a second missile to destroy the incoming rocket, the Defense Ministry said.

If the interceptor missile — the medium-range and nuclear-capable Prithvi-2 missile — can be transformed into a viable defense system, it would push India into an elite club of nations with working missile shields.

Such a system would vastly boost India's defensive capabilities, especially against neighboring Pakistan. The longtime rivals are both nuclear-armed.

The Defense Ministry called the test "a significant milestone."

According to the ministry, the first missile, a modified Prithvi 2 simulating the "adversary's missile," was launched from the Chandipur test range about 155 miles north of



Bhubaneswar, capital of India's Orissa state. The interceptor, also a Prithvi, was fired a minute later from the Wheeler's Island missile testing center. The island is in the Bay of Bengal, about 105 miles north of Bhubaneswar.

In July, India reported a successful launch of the longer-range Agni 2 nuclear missile for a full day before acknowledging the test failed, with the missile plunging into the sea short of its target. But this time, Defense Minister A.K. Antony was quick to convey "his heartfelt congratulations" to the development team, the statement said.

Snow

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"I think that when people realize they can drive in and not have to get snowed on or wet, they'll start coming more," said Carol Jones, the manager.

If businesses like these are succeeding, it's no thanks to the kids of Bickel Elementary School, who would sooner worship the snow than escape it.

The grassy section of their school's recreation area, for the first time this year coated in an inch of snow, is a testing ground for the inexhaustible applications of snow.

Screaming snowball wars are well under way when a yellow-jacketed late entrant makes a tactical mistake. He takes with him only a single snowball to attack a group of five. The retaliation is unani-

mous and swift.

"Two girls near the north fence are comparing who can slide farther. It goes only as far as balance permits, and one of the girls tumbles — but not before she drags down the other."

In the dead center of the playing field, a group of boys, self-regarding kings of the hill, have built a monster snowball. The menacing sphere is 2 feet cubed of compacted, muddied snow. It's too heavy to be lifted or used for anything useful so they push and pull it. Occasionally, someone pucks on more snow.

But snow isn't just for kids, the proof being a table of cowboys eating Mexican food at a restaurant on Kimberly Road.

"These guys, all who work at Twin Falls Lifestyles, have chosen careers that force them outside year-round. To take on

the weather, they say they resort to certain coping mechanisms.

First, they've learned you have got to stay moving.

Second, they keep in mind the adage: It's worse to work in lousy heat than frosty cold.

And lastly, they indulge in the occasional snowball fight.

Unfortunately, they can expect no good snowball fight this week, according to the National Weather Service in Boise.

Monday — the first real snow day of the season — saw 1 inch of snow in certain areas of Twin Falls. The chances of snow will taper throughout the week.

But not the cold.

"Temperatures tonight may drop to 13 degrees. On Wednesday temperatures may max out in the lower 20s, and dip at night to 5 degrees."

Entering the weekend, temperatures are expected to pick up. By Sunday, they may reach 40 degrees.

Jerry Stewart, who works outdoors with livestock, finished his meal with his colleagues and before heading back to work, said, "I'd rather have it cold than hot."

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Roadless

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calls, but she's said Risch's petition protects primeval forest while allowing access for her members to do "restoration forestry."

Under the Risch package:

- 1.4 million Forest Service acres would become "wildland," closely paralleling federal wilderness areas where roadbuilding is forbidden. That includes land slated to become wilderness in Idaho's Boulder and White Cloud mountains.
- Another 1.7 million acres would be dubbed "primitive," and would get similar protections.
- Meanwhile, in the petition's most disputed segment, 5.5 million acres would become so-called "backcountry" roads could be built and logging done for forest health.
- And commercial timber harvest would be allowed on another 500,000 acres designated "general."

Clashes over how to manage America's roadless lands flared after President Bill Clinton prohibited logging, mining

and other development on 58.5 million acres of roadless Forest Service land in 38 states and Puerto Rico.

In May 2005, President Bush replaced Clinton's plan with a process requiring governors to petition the federal government to protect national forests in their states.

On Sept. 20 — the same day Risch unveiled Idaho's roadless petition — a California judge ruled Bush failed to do environmental studies before making changes allowing states to decide how to manage their individual national forests.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Laporte's ruling restored the Clinton-era rule, at least for now.

Undeterred, Risch is separating ahead under a pending, decades-old federal rulemaking process that lets agencies such as the Department of Agriculture propose and establish regulations. The process provides for public participation.

Risch aides in Boise say he's hoping for a "hearing" from the Roadless Area

Conservation National Advisory Committee. Its 13 members include a ski-area lobbyist, conservationists from the Center for Biological Diversity, snowmobilers from the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a former executive from wood-products giant Louisiana-Pacific and Arch Coal, the second-largest U.S. coal mining company.

"Gov. Risch wants the committee to see this is a plan that's undergone a great deal of scrutiny and work," said Brad Hoaglan, Risch's spokesman. "He's optimistic they won't see it just as a reaction, as a way to open up lands. Because that was not the process at all."

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NATION

Ten killed in group home fire in southwest Missouri

Twenty-four others treated as cause sought

By Marcus Kabel Associated Press writer

ANDERSON, Mo. — An early morning fire broke out in a group home for the elderly and mentally ill Monday, killing 10 people and injuring two dozen others in a blaze that the governor said was being treated as a crime.

The blaze raged at the privately run Anderson Guest House to a skeleton of cinder blocks and stunned this rural community of about 1,800 people packed in the Ozark hills of southwest Missouri.

Gov. Matt Blunt said investigators were treating the fire as suspicious.

"We're not saying it is definitely a crime scene, but we are treating it as if it is and trying to determine if the fire was set by somebody who had a nefarious motive," Blunt said.

The home had 32 residents and 20 employees inside when the fire was reported around 1 a.m. The dead ranged in age from early 20s to elderly. Another 16 people were taken to hospitals, and others treated at the scene, authorities said.

One of the dead was a worker in the home, and the other nine were residents Blunt said. Authorities did not plan to release names until Tuesday because relatives of two victims haven't yet been notified.

Officials refused to say how the victims died or whether they had any warning. The home had fire alarms but no sprinklers.

Asked whether two staff members were enough to look after 32 residents, Blunt said there was "up to state health officials."

"That would impact to some degree the amount of care that is necessary," Neighbour Steven Spears, 47, said the blaze erupted through security cameras posted outside his home.

"I saw the front door blow open with fire," Spears said. "I know most of them (the residents) but not all of them at one time or another. It still hasn't hit me."

The home is operated by Joplin River of Life Ministries Inc. Owner Robert Dupont issued a statement expressing sadness and saying all displaced residents were being cared for with the help of local agencies.

"This is a very tragic situation that has saddened all of us at Joplin River of Life Ministries," he said.

At the company's offices in Joplin, investigators interviewed Dupont and group home residents, including some survivors. A ministries employee said Dupont was unavailable for further comment.

One person was in serious condition at Joplin Hospital. All the other survivors who went to area hospitals were either in good or fair condition, or had been treated and released. Authorities were trying to determine whether the blaze was linked to a smaller fire at the facility Saturday morning, said Assistant Fire Marshal Greg Carrell. No one was injured in the first fire, which was still under investigation when the second blaze began.



Anderson volunteer firefighters Adam Murphy, left, and Brandon Hines, rest on their truck after helping put out a fire at the Anderson Guest House, where 10 people died early Monday, in Anderson, Mo.

The facility also has a license from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, which licenses the facility. It found some deficiencies at the home in March, but none related to fire safety.

The home is a residential care center licensed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The facility also has a license from the state Department of Mental Health that allowed mentally ill residents to live at the home and receive treatment elsewhere.

The facility was cited in March for grease buildup in the kitchen, uncovered fluorescent light fixtures, allowing meat to thaw on the kitchen counter instead of in a refrigerator. It allowed a resident to take more than the prescribed dose of an inhaler and not requesting criminal background checks for new employees as quickly as required by law. All the deficiencies were corrected within three weeks, according to the health department.

Pam Anderson, Kid Rock file for divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pamela Anderson and Kid Rock's court-filed divorce papers Monday say they end their marriage of less than four months.

Anderson's representatives would not comment on the reason or any particulars of the divorce. Anderson and Rock, whose real name is Robert Ritchie, each cited "irreconcilable differences" in their divorce filings in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

"Yes, it's true," Anderson wrote in a brief statement on her Web site. "Unfortunately impossible."

A message left with Ritchie's attorney wasn't immediately returned.

The relationship between Anderson, 39, and Ritchie, 35, has been a turbulent one since they became engaged in 2002. They broke up the following year, but later reunited and held several wedding ceremonies over the summer.

They were wed in late July near St. Tropez, France, and again at a courthouse in Beverly Hills on Aug. 3. They also tied the knot in an Aug. 17 ceremony in Nashville, Tenn.

The pair filed separate divorce petitions, about an hour apart, early Monday. Anderson reported their separation date as Nov. 21; Ritchie said it was Nov. 26.

First word of the split was reported by "The Insider" syndicated news magazine.

Anderson's spokeswoman, Tracy Nguyen, confirmed earlier this month that the actress had suffered a miscarriage.

The actress has two sons, Brandon, 10, and Dylan, 8, from her marriage to rocker Tommy Lee. Ritchie, a Michigan native who owns a condo in Nashville, has a 13-year-old son, Bo.

Anderson appears in "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." She has been filming "Blonde and Brunette," Ritchie released his latest CD, "Live Trucker," in February.

Doctors test heart implant to block strokes

By Lauren Hoeggaard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — At least 120,000 Americans a year suffer strokes because of a common irregular heartbeat — one that often is hard to treat and can cause deadly blood clots straight to the brain.

Now doctors are experimenting with a new way to prevent those brain attacks: a tiny device that seals off a little section of the jiggling heart where the clots form.

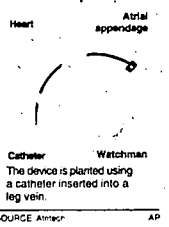
If it works — and a major study is under way — the Watchman device might provide long-needed protection for thousands of people with atrial fibrillation, whose main hope now is a problematic blood-thinning drug that too many can't tolerate.

"I don't think I'm biased, but it could potentially revolutionize a-fib, which is a ton of people," says Dr. Steven Alman, vice chief of cardiology at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. He has implanted the Watchman into more than a dozen patients so far.

About 2.8 million Americans have atrial fibrillation, the most common type of irregular heartbeat. It is most common among the elderly, and cases are increasing as the population grows. A-fib occurs when the

Stroke blocker

The Watchman is a device that keeps blood clots that form in the left atrial appendage from entering the blood stream and causing fatal strokes.



heart's top chambers, called the atria, get out of sync with the bottom chambers' pumping. The atria speed up, sometimes so fast that they quiver like a bag of worms. Blood pools inside a pocket of the heart, allowing clots to form.

About 20 percent of the nation's strokes are blamed on the condition, and they tend to be particularly severe. About a third of the victims die, and another third are significantly disabled, Almany says.

The blood thinner warfarin, also called Coumadin, lowers the stroke risk dramatically. But it is very difficult to use — it can't be taken together with dozens of other medicines, and requires dietary restrictions and regular blood testing.

In addition, side effects include serious, even life-threatening, bleeding.

By some estimates, almost half the people who should take the drug can't or won't, and there are lots of people out there on Coumadin who want off," says Dr. William Gray, a cardiologist studying the Watchman at New York's Columbia University Medical Center. "This provides the opportunity, hopefully, to get them off the drug."

In atrial fibrillation, 90 percent of stroke-causing blood clots collect inside a jalapeno pepper-shaped flap of tissue that hangs off the edge of the left atrium.

"Some call it the heart's belly button, a leftover from fetal development that the body no longer needs. The Watchman physically seals off that flap, depriving clots of their staging area. The question is whether that really will stop strokes.

To find out, doctors are recruiting hundreds of patients around the country to get either the experimental device or the usual Coumadin.

NYC mayor says police used excessive force in shooting

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg weighed in on the uproar over a deadly police shooting Monday, saying bluntly that officers appeared to use excessive force when they fired 50 shots at an unarmed man in a confrontation outside a strip club hours before his wedding.

"I can tell you that it is to me unacceptable or inexplicable how you can have 50-odd shots fired, but that's up to the investigation to find out what really happened," Bloomberg said at a news conference after meeting with elected officials and community leaders including the Rev. Al Sharpton and Rep. Charles Rangel.

The groom, Sean Bell, 23, was killed and two of his friends wounded early Saturday after a bachelor party at the strip club. Suspecting that one of the men had a gun, police fired 50 rounds into the vehicle. The men were unarmed.

Sharpton called it a "very candid" meeting. He said the

message to Bloomberg was: "This city must show moral outrage that 50 shots were fired on three unarmed men."

Of the victims, Bloomberg said Monday: "There is no evidence that they were doing anything wrong," referring to everything leading up to the moment they struck the officer with their car.

For a mayor to question the actions of the officers and defend the shooting victims — while reaching out immediately to the grieving community — sets a decidedly different tone than a past. Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani was hounded for what some viewed as a slow response to the killing of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant who was shot 19 times in the Bronx by four white officers. They were later acquitted of criminal charges.

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Britain tracks radioactive sites in London after death of poisoned ex-spy

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press writer

LONDON — The British government began tracking radioactive hotspots in London on Monday to trace the poison that killed a former KGB agent, and three people who reported possible symptoms of contamination underwent testing.

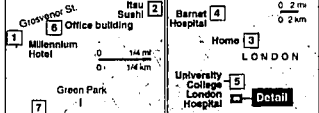
Britain announced a formal inquiry into the death of Alexander Litvinenko, but Home Secretary John Reid warned against rushing to conclusions over who might be responsible for the killing of the ex-spy turned Kremlin critic.

Litvinenko died Thursday after falling ill from what doctors said was poisoning by polonium-210, a radioactive isotope usually manufactured in specialized nuclear facilities. High doses of polonium, which is deadly if ingested or inhaled, were found in Litvinenko's body.

"It is a natural conclusion that it does not radiate over long distances, a few centimeters at most, and therefore there is no need for a public alarm," Reid said in a speech addressed to the House of Commons.

Backtracking poison victim's footsteps

Three people are being tested in London for polonium-210, the deadly radioactive poison that killed former KGB agent spy Alexander Litvinenko.



- Traces of radiation at:
1. Meeting on the day he is believed to have been poisoned
 2. Restaurant where he ate
 3. Litvinenko's family home
 4. Hospital where Litvinenko was first treated
 5. Hospital where he died
 6. Business intelligence company
 7. Reported home of Russian tycoon Boris Berezovsky

SOURCES: ESRI, AP reporting

Police were about to interview Litvinenko in the hospital before he died, and are retracing Litvinenko's steps on the day he said he fell ill.

Six sites showed traces of radiation linked to the poisoning, including a bar in London's Millennium Hotel, a branch of Ipsi Sushii near Piccadilly Circus, Litvinenko's house in North London and a section of the hospital where he was treated when he fell ill on Nov. 1.

Three other sites — an office block in London's west end

and an address in the posh neighborhood of Mayfair — also showed traces of radiation, Scotland Yard said.

All the locations except Litvinenko's home are in west London, separated by only a mile.

"They said there was only a trace," he said in a radio interview. Alan Hummerstone, a 27-year-old computer technician who said police found radiation at his office building in Mayfair. "Police said, 'You would have to ingest something to be at risk.'"

Justice Department begins internal review of spying program

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has begun an internal investigation into its handling of information gathered in the government's domestic spying program.

However, Democrats criticized the review as not going far enough to determine whether the program violates federal law.

The inquiry by Glenn A. Fine, the department's inspector general, will focus on the role of Justice prosecutors and agents in carrying out the warrantless surveillance program run by the National Security Agency.

Fine's investigation is not expected to address whether the controversial program is an unconstitutional expansion of presidential power, as its critics and a federal judge in Detroit have charged.

"After conducting initial inquiries into the program, we have decided to open a program review that will examine the department's controls and use of information related to the program," Fine wrote in a letter dated Monday to House and Senate leaders on judiciary, intelligence and appropriations committees.

The review also will look at "the department's compliance with legal requirements governing the program," according to the four-paragraph letter obtained by The Associated Press.

Justice Department spokesman Brian Berkaske said the agency welcomes the review. "We expect that this review will assist Justice Department personnel in ensuring that the department's activities comply with the legal requirements that govern the operation of the program."

In January, Fine's office said it did not have jurisdiction to investigate, as requested by more than three dozen Democrats, the legality of the secret program that monitors

phone calls and e-mails between people in the U.S. and abroad when a link to terrorism is suspected.

Fine's letter outlining his review was welcomed by congressional Democrats. At the same time, they said it falls short of examining issues at the heart of the debate — how the spying program evolved, and whether its creation violated any laws.

"A full investigation into the program as a whole, not just the DOJ's involvement, will be necessary," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif.

The review could include whether the spying program complies with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which requires judicial authorization for electronic surveillance and physical searches of people suspected of espionage or international terrorism on behalf of a foreign power. The Justice Department requests surveillance approval from the FISA court.

Democrats also questioned the timing of the review. Fine's letter noted that his office asked the White House on Oct. 20 for additional security clearances that were approved just last week — following the Nov. 7 elections that gave Democrats control of Congress.

Noting Democrats' renewed

power to subpoena Bush administration officials next year, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., questioned that Fine's investigation "is only coming now after the election as an attempt to appease Democrats" who have been critical of the NSA program.

The letter was sent to House

The building near the Millennium Hotel contains a business intelligence company, Titan International Ltd., whose CEO was a former U.K. Special Services director, and Eriny's UK Ltd., an international security and risk management company.

Eriny's confirmed that Litvinenko had visited the office "on a matter totally unrelated to issues now being investigated by the police," but declined to elaborate. None of the staff who had contact with him have reported any ill effects, the statement said.

The other location reportedly houses an office of Boris Berezovsky, the self-exiled tycoon and Kremlin critic wanted in Russia on money-laundering charges.

Businesses listed at the address include a fund adviser, an investment firm, an energy company and offices of the newspaper and publisher Metro International.

Berezovsky, who knew Litvinenko before both came to Britain and reportedly paid for the ex-spy's home in North London, told The Associated Press Monday he would make no comment until the investigation was over.

White House says Iraq violence in 'new phase'

Bush steps up diplomacy ahead of NATO, Iraq meetings

By Tom Ramm
Associated Press writer

TALLINN, Estonia — President Bush intensified diplomatic efforts on Monday to quell rising violence in Iraq and Afghanistan, turning to allies as his national security adviser said the conflict in Iraq had entered a "new phase" requiring changes.

"Obviously everyone would agree things are not proceeding well enough or fast enough," National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley told reporters aboard Air Force One as Bush flew eastward.

The president was spending Monday night in this tiny Baltic nation ahead of a two-day NATO summit in Riga, Latvia, expected to deal with deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan, where NATO has 32,000 troops.

Both Estonia and Latvia are former Soviet republics that are strong allies in the war on terror.

Bush will head to Amman,

Jordan, for talks Wednesday with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and King Abdullah of Jordan.

From Air Force One, the president spoke to the leaders of France and Egypt, addressing the upcoming meetings with al-Maliki. Hadley said, "We're clearly in a new phase characterized by an increase in sectarian violence that requires us to adapt to that new phase."

Bush and al-Maliki "need to be talking about how to do that and what steps Iraq needs to take and how we can support" Iraq's leaders, Hadley said.

The adviser rejected suggestions that Iraq had already spiraled into a civil war and said it was unlikely Bush would address with the Iraqi leader the issue of any U.S. troop withdrawals. "We're not at the point where the president is going to be in a position to lay out a comprehensive plan," Hadley said.

Hadley also said he believed that al-Maliki — rather than Bush — seemed more likely to bring up the subject of dealing with Iran and Syria, saying the Iraqi leader had strong views on the subject.

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EDITORIAL

Remembering Craig Neilsen, a one-of-a-kind entrepreneur

It's difficult to overstate the influence of Ameristar Casinos' CEO Craig Neilsen, who died last week on the economy — and even the look — of the Magic Valley.

Our view: Craig Neilsen's keen — and unconventional — business sense had a major impact on the Magic Valley's economy.

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

But for Twin Falls, Neilsen's most visible legacy will be the key piece of property he owned on the Snake River Canyon rim, and what he did with it.

2002, setting the tone for all future development of the Perrine Bridge corridor. Neilsen backed off a seven-story hotel and convention center project in 2000 for economic reasons, but plans are under way for more developments on Neilsen property west of Blue Lakes, including a larger hotel and convention center.

Services today, Wednesday

Memorial services for Craig Neilsen will be held today and Wednesday in Las Vegas. From noon to 7 p.m. PST today, the public is invited to pay respects at a vigil at Palm Mortuaries and Crematories, 6701 N. Jones Blvd.

Lynwood Shopping Center and the Breckenridge residential subdivision. In style, Neilsen was a capitalist from another generation — making intuitive decisions that sometimes confounded business partners and employees.

alize and move toward an objective even when no one else could understand what he was doing. That's how he created Ameristar Casinos. He could concep-

tualize and envision a project when no one else could see what was there. He would often do things that would drive other people crazy because you couldn't understand," Edmunds said.

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Write to us

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hard work and excellent show! As a mom and music educator, I am very appreciative of the many fine arts activities that are available to the young people of the Magic Valley.

Drama judges are aptly qualified to judge

I'm responding to a letter in the Nov. 17 Times-News titled "High school contest's judging sub-par."

Many judges at drama competitions aren't qualified, but I'd like to express why. Judge pay is so low that costs for gas to drive to competitions are barely covered.

What is a qualified judge? Every judge seen from my school was qualified in some way. If they haven't taken tests, they'd been in theater. I've researched the judges of scenic design and found they are qualified. One competed in many scenic design rounds.

Not everyone wins. Yes, winning one year helps for the next, but a member on our team who made it to finals in two categories last year at state didn't even qualify this year.

Finally, I'd like to comment on the scenic design. There can't be a "clearly superior" piece based on appearance. An architect's concept one-quarter-inch scale model proves one excels at mechanical craftsmanship, but where's the dream? The winner may not appear superior, but the design's more than appearance.

I have only this to close with: "Love the art in yourself, not yourself in the art." KARI MERRILL, Murray



Building a team of rivals

Over the next few months, I am going to ask the presidential hopefuls the following question: What lessons do you draw from the Iraq experience about decision-making in the White House?

The candidates are going to say something like this: The lesson I draw is that the president has to have intellectual curiosity and access to all the necessary information.

I am going to respond: Oh, please. Save that stuff for the campaign rallies. If you know anything about how the Bush administration actually worked, you know that people at the mid-levels were consumed by doubt.

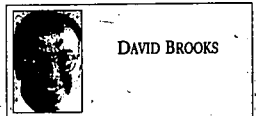
Then the candidates will level with me in that low-toned voice they adopt when speaking the truth, and if they are smart, they will say something like this:

OK, you're right. There are structural problems that have emerged during the past several administrations that crippled planning for Iraq. Here's what I think they are.

First, the vice president can't have his own secret policy channel. He can't sit silently at meetings and then, during private lunches with the president, countermand all that was accomplished.

Second, the White House can't obsess about leaks. This administration in particular twisted itself into knots to prevent leaks, and you know what? Everything came out anyway.

The problem is the White House is staffed by younger people who are feverishly devoted to the president. Especially in the first years, they try to make every day pleasant for him, which means not bringing him bad news, or setting up a meeting that might turn nasty.



Building a team of rivals

big enough to carry out policy. When it is asked to, you get thousands of these meetings at the top by people who have limited power to control facts on the ground. Which leads to the fourth and most important lesson: There is a yawning gap between those who decide policies and those who carry them out.

In the Iraq occupation, Rumsfeld was a rogue secretary, not committing enough troops, not returning phone calls, not sharing information, and nobody did anything to discipline him.

To address these problems, the next president has to restore Cabinet government — set up teams of rivals, as Lincoln, Eisenhower and Reagan did. For example, during his first term, President Reagan had more than 500 Cabinet committee meetings, according to Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution.

A president who vests power in Cabinet members gives himself colleagues, people of similar age and stature who can argue with him face to face. By formalizing a decision-making process he balances egotistical securities against each other.

David Brooks writes a column for the Op-Ed page of The New York Times.

Stringency law not a new concept

The Times-News is to be commended for trying to explain the stringency law to Idaho citizens. The Nov. 22 editorial might have created some confusion which should be corrected.

The stringency law is deeply embedded in Idaho's environmental law. It is not a new concept, although it is frequently reconfirmed by the Idaho Legislature.

Legislators are interested in the origin of the rule and wish to do something about it, they can refer to section 39-107(D)(3) of the Idaho Code. That will refer them to the seven other sections where the rule is codified in its various forms.

If they want to petition their legislators to repeal the stringency law, they need to include all of the sections in which it is codified.

It is not in Idaho's best interests to overregulate agriculture or industry or subject them to state regulations where the Environmental Protection Agency regulations are adequate.

The Idaho stringency law creates a statutory presumption that federal law is adequate to protect human health and the environment. As demonstrated by the Clean Air Mercury rule, that presumption is erroneous.

DONALD CHISHOLM, Burley

Remember Pearl Harbor victims

December 7, 1941 — A day that should live in infamy! While our politicians like Congressman Simpson, Inseele and Matsui, and the National Park Service, headed by former Gov. Kempthorne, now interior secretary, are busy as little worker bees building shrines and memorials to the revisionist Japanese in this country, let the real Americans that are left remember and honor those 3,000 military and civilians that died in the murder-

Student appreciates free newspapers

My name is Misti Stromberg, and I want to thank you for the newspapers.

My favorite part of the newspaper is the comics and the same for my teacher. My favorite strip is 'Pearls Before Swine.'

In class, we read the newspaper. Too. We read it almost every day.

I like the newspaper because it gives you a lot of information about good things and bad things. My mom likes it when I bring the newspaper home after school.

She reads the newspaper first, then she cuts out family pictures. She then glues it on a big piece of paper.

I really like the newspaper. MISTI STROMBERG, Burley

'Mille' cast and crew did a great job

The Magic Valley School of Performing Arts' production of "The thoroughly Modern Mille" closed on Friday (Nov. 17), and it was "thoroughly enjoyable! Hats off to the cast, crew and directors for their

Republicans' appeal outside South wanes

ATLANTA — Georgia Democrats probably feel a bit like Cinderella. They got stranded at home Election Night, and then in their grungy hand-me-downs, while fellow Democrats around the country went dancing at the celebration ball. It didn't come as a surprise. Gov. Sonny Perdue was expected to thrash his Democratic challenger, Mark Taylor, and he did. In the race for lieutenant governor, Casey Cagle easily defeated a strong Democratic opponent in Jim Martin, and no Georgia Democrat came close to challenging a Republican incumbent congressman. They did all they could to hold onto the seats they had.

And it probably wasn't much solace to know that their misery was shared by Democrats across the Deep South. In Alabama, South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi, Republican congressmen and governors were re-elected without serious challenge, even in a supposedly Democratic year.

However, while the Republican Party consolidated its grip on the Deep South this year, the reverse was also true — the Deep South consolidated its grip on the Republican Party.

With many of its more moderate members in the Northeast and Midwest now gone from Congress — the six New England states will apparently boast a grand total of one GOP congressman — the remaining Republicans in Congress will be both more conservative and more Southern, making it hard to broaden their message.

JAY BOOKMAN

To hard-core Republicans, losses by GOP moderates have purged the party of so-called RINOs — Republicans in Name Only — who diluted the purity of the party message. Southern Republicans in particular believe that since the hard-line conservative message resonates with voters here at home, it will have a similar appeal with the rest of the country. They don't want to know that the appeal of that message might be regional, not national.

This month's election suggests that's the case, though. In conservative South Dakota, voters overwhelmingly rejected a state ban on abortion; several states approved a ban on gay marriage, but voters in Arizona rejected it, suggesting the issue may have run its course; in Missouri, citizens voted to ensure that embryonic stem cell research stays legal, a cause that the GOP core opposes nationally.

Until now, state Republicans have seemed to play it safe, consolidating their power and their popularity without pushing things too far. They've focused on fulfilling the Chamber of Commerce's wish list, pushing through a string of legislation to benefit business at the expense of the individual Georgian, but on most issues the debate in the General Assembly hasn't changed much since the Democrats ran things.

But Tuesday, Georgia Republicans re-elected the first Republican governor since Reconstruction, they

held or expanded their majorities in the state Legislature and they see no up-and-coming on the Democratic bench who can even scare them in a major statewide race.

So this January, when the General Assembly reconvenes, I suspect we're going to see the mask of moderation dropped as Republicans become more aggressive in pushing pet policies and ideology. That's certainly the message sent by House Majority Leader Jerry Keen, who said Election Night that Republicans plan a "very active agenda — a bold, conservative agenda."

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Discrepancies abundant with state, local laws

Liquor sales on Sunday: I can't water my lawn on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday, but Twin Falls can build housing tract after housing tract.

I can't play poker unless I drive to another state, but I can buy a 14 million-to-1 gamble to win on a State Lotto ticket. Now there is a sure thing — for state government.

I can go to Rock Creek Steak House on Sunday and have an outstanding dinner, but I don't dare order a cocktail while waiting for my friends to show up.

I can go to the state-run horse-racing track and bet 'til the cows come home, but if I bet with the next door neighbor, I'm going to jail. Big Brother orders me to

wear a seatbelt in my own personal vehicle or pay a fine to government, but 30 children are not even allowed the chance to buckle up in a yellow sardine can they call a school bus.

Never been on the welfare or unemployment rolls. I have not been drunk in more than 25 years and don't plan to for the next 25 years. Damn! The last time I looked I was a 60-year-old man who has never been arrested, (did receive one driving ticket in my life).

Paid all my state, county, federal, property taxes, and have paid more money into Social Security than I would have liked to.

So if you people in government feel the need to tell me when I can and can't have a cocktail before dinner, please don't run for public office again, because a noth-

er thing I do ... is to also vote.

One more thing — get state government out of the liquor business with the state-owned liquor stores. Try private enterprise. ROBERT B. NORTON
Twin Falls

Sports page is student's favorite section

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My teacher's favorite section is the comics. We also read the sports page.

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Seahawks fly through snow, Packers

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — It took a blast of rare Seattle snow to lift Shaun Alexander out of his season-long hibernation. Alexander ran for a season-high 201 yards Monday night to lead the Seattle Seahawks to a 34-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers and Brett Favre on a surprisingly snowy night in the Great Northwest. With the white stuff falling for the first time at a Seattle home game, it seemed like a more natural setting for the

Packers. Favre, who rarely loses when the temperature is 34 degrees or less, was making his 252nd straight start — and possibly his final appearance on the Monday-night stage he has lit up over his shining career. Instead, the evening belonged to Alexander, who led across this new frozen tundra for his first 100-yard game of the season and showed that his broken left foot is feeling much better. The Seahawks (7-4) overcame four first-half turnovers by Matt Hasselbeck — includ-

ing one returned for a touchdown by Abdul Hodge — thanks to a four field goals off the snowy turf by Josh Brown. Seattle took a two-game lead in the NFC West. Trailing 21-12 early in the second half, Seattle began its comeback behind Alexander, who finished the night with a career-high 40 rushes that also set a franchise record. The reigning MVP who posted the second 200-yard game of his career, also bested his previous high of 35 carries. He ran for 42 yards on four

carries to drive Seattle to its go-ahead score early in the fourth quarter. Hasselbeck ended that drive with a perfectly lofted, 4-yard touchdown pass onto the hands of Darrell Jackson for a 27-21 lead. After Green Bay (4-7) cut the deficit to three, Alexander got the Seahawks close, then Hasselbeck made the best throw of his up-and-down night — a 3-yard touchdown to Jeremy Stevens in the back of the end zone to make it 34-24 and essentially put the game away.



Seattle Seahawks' Shaun Alexander (37) is brought down on a first-down run by Green Bay Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk in the second quarter of Monday's game in Seattle.

Bruins reload

Twin Falls, area boys hoops teams begin season

By Brad Guin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Every coach who's built a championship program has to face the inevitable question: Can you repeat? While the answer won't really come until March, Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball head coach Matt Harr is confident of the program's he's built. Though he lost some stars off the 2005-06 Class 5A state championship team in Blake Nielsen, Brady Jardine, Brandon Stokes and Brett Vriesman, he doesn't consider this a rebuilding season. "I never use the word 'rebuilding,'" Harr said at practice in Baum Gymnasium on Monday. "We reload." And why not? The cliché is that teams have "offensive weapons." When one gun runs out of bullets, it's reloaded — not with the same bullets, but with bullets of the same caliber. This year's group of seniors and some juniors that followed last year's title run played and practiced with the guys who won it — the best in the state — and surely some of that knowledge and experience have rubbed off. "You build that winning program, and it will feed itself," Harr said. "We definitely have a chance."

The 2006-07 season is one of the toughest that's been scheduled since Harr took over the program four years ago, but he's careful to point out that the 20- and 30-point margins won't be the norm. "My biggest worry right now is that we'll be in a lot of close games," Harr said. "I'm anxious to see how we're going to play in the fourth quarter. If we can keep that winning attitude, it's gonna be good."

The team itself will be a concern of sorts as well. While Marcus Schaal is back and has stepped up to lead on the court, and Cory Cook can be a strong point guard, the Bruins are young. Big man Ben Heidenreich stands at 6-foot-7, but is "raw," according to Harr. The senior post



Twin Falls High School's Marcus Schaal goes up for a rebound during practice Monday night in Twin Falls.

New coaches
The 2006-07 boys basketball season will showcase some new faces around the valley.

School	Former	Current
Bliss	Clark Smith	Bruce Clark
Castelford	Tyler Gaston	Scott Bean
Declo	Dennis Smyer	Doc Lewis
Murtagh	Rex Romander	Adam Johnson
Wendell	Allen Kelsey	Ryan Jarvis
Wood River/Fred	Trenkle	John Radford

2006-07 Twin Falls Bruins
Class: 5A
Conference: Region Four-Five-Six
Last year's record: 24-2 (conference champion, state champion)
Head coach: Matt Harr, fifth year
Players: Cory Cook, sr., 5-6; G; Andrew Williams, so., 6-0; G; Bryant Ward, jr., 3; P; Cody Taylor, jr., 5-11; G; Ryan Simmons, sr., 6-0; G; Marcus Schaal, sr., 6-2; G/P; Connor Smith, jr., 6-2; Ryan Petersen, fr., 5-11; G; Brandon Carr, jr., 6-3; G/P; Logan Lynch, jr., 11; G; Judd Olmstead, jr., 6-4; P; Ben Heidenreich, sr., 6-7; P; Kyle Mer, jr., 5; G/P.

blew his knee last year and didn't play. Freshman Ryan Peterson and sophomore Michael Williams will see minutes, but are still inexperienced at the varsity level. Kyle Ivie looks to be the swing man.

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McGwire on Hall ballot along with Gwynn and Ripken

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark McGwire, Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. headline the first-time candidates on the 2007 baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot released Monday, sure to spark debate on Big Mac's place in history as the steroid era comes under renewed scrutiny. Jose Canseco, whose book last year led to a congressional hearing on steroid use in baseball, also is on the ballot for the first time. Canseco said he used steroids along with McGwire when they were teammates.

McGwire denied using illegal performance-enhancing substances, but when he appeared before a congressional committee, he evaded questions. "I'm not here to talk about the past," was his repeated response.

McGwire finished his career with 583 home runs, seventh in baseball history while Canseco, a former MVP, is 30th at 462. Dave Kingman, 34th with 442, has the most home runs for a player who has been on the Hall of Fame ballot and was not elected.

Gwynn, an eight-time batting champion with San Diego and Ripken, a two-time MVP with Baltimore, are considered likely to gain election on the first ballot. Ripken played in 2,632 consecutive games, breaking Lou Gehrig's record.

Bret Saberhagen, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, and former MVP Ken Caminiti also are among 17 players on the ballot for the first time along with Harold Baines, Dante Bichette, Bobby Bonilla, Scott Brosius, Jay Buhner, Eric Davis, Tony Fernandez, Wally Joyner, Paul O'Neill, Devon White and Bobby Witt.

Jim Rice, who was 53 votes short of election last year, heads the 15 holdovers. Rich Gossage finished one vote behind Rice. Reporters who have been in the BBWAA for 10 or more consecutive years are eligible to vote, and the totals will be announced Jan. 9.

The complete ballot: Harold Baines, Albert Belle, Dante Bichette, Bert Blyleven, Bobby Bonilla, Scott Brosius, Jay Buhner, Ken Caminiti, Jose Canseco, Dave Canseco, Eric Davis, Andre Dawson, Tony Fernandez, Steve Garvey, Rich "Goose" Gosage, Tony Gwynn, Orlin Hershiser, Tommy John, Wally Joyner, Don Mattingly, Mark McGwire, Jack Morris, Dale Murphy, Paul O'Neill, Dave Parker, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken Jr., Bret Saberhagen, Lee Smith, Alan Trammell, Devon White, Bobby Witt.

AP Hall of Fame Survey

NEW YORK (AP) — Results of a survey conducted by The Associated Press among eligible Baseball Hall of Fame voters on whether they plan to vote for Mark McGwire on the upcoming ballot. Of the 125 voters contacted, 97 gave an opinion:

- Yes — 23 (24 percent of those expressing an opinion)
- No — 74 (78 percent of those expressing an opinion)
- Undecided — 16
- Not allowed to vote by their employers — 5
- Won't say — 5
- Won't vote — 2

Results of a survey conducted by the AP among eligible Hall voters last year on whether they planned to vote for McGwire.

- March 2005 AP Survey
- Yes — 65 (66 percent of those expressing an opinion)
- No — 62 (44 percent of those expressing an opinion)
- Undecided — 38

The Cutler era officially begins

By Pat Gahan
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Jay Cutler's been the Denver Broncos' starting quarterback all of one practice and he's already a rattled rookie.

Cutler was playing it cool in his first interview at the podium when fellow rookies Brandon Marshall and Tony Scheffler began heckling him from the side. Cutler tried to keep from laughing and couldn't. "I'm excited," Cutler said. "And a little nervous."

The Cutler Era has officially started. Coach Mike Shanahan ended the speculation Monday by elevating the rookie to starting quarterback for the rest of the year, sending Jake Plummer to the bench. "He's our future, he's our present," Shanahan said.

Cutler, the 11th pick out of Vanderbilt in the draft last April, hasn't taken a snap since the preseason. But Shanahan is hoping a quarterback change can ignite the Broncos' struggling offense. The team is 7-4, but ranks 26th in the league with

171 yards passing per game. "There's a lot of pressure on a first-year quarterback, no question about it," Shanahan said. "I think this kid can handle it. I think he gives us the best chance to win."

His teammates figure it's worth the chance. "With the losing streak we're on, it doesn't hurt to try," receiver Javon Walker said. "If he does (well), we'll ride it all the way out. If not, obviously he's our quarterback of the future."

A quarterback switch worked in Dallas when Tony Romo took over for Drew Bledsoe. The Cowboys have gone 4-1 with Romo as the star. San Diego is leading the AFC West behind first-year starter Philip Rivers.

When asked if the situations were comparable, Shanahan was blunt. "No," he said.

Cutler, though, feels like he's in a better situation than Tennessee's Vince Young and Arizona's Matt Leinart, both of whom were drafted ahead of him and are starting for teams with losing records.

"Matt and Vince have to go out there

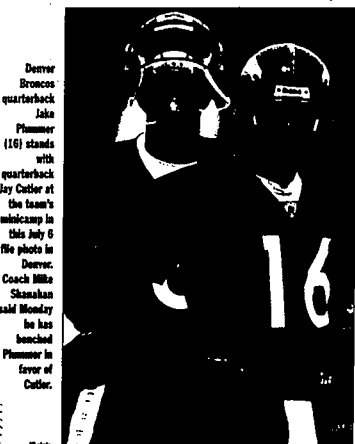
and really win games," said Cutler, who's the first rookie quarterback to start for Denver since Tommy Maddox on Dec. 12, 1992, at Buffalo. Maddox started for an injured John Elway. "We've got a good team. We've got leaders on this team. I need to go out there and do my part."

Cutler had an impressive preseason for Denver, throwing for 561 yards, third best in the NFL. Romo led the league with 833 yards passing in exhibition play. Cutler's passer rating of 108.3 led the league in the preseason.

"Preseason is preseason. I don't put a lot of stock in it," Cutler said. "This is a different animal. We're playing for real now."

Cutler is the latest in line of Broncos quarterbacks attempting to become the "next John Elway." He knows the comparisons will be inevitable. "Not that Cutler would want Elway's rookie debut. The Hall of Famer was 1-of-8 for 14 yards and one interception against Pittsburgh on Sept. 4, 1983. Denver did win 14-10.

Shanahan thinks Cutler's situation is different from what Elway went through.



Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer (16) stands with quarterback Jay Cutler at the team's minicamp in this July 6 file photo in Denver. Coach Mike Shanahan said Monday he has benched Plummer in favor of Cutler.

SPORTS

Orlando beats Jazz

Reload

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What the Bruins may lack in experience, they'll make up for in speed and shooting. Ivin Falls likes to shoot from the outside and likes to shoot the 3, but will look to establish a presence in the paint. "We like to run, but we've changed a lot of what we do to set more on-ball screens, inside picks, and we're trying to look more inside may be than we have in the past," Harr said.

However, the starting lineup itself is a tossup as many players will compete for playing time. "I asked my assistants -- we wrote down starting lineups, and we all three had different starting lineups," Harr said, "and that's a positive thing."

Something new to think about will be the addition of Madison to the Region Four, Five-Six schedule, which Harr called the best team in the league at this point.

At this point, because conference play and the conference tournament are the only games that really matter. It's so close and yet so far away from March at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West

The Burley Bobcats will be a young team this year with only one returning starter in Clayton Mason, their top point guard. Casey Miller and Ben Searle saw playing time last year, but the Bobcats will have to rely on some tall newcomers in Kyle Hayward, Jordan Houston and Breaden Clayson, all 6-5 posts. A season highlight for Burley comes on Saturday when they play Preston at the former Delta Center in Salt Lake City prior to a Utah Jazz game.

Strong guard play and speed should be just some of the highlights to the Jerome Tigers. Rebounding will need some work due to a lack of height on the team.

Minico should be a high-scoring team as its top 10 guys can all shoot. However, they'll need to play defense just as stout to win games. Depth won't be a concern, but the chemistry on this team has yet to develop.

The Wood River Wolverines will look to contend for a top spot in the conference.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

Over in Buhl, the lineup should sound familiar. The squad of Will Chivers, Austin Lang, K.C. Hulse, Trent Craner and Tanner Leckenby are all back from last year's SCIC championship team. The lack of the consolation title at state, so a run at the title isn't out of the question. Many on the squad were also on the state runner-up football team, so they know about the pressures of top season. Buhl will be a deep and quick team with strong leadership.

Things didn't go all that great for the Wildcats last season, but they should improve greatly this year. Head coach Daren Gary returns five players and said that the guards have stepped up and the inside guards will be tough. One area in question is a young bench that will have to start quickly.

Five starters return for another season with the Gooding Senators, a team that could play good defense on the perimeter but will work improving its rebounding. The inside game on offense is also a concern of head coach Joe Messick.

Decia has a baker's dozen on its varsity roster under the direction of new head coach Dee Lewis. Six are seniors and the rest juniors, with about half of the squad under 5-11.

Directed by coach Robert Kimberley head coach Roger Keller, is a matter of pride for the Bulldogs as they look to battle with Buhl for the SCIC. Four starters will be in the varsity team that plays half inside or outside. They should

SALT LAKE CITY — Dwight Howard had 21 points and 16 rebounds to help the Orlando Magic win the matchup of the week in the best records in each conference, defeating the Utah Jazz 88-76 Monday night in Salt Lake City. The two best shooting

teams in the league misfired much of the game but Orlando controlled the glass and the paint. Led by Howard, the Magic (11-4) outbounded the league's top team in rebounding margin, 45-36, and outscored the Jazz in the lane, 40-32.

Mavericks 93, Timberwolves 87

DALLAS — Josh Howard made a go-ahead floater with 1:05 left and made two key free throws with 13.7 seconds to go. Howard and Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 15 points.

Heat 103, 76ers 91

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade had 33 points and 13 assists, and Miami sank a season-best 59 percent of its shots to withstand Iverson's 45 points in a 103-91 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night in Eastern Conference action in Miami. — The Associated Press

2006-07 Boys Basketball Capsules

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West
Burley Bobcats
Last year's record: 12-13 (conference champion)
Head coach: Jack Bagley, fourth year
Returning players: Clayton Moon, Jr., 5-9; Casey Miller, sr., 5-8; Ben Searle, jr., 6-3, W.
Newcomers: Kyle Hayward, sr., 6-5; P. Jordan Houston, jr., 6-5; P. Marcus Hopkins, jr., 6-5; P. Brad Careless, jr., 6-1, G.

Jerome Tigers
Last year's record: 16-10
Head coach: Mary Espinoza, second year
Returning players: David Prescott, sr., 5-10; G. Cody Gray, sr., 5-3, W.
Players: Logan Parker, sr., 5-8; G. Jason Cain, sr., 6-1; P. Trevor Tolman, sr., 6-1; W. James Green, sr., 5-9; G. Nick Dalsoglio, sr., 5-10; G. Dee Fleck, sr., 5-10; W. Kevin Williams, sr., 6-5, P.
Newcomers: Justin Stokes, jr., 6-3, W/P; Jason Stokes, jr., 6-0, W.

Minico Spartans
Last year's record: 9-15
Head coach: Mike Graefe, seventh year
Returning players: Bill Carney, jr., 6-2; F. Anthony Garcia, jr., 5-10; G. Dane Broadhead, jr., 6-2; F. R.J. Salvi, jr., 6-3; G. Shane Noble, jr., 5-10, G.
Newcomers: Chris Turney, sr., 6-1; F. Chance Pebley, sr., 6-1; F. Jason Harper, jr., 6-1; G. Nate Francisco, jr., 6-1; G. Trent McKenzie, jr., 6-2, G.

Wood River Wolverines
No information submitted.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference
Buhl Indians
Last year's record: 19-6 (conference champion, state consolation champion)
Head coach: Ryan Bowman, fifth year
Returning players: Will Chivers, sr., 6-2; F. Austin Lang, sr., 5-11; G. K.C. Hulse, sr., 6-2; P. Trent Craner, sr., 5-9; G. Tanner Leckenby, sr., 6-6; G.
Newcomers: Patrick Osterkamp, jr., 5-10; G. Brian Hosman, jr., 6-3; F. Brad Twiss, jr., 5-10; G. Tony Cooper, sr., 6-4; F. Landon Schofield, sr., 5-10, G.

Decio Hornets
Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Dee Lewis, first year
Players: Kyle Rodman, sr., 5-10; Julio Diaz, sr., 6-0; Steven Kirk, sr., 6-0; Jerk Stalker, jr., 5-7; Shane Pickup, sr., 5-10; Ty Beddie, jr., 5-10; Matt Jones, jr., 5-3; Eric Sanders, sr., 6-1; Chad Christensen, jr., 6-1; Michael Simcoe, jr., 5-10; Ben Field, sr., 5-8; Michael Malloy, sr., 5-11; Brogan Darrington.

File Wildcats
Last year's record: 1-22
Head coach: Daren Gary, second year
Returning players: Cody Morris, sr., 6-2; P. Tyson Johnson, jr., 6-3; G. Cameron Courtney, jr., 5-2; P. Nathan Hughes, sr., 6-1; F. Scott Perkins, jr., 5-10, G.
Newcomers: Mike Smith, sr., 6-1; G. Andy Dunn, sr., 5-7; P. Casey Murray, sr., 6-2; F. Chris Beer, jr., 6-0; F. Adam Wright, jr., 6-2; P. Brock Dracy, jr., 5-2; P. Nathan Kalr, sr., 5-4, P.

Gooding Senators
Last year's record: 5-13
Head coach: Joe Messick,
Returning players: Jason Mumm, sr., 6-6; P. Todd Adamson, sr., 6-1; G. Nick Wright, jr., 5-10; G. Mitch Dame, sr., 6-0, G.
Newcomers: Randy Merritt, jr., 6-3; P. Evren Jerke, jr., 6-3; P. A.J. Schroeder, sr., 5-9; G. Isaac Makings, sr., 5-11; F. Eric Marvin, sr., 6-1; F. Cody Wadsworth, sr., 6-1; F. Jared Mumm, sr., 6-2, P.

Class 2A Canyon Conference
Glenns Ferry Pilots
Last year's record: 13-10
Head coach: Brett Bitterman, second year
Returning players: Cody Darrington, sr., 5-10; G. Chase Bitterman, sr., 6-1; G. Tanner Shrum, sr., 6-3; P. Jimmi Schrader, sr., 6-1; P. Ben Ferry, sr., 5-10; P. James Gilbert, sr., 5-10, G.
Newcomers: Jesus Rodriguez, jr., 5-9; G. Darman Valle, jr., 5-8; G. Michael Crane, jr., 5-10; G. James Sells, jr., 6-4; P. Aaron Crane, jr., 5-9; G. Kramer Brown, jr., 5-9, G.

Wendell Trojans
Last year's record: n/a (conference champion, state consolation champion)
Head coach: Ryan Jarvis, first year
Returning players: Eric Lopez, jr., 5-8; G. Devin Hockock, 5-9; G. Ruben Cortez, jr., 6-3; P. Newcomers: Rob Webb, sr., 6-3; P. Justin Brandano, sr., 6-1; P. Brock Lauder, sr., 6-0; G. Jordan Lancaster, sr., 5-7; G. Brent Chandler, sr., 5-7; G. Jason Chandler, jr., 5-9; F. Joey Rocha, jr., 6-0; F. Brandon Hope, jr., 5-7; G. Michael Jenks, sr., 5-8, G.

Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference
Castlefors Wolves
Last year's record: n/a (conference champion)
Head coach: Scott Dean, first year
Returning players: Adam Burk, sr., 6-3; P. Eliou, sr., 6-2; F. Leon Hollon, jr., 5-9; G. Joey Vanhook, sr., 6-4; P. Michael Faulkner, sr., 5-7, G.
Newcomers: Dale Butler, sr., 5-11; F. Lalo Coronado, jr., 5-10; F. Quinton Miller, jr., 5-9; F. Chad Peavler, jr., 5-8, G.

Camas County Mustangs
Last year's record: 11-9
Head coach: Jon Boiz, fifth year
Returning players: Trevor Dalin, sr., 6-3; G. Logan Ivey, sr., 5-10; G. Chase Lee, sr., 6-2; F. Andy Olsen, sr., 6-1; C.W. Stewart, sr., 6-0; F. Nery Millwood, sr., 5-10; F. Ben McClam, jr., 5-11, G.
Newcomers: J.D. Jewett, jr., 5-9; C. Cannon Lee, jr., 5-11; F. Jeremy Stroud, jr., 5-8, G.

Carey Panthers
Last year's record: 24-3 (conference champion)
Head coach: Dick Simpson, fifth year
Returning players: Allen Peck, sr.; Cody Baird, sr.; Brad Hunt, sr.; James Carlson, sr.; D.J. Simpson, jr.; Tyler Parks, jr.; Newcomers: Blake Whilby; Scott Elsworth; Connor Rivera; Kade Peterson.

Community School Outcasts
Last year's record: 4-14
Head coach: Mike Wade, 24th year
Returning players: Christian Calmross, sr., 5-11; W. Mac Wintington, jr., 5-9; G. Matt Harris, jr., 6-1; P. Spencer Harris, jr., 5-9, W.
Newcomers: SI Park, sr., 5-7; W. Ian Ingram, jr., 5-9; W. Casper Brun, sr., 5-10; W/P; Lucas Vorteveld, sr., 5-10; W/P; Eddy Albarann, sr., 5-8, W.

Dietrich Blue Devils
Last year's record: 11-15
Head coach: Wayne Dil, sixth year
Returning players: Jackson Hill, sr., 5-10; F. Agustino Venegas, sr., 5-4; G. Dakota Norman, sr., 5-9; F. Tyrel Porter, jr., 5-9; F. Nigel Higginbotham, sr., 5-10; F. Anthony Pitman, jr., 5-7; G. Kyle Hansen, sr., 5-10, F.
Newcomers: Blake Hoskisson, jr., 6-0; F. Ian Higginbotham, jr., 5-10, F.

Richfield Tigers
Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Garr Ward, 13th year
Returning players: Shayne Buckner, sr., 6-1; F. Braiden Buckner, jr., 5-9; W. Jose Rivas, jr., 5-8; W. Michael Lezami, jr., 5-8; P/W.

Shoshone Indians
Last year's record: 3-20
Head coach: Larry Messick, 36th year
Returning players: Zach Shull, sr., 6-1; G. Logan Sant, sr., 5-8; G. Jared Fitzgerald, jr., 5-10; P. Tophay Dayton, jr., 5-6; G. Shane Canohan, jr., 5-6; G. Juan Villagomes, sr., 5-6; G. Lucas Canohan, sr., 5-10, G.
Newcomers: Josh Olsen, jr., 5-9; P. Richie Hansen, jr., 5-10; P. Cody Larson, sr., 5-9; G. Fernando Hurtado, jr., 6-0; P. Pat Ross, sr., 5-10, G.

Castlefors Wolves
Last year's record: n/a (conference champion)
Head coach: Scott Dean, first year
Returning players: David Wiseman, sr., 6-4; P. Nate Pryor, sr., 6-2; G. Spencer Vulgamore, sr., 5-9; G. Dan Hill, sr., 6-1; F. Zach Wines, jr., 6-0; G. D.J. Estrada, sr., 6-3; P. Newcomers: Casey Easterday, jr., 6-3; Tim Frey, jr., 6-4; Austin Pushel, jr., 6-1; Jose Rodriguez, jr., 6-0; Elton Terry, jr., 6-4; Kody Irving, jr., 5-8; Drake Hoagland, jr., 6-1; Joe Lobe, jr., 5-8; Nate Graybill, jr., 5-8.

Hagerman Pirates
Last year's record: 23-5 (conference champion, state consolation champion)
Head coach: Kevin Cato, seventh year
Returning players: Michael Billard, sr., 6-3; P. Jason Brown, sr., 6-0; G. Benulo Casas, sr., 5-6; G. Rick Emerson, sr., 5-10; W. Tony Novak, sr., 6-1; W. Morgan Steel, sr., 5-9, P.
Newcomers: Johnny Mark Rled, jr., 5-9; W. Morgan Knight, sr., 6-0, W.

Hansen Huskies
Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Mike Pfeifer, seventh year
Returning players: Devon Jenks, sr., 5-10; G. Hyrum Stanton, sr., 5-10; G. Beau Lockwood, sr., 6-0; P. Richie Thomas, sr., 6-5; P. Josh Hathaway, sr., 6-0, P.
Newcomers: Kyle Ivey, jr., 5-8; G. Justin Anderson, jr., 5-8; G. Mario Arvalo, sr., 5-10; G. Jesus Guerrero, sr., 5-4; G. Erik Gill, sr., 5-8, G.

Lighthouse Christian Lions
Last year's record: 12-8
Head coach: Sam Wolfe, second year
Returning players: Chris Bultcher, jr., 6-2; G. Justin Manning, sr., 5-10; G. Joe McCullough, sr., 6-2; W. Jake Bordenyck, sr., 6-3; W. Ryan DeKruyf, sr., 6-7; P. Ryan Gillette, sr., 6-0, W.
Newcomers: Cory Paulson, sr., 5-11; G. Tony Standish, sr., 5-10; G. Jeremy Eldredge, 5-8; G. Ian Fadden, sr., 5-10; W. John VanLieu, jr., 6-3; P. Jake Hobdy Lewis, sr., 5-8, W.

Magie Valley Christian Conquerors
Last year's record: 2-17
Head coach: Kevin Bickel, third year
Returning players: Brandon Van Esch, sr., 6-5; F. Drew Rietema, sr., 6-2; F. Jordan Jarvis, jr., 5-3; F. Zac Bickel, jr., 5-8; G. Zach DeKruyf, jr., 6-1, F.
Newcomers: Zach Van Esch, jr., 6-2; F. Matt McClimans, jr., 6-4, F.

Murtaugh Red Devils
Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Adam Johnson, fourth year
Returning players: Taylor Wilson, jr., 5-10; W. Jesse (Chepe) Saucedo, sr., 6-0; W. Juan Martinez, sr., 5-9; P. Bryant Bishoff, sr., 6-2; P. Jason Gabley, jr., 5-11; P. Michael Adams, sr., 5-10, W.
Newcomers: Zac Cummins, jr., 5-6; G. Jess Cabral, jr., 6-1, P.

Oakley Hornets
Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Scott Amell, fourth year
Returning players: Rodrigo Arteaga, sr., 5-10; Omar Bernal, sr., 5-9; Colton Bedke, jr., 5-10; Mitch Bedke, jr., 6-2; Josh Greenwell, jr., 5-10; Cole Washburn, jr., 5-6.
Newcomers: Spencer Petersen, sr., 6-3; Mark Pickett, sr., 6-1; Colten Wadsworth, sr., 5-10.

Raft River Trojans
Last year's record: 8-13
Head coach: Jeff Greenberg, seventh year
Returning players: Cody Powers, sr., 6-0; G. Steven Dufree, sr., 5-8; G. Todd Zollinger, sr., 5-11; G. Doug Hurst, jr., 6-0; F. Jacob Williams, jr., 6-3, C.
Newcomers: Johnny Harper, jr., 6-2; P. Bridger Barrett, sr., 5-9; G. F. Michael Steeter, jr., 5-11, G.

Independent
Twin Falls Christian Warriors
Last year's record: 9-15
Head coach: Dan Johnson, third year
Returning players: Tyler Brown, sr., 5-9; G. Caleb Boyard, jr., 5-11; G. Caleb Miller, jr., 5-8, G.
Newcomers: Tommy Broadfield, fresh, 6-0; F. Clint Hirt, fresh, 6-10; G. Kyle Carpenter, jr., 5-10; F. Cameron Mapes, sr., 5-9; G. Hyler Lu, sr., 5-6; F. Ethan Paz, fresh, 5-6; F. Grant Frieboes, fresh, 6-1; F. Austin Brown, fresh, 5-7; G. Wesley Anthony, fresh, 5-10, F.

Twin Falls Christian (Independent)
The Warriors are hungry to win, and return three from last year's squad. Depth at varsity level is a concern.

gives the Mustangs the advantage of experience, though a dominant post hasn't developed yet according to head coach Jon Boiz.

The Community School is a quick team that looks to improve upon last year's season as they return four players, three of which are 6-foot or better. However, a lack of experience and depth off the bench do not favor the Outcasts.

Richfield returns four starters in hopes of a winning season with strong defense and speed as their top attributes. Leading rebounder Jackson Hill is back, along with Dakota Norman, the team's Devils' high-percentage shooter.

The Richfield Tigers are a young team with not a lot of varsity experience, but what they have, according to head coach Garr Ward, is heart and intensity. They'll need that intangible as the team isn't very deep. Also, Matthew Lezami is out with an injury to his anterior cruciate ligament.

Shoshone head coach Larry Messick recalled last year's team and added some more depth with a batch of newcomers. Ball-handling and scoring on a consistent basis are still as few problems the Indians will need to overcome.

The defending Southside champion Hagerman Pirates may have some trouble this year when it comes to depth. Though six players return from the state consolation championship team, the entire varsity squad features only eight players.

But those six will have the experience of winning and a trip to state to carry them through if they can stay healthy.

The Castlefors Wolves look to be a mile deep as head coach Scott Dean listed six returning players and nine newcomers to the program. It's an edge the Wolves have as few players are still recovering from football injuries. With many players reaching the 6-foot-1 mark or better, size is on their side.

Hansen will be a speedy team that can get up and down the court, but lacks in varsity experience and depth.

Lighthouse Christian is a program with a lot going for it. Last year's team was in their first winning season, and this year, in addition to returning all five starters, they can compete in postseason play. On the court, the defense can apply pressure and 6-foot-1 post Ryan DeKruyf can block shots in the paint.

The Magic Valley Christian Conquerors return five players, all of whom stands over 6-feet, which could make for a strong team on the boards.

Murtaugh will face a learning curve under a new head coach in Adam Johnson with a new system. Defense and wing play were listed as their strengths, but depth at guard could be a problem.

The Oakley Hornets aren't big, and they aren't deep. What they year craved are conditioned, which may give them the edge when it comes down to the final quarter of play. Defense and outside shooting will be the high points of this year's squad.

The Raft River Trojans return five, three of which are starters. But with only eight or nine listed on the roster, times could get tough if injuries come into play.

Twin Falls Christian (Independent)
The Warriors are hungry to win, and return three from last year's squad. Depth at varsity level is a concern.

Bliss features many players from the state runner-up soccer team, which has head coach Bruce Clark hoping that players like Adam Burk and Eli Gough can bring those winning ways over to the hardwood.

Camas County boasts seven returning players and four of them are returning starters. It

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IN BRIEF

Marketing strategy
workshop slated

TWIN FALLS — An all day workshop at the College of Southern Idaho will help participants explore and discover the marketing strategies that will work for their business.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in Room C93 of CSI's Evergreen Building. It will be sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center.

Sherry Rust, ISBDC training facilitator, says competition is part of what makes business exciting. Participants will learn by taking part in an exciting simulation that plans strategies, selects target markets and blends product, place, promotion and price to develop an advantage in the market.

The workshop will be conducted by CSI Business Professor Dennis Heiner. The cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch and all materials. Those who wish to register must do so ahead of time. For information or to register, contact Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Jerome Rotary collects
toys for children

JEROME — Unwrapped toys are being collected for the Jerome Rotary Club's Christmas Basket Program.

Each holiday season, the Jerome Rotary Club gives hundreds of Christmas baskets filled with food and gifts to families in need.

Toys can be dropped off at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce at 104 W. Main St. in Jerome.

Database assists
online shoppers

BOISE — The Better Business Bureau Inc. is offering a searchable online database to help online shoppers with reliability reports on more than 2 million retailers and businesses across the United States and Canada.

Shoppers can go to www.bbb.org and on the seller's reputation, look for feedback comments from other customers or conduct web searches.

"Savvy online shoppers who look for mechanics and Web sites that they can trust, who take steps to protect their privacy and the security of their financial transactions will receive the many benefits of online shopping," said Nora Carpenter, president of the Better Business Bureau serving Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

Shoppers can also look for BBOnLine trust mark, which indicates the retailer meets high standards for good online business practices.

— staff reports

Market Watch

Nov. 27, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	12,121.71
Nasdaq Composite	2,405.92
Standard & Poor's 500	1,581.90
Russell 2000	772.10

Stocks of local interest

	close	change
Defl Inc.	27.01	▼ .32
Ultila Motors	25.36	▼ .55
Supervalu	34.00	▼ .07

Commodities

	close	change
Jan. Oil	60.32	▼ 1.08
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Nov. gold	640.40	▼ 11.7

For more, see page B5

Will shopping excitement last?

By Anne Plamaccio
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — After what appeared to be a strong start to the 2006 holiday shopping season, the question is whether shoppers will have the same zeal for shopping between now and the end of the season when the discounts may not be as steep.

Stores and malls that opened as early as midnight on Thursday drew bigger-than-expected crowds for discounts on such items as flat-screen TVs and toys, and robust sales for the first day of the season offset slower business as the weekend wore on, according to early reports.

The biggest winners appeared to be electronics chains such as Best Buy Co. Inc. and popular-priced department stores including J.C. Penney Co., which pulled in shoppers with good deals.

Yet Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which promised the most aggressive discounting ever, was an exception, announcing Saturday that same-store sales for the month would be weaker than expected. Wal-Mart has struggled for months to appeal to both higher-income shoppers and low-price fans.

"The hysteria has come down a bit, but it was a great start," said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak NCR Corp., which tracks total sales at more than 45,000 mall-based retail outlets. But he said the true measure of the season is whether retailers can sustain the loyalty and excitement "until the end."

Shoppers were clearly looking for as big a discount as possible.

I started Friday morning at 5 a.m.," said Kim Neuharth, shopping at the Jordan Creek Town Center in

West Des Moines, Iowa. "At Kohl's and Target, we got good deals. I bought my stepdaughter a dress for the prom for like \$6 bucks. It was originally something like \$100 at Younkers. It was on sale and I had a coupon for 20 percent off."

Martin expects that total retail sales for the first weekend of the season will be higher than last year, boosted by Friday's better-than-expected business. Total sales rose 6 percent to \$8.96 billion that day, compared to a year earlier, according to ShopperTrak. The company planned to report Saturday's results on Monday.

Retailers' strong performance was a direct result of their aggressive discounting and promotions, designed to get consumers to start shopping early. More stores and malls opened at midnight Friday, and Toys "R" Us Inc.

and Sears Holdings Corp.'s Sears stores opened at 5 a.m., an hour earlier than in the past.

Jerry Storch, CEO and chairman of Toys "R" Us, said he was pleased with weekend results, noting that sales were strong across the board. In addition to Mattel Inc.'s Fisher-Price's T.M.X. Elmo, hot toys include Fisher-Price's Kids Touch Digital Camera, and some of the toy retailer's exclusives like Vtech Holdings Ltd.'s pink Nitro Notebook, a laptop computer.

Gail Lavielle, spokeswoman at Sears Holdings, which also owns Kmart stores, said Sunday the stores were busy through Friday and Saturday. At Sears, flat-screen TVs, digital cameras and Craftsman tools were the hot items. At Kmart, holiday decor including Christmas trees, jewelry and toys were the most popular.

Season of shopping



Although Target couldn't release specific sales numbers for Black Friday, it saw an increase in sales over last year, said Travis Swafford, executive team leader of logistics.

Black Friday brings local retailers mixed bag of sales

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — By the time the sun's first rays reached Friday's morning horizon thousands of shoppers had already arrived to many local shopping centers including The Pre-dawns sales began at 5 a.m. and those with Christmas shopping lists didn't let the lack of sleep slow them down.

"We had a phenomenal day," said Home Depot Store Manager Walt Haines. "We had a 41 percent increase in sales from last year. The day after Thanksgiving really kicks off the holiday season and I think that we will continue to see good sales through to Christmas."

For Black Friday, the home improvement store made deep cuts on prices for items like a ladder and shop vac to bring in shoppers.

"We had the right quantities," Haines said. "The environment right now is really good for people making purchases. With high gas prices considerably lower people

aren't as conservative as they were last year."

Over at Best Buy the scene was much the same.

"I can't give you any figures but I can say that Friday's sales went very well," said Best Buy General Manager Dwayne Hays. "We exceeded our expectations."

Surpassing sales goals could be explained by the price of some of the season's hottest gifts, including plasma, high definition and big screen televisions that could cost an easy grand. Other hot gifts include the new releases in gaming consoles — the PlayStation 3, with a ticket price of \$600, and Nintendo's Wii at \$250.

"Consumers seem to be willing to make bigger purchases this year," Weyland said. "It looks like the economy is doing well."

Although Target couldn't release specific sales numbers for Black Friday, they too saw an increase over last year.

"We had a significant increase in sales compared to last year," said Travis Swafford, executive team leader of logistics. "We're really pleased. Actually, we have seen an increase in sales the whole year due to our recent remodel. We have beautiful new store and have drawn even more new customers from that than we expected."

In downtown Twin Falls, stores still depend on holiday shoppers but didn't see the crowds many big box retailers closed to the canyon experienced.

"Sales were great on Friday and I am sure it was up from last year but it is never my biggest day," said Tom Ashenbrenner, owner of Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise. "We get busier the closer we get to Christmas, which is good because the holiday sales are key to our profitability and us getting through our fixed expenses."

Dan Churchman, owner of Churchman Jewelry, said Black Friday wasn't his busiest day either.

"It was about as regular as

any other day," Churchman said. "It certainly isn't a make-it or break-it day."

With product flying off the shelves and registers ch-chinging over and over in large stores it is hard to believe that this year's Black Friday didn't pan out for some.

"I think we were down a bit from last year," said D & B Supply Store Supervisor Roger Horton. "It was pretty busy throughout the day and I think it would have been about the same as last year, but police had stopped traffic to the store at 5:30 p.m. for the Christmas in the Nighttime Sky and we didn't close until 7 p.m."

Although the fireworks were such a nice ending for what is some stores' busiest day, it wasn't quite the bang Horton was looking for.

Donna Arrington who owns A Happy Camper at the Magic Valley Mall, look back on Black Friday with enthusiasm.

"I am amazed, every year, at how busy we are from 6 to 10 in the morning," she said. "It always seems to work out for us."

Court
ponders
deadline

Pay discrimination
case considered

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A former tire plant employee is asking the Supreme Court to uphold a jury verdict in her pay discrimination lawsuit in a case that employers and civil rights groups are watching closely.

Justices were to consider Monday how to apply a 180-day deadline for complaining about discriminatory pay decisions under Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In 19 years at a Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plant in Gadsden, Ala., Lilly Ledbetter was making \$6,000 a year less than the lowest-paid man in the same job.

She filed a pay discrimination lawsuit in 1999, arguing the disparity existed for years and was primarily a result of her gender. A federal jury agreed and awarded Ledbetter more than \$3 million. A judge reduced the award to \$360,000.

Goodyear appealed and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the verdict. The appeal for complaining about discriminatory pay decisions under Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In Ledbetter's appeal to the Supreme Court, her lawyers said each paycheck represented a violation of civil rights law by Goodyear, even if the lower pay resulted from discriminatory decisions made years earlier.

"Under the court of appeals' rule, an employee is condemned to perpetually unequal pay for equal work unless she recognizes and complains about the discrimination within a few short months after it first begins," Ledbetter's lawyers said in a court filing.

Supporting Ledbetter, the NAACP AARP and other rights groups said employers would not suffer any consequences for recurring discrimination if they could rebut allegations merely by arguing about the deadline for complaining about the first episode passed.

Goodyear denied discriminating against Ledbetter. She received periodic raises despite being ranked near the bottom of her group of workers, the company said.

"Title VII requires allegedly aggrieved employees like Ledbetter to assert their intentional discrimination claims within the 180-day charge-filing period or lose them," the company told the court.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business said that if the court rules for the worker in this case, employers would be subject to damages for innocent decisions made years ago that would be difficult to defend because of the passage of time.

The case is Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 05-1074.

On the Net:
Supreme Court: <http://www.supremecourt.gov>

Closures a concern among northcentral Idaho lumber mill operators

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — Increased competition from Canada and a dip in new home construction in the U.S. has lumber mill officials in northcentral Idaho concerned about possible shutdowns, though so far that step has been avoided.

"Prices are not good at all and we'll have to watch that," said Calvin Hogg, chief financial officer at Three Rivers Timber, which employs about 190 people in Kamiah. "Nobody is very happy where things are."

According to the U.S. Census, housing starts

dropped from a record high of 2.2 million in February 2005 to 1.48 million last month, reducing the demand for lumber.

Also, the United States and Canada recently reached an agreement under which the U.S. stopped collecting duties on Canadian lumber — a sub-

ject of controversy for years. Canada has agreed to impose taxes on lumber exports to the United States if the price of lumber falls below a specified level — about \$360 per 1,000 board feet. The goal of the taxes, which can go as high as 15 percent, is to protect U.S. producers by boost-

ing the price of Canadian lumber.

"We continue to monitor the situation closely," Matt Van Vleet, a spokesman for Poltlich Corp., told The Lewiston Tribune. "At this point, we have no investment announcements for our Idaho sawmills."

MONEY

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Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg. Includes various fund names like Fidelity, Vanguard, and American Funds.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

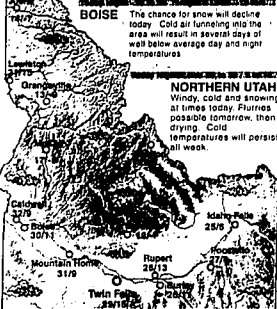
Today: Breezy and cold with a chance of snow. Highs upper 20s to near 30.
Tonight: Snow shower activity gradually backing off. Lows mid teens.
Tomorrow: A blustery day. Highs near 20.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cold with periods of light snow. Highs 20s.
Tonight: Additional flurries possible early, then drying. Lows in teens.
Tomorrow: Very cold with gradually decreasing clouds. Highs struggle to reach 20.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Times of snow will couple with an influx of cold air today. Blustery conditions are expected. Snow deposits overnight leaving cold temperatures in its wake for the next several days.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 42 at Orofino. Low: 17 at Elk City.
Weather: Partly cloudy with snow showers in the morning. Highs in the 20s to 30s. Lows in the teens. Snow showers in the morning. Highs in the 20s to 30s. Lows in the teens.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Trust your hunches. They're usually based on facts filed away just below your conscious level."
-Dave Bohart
*Principal at Simpson/Territory

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 3 columns: City, HI, LO, Precip. Lists weather for various cities like Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Jerome, etc.

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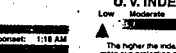
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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Wednesday and Thursday.

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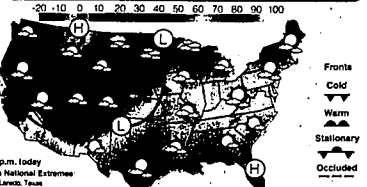
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Alabama coach Mike Shula reacts after the Crimson Tide failed to convert a first down in this Nov. 19, 2005 file photo.

Alabama fires Shula

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama coach Mike Shula was fired after a 6-6 season that ended with three straight losses, including a defeat by state rival Auburn.
Athletic director Mal Moore said Monday that defensive coordinator Joe Kines would serve as interim head coach. The firing was first reported by The Tuscaloosa News on its Web site.
Shula, a former Alabama quarterback, led the Crimson Tide to a 10-2 season last year and a Cotton Bowl victory. But his teams were winless in four tries against Auburn. The Tigers beat the Crimson Tide 22-15 on Nov. 18.
Shula said he was "deeply disappointed" by Moore's decision.
"From my very first day on this job, I had a single mission: To return the Crimson Tide to its place among the elite programs in college football," he said in a statement. "Although I maintain that we were moving steadily in that direction, I regret sincerely that I will not be given the opportunity to finish the job I was hired to do."
Shula's firing means Alabama is looking for a head coach for the fourth time since 2000. The Tide has had seven coaches in the 24 years since Paul "Bear" Bryant's last season in 1982. Bryant had directed the Alabama program for 25 years.
Shula took over the proud but troubled program less than four months before the 2003 season after Mike Price was fired following

spring practice for his off-the-field behavior — specifically a night of drinking at a strip club in Pensacola, Fla. Price got the job after Dennis Franchione bolted for Texas A&M.
"Mike and his staff took over our program during a trying period four years ago, and in a number of ways Mike, has been an excellent representative of our program," Moore said in a statement. "He personally has displayed impeccable character."
Moore praised Shula for providing "stability for our program through four years of NCAA probation" that ended Feb. 1, 2007.
"However, we did not make progress on the field this season and have not been able to maintain the positive momentum necessary to return Alabama football to a place among college football's elite programs," Moore said.
Shula, son of Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula, spent 15 years as an NFL assistant before he took the Alabama job, but had no experience as a head coach or on a college staff.
He received a new six-year contract in May worth \$1.55 million annually. The deal extended his contract two years through early 2012, with a raise of \$650,000 plus a \$200,000 signing bonus.
The 41-year-old Shula had a 26-23 record in four seasons with the Crimson Tide.
But he is the only Tide coach to lose four consecutive games to Auburn.

Warriors edge Musers

Times-News

FAIRFIELD — One point was all that separated the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors and the host Camas County Musers in Monday night's boys basketball season opener in Fairfield.
The Warriors edged the Musers 44-43 behind a 28-19 second-half scoring edge and a game-high 16 points from Caleb Boyland.
"We started out real strong, but Twin Falls Christian just kept playing," Camas County head coach Jon Boiz said. "They played hard and kept calm."
Ben McLam scored 14 points, while Logan Ivy added nine for the D-1 Musers, who will look to rebound a week from Wednesday at Bliss.
Twin Falls Christian 44, Camas County 43
TCFA: 17, 20, 10, 17
CC: 17, 20, 10, 17
Boiz: 17, 20, 10, 17
Ivy: 9, 11, 14, 16
Boiz: 17, 20, 10, 17
Ivy: 9, 11, 14, 16

Girls basketball

Camas County 38, Twin Falls Christian 27
FAIRFIELD — Alyssa Peters and Mollie McLam led the charge in Fairfield as the Camas County Musers defeated Twif Falls Christian Academy 38-27 on Monday.
Peters put 13 on the scoreboard as McLam threw up 10 points of her own.
"Mindy scored well inside, and we worked hard to get it inside," Musers head coach Matt McLam said.
For the Warriors, Mindy Brown led with 16 points.
Musers' coach (3-3, 0-1) host Dietrich tonight for a Magic Valley Northside Conference game.

American Falls 51, Filer 49

AMERICAN FALLS — The Filer Wildcats were on the cusp of a victory on the road, but just barely missed in a 51-49 loss at American Falls on Monday.
"We got down by nine (points), but the girls backed back and had a chance to win," Filer head coach Jim Annala said. "We got down to two (points), but a 3-pointer fell short. The girls showed a lot of heart throughout the game."
Lacey Heimkes scored 14 points while Shante Astle put in 12. No box score was available.
Filer (2-3) hosts Buhl on Thursday.

Michigan State hires Dantonio

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Mark Dantonio is back with the Michigan State football program. This time, he's in charge and he has much flashier jewelry.
Dantonio, an assistant with the program from 1995-00 and the Cincinnati head coach the past three seasons, was hired Monday as the Spartans' coach. At his introduction, he displayed the 2002 championship ring he won as Ohio State's defensive coordinator.
"I wear this championship ring very, very few times, but I wear it for a reason," Dantonio said. "I wear it to symbolize what can happen when you have the resources, when you

have the players, and most importantly when you have the commitment."
He succeeded John L. Smith, who was fired before completing his fourth season in East Lansing. He finished with a 22-26 record. Michigan State finished 4-8 this year and has missed out on a bowl trip three straight seasons for the first time since the early 1980s.
Dantonio becomes the ninth Michigan State coach since Duffy Daugherty left after the 1972 season. Michigan State is barely above .500 since and has won eight or more games in consecutive seasons just once, with one Rose Bowl appearance. Dantonio inherits a team

that has struggled on the field and in recruiting battles with nearby powerhouses Michigan, Ohio State and Notre Dame.
"If you have an opportunity to compete against the best, you can become the best," Dantonio said. "You have the opportunity to measure up."
The Michigan State Board of Trustees on Monday unanimously approved president Lou Anna Simon's recommendation to hire Dantonio. The five-year contract guarantees him about \$1.1 million a year, on the lower end of the Big Ten pay scale. The contract also has a \$200,000 signing bonus and incentives.

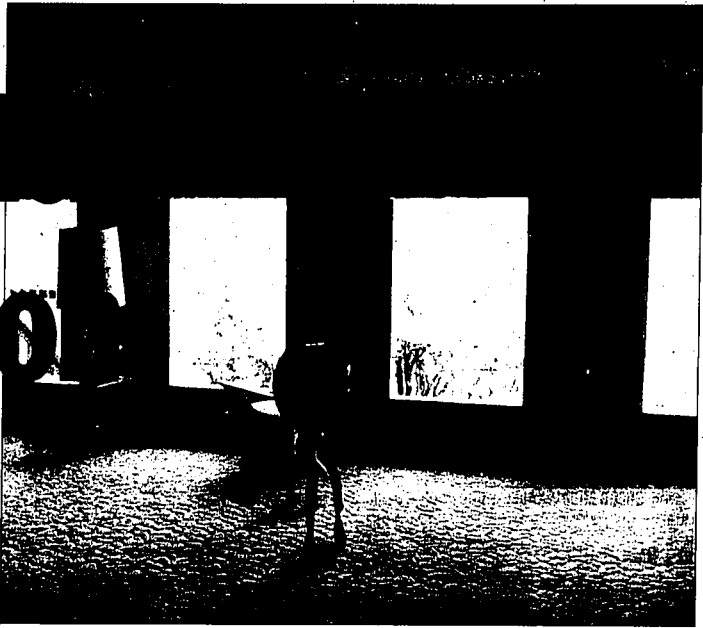
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Anim invasion

Around here, expect to hear tales of critters in the house



Here's an animal encounter that left behind no damage: Bob Koest, who lives north of Buhl, says this deer followed him into his house this spring after he petted it in the backyard. "It was a neat experience," he says. Koest has more critter tales to tell, too; he rescued a squirrel from an interior wall last year.

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

MALTA — The story of a coyote in the kitchen lingers longer in a community's collective memory than the scent of a skunk survives in a window well.

And that's an awful long time. Live in southern Idaho for a season or two, and you're likely to hear a few all-too-true tales of bats in the rafters or raccoons in the trash. Fail to install a chimney cap and you're likely to have critter troubles of your own.

The strange nighttime visitor in Jalynn Tuckett's kitchen is an old-told tale among the Malta woman's friends and neighbors.

"It was the talk of the town for quite a while," said Tuckett, who endured some ribbing. "It was two years ago, and people still bring it up."

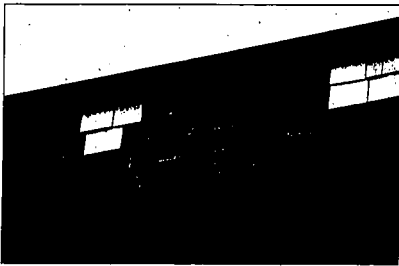
Yes, of course. In Magic Valley, you'll recognize three types of tales in the repertoire of animal invasions:

The lamentable

One afternoon this fall, Dr. Banu E. Symington got the call that every parent dreads: the baby sitter, reporting that the house's interior smelled of skunk.

"This bad odor persisted for several days, but we found no traces of a skunk," said the Twin Falls hematologist and oncologist. "Our pet cat Rumi was spending more time in the kitchen than usual, but he frequently chases spiders and other insects, so this was not too surprising."

Two consecutive evenings, Symington's daughters heard rattling in the kitchen, but the family blamed high wind. A week after the skunk scent was first noted, her 12-year-old, Blair, reported finding a black-and-white rat in the oven drawer among the pots and pans.



New shingles on Anne Loeb's Twin Falls house cover holes made by flickers. But the birds have kept pecking.

Mom knew better: Must be a baby skunk.

But it had already moved on. "Detective work by Blair resulted in discovery of a baby skunk in the water softener cabinet attached to the exterior of the house," Symington said.

A borrowed trap captured the skunk. The kids lobbied to keep it as a pet. The vet discouraged that. The family made a teary goodbye in the field across from Symington's house.

"Eau de skunk lingers to this day," she said. "How the skunk got in there — we keep it closed and locked — and then into the house remains a mystery to this day."

And a mystery, of course, is great material for conversation.

The persistent

Flickers plague Anne Loeb's shingle- and stucco-sided house in northeast Twin Falls.

"The house is rather tall, with virtually no access to the second floor and roof from the outside. This is

where the flickers go to work," Loeb said. "On any given morning, particularly this time of year, we will hear what sounds like somebody hammering steadily on the side of our house. Or we may even hear what sounds like a jackhammer, and that's when the flickers are pecking on the chimney cover."

As far as she can tell, the birds don't nest inside. They just make the holes.

The Loebes have called in pest-control and carpentry pros. A rat trap baited with chicken liver failed to catch the culprits. Pale shingles dot the house where contractors repaired flicker damage.

Using a flicker hole for access, squirrels moved into the crawl space above the master bedroom and held late-night parties before a contractor installed mesh inside the wall.

"Now at least when the flickers get through the shingles, the opening doesn't allow any animals to take up residence," Loeb said.

She still hopes for a happy resolution to the flicker invasion.

Keeping your living quarters to yourself

Critter-proofing now prevents conflicts later. The Humane Society of the United States reminds homeowners at this time of year:

Raccoons, skunks and squirrels may seek shelter in chimneys, attics, garages or sheds during cold weather. So a pre-winter inspection of your home is in order, says Laura Blawie, the society's field director of urban wildlife.

"It's vital to make sure, however, that there are no animals already in the attic — or other parts of the house — before you close up holes," she cautions.

The Humane Society's tips:

- **Attics:** Turn off lights and look for light leaking in, which will show potential entry points. You can test whether a hole is being used by most animals in two ways: Put white flour in front of the hole and check for footprints, or stuff the hole loosely with a paper towel and see whether it gets pushed in or out. If after three days the paper stays in place, or you have no flour footprints, you can close up the hole. Use caulk for small holes, staple hardware cloth over larger holes or make permanent repairs.

(Bats, however, won't leave tracks or slash through paper, and they are difficult to see. Look carefully on the attic floor and on insulation for roosting pellets. Also, check the entire attic ceiling and rafters for the bats themselves. Bat guano is very hard to see.)

• **Chimneys:** Check the chimney from the roof (or have a chimney sweep do so) to make sure there are no animals present — then install a chimney cap.

• **Roof and siding:** Repair loose vent screens, warped siding and roof holes.

• **Pipes:** Look behind appliances (washer, dryer, fridge) and anywhere else pipes enter the house. Fill holes around pipes with copper wire mesh, and use expanding foam in cracks.

• **Trash:** Secure trash containers with bungee cords, ropes or weights, or put out trash the morning of collection rather than the night before.

• **Trees and leaves:** Trim branches six feet away from your house to limit access for rock-climbing wildlife. Clean debris — especially leaf piles — around the house foundation.

• **Compost:** Cover and secure compost piles. Never compost meat scraps.

"For now, we're just living with them like bad neighbors."

The bizarre

It was two years ago that Tuckett came home late from her sons' basketball game and heard a commotion outside the back door. Must be the neighbor's dogs bothering her cat again, she figured. When she opened the door, what she thought was a dog dashed past her.

"It was a coyote, and he ran into my kitchen. I guess I screamed and ended up on top of the table — I don't remember that," Tuckett said. "He was really big, and he was just

standing in the kitchen looking around like, 'Where in the heck am I?'"

Tuckett got the door open again and her husband tried to herd the coyote out, but dogs started barking and the coyote turned and snapped at Tuckett. It snuffed the kitchen floor before they got it out and the dogs chased it off.

Now Tuckett turns on the light before opening her door at night. Like any sensible rural resident.

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Magic Valley 4-H members attend national congress

Times-News

JEROME — Three Magic Valley 4-H'ers are part of the 14-member Idaho contingent that traveled to Atlanta for the National 4-H Congress, which concludes today.

The congress was expected to draw an estimated 1,300 4-H members, volunteers and professionals. Delegates this year raised money to build a Habitat for Humanity home and participated in service projects. The event features speakers and a

tour of Atlanta-area sites. The theme this year: "Lead, Learn, Grow: Create New Friendships."

Among the Idaho delegates: Ashley Gardner of Jerome, daughter of Jay and Terri Gardner, is a 10-year member of 4-H and represents the family and consumer science program. She is a freshman at the College of Southern Idaho.

Kandace Boggs of Fairfield, daughter of Harold and Darla Boggs, is a nine-year member of 4-H and represents the horse program. She is a senior at

Camas County High School.

Michael Mejia of Burley, son of Laurie-Villa, represents the outdoor education program. He is a seven-year member of 4-H and a senior at Burley High School.

Travel expenses are supported by the Idaho Beef Council, Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho 4-H Endowment Board, Idaho Youth Horse Council, Idaho Wool Growers Association, Idaho Pork Producers Association and Idaho State 4-H Leaders' Association.

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Tonight is your chance to taste some of Magic Valley's harvest, prepared by folks who really know their produce: Twin Falls Farmers' Market vendors and customers.

The farmers' market plans its post-season potluck supper for vendors, potential vendors and customers at 7 p.m. today in the Obchain Insurance building at 264 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls. Besides a great meal, it's a chance for gardeners interested in direct, local marketing to learn about the weekly

market, which is held in a field just north of the College of Southern Idaho on Saturday mornings throughout summer and fall.

For tonight's potluck, bring a covered dish and a nonalcoholic drink to share, and supply your own table service. Not sure what to expect? Call market leader Carl Hatfield at 543-4582 for more information.

Show up tonight and you can taste this season's bounty from the Hatfield home garden (and a good many other local gardens). He plans to bring mashed potatoes flavored with homegrown garlic; turkey breast with dressing; and carrot cake. Maybe baked onions, too.

Celebrate bounty of the land at market potluck

COUNTRY ROADS

Cultivating a dynamic landscape



One of 22 trough planters: set by landscape designer Dejan Ervasti.



Paul Babikow ponders the five tree ferns across the lawn. He cuts back the fronds in fall and moves them to a greenhouse.

Couple spends 26 years making perfect setting

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

Spend an hour or two with Paul Babikow in his leafy country garden and you understand what you give up if you let others install and maintain your landscape — and what you gain if you don't.

Babikow and his wife, Beth, have spent 26 years devising, planting and adjusting the two acres of shade garden around their contemporary house in Baldwin, Md. The result is a series of spaces that are contemplative and yet filled with quiet drama.

Babikow has employed a number of design techniques to achieve this: trees and bamboo clumps to form strong bones, careful placement of ever plant and stone elements of surprise and pleasing contrasts of foliage. But the sum is greater than the parts; this is a garden that is both soulful and full of gentle lessons in landscaping. "I've it down, throw yourself into it, be patient and reap the rewards."

"I want this garden to have a spiritual element to it," said Babikow 54.

The backstory here is that Babikow is co-owner and president of a major regional grower of plants for the landscape trade. Babikow Greenhouses in Baltimore, specializing in perennials and ornamental grasses. His ancestors started the company as a truck farm in 1875, and he has been working there since 1970. So, unlike most of us, he has access to an Aladdin's cave of flowering plants and could, one day, attempt flashy border plantings or beds of unarranged color from April to October.



Paul Babikow says he has placed each stool, piece of sculpture and plant in considered relationship to its neighbor in the garden.

But for Babikow, the essential element is not color, not even texture or form, but in cultivating plants that are constantly changing, and thus forever altering one's perception of the garden. This has led to the use of a lot of deciduous trees and shrubs and herbaceous plants such as perennials and grasses that grow rapidly, change and color with the season, and then are cut back by late winter to start the cycle all over again.

"When you're making a garden you're making an art. It is about one's own experience, and the one experience that is universal is change, so when I choose a plant for the garden, it has to change," he said. "There's not a lot of boxwood,

not a lot of evergreen plants." Babikow is a big fan of bamboo species: bamboos as low-growing ground covers, as dense groves and delicate, semi-open stands — unusual varieties that elevate the plant from wandering and unneighborly screen. In one area, he has allowed a tall, fat-bladed species, *Phyllostachys dulcis*, to grow tall next to a large bank of *hottelshuisii* 'buckeye'. Nearby a pair of large native trees, the sourwood and a serviceberry, add more interest. The scene is further enlivened by plantings of the bigleaf magnolia, with tropical-looking native tree with leaves as long as three feet.

In advance of a visit by members of the American



Photo by James L. Whitehouse/PAI

Paul Babikow and his wife, Beth, have spent 26 years devising, planting and adjusting the two acres of shade garden around their contemporary house in Baldwin, Md. The result is a series of spaces that are contemplative and yet filled with quiet drama. Here, Babikow in their array of bamboo that includes a stand painted by artist Nancy Volk.

Bamboo Society in June, he had Nancy Volk, an artist from suburban Baltimore, paint sections of the living shoots in brilliant colors.

The tour continues over a crude wooden footbridge above a bog of pitcher plants and other meat-eaters with roots. Up the hill behind the house, Babikow has positioned five teak garden chairs across a small lawn from a similar bog of pitcher plants. The fronds rise three or four feet and spread about as much. The ferns work as sculpture, but there is an animal quality about them as well. Babikow likes to sit and watch them.

At the rear of the house, a hidden, grotto-like pool falls in air with the sound of falling water. Above the pool, a patio of stone-framed pavers leads to a swale of softball-size stones that spill out to a small field dotted with boulders. The scene was inspired by a trip to Hsiangshan, but this and other aspects of the garden have a real Japanese or Chinese feel to it. This flows from the plant material but also, Babikow says, from the idea that each stone or piece of sculpture or specimen plant exists in considered relationship to its neighbor.

"It's that almost obsessive idea of just exactly where does all this fit and work together," he said.

In the early evening, Babikow is sure to find himself in the kitchen, where the view through the window is to a distant clump of a giant bamboo variety named Robert Young. The stand is now old, the shoots a good two inches across and a warm, golden yellow. Here, the last sunbeams of the day strike them and cause them to glow. For Babikow, it is the day's final reminder of the dynamic nature of a personal garden.

Vacuum makes leaf cleanup easier

By Gary Dynski
Newsday

You know you're in too deep with leaves when there are so many layers that you can't find your driveway or a path to the front door.

In fact, my front yard is blanketed with so many leaves I believe one of the family cars is buried somewhere underneath.

All this "change of seasons" stuff is very overrated. "Look at all the beautiful color in the trees," neighbors say. That's fine. I mumble. While you've got a landscape contractor to help look for your car or front-door walkway, I'm stuck all by my lonesome dealing with my leaves.

Well, maybe I'm not so all alone.

Instead of relying on my three sons, this year I've got the power and suction of a vacuum, a walk-behind model that Vermont-based manufacturer DR Power Equipment is allowing me to test. Usually, the 50-plus bags of leaves on my property are the responsibility of my sons. But they're getting older; because of part-time jobs and full-time complaining, these leaves are now all dad's. And the walk-behind, lawn vac's.

This DR self-propelled unit runs about \$1,200, but I have to tell you, it's worth it. Armed with a 6-horsepower engine and a steel impeller blade that spins at 3,250 rpm, the DR walk-behind has a suction force of 123 mph. Leaves, acorns, nuts, pine cones and pine needles, twigs and virtually anything on the lawn is whooshed into a dust-reducing nylon bag.

The debris is mulched at a 4-to-1 ratio, so the bag holds about 30 gallons or 90 pounds before requiring emptying. The mulch was fine enough to use for weed cover behind our 125-foot-long retaining wall on the back of our half-acre lot. The only real drawback — and this I'm told goes for all types of smaller yard vacs — is emptying. It's difficult to empty the unit's large collector bag into

the paper bags some towns distribute for curbside pickup. But DR power equipment has a solution — a disposable nylon liner bag that substitutes for paper and plastic.

The unit also has an easy-turn handle to adjust the height of the deck. This allows deeply piled leaves to clear the bottom of the vacuum.

The model I tested includes a 10-foot hose attachment (\$149) for vacuuming planting beds and hard-to-clear areas like along fences and building foundations. At times, the 4-inch diameter hose can clog, but a gentle tap or two against the ground usually clears the opening.

Overall, this is a great model. And for those who think the price, excluding the hose attachment, is excessive, consider this exchange with a neighbor.

"When I tell him my new toy is really a test model that cost about \$1,200, he tells me that last fall and again this spring he paid his landscape contractor about \$700 over for yard cleanup."

"So in two years it would more than pay for itself," he tells me.

Last year, I tried DR's monster vacuum, a machine that is towed by a riding mower or lawn tractor. It also worked great, but it's too much machine for my half-acre lot and its several planting beds. A walk-behind is perfect for lots between one-third of an acre and a full acre.

If you do get a walk-behind model, be sure it is self-propelled. The DR unit rates high for power and ease use, but remember, there are other yard vacs out there.

Craftsman has a 6.5-horsepower model with a hose attachment and a two-bushel bag that costs about \$650. The Craftsman 4-in-1 Plus System acts as a blower, yard vac, chipper and shredder and binds debris into a 16-to-1 ratio. Snapper's Leaf Vacuum is \$769 with an optional hose attachment and a five-bushel collection bag.

What's in your barn?

Old milk cans? Antique machinery? Allen spacecraft? Well, probably not, but if you've got something unusual in your barn, the *Times/News*

wants to hear about it. Contact features reporter Matt Christensen at 234-2245 or at matt.christensen@tnews.net.

Patching duct tape's rep

By Meghan Wolf
The Washington Post

Dutch researchers reported that duct tape may not be all it's cut out to be. After examining the effectiveness of "duct tape occlusion therapy" — a controversial method of treating children's warts by taping them over rather than freezing or burning them off — the scientists concluded that the adhesive tape may work about as well as, or no better than, a placebo.

More bad news for the fix-all that became a tacky joke in 2003 after it was included in the Department of Homeland Security's "disaster supply kit" list. Not so, says Eric Weiss, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at Stanford University who has written and lectured widely on wilderness survival techniques. "When you're out adventuring," Weiss says, you can use duct tape to:

- Secure eyeglasses or make goggles. Cut horizontal slits or poke multiple pinholes so a strip of duct tape doubled upon itself — sticky side to sticky side — and wear to avoid snow-blindness.
- Avoid sunburn. "If you find yourself out in the sun and don't have a hat, you can use strips of duct tape to keep your head from getting burned," which is particularly important at high altitudes.
- Prevent or repair friction blisters. Long-distance runners and paddlers can use the tape as a substitute for moleskin.
- Combat many wilderness emergencies. The all-purpose adhesive can be used to secure wound dressings or the skin around an incision; to help stabilize a knee or ankle; or along with a sleeping pad, to create a traction splint.
- Remove splinters, cactus stickers and caterpillar hairs from skin and, while you're at it, patch that hole in your tent.

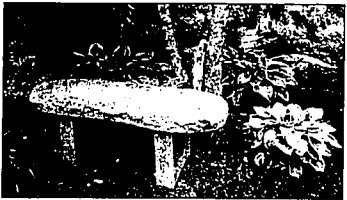
And about duct tape's effectiveness in treating children's warts? "It really does work; I've used it on my own son," Weiss says. "People need to have a lot of patience and make sure the tape is being used properly, he says."

Hostas might have fallen victim to crown rot

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Question: I inherited hosts that did fine until two years ago. They grew large, bristly sent up purple stalks, then the leaves turned brown within a week and the plants withered to nothing. Can I make them healthy again?

Answer: Most dieback diseases are caused by plant fungi that can be air- or soil-borne. If stems are falling over at ground level and dying, your problem could be crown rot (*Sclerotium rolfii*). This disease thrives in hot, humid conditions. You can see the fruiting fungus spores at the base of the affected plants. They look like small yellowish-tan berries, or pellets. They resemble seeds and will continue to infect plants. Avoid reinfection



Hosta is a shade-tolerant plant that is happy where it receives good air circulation and drainage.

by removing all affected and dead hosta leaves from plants and soil. Clean up all dead leaves and other debris around the plants after they have died back in the fall. Much lighter. Improve plant vigor by

ensuring proper site conditions. Hostas are happy where they receive good air circulation and excellent drainage. They do well when protected from full western sun. During the growing season, water the

roots using drip irrigation, which will keep the foliage dry. Although division is not necessary, plants that have become massive can be made healthier. Divide roots as they begin to grow green points in spring. Slice off a section of three to five buds per transplant. This will reduce the size of the parent plant and allow room for air circulation.

Joel Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md., and author of "Planting and Landscaping" (Ball 2001).

Behind the barn doors

What's inside your farm buildings?
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Poachers kill and run near Indian Springs Rd.

TWIN FALLS — On Friday, Idaho Fish and Game Officers received a report of a poached mule deer on Indian Springs Road in the South Hills. Officers discovered a large buck that had been shot, field dressed and abandoned.

According to witnesses, four individuals in a White Ford Expedition or Excursion with very large off-road tires were seen leaving the area.

Idaho Fish and Game officers are asking anyone who may have seen the white Ford sport utility vehicle in the South Hills or recognize a similar vehicle to call the IDFG Regional Office at 324-4550 or the Citizens Against Poaching hotline at (800) 632-5999.

Callers may remain anonymous but are asked to please leave a phone number for further contact.

Rupert police now has K-9 unit

RUPERT — Meet Scout. Her name could become synonymous with her duties, as Rupert's newest police officer is going to soon be scouting city streets for drugs.

The Labrador-shorthair mix has been donated to the city for use as a drug dog. She will be partnered with police officer Chris Weber, who has been with the department for about a year and a half.

"Scout will become our first K-9 officer in over a year," Chief Randy White told City Council members last week.

Red Cross executive to visit Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The new chief executive officer of the Idaho Chapter of the American Red Cross will be in Twin Falls on Wednesday to introduce himself to the Magic Valley.

Dick Rush will hold a press conference at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the South Central District office, 253 Fourth Ave. North.

The public is invited and he will take questions from the crowd.

Forest Service wants seasonal workers

TWIN FALLS — Tired of snow and icy weather? Warm yourself with thoughts of a crackling blaze sweeping through an Idaho forest.

The Sawtooth National Forest is now looking for seasonal workers. The job Web site is <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/sawtooth>. Jobs include firefighting, trails, recreation, timber and range.

An "Introduction to Wildland Fire" class also will be held this year at the College of Southern Idaho.

The eight-week course starts Jan. 16 and continues from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Taking the class does not guarantee a job. People interested in the class may call John Miller at CSI (208) 732-8280 or Laraine Rodriguez at CSI, (208) 732-6219; or Steve Clack, Forest Service, (208) 737-3320.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg*	% of Season
Salmon	84%	15%
Big Wood	86%	15%
Little Wood	72%	12%
Big Lost	84%	15%
Little Lost	51%	10%
Henny Fork/Teton	70%	13%
Upper Snake Basin	10%	2%
Ogley	121%	18%
Salmon Falls	89%	15%

As of Nov. 27

* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this date, with a 30-year average.

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

Man's antics during arrest prove costly

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They say abuse is just part of the job. And Twin Falls Police Officer Rick Van Vooren, like most street cops, is a tough guy to burn. But when Wesley English, 23, a carouser at a bonfire late one Saturday night, popped off a few choice words at Van Vooren, punched him in the lip, feigned being unconscious in the emergency room and later made a joke of it, he gave new meaning to the words "resisting arrest."

On Monday morning, English's antics raged on. English pleaded guilty too late and therefore unnecessarily both to misdemeanor obstructing and beating an officer. If he would have pleaded guilty before the Monday hearing, the city

prosecutor would have disrespected one of the charges against him. English made his first mistake at 11:57 p.m. Oct. 7 at a bonfire at a home in Twin Falls County.



English

When Van Vooren asked the people around the fire for their IDs, English delivered a sardonic line and ran. "As I caught up to him, I grabbed the back of the sweat shirt he was wearing," Van Vooren wrote in his police report.

Then English made his second mistake. "He turned and hit me on the upper lip with his right fist. This caused my upper lip and gum to bleed," he wrote.

"I struck him once on his jaw with a closed fist. He assumed a fighting stance ... He was taken to the ground."

While being booked at the jail, English pretended to be unconscious. Not until he was rushed to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center did he resolve to end his game.

"OK, you guys got me," he told medical staff or something to that effect, according to Van Vooren's affidavit. "He joked and laughed about the fact he was able to make all of the medical staff and law enforcement believe that he was really unconscious. He made a comment that the catheter was uncomfortable ... and jokingly apologized for his public hair not being well trimmed."

Not only did the joke draw zero laughter, it was also expensive.



Twin Falls Police Department K-9 Officer Rick Van Vooren with his dog, Carlo, patrols the streets in July 2005.

"Here's what it cost for his nonsense," said Twin Falls City Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jackie Wakefield. "Six-hundred and thirty dollars and 97 cents to Magic Valley Regional Medical

Center for his ER visit and \$920.75 to the ambulance service."

Wakefield will request restitution for those costs at English's Dec. 12 sentencing, she said.

What cannot be repaid is the time of six medical staff members, three law enforcement officers, the use of critical space in the emergency room and the frivolous use of an ambulance.

The maximum penalty English can face is six months and \$300 for obstruction; one year and \$2,000 for battery of an officer. Misdemeanor crimes do not permit sentences in excess of one year.

Black ice

It's what you can't see that can hurt you

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Black ice. It's the stuff of winter legend, but it is indeed a very real threat to drivers.

With wintry weather descending in earnest on Magic Valley, the Idaho State Police are warning drivers to watch out for black ice — perhaps the most dangerous condition they see, according to an ISP press release.

Black ice also called glare ice or clear ice, is a thin layer of ice on the road. Any ice is dangerous to drive on, but black ice is especially insidious because a road covered with it looks merely wet, not icy.

Black ice isn't really black but rather so thin and transparent that the dark color of the pavement shows through. Statistics show that the crash rate there is five times higher on roads covered with black ice than on dry pavement, four times higher than on wet pavement, and twice as high as on pavement covered with packed snow.

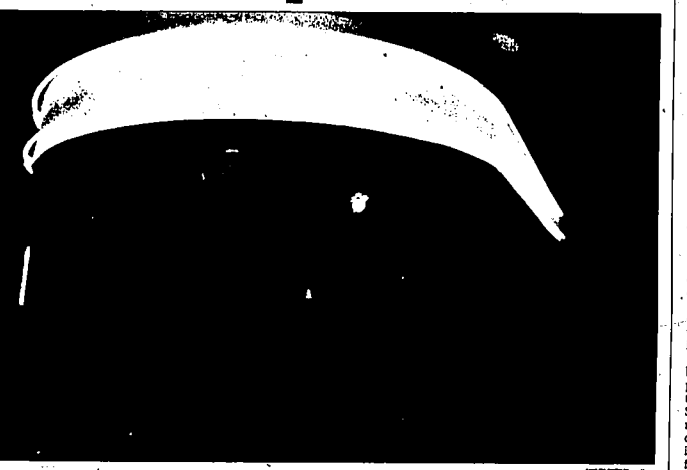
"It's truly a case of what you don't see that can hurt you," said ISP Region 3 Commander Captain Steve Richardson. "The road looks clear and so drivers fail to reduce their speed and exercise caution. When they come to a curve or have to suddenly stop the sudden slide out of control," he said.

Stopping distance on black ice has been measured to be about nine times greater than on dry pavement. Tire chains are more helpful, reducing stopping distance by about 30 to 50 percent. But even with tire chains, stopping distance is still several times greater than on dry pavement with ordinary tires.

Black ice is most common at night and very early in the morning, when temperatures are lowest and traffic lightest. It is thin enough that it often melts during the sunlight hits it, but it can persist much longer on a shaded stretch of road.

Highway crews often spread sand to provide better traction on ice, but the stopping distance on ice treated with sand is still almost triple that on wet pavement.

Step one



Larry Muegel, owner of Hot Rocks in Twin Falls, is hoping to get a permit from the city to re-open his dance club for teens downtown. "I always think there's a need for the kids to have someplace to go," Muegel said.

School district to make presentation for second high school tonight

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Finally, a Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for the kids.

Following a public hearing tonight about a local businessman's attempt to open a teen dance club downtown, the Twin Fall School District will make a presentation for annexation of the land for the new high school.

The school district's presentation for developing the 80 acres at the corner of North College Road and Washington Street North is the first formal step in the process to build the city's second high school, expected to open in 2009.

A public hearing is scheduled for Dec. 12.

The high school is part of the development explosion in northwest Twin Falls near Pole Line Road; St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is hoping to relocate from along Rock Creek to the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive; and there are plans for two office parks and a strip

mall that will include a Wal-Mart. Before the school's presentation, the commission will hear Larry Muegel's application for a special-use permit to open a downtown teen dance club. It will be for children 13 to 18 years old and operate Fridays and Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.

The property, located at 170 South Park Avenue, has been a bar for most of a decade, including time as a bikini bar. It has not had an alcohol permit for more than a year and no liquor can be served on the premises. Muegel plans to use about half the building. The other half is vacant.

"We're fighting up a storm so we decided to call the police," he said. There will also be public hearings on the following:

- The request of Garry Perron to rezone nearly 71 acres west of 3400 East and south of the Snake River Canyon Rim in the Area of Impact to develop a 41-lot residential subdivision.
- The request of television station KIDA, courtesy of Lytle Signs, for a special-use permit to operate a message center sign at 1440 Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

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and the police came; a similar event occurred Oct. 7. The next weekend a vehicle was stolen from the parking lot. As a result, there needs to be more detail from the applicant regarding enforcing security, according to the city.

Muegel said the alterations resulted from insufficient security from the party's organizers and individuals older than 18 years old.

"They were fighting up a storm so we decided to call the police," he said.

According to the city's analysis, in September he received a letter from the city informing him he needed a permit for Hot Rocks to be a teen club. Muegel, who already had advertised use for a private party on Oct. 6, was allowed an exception. A fight broke out that night

Plumwood Voyager van when he failed to yield to a maroon Chevy pickup being driven by Casey Brunson, 35, of Bliss.

Sanchez crossed the centerline and hit Brunson's vehicle head on, causing Sanchez's van to become fully engulfed in flames.

Sanchez was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center before being taken to the University of Utah. Officials said that Sanchez suffered burns to his legs.

Brunson and his passenger, Jasmine Harris, 22, of Shoshone, were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Their conditions were unknown Monday night.

Officials said alcohol was not a factor in the crash. Brunson and Harris were not wearing seat belts. It is unknown if Sanchez was wearing a seatbelt.

The investigation is ongoing by Trooper Garcia of the Idaho State Police, with assistance from Trooper Glenn, Trooper Nalder and various other agencies.

Gooding man suffers severe leg burns after van caught fire

By Joakim Fairer
Times-News writer

JEROME — A man suffered severe burns to his legs Saturday night after his van

collided with an oncoming vehicle and then burst into flames.

The crash occurred just after 6 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of 470 North and West 700 North near Jerome. According to Idaho State Police, Pablo Sanchez, approximately 40 years old, of Gooding, was westbound on 470 North in his green

Plumwood Voyager van when he failed to yield to a maroon Chevy pickup being driven by Casey Brunson, 35, of Bliss.

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N. Idaho cancer center to offer experimental drugs

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Kootenai Medical Center's North Idaho Cancer Center will begin offering some patients the option of taking part in trials of experimental cancer drugs, starting in January.

The phase 1 clinical research trials are generally for patients with advanced cancer who have already tried standard treatments and are strong enough to handle possible side effects of the new drugs.

The cancer center has offered phase 2 and phase 3 trials of drugs that have already been tested. Phase 1 trials are the earliest that new drugs can be tested, and help determine safe dosages, side effects, and how the body deals with the drug.

Dr. Haluk Tezcan, an oncologist at the cancer center, said he sees one or two patients a week who might be helped by trying the phase 1 drugs. Previously, those patients would have had to go out of the state for such treatment, a difficult choice for a patient to travel away from family for treatment that might not work.

"For those patients, we don't have a program like this in the community," Tezcan told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

He said the center will select drugs that have some record of safety, but testing of phase 1 drugs is to first find out how safe they are, and then whether they're effective in treating cancer. "There is a very high risk of there being side effects that we're not aware of," Tezcan said.

New BLM report may alter debate on federal land-use rules

By Jennifer Talheim
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal land managers will issue a long-awaited report Tuesday detailing how much of the country's onshore oil and gas are available for drilling — a debate that could shape the data over land-use restrictions on energy companies seeking access to prized reserves.

The report comes three years after a study commissioned by a 2000 energy bill found that more than 60 percent of the reserves is already available for development.

That assessment was popular with environmentalists, who use it to argue that the industry does not need special breaks to get access oil and gas under federal lands, some of it locked beneath pristine

Rocky Mountain wild lands.

But energy companies said the earlier study didn't tell the full story, and they lobbied for an updated tally, which was mandated by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Environmentalists and industry advocates expect the new inventory to show that energy companies face more restrictions than the Bureau of Land Management previously reported.

The updated study examines a wider geographic area, including regions east of the Mississippi River and a northern Alaska basin that includes the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, said Matt Spangler, a BLM spokesman. Lawmakers have battled for 25 years over whether to tap vast oil reserves on the 19-million-acre Alaska refuge.

The new study also consid-

ers the effect of conditions placed on drilling permits such as restrictions on winter-time drilling to protect elk and deer.

Industry lobbyists have long argued they face troublesome bureaucratic hurdles to get such as domestic oil and gas resources. The new report could give them added ammunition when talking to lawmakers and agency officials about streamlining the permitting process.

"It will absolutely help in giving policy makers a better understanding of what (drillers) are facing," said Dan Naatz, an independent Petroleum Association of America vice president.

But environmentalists, who have worked to stave off drilling in areas proposed for protection, fear the report will be slanted toward industry.

"I hope we won't have an example of the Bush administration interfering with science for political reasons, but I'm afraid that's what we're going to be seeing here," said Dave Albersworth of the Wilderness Society.

BLM Director Kathleen Clarke will unveil the new inventory in a conference call with reporters Tuesday afternoon.

The 2003 study focused on resources in Western states from New Mexico to Montana, including the Greater Green River and Powder River basins. The new inventory analyzes the extent to which oil and gas beneath 99 million acres of federal lands are available for leasing. It includes land in Florida, the deep South and the Appalachian Mountains, from Tennessee to New York.

Special prosecutors to look into Boise police shootings

Ada County coroner rejecting public coroner inquests

BOISE (AP) — Rather than having public coroner inquests, Ada County Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg says he plans to work with special prosecutors from outside the county and a police force on public report on two fatal shootings involving police officers this fall.

"My main issue is for all the facts to be put out for the public, so if doing something different serves the same purpose, we want to try it," Sonnenberg told the Idaho Statesman for a story published Monday.

On Oct. 11, Ada County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Santucci shot and killed Jonathan DiPaola, 35, after DiPaola allegedly approached police with a handgun in the back of his waistband.

On Nov. 6, three Boise police officers and three Ada

County deputies shot and killed Tyler Lowery, 40. The shooting ended a standoff in a Fred Meyer store parking lot and came after police said Lowery pointed a handgun at them.

The county's Critical Incident Task Force is investigating both shootings.

Sonnenberg's decision comes about a year after a coroner's inquest into the death of Matthew Jones, 16, who was shot outside his parents' home by a Boise police officer in December 2004.

Officer Andrew S. Johnson was cleared by a county coroner's inquest jury in November 2005, but the process was harshly criticized by Jones' family and friends, who said it was one-sided.

The objectivity of county prosecutors also was questioned because they worked closely with local police. After the inquest, Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower called the system archaic and said it would hurt public confidence.

Utah jail inmates knit for the needy

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Jail inmates are spending hours knitting caps, blankets and booties for children around the world.

"We might all be criminals," said David Evans, 25, of Blackfoot, Idaho, "but some of us have big hearts."

The pastime at the Cache County Jail in northern Utah began about two years ago. The handmade crafts go to a group called Save the Children or to humanitarian efforts organized by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Inmates have knitted more than 300 hats this year, about half with matching booties. They also have stitched mittens and small blankets.

"We are like an army," said Jane DeSpain, a Mormon Relief Society president who organized the project. "There are humanitarian projects going on all over the world. They are part of that."

Jail officials said they were wary about putting knitting needles, a potential weapon, in the hands of inmates. But there have been no incidents. The needles are counted and collected before 30 to 40 prisoners return to their minimum-security blocks.

"Anytime you are doing something good for someone else, you are improving yourself," said Capt. Kim Chesshire, jail commander. "That isn't just for the inmates; that's for the rest of us."

One man created a large hat that resembled the one worn by the cat in Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat." It stretched more than 3 feet, with broad red and white stripes and a braided tassel.

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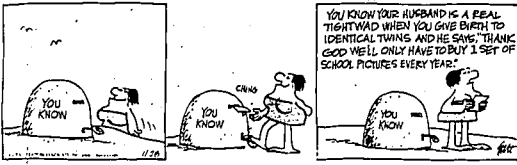
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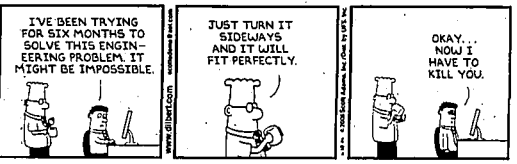
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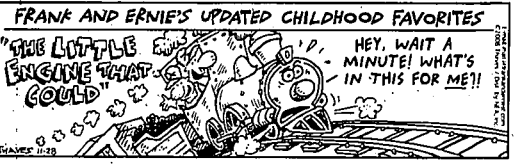
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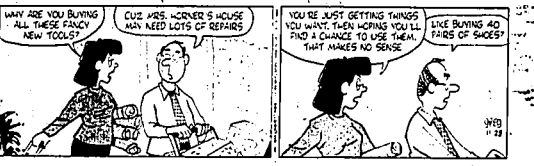
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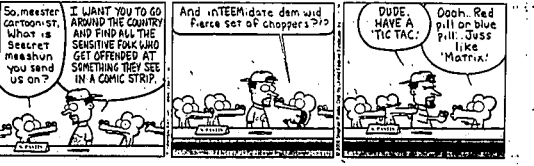
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Get it while you can, Taurus

IF NOV. 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, Cosmic guidance or just pure luck could brighten your world in the year ahead. You may hook up with others in January who share the same vision, who will champion your causes, or who seek to explore similar knowledge. Starting new studies or travels can bring your horizons and open important doors for you. Between June and September cosmic conditions will be favorable for launching your most heartfelt plans or important initiatives. Since you will partner with benevolent and shrewd individuals this year, it will be easy to benefit from good advice and make decisions that will leave you with an improved situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Fight off fatigue and try to keep your own eyes open until late evening when romantic fires might smolder. Purchase silk underwear or lacy thongs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get it while you can. Sensuous feelings and cozy moments are in the spotlight this evening. Your favored playmate won't be able to resist relentless pursuit and amorous overtures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

HOROSCOPE Jeralaine Saunders

Put your value system on display. Discuss your beliefs or opinions. You might be happy in the public eye or lecturing at the podium instead of working quietly behind the scenes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take it easy and don't force issues. A significant other could be pressed for time, but still be anxious to give you the attention you deserve.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You could be thrown into a situation where someone isn't willing or able to give you a helping hand and you're completely on your own. You can manage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A mechanical hand has but one purpose and that is to relentlessly try to buck you off. A challenging situation could be set in motion that is controlled from behind the scenes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Phromones are working overtime. A special someone could have a hard time keeping his or her hands off of you this

evening. Buy pretty things but stay well within the household budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): People find you attractive and a lover might have a sweet tooth aching for you. Buy clothing or jewelry. Take time out from a hectic schedule for amorous R&R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If a loved one wants to shower you with attention, you know just what to do with it, so spend time with that special someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Complains and griping will only cause further irritations. Get your famous patience out in the forefront to help you weather delays.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Past commitments could prevent you from starting anything new. This isn't the time to shrug off old responsibilities or drop the ball with an ongoing project.

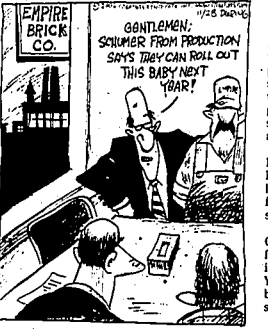
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? Remember the story of the Three Little Pigs. Threatening situations might not be quite as daunting to handle if you have built your foundations well.

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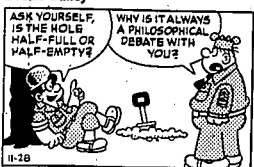
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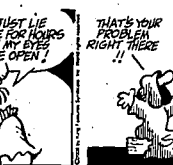
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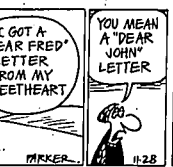
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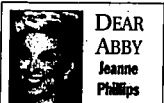


THE FAMILY CIRCUS



By Bill Keane

Widow wades through guilt after unplanned office tryst



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The short story is, I slept with a married co-worker. I paid him to come to my house to hook up my computer, but when he arrived, everything but that happened. He had been flirting with me for months, and when he got here one thing just led to another.

He is a complicated mess, and I knew that going in, but I allowed myself to do it anyway. Now when we're at work, he acts like nothing ever happened. Guilt is not his thing. He has other women in the office on the line, as well as several others I have heard about through the grapevine.

I am confused by my need to be around this man and wonder what I was thinking. I feel hollow, sick and lonelier than I did before. I have been widowed 10 years and have never slept with anyone else until now.

How do I handle, first, my feelings, and second, the work relationship? I am beginning to wonder if he did this out of pity for my being lonely. If that's the case, I feel even worse.

Please help me deal with the guilt and understand why I did this, and come out of this with some self-respect.

years of widowhood. That kind of a "high" can be pretty intoxicating. You feel "hollow, sick and more lonely than before" because you didn't get what you really wanted, and you know you sold yourself short.

Rather than continue beating yourself up over this, use it to spur yourself into getting out and meeting eligible men so you can find what you need in a relationship that has a future. As to how to handle things at work, keep your communications with the office Romeo short and strictly business-related. He appears to have already put this behind him, and so should you.

PS. If you paid him to hook up your computer and all you got was sex — you know what that makes him. He owes you a refund, but don't count on getting one.

DEAR ABBY: I come from a mid-Atlantic state. I recently met a woman named "Diana" from New England. When Diana introduced herself, she pronounced her name "Di-ann-er."

When I address her, should I pronounce her name as she

does? Or should I pronounce it "Di-ann-a" in my normal manner? I don't want to seem like I'm mocking her by mimicking a New England accent, but I also don't want to pronounce her name.

My friends and family are split on what is more courteous. What do you think?

BETH IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR BETH: Your question brought to mind the old song lyric, "You say potato and I say 'po-tah-to.'" You say "tomato" and I say "to-mah-to-oo." In your case, the right thing to do is also the safest: Pronounce Diana's name as you normally would, and you won't get into trouble.

DEAR READERS: This Saturday, Dec. 2, the Hallmark Channel will air a full-length television movie, "The Christmas Card," that features a romance strikingly similar to the ones that have resulted from Operation Dear Abby.

As you know, many romances, marriages and children have "sprung" from Operation Dear Abby. The network supports our men and women in the military stationed worldwide. So, tune in, sit back and enjoy it with me!

And note that the holiday season's first winter reminder is to take a moment and send a holiday greeting to our men and women in the military by logging onto www.operationdearabby.net.

Oil and water can mix?



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Another metaphor gets destroyed by hard evidence: a scientist in Australia has reported that if you remove the gas dissolved in water, oil and water do mix.

This Day in History: On Nov. 28, 1895, eighty drivers were expected for a 20-mile rally from Chicago to Waukegan, Ill. Unfortunately, it was snowing, so only six cars started. Winner James Duryea ran the race in 2 1/2 hours, averaging a breathtaking speed of 7.5 mph. Only one other car made it to the finish line.

After the 1890 census results took eight years to tabulate, a U.S. Census Bureau employee named Herman Hollerith went to work inventing the first punch-card-driven adding machine. It worked like charm, reducing the tabulation time for the 1890 census to a mere six weeks.

Every day, 133,000 obsolete

computers are discarded.

By the end of the Civil War, between one-third and one-half of all paper currency in the United States was counterfeit. That was why the Secret Service was begun in 1865—to stop counterfeiters. Protecting the president wasn't added to its duties until 1901 after William McKinley was assassinated.

The Incas invented freeze-drying. They stored their potatoes and other food crops at high altitudes. The cold temperatures froze the food, and the high altitude slowly vaporized the water away.

Yard trimmings make up about 18 percent of municipal solid waste, when they could be making you free fertilizer. Get a compost bin going.

According to the official records, only about 250 people through history have fallen from the leaning Tower of Pisa.

Looking for evidence that Einstein was right about gravity bending space and time? The hyper-accurate clocks on the Global Positioning Satellites have to be set back 39 millionths every day to correct for what's called "gravitational time dilation."

It was illegal to play pinball in the city of Chicago up until 1976. This was somewhat ironic since most of the major pinball manufacturers operated out of the Windy City.

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Man grows record arm hair

JACKSON, Wis. — Jon Sanford takes good care of his hair, washing it regularly and conditioning it occasionally. Now he might break a record for that hair — on his arms.

One particularly long strand measured 4.1 inches. If the measurement is recorded officially by Guinness World Records, Sanford will have topped the previous record of 3.95 inches.

"It's my mutant hair," said Sanford, 37.

Sanford is from Jackson, a town about 30 miles north-west of Milwaukee. He down-loaded the necessary forms from Guinness, faxed them back and received further directions.

"I need two witnesses whom I do not know and they have to be respected in the community," he said of the instructions.

So he turned to Jackson patrol officer Shane Wrucke and fire chief John Skodinski. "We're not always saving lives and protecting property. We also do other things," Skodinski said.

To comply with Guinness regulations, Wrucke and Skodinski accompanied Sanford to the bathroom before the measurement to watch him wash the arm hair.

"I condition it sometimes," Sanford said.

Odds & ends

comes to gambling in Las Vegas, nothing is guaranteed. Except for this: A new video poker machine ensures a certain amount of playing time, no matter how bad your luck.

The video poker slot machine is called "Guaranteed Play," was conceived to be on the back room of a casino at a slot machine laboratory, but at inventor Jay Walker's office in Stamford, Conn.

The device, which is expected to be offered in Las Vegas casinos within six months, allows players to buy a certain number of video poker hands up front for a set price.

For example, Walker's game offers 150 hands of "Jacks or Better" for \$20 and 400 hands for \$40. Those hands could take 20 minutes to an hour to play. Games offer more or less hands for the amount based on the type of video poker game and the odds that apply to that game.

The gambler should assume that he will lose his money — but that he will have a certain playing guarantee number of games in the meantime.

\$216,000. And that doesn't include the perfume itself.

At a party, a woman wanted to remain anonymous received the bottle of Tresor de la Mer from her husband in 1939. He had bought it at Saks Fifth Avenue store.

The woman, who is now in her 90s, held onto the empty bottle — designed by Renee Lalique — and the box it came in for years, before deciding to auction it at the Bagg Arts and Auction Center on Nov. 7.

— **The Associated Press**

Bottle of perfume goes for \$216,000

LAMBERTVILLE, N.J. — A bottle of perfume that was originally purchased for \$50 has been auctioned off for

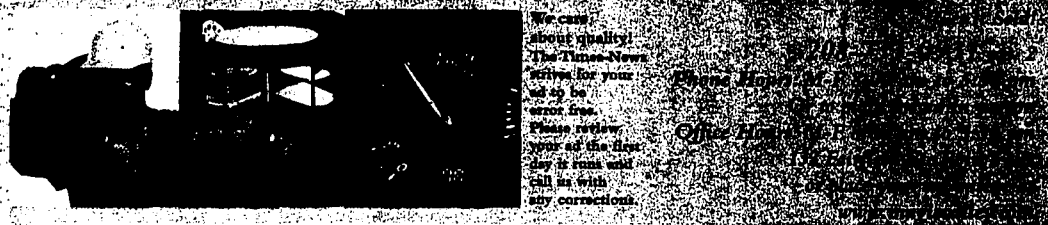
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No.: CV-06 5286

A Petition to change the name of Sarah Ann Hall, born 12/24/87 in Ellsworth, Maine, residing at 204 Harrison St. Twin Falls, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Sarah Anne Brown, because the name was not changed during divorce proceedings.

The petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of his closest blood relatives are unknown and the petitioner's mother is living and her address is HC 74 Box 375-East Machias, Maine.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:20 o'clock AM on December 29, 2006, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: Nov 9, 06
By: Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 2006

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

Trustor's Sale No. 02-FWC-43909 Notice is hereby given that, Pioneer Lender Services, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will, at 10:00 AM, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of the following description, to-wit: All of that certain real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot #2 of Hillwood subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof recorded in book 11 of plats, page 28, records of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 813 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 827 Katherine Street, Boise, ID 83718, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Donna S. Lawrence, an unmarried woman, as Grantor, to Titlefact, Inc. an Idaho Corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls, as Beneficiary, as dated 8/15/2002, recorded 8/19/2002, under instrument No. 2005-018710. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Bank of America, NA, 12305 East Grantlars are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 8/15/2002, the monthly payment which became due on 8/15/2006 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of November 10, 2006 Delinquent Payments from June 01, 2006 3 payments at \$648.88 each = \$1,946.04 3 payments at \$88.10 each = \$264.30 Total: \$2,210.34 Late Charges: \$ 93.35 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 28.70 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 Total: \$ 2,592.39 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, interest's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$20,510.34, together with interest thereon at 8.625% per annum from 8/15/06 to 9/15/06, 8.625% per annum from 9/15/06 to 11/15/06. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at 10:00 o'clock if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: 11/02/06
LARRY EVANS, Trustee
By Mark L. Yormaak, Attorney
Merger, Vice President of Regional Trustee Services Corporation
211 Avenue, Suite 600, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Site Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP 605040

PUBLISH: November 28, December 5, 12 and 19, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE KIMBERLY CITY COUNCIL will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2006, in the City Council Chamber located at 120 Madison West, Kimberly, Idaho, to consider the request of John and Maureen Boling to rezone from Commercial Business to R5, less than one (1) acre of real property lying in the East 1/4 of Lots 8, 9, 10, and 11, Block 22, Kimberly Township, Boise, Idaho. There is also a physical address of 206 Madison, Kimberly, Idaho.

The complete legal description, the application, and other documents are on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available for review at the City Hall. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subject being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted five (5) days prior to the public hearing to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 132 Main N., Kimberly, Idaho.

City residents and interested persons shall have an opportunity to appear and be heard on the above request at the hearing prior to the request being acted upon by the Council.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No CV 05-8279

A Petition to change the name of Alexandria Michelle Mott, born January 23, 1996 in Twin Falls, Idaho residing at 3398 East 4000 North, Kimberly, Idaho 83341, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Alexandria Eva Mott, because we wish to honor the lineage of her great-grandmother Eva Briggs.

The child's father is living and his address is 3398 East 4000 North, Kimberly, Idaho 83341.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:15 o'clock AM on December 29, 2006, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: November 9, 2006
By: Deputy Clerk

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101 Lost and Found

LOST: poolie X, male, answers Tybel, 8 years, on 11/24 by Kimberly Nursery. Call 206-410-8662

LOST: white/black friendly lg puppy, 60 lbs., 500 S to 600 S area. 206-324-3713 or 206-538-9942

LOST: woman's black wallet. At Wal-Mart in Jerome. Wednesday 11/22. Reward. Call 208-324-1924

108 Professional Services

Bankruptcy Chapter 7
Guaranteed lowest price for attorney representation. We are a debt relief agency. Free Consultation Call 1-866-888-2399

SANTA FOR HIRE

Larry Evans
206-326-5258
Leave Message
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Available Dates
& Evenings

200 Employment

AGRICULTURE
Ranch Hand, experience with farm equipment and irrigation. Familiar with heavy equipment. Wages, benefits and housing provided. Must speak English.
Riddio Ranches, Riddio Idaho 208-759-3249

Asking Questions
Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone. Absolutely NO SALES!!! Strictly research, \$7.00 to \$9.00/hour. Casual work environment. Flexible evening, day, and weekend 15-30 hours/week. Great part-time job or second job. Close to CSI campus. For more information Call 208-735-2553

BOOKKEEPER
Part-time Bookkeeper: 15 hours/week. Professional, quiet. Fax resume 733-9604

CAREGIVER
Caregivers needed for Rosette Assisted Living. Apply at 1177 Eastridge Ct. Twin Falls or call Lisa 208-734-9422

200 Employment

CLERICAL
Receptionist/Dispatcher for plumbing contracting co. Microsoft Office and QuickBooks. Call 208-325-4128.

DELIVERY
7-Up/Beverage Delivery. Will Train. Send resume to PO Box 314 Twin Falls, ID 83303 or apply at 187 Eastland Drive between 8-3pm. Drop Free Workplace

DENTAL
Dental Assistant Growing practice needs hardworking team player to join our friendly staff. Exp and expanded functions certification required. Excellent benefits. 4-day week & pleasant atmosphere. Please bring resume to 1185 Eastland Dr. N. Site A, Mon-Thur or fax 208-733-8190.

DRIVERS
Expanding Dental Practice looking for part-time Dental Assistant: 2-5 days/week. Send resumes to 1001 Shearone St N Twin Falls, ID 83301

DRIVER
Delivery Driver. Must be 21. Good driving record. 40 hrs/wk. Medical, 401(k).

POLLY HULSEY CITY CLERK
PUBLISH: November 28, 2006

INVITATION TO BID

ALL sealed Bids must be received by 5:00 P.M., on December 13, 2006. ALL Sealed Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. on December 13, 2006 at the Idaho Transportation Department, Supply Services Purchasing Section located at 132 Main St., Boise, Idaho. Bids by other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. This is to furnish qualified Asphalt Materials to all 170 Districts as needed. All materials to be picked up by ITD, or delivered and load into ITD storage facilities per the specifications contained in requisition number K003070. No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. This guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on some Idaho bank, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a bidder's bond. Surety will be forfeited in the event of failure to sign the contract.

The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.

Dated this 21st day of November 2006

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FOUND (2) Labrador Retrievers, one in the Minidoka Dam area. Call to identify, 206-438-8204.

FOUND 4-wheeler ramp. Call to identify, 208-458-1700.

FOUND - Bicycle. Dumped at the corner of Wendall St. & Filer St. in Twin Falls. Call to identify, 724-152

FOUND LAB yellow with white, on 3300 N in TF, older, chunky N. Call 208-415-5093

FOUND LAB, yellow male, on corner of Skyline and Fells, Call 208-732-5222

FOUND Miscellaneous gloves, hats, and more from Christmas in the Nighttime Sky. Claim at Kimberly Nurseries.

FOUND puppy, Sunday PD Box 545, Lincoln School. Call 208-734-4958.

FOUND small dog in person area. Dangling day. Call to identify 208-438-0724

200 Employment

Classified Private Party Ads

Requires pre-purchase prior to publication. Major credit/debit cards, and cash accepted. Check processing over the phone.

733-9931
The Times-News

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CLERICAL
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TINA KLAMT, PURCHASING AGENT
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Copies of Bid Packets, Includes all Drawings, Bid Results and Plan Holders List, may be obtained by visiting our web site at: <http://idaho.gov/business> or by contacting your local Plan Firm.

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Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548
legal@magicvalley.com

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118 Child Care Services

Litte Gems
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Licensed w/great record
"Where no child has been left behind!"

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WHEELS

901 Autos
902 Motorcycles
903 Trucks
904 Car Washes
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910 Automobiles

DRIVERS
Experienced Milkster, looking for more information.
Gilmer Milk Transportation is looking for OTR Drivers for our vans and trailers. Starting pay is 35¢ a mile with full benefits and 401k after 90 days. Please call 877-324-3518 between 9am-3pm ask for Tim or Dave.
DRIVER - New hiring Bus Drivers Paid Training Western States Bus Call 208-733-8003
DRIVERS CDL-A Truck Drivers. Van/Drivers 45 states, walking floors 11 western states, 32 cents/mile. Per diem. Annual pay increases. Paid vacation. Medical insurance. 208-733-0234
DRIVERS "TOP GUN" Class "A" CDL Instruction 735-6656
DRIVERS CDL-A Truck Drivers. CDL Flatbed, Northwest. Family company paid 401k, holiday, vacation pay and benefits. Medical benefits. 800-635-2333

AUTOMOTIVE
Full-time Lot Attendant needed 5 days/week. Must have valid drivers license.
Contact Doug Albrethsen at Herzt of Magic Valley 638 Peltone Rd No Phone calls Drug Free Workplace

NEWSPAPER PRESS OPERATOR
The Times-News is looking for an experienced Press Operator or printer with a minimum of 12-unit Urbanite press, 4-color process, plate development and registration. Must be knowledgeable on working around heavy machinery safely and be familiar with mechanical maintenance and adjustment. Additionally, the ability to work well with others working with a deadline to meet the majority of the work shift, and climb ladders is necessary. Hours of work are primarily 6 pm. to 3 a.m., including weekends.

We offer an excellent benefits package which includes medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401(k) retirement, employee stock purchase plan, paid holidays and vacation. Check out our website at www.magicvalley.com.

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V. EASY # 15

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page D-6.

200 Employment

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Job Rehabilitation Officer, Application and job description available at 614 7th St., Rupert, ID, Min-Casita Juvenile Probation Center, Class 12/06/06.

MEDICAL
Caregiver needed, nights. Great pay. Background check required. Experience preferred but not necessary. Pay DOE. Starting immediately. Call 208-328-0507

MEDICAL
MRI Technologist, ARRT registered or eligible for part-time work in an attractive, modern outpatient facility. Time hours & no call. Call Dennis Swearer at 208-724-4000 and/or fax resume to 208-734-5899

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NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY \$150 \$ Sign On Bonus
Dishwasher to start. Includes full wage language start-up package. Great Benefits-Must have drivers license & valid insurance. Assist persons with developmental disabilities to acquire greater independence. Apply at Inclusion South, Inc. 1411 Falls Ave. Located in the Locust Grove Business Park in Twin Falls, ID # 83301

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Contact Brenda Adams 208-734 8845 or apply in person 647 Fremont Ave. Twin Falls, ID 83301

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Searching for quality nursing RN. Need skilled nursing experience. Salary commensurate with quality measures at 3 Nursing Home in Malheur County.
Call May Tan at 208-251-2573

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Maintenance Specialist for commercial & residential properties. Must have own tools. Fax resume & salary requirements to 734-4462

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201 Business Opportunities

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center 1-800-876-7060

202 Homes For Sale

OPEN HOUSES DAILY
4-6pm
Sat. 12-20-23pm
Rt. 10 West Trail Estates
Grandview Dr N Caldwell, Wb. Mod-4 at 1220 Knollridge Awesome Park & Whiteberry Park Creek Trail
Ray Sabala, Realtor
Irvine Realty 535-3321

SHOSHONE 10 acres, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, great horse property. \$172,500. Call 208-478-5474

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 1,550 sq. ft. on 2.8 acres. Land split with build options. 3432 Falls, \$212,000. Call 208-734-5899

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It sounds too good to be true. A simple device that gives better fuel mileage, extends the life of an engine and improves emissions.

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Add that it's been manufactured for about 10 years in a remote shop in western Sanders County.

It's called the Condensator, and inventor Elmer Bush has had a patent on the device and its principle, since 1975.

Inspired by a poorly performing boat motor, Bush, who was living in California at the time, recalled how the new motor was performing sluggishly and when he took the engine apart he found there it had been accumulating sludge, varnish

and his car but didn't tell her. Then she went to the store and when she returned, she complained there was something wrong, that when she spun on the gas, the tires would spin.

He tried the same, and was amazed at the additional power the vehicle had.

He removed his device, and as expected the car's performance returned to normal.

He was convinced and began manufacturing the devices in his shop.

He said at first, it was strictly word of mouth but as the word spread, he was overwhelmed. He sold about 200 of the devices the first month and then the sales doubled for several months after that.

Bush secured a patent and commissioned some manufacturing companies to create some of the parts, which he then assembled. A jar, attached to the bottom, was a simple cleaning jar that collected the oil and water that dripped off the media beads.

He was so confident in the device, and so sure that it would be revolutionary in its effects on fuel consumption, engine life and emissions, that he approached the California Air Resources Board for certification of the device for endorsement and use on California vehicles where some of the nation's strictest air quality laws are in place.

That opened a can of worms and a virtual nightmare for him that he is still fighting. Although the state eventually approved his device, their reports were less than glowing. He challenged those results, eventually got the agency to recant their earlier assessment, but the damage was done. More misfortune struck. He found interest in the device worldwide and arranged for every vehicle in Iran to have one installed, but before that could happen, the Shah of Iran was overthrown and the deal was quashed.

Bush recalled, and his records

prove, that the military was very interested and tested the device exhaustively, but he didn't get very far there either.

So eventually he moved to Sanders County and a quieter life. Still marketing and manufacturing, for years the devices have been produced in his shop and marketed on the internet basis.

The picture changed recently, when neighbor Tom McDowell entered the picture. He asked Elmer for help with his 1960 pickup and Elmer helped him install a Condensator. The results were dramatic. With a smoother running engine, better engine response and vastly improved acceleration. His mileage went from 14 to 20, almost a 50 percent increase. "With a limited income, it gave me the freedom to make longer trips," said McDowell. "I was hooked."

With experience in Internet marketing, Tom wanted to try selling the devices, by making calls on companies that could really benefit from the savings and improved performance. Add in skyrocketing oil and gas prices and McDowell has a winning formula.

With two models available, one for gas and one for diesel, he's found no shortage of customers. Recently he has concentrated on trucking companies and hit the mother lode with Missoula trucking companies. With fuel being a major cost, a big company can save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year by outfitting a fleet with the Condensator. One company, who keeps detailed records of fuel use, has documented a 12 percent increase in mileage in its first

month. McDowell said his sales are doubling every month and he will probably sell over 5000 units this year.

An experienced welder and machinist, Bush said he was born and raised near Sacramento, California, and served as a crew chief for a B-24 bomber in World War II. With a keen talent for mechanical devices, he was the only one of the squadron that was placed in charge of two planes. He emerged from the war with 10 battle stars and then went on to achieve journeyman status as a carpenter, boilermaker, steamfitter and plumber. He worked in the business of agricultural equipment, and invented several pieces of equipment that helped make it possible to better use California farm lands.

NOW 80 years old, Bush has had several challenges with his back and is not nearly as flexible or mobile as he once was. But on good days he can still get out to the shop and work on his projects.

Over the past decade or so, he has employed several youth in putting together the Condensators from parts manufactured both in his shop and in other parts of the nation. Most recently, he explained, he has contracted for a company in Ohio to manufacture and assemble the devices, mostly because they can do the necessary injection molding of the plastic housing and then the company is closer to markets where

they expect the device will really take off. It's no secret that Montana is a long way from the markets where hundreds of thousands of vehicles could be installing the fuel saving device.

With a twinkle in his eye, Bush recalled numerous examples of



INVENTOR - ELMER BUSH points to an early model Condensator.

testing the device in various equipment. For example in Australia, they installed one in a Volkswagen Beetle and the mileage went from 28 to over 40 miles per gallon. Later in a pub he and some friends were talking about the accomplishment and a man nearby questioned the claims saying there was no way those results were possible unless they had a Condensator. They all then shared a good laugh.

The Condensator name came from another company Elmer purchased after he obtained a patent. He said the name fit better, and it stuck.

Elmer loves to talk about his invention, and although he feels his acceptance has been surpassed by companies that stand to lose with lower fuel and parts sales, he's still mighty proud. He lives modestly with his wife Felonina, and they haven't sought publicity, preferring instead anonymity.

But his interest is engaged and he tells the whole story and when he looks back on the invention, its potential to improve the environment and help mankind, he is able to smile. With over 200,000 Condensators installed, and not one person who has asked to have it removed, no one can say he hasn't tried.

200,000
Condensators Installed!

Locals say they believe in the Condensator

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Mike Brinson of Brinson's Valley Lumber of Thompson Falls was so impressed with the Condensator that he had only installed them on two of the vehicles he uses, but he put them on the shelf for sale.

"On my pickup I immediately gained two miles per gallon and it's held steady there. On my boom truck, I save two gallons of gas on a 50 mile round trip to Trout Creek," said Brinson.

With experience as a mechanic, Brinson said he's sold on the device and understands not only the science involved but how the device can save money and wear and tear on an engine.

Linda Vandeleigh of Montana High Expresso in Plains, said she had one installed on about a year ago on her 1993 Chevrolet Suburban. "Where I have really noticed an improvement is with going up hills. My Suburban now has more power," Vandeleigh told the Ledger.

Linda said she didn't keep very good track of gas mileage so she couldn't really document a savings there. But she said she hasn't regretted the installation for a minute. "I'm a believer," she said, "and I think they are really on to something."



SEEING A BRIGHT FUTURE for the Condensator, Tom McDowell of Noyon is selling the device full time, both to help out his good friend Elmer Bush and to help folks save money in an era of sky high fuel costs. (Ledger photo)

and crankcase oil. An experienced inventor, he pondered what might cause the trouble and even more so, what he might do to correct it.

He came upon the idea of collecting the "blow by" gases that collect in the crankcase of an engine and which are normally recycled back into the fuel system. Then he theorized that if he could separate out the water and oil in that system, and forward just the unburned fuel to the carburetor, he could eliminate the waste materials and cause the engine to run better.

After many nights of thought, he said it came to him and he set out to design his separator. His idea was good, but he needed a media that would do the fuel separation. That he finally found in Germany, had two pounds shipped over and after a few nights in his shop, his first "Condensator" was born.

He installed the device on his

Actual Testimonials - From People Like You

Gary and Liz are camp hosts at Avesta campground, at Finley Flats near Thompson Falls, Montana. When the initial article titled, Simple Invention Saves Fuel, appeared in The Sanders County Ledger, it was a hot topic around the campfire. The usual old school scoffing over how "nothing actually works", quickly dismissed any validity to the idea of actually trying a Condensator, and the matter was dropped. Dropped that is until Gary and Liz returned to their cabin at Savage Lake. There Liz urged Gary to sit down with her and actually read the article. She also reminded Gary his 1997, 3/4 ton, four wheel drive, Ford pickup with a 460

skepticism Gary agreed and called to arrange to have a Condensator installed that day.

According to Gary: During the installation, Tom warned me that mileage gains can vary, yet he'd had

it off again. The tank would barely take six gallons, 19.41 of fuel for over forty miles. No matter how you figured, it is what it is: over twenty miles a gallon. A seven mile per gallon gain. I was amazed! For



a big Ford pickup with a 460 cubic inch engine - I was floored. We then drove around for some city type driving tanked up again, and figured it up at a five mile per gallon gain. I then decided to ask Tom to install a Condensator on Liz's 94 Jeep Grand Cherokee, and our motor home. I'm now a believer.

Well the story does not stop there, Gary as it turns out has quite

stopping at the Dorr Skeels campground. There we installed Condensators on two motor homes belonging to two friends of Gary. One belonged to Dale K., from Bonanza Ferry, Idaho Dale later reported, not only does the engine start easier, run smoother, the RV has a noticeable increase in power.



Stakes he used to struggle with were much more manageable. Same

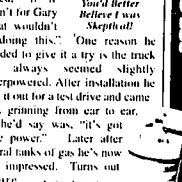
story for Carl B. From Moyie Springs, Idaho. According to Dale, "Carl is enjoying the added performance so much, he can't keep his foot out of the carburetor."



Unfortunately neither keeps track of their mileage. Dale now plans to install a Condensator on his pickup truck.

Our next tale comes from Irvin P. of Thompson Falls, MT. Irvin drives a 1998 Dodge Ram 1500, Heavy Duty Tom 4x4 pickup, powered by a 318 engine. Initially Irvin didn't want to install a Condensator and due to Gary's success, he reluctantly agreed.

Like a dozen others, he stated, "if it wasn't for Gary I flat wouldn't be doing this." One reason he decided to give it a try is the truck had always seemed slightly underpowered. After installation he took it out for a test drive and came back grinning from ear to ear. All he'd say was, "it's got more power." Later after several tanks of gas he's now very impressed. Turns out he is a



I'll admit it - I Was Skeptical! engine, was getting around thirteen to fourteen miles per gallon, and, just maybe - they ought to give the Condensator a try. With more than a little

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installing the Condensator he was getting eighteen miles per gallon. Now, he's getting a little over twenty three. A gain of over five miles per gallon. Last report from Irv is, he's well pleased with the Condensator, and we need one for Dads truck.



Irv's Dodge 1500 4x4 Gains 5 MPG!

Back to Gary and Liz:

We decided to buy a brand new 2004 Dodge Durango. The first thing we decided was to install a Condensator right away, if nothing else to protect the engine. We first made sure it would not void our warranty, we then brought it over to Tom with 74 miles on it. We'd asked the salesman in Libby what to



22 MPG on Climbing on a new Dodge Durango!

expect for mileage as the EPA sticker shows 18 for highway. He said he'd not heard of anyone getting that on the 4.7 Magnum engine, usually 15 is about the best to expect. Well, after several thousand miles regular highway speeds, 70 mph plus, we're now getting 22 miles per gallon on the highway. Even towing the boat with the overdrive locked out, mountain driving, the whole bit, we're still getting 15 miles per gallon. Pretty good for towing!



22 Miles Per Gallon with a Car Carlet!

Gary and Liz have since sold the 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee. After installing the Condensator the first thing they noticed was the substantial increase in power. The next thing they were found that regular gas would run the engine as well as premium did before installing the Condensator. The savings from Premium to Regular alone made for a quick return on the investment. With a 318 full time four wheel drive, automatic transmission, it's a fairly thirsty rig. Initially the car was getting around 18.5 mpg. Now the new owner reports it's getting over 22 mpg highway.

Another Tale
From Our "Mail Lady" Grace S. Noxon, Mont.

I deliver the mail in Noxon. I was never happy with the mileage we were getting with our 1999 Subaru



4.5 mpg Gain on a Subaru? What a Good Investment!

Legacy. I drive the same route every day, day in and day out, you know - rain, hail, sleet and snow. I deliver mail to Elmer Bush, and remember a few years back his telling me a Condensator would help with my mileage. I forgot all about it until I read the article in The Ledger. Later, after Tom installed the Condensator I gained four and a half miles per gallon! Even running the AC, I get still two miles a gallon better than before.

I sure wish I'd installed one sooner - Thanks Elmer!!!

Joanne W.
 Of Thompson Falls, Montana,

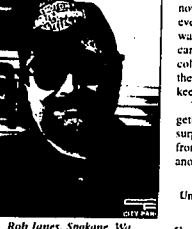
1999 Honda CRV. Driving from Thompson Falls to Gladwin, Michigan - 1980 miles, 80-85 mph, running AC, a gain of two and a half miles per gallon. The most amazing thing is the power, without hardly

pressing the gas pedal, this Honda is a four cylinder car! Very impressed with the Condensator.

Now I have to put one on my Motor Home.

Rob Jones... Condensator Delivers!

Rob Jones has been a professional driver for 26 years. After a stint in management for City Parcel in Spokane Wash, he's now on the road full time. Each day he makes the long runs from Spokane to Seattle, Helena, Great Falls or Lewiston, averaging roughly 600



Rob Jones, Spokane, Wa.

miles a day. His mechanic showed him the flyer on the Condensator and asked him what he thought. After reading it over he figured it couldn't hurt so he decided to give it a try. Any gain in mileage would be worth the investment. He installed one on his 93 Ford Aerostar delivery

van with a 3.0 liter engine. The results were immediate. He said, "In one day I was a believer!" The van jumped 2.6 miles per gallon. Driving up the Lewiston Idaho grade, the transmission used to kick down, with the Condensator it cruised up in overdrive - at 70 miles per hour!

Rob recently gave the van to his daughter and to satisfy his curiosity he transferred the Condensator to his new 2006 Toyota Scion, with a 1.5 liter engine with 6000 miles on the odometer. Again the results were immediate, on the Pullman run the new Toyota never kicked down, it now runs smoother, and the engine even quit chattering at stops. Rob was surprised to see black slunks of carbon at the bottom of the collection jar, and is happy knowing the Condensator will be working to keep the new engine cleaner.

Topping it off, the Scion is getting a solid 3mpg gain! "Don't be surprised if you call me five days from now and find I've moved it to another car. I'm keeping it!"

Ross Bennett
 Underwriter Timber Salvage Corp.,
 St. Helens, Oregon

Condensator Sales: I am writing this, to thank you, for introducing a product that keeps making your engine run and perform better. In the last 3 & 1/2 years I have been amazed at the crud stripped from the crankcase gasses and the increased power and better fuel efficiency - created by the

Condensator. It has paid for itself many times over in fuel savings and my engine looks new inside and without the normal carbon deposits on the valve train. My truck has shown the effect of the condensator while pulling my research boat all over the country by burning any gas I have to put in it, and by extracting the power out of the gas on those long mountain grades! I'm very pleased the exhaust pipe is visually



Keep up the good work at helping keep the Planet GREEN! burning cleaner and lacking in black carbon deposits. Owing a "Green" company and doing more than just what is required makes me and my company viable. Those that I tell about the Condensator and my environmentally correct company know that I walk the walk too. You keep up the good work and know you and your crew are helping to keep the Planet Green. Thank You Again!

Does The Condensator Work?...



...You'd better believe it!

Not two to be trifled with, Jim Bolin and Chuck Garvin of Spokane Wash. have covered a lot of ground and seen a lot of gimmicks come and go.

These two men have been best friends for some 30 years, working together in the construction trades and labor unions most of their adult lives. When they recently read about the Condensator, they each decided to have one installed.

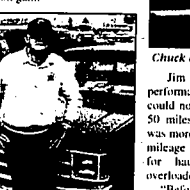
Chuck, originally from Columbia Falls, Montana, was initially a bit skeptical. After looking it all over he decided it made sense and it would likely

work. He decided to have one installed on his work truck, a 2000 Chevy 2500HD with a 6.0 engine. Jim, originally from Yakima, Wash., wondered if installing a Condensator on his 1989 Dodge Dakota, with a 231 V-6 would give the little pickup more power.

After each installed a Condensator on one vehicle on the same day, both were extremely pleased. The first thing Chuck noticed was the truck ran smoother and now needs to have his foot resting on the brake pedal at stop signs, as the truck wants to creep forward. From his perspective,

"one look at the gunk collected in the Condensator's collection jar, that's more than enough benefit, mileage is irrelevant. Everything else is a bonus."

Even so Chuck figures he's getting two to three miles per gallon better on in-town driving on the Chevy. Chuck was so satisfied with his results he later scheduled a second install on his 99 Dodge Caravan. He's very happy with the Caravan as it's showing more pep and getting around a four to five mile per gallon gain.



Chuck and his 2000 Chevy HD

Jim is delighted with the performance gain on the Dakota. "I could notice the difference within 50 miles. The increase in power was more important to me than the mileage gain." The pickup is used for hauling and is usually overloaded.

"Before the Condensator, while climbing the Sunset Hill out of Spokane it'd have to shift down now it just sails up in overdrive. Better yet, the mileage increased from 12 to 18 mpg!" Jim says, "we're putting a Condensator on the motorhomes next!"

Thanks Everyone, for Sharing Your Stories

We're sure there are more unwritten tales of the Condensator. Yet for now we hope you enjoyed reading and will someday share your story with us.

FIGHT BACK!

Against High Gas Costs!
 The Condensator™ has Helped over 200,000 Satisfied Customers...
 ... SAVE \$\$\$ every day!



The Condensator Supplementary Carburetor™ can be installed on every internal combustion engine powered; car, truck, SUV, tractor, rolling stock, even marine engines, anywhere in the world. A perfect economic enhancement for delivery, municipal, state & government, fleet vehicles!

Here's Why...

- WHY...Installing The Condensator Makes Sense...
 One You've Installed a Condensator™ on your vehicle you'll begin to:
- Cut Down on Engine Emissions,
 - Cut Down on Fuel Costs,
 - Cut Down on Engine Wear.

Just installing a Condensator™ on your Gas, Propane or Natural Gas fueled engine will provide an IMMEDIATE Increase in engine efficiency, which translates into better performance, more horsepower, and better economy. "New or old engine" - It makes no difference.

How It Works:

Every Internal Combustion Engine has a flaw. It's inefficient by design. Every Internal Combustion Engine produces crankcase gas. As a result of the compression and detonation piston strokes, an estimated 10 percent of the fuel that all the air passes by the piston rings. This is commonly known as blow-by gas. This vapor is comprised of volatile and non-volatile hydrocarbons. Elements that can be used as fuel for your engine, and, those that can't. The Condensator™ using a patented process, separates these gasses - allowing only the combustible hydrocarbons to get back into the engine.

While an automotive system called the "Positive Crankcase Ventilation" (PCV) system has been in place on many Autosine engines for many years, the PCV system is flawed. It does not separate out the materials that are not engine fuel. Without a Condensator™, this existing system actually damages your engine, restrains performance, maim your catalytic converter, and creates unnecessary air pollution.

The installation of a Condensator™ system solves these problems, and the immediate benefits are obvious.

The Benefits:

- Reduce Air Pollution - Breathe Easier!
- Cleaner Air - up to 75% Lower Emissions!

Would You like to help decrease Smog? Adding the Condensator™ to your car, truck, van, etc. will significantly reduce emissions. The majority of the elements not used as engine fuel, trapped in the Condensator bowl to be later disposed of as a used motor oil. In 1976, The California Air Resources Board (CARB) exempted the use of the Condensator™ as a result, thousands and thousands of satisfied customers easily pass emissions tests.

SAVE ON FUEL COSTS!

Taking into consideration that fuel engine is unique, as well as every driver, mile per gallon gains are unpredictable. However, providing the engine is in proper working order, in all cases engine efficiency, and horsepower, are increased by installing a Condensator.

Since 1976, gains from 3% to over 100% have been reported.

Stopping the damage caused by the PCV system in Gasoline Engines should be a high priority. What does not turn into air pollution resides in the engine in the form of carbon deposits. Carbon deposits degrade engine longevity and hamper engine efficiency at all levels. Stripping the flow of heavy hydrocarbons back into the engine will allow the engine to begin to shed carbon buildup. The Condensator™ will also effectively remove water from the crankcase. The old saying, "oil and water do not mix," is especially true for engines. Eliminating the water and carbon, greatly enhances engine life, and performance.



Triton V-10 after 500 miles—Trapped contaminant! Without the Condensator, a great deal of this waste would be in our air!

Other Benefits:

- Will Not Void Warranty.
- Easy Installation.
- Easy Maintenance.
- Cost Effective. Pays for Itself.
- System Lasts the Life of Your Engine with no additional odds.
- Makes both Good Economy, and, Practical Sense.
- Saving Fuel, Reducing Emissions, and, Prolonging the Life of Your Engine Will Allow You To...

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Frequently Asked Questions

Condensator - Saves Fuel • Improves Gas Mileage • Improves Emissions! • Dramatically Increases Horsepower! • Extends Engine Life!

OUR MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: DOES IT WORK?

The answer is a resounding YES! We have stacks of testimonials and personal hands-on experience with hundreds of satisfied customers. We conclude the only way a Condensator will not work on your vehicle is - if it's not installed.

IS THERE A GUARANTEE?

Condensators are backed by a 90-day, 100% customer satisfaction guarantee!

HOW MUCH MILEAGE GAIN WILL INSTALLING THE CONDENSATOR GIVE ME?

The simple answer is "we don't know." There are too many variables to consider to be able to accurately predict what a specific vehicle and driver will achieve. We will share with you the results of our customers, and our own personal experiences. We have seen a mile or two per gallon all the way to the mileage actually doubling. We tell fleet managers to expect a reduction of fuel consumption of around 15% on average. This is due to some vehicles and drivers over performing and some under performing.

WILL A CONDENSATOR WORK ON MY CAR?

This is a good question as there are several vehicles we can't install a Condensator on at this time. The reason is they have either an internal PCV system or do not have one at all. These are the 8.1 and 3.8 GMC / Chevrolet, and Dodge 5.7 Hemi truck engines. From what we've seen so far these are the only exceptions.

DOES THE CONDENSATOR WORK ONLY OR BEST ON OLDER VEHICLES?

It's for certain the Condensator will breathe new life into your older vehicle, at the same time we've seen many impressive mileage gains on newer vehicles too. In addition to getting a mileage gain on a newer vehicle you'll be protecting your investment from engine damaging carbon. This alone is a great reason to install a Condensator on a new car.



"When I read the insert in the [Kalspell] Daily Interlake on the Condensator, I was a bit skeptical. The fact there was local people from the area telling their stories influenced me a great deal. These were people I could contact myself if I wanted to. I have a new 2004 Nissan Titan with a V6 and about 4000 miles on it. The first thing I did was to check on the warranty issue, after being satisfied and since the call was a toll free, I decided to give them a shot. Tom came out to the house and spent some time showing me some of the documentation he had on other vehicles. We discussed installation and since he was running late I decided to install the Condensator myself. It took around twenty minutes to install. So far I'm getting 17% better mileage for my in town driving. I've seen the computer go up to 20 miles per gallon on the highway where before it was never above 16. It's too early to tell since I've not had a good opportunity to see what the highway mileage will pan out to be. All in all I'm quite satisfied."

"Would I do it again? - In a heartbeat!"
Bill Leinang, Kalspell, MT.

WILL INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR VOID THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY ON A NEW VEHICLE?

The answer is no! In order for a car manufacturer to void a warranty, they have to prove that the Condensator has or will do



Warranty is "NOT" affected!

damage to the engine or vehicle. Installation on a gasoline powered vehicle will not void the warranty.

"I find the Condensator a very interesting invention. One of our customers recently purchased a new vehicle, read the insert in the

Interlake & decided I'd put one on. Boy he pleased! The Condensator increased his fuel economy, horsepower and performance and IT DOESN'T AFFECT THE NEW CAR WARRANTY at all! So I too put one on my personal vehicle. I'm very excited to see my improved fuel economy, horsepower and performance. There's very little maintenance, and best of all it reduces emissions for the betterment of our environment!"

G.J. Hensen, General Manager
 Simpson Motors - Nissan, Mazda, Subaru - Kalspell, Montana

I'VE READ INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR WILL GIVE MY VEHICLE MORE POWER. IS THAT TRUE?

It sure is true. After the engine is no longer choking on heavy oil from the crankcase, it'll be running more efficiently. In addition to the unspent fuel contained in the blow by gases are higher more volatile gases ranging from Methane to Toluene, these higher aromatic gases act as to increase the octane rating of your fuel. Combined together these two factors lead to an increase in power.



"Since I have an extensive background in the automotive field, I can tell you for certain that installing a Condensator in my 1994 Mazda B-4000 pickup gave it more power. In addition to an appreciated boost in passing gear, I was able to tell with more certainty by setting my cruise control at 65 while driving north up Evaro Hill. Before installing the Condensator the cruise would kick out about halfway up. Now the cruise control remains engaged all the way to the top."

Although my mileage gain was fairly modest, I'm well pleased with the results. I think it's a good product!"

Todd Booth, Missoula, Montana



This lower air intake shows the accumulation heavy hydrocarbons, varnish on the walls of the manifold. One section has been cleaned to show what it should look like.

I'VE HEARD A CONDENSATOR WILL INCREASE THE LONGEVITY OF MY VEHICLES ENGINE.

It's true! Once the flow of heavy oils back into the air intake is stopped, so does the reintroduction of carbon into the combustion chamber. It's well known carbon is one of the most abrasive elements known - contributing to engine wear, and is the leading cause of engine failure. By stopping this self destruction process, your engine will last longer. We've had letters from people reporting in excess of 500,000 miles with a Condensator installed. Unfortunately the rest of the vehicle wears out before the engine.

"In 1992 Diane and I purchased a 1988 Ford Tempo with 110,000 miles. It had a Condensator installed, but we didn't know what it was, nor did anyone else. Well Diane logs a whole lot of miles driving to Superior, Plains and Missoula; a whole lot of miles. This summer we were at the campground where Tom was installing Condensators on motorhomes and later figured it out, that's what was in the Tempo - a Condensator! Now here's the kicker, the Tempo ran until 2002 with 611,000 actual miles on the odometer at retirement."



Larry Roberts,
 Frenchtown, Montana

WILL CONDENSATORS LOWER THE EMISSIONS FROM MY TAILPIPE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT?

Ron's an ASE certified master technician with 20 years of automotive repair experience and he was skeptical at first about the Condensator's claims of better gas mileage, improved performance and lowered vehicle emissions.

He tried one because he was getting poor gas mileage on older Ford pickup. It didn't take him long to experience first hand the benefits. After installing one on his pickup, Ron said it felt like his throttle spring was

loose because the vehicle was so much more responsive. A co-worker (another ASE master tech) installed one and found his Chevy S-10 no longer bogs down with the AC operating.



Ron and Deb, Spokane, WA.

Ron then installed a Condensator on a 1990 Olds Cutlassiera and mileage improved from 22 MPG to 28 MPG. He tested the emissions before and after and found they were reduced 50 percent! Ron then installed one on his fiancée's, Deb, car, a 1989 Ford Taurus and found the vehicle went from 13 MPG in the city to 19 MPG. On the highway, the car's fuel efficiency improved from 19 to 28 MPG.

"We're real pleased with the acceleration and performance, the car no longer bogs down as we go over the I-90 pass east of Coeur d'Alene."

Ron said he was so impressed technically with the Condensator's performance that he recommends them to others and helps with the installation.

Asked if the performance improvements he experienced could be discredited, Ron said "I understand the science behind the Condensator, I have seen it work and know they work."

"I'm a believer," said Ron.

For a copy of emission test results, go to condensatorsales.com

HOW ABOUT GOVERNMENT VEHICLES?

"I contacted Tom about getting Condensators installed on a few of our City Buses in Kalspell. During the installation special we were able to get the Condensator installed on three buses. Was I pleased with the results? Immensely! It gives lots more power making for safer starts. It's too early to tell what the figures are on the gas savings, but I've got a hunch there will be substantial savings. I was so impressed I even had one installed on my personal vehicle."



Betty Kemp, Lead Driver
 Eagle Transit, Kalspell, Montana

WHAT ABOUT PROPANE POWERED ENGINES, CAN WE INSTALL A CONDENSATOR ON THEM?

You'd better believe you can, and is it ever a good idea. Propane powered engines are supposed to run cleaner and to some degree they do, however they're usually underpowered and somewhat inefficient. They still have a PCV system and by running



Even With Propane There's a 30% Savings!

the crankcase gasses through the Condensator you can find a remarkable improvement in mileage, power and emissions.

"I work at the largest lumber yard in Missoula. During one of our busiest months we installed a Condensator on my forklift. Each day I would unload around 20 semi trailers. Before the Condensator I'd use a tank and a half of propane everyday. After installing the Condensator we decreased to just one tank a day with the same workload. That's a 30% reduction! At peak we were saving three full tanks a week on just one forklift!"

Tim DePuydt, Missoula, Montana

"I had the privilege of meeting Elmer Bush several years ago when he came into my shop to have me build some stainless steel cases for Condensators. At the time I was driving a 94 Mazda which I had for 3 months. I installed a Condensator and to my amazement I started squealing my tires taking off at a stop sign!!! The added power was awesome! I now drive a 98 Ranger. Same story! I took it back to the dealership to show them and the head mechanic said with a grin, 'I spent over \$1500 on power improvements for my Ranger and it doesn't have the power this has!' When you are waiting at a stop sign in traffic this is

a real advantage as you can safely merge in places your could't before.

Let's talk about extended engine life. It stops the bad stuff from getting into your upper engine, (especially around the nozzle of the injectors). After emptying the collection container 5 or 6 times you'll start to notice sandy gritty stuff in the bottom! Want to try your engine?!! The mileage increase is nice, but I especially like the added power you get! With the black lines going into the intake you



can't see what goes into it...just as the manufacturer would like! With the Condensator you can see all that harmful stuff in the collection jar! You would have to be brain dead not to see the value in installing a Condensator on every rig you own!"

Lou Barilbaui - President,
 SWIIFT Systems, Inc., Sandpoint, ID.

WHAT DO MECHANICS SAY?

"From the first day Tom walked into the shop I've thought, 'it's a no brainer.' Removing the oil from the fuel to air mixture lowers the flash point, creating more efficient and more powerful combustion. It's very simple and elegant."



It Just Makes Sense!

Several of my friends, now have Condensators installed on their vehicles, and all are reporting increased power. On my shop truck, a 1-ton Chevy 454 with a 454 engine, and loaded with a compressor, welding & cutting setup and wad of tools, I'm now getting 6.9 miles per gallon. Plus, less carbon means less maintenance. Like I said to Tom, 'It's a no brainer!'"

Curt Fitzgerald, Shop Foreman - Johnson Brothers Recycling - Missoula, Montana

CAN I INSTALL A CONDENSATOR MYSELF?

If you can change your own spark plugs and oil, perhaps. If you have any reservations, it's best to have a mechanic install the Condensator.

WHAT MODEL CONDENSATOR DO I NEED FOR MY CAR OR PICK UP?

We have three models for gasoline engines. The general rule is Model A for 1984 and older, Model C for 1985- and newer and Model B for smaller engines, 1984 and older.

IS THE CONDENSATOR A NEW PRODUCT?

Not exactly. It was invented in 1976 by Elmer Bush and since then over 200,000 Condensators have been sold worldwide.

ARE THERE ANY FILTERS NEEDED REPLACEMENT OR ADD ON COSTS?

There are no add on costs or filters to replace. It's a one time investment and then that's it! The Condensator will last for the life of your vehicle. A periodic cleaning of the separator basket may be necessary every 30,000 miles or so, however that's just a simple cleaning in parts wash. Any oil change technician will be able to perform this minimal service.

WHAT MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED AFTER INSTALLING A CONDENSATOR?

Maintenance is a snap. At every oil change make it a practice to empty out the collection jar on the Condensator.

"It's no problem at all to empty the collection jar. Just do it at oil change time!"



Linda Vandhey, Montana High Expresso, Plains Montana

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Frequently Asked Questions

Condensator - Saves Fuel! • Improves Gas Mileage! • Improves Emissions! • Dramatically Increases Horsepower! • Extends Engine Life!

WHAT IS THE STUFF THE CONDENSATOR COLLECTS?

It's a combination of motor oil, carbon, water, acid, metals, and some really smelly stuff. The point is it's not what you'd like to



Typical Condensator collected gunk after 1000 miles on a new engine.

have sent back into the engine with the fuel and clean air. Once again dispose of as engine waste oil. Let's not send it back into the engine or worse, into our air!

DOES THE CONDENSATOR INSERT INTO THE FUEL LINE?

No. On almost every gasoline powered engine is a PCV valve, and normally a tube

Simple Installation on a Toyota Celica



that connects the PCV valve to the air intake. We remove the old tube or hose, then we attach one side of the Condensator to the PCV Valve. Next the other side of the Condensator is connected to the air intake. It's really that simple!

HOW COME THE AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS ARE NOT ALL OVER THIS?

In the past it was not in the manufacturer's corporate best interest to support a device that extends the life of an engine. Things have

changed in recent years and manufacturers are now taking a second look at the Condensator.

IF IT'S NOT NEW HOW COME I HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT IT BEFORE?

In one word, California. Elmer had to battle California in the courts to prove the Condensator works as advertised. It took from 1976 to 1982 to force the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to admit the device does not create pollution.

To some degree this battle is ongoing. Cooperation with CARB is at best dismal. It's our position at Condensator Sales, that California and CARB have been grossly negligent in their duties to the people of California and by extension, the nation at large.

Since the Condensator article first appeared in the June, 2004 edition of the *Saunder County Ledger*, over 7,500 Condensators have been installed in vehicles in Montana, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Sales are increasing daily. Recently our neighbor, Mr. Barb passed on and he will be missed greatly. Elmer Bush was proud of his invention and how he was able to help with a practical element of all our lives - the cost of fuel - and contribute to a cleaner environment.

Inventor - Elmer Bush



ELMER BUSH WITH FIRST INJECTION MOLD FOR THE IMPROVED CONDENSATOR IN 1990

TOWARDS THE END OF THE RAIL, ELMER BUSH ENDORSED THE USE OF HIS LIFETIME

Our production is limited and demand is skyrocketing!

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ONE WEEK ONLY!
FREE Installation!
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Schedule an installation in Jerome

between November 27th & December 1st, 2006 and we'll waive the installation fee and knock \$30 off the Condensator regular price.

For 1 Week Only!

Our Technicians will be installing in Jerome.

Condensators are:

\$149 Installed! + Tax

*** FREE INSTALLATION!... and \$30 OFF the regular price! You SAVE!... \$79!**

Condensator Price \$179.00 (MSRP - Manufacturer Suggested Retail - Without Installation Fee)
*Discount \$30.00 (A Savings of \$30.00 OFF MSRP)
Total \$149.00 (Does NOT include Installation Fee! - See Details Below)

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Please Have The Following Vehicle Information Ready For Faster Service!

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Make: _____
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OK, HOW DOES A CONDENSATOR HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

If you've read the testimonials and information, now we get down to the meat and potatoes.

First, we've barely touched on tailpipe emissions. In our opinion, it's something we need to spend time on.

One of the tailpipe emissions is Carbon Monoxide which we all know can kill along with other harmful gases.

After installing a Condensator, in addition to getting better mileage, more power, and extending engine life, you'll greatly reduce auto emissions into the air. Test after test after test, over the last 20 years, proved this conclusively. Installing a Condensator reduces emissions by up to 75% on gasoline engines.

By installing a Condensator you'll save money and help everyone breathe easier.

WHO WE ARE:

We're small and growing. Condensator Sales employs nine people in Montana and we're growing. Located 150 miles northwest of Missoula near Nxon, Montana on Highway 56, we're in the beautiful Bull River

Valley. I'm Tom McDowell and I sell and install Condensators.

Before Elmer died late in 2004, he entrusted me with carrying on his vision. Elmer saw the immense benefits of the Condensator for making our world a better place.

MADE IN MONTANA

Condensators are hand assembled at a facility along the scenic Bull River.

By now it should be clear the Condensator is not a gimmick, or toy, but lately, some skeptics have questioned the validity of our claims.

I want you to know we stand by our products and continue to believe our customers are the best testimony and validation for what a Condensator can do. We feel if you've taken the step to install one you're contributing in a way to help keep the costs of fuel down, keep our air cleaner and benefit your community at large.

Our production is limited and demand is skyrocketing, but we want to control company growth to assure a quality product, personal service and careful, professional installations.

We're sure that if you give the Condensator a try, you'll join the thousands of our satisfied customers.

IN MONTANA, IDAHO WASHINGTON & OREGON CONDENSATORS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

SALES & INSTALLATION LOCATIONS:

Montana

In Kalispell: Gonoco Car Care Center, Loren's Auto & RV Repair & Simpson Motors.

In Great Falls: Westgate Towing & Repair

In Missoula: Transsolutions, and High Country Mini Motors

In Helena: J-4 Automotive

In Butte: CJ's Performance Parts & Accessories

In Billings: Mountaintop Auto Repair

Oregon

In Ontario: Precision Automotive

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In Pasco: Columbia River Transmission & Auto Repair

In Spokane: Arons Automotive

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